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Nowadays when the police discover cattle straying they turn them into a field or take them to an inn and then go in search of the owner. If any cost is incurred the owner has to pay, and, in addition, he is usually brought before the magistrates and fined. Many people may think this is harsh treatment of the poor farmer, but straying horses and cows are a great danger to traffic, and the public must be protected. In the old days the conditions were altogether different—the traffic was very much less, the population was smaller, and the possibility of accident was remote. The destruction of the pound, however, marks the passing of an old institution, and a further curtailment of the work of the Court Leet.

Roundhay, Shadwell, Seacroft, and Crossgates ratepayers, being citizens of Leeds, are presumably interested in the administration of the city's affairs, and they will have observed in the newspapers somewhat surprising information as to the effect of the political system when applied to local government. The introduction of politics into municipal contests has been condemned again and again in this journal, and it is now rather amusing to notice newspapers, which have given wholehearted advocacy to the party system, offering scathing criticism of the very thing they have hitherto blessed. According to these journals the system practically robs the city of the services of the best business men, who view membership of the City Council as no honour, inasmuch as it means the aggrandisement of party only, and, further, it results in inefficiency and waste. All these are very old arguments, used repeatedly in this column years ago, but so long as political chiefs are countenanced, the present rotten system will go on.

Honest men have good reason to be dissatisfied with the administration of their affairs. We are told by these party newspapers that political system is productive of what might almost be called corruption. Men, working for political parties, demand a reward, and it is said that, in consequence, the Corporation departments are not only over-manned, but that many of the employees are "inefficients." Well, that is not for the suffering ratepayers, the employers of labour, and the workmen engaged in the various trades of the city, I would unhesitatingly say that a place that tolerated such a system deserved all the punishment that it has brought upon itself. Officials, it is said, are afraid to dismiss men they have no use for, lest they should receive the kindly attentions of Councillors. How, then, can a business concern like Leeds be properly managed if men cannot apply business principles to it?

The combination of two parties is suggested in order to fight an aggressive third party, but that will not bring about the elimination of the political element. The proposal comes because the men who have had their rewards under the political system are not quite satisfied with the generosity of their masters, who have not opened the city purse on demand. The "fathers" have been ungrateful, but they have been the victims of their own folly, if the statements put forward by their own newspapers are true. If the city is to be managed efficiently the political system must be abolished, and that will mean the retirement of a few of the present Councillors, and even that is preferable to the present chaotic condition of affairs. Appeal to the ratepayers on grounds other than politics. There is a ratepayers' Council but I have been told that its efforts do not confine their energies to trying to put the "inefficients" in the various departments of the city, but to the finding employment for the unemployed, and reducing the number of such applicants is the last thing that the Council desires. I am glad to see that the programme and quite half-a-dozen couple gallantly

CORRESPONDENCE.

GARFORTH ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to ask through your columns why our roads and footpaths here in Garforth were so sadly neglected during the storm? On Wednesday all that had been done was just a track cleared by the front ploughs, and one man spread ashes on the Gotsee Hill and the Cliffe Hill with a barrow and shovel, instead of having a van and spreading the ashes therefrom so as to make a thorough trail. I saw some waggons coming down the Cliffe Hill with great difficulty; coming down is worse than going up with four wheels, and I should like to know who is responsible if anything should happen.

The Boys have some long slides across the roads on Moor Garforth and near to the police station, and anyone driving across might have an accident. The very boys who are sliding might be killed or maimed by a motor-car coming along. I should also like to know who is responsible for this—the Council or the police?—Yours, etc.

A RATEPAYER.

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Mr Martin Harvey rushes in theatrically where apparently Mr Foster fears to tread. He accuses a challenge to me to give instances of Protestants being persecuted for their religious faith. "Just half-a-dozen will suffice to be going on with." How modest! Then he says that Catholics are "prevented from being elected to serve on public bodies or fill any lucrative positions in practically every case where the Orange Party is strong enough to govern results." But does Mr Harvey give us any instances in support of his statement? He does not. Not even "half-a-dozen to be going on with." How strange!

Mr Harvey asks me to deny that a meeting of Protestants was recently held at Ballymoney to protest against Sir Edward Carson's policy. Why should I deny it? I know such a meeting was held, and I have no doubt some Protestants were present, including the two men he names. What does Mr Harvey expect to prove from that? No one denies that there is a handful of Protestant Home Rulers in Ireland, just as there is a handful of Catholic Unionists.

As to the history of the passing of the Union, I could easily correct the impression he tries to convey. But it is not necessary. Even if the Union was carried as bad as alleged, they don't touch the point to-day. It perhaps never struck Mr Harvey as worth considering that, while the eminent authorities he quotes (for this occasion only) condemn the means employed in enacting the Union, they equally agree that its effect has been beneficial, and its maintenance is vital necessity of to-day.

There are whole counties in Ireland to-day where a Protestant has no chance either of election to the local bodies or of any paid appointment under them.

The plain fact is that the case will never be met by putting the Protestants under the Catholics, or vice versa. The only safe and impartial rule is that of the Imperial Parliament, whose government is equally fair to both.

And my belief in this is formed from the teaching of history and personal experience.—Yours truly,

E. H. BOUGHEY, Lieutenant, R.N.

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THE YEAR THAT'S GONE.

The year 1913 has gone, and many superstitious people are glad that it has gone, because to them it was associated with an unlucky number. They bemoaned and attributed to it all their illnesses, their losses, and their disappointments, but it was the thirteenth year of the twentieth century. The twelve months just past were no worse for being accorded to the cabalistic, dire, 1913. Luck is not a reality, it has no existence, and is only a phantom fancy of the human mind. There are no unlucky numbers, years nor days, and we shall be happier if we dispel such ideas, and commence the New Year with the resolution to make it the best of our lives.

Someone will complain that coal is now double the price it was twenty years ago, and may be so, but there are always some compensating circumstances to relieve the gloom; gas is down, and warmth and light can be procured at cheaper rates.

We frequently hear the expression, "Oh, for the good old days," a saying almost as ancient as Methuselah, and which is often met with in old records. All down the centuries certain pessimistic people have been wont to think that the days gone were the best. That is a great mistake, for never were any "good old days" the present are the best, and the future years will be better. Who would like to go back to the delightful if halfpenny dips to read by? Who would tolerate, or would keep his temper, if he had to go down by well and bucket, or choose a day in which to wash in buckets? This was a customary duty in the "good old days," and if it was bought at a penny a hogshead from the water-carter who traversed the streets crying, "Water! fresh river water!" Yet to-day we can have pure water laid on for a penny per week per family, therefore compared to the usages of a century ago. If our great grand-fathers desired the luxury of a bath, they went and bathed themselves in the rivers, and frequently they lost their lives in the process.

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The news that an arbitrator has been appointed to settle the differences between Leeds and Tadcaster District Council is welcome. Certain houses are owing the District Council owing to the loss involved to the area by the annexation of Crossgates by the city, and a settlement should have been come to ere now, but the parties were unable to agree on all the claims. The District Council have a tidy sum to come in, and the Guardians will get a substantial amount from Leeds Board, too.

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A precisely similar case occurred at Templenewsam, where a few years ago the lord of the manor gave a piece of land, included in which was the site of the pinfold—a lane at Halton bears the name—for the building of a parochial hall, and the question was investigated by the public men. Like Mr. Booth, some of them thought it was public property, but they were forced to the conclusion that the pinfold belonged to the lord of the manor, to whom it went when it ceased to be used for temporarily sheltering animals. In view of this case, therefore, one is inclined to think that Booth's contention cannot be upheld. The pinfold at Colton, too, has disappeared, and on one had any protest to make against its removal.

Nowadays when the police discover cattle straying they turn them into a field or take them to an inn stable, and there pay the charges. If any cost is incurred the owner has to pay, and, in addition, he is usually brought before the magistrates and fined. Many people may think this is harsh treatment of the poor farmer, but straying horses and cows are a great danger to traffic, and the public must be protected. In the old days the conditions were altogether different—the traffic was very much less, the population was smaller, and the possibility of accident was remote. The destruction of the pound, however, marks the passing of an old institution, and a further curtailment of the waste of the Court Leet.

Roundhay, Shadwell, Seacroft, and Crossgates ratepayers, being citizens of Leeds, are presumably interested in the administration of the city's affairs, and they will have observed in the newspapers somewhat surprising information anent the effect of the political system when applied to local government. The introduction of politics into municipal contests has been condemned again and again in this journal, and it is now rather amusing to notice newspapers, which have given whole-hearted advocacy to the party system, offering seathing criticism of the very thing they have hitherto blessed. According to these journals the system practically robs the city of the services of the best business men, who view membership of the City Council as no honour, inasmuch as it means the aggrandisement of wirepullers, and results in inefficiency and waste. All these are very old arguments, used repeatedly in this column years ago, but so long as political chiefs are counte-nanced, the present rotten system will go on.

Honest men have good reason to be dissatisfied with the administration of their affairs. We are told by these party newspapers that the political system is productive of what might almost be called corruption. Men, working for political parties, demand a reward, and it is said that, in consequence, the Corporation departments are not only over-manned, but that many of the employees are "inefficients." Were it not for the suffering ratepayers, the employers of labour, and the workmen engaged in the various trades of the city, I would unhesitatingly say that a place that tolerated such a system deserved all the punishment that it has brought upon itself. If officials, it is said, are afraid to dismiss men they have no use for, lest they should receive the kindly attentions of Councillors. How, then, can a business concern like Leeds be properly managed if men cannot apply business principles to it?

The combination of two parties is suggested in order to fight an aggressive third party, but that will not bring about the elimination of the political element. The proposal comes because the city's political system are not quite satisfied with the generosity of their masters, who have not opened the city purse on demand. The "fathers" think the men cannot help themselves, but they have been overtaken by their own folly, if the statements in this way, and it is unfair that preference should be shown to any individuals. Before the newspapers are true. If the city is to be managed efficiently the political system must be dropped, and that will mean the retirement of a few of the present Councillors, and men must appeal to the ratepayers on grounds other than the politics. When a non-party Council has been elected it will be time then to set about weeding out and reducing the number of men employed to the requirements of the work. People say that the "inefficients" in the various departments are the tangey formed an ordinary item of the programme, and quite half-a-dozen couple gallantly

but it would be idle to attempt it, because there would be no guarantee, unless the political system were rooted out, that the evils complained of would not crop up again.

Not very long ago an official was required by a certain public body, and applications for the post were invited, and several men responded. The qualifications of all the candidates were known to the members, and eventually they reduced the number of applicants to two. One had better qualifications than the other, but it was a farce putting his name forward, because, although he was no politician, he was supposed to hold different political views to the majority of the members, and whom would have voted for him had it not been for the party system. The other man got the appointment. If efficiency is to be the test of the best men, no matter their political opinions, should always be given preference.

Was she complaint anent meetings in the market place at Tadcaster intended to produce restrictions against any class? Rather expansive language, it is alleged, is used by people at this rendezvous, and the matter was brought to the attention of the District Council, who very properly would have nothing to do with it. The police in the town are very keen, and it is singular that they have not proceeded against anyone for using words outside the ordinary vocabulary. Seeing they have got the hint, they will now keep their ears wide open. Meetings are held from time to time in the market place, and the custom may give offence to some people, but if meetings are allowed at all there must be no restrictions. On the other hand, if persons in an open-air meeting use offensive language the remedy is not to abolish the right of meeting, but to punish the offenders in accordance with the law.

CHILDREN IN WORKHOUSES—NEW ORDER.

The Local Government Board has issued to Boards of Guardians throughout the country copies of new orders drafted and promulgated for the primary purpose of the consolidation of existing regulations for the administration of Poor Law. This consolidation was recommended by the Royal Commission, and further progress will be made when the Departmental Committee have completed their examination of the existing orders, and it is expected that a comprehensive order will eventually be issued. In an explanation of the orders forwarded with them the Board give detailed advice regarding the administration of institutions under the control of Boards of Guardians, but the principal new feature of the orders relates to the children.

It requires that children over three years of age shall not, except in special circumstances, be retained in the institutions. This exclusion of children over three comes into force from and after March 31st, 1915, thus giving a full year for those Boards of Guardians who have not yet removed children from their central institution to make arrangements for so doing. Where children are now maintained in the Workhouse the Guardians should therefore make the arrangements necessary to provide for them elsewhere.

Another innovation is that which requires medical officers to examine infants under 18 months once at least every fortnight, and children over 18 months at least once a month.

It is also required that a House Committee should be appointed by every Board with a view to more efficient administration. Many Poor Law Unions already have such a committee, with advantageous results.

Other instructions deal with the administration in detail, such as bathing, nursing, mid-wives, and so on, and the Board conclude by stating that they realise the improvement made in the Poor Law administration which has been effected in recent years, and they recognise that in many instances the new Orders only give effect to what has already been accomplished by a number of Boards of Guardians and Board Trust Orders now issued will facilitate still further improvement, and will materially aid the Guardians in fulfilling their responsibilities to the community, and to those who come under their charge as inmates of the institution.

THE VILLAGE POUND.—At Saturday's meeting of the Tadcaster Rural District Council, the Earl of Londesborough wrote offering, in accordance with the request of the jury at a recent Court Leet for the Manor of Monk Fryston, to convey the site of the village pound to the Council for the purposes of a much-needed improvement of the highway which at this spot forms the junction of the Leeds and Selby and the Leeds and Tadcaster main roads. Mr F. H. Booth, M.P., said the pound was public property, and he therefore failed to see how the noble Earl could convey to the public what already belonged to them. The Highways Committee was instructed to inspect the site, and report whether the improvement would be worth the contingent liability for the repair and maintenance of a stone wall which now separates the pound from a deep disused quarry.

BARWICK FESTIVITIES.—The fancy dress dance and party held last Xmas, and in which the village was so interested, were not repeated on the same scale this year owing to a lamentable lack of cohesion on the part of residents. But Mr T. Robshaw and the members of the village Institute stepped into the breach and organised a fancy dress dance, which was held on Friday night with much success. The costumes ranged from the simple "bed effective disguise of "Father" as a "retired Mars" to the more theatrical effects of visitors from town. Amongst the ladies the pincette costume (won by a Potternton lady) and the glass costume (Miss Mosby, Leeds) were especially noticeable and obtained prizes, awarded on the decision of a well-known dancing that it was unanimously decided to promote the gaiety from 2 to 4 a.m. As evidence been that residents do not confine their attentions also gather to the old world dances associated with Christmas, let it be put on record that the Barwick formed an ordinary item of the pro-

CORRESPONDENCE.

GARFORTH ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to ask through your columns why our roads and footpaths here in Garforth were so sadly neglected during the storm? On Wednesday all that had been done was just a track cleared by the snow plough, and one man spread ashes on the Goose Hill and the Cliff Hill with a barrow and shovel instead of having a cart and spreading the ashes thereon as to make a thorough track.

I saw some waggons coming down the Cliffe Hill with great difficulty; coming down is worse than going up with four wheels, and I should like to know who is responsible if anything should happen.

The boys have some long slides across the roads on Moor Garforth and near to the police station, and anyone driving across might have an accident. The very boys who are sliding might be killed or maimed by a motor-car coming along. I should also like to know who is responsible for this—the Council or the police?—Yours, etc.

A RATEPAYER.

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Mr Martin Harvey rushes in theatrically where apparently Mr Foster fears to tread. He means a challenge to me to give instances of Protestants being persecuted for their religious faith. "Just half-a-dozen will suffice to be getting on with." How modest! Then he says that Catholics are "prevented from being elected to serve on public bodies or fill any lucrative positions in practically every case where the Orange Party is strong enough to govern results." But does Mr Harvey give us any instances in support of his statement? He does not. Not even "half-a-dozen to be going on with." How strange!

Mr Harvey asks me to deny that a meeting of Protestants was recently held at Blymhurst to protest against Lloyd George and Carson's policy. Why should I deny it? I know such a meeting was held, and I have no doubt some Protestants were present, including the one I am writing to. What does Mr Harvey expect to prove from that? No one denies that there is a handful of Protestant Home Rulers in Ireland, just as there is a handful of Catholic Unionists.

As to the history of the passing of the Union, I could easily correct the impression he tries to convey. But it is not necessary. Even if the means employed were as bad as alleged, they don't touch the case to-day. It perhaps never struck Mr Harvey as worth consideration that, while the eminent authorities he quotes (on this occasion only) condemn the means employed in enacting the Union, they equally agree that its effect has been beneficial, and its maintenance is a vital necessity of to-day.

There are whole countries in Ireland to-day where a Protestant has no chance either of election to the local bodies or of any paid appointment under them.

The plain fact is that the case will never be met by putting the Protestants under the Catholics, or vice versa. The only safe and immediate solution is that of the Imperial Parliament, whose government is equally fair to both.

And my belief in this is formed from the teaching of history and personal experience.—Yours truly,

E. H. BOUGHEY, Lieutenant, R.N.
The Cedars, Hasby, York,
Dec. 31st, 1913.

THE YEAR THAT'S GONE.

The year 1913 has gone, and many superstitious people are glad that it has gone, because to them it was associated with an unlucky number. They bemoaned and attributed to it all their illnesses, their losses, and their disappointments, because it was the thirteenth year of the twentieth century. The twelve months just past were no worse for being, according to the calendar, 1913. Luck is not a reality, it has no existence, and is only a phantom fancy of the human mind. There are no unlucky numbers, years nor days, and we shall be happier if we dispel such ideas, and commence the New Year with the resolution to make it the best of our lives.

Someone will complain that coal is now double the price it was twenty years ago; this may be so, but there are always some compensating circumstances to relieve the gloom; gas is down, and warmth and light can be procured at cheaper rates.

We frequently hear the expression, "Oh, for the good old days," a saying almost as ancient as Methuselah, and which is often met with in old records. All down the centuries certain pessimistic people have been wont to think that the days past were the best. This is a great fallacy, there never were any "good old days"—the present are the best, and the future years will be better. Who would like to go back to the delights of farthingy dips to read by? Who would tolerate, or could keep his temper, if he had to go down to the Aire several times a day to draw his water? This was a customary duty in the "good old days," unless it was the same scale this year owing to a lamentable lack of records. All down the centuries certain bought at a penny a flagon-full from the waterpeople who traversed the streets crying, "Water! fresh river water!" Yet to-day we can have pure water laid on for no end of useful purposes. What a contrast compared to the usages of a century ago. If our great grand-fathers desired the luxury of a bath they went and washed themselves in the river, and frequently they lost their lives in the process.

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THE GOLDEN HOPE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Breaking Floor," "Daniel Quayne," "The Harvest Moon," "When Charles the First was King," &c.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS:

Laurence Workman, on his way from Berlin to London, crosses from Ostend via Dover in the same steamer-packet. He carries in his hand a small leather case, which is attached to his wrist by a small steel chain. To one of his fellow passengers—a young lady with bank-like eyes—he confesses a young lady with bank-like eyes—he confesses a young lady with bank-like eyes—he confesses

A GARFORTH RAILWAY CASE.

A HALTON LAD'S OFFENCE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Walker (15), a pony driver, of Leeds, was summoned for travelling on the North-Eastern Railway and not paying his fare, and Joseph Wilson (15), pony driver, of Halton, was summoned for aiding and abetting Walker in the offence. Both lads are employed at Garforth.

Mr T. Pearson prosecuted for the Company, and said that on the arrival of the 5.15 p.m. train from Garforth at Marsh Lane, Walker gave up a ticket from Garforth to Crossgates.

Alfred Brown, porter, stationed at Marsh Lane, said that he was taking tickets upon the arrival of the 5.15 p.m. train from Garforth. Walker got out of the train and handed a ticket available from Garforth to Crossgates. He walked away unconcernedly and witness went after him, and asked him if he knew what kind of tickets he had given up, and he replied that it was to Marsh Lane. Witness asked to see the remainder of the set of tickets, and defendant replied he had not a set, but the ticket had been given to him by some one who usually got off the train at Crossgates.

Walker did not appear, but was represented by his mother.

Wilson was in Court, and said while in the pit that day, Walker lost his ticket, and to help him out, he gave him one of his set, which was available from Garforth to Crossgates. He understood that Walker would get out and walk from Crossgates.

The Bench fined Walker 5s. and costs and Wilson 2s. 6d. and costs.

A ROTHWELL MAN'S LANGUAGE.

"OF WHICH ANY MAN WOULD BE ASHAMED."

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Thursday George Newbould, a miner, of Rothwell, was summoned by Mrs Lilly Court, of 12, Open View, Carlton Lane, Rothwell, for using abusive language.

Mr E. F. Maud represented the prosecutrix, and said the defendant had used language to which any man would be ashamed.

Evidence was given by Mrs Lilly Court, who said that about 11 p.m. on Friday, December 12th, she heard a shuffling in her house with the blind drawn up, and she saw Newbould outside the window. He was using abusive language in reference to herself. He remained outside the house for about ten minutes.

John Edward Horner, of 14, Open View, Carlton Lane, said on the night in question he was standing at his door and heard the defendant shouting out the language complained of outside Mrs Court's house. There were several of the neighbours and their children outside the house at the time. After being there some time he came towards witness and commenced using bad language. The next night, said witness, Newbould came with his wife to apologise, but said he would shoot himself before apologising to Mrs Court.

Defendant, in the witness box, said he had an altercation with Horner and nearly got to fight, ing, but denied giving anywhere near Mrs Court's house.

A fine of 20s. and costs was imposed.

EXCITING INCIDENT AT OULTON.

A COLLISION—SEQUEL.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Hy Stevens, motor driver, of Leeds, was summoned for driving a steam waggon in a negligent manner.

P.C. Abbott stated that about 8.50 p.m. on Friday, December 19th, he received a complaint and went along the Oulton Lane, Oulton, where he found a steam waggon driven by the defendant with the front part in a ditch. The officer asked him why he had boat driving on the footpath, and defendant said it was owing to the poor light he carried. Defendant, said the officer, smelt strongly of drink but was not drunk. In Oulton Lane he had been on the footpath with the engine for over thirty yards.

Percy Carr, pony driver, of Woodlesford, said he saw the defendant driving along Oulton Lane. He seemed to be the worse for drink and collided with a brewery waggon, smashing the lamp.

In his statement to the Bench, defendant said the steam waggon was a new one that day, and the steering gear worked very stiff.

A fine of 20s. and costs was imposed.

LOCAL GUARDIANS AND VAGRANTS.

HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM.

Tadcaster and Selby Boards of Guardians have referred the proposal for the administering of relief to casual paupers by the way-ticket system to committees. The work cannot be done except by combination, and it is a method for enabling Union authorities to do a little more for the genuine out-of-work than for the confirmed vagrant who takes to the road from sheer love of idleness. Those who have seen it in operation in the Southern counties, which have been the first to adopt it, say that it has, to a very large extent, answered the purpose for which it was set up, though it does not pretend to be a solution of the whole problem or what to do with the professional tramp. For him, in the opinion of some investigators, there is no cure but a labour colony, when the ingrained habit of shirking may be scientifically treated.

If the Northern counties adopt the way-ticket system with as much heartiness, and in the same way as many of the Southern counties, it should do something to arrest indiscriminate almsgiving, and reduce the number of professional vagrants by cutting off their supplies from misguided members of the public who give their coppers without calculating that thereby they are increasing the begging nuisance. A way-ticket, which will be readily obtainable by every genuine worker who has to temporarily avail himself of the shelter of the casual ward, will pass him through a county from Union to Union. He is exempted from any task while in the ward, and, getting his discharge immediately after breakfast, he may go forth on his quest for employment with a passport that will enable him to obtain food at one of the several shops open round on the ticket sufficient bread and cheese for a midday meal. If he has a family extra tickets are issued. To obtain a way-ticket he must satisfy the workhouse-master that he has worked at some employment other than a casual job within a recent period, three months or thereabouts, and that he has a reasonable expectation of finding work in the place to which he is setting out.

The duty of deciding whether an applicant for the way-ticket is a real worker or a confirmed "roadster" must be entrusted to the workhouse master. He gets rather expert in distinguishing between the genuine and the counterfeit, and the worker in search of employment is pretty sure to carry with him either his trade union or insurance card, or some letter of recommendation. At present all casuals are treated alike in most Unions, and the policy of the Local Government Board is to obtain a classification that will make it possible to discriminate between the deserving and the undeserving. The number of working-men who apply for relief at the casual ward naturally varies in different parts of the country, but at the present time in the industrial centres it is not a large percentage, and the system is one which will help them to avoid lapsing into a career of habitual vagrancy.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUB

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.

The whist drive and dance held in the school at Church Fenton on Friday night in aid of the funds of the Church Fenton Cricket Club proved both socially and financially an unqualified success. The event was promoted by Mr A. B. Holgreaves, who secured as patrons, the Member for the Division (Abl. G. R. Lane Fox), Abl. E. C. Brook-Shaw, J.P., Mr Ernest H. Foster, J.P., C.C.; and Mr W. Sykes, C.C., and being well supported by a host of friends there is no wonder at the success of the undertaking. The company assembled numbered close upon 90, and it is gratifying to announce that the funds of the club will benefit to the extent of between £5 and £6.

In the whist drive competition four prizes were offered, viz., 2 for ladies and 2 for gentlemen. There being, however, more lady competitors than gentlemen a few ladies played as gentlemen and, singularly enough, two of these were winners, and consequently all the prizes were carried off by the ladies. The winners were:—Ladies—Miss Daisy D. Holgreaves, 2 Mrs Keats and Miss Dorothy Hey (equal). Mrs Keates very kindly waived her claim in favour of Miss Hey. Gentlemen—1 Miss Ella Sissons, 2 Mr Ethel Lamb.

The Vicar, who was one of the players, made the presentations.

After the drive refreshments were served, and then dancing was heartily and merrily indulged in. Messrs W. D. Foxton and J. H. Poulter acted as M.C.'s.

The music was supplied by Mr T. W. Hague, of Ulleskelf, who gave entire satisfaction. Special thanks are due to the ladies who so liberally contributed to the excellent supply of refreshments.

RURAL DEPOPULATION.

A CHECK.

Within the last few days the Census of Occupations for England and Wales in 1911 has become available (writes Mr Chiozza Money), and we are therefore able to throw new light upon the subject of rural depopulation.

The official census makes no comparison with the figures of 1901, but your readers can, I think, rely upon the following statement, which I have got out from the last two censuses:—

	1901.	1911.
Farmers and graziers	203,000	209,000
Relatives of farmers working on farms	80,000	98,000
Bailiffs and foremen	23,000	22,000
Shepherds	25,000	21,000
Farm servants: horsemen, cattlemen, and ordinary agricultural laborers	584,000	622,000
Total	924,000	972,000

This table, it will be observed, relates to England and Wales only, and to males only. In considering it it is necessary to remember that in 1901 a great number of agricultural laborers were serving out of the country, and that there is always a small element of error present in census statistics. When these things are allowed for, however, it remains perfectly plain that the rural exodus was checked in the last decennial period. The number of male persons, farmers and employers, engaged in agriculture in England and Wales increased from 924,000 in 1901 to 972,000 in 1911, being an increase of 48,000, or a little over 5 per cent. The facts will surprise those who have been stating that an enormous migration from the country to the towns is still taking place.

It will be useful to add a comparison of the census figures for male farm servants at the last four censuses:—

1881	868,000
1891	735,000
1901	584,000
1911	622,000

I may remind your readers that the census figures for 1911 are now over two years old, and that during that period the extraordinary efforts made by the British Dominions to persuade British rural workers to leave Britain have continued and perhaps increased. It may be, therefore, that a renewed decline has set in from the 1911 census. Whether that is the case or not, the above figures should bear a lesson for those who are tempted to tell urban audiences of working men that their wages can be raising by stemming a "flood" of rural migration.

ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL GATHERING.

The annual gathering of the Rothwell Temperance Society held in the Council Schools, Carlton Lane, Rothwell, on Friday night, proved a great success. The preparations had been admirably arranged by the members of the General Committee, who, in addition to arranging the programme, provided the prizes for a whist drive. The opening ceremony took place in the General Hall of the School, the Rothwell Temperance Band playing several carols, after which Mr Backhurst (President) spoke of the need for an active Temperance Society in Rothwell. He also introduced the host and hostess of the evening, Mr and Mrs G. R. Liversidge of Leeds, who gave interesting addresses. A short musical programme was gone through.

A trombone trio was given by Messrs Newton, Brown, and Lord, and the Hollings Quartette Party (Middleton) contributed a quartette.

The hon. sec. (Mr Field Clark) read his report, and urged upon the members to redouble their efforts to reduce the debt of £400 which stands against the society.

Whist followed, Messrs R. Sidbottom and G. R. Liversidge acting as stewards over thirty-three tables. The prizes were won by the following:—First and special prize for the highest scorer (on all-parting, valued at £6, painted and given by Mr Field Clark), Mr H. Wilkinson; 1st ladies' (tea set and tea pot), Mrs G. R. Liversidge, 147; 1st gent's, (hall dinner set), Mr J. W. Dacre, 140; 2nd ladies' (flower stand), Mrs W. H. Wilson, 141; 2nd gent's, (clock set), Mr Alfred Dolphin, 145; 3rd ladies' (handbag), Miss N. Brown, 140; 3rd gent's, (walk'g), Mr C. Brooke, 143; booby, A. Lamb and H. Hughes.

For the non-players of whist an enjoyable concert was provided in the small schoolroom, those contributing to the programme being the Hollings' Quartette Party and Miss Laura Ellis, of Swillington.

Dancing commenced at 10.32 and was continued until 2 a.m. The tango was introduced by Mr Liversidge, and many present quickly picked up the steps, the dance being repeated three times. The music was supplied by Mr E. Wilson (pianist), and Mr T. Hollings (violinist).

NINE MILES FOR A DOCTOR.

Bowland (Yorkshire) District Council have decided to accept the resignation of Dr. J. J. Smithes, who has been medical officer for over thirty years.

Discussing the appointment of a successor, the Rev J. C. Garnett, rector of Sholdburn, urged that a doctor resident in the village should be given the post. He pointed out that at present the villagers had to go nine miles when they required medical assistance, and double fees were charged.

Mr J. Pinder suggested that the villagers were so healthy that a doctor could eat make a living.

Mr Garnett, however, said the practice was a large one.

A MAN'S LEAP AT DRINGHOUSES.

A sensational affair occurred on Tuesday, a man having, it is alleged, jumped from a railway bridge just outside Dringhouses.

It is stated that the man was seen by platelayers to climb the parapet of the bridge and jump on to the railway lines. The N.E.R. police were appointed, and the man was found lying on the metals in a dazed condition. He was taken to the York County Hospital, where he said he had walked from Hull the previous night.

Subsequently it transpired that the man's name was Thomas Oliver, and that he resided in Manchester Street, Hull. The injuries sustained by the man were not of a very serious nature, and are said to consist chiefly of abrasions and shock. No explanation has been offered of his reasons for jumping from the bridge.

Sums varying from 5s. to 1s. 6d. are offered to soldiers on furlough for each recruit they obtain.

GARFORTH'S CLAIM AGAINST TADCASTER COUNCIL.

REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

URBAN COUNCIL AWARDED £209.

Garforth Urban Council and Tadcaster Rural District Council, being unable to mutually settle certain financial differences, the appeal was made to the County Council to appoint a committee to act as arbitrators. The Committee have done their work, and their report is as follows:—

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Committee of Inquiry, consisting of County Alderman A. Hartley (in the chair), and County Councillor J. Harrop, met as the County Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 5th day of November, 1913, to consider the claim of the Garforth Urban District Council against the Tadcaster Rural District Council with reference to the cost of the water supply of Garforth.

The following were present or represented:—Garforth Urban District Council, by Mr J. A. Green, instructed by Mr A. E. Carr, their Clerk; Tadcaster Rural District Council, by their Clerk, Mr G. A. Bromet; and other persons.

Garforth was constituted an Urban District by Order of the County Council dated the 29th day of July, 1907, confirmed by the Local Government Board on the 9th March, 1908.

By Article 8 of such Order it was enacted that "in default of an agreement being made as to any matters requiring adjustment, the matter should be reserved to the County Council, who should make such Order therein as might seem to such Council to be equitable.

THE CLAIMS.

The claim of the Garforth Urban District Council was in respect of the cost of the water undertaking provided by the Tadcaster Rural District Council for a number of parishes in the then Rural District, including Garforth, at a cost of £2,843, of which cost the sum of £3,800 was charged on the township of Garforth by the original apportionment made by the Rural District Council.

The Tadcaster Rural Council submitted a counter-claim against the Garforth Urban Council amounting to £131 5s. 9d. in respect of a water tank erected for the township of Garforth, but this was withdrawn at the inquiry.

CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES.

On behalf of Garforth it was contended:—

(1) That the original apportionment does not now truly represent the true proportion of the cost as measured by the benefits derived by the constituent authorities.

(2) That the cost of the works in the Garforth area was only £2,380, but as Garforth was the last place on the water supply it would be fair to add to this cost some proportion of the pipes in the rural areas.

(3) That the whole of the remaining expenditure is necessary for the supply of the rural area as the population of the rural area is now larger than when Garforth was included.

On behalf of the Tadcaster Rural District Council it was contended:—

(1) That the original apportionment cannot now be re-opened.

(2) That the apportionment was made on the actual cost of the parish in each parish, an additional sum being charged upon Garforth because a larger main was necessary in order to supply Garforth, and a length of main and pipes from Garforth to each of the other townships, Garforth being the last township receiving water from this supply, together with a proportion of the expenses of engineer and general charges in connection with the works.

The Committee heard a number of witnesses as to the expenditure incurred, and the townships benefited by the Garforth works.

CONCLUSION OF COMMITTEE.

Your Committee are of opinion, having regard to all the circumstances, that by way of adjusting the matters above referred to, a sum of £209 shall be paid to the Urban District Council of Garforth by the Tadcaster Rural District Council on or before the 1st day of April, 1914, and in default of such payment interest on such sum at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum shall be paid by the said Rural District Council to the said Urban District Council on the said sum or on such thereof as shall for the time being be owing, and that an Order be issued accordingly.

A CASTLEFORD MINER AND HIS WIFE.

SHOCKING STORY—HUSBAND CENSURED.

Mr P. P. Maitland held an inquest at Osset on Tuesday night on Nellie Kemp (28), wife of Willie Kemp, coal miner, of Durkar, and formerly of Castleford. The woman was found early on Sunday morning at the house of her parents in Castle, with her body resting in a chair, and her head and arms in the fire. She was dead, her head and face being so badly burned that, according to the medical evidence, there was practically nothing but bone left.

Mrs Emma Smith, deceased's mother, said that her daughter had been married nine years, and had two children. She was expecting another child soon. She had had a shocking married life, and had returned to her parents for protection on several occasions. She complained that her husband took too much beer, and kicked and knocked her about. She had complained to the police several times, and twice had taken police court proceedings, which, however, she withdrew on her husband promising to do better.

The Coroner: When you asked her husband what had he to say, what was his reply?

Witness: Well, sir, you cannot expect anything from a pig but a grunt, can you? A week ago, witness continued, her daughter again returned home. She had a black eye, and said "Mother, I have been forced to come, or else I should have been dead. If I had stayed I should have been kicked to death." She was all right until Saturday, when she commenced to have severe pains in the head. Witness attended to her, and got powders from the doctor; and at half-past four on Sunday morning she went to bed, leaving deceased in bed downstairs.

Wm. Smith, the father, described how he found his daughter, two hours later, partly in the fire. He said he had several times spoken to her husband about his misconduct, and had advise deceased to get a separation order. She did so while living at Castleford, but they got together again.

Evidence was given that Mrs Kemp stayed at the house of a neighbour the night before she left Darton, and stated that her husband had turned her out and slapped her face.

Dr. G. Symers Mill expressed the opinion that, while sitting before the fire trying to soothe her pains by the heat, Mrs Kemp fainted or had a fit, and fell into the fire.

The Coroner (to the husband): Do you call yourself a man?

Kemp: Yes, sir.

The Coroner: Well, I do not. I call you a fiendish brute. Your wife was about to be confined, the time of all times when a woman needs kindness, and you slapped her and turned her out. And it is not the first time. All your married life you have been kicking her and knocking her about.

Kemp attempted to say something, whereupon the Coroner said sternly: Silence. I do not believe a word you say. You are totally false—a disgrace to humanity.

The jury found that deceased was burned to death, though falling into the fire, while suffering from faintness and illness, brought about by her husband's inhuman conduct.

SEPARATED AFTER 29 YEARS.

Harry Fletcher, fitter, employed by the Simplex Motor Works, Leeds, in the Police Court at Sheffield, on Monday, under circumstances of an unusual character.

He and his wife had been married 29 years. During the last two years defendant had spent almost every week-end in Nottingham, and when his wife suggested that there was something improper it was stated that he threatened to shoot her.

His son had seen him in Nottingham with a woman, and defendant was posing as a widower. The woman had given birth to a child, and the illegitimate offspring had been named after defendant's son who had died.

When his wife questioned him as to the paternity of the child defendant smashed the furniture, and she had to leave him on account of threats.

A separation order, with 15s. a week maintenance, was made. Defendant said, in evidence, that he was not the father of the illegitimate child.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Rothwell and Normanton St. John's had a Northern Union League game, but as the official referee did not put in an appearance it was decided to play an ordinary. After a long spell of even play H. Brockholme scored for Normanton, and Goodfellow converted from an easy position. In the second half Normanton added a couple of tries, and they won by 11 points (1 goal 3 tries) to nil.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Thieves who cleared a poultry farm at Higham, Kent, are supposed to have come and gone by motor-car.

The strenuous efforts of the Vatican to suppress the tango dancing mania in Italy have proved almost a failure.

While killing a chicken for dinner, Mrs Sarah Roe, wife of a King's Lynn coal merchant, became excited and fell dead.

A Paris bricklayer who fell ninety feet and only jarred his funnybone is in hospital because the police forced him to go to the hospital.

A young man named Snow, who was staying at a Dover hotel for Christmas, was found dead on Saturday morning. He had been poisoned.

The Russian State Church has opened a college of theology for women, who will henceforward be eligible for divinity degrees, but not for orders.

Legagneux, the French aviator, on Saturday broke the altitude record. Flying at Nieuport monoplane at Paris, he reached a height of 20,668 feet.

William Simpson, when charged at Tottenham with drunkenness, refused to walk into court. He was seated in a chair and carried before the magistrates.

A girl of 17 years, at Derby, was found, clad only in night attire, leaning against the railings of a doctor's house. She was in a state of somnambulism.

Nine teachers at Derby have been censured by the education committee because they refused to do duty with children posted in the streets to welcome the Queen.

The body of Joseph Beck, son of a former newspaper proprietor at Leamington, was found in the river Avon on Saturday. The man's throat had been cut.

For the first time in five years the birch was brought into use at Marylebone Police Court, the victim being Sidney Cuthew, eleven, who was ordered six strokes for theft.

No one has yet won the prize of a briar pipe offered six weeks ago by a New York police inspector for the correct pronunciation of Gonitobosgotanobertrange, the name of a prisoner.

"Thinking about baby, I did not sleep all night," said a Bristol servant, named Winifred Williams, charged with abandoning a child, found alive in some bushes on Clifton Downs.

Mr W. Rampling, of St. Osyth, Essex, on Friday dug up in the open from his garden one and a half bushel of new potatoes of the size of pullets' eggs. The tops were over 18 in. high.

Sudderland coroner says that he has been informed that the practice of panel patients passing on their medicines to other people is prevalent, a very serious danger being thus caused.

Thirty-two Suffragettes were charged at Butte, Montana, with fighting at a woman's franchise meeting. "To back to your meetings and try to act like loving sisters," was the judge's sentence.

Two thousand five hundred acres will be laid down to sugar beet in Norfolk next season, which, it is estimated, will be sufficient to supply the needs of the Anglo-Netherlands sugar factory at Cantley.

During the forty-eight hours ending at noon on Friday the London Fire Brigade were called out no fewer than thirty-nine times. Twenty of the calls were false alarms or alarms caused by chimney fires.

Johann Riemer, a workman at Raaden, Bohemia, and father of fourteen children, was so overwhelmed with joy at having won £3,000 in a lottery that he burnt £250 in bank-notes for sheer delight.

A jeweller at Hamburg who had several objects stolen from his counter received three of the diamond brooches in a registered letter next day with a curt note saying they were not as good quality as required.

Mr Bradley Smale, the largest silk manufacturer in Macclesfield, and chairman of the Silk Manufacturers' Protection Association, had a fatal apoplectic seizure after returning home from a football match on Saturday.

Dr. John A. Bassin performed a surgical operation at Poughkeepsie, New York, on a boy whose heart was too weak to permit the use of an anæsthetic, and who was lulled into unconsciousness by the strains of the "Highland Fling."

A shocking fatality occurred at Scarborough on Friday, Miss Mabel Wilson, aged about 40, who resided with a maiden sister at 3, Esplanade Gardens, South Cliff, a fashionable quarter of Scarborough, losing her life through jumping on from a bedroom window.

Mr Robert Coles, of 61, Doncaster Road, Croydon, who spent his second Christmas in bed, on a light diet of fish and milk, received a Christmas card from India. It was sent by the Durham Light Infantry, in which he served for fifteen years when it was the 68th Foot.

At Bournemouth, on Saturday, Albert John Gale, secretary of a local slate club, was remanded on a charge of embezzling £48, the club's money. When arrested he said: "If they had waited the money would have been repaid, but now they will not get a cent."

A lion from the bush, attracted by the roaring of its caged relatives in Pagel's Circus at Wankies, South Africa, made its appearance in the menagerie, to the consternation of the people. The beast was driven away by attendants armed with red-hot pokers, but five persons were seriously trampled in the panic.

Having been given food by his mother to make some small purchases a boy of nine, named Andrie Gusyeff, at Nijni Novgorod, on the Volga, went out and happened to meet some playmates of his own age. He played "pitch and toss" with them and lost his money. Afraid to tell his mother, he deliberately hanged himself outside his home.

John Seddon, a white-haired man of seventy-one, who recently returned to Rotherham after staying twenty-five years in America, was sent to prison by the Rotherham magistrates on remand for failing to pay contributions to his wife on a maintenance order granted on March 26th, 1888. The total owing was about £530, but all that is recoverable is six months' arrears, £10 8s.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has given details of his proposed new expedition to the Antarctic. His purpose is to cross the Antarctic Continent from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea. He thinks it possible to accomplish this under favourable conditions in five months, but the expedition, which will start in October next from Buenos Ayres, will be provisioned for two years. The use of an aeroplane and of sledges equipped with aeroplane propellors and engines is a feature of the scheme.

Queen Alexandra has accepted a volume of poems by Mr Thomas London, a working-man of Scarborough.

During the past month there were 151 patients in the Middlesbrough Sanatorium, 131 of whom were suffering from scarlet fever.

While playing hide-and-seek at a children's party at Newport, the clothes of Annie Wheeler, aged ten, caught fire and she was fatally burned.

While on his way to catch a train on Monday morning Mr Robert Harrison, aged about 50, of Croydon, was overcome by the cold, and died in the street.

Miss Chelsie Hall, a nineteen-yearold Chicago typist, was left £80,000 by her great-uncle with the proviso that she marries for love within a year's time.

A Russian Army captain was expelled from his regiment at Smolensk "because of the scandal offered to the army in his humiliating subjection to his wife."

Mrs Watson, aged 64, the wife of a Godmanchester dairyman, has been drowned through falling head downwards in a tub while she was drawing water.

At an inquest at Stepney on a woman, it was stated that the only excitement she had experienced was that caused by the prospect of receiving an old age pension.

Three little boys were sentenced at Brentford to six strokes of the birch each for stealing a duck and a chicken, and as they cooked it in a field for their Christmas dinner.

The wife of a labourer named Pennington, residing in Church Street, Rhodes, near Middleton, Lancashire, has presented her husband with triplets—two girls and a boy.

George Hobbs, a Northampton publican, was committed for trial on a charge of fraudulently converting to his own use £324 from a dividend club of which he was treasurer.

Following on the employment of Messrs Chalmers, Guthrie, and Co., Ltd., merchants, of London, is the record of Mr Thomas Pound, who at the age of 84 is still at work.

The whole of the Berlin models establishments were raised by the police, who seized the wax figures displayed in the shown windows for advertising corsets, on the ground that they were immoral.

A large number of Swansea railwaymen threatened to secede from their union owing to the attitude adopted by their officials during the recent South Wales strike on the Great Western Railway.

Two thousand five hundred tons of tea, valued at about £190,000, was brought to Tilbury by the steamer Clan Mackellar. This is said to be the largest cargo of tea ever taken into a British port.

The funeral took place at Hampstead Cemetery of Hampstead's oldest inhabitant, Mrs Christian, who died at her residence in Well Walk on Christmas Eve when within a month of her one hundredth birthday.

An insurance policy against loss by fire or frost for £6,000 was effected on a pear tree—the most valuable in the world—owned by Mr H. A. Wolcott, of Whitesboro, New York, which last season realised £640 from its fruit.

George and Samuel Rabinovitch, who had not seen years ago at Toronto, have paid their liabilities, amounting to £3,007, in full. They had been accumulating for a year in preparation for the settlement.

Dr. Weeks, vicar of St. John's, Lowestoft, has announced to his parishioners that owing to the shortage in the thatching work in the roofs of the church is crumbling away, and that at least £800 is required to save the tower and spire.

Master Sydney Seal, though only 15 years of age, has been appointed organist of St. Andrew's Church, Middleton Road, Oldham. Master Seal has won several scholarships, one of which is tenable for three years at the Manchester School of Music.

Carlton Assembly Rooms, Leicester, were crowded by a party held in celebration of the diamond wedding of Mr and Mrs John Wells, both over eighty. The guests included one of Mr Brandreth, with her "baby boy" of fifty-four summers.

Although the Herefordshire Education Committee will not grant an increased fixed scale to pay to the head teachers, who threatened to strike, it has decided to grant increases of salary varying from £1 to £45 a year, and amounting in all to £1,232.

At an inquest held at Portsmouth on Monday on Herbert Lancaster Weit, aged fifty, a clerk in holy orders, it was stated that he had been lodging at Southsea. He had been addicted to drink. Recently he suffered from delirium tremens, and lost a curacy in consequence.

At a meeting of the Bromere District Council, Suffolk, complaint was made that some cottages recently erected at Nettlestead had been built without ceilings, and that one of the occupants had received instructions not to wash the upstairs floors in case the water should go through.

A mail van driver came upon an over-turned taxi-cab near Fulbourn, four miles from Cambeidge. He found the driver dead with a cigarette in his mouth and a box of matches grasped in one hand. From this it is concluded that the accident may have been caused by the car dashing into some posts while the driver was trying to light his cigarette and the steering-seriously trampled in the panic. wheel momentarily was free.

Verdicts of "Accidental death" were returned at two Leeds inquests on Monday on the victims of burning fatalities. Elsie Thompson, aged seven years, of 8, Perth Street, Leeds, died in the Infirmary from shock as the result of burns sustained whilst attempting to light a candle at a fire on December 22nd. In the case of Elizabeth Bellamy, of 12, Gamble Street, Beckett Street, Leeds, who sustained burns on Christmas Day through using paraffin while lighting a fire, the Coroner (Mr J. C. Makeson) remarked that the practice of using oil in such a way was a very dangerous and foolish one.

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It was a very simple thing, said the Heywood Coroner, where there was no handrail to a staircase, for a tenant to get a rope and fasten it alongside.

At the Eton Board of Guardians it was reported that there had been a diminution in the number of vagrants from 11,000 eight years ago to under 500 this year.

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DEATHS.

BEEVORS.—December 19th, at Cyprus Villas, Garforth, in her 78th year, Sarah Ann Beevors, widow of the late Richard Beevors.

BURNAND.—December 28th, at Whitby, aged 30 years, Matthew (Mattie), eldest son of the late Robert Burnand, of Collingham Bridge, and Whitby.

BURTON.—December 28th, at Seacroft Hospital, Jasper, the beloved husband of Hannah Burton, 21, Chapman St., Beckett Street, and fourth son of the late Joseph Burton, of Seacroft, in his 33rd year. 343

COCKBURN.—December 31st, at 7, Ravescar Place, Roundhay, Effie, aged 13, youngest daughter of Thomas and Margaret Cockburn.

FISHER.—December 28th, 1913, aged 58 years, William Fisher. Interred at Bolton Percy.

LAYCOCK.—December 27th, at 13, Graveley Road, Halton, aged 85, William Laycock.

MUSCROFT.—December 26th (suddenly), aged 65 years, Jane Gorteude, widow of the late Rev. J. W. Muscroft, M.A., formerly vicar of Thorner.

NORTH.—December 27th, at Manor Farm, Oulton, Joseph, the beloved husband of Sarah North, in his 54th year.

SMITH.—At Bramham, December 29th, 1913, Timothy John Smith, aged 74 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRAHAM.—In loving memory of Ruth, daughter of Margaret, and the late Samuel Braham, of Garforth, who died January 2nd, 1900.

TILLOTSON.—In loving memory of our dear son, William Allen Tillotson, who died January 6th, 1913.

"Gone but not forgotten."

Rothwell Courier and Times,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1914.

In order to induce children of working-class parents to enter the teaching profession the West Riding Education Committee have devised a new scheme of scholarships, and it is thought that, with the additional assistance given, people will be prepared to allow their children to become teachers. At the present time, it is said, there is a shortage of teachers, and the scheme is intended to maintain an adequate supply in the West Riding. Time will prove whether or not the Committee are adopting the best course in order to gain their purpose. The profession, which has not the status it has further north, is not a popular one, and there is no great desire on the part of parents who can afford the expense of training to send their children into it, and working-class people, far removed from secondary schools, are not in a position to put clever children forward. Every year a large number of women leave the profession—the majority to get married—and the vacancies on the teaching staffs must be filled. The Education Committee think they will obtain a never-failing supply by means of their scholarship scheme. The best way to increase the popularity of a trade or profession is to advance the rate of remuneration, but this apparently does not appeal to the Committee, who prefer rather to spend £10,000 on scholarships. One thing must be said in favour of the scheme—it will help working-class children who really desire to become teachers. Nothing was stated as to the system of working these scholarships, but it is hoped it will be an improvement upon the examinations for the county minor scholarships, which, we know, are not always given to the best children. It is advisable, as one member suggested, that the kindly help of the schoolmaster should be asked, and if he is consulted he will give sound practical advice. His recommendation of a promising scholar would greatly lessen the difficulties of examiners. Schoolmasters, as a class, are delighted at the success of their pupils, and they would not put forward any for scholarships whom they thought would do them discredit. The scheme has yet to be approved by the County Council, but it will in all likelihood go through.

Politics, to many good people, are merely a game—a sort of contest in which one side, by means unscrupulous or unscrupulous, tries to worst the other, and consequently they have the utmost contempt for all who style themselves politicians. Well-meaning individuals engaged in religious work think it incompatible with their profession that they should ally themselves with any school of politicians, and, indeed, they regard the discussion of social and imperial questions as something which they should taboo. And these are citizens of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen. Another class of people have no political views, and they believe that all Members of Parliament are tarred with the same stick. This attitude of mind is difficult to understand. It may be the outcome of ignorance or prejudice, but it is wrong. If insincerity had been the chief characteristic of British politicians then neither the nation nor the Empire would be the envy of the civilized world. Why have the eyes of struggling and down-trodden people been ever turned to liberty-loving England? Has it been because of the dishonesty and insincerity of her politicians? An eminent Statesman, the other day, stated that "politicians are the priests of humanity," and without them—the men with ideals—the country would not have made the progress it has. It is impossible for a generation to value the services of the men who work for it; that is left to succeeding generations, who, viewing the whole accomplishments from the national standpoint, are in a better position to say whether or not the achievements are a success or a failure. Language is sometimes used by politicians in criticising opponents that would lead the unthinking to imagine that the persons condemned are the biggest scoundrels abroad, and this is a phase of political life which is regrettable, but when an important question is being discussed the tendency is generally to eulogize upon the good that it will do for the largest number of voters, or to condemn it as being the most harmful measure ever proposed. If people would study politics they would not be so dependent upon politicians and party newspapers for opinions, and they would be able to guide themselves at election times, when partizans become so excited that they utter all manner of exaggerations. Yet these men are sincere enough. They believe that they are right and the other side wrong, and, unfortunately, they sometimes think any measures are justifiable in order to defeat the political enemy, whose proposals they honestly believe are subversive of the best interests of the country. All politicians, however, are not given to unfair tactics; they maintain a high standard of criticism, entirely ignoring personalities, and they believe what they say is true. They may be wrong, but they are sincere. Many years ago the late Mr Forster, who had some connection with Yorkshire, addressed a gathering of University students, and he—a hardened politician—told them that "for personal or party ends" politics were not worth following. He was associated with a party, but he had his ideals, and he accomplished something for the nation which is bearing fruit to-day. The triumphs of party or self-aggrandisement are paltry successes in the long run, but if the success of party is associated with the carrying out of a great national reform then it becomes a historical event. The successful politician—the man who gains any satisfaction from his work—must not be self-seeking; he must have ideals, and must have imagination in order to see the victory of to-morrow beyond to-day's defeat of his desired scheme. Men's actions reveal their ideals, and by these they are judged. Political life is what a man makes it, and no one, however exalted in character, is too good to participate in it. It is national work, calling for the best labourers the country can give, and men of the greatest intellect and highest character are doing it. All parties have their idealists—men determined to legislate according to the beliefs they hold dear, and if men are sincere much may be forgiven them. Politics touch the nation at every point, and in a great democratic community the voters should seek to understand the questions brought before the country from time to time. That is, really a part of their education. If that is so, it lies with no one, whatever his position, to describe politics as a game—it is sometimes styled a "dirty game"—because what is done by the legislature affects the life and interests of every individual, and such work must be regarded as the honest effort of the side that puts it forward.

The Bramham Moor Hunt had their Boxing Day meet at Tadcaster.

A witness in taking the oath at West Ham Police Court swore that his evidence, "shall be life, and nothing but life." He had to begin again.

Mrs Elizabeth Goules died in her ninety-eighth year at her home in Chiswick Mall two hours after the death, at the same address, of her elder daughter, who was seventy.

Natives have attacked a German forestry expedition in Neu-Mecklenburgh, Bismark Archipelago, Pacific Ocean, killing five native soldiers and four baggage carriers.

As a result of slipping on the roadway near the Swan Hotel at Buxton a few days ago, William Turner, seventy-six, a retired builder, broke his leg and was removed to hospital, where he died.

Producing a letter purporting him to be dead and dated, Frederick Gratty, was alleged at Crewe to have solicited alms in a shop, and then to have chatted with a detective who took him in charge.

Hotly pursued by the Tiverton Hounds, a fox dashed through a greenhouse at Holcombe Court and then jumped through a stable window at Holcombe Manor House. It was taken after an hour's run.

In sending a man to prison for six months' hard labour for a violent assault on a constable, the Chairman of the Stockport magistrates said he had his way he would have the prisoner flogged.

Dr. Vaughan Cornish, the geologist and geographer, left England on Wednesday to study the landslides in the Panama Canal, which, he says, "are a grave problem for the United States engineers."

The dock at Cardiff Police Court the other day was crowded by Chinamen arrested in a gambling raid. There were 20 men and a Chinese woman, and tables were shown with a quaint collection of equipment for the game of fantan. When the police entered a box containing a considerable sum of money was on the tables, and there was a scramble to secure the coney. The keeper of the house was fined £100.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane Leeds, and at Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—E. Stott, Otley, improvements in golf tees; J.-Flower, J. W. Beadley, and G. Wichmann, Leeds, internal-combustion and steam turbines (patent of addition); and J. H. Cobb, East Ardsley, improvements in screw pedestals. Acceptances—W. H. Webster, York, improvements in lifeboats; and Albrecht and Albrecht, Ltd., Leeds, improvements in suit boxes.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

SUCCESS.—At the Leeds Canine Club's Show on Friday Mr W. Schofield took 4 first, 2 second, and 3 special prizes, as well as a diploma, for the best puppy in the show with his miniature pomeranian "Little Dreadnought" and "Revue."

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr J. Hird Greed, Mr R. D. Kitson, Col. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr S. Hudson, Mr P. B. Booth, and Mr J. Hirst.

SUCCESS.—In connection with the London College of Music, the following pupils of Mr T. Idle, (Marsh Street, Rothwell), were successful in passing the December examination in pianoforte playing and theory, viz., Millicent Armitage (advanced, senior section), and Harry Ely (senior). Advt.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—Success attended the annual whist drive and dance promoted by the Rothwell Parish Church Football Club, and held in the National Schools on Boxing Day. Altogether there were about 200 persons in attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent by all. Mr. Walter Wormald had charge of the whist. The prize-winners were:—Ladies:—Mrs Norbury, 2 Miss Edinbro, 3 Miss Edwards. Gentlemen:—1 F. Hirst, 2 T. Banks, 3 H. V. Horst. Refreshments were provided, and dancing was engaged in until the early hours of Saturday morning. Suitable music was provided by Miss Annie Blackburn. The M.C.'s were Messrs J. and A. Lunn. All the refreshments, as well as the prizes for whist, were given by friends.

BOWERS ALLERTON

On Christmas eve the familiar Christmas hymns and carols were taken within the hearing of all in the village by the Mission Hall Choir.

Mr Ted Brooks, who was at one time a very energetic member of the Men's Friday Class, is now undergoing a two years' course on local government at Ruskin College, Oxford.

"National Emblems" was the subject around which Mr C. C. Bellwood entwined an instructive address to seventy members of the Band of Hope Social, recitations, etc., were rendered by members.

AMBULANCE.—In the Mission Hall schoolroom thirty miners, who during the last few weeks have been receiving a thorough instruction in ambulance work from Dr. T. R. Taylor, of Methley, were examined by Dr. Nightingale, of Horsforth, as to their ability of applying the knowledge thus gained. After testing them in the various branches of first aid, Dr. Nightingale expressed himself as pleased with the standard of efficiency to which the men had attained. By this examination six more members will be added to the local Voluntary Aid Detachment section, which is at present attached to Garforth. The section is continually receiving fresh members, when it will then form a detachment of its own.

CHRISTMAS PARTY.—With a determination to enjoy themselves in the true old-fashioned style so of the villagers defied the inclement weather on the evening of Christmas Day and gathered in the suitably decorated Mission Hall School-room. Great enjoyment was drawn from the many games indulged in, and there were also two competitions conducted by Mr Sidgwick. The first was the guessing of "Advertisement Characters," and the prizes for this were won by Miss Alice Parker and Mr J. Silkstone. The prizes for the guessing of the names of "20 different odours" were won by Miss W. Ward and Mr E. Robinson. Substantial refreshments were supplied during the evening, and these were being partaken of Mr J. W. Collinson and Mr J. Robinson kept the company in continuous laughter. A very enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of several Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—On Thursday afternoon a large number of children gathered in the Mission Schoolroom, where a Christmas tree laden with a large assortment of toys, had been erected, and there were also 150 presents to be given away. The room was decorated in a seasonable manner. The proceedings were opened by Mrs Skelton, as Allerton Bywater, who, as Mr Robinson said, "everyone present knew and loved, and had a respect for the good work, as a trained teacher, she had done during many previous years she had been connected with the Mission Hall." In pleasing little speech declaring the treat open, Mrs Skelton expressed the hope that each one would have a happy Christmas, and, judging by the character of the room and the ringing laugh present, they seemed to be the object of all. For an hour a very lively business was carried on, and the tree and bran tub were quickly relieved of their burdens at the popular price of one penny per toy. From every point of view the treat was a success.

CARLTON

BAZAAR.—A two days' bazaar in aid of the trust funds was opened in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, Carlton, on Friday. The Rev. W. G. Softby (Rothwell P.M. Church) introduced the members of the choir, who performed the opening ceremony. Afterwards Miss Ann Ward, Miss Butler, Miss Wilson, Miss Newton, Miss Annie Ward, Miss M. Brown, Miss Minnie Ward, and Miss Martha Ann Ward; and Messrs Ellis Ward, R. Ward, T. E. Ward, J. Lunn, R. Brown, and H. Nunns. Miss Ann Ward spoke for the young men and Mr Ellis Ward for the young women. A vote of thanks to the party was heartily carried, on the proposition of Mr G. W. Wilson, seconded by Mr T. Batty, and supported by Mr Eli Ward, of Rothwell. The opening contributed over £5 towards the effort, and the takings of the first day amounted to £11. On Saturday the bazaar was opened by Mr G. W. Wilson, and the day's proceeds amounted to about £10, bringing the total proceeds, together with previous sums collected, up to about £30.

CROSSGATES

On Saturday evening the annual children's treat in connection with the Baptist Church took place.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Monday evening at the meeting of the Literary Society the Rev. Edwin Bell, of Crossgates, will deliver a lecture on "A tour in Northern India," which will be illustrated. See advt.

CROSSGATES BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.—A debating society has been formed in connection with the Crossgates Baptist Church, and Mr F. Hartop has been appointed President; Messrs J. Walker and T. H. Whitaker hon. secs., Mr A. Greenwood treas., and Mr A. Crabtree portfolio editor, the committee being—Miss Batley, Mrs Bowers, Miss Brodhouse, Miss Clayton, Miss Hartop, Miss Rhodes, Miss Whitley, Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Messrs Elliott, Hyde, Jackson, McFarlane, Milford, Morgan, and J. H. Moss. Several lectures have been arranged, and among the subjects to be debated are:—" Has militancy forwarded the cause of votes for women," " Should a living wage be the first charge upon a business," and " Does the Christian Church demonstrate Christianity?" A feature of the programme will be a Parliamentary night, when the King's Speech will be moved by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash).

Mr John Taylor, of Station Road, Crossgates, won a second prize with a white Wyandotte cockerel at Ilkley Poultry Show on Friday.

On Friday night a Cinderella dance, promoted by the ladies' section of the Golf Club, took place in the Recreation Hall, and it was well attended.

GOLF.—A competition among the members of the Golf Club came off on Friday on the Crossgates course. Eighteen members entered, and Mr Thomas won the first prize.

WESLEYAN CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING.—At the Richmond Hill Wesleyan Quarterly Quarterly Meeting the Rev. Owen Jones presided, and he was supported by Rev. Edwin Bell (Crossgates), and the Rev. Edward Rees (Garforth). Messrs G. R. Dyson (Circuit Stewards) and Isaac Wrigley (Circuit stewards) and about to members. It was reported that £375 had been raised on behalf of the Centenary Fund for foreign missions, and it was stated that this made one of the highest averages per member in the Leeds district. A debt of £463 due to retiring stewards was wiped out. Mr Bert Wrigley was appointed senior steward, and Mr Tindale Rippon (Halton) junior steward by unanimous votes. It was reported that the membership remains almost stationary. The members of Crossgates Society, it was stated, had raised £330 during the year in reduction of debt on their church premises, bringing the liability down to £550. A bazaar is to be held at Richmond Hill next May on behalf of Beckett Street Chapel, and it is hoped to raise £400. A most hospital tone pervaded the meeting, and a determined effort to increase the membership by at least 50 is to be made during the coming quarter.

GARFORTH

LICENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Edward Smith, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence, and was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Garforth W.R. and Sherburn, and the latter were beaten by three goals to one. On Saturday Garforth are engaged in the West Riding Cup Competition, and will play Clarence Ironworks.

THE LATE MRS. RICHARD BEEVORS.—Mrs. Beevors, widow of the late Mr Richard Beevors, died at Cyprus Villas, Garforth, on Monday. Deceased, who was 78 years of age, was one of the oldest residents in the district, and she had resided in Garforth for many years. She was well-known, and was held in the highest esteem by the residents. The remains were interred at Garforth on Thursday.

ON THE RAILWAY.—The adventure of two Castleford miners, named Joseph Turner and Walter Binns, in returning home after a visit to Leeds on Saturday, December 13th, led to their appearance at Leeds West Riding Police Court, on Tuesday, charged with interfering with the comfort of passengers in a railway carriage in which they were travelling. A quarrel arose about sixpence, and defendants had a fight, and their fellow-travellers had to get out of the way by standing on the seats. The train was delayed nearly a quarter of an hour. They were each fined 20s. and costs.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The programmes submitted at the Picture House this week have given complete satisfaction. The feature of the first three nights of the week was the thrilling story "A Leap of Despair," in which a daring feat of horsemanship was shown. On Friday and Saturday the principal picture will be "A Race to Destruction," and it is exciting enough to satisfy anybody. Other capital films will complete the programme. For the first three days of next week great fare will be provided, and outstanding films promised are "The Tiger Lily," "The gold cross" (pathetic drama), "Barney Oldfield's race for life" (a screamer), and "Wanted a strong hand" (comic). For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "The call," a fine drama, will be exhibited, and another attraction will be "Hand, kindly light," and the beautiful hymn will be sung. Other pictures will be shown, and patrons of the house are assured of capital entertainment. For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Ponder, miner, of Great Preston was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Great Preston on Saturday, December 20. He was fined 15s. and costs.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND PARTY.—A large number of children flocked into the Infants' Schoolroom on Saturday, and, with much pleasure, they purchased the toys with which a large Christmas tree was heavily laden. After the toys had been disposed of and the children had gone home a good number of adults spent a pleasant evening playing games, etc.

HALTON

THORP STAPLETON FARMER'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Austin, farmer, Thorpe Stapleton, was summoned for failing to send in form C of the Sheep Dipping Act as required. It was stated that there were eighteen sheep on the land. Defendant said the land was not his, as he did not come into possession of it until the beginning of February. However, the form which he handed up to the Bench showed that he came into possession of the land during November. Defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

LICENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Henry Baxter, farmer, of Templenewsam, was summoned for removing a pig without having first procured the necessary licence. P.C. Lyttle stated he saw the defendant on the Leeds and Selby Road, Halton, in charge of a milk float which contained a pig. Defendant said he had been to the sergeant for a licence, but he was asleep, and he could not get one. The magistrates pointed out that the penalty was £20, but as he had made an effort to obtain a licence he would be let off on payment of costs.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Woodville and Rothwell W.R. had a football match, and no goals were scored.

KENNY'S WORDS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Martin Kenny, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for using obscene language at Kippax on Sunday, December 21st. He was fined 5s. and costs.

THE OLD CUSTOM.—The choirs of the Nonconformist Churches went round the streets as usual on Christmas Day, singing Christmas hymns. This is an old custom, and one that is appreciated by everyone in the village, but the night carol singers have disappeared.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—The committee of Kippax and Ledston Medical Charities Society were the promoters of a ball, which was held in the Council School on Thursday evening. Music for the dancing was provided by Mr W. Bellerby (pianist) and Mr J. Prince (violinist), while Mr A. Beeston and Mr A. Sparling acted as M.C.'s.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The teachers connected with this Sunday School were the promoters of a children's social in the schoolroom on Friday. The refreshments were given by Mr Percy Harper, one of the teachers, and these were served to the children. Games and amusements were indulged in during the evening, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

LANGUAGE IN THE HOME.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Richard Bond, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for using obscene language in High Street, Kippax, on December 22nd. The defendant was seated in a chair in the kitchen of his house with the door open when he made use of the language complained of. He was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

CONCERT.—The young people connected with the Wesleyan Sunday School, along with members of the Guild of Help and the Bible Classes, gave a concert in the Schoolroom on Thursday. The programme submitted consisted of solos, duets, quartettes, humorous readings, violin solos, and a sketch, entitled "Who's who." Mr Lewis Logg presided. Refreshments and fruit were provided. The proceeds were for the Sunday School Funds.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Friday evening a Christmas tree was provided at the schoolroom, and, laden with toys, it claimed the attention of the many children who were present. The tree was in charge of the Vicar, Mr H. Smith, and Mr W. Smith. Other attractions were a weighing machine, attended by Mr G. Morley, and a bran tub, in charge of Mr Ed. Fleeman. The refreshment stall was looked after by Mrs A. Cripwell, Mrs L. Plows, Miss Darley, and Miss C. Plows, while the Toy Stall was presided over by Miss Willis, Miss Green and Miss Atkinson. The effort gave every satisfaction to the promoters, and provided an enjoyable evening for the children. A social was held later in the evening. The prize distribution for attendance and merit to the Sunday School children and the teachers has taken place, and many teachers and scholars were made the recipients of prizes. The girls had their prizes presented to them by Mrs Smith, while Mr Veitch distributed the prizes to the boys. Suitable addresses were given by the Vicar and Mr Veitch.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—In connection with this church a two days' bazaar was held in the Kippax Council School on Thursday and Friday. The rooms were nicely decorated, and the stalls were tastefully arranged. The bazaar was opened on the first day by Mr George Wilkinson, of Kippax, who was supported by the Rev. B. B. Farlow (circuit minister), while the chair was occupied by Mr J. B. Hollis, of Kippax. The Chairman spoke of the usefulness of bazaars for helping the work of the churches and promoting good feeling among the workers. The bazaar was then declared open, and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr Wilkinson and Mr Hollis, on the motion of the Rev. B. B. Farlow, seconded by Mr Thos. Ferrar. The bazaar on the second day was opened by 30 school children, who had been trained by Mr Norman Wheatley. Mr J. P. Walker presided. Mr R. W. Clarkson moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the children for their services, and this was seconded by Mr Thos. Farrar, and passed. The ladies in charge of the stalls were:—Drapery Stall—Mrs J. Wilman and Mrs H. Hobson; fancy stall—Mrs R. Firth and Mrs A. Jones; confectionware stall—Mr W. Cripwell, Mr H. Hobson, and Mr A. Wheatley; sweet stall—Mrs Wordsworth Firth and Mrs George Prince; ice cream stall—Mrs Wm. Cripwell; refreshment stall—Mrs J. Prince, Mrs A. Hobson, Miss Gertie Beeston, and Mrs A. Appleyard; advertisement stall—Master P. Wilman and Miss Hilda Beeston; fruit stall—Masters A. Prince, W. Garton, F. Pickard, and J. Varley. Refreshments were conducted by Mr W. Firth and Mr N. Wheatley, and a fine art gallery was arranged by Mr N. Wheatley. The bazaar was well patronized on both days and realized about £60.

LOFTHOUSE

Lofthouse hockey players have so far won 9 out of 12, and scored 50 goals against 25. Their goal-getters on Saturday were H. Hemingway (3) and C. Wright and W. Hall (two each).

BOXING.—On Friday the Empire Theatre, Wakefield, was crowded when a series of boxing contests formed the attraction. The chief encounter was one of 20 two-minute rounds between Harold Littlewood, Lofthouse, and T. Harding, Normanton, for £25 a side and a purse of £70, at 9st. 7lb. As both the men had been carefully trained it was expected that a fairly good fight would be put up, but the contest was simply a three minutes' sensation. In the first round, after the Normanton man had lightly reached his opponent's face, Littlewood made an ferocious attack on Harding's body, and had him down and practically out. Harding rising just in time to be saved by the bell. The contest ended half-way through the second round, Littlewood resuming his strenuous onslaught on the body, and knocking Harding clean out, after flooring him several times. There were also several minor bouts of six rounds duration. A. Littlewood, Lofthouse, beat Young Spires, Castleford, and H. Tipton, Featherstone, was given the verdict over Dando Armstrong, Altofts, the latter being disqualified in the sixth round for clinching.

OULTON

On Saturday afternoon Oulton St. John's football team defeated Normanton Dod. Gym. by three goals to one.

The next monthly service for men to be held at St. John's Church is to be addressed by the curate, the Rev. H. Fox.

The annual Christmas Eve dance held in connection with the Oulton Institute, took place in the Harold Hall, Oulton. There was good assembly of dancers, and dancing lasted from 7 p.m. to 4 o'clock a.m. Mr M.C.'s were Messrs Smith, S. Berry, and J. Butterick. Mr Walter Poole supplied the music.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Alfred Moore, miner, of Leeds, and William Walker, tailor, of Leeds, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the Aberford Road, Oulton, on Saturday, December 20th. Both were fined 5s. and costs.

ROBIN HOOD

Mr Gerald France, M.P., has secured the promise of a visit from Mr Herbert Samuel, M.P. (Postmaster-General), to address a meeting to be held at Morley on Saturday, January 24th, under the auspices of the Liberal Association for the division.

P.S.A.—The weekly P.S.A. meeting at the United Methodist Chapel, Robin Hood, on Sunday afternoon was addressed by Mr Smith, of Sandal. His subject was "Our Father," and the address he gave proved an interesting one. Mr E. Joyner presided. The solos "O Saviour Divine" and "Hold Thou my hand," were pleasingly rendered by Miss Pearson (Wakefield Choral Union). Mr. S. Hartley accompanied on the organ.

ROUNDHAY

Mr G. H. Wilcock, of Oakwood Avenue, left £1,000.

Over 4,000 fish have been turned into Roundhay Park water, and 1,000 are to follow.

CLERGY AND FREE CHURCH MINISTERS.—Another conference of clergy and ministers of the North Leeds area has been arranged for January 13th, at the Free Methodist Church Hall, Harehills Avenue. The late conference was held in September, at St. Martin's Institute, and a discussion then took place on city problems. This time it is proposed that the subject of the discussion shall be "The Temper of the Age." The members of the conference will meet at breakfast, and the proceedings will terminate about noon. Apart from the benefit derived from the discussion of various problems by representatives of different denominations, it has been found that the conferences were a useful purpose in bringing into contact new Nonconformist ministers and the clergy of the city.

ACCIDENT.—Some of the slopes in Roundhay Park were taken possession of by bands of enthusiasts and turned up at the adjourned inquest held in Leeds on Wednesday. It will be remembered that she was found lying injured in Street Lane on Christmas Eve, and died soon afterwards. In the absence of evidence as to how the injuries had been caused the inquiry had been adjourned. Mr A. E. Masser now represented the Insurance Company, and Mr F. J. Curtis the relatives. Mrs Talbot said her sister went out on the night in question—although warned not to, as it was a dark night and the street lamps were not lighted on account of the strike—in order to post some letters, one of which she was anxious should be delivered next day. Mr Albert Morris, who was cycling along Street Lane on Christmas Eve, said he rode behind a tramcar which was travelling at a moderate speed, for some distance. He kept it in view because, in consequence of the street lamps being unlighted its lights were useful. He saw a person thrown from the side of the car, and on going up found Miss Hepworth lying there insensible. The car stopped a short distance away, the driver and the conductor gave every assistance, and Dr. Hart was sent for. The driver gave evidence stating that he was the only one when some yards away, crossing towards the tram-lines. He rang the bell, and she looked up and stepped back into the roadway. As the car was passing her, however, she either slipped on the macadam, or was taken suddenly ill, and fell against the car. Replying to Mr Curtis, the witness said he could see twenty or thirty yards in front of the car. He was sure he only saw him. She was never actually on the tram-lines. In reviewing the evidence the Coroner said there was no evidence of negligence on the part of any person, and a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

STOURTON

CHIMNEY ON FIRE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Lane, labourer, of Stourton, was summoned for allowing the chimney of his house to get on fire. His wife appeared, and a fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

PRIMITIVE METHODISTS.—On Sunday the Primitive Methodists of Stourton had a visit from the Rev. W. G. Spencer, the son of the present minister, and he preached to interested congregations both in the morning and evening. He also addressed the P.S.A. service in the afternoon.

SEACROFT

WHINT DRIVE.—On Tuesday evening a successful whist drive took place in the Church School, and there were twenty-two tables. The prize-winners were:—Gents.—Mr E. Johnson, 2 Mr P. Taylor, 3 Mr F. Taylor; consolation, Mr J. Varley. Ladies.—Mrs Kaye, 2 Miss Crow, 3 Miss Ford; consolation, Miss Goodall. Mr J. Townend, jun., was M.C. The proceeds, which were in aid of the Institute funds, are expected to realise between £4 and £5.

LEEDS BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—Mr P. H. Bagenal, Local Government Board Inspector, who attended Wednesday's meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians, told the members that he was not there to make himself at all unpleasant that day. (Laughter). Their record of pauperism during the last five years was very satisfactory from the view and was at the present moment at a record low level for that period. The latest return showed a total of 3,845 outdoor and indoor poor, compared with a total of 5,783 at the beginning of 1909. That was a very satisfactory state of affairs, and he paid a tribute to the Board's efficient administration. Dealing with other matters, the Inspector expressed the hope that they would push forward with the scheme for building a children's block at the Infirmary, which had been sanctioned by the Local Government Board, and he expressed the opinion that the Board's provision for phthisis and mental cases was not satisfactory. Mr A. Edmanson (Chairman), in thanking the Inspector, remarked that it might be had used the heavy hammer against them, and they were glad that on that occasion he had been able to pat them on the back a little. Mr J. T. Buckton said he did not agree with the Inspector as to the urgency of the children's block, and declared that in view of the surplus accommodation at other institutions such an expenditure would be almost criminal at the present time. He intimated that he would move at the next meeting that the scheme be suspended for six months, and added that it was time the ratepayers could not punish guardians for the way they spent their money. The discussion was not continued.

SHADWELL

LOOKING AFTER THE CHILDREN.—With the advent of the New Year, it becomes obligatory on the Medical Officer of Health of Leeds, within 36 hours, the birth of children in Leeds, of which Shadwell and Roundhay are now a part. This is in accordance with an Order of the Local Government Board, following the adoption by the Leeds City Council of the Notification of Births Act. By the provisions of the Order, it is the duty of the parents of the child, if not actually residing in the house where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after the birth, to give notice in writing to the medical officer, by posting a prepaid letter or postcard, or by delivering a written notice within 36 hours. Any person who fails to give the notice will be liable to a penalty of 40s. This notice, it is important to remember, is in addition to, and not substitution for, the requirements of any Act relating to the registration of births.

KIRKBURTON

ACCIDENT.—Dorothy Johnson (17), of Colton, an employee at the Public Benefit Boot Company's warehouse, St. Paul's Street, Leeds, was admitted to the Leeds Infirmary on Saturday, suffering from a fracture of the right thigh, sustained in a hoist accident at the warehouse.

HOCKEY.—On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk Club completed their half-season's fixtures with a successful visit to Headingley, whom they defeated by five goals to four. Whitkirk's record shows no defeats out of twelve games, while one was drawn, with 75 goals against 15. The committee, by the way, are anxious to arrange fixtures for next season with some first-class clubs, feeling that their progress justifies a more prominent part for their club in Yorkshire hockey.

Mr J. W. Houseman, of Selby, has been appointed sub-postmaster at Barlby.

Tom Wilson (18) was badly scorched whilst engaged on a North-Eastern locomotive, at Selby, on Wednesday, and was removed to the Cottage Hospital.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace the leading turn is given by La Milo, who has outlived the storm of protest which greeted her first appearance. She appears in some eight poses, the best of which is "Pierrette," in which she is seen borne on the back of an eagle, and "The Spirit of Flight," an ingenious and artistic conception in which an aeroplane takes a prominent part. "Will o' the Wisp" is another excellent creation. Alternating with the poses are shown Cruikshank's lighting caricatures, some of which are decidedly good. A delightfully humorous piece of burlesque melodrama is presented by Athas and Collins, she male partner of whom is a neat sand and step dancer; and Huxter Brothers are a trio of smart tumblers with an original style. Jack Lozarro is a prominent Scottish comedian, and his dance is greatly appreciated. Three very good impersonations of music-hall artists are given by Wilfrid Barnsted, that of George Formby being one of the best that has been presented.

"Mrs Peckham's Carouse" is the title of an amusing sketch which will be brought to the Leeds Empire next week by Fred Irwin, the great American comedy artiste, and her company. Miss Irwin herself, a handsome woman, appears first in the comedienne as an enthusiastic temperance reformer, then she goes off at a tangent to the muddled mood of one who has partaken not wisely but too well. The liquor is administered by means of a champagne bottle filled with lemonade, and therefore no violence is done to the reformer's "principle," and the lapse, together with the several matrimonial tangles that arise, is explained and straightened out in a happy ending. Another very important attraction will be the appearance of America's popular cycling comedian, Will Lacey. "The fellow that wobbles on one wheel." Lacey is a truly phenomenal performer upon a cycle, and the marvellous things that he accomplishes upon two wheels, and later upon one wheel, really have to be seen to be believed. It many years ago since Ralph Temple, the famous cycle racer and a fellow countryman of Lacey's, astounded the wheel world with his trick riding upon the old "ordinary." But nowadays the clever performances of that old-time "Yank" would pale almost into insignificance before those of America's latest champion. The popular entertainer at the piano, Tom Clare; Phil Parsons, light comedian; Mabel Sinclair, the lady ventriloquist; and the Keppels, in a delightful wand entertainment, constitute the chief attractions.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the chief position is held by Con Conrad's Novelty Minstrels, a troupe of comedians attired in kilts and made-up like Jewish comedians. They sit in a half-circle, and in turns contribute a most enjoyable performance. There is a first-rate violinist (Mr Terris), an energetic pianist (Mr Romain), the Scotch Troupe, Four, bunnets and laughable comedians in the persons of Bert Leighton and Matt. McCone. Billy Arlington and Co. are appearing in a comedy sceno. They are newcomers here, but their work is so original that it is to be hoped their return will not long be delayed. Rem-Brandt paint pictures with a wonderful chromatic air pistol, and "The Scarlet Poppy" is the title of a musical scena produced by A. Emmett Adams. Rosie Lloyd, a member of a famous theatrical family, sings a couple of catchy songs, and Will Poluski, jun., is a clever juggler.

Next week at the Hippodrome Messrs Dottridge and Longden's grand Christmas pantomime, "Dick Whittington and his Cat" will be presented. Supporting the principal boy, Dorothy Dorraine, will be a number of well-known artistes, including Arnold Richardson, and specialities will be given by the Astoria Sextette. There will be a matinee on Wednesday afternoon.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe, Kirkgate, Leeds, the "star" attraction is a splendid adaptation of the famous fairy tale "Cinderella," the transformation scenes being admirably executed. "Ida's Diary," a bright sketch, features the inimitable John Bunny in a new role. "Red and Pete, Partners" is a remarkable study of two crooks, and "Just Kids" is a capital comedy enacted by children. For the week-end are a capital "Mary" film, "The Proposal from the Sculptors," and a splendid Western drama showing "Why Broncho Billy Left Bear Country." "Educated Monkeys" is a very laughable, though instructive, picture.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

The principal attraction at the Empire, Rothwell, for the first half of the week was a remarkable series of living shadows in pictures of "Robinson Crusoe." Among the interesting scenes contained in this production were the shipwreck and the casting of the hero upon a desert island, his falling in with cannibals, and the training of his man "Friday"; while the pictures closed with his safe arrival at his home, Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth" is another interesting film, but it can hardly be said to be a true representation of the story. The happy features of John Bunny were once more seen in "Mr. Jarr Pedicures," a rapidly-moving film, and a second half of the week the principal attractions are "The Black 13," a detective drama, which is a sequel to "On the track of the Spider Gang," and "The Light," another detective film. Several good comics have also found favour. A welcome change so far as the turn is concerned has been provided by "Las Zolmos" a couple of smart continental acrobatic equilibrists.

Next week some first-rate subjects will be submitted. For the first three days the two features will be "The Sea Dog" and "The Glass Cage," an exciting crime play. In addition to these there will be a picture illustrating the iron and steel industry in Bombay. During the second half "The Black Ball," an emotional and sensational drama, said to be of an unusual type, will be shown, and also "The Call," a special vitagraph feature. Chief of the comics will be "A Noise from the Deep." The turn will be given by Manek Shah, Indian necromancer, and a lady snake charmer.

ACCIDENT TO A TADCASTER MAN.

On Tuesday evening an accident befell a man named Kaye, motor wherry driver for Mr Samuel Smith, of the Old Brewery, Tadcaster. While delivering beer in Leeds, with the engine shut off and the helm free, the wherry commenced to skid on the slippery road and down a sharp incline. Kaye jumped to the wheel to try and keep the wherry straight, but one of his legs was caught between the wherry and a set of railings, the latter of which fortunately gave way, but his leg was badly crushed. He was, however, able to be removed home. The wherry skidded until it came to rest over an area, and the work of getting it back on to the road was a very difficult task.

CHILDREN'S PANTOMIME AT OULTON.

A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION.

After a four days' successful run the children's pantomime at Oulton was brought to a happy conclusion at the Harold Hall on Tuesday night. The pantomime, which is now an established event in the villages for the Christmas week, is the ninth of its kind. Last year "Cinderella" was the chosen piece, and this year's effort was Dick Whittington and his Cat." All the characters taken were represented by the children of the Oulton National School, who, in past years, were trained by the schoolmaster, Mr E. Boothroyd, assisted by his staff of teachers. All the characters were well represented in a graceful manner by the little folks, and the production surpassed all previous efforts. The scenery was simple but effective, and the stage management was in capable hands.

The principal character, "Dick Whittington," was capitally portrayed by Edna Jones. Her pronunciation was charming, and her songs were sung very sweetly; they were "The Rosary," "The Wishing Well," "You made me love you," and "If I happened to meet." The part of "Patty," cook in the service of Ald. Fitzwarren, and who "was so cross you might suppose she'd forty corns upon her toes," was played with spirit by M. E. Britton. Another bright character was "Jemima Ann," the housemaid, A. Pallfreman. Dick's faithful friend, Queen Barbary, M. Nettleton; Princess of Barbary, I. Mitchell; ladies-in-waiting, C. Penn, C. Robert, and M. Massey; Rum Tit Too, W. Chadwick; Tee Tee Rum, H. Wilson.

The fairies, who had as their queen, "Fairy Silverdean" (M. Thackrah), were as follows: K. Armitage, V. Colley, E. Gale, C. Holstead, C. Miffin, K. Smith, G. Wilson, and H. Wrigglesworth, and Masters H. Morley, W. Jones, H. Atack, M. Wrigglesworth, and W. Chadwick acted as foresters of Sherwood, with the following as their wives:—Misses M. Rackliffe, E. Wright, C. Penn, C. Roberts, and M. Massey.

The stage manager was Mr E. Boothroyd, and Mr J. W. Morley was the conductor. The task of superintending was ably undertaken by Mr Walter Poole.

The public support was unusually good, and a nice sum should be the result of the effort. At the conclusion of Tuesday night's performance, when a vote of thanks to all was passed on the motion of the Vicar of Oulton, the Rev. W. R. Capes-Cure, seconded by Mr G. Wilkinson, Mr Boothroyd, in reply, stated that up to that evening £30 had been raised, and of this sum £20 was profit. The total profits are to be divided between the Institute and the school library.

REMARKABLE REVELATIONS.

Remarkable revelations were made at the magisterial investigation in Dewsbury, County Donegal, into the charge of larceny of £300 against a young woman named Winifred M'Carr. Evidence was given that a fire occurred in the drawer of a dressing table in a room occupied by Michael M'Faul in the house of his brother Patrick, near Clonmany, with whom the accused was employed as a domestic servant. The money, which had been placed in the drawer, was afterwards missing, and there was only a heap of ashes where it had been placed. The M'Fauls took no notice of the matter, believing that the disappearance of the money was due to the intervention of the spirit world, and was to be regarded as a warning to prevent a certain matrimonial arrangement, but the case was taken into consideration, being carried out. A few days after the occurrence the accused visited Derry with three £20 notes in her possession. She was also unsuccessful attempt to get them cashed. Afterwards she was discharged by the M'Fauls, and suspicions having been aroused, a was subsequently arrested and charged with larceny of the money, and also with having attempted to set fire to the house.

Accused was remanded for trial, bail being accepted.

CHRISTMAS'S PARTY.—About 150 children of employees at the Selby Olympia Oil and Cake Mills were entertained at tea at the Olympia Institute on Tuesday. Presents from a Xmas tree were distributed, and entertainment was arranged by the committee. Mr Jos. Watson and Mr Leopold Paget were generous contributors to the fund.

LIBERALITY.—Miss Standering entertained the widow of Selby at tea and supper at the Standering Hall, Selby, on Wednesday. A musical entertainment was also provided. Gifts, including a Christmas hamper, were presented to each guest. Miss Standering distributed during Christmastide 300 parcels of groceries to aged people in the town, and in addition gifts of coal.

SELBY ABBEY'S GREAT WINDOW.—The completion of the work of restoration at Selby Abbey, which was destroyed by fire seven years ago, will be signalled next week by the unveiling of the unique Germanus window, which, at a cost estimated at £2,000, has been placed in the great seven-light perpendicular window of the north transept through the generosity of Miss Standering, the donor of the memorial stained at the Cottage Hospital. The gift is in memory of her deceased parents, and is of rare beauty and historic interest, depicting over 50 scenes in the life of Germanus, who is one of the Abbey's patron saints. The ancient church now possesses three stained-glass windows of great value.

When purchasing a ham, if one of medium quality falls to your lot the following treatment will be found to improve it amazingly, says a writer in the *Daily Mail General Cook Book*. Soak the ham in water for four days. Prepare the following ingredients: Two and a half pounds of coarse, brown Demerara sugar, quarter of a pound of ground allspice, two ounces of ground cloves, one ounce of cinnamon, one dessertspoonful of cayenne pepper, two ounces of cloves, cinnamon, and peppercorns into a paste with cold water. Remove the ham from the soaking, and while wet rub the sugar thoroughly into it. When this is done cover the ham entirely with the paste. Let it stand for twenty-four hours. Then put it in a fish-kettle with a quart of water to steam. Add a bay leaf, one onion, a carrot, and a stick of green celery if available. The syrup with the juice from the ham and the water that went into the paste will add to the bulk of liquid in which the ham boils. This with the quart of water already mentioned will be sufficient. Keep it simmering continually for six hours. It should just keep on the move, but must not boil quickly. When cooked, remove the skin, which should peel off easily with the crust of spicy paste, leaving the ham ready to be glazed. Brush over with a pastry-brush dipped in glaze or thick brown gravy.

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Beeston	4	3	1	0	18	4	6
Boston Spa	4	2	1	1	8	7	5
Wetherby Corinthians	2	1	1	0	3	4	2
Harewood	2	1	1	0	2	4	2
Jno. Smith's	3	0	2	0	0	11	0

Division 2.

	Goals.					
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
South Milford	6	5	0	1	20	8	11
Garforth White Rose	4	3	0	1	20	7	7
Aberford	6	3	2	1	11	10	7
Garforth United	5	3	1	1	15	7	7
Whitkirk	5	1	3	1	6	19	3
Monk Fryston	6	0	5	1	11	20	1

REFEREES FOR JANUARY 10th.

Boston Spa v. Wetherby. Mr J. Hayton.
Wetherby Corinthians v. John Smith's. Mr E. Burnett.
South Milford v. Garforth W.R. Mr H. Metcalfe.
Whitkirk v. Aberford. Mr W. Osborne.

A recent report on the Monk Fryston Day School stated that "All the good features mentioned in a previous report are fully maintained, and there are evidences of progress in the direction of the work, which in a number of classes is above the average."

MOTHERS' MEETING.—On New Year's Eve Mrs William Crosland, of The Limes, South Milford, gave an excellent tea to the Mothers' Meeting of the members of the Mothers' Meeting connected with St. Mary's Church, and there were about 30 guests. Afterwards games, Edith, Lillian and Kathleen Crosland, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening with Christmas games and a lively little sketch. The pleasant evening ended with the old chorus Sir Roger de Coverley. Mrs Houlden proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Crosland, and this was seconded by Mrs Joseph Brown and cordially passed.

SOUTH MILFORD WESLEYAN CHURCH BAZAAR.—In connection with the Wesleyan Church a sale of work and Christmas tree were held on Friday and Saturday. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr Job Day, of Stanks, assisted by Mrs Day, and supported by the Rev. S. Mills. Mr Day, before declaring the sale open, made a speech full of encouragement and helpfulness to the large audience. Mrs Day also expressed her great pleasure in being present and was very pleased to recognise the signs of a hopeful future for the church. The residents in the district, regardless of sect, most generously responded to the calls of the two stewards (Mr J. Bennett and Mr J. Bissett) in their solicitation for a very worthy object. A beautiful tree was very kindly provided by Mr Ward, nurseryman, Sherburn. The tree was tastefully decorated in a most seasonable manner. The stallholders were as follows:—Drapery and fancy stall—Mrs Thompson, Mrs Pettinger, Mrs R. Butty, Mrs J. R. Butty, Miss Wilmer Smith, Mr and Mrs C. Butty, Miss Butty, Miss Maud Butty, Mrs Sykes, Mrs Allsopp, Mrs Alf. Atkinson, Mrs J. Benson; refreshment and party, etc. stall—Mrs J. Riley, Miss Evelyn Atkinson, and Miss Hodden; tea room—Mrs Green, Mrs Bissett, Mrs Clarke, and Miss Cross; Xmas tree—Miss E. Sykes, Miss Rosie Barker. Miss borough Hall, but the fixture was abandoned on Olive Green, Miss Butcher, Miss Lily Bissett, account of the frost.
Miss Elsie Newsome, Miss Annie Riley, Miss Nellie Barker, Miss Hirst, Miss Nancy Clarke, Miss Elsie Barker, and Miss Ivy Thompson; book stall—Mr and Mrs Bissett and Mr A. Chilton; weighing machine—Mr H. R. Batty and Mr Fred Hume; door-keepers—Mr Thompson, Mr Walker, Mr G. Riley, and Mr Claud Newsome. Musical entertainments were given during the evenings. The proceeds, over £30, came up to expectations, and are to be devoted to cleaning and renovating the church. The coming of age of Mr Algernon Joseph Rutherford Lumb, only son of Mr and Mrs Lumb, of The Hall, Ryton-on-Tyne, and Goldsborough Hall, near Knaresborough, was celebrated on Wednesday night by a ball at Goldsborough Hall. Mr Lumb, jun., who is a lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays), attained his majority last year, but the celebrations were postponed owing to the death of a relative. For nearly twenty years Mr and Mrs Lumb have resided at the delightful old Elizabethan mansion of Goldsborough, built early in the seventeenth century by Sir Richard Hutton, and have played a conspicuous part in the social life of the county. The concert of Monday evening proved an event of considerable interest to a wide circle of friends. Included among them were many members of the York and Ainsty Hunt, with which the young officer has been a frequent rider, both during vacations while at Eton and Sandhurst, and while at home on leave from "The Bays."

Mrs Lumb entertained about 250 guests at the ball, in addition to the members of the house party, which was, however, of a purely family composition. To accommodate the guests a temporary ballroom was erected on the south lawn, opening from the library, and this made a most handsome and effective apartment. It was 80 feet long by 30 feet broad, with a corrugated roof, and decorated in a colour scheme of mauve and pale pink. Large ornamental gilt mirrors suspended at intervals on the walls heightened the effect, and when dancing was at its height—at 1913 merged into 1914—the scene was pretty in the extreme. Many beautifully shaded electric lights depended from the roof, and these, with the electric sconces on the mirrors, produced an effect of dazzling brilliance. At each end of the room palms and decorative plants afforded a shadowy contrast to the surrounding illumination. Underneath the south gallery was established a confectionery, and here Joyce's Band, from London, was stationed; while an alcove at the other end of the ballroom was furnished for refreshments. The fortnight's sitting-out was, however, was the handsome Tudor staircase—one of the finest in the North of England, with its wonderful mullioned windows and the deeply recessed window seats. A buffet was furnished in the library, a cosy little apartment, with its original Tudor oak panelling, one of the finest architectural features of the house.

Dancing commenced at ten o'clock, and a pause was made at midnight to welcome the New Year by the strains of the Early English church bells, and by signalise the advent of 1914. It is interesting to note that the bells in this church have been in use for more than 600 years. Their ringing on this occasion was also intended to mark a happy event being commemorated at The Hall.

Among those accepting invitations to the ball were:—

The Countess of Harewood and party, Lady Mowbray and Stourton and party, Viscount Lascelles, Mr and Miss Foster and party, Mr and Miss Edward Fox and party, Mrs Fielden and party, Lady Hawke and party, Miss Dent and party, Col. and Mrs Nickalls and party, Mr and Mrs Wilmer Smith, Mr and Mrs C. Butterworth and party, Mr and Mrs C. Charlesworth and party, etc.

It had been intended that the York and Ainsty Hounds should meet on Thursday at Goldsfixture was abandoned on

BOYS AND ORANGES.—William Noel Kettlewood (14) and William Hurst (13) were charged at Selby on Monday with stealing apples and oranges from

OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

In most districts the soil is still in splendid condition for planting. Usually at this time of the year it is cold and wet, and totally unfit for the reception of plants, trees, and shrubs. Roses may be planted providing no heavy rainfall occurs before these notes appear. When importing new trees from the fakers the roots should be examined on arrival, and if they appear at all dry they should be soaked in water for an hour or so before planting. The importance of lifting and replanting established rose trees is not generally recognised. They should be lifted carefully, with the object of preserving all the fibrous roots. Any long fibreless roots may be cut well back, and in the case of new trees any bruised or broken portions should be removed with a sharp knife. It is advisable to work some more loam about the roots when planting, and in every case the soil should be trodden firmly. When all are planted, prick the surface over with a garden fork and unless the soil is of a stiff heavy nature give a good mulching of half-decayed manure. Spring-mulching is best for heavy soils. Many rose trees are crippled at planting time by having their roots crowded into a small hole. In all cases the roots should be spread out in natural position. About four years may elapse between each replanting.

LILY OF THE VALLEY.

Lily of the Valley may be lifted and replanted now. This charming little flower prefers a moist, partially shaded position. Thoroughly decayed manure and leaf-mould may be dug in before planting and the crowns may be split up singly or planted in clumps of about four. Beds which do not require disturbing should have a light topdressing of thoroughly decayed manure and fine soil. Anyone who has not tried it will be surprised to find how readily home grown crowns will force. The roots should be lifted with a fork, retaining as much of the soil as possible. They should be allowed to remain outdoor, roots uppermost, for a week or two before being removed to the forcing house. They may then be packed close together in boxes with a little fresh soil about them, and stood in a temperature of about 65. Watering will have to be attended to, and a light spraying overhead once a day will hasten growth. It is customary to keep the crowns in darkness until the flower buds appear. Afterwards they may be gradually accustomed to light.

CLIMBERS.

Unsightly buildings and bare walls may be covered and made beautiful by the introduction of some suitable climbing plants. There is nothing better for the purpose than the rapid growing varieties of ivy. The soil should be dug two feet deep and a generous supply of rotten manure, leaf-mould, and crushed lime rubble should be worked in as the digging proceeds. First planting is essential and if the soil is not moist good watering should be given. The shoots should be made secure against the ravages of wind.

The Jasminums are also suitable plants for planting against a wall. The variety nudiflorum is a very interesting subject. It is now in full bloom and has only to be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are of a pale yellow shade and are borne in long sprays. Jasminum officinalis is a white variety and is very sweet scented.

Another pretty climber is the amplopsis veitchii, or as it is often called, the Virginian creeper. The leaves assume some gorgeous tints during the autumn and are very useful for table decoration.

The clematis family also provides many pretty varieties for wall covering.

All or any of the above may be planted now or at any time during the next three months when the soil is in suitable condition to receive them.

LAWNS.

Continue to sweep and roll lawns, whenever the turf is dry enough to allow the work to be done without blackening the grass. The absence of heavy rains has made it possible to continue this class of work much later than usual this year.

Levelling and relaying may be continued so long as the ground keeps dry enough to allow the work to proceed. The listners of the season will have little effect upon the turf, and there is less likelihood of the grass suffering from removal now than would be the case when spring comes round.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Light soils should not be manured until the spring, or most of the food would be washed away before the crops are got in. Heavy soils should be trenched and manured as soon as conditions permit. The surface should be left as rough as possible to allow the sun, wind, and frost to penetrate freely. There is no better way of improving the texture of heavy land than to get it well frozen and it is obvious that a smooth, level surface would hinder the frost from penetrating deeply.

Rhubarb, mint, scalkale and asparagus will force readily now. Asparagus is very easy to force. A three feet deep bottled should be built in a house heated to about 60 degrees. A few inches of soil should be placed over the fermenting material, and roots packed close together on this. They require a six-inch covering of fine soil, which should not be pressed down. If the soil is moist no water will be required for a week or so. The first cutting can usually be made within a fortnight. Water warmed to the temperature of the house should be given before the soil gets dry. The roots packed in a box, covered with soil, and stood in a warm house will commence to grow immediately.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

Chrysanthemum growers should make a point of securing as many cuttings as possible during the next few weeks. Exhibitors on the look out for good Japanese novelties should obtain the following:—Queen Mary, Mr. H. J. Jones, Mrs. R. C. Pulling, Miss A. E. Roope, Bob Pulling, Mr. Bob Stevenson, Master Rex, His Majesty, Daily Mail, Thomas Lunt, and Francis Rowe. It is more than probable that the next few years will see a great change in regard to the method of cultivating the chrysanthemum, especially for decorative purposes. The practice of striking cuttings in April and flowering them in six-inch pots is becoming very popular. Suitable varieties for the purpose are: Vivian Morel and its sports, Source d'or, Yellow Cap, Mrs Roots, Reckless Thompson, Felton's Favourite, Le Pactole, Market Red, Western King, and Nivus. The two latter are late varieties.

PLEIONES.

The pleiones—or, as they are often called, Indian crocus—are easily-grown hothouse orchids, and are both pretty and interesting. They are just now sorting into new growth, and should be either top-dressed or repotted. They like a light position, and should be freely watered until their growth is completed. Dry treatment must follow, and they should then be given a cooler position until the flower-buds commence to show. They may then be returned to the stove, and watering may be resumed. The flowers are produced in the hearts of the young growths, and if required for cool flowers may easily be plucked out. Any attempt at cutting them off, would probably result in the young growths being injured, as the tips of the leaves are showing before the flowers open, and the flower stalk is very short.

ODONTOGLOSSUM GRANDE.

This is another easily-grown orchid which is often ruined by being kept in too high a temperature. It may be treated as a cool-house variety, and will give good results if grown alongside O. Crispum. It requires a rather long period of rest immediately after completing its growth. Whilst resting water is needed only when the pseudo-bulbs commence to shrivel. Watering should be resumed when new growth commences.

GENERAL MEMS.

Cinerarias require room to develop their leaves or they will get drawn and spindly. Syringe them on bright days.

Calendarias should be kept near the light, and should not be watered until approaching dryness.

Cyclamen may be fed with weak liquid manure once a week. This will help them to develop their flowers.

Chrysanthemum cuttings must be protected from direct draughts.

Bulbs should be removed from the plunging material when an inch or two of top growth has been made.

Viola frames should be ventilated freely and the cuttings have any decaying portions picked off. Weeds must not be allowed to exist there, and if the surface of the soil gets caked it should be stirred with a pointed stick.

EARLY TOMATOES.

The cultivation of the tomato has been taken up so extensively that during the summer months the supply is often above the demand, and the fruit has to be sold at very low prices. Early supplies invariably command good prices, and the demand is well above the supply. Seed should be sown now in a temperature of about 65 degrees. When the seedlings appear they may be stood on a shelf within a foot of the roof glass, and as soon as large enough should be potted into small pots. A sandy compost should be used, or damping off may occur. During January they make very little headway, but when February comes in they move freely, and must be potted on as the pots fill with roots. As the days lengthen a rather lower temperature will satisfy them, but they must be kept with the tops close to the glass, or they will get drawn and spindly. When-inch pots are large enough for the final potting, and daily attention should be paid to fertilising the blossoms. Shaking the rods about midday usually suffices, but some growers brush the blooms over with a camel's hair brush.

HAUNTED BRIDGE IN JAPAN.

There is a bridge in Tokyo over which no bride will pass. They call it the Bridge of the Strange Disappearance, and any woman crossing it at the time of marriage will surely be divorced.

A few days ago, however, the spell which overhung the mysterious bridge was officially removed. Shinto priests in procession came to do battle with the forces of darkness. Duly robed and equipped with potent charms, they formed themselves into two parties. One recited prayers, while the other passed to and fro over the bridge, striking with long staffs at the spirits which they alone were empowered to see. This done, the bridge was pronounced "open," and safe for the most timid bride.

The incident to which the bridge owes its ill-omened reputation dates from the thirteenth century. In the neighbourhood, says tradition, lived one Nakano, a wealthy but unpatriotic man, whose constant free was that his goods would be seized to swell the national war-chest. So he hauled his treasure in boxes by the river, slew the servant who had assisted him, and cast the body into its dark waters. His sin was visited upon his daughter, who, three married, was thrice left a widow. Distracted, the unhappy girl fled from her father's house, but in crossing the bridge she suddenly disappeared and was never seen again.

Since then her spirit and that of the murdered servant have haunted the scene of their ill-fate, but now the Yodo-bashi (to give the bridge its modern name) knows them no more.

Two oldage pensioners, one aged eighty-three and the other seventy-two, were married at St. Saviour's Church, Brockley Rise, Forest Hill.

Dr. Francis Ward, who had been engaged by the Essex Agricultural Fishery Committee to report on the feeding habits of gulls, states that the birds are increasing on the land, and the crops of the specimens examined were found to be full of seed-corn.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING-SEASON.

INTRODUCTORY.

"It's been such a bad breeding-season," is a remark one frequently hears, and I am afraid often makes use of as a consolation when failure appears.

Overhearing this expression so constantly, and feeling absolutely convinced of its fallacious self-deceptive nature, it occurred to me that a treatise thoroughly dissecting and subjecting to critical examination the many details which conjointly make or mar a breeding-season would not only be most acceptable to many, but also assist them to avoid the pitfalls (which otherwise only experience, at a great expense of both money and time, could teach them), and thus eventually abolish, or at all events minimise, the use of this most objectionable and illusive observation.

The increased interest in poultry culture has naturally attracted both brains and capital to the industry, causing rapid development in fowlhouse, management, stock, and appliances, and in my opinion, founded on practical experience, is due to perseverance and an intelligent application of the information at our disposal, we are in a unique position, almost if not entirely independent of nature. With us, then, is responsibility of success or failure, and as we willingly accept the pleasures of the former, let us equally be honest and acknowledge our errors when the latter obtains. Occasionally failure may be caused by circumstances over which we have no control, but in the great majority of cases a careful perusal of the information contained in this treatise, practically carried out with that indomitable energy so essential in poultry farming, will ensure success.

It is not my intention to write a scientific book, nor to give the why and wherefore's such works abound. I am simply desirous of placing before you certain facts of commission and omission, which militate against success, and details which must receive attention to command success.

The suggestions are divided into three parts, the first extending to the time we have obtained our eggs, the second devoted to the incubation stage, and the third to rearing the youngsters.

My New Year's wish to you is that my thesis may be of practical assistance, and that you may enjoy and experience a more successful breeding-season than hitherto.

A DEFINITE OBJECT.

There are so many different departments in poultry culture that unless one possesses a definite policy and strictly adheres to it he may be compared to a rudderless ship—he may land safely, but the law of averages is decidedly against him. Whether exhibition or utility, fattening birds or selling eggs, or even the day-old chick industry attracts your attention, the determining factor of your enterprise is a successful breeding-season. The preliminaries to be carefully considered before the final decision is arrived at.

SELECTION OF STOCK.

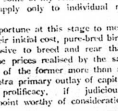
Having decided your plan of campaign the selection of breeding stock to suit your requirements becomes the first necessity. The selection may be made from stock you already possess or acquire by purchase. It is not my province to attempt to influence you to any particular branch of poultry culture, simply to assist you when that determination is made. I am attempting to cater for all, so that some of my remarks will be general and some apply only to individual requirements.

It is, however, opportune at this stage to mention that, beyond their initial cost, pure-bred birds are no more expensive to breed and rear than mongrels, whilst the prices realised by the sale of stock and eggs of the former more than remunerate for the extra primary outlay of capital. Their increased prolificacy, if judiciously selected, is also a point worthy of consideration.

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer must, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

At Killeggam, Co. Westmeath, while returning home from a local market, Michael Leogue, farmer, of Killeggam, was fired at from close range, and his right arm blown off. Leogue, who was concerned in a land dispute in the district, was removed to hospital. His recovery is regarded as doubtful. So far the police have made no arrest.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

BARKSTON ASH CUP.

In the first round of the Barkston Ash Cup Competition on Saturday afternoon Cawood defeated Barwick Rising Sun, and Church Fenton went under to Selby Olympia by three goals to one. Tadcaster Old Boys should have played Sherburn, but the former withdrew.

BARWICK R. S. V. CAWOOD UNITED.

The match between Cawood United and Barwick Rising Sun was played at Cawood, and the homesters won a hard-fought game. The teams were:—Cawood—Saunders, goal; Foxton and Dilnock, backs; Lund, Leggott, and Barker, half-backs; Lofthouse, Grieveson, Grieveson, Smith, and Curtis, forwards. Barwick Rising Sun—Mosdy, goal; Pulleyn and Peggott, backs; Scargill, Markham, and Oldfield, half-backs; Walton, Robshaw, Lowett, Robshaw, and Back, forwards. Cawood kicked off against the wind, and were not long in opening the score. Lofthouse forced his way through, and the ball cannoned off the custodian into the net. Cawood continued to have the better of the game, and Curtis made a run half the length of the field, but shot wide with only the goalkeeper to beat. Both the forwards had hard lines with good shots. Shortly after this Barwick broke away, and scored. Saunders saved a good shot at the expense of a corner, which was cleared. Lofthouse, for Cawood, and Robshaw, for Barwick, afterwards netted. Half-time:—Cawood United, 2; Barwick Rising Sun, 2. The game restarted at a good pace, and, considering the cold wind which was blowing, good football was played by both teams. R. Grievsom soon scored another goal for Cawood. The game was fought out in semi-darkness and a blizzard, and nothing further was scored. Cawood won by three goals to two.

BRIGHTON SHIELD—A SURPRISE.

Wetherby got a surprise on Boxing Day, when they played Wetherby and Corinthians. The game was keenly contested, and the Corinthians managed to win by two goals to one. Garforth W.R. were in good form against Alverford, and scored the points by three goals to nil, but Milford had a hard tussle for points against Monk Fryston, who were only beaten by the odd goal in five. In the match at Harewood, where Boston Spa were the visitors, the referee did not put in an appearance.

Sherburn appear to be a coming team. On Boxing Day they went to Whitkirk and beat the homesters by two goals to one, and they gave a creditable display. Garforth W.R. on Saturday, losing by two goals. Garforth scored three to one.

WEST RIDING CUP—SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The first match between South Milford and Wetherby was drawn, and the replay should have taken place at Wetherby, but the Milfordians did not make the journey, and Wetherby go forward to next round. They have a rather stiff task, however, as their opponents, the New Wortley Gasworks are their opponents,

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The second round will be played on Saturday, kick-off at 2.30, and the following competing are:—Rothwell White Rose v. Allerton Bywater Colliery. Referee, M. Joel.

Horsforth v. Ripon City. Referee, W. A. Osborne.

Fryston Colliery v. Methley Perseverance. Referee, Corporal Bainbridge.

Clarence Iron and Steel Works (Leeds) v. Garforth White Rose. Referee, W. Milburn.

Wetherby v. New Wortley Gasworks. Referee, E. Pullan.

Glasshoughton Colliery v. Rothwell Parish Church. Referee, A. Rowbottom.

LOCAL CLUBS AND LEEDS DISTRICT CUP.

A meeting of the Leeds and District Football Association Cup and Emergency Committee was held at the Green Dragon Hotel on Monday night, Mr W. Howe presiding. The action of the secretary in ordering Allotts White Star and Oulton St. John's to play their qualifying round on January 3rd was confirmed. For arriving late at East Hunslet on December 20th, thereby causing the game to be unfinished, Kippax Woodville were removed from the competition. The draw for the first round of the Leeds and District Senior Cup Competition resulted as follows:—

Rothwell Parish Church v. East Leeds. Referee, R. H. Stead.

Waterloo Main Colliery v. St. Anthony's. Referee, J. T. Lawson.

New Wortley Gasworks v. Allotts White Star or Oulton. Referee, H. Fitzpatrick.

Clarence Ironworks v. Leeds University V.M.I. Referee, R. H. Smithers.

East Hunslet v. Allotts West Riding. Referee, H. Milburn.

Beeston Hill Parish Church v. Great Preston White Rose. Referee, A. Holmes.

Methley Perseverance v. Leeds Harehills. Referee, M. Joel.

Allotts Albion v. Leeds Churchville. Referee, W. Pratt.

To be played on the grounds of the first-named clubs on Saturday, January 10th.

ROTHWELL W.R. v. ROTHWELL P.C.

A League match, between these teams was played on the Rose enclosure on Friday before a good number of spectators. The Churchmen kicked off uphill, facing the wind. The Rosesites got possession, and Hughes making a fine run down the wing, scored in the first few minutes with a cross shot. After a long spell of uneven play the Rosesites again took the ball down the field, and Wrigley netted. The White Rose were leading by two to nil at the interval. On resuming, play was very keen, the Churchmen having the advantage of the wind. On one of the Rose players being penalized, Pickersgill scored for the Churchmen with a capital shot, Heaton making a fine attempt to save. After disheartening the Rose goal for some time, Hirst netted, the ball bouncing off the cross-bar against the upright, and into the net, making the totals equal. The game was drawn—two goals each.

ROTHWELL P.C. BEATEN.

On Saturday afternoon Rothwell Parish Church were at Methley and lost to Methley Perseverance by two goals to one. The match was a disappointment to the Rothwell eleven, who were weakened by the loss of their accustomed custodian, Nunnes, who, it is pleasing to record, is making satisfactory progress in his illness. His place was taken by George Woodhead, who made a good show. In the first half Rothwell were disallowed a goal, shot by Hitchin during a melee. Methley obtained a lead by a goal, Woodhead, in attempting to clear, letting the ball slip out of his hands. In the second half Hitchin equalised with a neat shot. Rothwell lost the services of Boyes during the game, he being compelled to retire owing to an injury. The referee (Mr G. Marsh) was also hurt in an unfortunate manner. Wrigglesworth, the Methley right half, was taking a shot at goal, when the ball hit Mr Marsh, who was dodging out of the way at the time, on the back of the neck, causing him to fall forward. He was stunned by his fall for a few moments. There remains before time Methley netted their second and winning goal.

RUGBY NOTES.

HALTON C.S. v. BEESTON HILL.

An ordinary match was played between these teams at Halton before an enthusiastic crowd. Burman kicked off for Halton, who immediately rushed to their opponents' line, Speight opening the homesters' account with a good try after beating several opponents. Beeston Hill then adopted vigorous tactics, and made a determined assault on the Halton's line, but Lacy and Collis saved the situation with determined cackling. After magnificent passing by the homesters, Hayes was put in possession, and showing a clean pair of heels, rounded the opposition in fine style, and scored under the posts, the same player converting. From the kick out A. Killerby fielded, and, after a run of nearly the whole length of the field, passed to R. Jackson, who scored at the corner. Burman picked up in the loose, and after a strong run, lost the ball over the line, but owing to the set-art following up of Kenney the latter scored, Hayes goaling. From a scrimmage W. Killerby gathered, and passed to Kenney, who, in turn, gave to A. Killerby. Hayes received the final transfer and romped over. Half-time:—Halton 2 goals 5 tries (19 points), Beeston Hill nil. Upon the resumption the visitors improved considerably, and Halton had a hot time of it keeping them out, but relief came through Wilson giving a good kick, which found touch near the half-way line, Hayes picked up smartly and scored his third try. Burman scored a good try just before time. A feature of the game was the unselfish way in which W. Killerby and Kenney worked together, and Kenney especially, who repeatedly broke away and beat several men, gave beautifully timed passes. In the forwards Speight, Caine, Collis, and Lacy were outstanding, and Burman worked well in the loose, but would have scored his side still further if he had been so selfish when in possession of the ball. Result:—Halton C.S. 2 goals 7 tries (25 points), Beeston Hill nil.

FOOTBALL MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE

Benson Laine Red Rose v. Great Preston White Rose. R. H. Stead.

Waterloo Main Colliery v. East Hunslet. F. Tyas.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Bowers Allerton v. Normanton Dods Gym. G. Dawson.

Kippax Woodville v. Oulton St. John's. W. Ward.

St. Anthony's v. St. Simon's. G. H. Bright.

Rothwell White Rose v. Allerton Bywater Ins. A. Wilson.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

Results up to Date.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rothwell White Rose	12	9	1	2	38	13	20
Horsforth	11	8	3	0	25	9	16
New Wortley Gas W.	12	7	3	2	33	18	16
Clarence I. and S. Wks.	12	7	4	1	29	19	15
Rothwell Parish Church	8	4	1	3	20	12	11
Allerton Bywater Colliery	11	5	5	1	28	17	11
Methley Perseverance	9	4	3	2	26	13	10
Benson Lane R. Rose	10	3	5	2	12	24	8
Great Preston W. R.	12	3	7	2	21	29	8
East Ardsley United	11	3	7	1	15	22	7
Waterloo Main Colliry	11	3	7	1	10	25	7
East Hunslet	7	2	5	0	12	35	4
Wortley United	9	0	8	1	6	37	1

LEEDS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Results up to Date.

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Allerton Bywater C. In.	13	11	0	2	46	6	24
Bowers Allerton	13	11	2	0	37	13	22
Kippax Woodville	12	10	1	1	27	10	21
Glass Houghton Colliery	13	10	2	1	51	13	21
Rothwell W. Rose	13	9	1	3	37	20	21
Rothwell Parish Church	14	7	4	3	30	27	17
Oulton St. John's	16	6	8	2	16	38	14
St. Anthony's	8	5	3	0	11	14	10
Normanton Dods G.	12	3	8	2	11	24	8
St. Simon's	11	3	8	0	3	54	6

Waterloo Main Colliery and Yeadon White Rose have resigned, and points are awarded for all unfulfilled matches.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY MALINGERING.

Malingering, it appears, is as old as the friendly societies themselves, though happily it has never affected any but a small proportion of the members. A quaint declaration was required in the eighteenth century by a Lancashire friendly society. It ran:—

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The secretary of one of the large Orders, writing on this question a few days ago, said:—"So far as I am able to judge at the moment, the sickness in the voluntary section has been far greater than in 1912." Though some cases of malingering are bound to be brought to light, there is, it is stated, no expectation of widespread operation on either the State insurance funds or the voluntary funds. Sickness is not only seasonal, but to a considerable extent geographical in its incidence.

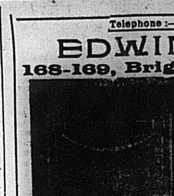
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A WOMAN'S FLIGHT

SHORT STORY.

Like a grey sopping mantle, the fog wrapped in its clinging mist the ship that crept along cautiously, so slowly that at times it seemed as if there were no movement at all. Two figures stood side by side on the deserted deck, and neither knew the other was there. They were a young man and a girl who had found the cabins and saloon unendurably stuffy, and felt that any air was better than none.

Presently the girl moved abruptly; everything was unbearable, and with her sudden movement knocked up against her fellow passenger.

"I beg your pardon. I didn't know anybody was there," she said apologetically.

The man's face flushed and a thrill stirred his heart with almost a pang of pain. He knew the voice, was sure it could belong to no other girl, and it was the very person he was fleeing from, whose presence had become a sweet torture to him, for he loved her madly, would always love her, yet could never have the hope of winning her. Why, her wedding day was fixed! She would probably marry by now, since he had fled from England as from a danger, anxious to put the seas between himself and Phillipa Loring.

The police had been offered him to go out to Ceylon, tea planting, and he had eagerly accepted it. But this woman whose voice resembled Phillipa's could not be she; he was dreaming, haunted as he ever was by her presence. She was married to Lord Chalmers. He had seen in the papers that the wedding would shortly take place, and had heard all the talk and chatter, and of how lucky the girl was.

"My name is Haughton—John Haughton," said the man.

The girl gasped and her head slipped from his arm and gripped the wooden rail of the deck.

"And mine is—Phillipa Loring."

"How did you come here? Ah, I understand your husband is with you, you are on your wedding trip," answered the man huskily.

"No, oh no, I am alone. Didn't you know that is all off? I am not going to be married at all—not at all!" emphatically.

"For God's sake, what do you mean?"

His hand fell on her in the gloom, and touching her arm held it.

"I've been very badly, shockingly; I broke it off on the eve of the wedding day. I just couldn't when it came to the point; everyone was angry with me, and there—Mrs Carson helped me, she was a friend of mine, she had to send a maid out to her sister in Colombo. The girl fucked going at the very last, and I am taking her place. I can dress hair, make blouses, and things; I've had to, you know, so she helped me to get away, and—here I am. But you—what are you doing here?"

"You can't be going out as a lady's maid, the thing is impossible; you, Phillipa Loring—how could you think of it?" he cried.

"It came upon me all at once that I could not be Lord Chalmers' wife. I am not the sort of girl I thought I was. I found that I just had to love the man whom I married. Riches and position would not make up to me for—well, you know—for other things, and I was an awful coward, for I ran away. Of course, this going out to Colombo came as a chance to save me. Mrs Carson advanced me my passage money, and my name is booked on the ship as Jane White."

"Jane White," repeated Haughton drily. He felt astirred by the suddenness of things and the unseen situation, inconceivable it appeared to him. Mrs Carson, too, what did it mean? Phillipa evidently knew nothing of the fact that Mrs Carson was an old and intimate friend of his, that she alone knew of his love for the girl, and she had actually sent her on the same ship with him. It is true, Jane White was travelling second class and he was first, but he had wandered down to the second class to wile away the time, but he knew that the first-class would not see much of him now.

Clouds seemed to be rolling away from him; there was light and hope, and his heart leapt at the thought that Phillipa was free. Why should he not woo her? And then he remembered Ethel Carson's last words as she clasped his hand in farewell.

"Who knows? Fate may be kind after all. I have a feeling that your luck is changing, Jack, old boy. Write and tell me if it does."

Her words rang in his ear. She was a splendid friend, a chum of the right sort and could keep a secret. He knew that when one day he had blurted out the truth, the cause of his moroseness, his hopeless love story, and she had talked to him, said but little perhaps, but helped him as only a woman can—sometimes.

And now he learned that she was Phillipa's friend, too. How strange!

"I believe the fog is lifting! Why, I can see you!" said the girl, and he saw the shine of her eyes through the vanishing mist.

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They had had bad weather through the bay, but both were good sailors and had been able to meet every day on deck, one side only, for the ship was at such an angle that only one side could be available for a walk for those who possessed sea legs and good macintoshes. However, the worst was over now, and instead of wearing an ugly, shapeless waterproof, Phillipa appeared one morning in white serge and a shady hat that was most becoming, the folds of soft blue silk round the crown matched her eyes, and the man who loved her wondered if it could be possible that he should have the luck to win such a lovely girl whom every man turned his head to look at.

"How nice you look!" was her greeting when he came towards her in flannels, looking smart and cool and delightfully English.

"I was about to say the same thing to you, but now I suppose I mustn't. You would think me too unoriginal. Isn't the sun delightful?"

"Heavenly! Do you know I am sure I'm not dressed as Jane White would be, this is one of my trousseau garments; I picked out the plainest and most useful and brought with me. I shall have to put on something more dowdy before we reach the end of the voyage. How fast the time has gone!"

"Too fast!"

"We have become quite friends," she said in a low voice, fluttering the leaves of a magazine she held.

"Have we?"

"Perhaps I ought not to have said that," she murmured.

"Why not?" replied Haughton gravely.

"Well—you seemed to have a doubt about it."

"There are various kinds of friends, some are content with little in the way of friendship. I want a great deal."

He looked at her then, and their eyes met. Hers expressed a sweet confidence that answered his questioning look.

They sat down on a heavy coil of rope and were apart from the many passengers, who were glad to be out on this brilliant morning.

"I would be friends with you and have your love," quoted John Haughton, and laid his hand over hers on the magazine.

She made no reply, but a warm colour rose to her face, her eyes were lowered and her lips quivered.

"Phillipa!"

"Jack!"

He had not thought to tell his love so soon, he had been afraid of so short a wooing, but now it was over, and there, in the sunshine with the song of the dancing waves in their ears, he told her all she was to him, and how he would work for her to make a little home where she would reign as queen.

"You'll fetch me soon, won't you, Jack? I don't mind being poor, and I am quite a useful sort of girl, really, but remember, you'll be marrying a maid, for I shall be Jane White when we land, you know," said Phillipa, and then as she snuggled closer to him, she whispered:

"Don't you know it was because of you that I broke with Lord Chalmers? I kept comparing you two men, and wondered why I felt so different with you, how you made my heart beat, how I—I thrilled when I heard your name mentioned."

"I just want to take you in my arms little girl, and never let you go. Yes, I understand, Darling, we must be married as soon as we reach Colombo. We'll fight our way together."

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"Well, of course, I guessed what would happen, and was prepared after receiving Ethel's long cable, which must have cost her a month's dress money to send, Jane White was a myth. I am not in want of a maid at all, and you are to make use of my house and home until the wedding is arranged, so that's settled, and you are to go right here in my husband coming along to add his welcome to mine," said Mrs Carson's sister after shaking hands warmly with the engaged pair.

And a little later the woman in England who had brought them together so cleverly, received news of their marriage that rejoiced her heart, for they were both very dear to her, and she was bent on making them happy—as indeed she had done.

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Dr. Robertson, the Bishop of Exeter, has been given a motor-car, subscribed for by leading laity in his diocese, as a Christmas present.

During the Boxing Day meet of Lord Middleton's hunt at Skelmere hounds killed a fox in a farm kitchen pantry,—where the fugitive had taken refuge.

It has been reported to the Dulverton (Somerset) Board of Guardians that an old lady at present receiving parochial relief will not apply for an old-age pension, although according to her marriage certificate her age is more than 70. She says that when she was married she was under 21 and misrepresented her age because her parents objected to the marriage. The Guardians decided to stop the relief in order than the old lady may apply for a pension.

A THORNER LADY'S DEATH.

WIDOW OF THE LATE VICAR.

The sudden death of a clergyman's widow, Mrs Jane Gertrude Mascroft, wife of the late Rev. James Wilson Mascroft, formerly vicar of Thorner, was investigated on Monday afternoon by the Leeds Coroner (Mr J. C. Malcolm).

The deceased lady, who was about sixty-five years of age, and resided at 16, Shobbroke View, Chapeltown, Leeds, had suffered for some time from a weak heart. On Friday last she was returning home from a visit to a friend shortly after nine o'clock at night, when she was taken ill.

She knocked at the door of a house in Shobbroke Avenue, but Mrs Lyder, who was the sole occupant, did not immediately open the door, owing to the darkness of the night. Instead she summoned a neighbour, and when Mr Rhodes, a wholesale clothier, of 61, Shobbroke Avenue, went into the garden of the next-door house he found Mrs Mascroft lying dead on the path near the gate.

The medical evidence showed death to be due to heart failure, and a verdict of "Natural causes" was returned.

PRESENTATION TO A BARWICK TEACHER.

A SCHOLES LADY'S WORK.

A very interesting ceremony took place last before the Barwick-in-Elmet School broke up for the Christmas vacation. Miss Emma Crosland, who had been connected with the school for over twenty years, first as scholar, and then as teacher, had tendered her resignation prior to being married. In order to mark their appreciation of Miss Crosland's work, both teachers and scholars had joined together to present her with a pair of pewter vases.

In making the presentation Mr A. Booth, the headmaster, referred to the good example set by Miss Crosland in her devotion to her school work. Though living at Scholes, Miss Crosland was invariably first at school. She had covered nearly two miles in her journeys to and from school. Many of these miles had been walked in bad weather, with snow deep on the ground. Though both teachers and scholars were sorry they were to lose Miss Crosland, they were most sincere in their wishes for her future happiness.

Miss Connie Lumb, the youngest subscriber, on behalf of go of the scholars, handed Miss Crosland one the vases, while the other was given by the teachers.

In her reply, Miss Crosland said she felt it very hard to say what she wanted to say. Telling a fairy story or giving a history lesson would have been far easier. Nevertheless, she thanked them all for their kindness, and hoped that as a visitor she would yet pay several more visits to the school.

Before being dismissed, both children and teachers joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

In addition to the vases, Miss Crosland received some eight or nine presents from individual scholars.

BARWICK-IN-ELMET INSTITUTE.

A billiard handicap, in which there were 40 entries, has just been finished at Barwick Institute.

In the semi-final rounds E. Backhouse received 70 beat T. Robshaw one 25 by 150 to 110, while H. Walton received 20 defeated T. Bowman received 50 by 150 to 123.

The final match between Walton and Backhouse proved very exciting, the latter eventually proving the winner by 2 points only—150 to 148. In playing off for third and fourth prizes T. Robshaw beat T. Bowman by 150 to 109.

The prizes went to the following:—1st prize (turkey), E. Backhouse; and prize (goose), H. Walton; 3rd prize (hare), T. Robshaw; 4th prize (couple of rabbits), T. Bowman.

For making the highest break (33) in the handicap T. Robshaw received a couple of rabbits.

At the conclusion of the final beak the prizes were presented to the winners by Councillor Lumb, who spoke of the good feeling which the players had shown in their games. The handicapping had been most carefully done, as was shown by the close finishes in most of the games. The final had proved a genuine match, for after passing the 100 mark together, it was practically a head-to-head battle between the finalists until the winning stroke.

The thanks of all the members were given to the donors of the prizes, viz., Mr H. S. Childe (Potterton Hall), Rev. R. H. Harvey, and Mr Geo. Schofield (Potterton Grange). Mr T. Robshaw suitably replied on behalf of the winners.

AN ADEL LADY AND INEFFICIENCY

CONCERNING THE LAZY.

Helen G. Grantham, M.D., of St. Helen's, Adel, in a letter to the "Post," says:—In reference to the present controversy about the position of Leeds Corporation employees and the strike, may I be permitted to draw the attention of those who advocate an all-round increase in rates of wages, to an aspect of the question hitherto almost ignored?

It is obvious that the over-paying of the inefficient and the lazy puts a premium on inefficiency and laziness, and increases the opportunity for the perpetuation of such people. It is equally obvious that there would be a stimulus of weakness to the nation, and their increase in future generations a growing menace.

It is true that there are much unhappiness among the inefficient, for there are none so unhappy and discontented as the inefficient and the lazy. Consequently, by indirectly doing anything to increase the number of the inefficient, we are directly responsible for a larger amount of human unhappiness in the future than the withholding, in the present, of more wages than a man is worth can possibly produce.

"Profiteering" and "social wreckers," together with others who should have a wider outlook, appear so desirable to exploit their intellectual horizon that they would try to diminish the present unrest and discontent at the cost of unhappiness to countless numbers of the unborn.

At the present day the joy of living which springs from using every faculty to the utmost is being crushed out of existence by the unnatural (and immoral) selection instituted by the hyper-sentimentalist, and the efforts of the Socialist to restrain each worker from doing his utmost.

The Vicar of Mellor has, in the December issue of his parish magazine, some remarkable comments on the use of the burial service. "The burial service," he says, "is meant for Christian people. It is not meant for the unbaptised, nor suicides, nor excommunicated persons."

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOME TAX DEMANDS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The collectors' cards are now making their annual distribution of demand notes for the current year the tax for which is payable on or before the 1st January. Before paying the amount demanded your readers should be careful to ascertain that the amount is correct, and that they have been allowed all the deductions to which they are entitled. Particularly they should see that they are not paying inhabited house duty and land tax for which they are not liable, as it is generally impossible to obtain any repayment of these duties. Repayment of incometax overpaid can now be claimed for the three years ended 5th April last; this applies, of course, more especially to income derived from investments, house property and annuities, and also claims in respect of life assurance premiums and the allowances for children under 16.—Yours etc.,

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MISSING POTTERY AT FERRYBRIDGE.

POLICE MAKE A RAID—SEQUEL.

In consequence of the reported disappearance of goods from the warehouses of Messrs Poulson Brothers, West Riding Potteries, Ferrybridge, the police made a raid upon the houses of a number of suspected employees, and the result was the appearance of five persons at Pontefract Police Court on Saturday, charged with stealing a quantity of pots, plates, dishes, etc., which occupied the greater portion of the collieries' table in several large potters' crates.

Among the goods were many special potteries, bearing Yorkshire mottoes, of which, it was said, only four were made to a certain order, every one of which disappeared before delivery could be effected, and a quantity of pots for shipping orders, and therefore unattainable locally, besides quantities of goods made for and bearing the name of the West Ham Guardians.

Sarah Jane Smith, married, manageress of the warehouse from which most of the articles had been stolen, was fined £2 and £1 4s. 6d. costs, and the Bench describing her breach of trust as a bad feature of the case.

Alice Hall, who was said to be the only support of a husband crippled with a broken back, and had been in custody for 28 days, was fined £1 and £1 7s. 6d. costs; W. H. West and Charles West, labourers, and Carter Hedley, chainer, Ferrybridge, were fined £2 and costs each, and the first-named was further fined £1 6s. costs only for stealing last March a horse-collar, the property of Robert Padgett, which he pawned for 1s. 6d.

Thomas Pearson England, potter, Knottingley, was charged with stealing ten copperplates, the property of Messrs Been Brothers, potters, by whom he was employed. The plates were nominally valued at £2, but it was said that they could not be replaced under £20. In view of previous convictions he was committed for three months' hard labour.

HUNTING IN THE DISTRICT

IN ASKHAM AND BILBROUGH.

Following their usual custom, the York and Ainsty Hunt met on Acomb Green on Friday. Public interest in the event was again widely manifested by the York people, who to the number of five or six thousand made the journey to Acomb, despite a heavy drizzle which prevailed all the morning. The spectators lined the Church Road on the green, and occupied the steep banks which surrounded the green (on which were hounds and a fair sprinkling of the followers of the Hunt), giving the scene the appearance of a vast amphitheatre.

The order was Askham Bogs. Cumpstone had great difficulty in getting his hounds through the crowd of traps and horses when leaving the Green. They went Gale Lane way to draw to give the foot-people time to reach the high ground over-looking the Askham Bogs. The line of traps was fully half-a-mile long, and the crowds were always in evidence.

It began to rain, but this did not damp the keenest from following on. Getting to the Bogs hounds drew the cover from the Chancer Wing and they found, and rattled their fox with a breast-high run over a good cover. Once they got into the open, after ten minutes' cover work, the fox was hallooed away at the Askham end, going over Mr Handley Taylor's farm.

Going over the lane the line was forward. What a grand sight the hilltop people had; though fog hung about they could see all the fun from Gale Lane. The hounds checked by Mr Taylor's farm, crossed the road, and ran pointing for the kennels. The fox got turned about at every point. Cumpstone cast to the left, and went over the Acomb road, to lose the line on Mr Arthur Thomlinson's farm.

Mr Preston went on to Mr Wall's-Fairbairn's preserves. They had a long draw in Askham Whin, and it looked very much like a blank day. Reynard, however, had gone, and some said it was a dog, while others said it was a hare. Hounds told a different tale—it was a fox, without a brush, and a very lanky fox he looked. Getting over Mr C. Wilson's ploughed field, hounds could not drive along, and kept checking. Cumpstone made a run of it by going forward and keeping near to Mr Fox's, making £22, £21 10s., £20 12s. 6d., £19 12s. 6d., £19 10s.; Messrs Ireshboard Bros., of Ribston, sold four bullocks at £23 5s., £22 5s., £16 12s. 6d., and £15 15s.; four good bullocks from the Auctioneers made £26 10s., £25 10s., £23, and £23 15s.; Mr S. Elvidge, of Headley, had two good bullocks, making £25 10s. and £24. Mr J. W. Atkinson, of Walshford, had two pens of sheep, making up to 68s. each; a pen of choice sheep from Mr H. Holmes made 70s. each; two pens of choice sheep from Mr C. Jones, of Ingbarrow, to 51s. each; from Mr J. Robinson, of Bilton, to 47s. 6d. each; from Mr Kendall, of Bickerton, to 45s. 6d. each; from Mr J. H. Hoole, of Bickerton Grange, to 55s. each; from Mr Feerby, of Stockeld, to 44s. each; prime Cheviots from Mr H. Elvidge, of Walton, made to 43s. each; from Mr S. Elvidge to 35s. 6d.; from Mr B. Greaves to 36s. each. Store pigs made to 38s. each; etc.

ARCHBISHOP TO PREACH IN A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Some comment, says the "Scottish Chronicle" (the organ of the Episcopal Church in Scotland), has been provoked by the announcement that the Archbishop of York is to preach in the Presbyterian Church of St. Giles, Edinburgh on the 18th of January. It has been recognised for some years that the University Chapels are common ground; but the Church of St. Giles is not a University Chapel, and the fact that the Archbishop of York is to address a gathering of students does not, in the opinion of many churchpeople, alter the situation one little bit. This sort of policy may be right or wrong; it may be a good thing for our clergy to come out in Presbyterian pulpits. We express no opinion on this question meantime, but what we do hold most strongly is, that if such a principle is to be admitted, then it should be admitted by the voice of the whole Church, and not on the initiative of individual diocesans.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Rather quiet, the following prices being quoted:—Wheat 31s. to 33s., black oats 18s. 6d. to 20s. 6d., white 18s. 6d. to 20s. 6d., barley 29s. to 30s., feeding barley 24s. to 25s., and rye 24s. per qr.

LEEDS, Tuesday.—There has been so little business during the past week that the position is unchanged. Shipments are moderate, but not excessive. Speculations are few and millers operate with caution for immediate requirements only. Both foreign and British meals remain to late rates. Malting barley unchanged. Maize firm. Beans steady. Oats quiet.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs—Per 120, fresh 2s. 3d. and 2s. 4d. per lb.; chickens 5s. to 10s.; rabbits 2s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES

SELBY, Monday.—Little doing, prices remaining about the same. Sand Up-to-Dates 45s. to 47s. 6d., sand King Edwards 50s. to 52s. 6d., warp King Edwards 60s. to 65s. per ton; retail 2s. 6d. per hamper.

CATTLE

LEEDS, Tuesday.—A small supply of cattle and sheep, which met a dull but firm demand, but no change in prices. Quotations:—Beef 53d. to 57d., sheep 6d. to 10½d., calves 9d. per lb. Pigs in good demand at 8s. 9d. per stone. At market:—Beasts 310, sheep 19,057, calves eight, pigs four.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son had a light entry of stock at their fortnightly sale. Newly-calved cows met a dragging market, except for the very best, and these made £22 to £24 10s.; medium and secondary kinds, £18 2s. 6d. to £21; February calvers, to £21. The trade for in cattle ruled similar to last sale, the best bullocks and heifers making 73d., secondary kinds 70., and cows to 69d. per lb. Bullocks, to £21 12s. 6d.; heifers, to £20 10s.; cows, to £21 12s. 6d. Choice shortlegs and hoggets made 10d. to 11d., and ewes 8d. to 9d. per lb. Owing to swine fever restrictions very few pigs were penned, and prices ruled:—Bacon pigs, to £7 17s. 6d. Breeding calves made to 27s., and veal calves to £3 each. Numbers sold—54 newly calved and calving cows, 50 fat beasts, 104 sheep, 30 pigs, and 5 calves.

SELBY, Monday.—At this auctions mart to-day Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 25 beasts, 4 sheep, and 23 pigs. There was a good attendance of buyers, but owing to the wintry weather a very short supply of stock, not nearly sufficient for local requirements. A sharp trade for best at 9s. per stone; small pork making 9s. and 9s. 6d. a score. Prices:—Fat bullocks made up to £21 12s. 6d., fat heifers £17 2s. 6d., small store beasts £10 12s. 6d., including cows £21 2s. 6d., fat ewes £2 14s. 6d., pork pigs £3 5s., small store pigs £1 17s. 6d. each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—At this auction mart to-day Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a splendid show of well-finished beef, but a smaller show of sheep than usual, the stormy weather no doubt preventing many lots coming to the sale. The attendance of buyers and dealers was about an average one. Competition was spirited for all the best class of stock, which realised about 6d. per stone more money, making from 56s. 6d. to 57s. per stone. Medium sorts from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Sheep met a good demand from 10d. to 11d. per lb., ewes about 8d. per lb. Numbers sold:—69 beasts, 101 sheep and lambs. A grand weight pen of cattle from the Exors. of Jno. J. Thomlinson, Tockwith, topped the sale, making £31 2s. 6d., and another grand bullock from the same feeders sold for £22 15s.; Mrs Otter, of Hunsingore, had two bullocks of choice and well-finished bullocks, realising £28 7s. 6d., £27 7s. 6d., £26 10s., and £24 10s.; Mr J. H. Hoole, of Bickerton Grange, had a pen of grand quality bullocks, making £24 12s. 6d., £24 7s. 6d., £22 7s. 6d., £21 15s., £21 7s. 6d., £19 7s. 6d., £18 17s. 6d., and £17; ten grand fed bullocks from Mr J. H. Atkinson, of Highfield, made £24 10s., £24 2s. 6d., £22 15s., £22 12s. 6d., £22 5s., £21 12s., £21 7s. 6d., £21, and £21; Mr W. Atkinson, of Kirk Deighton, had two useful bullocks, realising £27 7s. 6d. and £21 12s. 6d.; two useful bullocks from Mr D. Robinson, of Bilton, sold for £23 17s. 6d. and £23 12s.; nine bullocks from Mr T. Dawson, of Walshford, made £25 10s. and £21 17s. 6d., £21 5s., £21, £20 15s., £19 5s., £18 17s. 6d., and £18 10s.; Mr R. Dearlove, of Walton Lodge, had three bullocks, realising £25 12s. 6d., £21 7s. 6d., and £21 5s.; Mr J. T. Dearlove, of Walton, had two bullocks, which made £19 17s. 6d. and £19 12s. 6d.; Mr A. Goodworth, Linton, had two bullocks sold for £21 and £20 17s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Watson, of Wighill Manor, had two bullocks and two heifers, making £24 2s. 6d., £23 5s., £20 12s. 6d., and £20 5s.; two useful bullocks from Mr Wall Tomlinson, of Wighill, made £28 2s. 6d. and £23 17s. 6d.; Mr Lumley, of Bilton, sold a very choice bullock at £26 15s.; Mr Hy. Watson, of Newton Kyme, had two bullocks, making £22, £21 10s., £20 12s. 6d., £19 12s. 6d., £19 10s.; Messrs Ireshboard Bros., of Ribston, sold four bullocks at £23 5s., £22 5s., £16 12s. 6d., and £15 15s.; four good bullocks from the Auctioneers made £26 10s., £25 10s., £23, and £23 15s.; Mr S. Elvidge, of Headley, had two good bullocks, making £25 10s. and £24. Mr J. W. Atkinson, of Walshford, had two pens of sheep, making up to 68s. each; a pen of choice sheep from Mr H. Holmes made 70s. each; two pens of choice sheep from Mrs C. Jones, of Ingbarrow, to 51s. each; from Mr J. Robinson, of Bilton, to 47s. 6d. each; from Mr Kendall, of Bickerton, to 45s. 6d. each; from Mr J. H. Hoole, of Bickerton Grange, to 55s. each; from Mr Feerby, of Stockeld, to 44s. each; prime Cheviots from Mr H. Elvidge, of Walton, made to 43s. each; from Mr S. Elvidge to 35s. 6d.; from Mr B. Greaves to 36s. each. Store pigs made to 38s. each; etc.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

A lump of sugar placed in the bowl of a paraffin lamp will prevent the lamp from smoking.

To stiffen muslin dresses, dissolve a tablespoonful of gum arabic in three quarts of water. Use instead of starch; dry, sprinkle, and iron in the usual way.

When washing glass or earthenware, place the articles in warm, salted water. They will clean more quickly.

When boiling clothes, place an unpeeled lemon, cut into slices, in the copper with the clothes to boil. This will remove all stains, and make the clothes beautifully white.

When making an apple tart bruise the pips and add to the tart. This will greatly improve the flavour.

When making baked custard, pour boiling milk on to the beaten eggs. It will then bake beautifully firm.

When making a pie the juice from the fruit very often soaks through the undercrust, and spoils the appearance of it. This can be prevented by brushing the crust over with the white of an egg.

To remove the smell of cooking, take a basin of boiling water and pour into it about five drops of oil of lavender. In a few minutes all smell of cooking will have disappeared.

The bread-pan should be washed out weekly, dried, and thoroughly aired by keeping the lid in a fully open state. Thus the bread will never get a musty, mustv taste. To keep it from becoming too dry, place a well-washed potato in the pan. Moisture is given off by the potato.

To clean gilt mirror frames, mix powdered whiting to smooth paste with methylated spirit. Allow the spirit to evaporate, and brush off the powder before it becomes hard. Polish with a leather.

A glass water-bottle, when discoloured by hard water, can be easily cleaned and made to look bright by putting a little vinegar and a pinch of salt into the bottle, letting it stand for about two hours, then rinsing out with clean water.

After polishing the brass in the usual way, rub it over with a soft cloth dipped in vaseline, and then polish it with a dry duster. In this way brass will not tarnish quickly, no matter how bad the weather may be, and the extra trouble is small.

If, in spite of care, a bed sore is formed through the cracking of the skin, the spirit or lemon applications must be stopped at once. The sores should be kept covered with linen on which is spread either lead, zinc, or tannic acid ointment. If through much movement, the linen is likely to crease and roll up, the best plan is to bathe the sores frequently with lead lotion. The attention of a doctor should always be called to the redness which precedes bed sores.

The following mixture is excellent for polishing:—Linseed oil, 1 tablespoonful; methylated spirit and oxalic acid, 1 teaspoonful each. The oxalic should be thoroughly dissolve, and then apply with a soft flannel. The polish will remain on the linoleum even after is has been washed.

WINDOW SASH CORDS.

The life of a window-sash cord can be doubled by a periodical application of tallow or, lard. The window should be thrown up, and the sash cord greased with any old-fashioned tallow-dip slightly heated; the window then shut, and the same process applied to the rest of the cord. If tallow candles are not to be had pure lard should be rubbed sparingly on. Do not accustom any fat with salt in it, as the salt would rot the cord quicker than the damp.

LIGHTING THE COPPER FIRE.

Place a little paper in front of the stove, cross with a few sticks. Set alight. Add some more sticks and some small lumps of coal lightly with the hand. When the coal has caught take the kitchen rake and push all gently to the back. The fire will now be clear and bright and the dangerous practice of throwing on oil will be avoided. Inexperienced people nearly always find the copper fire difficult to light because they first block the back of the stove with fuel. The flue being small, this prevents a draught through, and fills the place with smoke.

CLEANING WATER BOTTLES.

Pour in a little vinegar, add two tablespoonfuls of salt, shake well, and rinse with clean water. The same remedy applies to a clogged pipe in a lavatory basin as to a sink pipe. In this case, instead of the grease, the congealed soap does the mischief. The hot water will soon speak for itself by refusing to let the water run quickly away, telling you it requires boiling water and soda to cleanse it. If neglected, possibly a plumber will be needed to put it right. When the water is very hard which is used in toilet jugs a sediment settles at the bottom, and in time becomes quite black. Soda and water is no use for this, it will require spirits of salts. Mix a little with water, tie a cloth on to a stick, and stir well round until all the marks disappear, being careful not to touch the cloth with your hands.

CASTOR OIL.

Castor oil is one of the safest and most efficacious medicines that can be given for colic. To prevent griping and to allay the pain of the colic, the chemist should add a few drops of laudinum, according to the age of the patient; but the laudanum must on no account be given to infants. A simple method of taking castor oil is to half fill a wineglass with cold water and to flood the dose of one or two tablespoonfuls of castor oil on the surface. Then, if a table-spoonful of brandy is gently added, the dose will remain surrounded by brandy and water, so that not only can it be swallowed easily, but the flavour will be disguised. For children the best plan of giving castor oil is to beat the dose in a teacup, just like whipping an egg, and to pour over it half a teacupful of hot milk.

VALUE OF BARLEY.

Barley is one of the most nutritious of our cereals, but it is not employed as extensively in cookery as it might be. The great point about barley served whole in soups, stews, or as gruel, is that it should be well boiled with sufficient water to allow it to swell considerably. A nursery dish which is much appreciated is made by adding sugar, stoned raisins, and milk or cream to well-boiled barley, flavouring it with grated nutmeg, if liked.

A GLOVE CLEANER.

To clean chamois leather gloves, make a good lather of warm water and soap-flakes; or soap shredded into water and boiled till dissolved, then allowed to get cold, when it forms a jelly. Wash them well in this, squeeze out, and rinse in warm water and with every trace of soapy lather removed. Press between the hands to get rid of as much water as possible. Shake well and pull them into a good shape, then hang up in a draught to dry, not in the sun or before the fire. Whilst drying pull them out with the fingers to soften them.

SELBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Selby Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the Selby Union, Mr R. L. Walker presiding.

The Clerk reported that he had received from the Local Government Board a communication sanctioning the Board giving the Carlton and Barlby District Nursing Association and Selby Nursing Association a subscription of £2 2s. each.

A scheme relating to the way-ticket system on the terms and conditions recommended by the Executive Committee of the York-shire Poor Law Conference, was submitted by the Clerk, and it was decided to refer the matter to the House Committee, to report upon it at a future meeting of the Guardians.

The Clerk reported that he had received from the Government officer a copy of the provisional valuation of the children's cottage home, Selby Street, Selby, belonging to the Union. The original gross value was put down at £500 and the original assessable site value at £160.

The Chairman remarked that the Board could take no exception to the valuation, whereupon it was approved.

Durham Miners' Association have accepted a tender amounting to £31,375 for the erection of a new miners' hall at Red Hills, on the city boundary.

Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

A large number of officials and others of the Rothwell Circuit assembled at Normanton on Friday, where they were hospitably entertained to dinner by the Normanton friends. Every effort had been made to make the visit thoroughly enjoyable, and the appreciation of the ministers and gentlemen present was cordially voiced by Messrs. Walter Hargreaves, C.C., W. McAdam, and A. W. Stones.

The interval between dinner and the meeting was pleasantly occupied in social intercourse, and the quarterly meeting was opened with other three o'clock with worship and prayer. The Rev. N. W. Thorntharpe presided, and there were present—Rev. M. Phillipson, B.A., Mr. W. Hargreaves, and Mr. M. Nixon (stewards), and some of the other members (including the Local Preachers). Congratulations were offered to three members of the meeting, whose birthdays occurred on the 29th inst.—to Mr. Hargreaves, who was 70 years of age; to Mr. Nixon, who was 60; and to Mr. Phillipson, who was 50. Congratulations were offered to three members of the meeting, whose birthdays occurred on the 29th inst.—to Mr. Hargreaves, who was 70 years of age; to Mr. Nixon, who was 60; and to Mr. Phillipson, who was 50.

The financial condition of the circuit is very satisfactory, the ordinary income, more than covering the ordinary expenditure, while the special collections incurred in the erection of A.'s in the Rothwell house will be cleared in the next meeting.

The balance-sheet in connection with the "coming of age" celebrations surprised everybody by showing £21 to the good, for the benefit of the circuit funds. It was also reported that the first collector of the "Shilling-a-month" was practically sold out, and that the booklet had been much appreciated. A resolution was passed warmly thanking Mr Stephenson for his splendid work in organising the celebrations, to Mr Marshall for preparing the "Souvenir," and to all the friends who had entertained the visiting ministers.

The Chairman gave the membership statistics, which are slightly less than last quarter. The Special Committee recommend evangelistic services in three or four of the churches.

Hearty thanks were passed to Mr Hargreaves and Mr Nixon for their services as stewards. The latter gentleman having declined another year's office, Mr M Bellby was appointed with Mr Hargreaves.

Votes of appreciation were carried in connection with the quarterly meeting secretary (Mr Marshall), and the Circuit choir secretary (Mr A. W. Stones), and this were re-appointed.

The matters of Foreign Missionary accounts (Messrs. Nixon and Ward, and of the circuit accounts (Messrs. J. Kidd and A. W. Stones) were audited and passed.

The present delegates to the Leeds Methodist Council and the Ecclesall Council were also re-elected re-elected.

Rev. M. Phillipson reported that the circuit's contribution to the Missionary Centenary Fund would be over £50.

The continuous financial assistance of the various Ladies' sewing meetings, and the self-denying labours of the local preachers were warmly acknowledged by several gentlemen.

Mr Stephenson, who is a member of the Homes Committee, and secretary of the Hemsford Committee, for the forthcoming Conference in Leeds next July, gave interesting information on Conference arrangements. There will be twelve Conference missionaries staying at "Thornes" in the circuit.

Several matters in connection with the Circuit Sunday School Council were discussed. The next meeting will be held at Carlton, by invitation, on Wednesday, March 11th, 1914.

A SENSATIONAL WHITWOOD CASE.

At Castleford on Thursday William Dobson (47), of Waterloo Row, Whitwood, was charged with a criminal offence against Agnes Speight, a girl under 16 years of age.

Mr. T. A. Davison, prosecuting, said the prisoner, up to Saturday last, was superintendent of the Whitwood Wesleyan Sunday School and Society Steward. He was a widower, and through his position at the Sunday school, when this girl was left an orphan, he undertook to look after her. This husband done for some years.

Twelve months ago the girl left Whitwood, and was now residing at Lockwood, Huddersfield. The prisoner had induced her to visit him on many occasions, and the unfortunate girl was now in a certain condition. He asked for a reward, as beyond evidence of arrest he did not propose to call further evidence then.

Police Constable Murray said he arrested the prisoner on Wednesday at his house, and, after being cautioned, the prisoner said, "Yes, I've been expecting this."

Mr R. C. Williamson, for the prisoner, asked for bail, saying up to now the accused had borne an irreproachable character. He had been employed by one firm for over twenty years.

Mr Davison said that having regard to the peculiar circumstances of the case, he must object. He was instructed that after the arrest of the prisoner became known in Whitwood the whole village was in an uproar, crowds of women parading the place threatening to duck the accused.

Replying to the Magistrate (Mr Crowther), the constable said a large crowd of women behaved very threateningly towards the prisoner when he was removing him.

Eventually bail was granted, the prisoner in £25, and a surety of £25 for his appearance in court next Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS AT TADCASTER.

At Tadcaster there was service at the various churches on Christmas Day. On Friday the meet of the Bramham Moor Hounds was held in the Market Place and drew a large crowd of people, but hounds had not much sport, scent being bad.

On Christmas Day the inmates of the workhouse had their usual extra fare. The entertainment and treat will take place later.

A social in connection with the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church took place in the Parish Room on Friday night. The social was attended by about 140 persons, and dancing was engaged in. Mr J. Yeadon was the M.C., and the Quidcille Band supplied the music.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF RINGS.

"Don't wear your rings under gloves unless you remember to have them thoroughly examined twice a year," is the advice given by a jeweller. The constant friction wears out the tiny gold pins that hold the stones in place, and unless strict attention is paid to them they become loose in a very short time.

Small purses of soft leather are useful for the purpose for rings, or any soft pouch of skin or chamois may be used to place the rings in when desiring to carry them about with one. They should never be put into the ordinary pocket-book, as the rubbing against coins is also bad for them. Diamonds can be cleaned at home to look as well as when done by a jeweller, if only a little trouble is taken. They should be thoroughly cleaned in alcohol, and then polished with buckskin. Fine sawdust is not silly for this purpose.

SKILLED WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

CONCERNING THE HEDGER.

I record him in advance for a few minutes; and really interesting work has won to watch, though possibly ordinary people who see hedgers at their work seldom give much thought to the skilled nature of their occupation.

Here is a man, for instance, hedging gawsticks, shedding his hands from cankers, shedding spikes and thorns. He was working a hedgerow with consummate skill, slashing off boughs here and there from the tall, ragged hedgerow; then, bending down wards he gave a deft cut now and again, until some stout leaders were released to hedging upon more thereof. As it were, made a gap in the span for the spring cut to succeed, that he leaned forward, twisting them in and out in basket cut, an upright growing stem which he had left by merely lopping off their tops. Between these his great hands, seeming the various growths, interlaced and entered them in a partly weaving manner, till at last a sort of wicker-work barrier of living boughs stood in the place of the old straggling and unruly hedge. It was really skilled labour, yet labour with which machinery has, as yet, declined to interfere—and a man's work that no layman might try to imitate, for with the certain result of fading miserably. Up and down, in and out, went the bright willow and the leafless gawsticks, keeping a curving, pleasing twining. Every now and again he would pause and step backwards to look critically at his work and judge have the still growing material by the eye. Then to the power he had thus won to be utilised for the next spell, just as an artist steps backwards to take stock of his growing picture.

"You know your work, Bob," I observed.

"Should do anyway—been brought up to it—and father and grandfather afore 'im—me grandad lived to over 90, he did. Ye'll find, with the art of a hedger in heredity."

"It's clever work, after all, this hedging, I guess," I said. "I've often admired it."

"Couldn't do it anyhow, if you paid me more'n wages."

"No, sir, the likes of you be clever enow with their 'eds, perhaps, but they 'eads wants practice to this sort of work. Now, I hear it's a challenge, though I make shift to read and write a bit, but I can do a bit o' hedging, and I can drive a straight furrow when it's wanted, too."

"You couldn't do that, master?"

"Oh, no, that's quite beyond me; I couldn't do it any more than I could fly."

Bob paused, took off his sweet cloth cap to wipe the sweat from his forehead, though there was a nasty clinging November drizzle falling, and said, looking straight at me with a serious twinkle at the corners of his mouth, "Now, I'm more could throw silver beggars in Brummagem—skilled artizans they calls 'em—slaves to the machines, I says."

He was a comely specimen of the labourer class; a man or perhaps this other or forty, dark-haired, rather grim-looking, with a sullen skin and a short-trimmed fringe of whisker running from ear to beard, and here and there inclining to iron grey. His legs were fortified with stout leggings, and his boots were massive, patched, and caked with mud. There was plenty of generous life in the fellow, and a evening relish of his labours.

"I begin to understand me how you work, Bob. You leave those upright pieces to grow, and then—"

"Yes, sir; but first of all I lops out of the hedge all I doesn't want, this way, and leaves in the useful; them's the sticks as I leaves, and they make the foundation like, to work round."

"I see that. And then?"

"Well, sir, —— bends down one of these here pleachers" (taking hold of a tall sapling and forcing it downwards, giving the usual rick on the one side, and turning it in an oblique direction through the upright stakes)

"Then, you see, sir, I finishes off the top, like with the beathering," and as he spoke fashioned a rude sort of rim to his great basket by twining a long, slim briar straight along the top.

"Oh, you call that 'beathering,'" I said, 'quite a new word to me."

"Dare say, sir. Well, some 'edgers in some parts trains the pleachers up as well as me, sir, and makes a regular network—what they calls 'cross-wubbling'—'cos it's the way in our parts. Squire Brooks had an idee for this extra superfine 'edging, and he brought a South country chap down to did it for him proper—you can see it on the side of the deer park."

"But you could do the same?"

"Well, you see, it takes a lot o' time, and this sort o' work is good enow. You see, I keeps the outside as plain as I can, and turns the rough inwards, towards the fields, to keep in the cattle."

"Pay good?"

"We works by the job mostly, so much a perch and I can earn about two bob a day."

"Do you get the sweet pea cut off?"

"Well, sir, the custom about here is 'hurdens'—and has been for 'undreds and 'undreds of years, as my father said."

"Burdens and hurdens?"

"Yes, every 'edger has the right to carry his day's cuttings home on his back, no more nor no'mpled, as much as he can carry, one faggot a day, and that's his perquisite, and is to pay for the racket and wear and tear from the thorns, you see."

"Oh," I said, "then you get plenty of firewood; some of the town-folk would like to have the chance, for they have to buy the sticks for lighting their fires."

"Ah, sir, I couldn't abide a town, nohow. I've my garden in the 'bitment, and I 'as my bed, and my food, and there ain't no easy smoke about, and what does I want more?"

"Not a married man, I think, Bob?"

"No, I ain't got no missus—don't want none. There was a gell once, though——"

Here Bob paused, looked straight past me, and said no more. I could see that I was on the verge of a sorrow. What, I wondered, did his wistful eyes see, beyond the misty drizzle that was seemingly made for me to look into the dense mists of the past years? Was it a loss by death, or had some fickle country wench broken Bob's heart? As I did not care to ask him, for his presence forbade me.

"You've lodged with Tomkins and his wife for years," I said.

"Yes, and bin werry comfortable. Don't want no missus; them as 'ems often 'as trouble and kids. A man is best off by hisself if he can arn his way—here's Tomkin's gell a'coming with my dinner."

N.E.R. CO.'S NEW CARRIAGES.

Following upon the suggestion of Major Pringle, the Board of Trade Inspector, as a result of the Hawes Junction and Aisgill disasters, the North Eastern Railway Co. are about to introduce in their trains a feature hitherto unknown in England. The company propose to build steel kitchen cars—cars which will be entirely, and not partially, of steel.

In addition to this, all the new passenger coaches are being fitted with electric light. Gradually, therefore, gas will entirely disappear as a luminant. It will be impossible to entirely dispense with gas for cooking purposes, but it is understood that the gas will be protected from the rest of the train by effective precautions, which have never been employed before.

Miner Charged with Perjury.

At Castleford on Wednesday Robert Taylor, miner, was committed by Robert Ager, also a miner, for committing perjury in Castleford Court on December 10th, when Ager was convicted on a charge of assaulting Taylor, and fined 20s. 6d.

Mr T. A. Davison, for Ager, said that in the case Taylor stated that on November 29th he was in a certain place when Ager struck him without provocation, and knocked him senseless. The defendant denied that he struck Taylor, and Ager makes as the result of a game of cards for Taylor, giving evidence, said he had never played a game of cards with Ager, and, in fact, did not know how to play cards. That statement constituted the first charge of perjury.

R. L. Cuffe, clerk to the magistrates, for Mr Leatham, clerk to the magistrates, gave evidence that he was in court on the 10th Dec. and heard the evidence given.

Ager gave evidence, and deposited that he had heard Taylor state that he had never played him at cards or anything else, and did not know how to play. That was not true, as ten or eleven weeks ago he played Taylor a game of "all fours" for 2s. a-side.

On a second occasion Taylor asked him to play for 2s., but he declined as he was out of work. The first game he played was a pint of beer, and Ager said, but was paid in another money nor kind.

He asked Taylor for the stakes in the club on November 29th, and Taylor replied "You won't——well get it. I once were then all turned out of the club, a fight ensuing on Taylor's provocation" replied.

Cross-examined by Mr Kemp, Ager said he had played cards for 2s. a-side, and he never got his money back. He admitted that the Bench had cautioned him for an assault on Taylor. Three weeks previously.

Mr Kemp submitted that the statement as to any previous games of cards taking place was not material to the case, and a legal argument ensued between the two advocates.

The Bench ruled that the case must proceed.

Accused was committed for trial to the Assizes, bail being allowed in his own recognisances of £20.

WETHERBY EDUCATION DISTRICT.

The school attendance returns for Wetherby district for last month showed an aggregate percentage of 91.4, as compared with 89.8 in November, and 73.18 in December of 1912.

The figures for the various schools were:—Wighill no per cent., Linton 96, Little Ribston 94.89, Clifford Roman Catholic 93.45, Wike 92.30, Long Marston 92.10, Thorner Church 91.80, Thorparch 91.52, East Keswick 91.22, Bilton 90.88, Kirk Deighton 88.75, Harewood 88.36, Scholing Hall 87.74, Bardsey 85.89, Boston Spa 85.03, Spofforth 83.80, Collingham 83.33, Clifford Council 82.50, Wetherby Council 80.58, Tockwith Weslevan 80.55, Bramham 79.78, Tockwith Church 75.68, Thorner Council 72.04, and Wetherby Church 70.68.

MONK FRYSTON.—On Wednesday at the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, Mr H. Crowther (the museum curator) gave the second of a series of lectures on "Wild Nature in Leeds Lanes." With the lingering tenderness of a true nature lover, he dwelt on the nature facts that may be discovered in an observant stroll across the public footpaths on the outskirts of the city, and with the enthusiasm of the student he explained their true significance. The picture of the Adel neighbourhood was particularly interesting, and one learnt for the first time that the celebrated Adel Crag, beloved of picnic parties, should really be called Alwoodley Crag, since it is in Alwoodley parish.

NURSING ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY.—The annual Christmas gathering held in connection with the Monk Fryston and District Nursing Association is now looked upon as one of the most attractive functions of the year at Monk Fryston. On Friday night a very large gathering, comprising upwards of 350 people, assembled to show their appreciation of the deserving object. This year the event was much talked about, and for several weeks 48 children had been trained to give exhibitions of old-time Morris and country dances, and the people were anxious to see how the young folks would acquit themselves. The instructress was Miss Daisy Harvey, of York, and she did her work very creditably. At the commencement carols were sung by members of the Monk Fryston Choral Society, and songs were creditably rendered by Miss Jessie Hill and Mr T. Kirkman. Subsequently, at intervals, the children performed the dances in a very pleasing manner, and their efforts were appreciated by the audience. Much very valuable assistance was rendered by Mr Victor Bailiff, of Burton Salmon, a promising young humorist, who created a most favourable impression as an entertainer. Miss Daisy Harvey danced a Morris jig. The names of the children taking part were:—Misses C. Athorn, H. Tomlinson, O. Heptonstall, C. Pettinger, R. Ward, A. Longbottom, D. Pettinger, R. Kirkman, Y. Heptenstall, E. Longbottom, L. Lupton, D. Archer, B. Shepherd, A. Baker, C. Lafford, M. Coldwell, L. Waterson, D. Newby, E. Kirkman, B. Lewis, and D. Wilson; Masters R. Stockdale, R. Holey, G. Longbottom, H. Collins, R. Watson, Eric Longbottom, J. Ward, E.I. Longbottom, S. Shepherd, C. Pettinger, R. Goodenough. W. Coldwell, E. Timm, J. Briggs, G. Kirkman, C. Carless, H. Tomlinson, W. Stephenson, J. Chadwick, and F. Stephenson. The decorations and the dresses of the children were charming, having been artistically arranged by Mrs. Hemsworth. During the evening Father Christmas, in the person of Mr George Wardess, appeared on the scene. His appearance caused much amusement, and he played the part well. Supper was afterwards served in the Alpine Hall, and a large number partook of the Christmas fare. Some of the refreshments were given by the villagers, and many thanks are due to them for their kindness and generosity. The following ladies looked after the wants of the people:—Mesdames Morris, Balliff, Hill, Lister, Fidler, Heptonstall, Baugh, Schofield, Hester, Cocker-lem, Lewis, Harrison, Nelson, Deeble, and Misses Holdridge, Thorpe, and Lewis. Subsequently dancing was engaged in from 9—11.30 until 2.30 a.m. Mr Lightowler's band (Brotherton) supplied the music, and the M.C.'s were Messrs T. Kirkman and J. T. Atkinson. On Saturday evening there was a special gathering for the children, and upwards of 180 were present. Tea was served in the Alpine Hall, and subsequently part of the previous night's programme was gone through. The children gave exhibitions of dancing in good style. The proceedings were a great success and the takings were in excess of those of previous years. The arrangements were admirably carried out, reflecting great credit both on the workers and the hon. secretary, Mrs Hemsworth.

SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT WITCHES.

Though some people still believe in witches, there is no longer any use for the witchfinder in this country. In former generations we gave this person abundant employment, sometimes fetching the real expert enormous distances to exhume an afflicted town. In 1556, for instance, the magistrates of Newcastle sent into Scotland for one who could find witches, agreeing to pay 20s. a head for all that he convicted. His particular method consisted in pricking the suspects with pins, and fifteen old women were duly executed as the result of his visit.

There are countries in which the execution of women as witches is only a thing of yesterday. The last instance of witch burning occurred as recently as 1888 in Peru, and in other parts of South America cases continued to occur until well into the second half of the nineteenth century. England's own last conviction for witchcraft took place at Hertford in 1712, and Scotland condemned a witch ten years later, while Spain and Germany refrained a judicial belief in witches and the justice of killing them until 1782 and 1786.

In many parts of the modern world the believer in witchcraft still gets hold of hair, nail parings, and so forth from an enemy's head and hands, and burns, buries, or does something cow with them in order to exhibit unpleasant consequences upon that enemy. And universal folklore reveals the concern of savages to dispose of their own hair and nail clippings to prevent an enemy from getting at them. Australian native girls who have had a lock of hair stolen from them expect speedy death as a certainty.

A LADY'S ROMANCE.

A boy and girl romance, the consummation of which was delayed ten years through a proposal being lost in the post, but which now promises to end happily, is reported, following the arrival here from Europe or Mrs Frances Thompson, a Scottish widow.

It was the up-to-date wireless telegraphy that repaired the error of the old-fashioned mail system, for during her passage across the Atlantic Mrs Thompson received a Marconigram which proved to be a proposal of marriage from an old suitor, Mr F. MacIntyre, who is now living on Superior, Wisconsin.

Mrs Thompson and Mr MacIntyre were boy and girl lovers in Scotland, both being residents of Leith, and the latter went to America to make his fortune. Ten years ago he wrote proposing marriage, but the letter was evidently lost in the post, for Mrs Thompson did not receive it.

Not hearing from her girlhood's companion, she married, but lost her husband a year or so ago. This Christmas she decided to go to America in order to visit friends and relations, and, her old suitor being informed of this, lost no time in repeating his proposal of marriage.

Mrs Thompson blushingly admitted that she would accept the proposal, as she had not forgotten the old days in Scotland.

A QUAINT OLD ENGLISH CUSTOM.

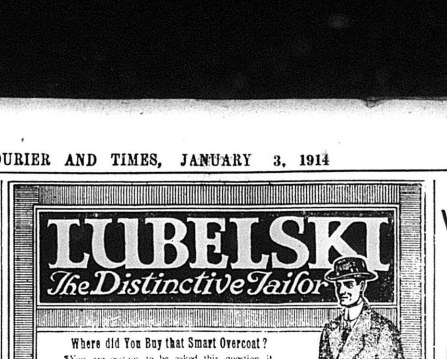
Though many forms of wedding ring ceremony have been in use in various counties most marriage was made a solemn ceremony, perhaps there is none so curious as the Gemmel Ring. This was in use in the south country in early times, and the day for the engagement and wedding ring. The curious part about it was the fact that it was made in three parts, hinged together. On a man and a woman being betrothed, the three parts of the ring were separated, one being worn by the man, another by the woman, and the third given into the keeping of a mutual friend who acted as a sort of guardian or umpire to the happy pair. At the wedding itself the three parts of the ring were re-assembled and put together again to form one triple ring for the bride.

DIET.

Our diet is apt to be one-sided, says a writer in the *Family Doctor*. It often does not contain the different nutritive ingredients in the proper proportions. We consume relatively too much of the fuel ingredients of food—those which are burnt in the body and yield heat and muscular power. Such are the fats of meat and butter, the starch which makes up the larger part of the nutritive material of flour, potatoes, and sugar, of which such enormous quantities are eaten. Conversely, we have relatively too little of the proteine or flesh-forming substances, like the lean of meat and fish, and the gluten of wheat, which make muscle and sinew, and which are the basis of blood, bone, and brain.

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Monday, January 19th, 1914, will be a red-letter day in the history of Rothwell. On that day the Rothwell Pantomime Company will present their production of "Aladdin" at the Theatre de Luxe, Leeds. In addition to the usual company of pantomime artistes, there will be a number of local amateurs who have been specially trained for the production. Rehearsals have been in progress for some weeks past, and the performance promises to be a very good one. Special matinées will be held on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, when the Lottie Stone Troupe of Dancers will appear. The Rothwell Pantomime Company is under the able management of Mr. Edward Lauri, who has had a wide experience in the production of pantomimes.

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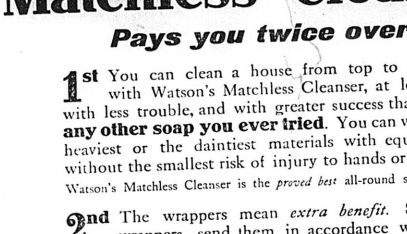
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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

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SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.
L'ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.
LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.
CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XVI.

For perhaps the first time in his life Sir John Bedford sat silently pursing himself for his own stupidity and precipitancy. He had rarely that he ever did anything without a considerable amount of thought and consideration; he believed in looking before you leap, and he seldom entered upon any plan of action without thinking all its eventualities over. Yet in this instance, taken off his guard, he had allowed Herman Groot to walk into Laurence Workman's presence when he, Sir John, ought to have known very well that his flat was the last place on earth where they should meet. He knew from one glance at Laurence's face that he was thunderstruck at Groot's entry; he had half risen from his chair, and was staring at the German as if he could not believe the evidence of his senses. And from him he turned to Sir John, as though to seek some explanation of this meeting. And Sir John, striving to keep an appearance of unconcern, cursed himself for his foolishness more heartily than ever.

If it had been left to Laurence's host to explain anything just then, there might have been an impasse which would have formed a barrier to many things that followed. But there was a cleverer man in the room than Sir John Bedford—a man clever enough to take in the situation in one lightning-swift glance and to save it. In spite of his stolid Saxon countenance, his expression of almost infantile innocence, Herman Groot was sharp as a weasel and cunning as a fox. He had gone through a fine school of training under Francis Armadale. Mere chance had revealed to that astute gentleman that in Groot he possessed a man who could keep a countenance as blank as a dead wall while his ears were as keen as those of a lynx and his eyes as watchful as those of a hungry kestrel hovering over a hill-side. And when he first found that his very promising young assistant, Laurence Workman, was engaged in something which he, Francis Armadale, was farseeing enough to know would be epoch-making, it was Groot whom he suggested to him as a mechanical helper, knowing that Groot could be trusted to see all that went on and to report on it. And so Groot had trained eyes and ears until he was as widewake to all possibilities as a Red Indian.

Groot rose to the situation now. From the very instant of his entry into Sir John Bedford's dining-room he had recognised that no message respecting him had arrived from Francis Armadale. Otherwise, Laurence Workman would not have been there. It was obvious that Sir John Bedford did not expect him; just as obvious that Sir John was sorely put to it to explain his presence. Very well, then, he, Groot, would himself explain it. And to give his quickly-moving brain sufficient time to act he remained quite passive in the place which he had taken up by the door, having first made a polite bow to Laurence, as his employer, and then to Sir John, as his employer's host.

"Why, Groot!" exclaimed Laurence. "Whatever brings you here?"

Groot wore his air of extreme innocence. "I came to see Sir John Bedford, sir," he answered.

"I'm Sir John Bedford," said the predominant partner in Armadale's, who began to see that the man was deeper than he looked. "Take a seat."

Groot took a chair near the door, and turned the slouched hat round in his hands as he studied the ceiling.

"But why didn't you come straight to me—I telegraphed the address!" asked Laurence.

"Because I lost the address, Mr. Workman. I drew some papers out of my pocket on the boat and a sudden gust blew them away—it among them," replied Groot. "And so when I arrived in London—only an hour ago—I did not know how to find you. But I knew that Sir John Bedford lived somewhere in town—I have seen you at the works in Berlin, sir, often—so I procured a directory and sought Sir John's name."

"Very wise thing to do," said Sir John, who admired Groot for the ready way in which he put together this—to him—apparently palpable lie. "Here, help yourself to a glass of wine, You'll feel tired after your journey."

Groot accepted this offer of hospitality with a bow, which he repeated as he glanced over the rim of his glass in the direction of his entertainer.

"This fellow wants to see me privately," he thought. "He's got something to tell me, I'll message from Francis Armadale, no doubt." Then he said aloud: "Have you made any arrangements for your assistant, Workman?"

"Yes," replied Laurence, "I have got rooms for him close to mine. And now that Groot has arrived and found me, I shall ask you to excuse me, Sir John, so that I may take him there. We must be at work early in the morning, Groot."

Groot took another mouthful of wine and nodded. To anyone who did not know him it would have seemed that in his opinion words were things to be used with the strictest economy. He replenished his glass at a further invitation from Sir John, and continued to sip its contents while his big blue eyes stared around the dining-room, at pictures, ornaments, at the glass and flowers and fruit on the table.

"Crafty—deuced crafty!" said Sir John to himself.

A sudden idea struck him. Laurence was plainly longing to get away; it was just as plain that Groot desired some conversation with him—Sir John. And so, as if he had only just remembered his duties as host, he said, with great geniality:

"I say, Workman, I'm your assistant has only just got in he must be hungry. You haven't had supper, have you, Groot?"

Groot thought a glance at Sir John's eye, and responded to it. "No, sir," he replied.

"Then you shall have it here," said Sir John; rang the bell, and gave some orders to the confidential servant, who appeared in person to answer it. Then he turned to Laurence. "When Groot is supping," he said, "I'll show you those drawings and diagrams we were speaking of. Come into my study."

Impatient as Laurence was to get away with Groot and to be alone, he wanted to talk about the work before them, he was too much of an enthusiast about any mechanical matters not to be interested in anything relating to them, and in five minutes he was completely absorbed in a magnificent portfolio of drawings which Sir John laid on a table in his study. Sir John lingered at his elbow for a while, discussing this and that, and then left him with the remark that he would just see if Groot was getting on all right.

"The poor chap must have been hungry," he said, "and he'll no doubt feel shy in a strange land."

"It's very kind of you," murmured Laurence, and went back to the drawing which he was just then absorbed in. He had already half-forgotten Groot's existence.

Sir John found his strange guest eating and drinking of the good fare set before him at a sideboard and steadily as he had munched at his sausage and bread in his Berlin lodgings. He closed the door gently, and went up to the German.

"You have some message for me—from Francis Armadale, eh?" he said.

Groot nodded—his mouth was full. "Yes," he said. "To come here as soon as I got to London, and the future to report to you instead of to him."

"Good—keep your eyes open. But don't come here, and don't ever speak to me alone at the works. Understand?"

Groot gave him one of the nods which were more eloquent than words.

"That's right," said Sir John. "I like men who say little and think much—and who keep their thoughts to themselves, too," he added, in an undertone.

He went across to a small escritoire, and picking up a blank card scribbled a couple of lines on it.

"Take this," he said. "You see—Café Victorine, Soho. You'll easily find it. Meet me outside on Sunday at seven o'clock."

Groot, who had now finished, rose from the table, and wiping his big moustache with his characteristic gesture—that is, by complacently stroking it with the palm of his hand—took the card and examined it carefully. Then he walked over to the open fireplace, and, tearing the card in two, dropped it into the flames.

"What's that for?" asked Sir John.

"It had your writing on it," replied Groot. "I never carry writing. I have the address here"—he tapped his forehead. "I shall be there."

Sir John nodded his admiration of this ability, gave Groot a cigar, and returned to Laurence, who was just completing his inspection of the portfolio.

"Groot is a man of few words, and slow in thought," answered Laurence. "No initiator, you know, but well capable of executing mechanically whatever is given him to do. He has always served me well. And now, if you please, Sir John, I will take him away, for I mean us to be at work early in the morning."

"You're evidently a glutton for work," said Sir John.

"I've wasted so much time," replied Laurence, gravely.

Five minutes later he and his man were gone, and Sir John was left alone. He spent some little time walking up and down his study, apparently deep in thought, then, going into the dining-room, he mixed himself a glass of whisky-and-soda at the sideboard and drank the contents leisurely. That done, he rang for coat and hat.

"I'm going out, Shepheard," he said to the confidential servant, "and perhaps I may be back late, and perhaps not at all. Leave the usual things out, in case I come home."

Mr. Shepheard replied to this behest in his usual respectful manner, and presently saw his master out of the house. This done he came back to the dining-room, and did exactly what Sir John had done a few minutes earlier—mixed himself a very satisfactory-looking drink, and, placing himself with his back to the fire, proceeded to consume it with every appearance of enjoyment. When the glass was half-empty, he put it on the mantelpiece behind him, selected a cigar from a cabinet which stood in the centre. With this fairly alight, and after another calling upon the glass for refreshment, Mr. Shepheard began to clear the dinner-table, fetching a tray from some inner region for that purpose, and going about his subsequent performances with the deliberation characteristic of a man who knows that he is not at all pressed for time. The table cleared, the white linen replaced by a soft, velvet-surfaced cloth, and the latter decorated with china bowls full of fragrant roses, Mr. Shepheard returned to the mantelpiece and once more warmed his back.

"These June nights, Thomas, my boy, are chilly when all is said of summer," he remarked to himself. "A little fire is welcome. So, after the heat and burden of the day, is a quiet drink."

It proof of this statement Mr. Shepheard again repaired to the decanter and the syphon, and with a replenished glass once more reclined against the mantelpiece.

"Nothing very striking to-day, Thomas," he said. "No interesting letters or callers. What about the German chap, though—he's never been here before. Something to do with the other fellow, no doubt. Well, I shall I go round to the club or do an hour or two at one of the halls?"

Undecided as to which of these methods of spending the remainder of the evening would be best Mr. Shepheard, cigar in mouth, and hands beneath the tails of his coat, began to pace round and round the dining-room, appearently in deep thought. And in thus progressing his eye suddenly fell on the blotting-pad which lay on his master's escritoire. The blotting-paper had been freshly put in that morning—two or three words only marred its whiteness.

"That's the best of always seeing that he uses clean blotting-paper," thought the confidential servant. "What's he been writing?" With a dexterity plainly born of long practice Mr. Shepheard whipped the top sheet out of the pad, and, going to the centre table, held it between himself and the strong light of the electric lamp. The words written on the card given by Sir John Bedford to Groot came out clearly—*Café Victorine, Soho, 7, Sunday.*

"Café Victorine, Soho," soliloquised Mr. Shepheard. "Why, that's an eighteenpenny shop with vinegar thrown in! What's he know about that, Sir John—he up to now? Some underground business, I expect. Café Victorine, 7, Sunday, eh! Right O!"

Mr. Shepheard replaced the blotting-paper in the pad, and, having returned to his glass again, observed that he thought he would stay at home that night and be comfortable. Having thus decided he chose the easiest of the easy-chairs, put his feet upon another, and picking up a newspaper proceeded to read the news of the day.

If anyone had been rude enough to lean over the back of the chair in which Mr. Shepheard reclined at his ease, and had looked over his shoulders to see what he read, they would have observed very quickly that the world-wide fabulum afforded by the highly-respectable journal which he held was not quite suited to his tastes. The leading and special articles were to him arid deserts of print; the "turn-over" was a thing to be avoided; the foreign news was meaningless. He turned instinctively to the racing news; then to the cricket reports; then to turning the paper listlessly over, as if in search of some intellectual tit-bit more to his fancy.

"Dry as dust, this," said Mr. Shepheard, not troubling to stifle a hearty yawn. "Give me——"

What he was about to desire he did not say, for at that moment his eye caught a name in a brief paragraph at the foot of a column, and he hurriedly uttered a sharp exclamation as he jumped to his feet and held the paper nearer to the light. And he read aloud—slowly—these words, evidently of great import to him:

"Jacques Durand named Edward Penrose, who was undergoing a long term of penal servitude, effected his escape yesterday morning from Dartmoor Prison, and has, so far, not been recaptured."

Mr. Shepheard stood staring at this sentence for a full minute. Then, with a curious exclamation, he turned to the mantelpiece, and seizing his glass emptied its contents into the soil of a jardiniere in the window. After that he threw his cigar into the fire, and going to his own room took off his coat and vest, and plunged his head into cold water. Ten minutes later he left the flat, and hurried away into more spacious regions.

(To be continued.)

Lamps should be filled every day, and the chimneys washed once a week. If you want to have a good light, let every lamp have a new wick once a month, and just before lighting rub the stand of the lamp over with a dry cloth to remove any traces of oil.

THE SUPPOSED UNLUCKY NUMBER.

SHORT STORY.

It must have been quiet for a very long time. The windows were thick with dust, on two long poles at the gate were the boards of the local house-agents, announcing in large capitals that the house was "To be Let." There was also a notice to the same effect on the front room windows. The notice was soiled and ragged.

I am a lonely bachelor, living in lodgings, with few friends or acquaintances. My name is Wilfred Wallace, and I am over thirty-five. The house had a sort of attraction for me. It was prettily built, with a small balcony, on which ivy was climbing luxuriantly. Over the porch was a straggling rose tree. There was a green gate, and a strip of grass in front. The rent would probably be about thirty-eight pounds a year, for this was a cheap neighbourhood of suburbia.

One day I saw a man coming out, he was the house-agents' assistant.

"Pity this nice little house isn't let," I remarked.

"It would have been let long ago, only for the Number 13," he answered gruffly.

Some days afterwards, on my way back, I saw him again, and this time he was smiling, as he opened the door of No. 13. He was conducting two ladies over the house; one was elderly, in a long black mantle, the other was young and fashionable, with high-heeled shoes and a blue serge coat and skirt. I heard the strident voice of the house-agent saying:

"Yes, ladies, you couldn't find a better built house than this anywhere. Only for the humbug-gin' nonsense about 'thirteen,' 'twould have been let months ago."

"I don't like going into a house with this number," said the plaintive voice of the elderly lady. "Do come away, Daisy."

"Oh, let's chance it, Aunt Caroline," said the other voice. "We're generally unlucky, and we can't be much more so than we have been. The house is certainly the best we have seen, and there's a nice strip of grass at the back for the dogs. Let's take it."

The next day the bills were still up, but on the fourth day signs of animation were visible.

Ladders and paint pots made their appearance, the house was evidently in process of being done up for the new tenants, who were probably coming in at half-quarter day. It was early summer, when everything was awakening to new life, and the dust-coated little "13" soon began to look out that greasy, the straggling ivy was clipped, and the Virginian creeper was putting forth fresh shoots. One day a furniture-van stopped at the door, and a green aperon carried in various well-worn chairs and tables. Next morning, as I passed, I noticed the slight figure of the girl in blue serge, standing at the gate with a dog-whip in her hand. Around her frisked three—no—four dogs of different breeds, a black Pomeranian, a Scotch terrier of the Dandie Dinmont variety, a small Blenheim spaniel, and a nondescript evil-looking dog, that showed his teeth and growled at me viciously. He was the owner of a handsome brass collar, the others had only pink or blue bows attached to their necks.

"Be quiet, Tartar!" cried the girl, flourishing her whip, but not touching any of the dogs. "Do be quiet! You needn't mind him," she added, lifting her grey-blue eyes to mine. "He doesn't mean any harm."

"He looks as if he did," for Tartar's lip was lifted, displaying a perfect row of formidable white teeth. "He has a good dash of a bull-dog about him."

"He may have, perhaps," said the girl, whom I had heard called Daisy. "He certainly has a temper, but he has such a good heart, haven't you, Tartar?"

Tartar answered by a wag of his tail, and a meaning look which said "You are right, I have a good heart!"

With a pretty little nod of her head, the new occupant of No. 13 gathered up the leads of her four dogs and went on towards the common. It was the favourite exercising ground for all the dogs of the district. Everyone keeps a dog in suburbia.

I could not imagine why my new friend Daisy had so many dogs, and they seemed valuable ones, too, which was all the more surprising because the house had been taken on account of its cheapness. The puzzle was soon to be solved in an unexpected way.

One Sunday afternoon I was taking a walk on the common, when suddenly I heard a succession of piercing screams. They seemed to come from a group of people who were standing round two dogs, engaged in mortal combat.

One of them I recognised as the redoubtable Tartar, his teeth were firmly fixed in the neck of a white fox terrier, and he was shaking it for all he was worth, giving a vicious snarl of fury now and then.

"Leave go, leave go, Tartar!" screamed the agonised voice of Daisy. "Leave go, this instant!"

But Tartar paid no attention. He went on shaking with brutal tenacity. All his bull-dog instincts asserted themselves.

An inspiration came to me. I had been smoking. I had a box of matches in my pocket. I struck one, and held it to Tartar's tail. He snarled angrily, he yapped, then as the match burns into his skin, he turned fiercely round, the other dog was set free, and ran, yelping with pain, back to his delighted mistress, who caught him up in her arms.

Daisy, pale and terrified, looked up at me with a world of gratitude in her blue-grey eyes.

"How can I ever thank you?" she whispered.

"By letting me see you home," I answered. "Let me take Tartar, he is too strong for you." I took the string out of her unresisting hand, and we walked along together. I saw she was still trembling.

"I don't know what I should have done if Tartar had killed that other dog," she said. "Do you think he's very much hurt?"

"No, he's not much the worse. There is his mistress carrying him, she is going to get a cab and take him home."

"Would you like to know what my profession —my business, perhaps, I ought to say—really is?"

"Very much indeed. I have not the slightest idea what it can be."

"It is one of the new openings for women's employment. You must know that I have always been devoted to dogs. Some months ago I saw an advertisement from a lady who is an invalid. She wanted someone to take her dog out every day for exercise. I answered it. Tartar was the dog, he was my first client; now I have four, that is the reason we took No. 13, to be near the common. They don't live with us, I call for them, exercise them, and take them home. In fact, I may be said 'to have gone to the dogs.' I know this, that I love them, and they love me."

"I am not surprised at that."

I got to know the hours when she took the four dogs out on the common, and I used to meet her wherever I possibly could. I held in Tartar when he was in a fighting humour, and he grew more obedient. He only fought now to defend his companions, but his chivalry sometimes led to trouble.

"I don't know what I should do without you," said Daisy one evening.

"And I don't know what I can do without you," I replied. "We are two lonely people, why not join the two together?"

"You couldn't think of such a thing. Do you know what people call me?"

"I don't know, and I don't care."

"A dog's nursery maid. What do you think of that?"

"I don't think anything about it. I am just dying to go and live at No. 13 with you, and see if it is really unlucky."

"What if it should be?"

"I am prepared to risk it. Love, real love, takes all risks."

She looked at me, such a wonderful, pleading, searching look—that I stooped down, gathered her up in my arms, close and warm, and kissed her then and there under the trees. Only Tartar was a witness to the happy scene that embrace. Tartar is a very reticent dog, he did not growl or give any mark of disapproval. I fancy he had seen how things were going. His intelligence is quite remarkable.

There was never a happier married couple than Daisy and I were, when we took up our abode at No. 13. Aunt Caroline had departed to live with another of her nieces, and we reigned undisturbed in our little house, except for the daily visits of Tartar and his three companions.

He only fights very occasionally, and generally in defence of others. So far from the number "13" having been unlucky for us for being unlucky, that it is the very luckiest number that exists.

So does my little Daisy, who is the supreme joy of my life, and the blessing and comfort of our home.

Harry Ferguson, who was murdered by his father, left a fortune of £60,000.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 8 and 8½ for 1s.; butter 1os. 3d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 6s. per couple.

As the address on a parcel sent to Athenry, Galway, could not be found, it was opened by a clerk, and found to contain the body of a baby.

Gustav Reske was fined £5 by a New York judge because he had tried to persuade his six-years-old son that Santa Claus was a myth.

To remove grease-spots from wallpaper, sprinkle a piece of blotting-paper with carbonate of soda, and press it against the wall with a moderately warm iron. The blotting-paper will absorb the grease, while the soda preserves the colour of the paper.

Every housekeeper should know how to detect margarine from butter. Draw the blade of a knife across the suspected butter. If it is margarine the place where the knife was pressed will look shiny and streaks of the blade will be marked with little beads of water. When the test is made with genuine butter the white look does not appear, but the butter holds its colour. Another test is to drop a piece of the suspected butter into a well-heated frying-pan. If it is spurious it will sputter, because of the water in it; if it is genuine it will melt and bubble or boil, but not sputter.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Is there to be an amalgamation of the Church Fenton cricket clubs?

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Tadcaster had a case at the Quarter Sessions on Monday, and a conviction was recorded.

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The business at the meetings of Tadcaster Guardians and District Council was transacted in half-an-hour.

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Not a single defendant was dealt with at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday. Five magistrates attended.

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Monk Fryston's party for the Nursing Association is undoubtedly the most popular parochial gathering in the district.

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Bitter complaints are heard anent the arctic conditions at Tadcaster Station. It is a very cold place and no mistake.

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What does Barwick say? Lady Helmsley says the tango is quite graceful in its original form. Barwickers have taken it up.

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It is rumoured that a number of houses for miners are to be built at Colton. A new pit is being sunk in the neighbourhood.

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About a dozen years ago there was not a house on Whitkirk hill. Now the residents are agitating for a school for their children.

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Garforth's methods of dealing with snow and ice on roads and footpaths do not meet with the approbation of, at least, one ratepayer.

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Why has Templenewsam, with the same population, only about half as many children attending local schools as Outwood-with-Woodlesford?

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Our Councillors are not up-to-date. The members of a Council on the Continent voted themselves a turkey each at the ratepayers' expense.

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Burton Salmon and Monk Fryston folks will learn with interest that the Pontefract Guardians are to build a home for nurses at a cost of £1,700.

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At Garforth precautions are being taken against typhoid fever. Ashpits are being turned on the off-chance that microbes may be disporting themselves there.

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The engagement is announced of the Rev. Philip Stamp, late curate of Selby Abbey, and now curate of Stillingfleet, to Miss Jennie Walker, of Selby.

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The people of Whinmoor have a grievance. They cannot get their stiles repaired by landowners, occupiers, or Council. Why not tackle the work themselves.

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In Barkston Ash Division, which is the smallest in the West Riding, the electorate numbers 11,452—an increase. There are 265 lodger voters and 1,466 ownership electors.

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Mr Reginald Parker has kindly given the money to cover the expenses of repairing the old brass lectern at Selby Abbey, which was damaged in the fire of five years ago.

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In a village recently annexed by Leeds, it is said, the men employed by the District Council had their wages raised by the Corporation from 22s. to 26s. They came out on strike!

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Has the fancy dress ball, which was so popular at Garforth and other places, no longer claim on public support. The popular picture house at Garforth has probably greater attractions.

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Can any teacher in the district equal the record of the Scholes lady? Every day she walked to Barwick School, and she is said to have covered, in the course of her journeys, about 20,000 miles.

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What would the ratepayers say if the Tadcaster and Wetherby District Councils confessed they were throwing away £1,000 annually on unnecessary labour? Would there not be a clearance?

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Can any in Barkston Ash compete? It was said of a Bethnal Green woman, married at 20 years, that she had never had an angry word with, nor gave angry looks at, her husband. She's dead!

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How many will Crossgates, Garforth, and Kippax contribute? A determined attempt is to be made to increase the membership of the Wesleyan circuit by fifty during the present quarter. The chapels are by no means full.

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Where were they? Working-men were invited to attend the meeting of the Ratepayers' Association at Halton, but they were conspicuous by their absence. Another instance of the apathy of workers on questions that concern themselves!

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R-ply to an Addi lady. A writer says:—According to Dr Helen Wrinbaum, Leeds strikers are inefficient and lazy; therefore they are unhappy and discontented. Also to increase their wages would be an eugenic blunder. Queer logic, it seems to me! Dr Grunbaum, of course, belongs to a profession that never makes out its bills until it has considered the taxable capacity of its clients. This is a mark of extreme efficiency. We are worth all you can afford—in effect.

The business at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday was over in ten minutes.

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The proposal to erect a convenience at Halton has been checked owing to a site difficulty.

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Some of the children at Whitkirk, walking to school, cover over four miles a day, or twenty miles a week.

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The Wetherby Rural District Council are considering the question of mechanical haulage for their road materials.

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Why not give it its proper name? Adel Crag. It is said, should be called Alwoodley Crag, since it is in Alwoodley parish.

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Pressure is to be put on this County Council to carry out an improvement at Sherburn Cross, and not before time.

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Long hours! For a dance at Tadcaster an extension to 6 a.m. has been granted. Surely by that time the dancers will be tired.

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Lieut.-Col. Charles Frederick Hoyle, The Grove, Oulton, managing director of Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries (Ltd.), left £10,217.

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In Osgoldcross Division there are 20,545 Parliamentary electors. Only 36 are described as lodger voters, and 1,680 are ownership electors.

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Following the request at Halton, will the allotment-holders at Garforth now make a demand for water to be laid on to their allotments.

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Everybody is wondering how the Leeds authorities have not before discovered that they can save £36,000 a year on labour. Poor, deluded ratepayers.

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Encouraging! There is a prospect of Great Preston having a Voluntary Aid Detachment of its own. The ambulance men are working to some purpose.

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The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. R. Hemsworth (Chairman), Messrs H. Scott, W. N. Chessman, and T. S. Ulthorne.

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Seeing that Crossgates is now a part of Leeds, is it not desirable that a road should be driven through the Bridle Path in order to link up the village with the York Road?

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Micklefield, Barwick, Rothwell M.E., Stourton, and Oulton will compete for the billiard championship of Leeds and district. The competition opens on the 19th inst. in Leeds.

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Rothwell circuit Wesleyans must get to work. The membership is slightly down. Counting of heads is, of course, not the main thing, but a strong, healthy church will progress.

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It is estimated that about 10 per cent. more wheat was sown in the Wetherby district last autumn, the weather having been favourable. The young wheat looks extremely well.

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In Normanton Division (which includes Rothwell, Stourton, Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and Methley) there are 17,619 Parliamentary electors, including 2,273 owners and 16 lodger votes.

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Both Scholes and Austhorpe, it seems, are to be touched by the Leeds town-planning scheme for Crossgates. The Diedrics Council, however, are determined to safeguard the interests of the area.

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The births of children in Roundhay, Scarcroft, Shadwell, and Crossgates have to be notified to the medical officer of Leeds. Failure to send notice involves punishment. What about the liberty of the subject?

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Like a man recently in Sherburn, a resident of Kippax has been punished for using strong language in his own house. The door of the dwelling was open, and "Robert" ears caught the strains of the discordant music.

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In reference to the laying on of water to Whitkirk Cemetery, a gentleman said that complaint had been made that there was too much water in the ground. That may be, but people would not be allowed when needing water for flowers to dig for it.

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The local magistrates at the West Riding Quarter Sessions at Leeds on Monday were Mr J. W. Morkill, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr E. Parkin (Rippax), Mr H. S. Childe (Potterton Hall), Dr J. Eddison (Adel), Mr D. B. Wilson (Scarcroft), Mr Harris Anson (Hambleton), and Mr E. A. Brotherton (Roundhay).

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Generosity (writes Mr C. F. Ryder, of Scarcroft), is the privilege of the individual, justice is the prime function and duty of the State. If we forgot this, we get deeper and deeper into the mire of political philanthropy and platform sentimentalism, until the sweated taxpayer revolts and points out that the State can never give until it has first taken, and that for a public body to pay more than the market price for labour, or any other commodity, is to favour one section of citizens by the exploitation of the rest.

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell on Monday night—Mr. J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs G. Bramley, Blakey (vice-chairman), S. W. Chadwick, G. Armitage, J. B. Hindle, S. Dobson, T. Ellis, J. Armitage, A. McCullough, H. Kirkby, and J. Horner, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer (Dr H. Stevenson), the public health visitor (Miss Stoney), the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse), and the surveyor (Mr J. Southwart).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

At the meeting of the Highways Committee the provision of a sidewalk was considered, and the committee decided in view of the narrow footpaths that the surveyor should employ any applicants for work and get the footpaths cleared by manual labour. It was resolved, that the matter of an old well adjoining a footpath at Lower Goodin be notified that it is in a dangerous state, and that notice be served on the owner to repair the footpath alongside the street leading to Stroud Well.

The surveyor reported a letter from Mrs. Charlesworth as to the footpath improvement in Town Street, Carlton, and he was instructed to interview her and report to the committee. It was resolved that the surveyor prepare an estimate for repairing the footpath from Town End to Rimsdell Gate. He was also instructed to send to the County Council further estimates for making up the Pontefract Road with granite and with close jointed granite.

It was agreed that in pursuance of section 6, sub-section 2, of the Private Street Works Act, 1892, the following streets be sewered, levelled, paved, metalled, flagged, channelled, and made good, and the expenses apportioned on the premises fronting, adjoining, or abutting thereon, namely:—Clement Terrace, Tallow Terrace, the Cross Street between the two, Greenfield Avenue, Holbrook Street, Pennybank Street, and Oper View.

The surveyor reported that he had measured the width of the 5 properties having a right of way on to Windmill Lane, and the committee decided to base the benefit charge on these amended measurements. It was resolved that the following 5 properties be charged as below as the provisional apportionments of the expenses of Private Street Works in Windmill Lane, namely:—Miss Hammill's house £6 8s. 9d; Mr James Ellis's house £6 8s. 9d; Miss Arundel's houses £12 15s.; trustees of Mr W. Hargreaves' house £16 10s.; Messrs G. H. S. and H. Armitage's house, £16 12s. 6d.

A letter was read from the postmaster asking for name plates and numbers for the streets. The surveyor was instructed to put the matter in hand.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Board of Trade that the Council were dissatisfied with the answer of the Tramways Company with regard to workmen's fares, and asked the Board to consider the original objections of the Council. The Board had sent a formal acknowledgment.

TRAMWAY CO. AND FARES.

The Chairman called attention to the paragraph in the minutes relating to workmen's fares and the Tramways Company. They would see, he said, that the attention of the Board of Trade had been called to the revision of fares, and as a formal acknowledgment had been received, they must assume the Board of Trade were considering the matter.

Mr Kirkby said he could not understand why the Tramway Co. allowed workmen's fares in the morning, and refused to pass them in the evening.

Mr Chadwick: They are evidently not going to take a penny penny way, they can get a penny, and in that respect they are very much like ourselves.

The matter then dropped.

ASHES OR SAND?

Mr Dobson remarked upon the use of ashes on roads and footpaths during the recent fall of snow. He thought sand would answer the same purpose, and would be far better and much cleaner than ashes.

Mr Chadwick stated that they got the ashes for nothing when as they might have to pay from 10s to five shillings for sand. He travelled up and down the country perhaps more than any or those present, and he was of opinion they would have to be very clever to meet the uncertainties of the weather.

The Chairman said no doubt the Highways Committee would consider Mr Dobson's suggestion, and the same time he hoped the permanent inspector, Abraham Hill, which he had up to the Hospital, and which was in a deplorable condition.

The minutes were passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Finance Committee showed that a letter was read from the postmaster at Wakefield refusing to extend money order and savings bank business to the Carlton Post Office, but offering to reconsider the matter in a year's time.

An application from the West Riding of York County Association asking the Council to help in verifying claims in respect of soldiers of the Territorial Force was agreed to.

The surveyor was instructed to improve the ventilation of the Council Chamber.

CARLTON'S CLAIMS.

The minutes were moved by Mr S. Dobson, and seconded by Mr G. Armitage. The latter called attention to the reply of the postmaster of Wakefield.

The Clerk said the matter would be again considered in another year.

Mr. Dobson: It is a case of shelving it.

The Chairman moved that the Postmaster be again written to, as he thought if facilities were possible the trade would grow.

Mr Kirkby seconded and said he would go one further. If the reply was unsatisfactory, he would suggest that the Postmaster General be written to.

The minutes, along with the resolution, were passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was resolved that slaughter-house licenses be renewed in respect of certain premises in the occupation of S. Hartley, A. Tattersall, F. Kitrel, M. Lake, and E. Clayton, and that notices be given to occupiers of slaughter houses to comply with bye-law No. 15 for the provision of a receptacle for offal. The public health visitor presented her report and informed the committee of the progress of her work. It was resolved, that notice be given of a meeting of the Council to adopt the Notification of Births Act, 1907. The Local Government Board acknowledged the receipt of the application from the Council for the Provisional Order for the formation of a Statutory body for the purposes of a joint cemetery. The Clerk reported that he had referred the question of a joint committee or a joint board by the Local Government Board, and asked for their opinion. The Clerk reported that he had again applied to the County Council suggesting co-operation with regard to the work of the public health visitor.

The Chairman stated that the health visitor, Miss Stoney, had been well received, and welcomed in the homes in Rothwell and the district.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

The medical officer presented his report which showed that during the past four weeks there had been ten deaths and 22 births (eight males and fourteen females).

Asked by one of the members as to the infectious cases in the district, Dr Stevenson said things were very much better.

WATER COMMITTEE

There were no minutes of the Building Committee, which, said the Chairman, did not speak well for the district.

In moving the adoption of the minutes of the Water Committee, Mr James Armitage said the Hunslet Guardians had offered charges for the supply of water by the Council to the Children's Homes, Rothwell Haigh, which were unsatisfactory.

The minutes showed that the average daily consumption for the month ending December 11th, 1913, as against December 12th, 1912 was at Rothwell, 192,000 gallons; 173,000 gallons; Thorpe, 96,000 gallons, 85,000 gallons; Stourton 47,000 gallons, 47,000 gallons; a total consumption of 313,000 gallons as against 305,000 gallons. The Midland Railway used 98,000 gallons as against 108,000 gallons last year.

The surveyor reported the cost of a three-inch main to John O'Gaunt's would be £615, and it was resolved that the consent of the owner be asked to cross the field.

The solicitor was instructed to take an opinion on the water charges.

The minutes were adopted.

LIGHTING

At a meeting of the Lampe and Gas Committee the meter readings which were as follows were considered:—Rothwell gas 265,700 cubic feet, Leeds gas 65,400 cubic feet. The inspector was asked to take a comparison of the lighting at the old and new schools at Stourton. A lamp is to be erected near Clayton's Buildings.

The minutes were passed.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

The Chairman stated that at the next meeting of the Council a resolution would be passed adopting the Notification of Births Act.

Mr G. Armitage asked if by so doing they would have to pay any extra cost in regard to appointing an additional officer in order to carry out the duties.

Mr Chadwick said they were told by the medical officer that no extra cost would be entailed. In fact it meant extra work for the doctors without extra pay.

The Chairman pointed out that the County Council had been asked to co-operate with them in regard to the work of the public health visitor.

SUNDAY DELIVERY OF LETTERS.

Mr McCullough asked if Mr Chadwick had allowed the question of a Sunday delivery in Rothwell district to drop.

The Chairman said Mr Chadwick had not given notice of a resolution, but if he wished to move the resolution he was quite in order.

In support of his resolution, Mr Chadwick said there were few places where a Sunday delivery was not in vogue. The extra work entailed was practically nothing, and he thought it would be better for the postmen to spend two or three hours than for several hundred people to have to go to the post office for their letters. He had himself received a letter that morning asking him to attend a meeting which was held on Saturday night. To have a Sunday delivery would not entail any hardship upon the postmen. They were behind the times in Rothwell.

Mr G. Armitage seconded, and Mr McCullough supported. The latter said there were Sunday deliveries at Robin Hood and Stourton.

Mr Hindle, in supporting, said although he lived close to the post office at Rothwell he did not receive his letters until about 9.30, sometimes at 5.30, but more often at 9.30. They ought to be able to get their letters at 7.30.

Mr G. Armitage said it was the old adage, "Nearer to church, the further from God." They at Robin Hood could get their letter at 7.30.

The resolution that the postmaster be asked to grant a Sunday delivery was passed.

DANGER ON THE ROAD AT HALTON.

TEAMERS' DEFENCE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, John Wade, farmer, of Hunslet, was summoned for driving a vehicle at Halton without a light.

P.C. Taylor stated that about 8.20 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th, he was on the Selby Road, Halton, when he saw two vehicles coming down the hill, the one driven by the defendant being minus a light. He stopped the defendant, who stated that he was unaware that the lamp was unlighted.

Defendant told the magistrates that the driver of the other vehicle had been taken ill on the road, and he had to see to both. At the time the officer came up he was releasing the brake of his companion's vehicle.

P.C. Taylor: Over the chain. That one true, as defendant was against his own vehicle when he came up. The driver of the other vehicle was asleep.

Merrill was fined 1s. and costs.

Benjamin Walsh, carter, of Leeds, and the driver of the other vehicle, was summoned for being asleep while in charge.

P.C. Taylor proved the case, and said Walsh was asleep under the chain. When awakened defendant said he had been taken ill, and lay down, falling asleep.

The defendant was not at the court, but his wife appeared and said that day her husband had been out 19 hours, and had covered 22 miles. He was taken ill on the road with cramp in his stomach.

Asked by the other case defendant was fined 1s. and costs.

At South Cave Mr and Mrs Geo. Thornham have celebrated the sixty-eighth anniversary of their wedding. They were married at North Cave in 1845.

Mr James Body, who was on a visit to his daughter at Pinner, died suddenly after leaving the family party which had been welcoming the New Year with the usual rejoicings.

THE LATE MRS H. BARRAN, SHADWELL GRANGE.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

After an illness extending over many weeks, the death took place on Friday, at Shadwell Grange, Moor Allerton, of Mrs Henry Barran, wife of Mr Henry Barran, head of the firm of John Barran and Sons (Limited), Leeds. She was the daughter of the late Mr Edgar Flower, of Stratford-on-Avon, and Middle Hill, Broadway, Worcestershire.

Many in Leeds will mourn the loss of this gracious and winning personality. Although of a retiring disposition, she was never weary in doing good, and took infinite pains in mastering the details of any work to which she gave her sympathies.

She studied social problems, and her desire to help the child life of Leeds, as well as her interest in her husband's work as Chairman of the Women's to Children's Hospital, and, more recently, in the Red House Settlement, were not mere passing enthusiasms, but were dictated by a deep desire to show how by love we can best serve one another. In opening the Babies' Welcome in East Leeds she quoted with entire approval the saying that it is better to put a fence at the edge of a precipice than to supply the ambulance to those who have fallen over it.

Happily she could gratify her love of flowers, and of all things beautiful in her own home and in the gardens attached to it, which every year, under her skill and personal supervision, afforded pleasure not only to her inner circle of friends, but to the large body of workers associated with her husband's business.

Amid many manifestations of sympathy and sorrow the remains of the late Mrs Henry Barran were laid to rest on Monday afternoon. There was a service at St. John's Church, Moor-Allerton, where the deceased regularly attended, and afterwards the interment took place at Lawnswood. The Vicar of Leeds (Dr Barnes-Lawrence), the Vicar of Moor-Allerton, the Rev. G. Birch-enough) conducted the service at the church, the former also officiating at the graveside.

The family mourners from Shadwell Grange included Mr Henry Barran, Miss Elaine Barran, Mr Vernon Barran, Mr Flower, Lord Ebsleie, Sir John and Lady Barran, Major Flower, Mr and Mrs Sanford, Mr Alfred Barran, Mr Rowland H. Barran, M.P., Mr and Mrs Manfield, Miss Lorna Barran, Mr Town, Mr Claud Barran, Mr Hugh Barran, Mr Aurelyn Barran, Miss Sybella Barran, Mr Foot, Mrs Shaw, Nurse Coulson, and members of the household.

There were also present Mrs Bickerseth, Mr H. I Bowring, Mr W. H. Spice (Headingley), Mr Sydney D. Kitson, Mr Cecil Atkinson, the Rev. W. H. Draper (rector of Adel), Mr Robert Armitage, M.P., Mr Gerald C. Verle (Harrogate), Mr Leonard Hawkesworth (secretary to John Barran and Sons, Limited), Mr R. Cecil Nickols (Moor-Allerton), Lady Fox, Mr F. G. Mayne, Mrs Kitson Clark, Mrs Wickstead, Mrs Towys, the Rev. E. H. and Mrs Dykes, the Misses Baines, Mrs and Miss Maude, Mr and Mrs Vyner, Mrs Copeland, Mr and Mrs G. C. Hayes, the Rev. A. Robert George (South Parade Chapel), Mr F. W. Dresdler, Mr G. Blackwell (secretary of the Women and Children's Hospital), Mrs W. A. Howgate (representing the Committee of the Victoria Institute, Y.W.C.A.), Mrs Edmund Robinson, and many others.

The floral tributes were displayed in the chancel of the church. The contributors included the directors of John Barran and Sons, the workpeople of the firm, members of the cutting-room, Hanover Lane, the Charity Lane staff and travellers, the Ellerby Road Babies' Welcome Mothers, the Leeds and District Boy Scouts' Association, the members of the "Little Owl" Literary Club, the Leeds Fire Art Club, the Leeds Clothworkers' Association, the staff of the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, also Mr Henry Barran, Miss Elaine and Mr Vernon Barran, Mrs Edgar Flower, the Dowager Lady Barran and her four sisters, Miss Dennis, Lady Flower, Mr and Mrs Rowland Barran, Lady Beckgreen, Mr and Mrs. Charles Barran, Mr and Mrs Manfield, Lord and Lady Ebsleie, Sir John and Lady Barran, Miss Lorna Barran, Mr and Mrs Alfred Barran, Mr and Mrs Claude Barran, Mr and Mrs Aurelyn Barran, Mr and Mrs A. H. Mepsey-Thompson, the servants of Shadwell Grange, Captain and Mrs Bartlett, Mr and Mrs Richard Nickols, Mr and Mrs Tetley, Lord and Lady Airedale, the Dowager Lady Erskine, Mrs Oliver Lupton, Mrs Currer Briggs, Mr and Mrs C. F. Ryder, Mr and Mrs H. Shann, Mr and Mrs H. I. Bowring, Mr and Mrs Sydney Kitson, Mr and Mrs Richard Robinson, Mr W. A. Howgate, Mr Gordon Thomson, Mr and Mrs W. H. Hudson, Mr F. B. Brooke, Mr and Mrs Mayne, Mr and Mrs Constable Hayes, and Mr and Mrs Arthur Holmes. Carriages were sent by Mrs George March, Mrs F. J. Kitson, Mr J. R. Flitch, and others.

TEMPLENEWSAM, SWILLINGTON, AND WOODLESFORD.

WILD NATURE IN THE DISTRICT.

You can go in almost any direction that the tram car will take you (said Mr H. Crowther in a lecture in Leeds), and at once find yourself in the region of Nature in its wild aspects. Take, as an example, the district approached from York Road—east, on the face of it, a very promising locality. You are soon on the banks of Killingbeck pond, with its overgrowth of water plants and the tracks along which, when drained, the waterhen has travelled, clinging, with its large, sprawling feet, to the submerged plants, and from its subaqueous hiding-place gulping its breath by extending its bill above the surface of the water. The waterhen is the commonest wild aquatic bird in this district. It is a useful scavenger. Its summer nest was found near the fountain in the Canal Gardens at Roundhay, a waterhen's nest built of reeds, part of a copy of a newspaper, and a number of tram tickets, which showed the route from which carefully collected from the surface of the canal.

Halton, Whitkirk, and Colton, are rich in wild Nature's work. On the Templenewsam estate unusually large specimens of witch's broom—so called from a legend that a witch once cursed the tree—is seen growing on wild cherry trees, and a delightful little wood—the Wilderness—is remarkable for its profusion of the bird cherry, a peculiarly twisted tree, with an equally peculiar snake-like bark. Another small wood beyond is overgrown at some seasons with the white anemone and goldilocks, and at others by purple veils of wild hyacinth. Birds are plentiful hereabout in the spring, for the freshly-ploughed fields afford fine concealment for the feathered creatures which in search of their food, and feeding ground sufficiently fruitful to tempt even the titmouse so to depart from her natural habit as to leave the trees and settle on the ground on the look-out for insects, at the imminent risk of injuring her needle-like claws, and thereby lessening her capacity for hanging on the boughs.

From the little hamlet of Newsam Green you get a lovely view of the Aire Valley, and you may get a glimpse of wild swans—perhaps a score of them—large white swans, skimming above the course of the river from the direction of Castleford and Methley, where they nest, and then, in the distance, looking like a white streak, eventually disappearing from view, evidently on their way to the succulent sewage beds at Knostrop.

Then there are the gulls, which are establishing a nesting-place on the ponds at Swillington. They are black-headed sea-gulls that nest inland, and, finding sufficient food away from the coast do not go back to the sea. The sewage works at Knostrop and the streams flowing into them attract the gulls, as they attract their fellow-scavengers, the wild swans. Most of the gulls are migrating from the district of York—tempted by the sewage—and there are signs that before long there will be formed quite a respectable "gullery" at Swillington.

More ponds at Woodlesford are worth noticing —deep down below the level of the road and almost inaccessible, and green with plant growth relieved by flashes of the bright plumage of kingfishers, another species of bird that is pretty common in the district coundabout Leeds.

WHITKIRK RESIDENTS AND A SCHOOL.

DISCUSSION BY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

CHILDREN WALK OVER FOUR MILES A DAY.

At a meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association at Halton on Friday night—the President (Mr J. Armistead) in the chair—the question of a school at Whitkirk was again discussed.

Mr Robert Mackay (Whitkirk) said that several gentlemen had asked him as to whether a question could not be re-opened.

The President said that the Association has the matter up about two years ago.

Mr S. H. Young (Halton) said that the Clerk to the Outlane Education Committee at that time got out a good deal of information bearing on the question, and after they had the facts before them, the members came to the conclusion that they would not be justified in urging the matter further.

Mr Mackay said that he believed a statement was made that if they had persevered, school accommodation would have been made at Whitkirk.

The President said that the question was discussed at the October and November meetings in 1913.

Mr Wilkinson (hon. sec.), read the minutes bearing on the question and gave the figures got out as to the number of school children in this particular district, etc.

Mr McLeod (Whitkirk) said that a good many of the children, according to the figures, were attending private schools. Did they not think one reason for that was that the public schools were too far away for parents to send their children to

The President said he believed that was one reason.

Mr Young said that they could not as an Association be placed in antagonism to private schools.

Mr McLeod said that they did not want to be antagonistic, but the Association was for the good of the district, and he mentioned one feature of the case that occurred to him.

Mr G. E. Martin (Whitkirk) inquired what number of children would justify them in again approaching the Education Authority. Did they give any number?

The President said they did not. One thing they laid down, however, was that the school accommodation was sufficient.

Mr Verity (Halton) said there was plenty of accommodation at Colton School.

Mr Young then gave the figures for Colton and Halton Infants' Schools for October. The accommodation at Colton was for 169, the number on the register was 116, and the average attendance was 115. At Halton Infants' School there was accommodation for 112, there were 128 on the register, and 103 in attendance. The number in attendance, however, had fallen during December. If they had a case he would have great pleasure in submitting it to the Education Committee.

Mr Mackay said that the school for infant children at Whitkirk was too far away.

Mr White (Whitkirk) said that was his opinion, too.

Mr Young said that they worked out the per case distance every child had to walk.

Mr Mackay said that when the question was up before he took a stand on purely personal grounds. His child had to walk there, and when he was away ill they had the attendance officer on the door step, and he had to provide medical certificates. The child was now older, and he was better able to walk, but he contended that for children of a delicate age the distance to Colton School was too great.

Mr Young said that if a school were built at Whitkirk the burden would be saddled with fifty per cent. of the capital outlay.

Mr J. A. Rhodes (Whitkirk) asked if there was any chance of the Authority providing a conveyance to take the children to and from school. It would be cheaper than building a school.

Mr Young said that they had better get information as to the number of children first.

Mr Mackay pointed out that according to the report the distance walked by the children to Colton was 4·93 miles per day.

Mr Martin suggested that in connection with the opening of a new pit there might be an increased population.

Mr Young: Where are they to get houses?

Mr Martin said he had heard of a proposal to build a couple of hundred houses in the old lane at Colton.

Mr Armistead (Halton) said that if there were a good school at Whitkirk a lot of children who now walked to Leeds to school would not go to the city. He stated that there children who thought to go to school at Halton went to Leeds.

Mr Mackay then proposed that the question of school accommodation at Whitkirk be further considered, particularly in relation to children of tender years who had to walk a distance to school of over four miles a day.

Mr McLeod seconded.

Mr Verity suggested and said there was no necessity to saddle the district with further expense. Education expenses were getting terrible, and the Ratepayers' Association should not try to help them.

Mr Wilkinson said he did not think they could make any impression on the Education Authority yet. He did not think there was any increase in the number of children, or it was very small.

Mr Ripon said he agreed with Mr Wilkinson.

Mr Young proposed that the matter be adjourned for a month, and in the meantime Mr Hon. secs. get out all the information already submitted to the Association.

Mr Coultas seconded.

Mr Rhodes: What about a conveyance?

The President: That might be covered by the amendment.

Mr White said that if there had been a good school at Whitkirk he would not have sent his youngest boy to Leeds.

The amendment was then agreed to.

THE LADIES' COLUMN

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

When lemons are not available fruit and vegetable stains can be removed from the hands by rubbing them with a slice of raw tomato.

Mirrors, after being washed, should be rubbed over with sprits of wine and polished with soft tissue paper.

To clean a carpet, sprinkle thoroughly with salt, then brush with a stiff brush. The colour will revive under this treatment.

Stale cake can be made perfectly fresh if dipped in cold milk and reheated in a cool oven. It will taste as if fresh and will be more digestible.

After washing hair-brushes dip the bristles in milk, and they will be found quite stiff when dry instead of soft, as is the case when they are only rinsed in water.

The water in which onions have been boiled is excellent for cleaning gilt picture-frames. It removes specks and dirt, and brightens the gilt. It should be used quite cold, and the frame should be gently wiped dry afterwards.

Lemon-juice is excellent for cleaning brass ware of any kind. Cut a lemon in half, dip it in coarse salt, and rub it thoroughly over the surface of the brass until all stains have disappeared. Then rinse well, and polish with a soft duster and a little finely-powdered bathbrick.

When a broom begins to show signs of wear don't throw it away. Soak it in hot soda water, and put out on the ash to dry. Then cut the bristles so that they are even lengths again, and you will find that the broom has taken on a new lease of life.

When washing blankets dissolve a quarter of a pound of rock fuller's earth in boiling water, and add to the water in which the blankets are steeped. This will make them easier to wash and more fleecy when dry.

To remove scums from white knife-handles, mix together equal parts of whiting and powdered pumice-stone, dip a damp cloth in the mixture, and rub the handles.

To make a tough steak tender, rub the meat on both sides with a mixture of equal parts of vinegar and olive oil, and leave it to stand for an hour or longer before cooking.

With the damp of autumn window-frames will begin to stick. Take a small piece of soap and rub it along the groove. Open and close the window a few times to make the soap slippery and to get it on to the edge of the sash, and thereafter you will have no trouble.

When a cork-screw is not available, or ordinary screw with a string attached will remove a cork from a bottle quite easily.

New baking tins should be placed in the oven for an hour to become properly seasoned before being used for ordinary baking purposes. The oven should be of moderate heat. By treating them in this way the tins will last twice as long.

When copper kettles become dull and black-looking, try cleaning them in the following way:—Cut a lemon in half, dip it in salt, and rub it all over the surface of the kettle. Afterwards wash well in warm water, to prevent the acid eating into the metal, and polish with dry powdered bath-brick.

A GOOD BOOT BLACKING.

Mix two pints of gin with vinegar and one of soft water, stir in a quarter of a pound of blue broken up, half a pound logwood chips, a quarter of an ounce best soft soap, and a quarter of an ounce sugar candy. Let the mixture stand by the fire for ten minutes. Then strain the liquid, let it cool, bottle, and cork it. Shake well before using, and apply with a sponge.

THE BEST FATS FOR FRYING.

Goulfe, the highest French authority in cookery, thinks frying fats as follows:—The best is the dripping of roast meats and the top of the broth or soup pot; next is beef suet, chopped fine and tried out. Butter requires a show fire and burns quickly, and is, therefore, inferior to either of the fats previously named for frying, besides being expensive. Oil always requires careful handling, as it rises rapidly, and is liable to boil over. Lard, adds this authority, "I am an advocate of, as it always leaves an unpleasant coating on whatever is fried in it."

FOR THE COMPLEXION.

Cold cream should never be allowed to remain on the skin over night. It does no good and has of injury. Wash the face in soft water before rubbing it gently in with a flannel or soft towel, and then as carefully remove every trace of it with a perfectly clean one, keeping up a gentle massage until there is no oiliness on the skin at all. This mode of treatment will be found a certain aid, and there will be no damaging results afterwards. So many people decry the use of soaps on the face, which is all a gross mistake, providing a good, reliable quality is used. Soap with hot water effectually cleans the pores; but, of course, it must be thoroughly washed off, and a brisk rubbing given to the skin to promote circulation. To sum it up, there are, after all, only a few simple rules to follow if one wishes to improve her complexion or to keep what she already has. The general health must be good, the diet looked to, plenty of outdoor exercise taken, a fondness for the bath indulged in, and one's temper kept unruffled as all costs.

HOW TO BRIGHTEN AND RETAIN COLOUR.

It is not generally known that when washing coloured articles (especially when new), if a little vinegar and a handful of salt are put in the water before washing, the colour will be retained and look like new. It also keeps articles with two or more colours from running into each other.

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A BRAMHAM GROCER'S BANKRUPTCY.

DISCHARGE GRANTED.

On Tuesday at York—before His Honour Deputy Judge J. H. Templer—the Official Receiver (Mr Donald S. Mackay) appeared in reference to an application for discharge from bankruptcy made by John Bagaley Gibbons.

Mr Mackay said that Mr Gibbons failed as a grocer at Bramham. The receiving order was made on December 23rd, 1913, on debtor's own petition, and the first meeting of creditors was held on January 15th, 1913, the Official Receiver remaining trustee of his estate. According to debtor's statement of affairs, the liabilities to rank for dividend were estimated at £294 8s. 10d., but the proofs actually admitted and claims likely to be made amounted to £391 2s. 11d. The assets, so far as they were not assigned to creditors wholly or partially secured, were estimated to produce £322 8s. 11d., but they had already realised £304 8s. 9d. The difference between the actual value of the assets and the debtor's estimate was accounted for by the fact that certain of the book debts were dispersion or to keep what she already has. The general health must be good, the diet looked to, plenty of outdoor exercise taken, a fondness for the bath indulged in, and one's temper kept unruffled as all costs.

Debtor carried on the business of a grocer at Bramham for 20 years prior to filing his petition. He began with a capital of £40 and built up a large trade connection. At the date of his bankruptcy he had over 200 open accounts with customers in his books, and this extensive and indiscriminate credit giving, coupled with neglect on his part to prevent debts becoming statute-barred, appeared to have been the cause of his failure. The Official Receiver had refrained from bringing pressure to bear upon debtors where their circumstances were somewhat straitened. The books kept by debtor consisted of day books, cash books, credit sales were entered, and a debtor's ledger, which was posted from the day book, also a creditors' ledger, containing the account of goods purchased by him, but he considered it to keep a cash book, or trading and profit and loss account, and he never took stock. Debtor admitted his knowledge of insolvency in July, 1912, after which he continued to trade for six months. At the present time debtor was employed as a carter at a weekly wage.

The Official Receiver submitted the following observations in relation to debtor's present application: That debtor had omitted to keep such books as were usual and proper to such a business to show sufficiently his business transactions and financial position within the three years preceding his bankruptcy; That bankrupt continued to trade after knowing himself to be insolvent; But the bankrupt's conduct during the proceedings under his bankruptcy had been satisfactory.

His Honour granted the discharge from bankruptcy, the same to take effect forthwith.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

	BRAMHAM MOOR	
Friday	Jan. 9—11.0	Bilbrough.
Saturday	Jan. 10—11.0	Church Fenton.
Monday	Jan. 12—11.0	Stackeld Park.
Wednesday	Jan. 14—11.0	Grimston Park.
Friday	Jan. 16—11.0	Walton.
Saturday	Jan. 17—11.0	Bardsey.
	YORK AND AINSTY.	
Friday	Jan. 9—11.0	Blue Bridge.
Saturday	Jan. 10—11.0	Foggarthorpe.
Monday	Jan. 12—11.0	Stressall.
Tuesday	Jan. 13—11.0	Acaster Malbis.
Thursday	Jan. 15—11.0	Spellaw Hill.
Friday	Jan. 16—11.0	Stainley House.
Saturday	Jan. 17—11.0	Elvington.

SCHOLES

CHILDREN'S PARTY.—The second Christmas treat to the children of Scholes was given in the Council Room on Wednesday night week, and the function was a great success. Tea was served by the Yeptle guests at four o'clock, and the following ladies attended to the wants of the children:—Mesdames Alvin, Beattie, Bygott, Clarke, Fleetwood, Haigh, Marsden, Needham, Sweeney, and Whitaker, and Misses Bygott, Harrison and Roberts. Mr J. W. Marsden gave gramophone selections whilst tea was being served, and they appreciated by the youngsters joined in the chorusse of popular ditties. Afterwards Mr W. Pickard, of Leeds (humorist and children's entertainer), kept the children enthralled with sweets, comic songs, recitations, etc., until the arrival of Father Christmas (personated by Mr Beattie) at 7.45, when each child received a present. Miss Gwen Beattie and Miss Kitty Dowling, two of the youngest children present, gave recitations, which were greatly appreciated. After the distribution of presents, Master Harry Hooton proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed towards the success of the party, and Miss Hannah Pemberton seconding, it was cordially passed. The children, before leaving, sing "Auld Lang Syne." Miss Elsie Pickard, of Leeds, was the accompanist. The arrangements were carried out by the members of the committee, Misses Abbs, Beattie, Bygott, Clarke, Fleetwood, Haigh, Horton, Marsden, Needham, and Whitaker.

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Rothwell Courier and Times,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1914.

How remarkably tolerant the people are of social evils! No matter how long the festering sore has been a reproach, the nation will allow its legislators and administrators to experiment with it, but a drastic remedy they will not demand. Vagrancy, for instance, is almost as old as the nation itself, and the people continue to suffer it. Enterprising persons have attempted to stamp it out by punishment, but they have made a sorry mess of it, and the whining mendicant continues to follow his time-honoured profession with becoming zeal, except at such times as he may be dodging a too vigilant police. Many, however, wonder that vagrancy has so long survived. In the old days when the vagrant was caught soliciting alms the "rude fathers of the hamlet" applied the whip to his back without scruple and drove him into the next parish, where the poor wasted, in order to sustain life, had to beg, borrow, or steal, thanking consequent punishment even greater than that already given. In a moment of relenting the authorities recognised him as a member of the human family, and provided a temporary home for him in special apartments at the workhouse, but when his numbers expanded with his gratitude the Guardians became less reluctant to display a generous hospitality, and the comfort of the guest was very considerably restricted. Still the vagrant remains a sore upon our social life. Further restrictions are promised by means of the way ticket system, in order that differentiation of treatment may be meted out to the bonafide working man, but it is simply tinkering with a problem which will remain until the legislature determines to deal drastically with the whole family of wastrels who travel about the country and live on the earnings of the industrious. If magistrates were given the power of detaining genuine sons of the road, and of sending the men and women to places where they would be weaned to work, and of committing children to the care of Guardians, not many years would elapse ere vagrancy was swept from the country. It would be a considerable expenditure to maintain such an army of tramps, but at the present time their cost to the nation is enormous, because, apart entirely from private charity, they are housed and fed by Guardians, and that means money. If the Boards of Guardians would insist upon such measures being adopted they would eventually have their way, but at present the authorities are only playing with the problem.

What is termed the "cinema craze" has resulted in the building of picture houses in almost every town and populous village in the country, and the public have shown a keen appreciation of the form of amusement and instruction provided. To the influence of the cinema house is credited a marked improvement in the sobriety and behaviour of the people, and men, it is stated, who were wont to spend their earnings drinking in public-houses now take their families to the picture palaces and enjoy themselves in a rational way, besides effecting a saving to the pocket. A well-conducted house may easily exercise a beneficial influence on a working-class community, without in anywise sacrificing its primary function—the provision of amusement, and so long as a high standard is maintained the public will be appreciative. While a great deal has been written about the effect of the picture house upon the minds and morals of the people, comparatively little has been said about the business side of the "craze." Judging by the multiplication of these places of amusement, the average thoughtless person will say that they must be reaping a rich harvest, but it is of interest to note the remarks of the chairman of the Amalgamated Cinematograph Theatres, at the annual meeting, regarding the baneful effect on dividends of excessive competition. It seems almost as bad to be successful as to be a failure, for such is the insane competition and such the desire to come and take from anyone what he is enjoying, that no sooner is it known that one is making a success with a theatre than somebody comes and builds a theatre opposite or beside it. It reminds one of the competition in the days of the skating rink "craze," which caused late-comers to lose heavily in undertakings. The most disquieting fact, however, in regard to picture houses is that the average capitalization of the newer concerns tends to get smaller, and this implies that the newer flora-tions are of an increasingly petty character. This not only affects their own stability and their shareholders' capital, but it may easily destroy the margin of profits of other houses in the neighbourhood, and bring disaster all round. In each town and district there must be a limit to these concerns, and the public when asked to invest in new undertakings should carefully inquire as to the prospects of success.

In view of the agitation for a minimum wage for agricultural labourers, valuable information is furnished by the last census, which would indicate that between 1901 and 1911 farming had enjoyed a period of increased prosperity. Trade activity is generally gauged by the number of persons employed, and if the same rule is applied to agriculture an improvement was manifest in the condition of the oldest industry. The number of male farm servants employed advanced from 584,000 to 622,000, and it must be remembered that the latter figures were obtained when the general trade of the country was good. In the decade farmers and graziers increased by 6,000—due probably to the multiplication of small-holdings, and if more land was under cultivation it would, to some extent, account for the greater number of farm hands employed. Of course, the bare figures are not an accurate guide to conditions, and many deductions may be drawn from them, but, in view of the use of so much machinery on the farm, and the employment of more men, it is reasonable to assume that activity in the industry was greater. It would be possible to argue that agriculture was even more prosperous in 1881, when 808,000 male farm hands were employed, or in 1891, when the number was returned as 735,000, but the conditions have changed very materially, and more machinery is now used. The difference between the numbers in 1881 and 1911 is nearly 190,000 male workers, and when to these are added dependents, it will be seen that the population of the countryside has undergone a serious decrease. Between 1901 and 1911, however, a check came to rural depopulation, and as the figures for male servants were up by 38,000, it might be assumed that the glamour of town life was not exercising such a potent influence over country folks. But is that the case? According to a report by the Committee of the Central Land Association, "better prices and better prospects for farming have led to an increased demand for labour which is no longer available. From almost every district it is reported that labour is scarce, that the more progressive sons of agricultural labourers, as soon as they are able, flock to the towns and colonies, and there is very general complaint that the quality of labour in agricultural districts is poor." The total male population employed on the land in 1911 had increased by 48,000, yet we are told that labour is not to be got. In many parts of the country labourers are wretchedly paid—in this district conditions are not so bad—and it is generally recognised that the value of farm labour has a material bearing on the value of unskilled labour generally, although why agricultural work should be termed unskilled is a mystery. Some people argue that farmers cannot pay higher wages, but where there are other trades competing with agriculture for labour the farmer does pay more and he seems as prosperous as the man who gives the lower wage. The Land Association Committee states that "the appearance of industrial interests causes a rise in wages, and the labour market instantly becomes sensitive to the increased demand. Where there is no industrial element, wages are apt to remain low and stagnant." Farmers who pay the higher wages are placed at a disadvantage in competing with the agriculturists who give a low wage, and many people use this as an argument in favour of the fixing of a minimum wage for labourers. And good wages make for efficiency. It is not long since a Monk Fryston farmer declared that the better-paid Yorkshire labourer was worth three of the labourer in the south. So to secure good servants good wages, comparatively speaking, must be paid. Many farmers have discovered this, and in the district men are being given more than the minimum demanded by the Union, but, on the other hand, a number have failed to realise that efficient service requires an adequate wage.

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DEATHS.

ANSON.—January 2nd, 1914, suddenly, at Hugh Farm, Gateforth, Selby, in her 56th year, Emma Stead Anson, wife of George Thomas Anson.

BURTON.—January 2nd, 1914, at Shadwell Grange, Moor-Allerton, Leeds, Rosalie Mary, wife of Henry Burton.

BROOKSBANK.—January 4th, at 94, Harrington Road, Workington, Emma Brooksbank, widow of the late James Brooksbank, and daughter of the late John Nicholson, of Harewood.

COOPER.—January 2nd, 1914, at St. Peter's Vicarage, Mendell, in the 88th year, Mary Cooper, late of Low Moor Farm, North Rigton.

DYSON.—January 3rd, 1914, at Beechwood, Moortown, aged 78, Elizabeth, the dearly beloved wife of William Deighton.

EMMET.—January 6th, at her residence, The Poplars, Boston Spa, Agnes Emmet, widow of the late John Emmet, F.L.S.

FAULKNER.—January 4th, 1914, at Starbeck, aged 61, Elizabeth Ellen, the wife of Joseph Lee Faulkner, F.R.C.V.S., daughter of the late James Knowles, Esq., of Wetherby House, Wetherby.

FRANKLAND.—January 1st, 1914, at Barwick, in her 43rd year, Lucy, the beloved wife of James A. Frankland.

HOLMES.—January 7th, 1914, at Boston Spa, Frederick Holmes, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., late of Leeds.

LEA.—January 3rd, 1914, at Poplar Farm, Kearby, Wetherby, Ellen Lea (nee Ward), the beloved wife of Sidney Lea.

NIELD.—January 3rd, at 113, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, in his 76th year, Edwin Neild.—Interred at Oulton Church.

THOMAS.—On January 7th at High Street, Kippax, George, the beloved husband of Mary Ann Thomas, in his 54th year. Interment at Kippax Parish Church, Saturday 3.30. Friends please accept this, the only, intimation.

TURNBULL.—January 4th, 1914, at Lea Terrace, King Lane, Moortown, aged 26 years, John, the beloved husband of Maud Turnbull, and the second son of the late John Turnbull.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRAHAM.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Alfred Braham, who passed away January 5th, 1911.
"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." 483

SIMPSON.—In loving memory of Elizabeth Simpson, who died January 8th, 1907.
"When a mother breathes her last farewell.
The strain is more than tongue can tell.
This earth is again another place
Without the smile from our dear mother's face."
—William Henry Simpson.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

Rothwell Methodist Institute will play Harehills Liberals in the first round of the Leeds and District Billiard Championship Competition.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY.—In connection with the Wesleyan Chapel a New Year's Party was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Monday night. A very happy time was spent. A small charge was made, and the proceeds will go towards the Sunday School stall at the forthcoming bazaar.

NEW ORGAN.—The Primitive Methodists of Rothwell are best on having a new organ and various efforts are on foot in order to raise funds. On Sunday the members of the Robin Hood United Methodist Church choir paid a visit to Rothwell, and gave the cantata "The Great Light." The choir sang well under the conductorship of Mr C. H. Pickas.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Session on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. Sugar Firth, and Major Calverley, Mr S. Hudson, Mr R. Kitson, and Mr E. Parkin.

CHURCH CLOCK.—On Saturday the clock of the church chimed the hours for the first time after a silence of over two months. The clock is a good timekeeper, and, unlike the one at the Council offices, can be relied upon. It is anticipated that the church bells will soon be in order.

SUNDAY POSTAL DELIVERY.—Speaking of the disadvantages of not having a Sunday delivery, Mr S. R. Chadwick, who proposed at a meeting of the Rothwell Council on Monday night, that the postmaster be asked to grant a delivery of letters each Sunday in the Rothwell area, said he very often received letters on a Monday morning reporting cases of illness, and which, had the letters been received on the Sunday, he could have visited the people. Monday was too late, as he could not possibly go.

TEMPERANCE.—In connection with the Rothwell Branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union a "social" was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Thursday evening. There was a large company present, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Games were engaged in, and during the evening solos were contributed by Mr. T. Bailey, Mr Southwart, Mr Hampson, and Mrs. L. Ineson, while a trio was rendered by Mrs Southwart, Miss Boys, and Miss Barbram. A humorous duet, given by Mrs Boys and Mrs. Southwart, was also greatly appreciated. Mrs Young presided over the gathering, and Mrs Barbram ably accompanied the musical items. Refreshments were provided.

PREFERRED TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Bessy Priestley, of Rothwell, summoned her husband for maintenance. A separation order was made against ben husband, John Priestley, on December 2nd, for ten shillings a week. The arrears amounted to £2 10s.—five weeks' payment. Defendant said there was a home ready for the woman if she would go back, but Mrs Priestley refused to go back. The Clerk: You will have to pay or else take the consequences. Defendant: I will take the consequences. The Bench sent Priestley to prison for one month.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Lord Taylor, a labourer, of Rothwell, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on Wednesday, December 24th. P.C. Leahy stated that about 10.20 p.m. he saw the defendant staggering about Commercial Street, and he was using bad language. He told him to go home, and defendant took no notice. Asked if he had anything to say, Taylor said he did not remember seeing the officer, but for all that he was not drunk. (Laughter). P.C. Bosomworth gave corroborative evidence, and said he saw defendant come out of the Bull Inn. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On behalf of Lock Lane Medical Charities' Society, Mr A. Townend has sent £10 to Leeds Infirmary.

BOWERS ALLERTON

On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Bowers Allerton and Normanton Y.M.C., and the former won by eight goals to nil. A Mission Service, for the spiritual welfare of the village Mr Fred Smith, of Chesterfield, is conducting a nine days' mission in the Mission Hall. Mr Smith is very well respected for his good work done in his two previous missions, and the services are being well attended.

MEN'S FRIDAY NIGHT CLASS.—On Friday Mr Ted Brocklesby explained to a large class the changes that were brought about by England by the Saxon and Norman Conquests. The essayist first described England before the invasion, and said the English lived in wooden huts, although, stream, road, the houses of the villeins, and other classes of labour. Around these were common grass land, accessible to all for grazing purposes, and the English system was the three field system; one-third of this was always idle, and surrounding the lot was waste land. The feudal system was of economic growth; raiders occasionally abandoned the villagers' produce, and an appeal was made to the strongest villager, who organised resisting gangs or soldiers. In return for this the other villagers worked several days each week for him, which made him rich, and he thus grew into a feudal lord. William the Conqueror had experience of the feudal system in North Germany, and when he came here he organised and placed on a solid foundation feudalism in England. He formed townships, and periodically he sent commissioners to the shire courts, and they, with local juries, administered justice. This was the foundation of our assize court system. The justices was William's chief administrator, and in the time of William II. he was made Prime Minister, and he and the Chancellor were drawn from the clergy. Many other points of interest were developed in the discussion which followed, many years.

CARLTON

WHY?—The postmaster of Wakefield does not consider Carlton of sufficient importance to receive money order business in connection with the local post office. Esse Aridsey has two offices where money orders are issued.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Simpson, a miner, of Carlton, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on the night of Boxing Day. P.C. Bosomworth proved the offence, and defendant was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

WHAT THE POLICEMAN WAS OFFERED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Bates and Herbert Packard, miners, of Carlton, were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly in Carlton Lane, Rothwell, on Christmas night. P.C. Leahy proved the offences, and said Bates offered him 2s. 6d. to "make it all right." Each defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

CROSSGATES.

On Wednesday evening at the meeting of Crossgates Wesley Guild the address took the form of a "New Year's Message," by Mr R. Taylor, of Harehills.

LEEDS AND CROSSGATES.—A contemporary says: —"Mr H. L. Cancellor, barrister-at-law, has been appointed as arbitrator to settle the question of the equitable adjustment of finances as between the Tadcaster Rural District Council and the Leeds Corporation, which has arisen by reason of the inclusion of the Crossgates Ward, which was part of the rural district, in the Leeds Corporation. The amount of Tadcaster's claim is £18,759. This is not entertained by the Leeds Corporation, and negotiations between the parties have been fruitless. The Tadcaster Union have made application to the Local Government Board for the appointment of an arbitrator in respect of the same area. The exact amount of this has not as yet been fixed, but it is probable that the sum involved will be considerably below £5,000. In this case the principal point of discussion between the respective Unions may be in regard to the term of years for the capitalisation of rateable value, and it is probable that the Leeds Board will ask for a shorter period than fifteen years, upon which the Tadcaster Union's claim is based."

We may state that the matter was before the District Council on Monday, and arrangements were made for the arbitration proceedings, which will take place next month in London.

Mr Kenneth Stott, son of Mr W. W. Stott, of Crossgates, has passed the minor examination of the Pharmaceutical Society in London, and is now a fully qualified chemist and druggist.

GOOD WORK.—On Saturday the members of the Crossgates Working Men's Club entertained over 400 children to a substantial tea at the Saville Green Mission Room. This was followed by a concert in the evening by the Merry Heart pierrot troupe (Leeds), and from the excitement and enthusiasm aroused the annual event was a great success. The children had a very happy time.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.—In connection with Court Crossgates, I.O.F., a children's party was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Saturday afternoon, and the function, which was promoted by the Social Committee of the Court, consisting of Bros. H. Mann (Chairman), Fidgett, Fisher, Lewis, and Whitfield, was a most successful one. The wives of the members of the committee, assisted by a few other ladies, carried out all the arrangements for the tea, and excellent fare was provided for the little guests, who numbered over 120. In the evening children had a delightful time—Bro. W. J. Powell, C.R., presiding. Miss Whitfield played a pianoforte solo, and Miss Botford gave two fancy dances, while the principal item performers were Mr Harvey, who gave a ventriloquial entertainment, and sang humorous songs; Mr Bean, who mystified the guests with his smart conjuring; and Bro. A. R. Milford, humorist, who is always popular at local gatherings. Miss Fisher discharged the duties of accompanist with efficiency. Games and dancing were engaged in by the children, and in the course of the evening Santa Claus (personated by Bro. J. Fisher) made his appearance, and presented new pennies and chocolate to the little ones, who were also supplied with fifties, oranges, and bananas. Bros. Fisher and Berry acted as M.C.'s. The children had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and the Foresters will in all probability make the gathering an annual one.

GARFORTH

Mr William Green, nurseryman and florist, left estate valued at £4,431.

WATER RENT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Crossland, an engineman, of Garforth, was summoned by Mrs Hannah Elizabeth Turner, of Garforth, for assault. Last week Mrs Turner made application to the Bench for permission to withdraw the summons, but was told she must bring Crossland to the Court. On Tuesday when the case came on the Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mrs Turner stating that she was too ill to appear. She still wished to withdraw the summons, and the magistrates dismissed the case.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Unusually good business was done at the Picture House during New Year's week, and the management are being maintained during the present week. That this hall should retain its popularity is a very natural result of a successful endeavour on the part of the manager to provide the best of everything that comes along, be it pathetic, sensational, educational, or humorous. During the first part of the current week "The Tiger Man" has proved a thoroughly powerful drama, and to-night and Saturday a picture, entitled "Lead, kindly light," inspired by the beautiful hymn of that name, is being screened. On Monday a three Pictorial Edition of the hymn is vocally woven into the story by Madame Davies, who sang to "The Rosary" with such marked success. During the first half of next week "Rosalie, Queen of Surrey," a play in which a shy and simple girl contends against a fascinating widow and comes out victorious, is the chief feature, whilst for the second half of the week "The Man in Black" holds pride of place in the programme. This is a sensational detective story, revealing the exploits of a mysterious, crafty, and slippery villain. The film is nearly 4,000 feet in length. Other items of humour and interest complete the programmes. For times and prices see advert.

GREAT PRESTON

On Saturday afternoon a match was played between Great Preston and Benson Lane Red Rose, and it was drawn.

The village hockey club held a successful dance on Saturday evening. Mr G. Nowell was M.C., and Mrs E. Gill officiated at the piano.

HALTON

BILLIARDS.—In the Non-Political Clubs' League there have been many good breaks made during the first half; but it hardly appears possible for the fine run of 72, made by Mr H. Thomas (Halton), to be beaten for the break prize. The aggregate, 500, given by Mr E. Green (Halton) has the fine record of having won each of the 10 games he has played.

DISMISSED.—When the case of John Batey, ranger, of Halton, who was summoned by his wife for assault, came up at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Mrs Batey failed to appear, and the case was allowed to stand over. However, as the prosecutrix was still wanting when the case was called again, the charge was dismissed.

KIPPAX

On behalf of Kippax and Ledstone Medical Charities Committee, Mr R. Plows has sent £10 to Leeds Infirmary.

PARISHES LEAGUE.—In connection with the Warren House Habitation a free concert was given in the Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., presided, and he was supported by Mr Walter Robinson (Allerton), Mr G. Cawood, Mr Hopkins, and Mr W. Birkinshaw. There was a large attendance. Addresses were given by Mr W. H. Le Wallis, and Lieut. Beaghey, R.N., and the Rev. E. B. Smith. Mr Wallis spoke on the question of Home Rule for Ireland. He said self-government was not the desire of the Irish people. The welfare of the Irish people depended not upon Home Rule, but on social reforms. Home Rule for Ireland should, he thought, be decided without the Nationalist vote. They provided two-thirds of the revenue of Ireland. The existence of the Liberal Government was justified by only one Act—Old Age Pensions. Lieut. Beaghey spoke on the work of the Parishes League, and the latter gave an address on Welsh Disestablishment. If the Nonconformists in England, he said, would raise their voices against it the Church in Wales would not be disestablished. It was neither just nor right to take away the endowments which had been left to the Welsh Church by private benefactors, and which had belonged to the Church for 250 years. No fewer than 193 parishes in Wales could not have clergymen if the weekly stipend of these men was brought down to 5s. That was what the Bill would do. An excellent musical programme was given by Miss Charlesworth, Madame Holroyd, Messrs L. R. Brunton, O. M. Overend, and John Miller (humorist), while Mr Bradley Sayer was the accompanist. Thy usual votes of thanks were passed at the close.

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Mr Armitage said that so far as he knew the Rothwell Council did not want the Children's Homes Committee to pay anything more than they actually got, and on the other hand they did not want them to pay less. The Homes had been supplied by meter, and they had been paying on a scale. The Guardians were offering £18 for what it cost the Rothwell Council £44.

Mr Butterick said the charges ought to be based on the rateable value of a dwelling-house.

Mr Gavins: Are we to understand that the Rothwell Council want more than a private house rental?

The Clerk: The Homes are under the Waterworks Act the same as a dwelling house.

Mr Butterick: There is some difference between a private house and the Homes.

Mr Butterick said he did not think the Board wanted to get anything out of the Council.

The matter then dropped.

CHARGE OF UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Father Cody moved an amendment that the portion of the minutes relating to the refusal of a child to Leeds be referred back, as he objected to the resolution of the Committee. He charged the Committee with not dealing with the matter in a fair manner.

Mr J. W. Verity seconded the amendment.

Mr Butterick said Father Cody had made a great mistake in not being present at the meeting of the Homes Committee. The Committee had expressed the view that they would have preferred Father Cody to have been there. Considerable time was spent in considering the matter, and because Father Cody was not there and he had not confidence in the Committee that they had done their duty to him and the child, it would be a breach of faith to go back, and for the members to spend perhaps another hour or an hour and a half in again discussing the matter. (Hear, hear). However, he would rather it go back than Father Cody think the Board were not treating him fairly.

Upon a vote being taken the amendment was lost, and the minutes were passed.

WORKHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Workhouse Committee showed that a further report was received from the Nursing Sub-Committee setting out in detail their renewed enquiries concerning the possibility of providing instruction in midwifery as a part of their training to enable probationer nurses to qualify for the C.M.B. certificate, and stating that on the understanding that the staff will share the work of the absent nurses amongst them, and thereby avoid the expense of another additional nurse, they made the following recommendations:—(1) That arrangements be made with the authorities of the Leeds Maternity Hospital for such of the probationer nurses now or hereafter in the service of the Guardians or may be willing, and shall be considered suitable, to receive a course of four months' training in midwifery at such hospital at the cost of the Guardians. (2) That probationer nurses be given the option on appointment or before the end of their second year's service, of electing to be provided with the special facilities proposed to be provided for training in midwifery and surgical nursing, and that if accepted as suitable they be required to enter into a supplementary agreement to continue their training for a fourth year at the third year's remuneration, viz:—£20 per annum and emoluments, on the understanding that only one half of the cash salary will be paid during the period for which the Guardians are providing for their tuition elsewhere; (3) That the Clerk be instructed to draw up a form of supplementary agreement embodying the foregoing proposals for execution by all probationer nurses accepted for a fourth year's training, and that an important item of certificated nurses' duties in midwifery and surgical nursing be awarded to such nurses; (4) That the Workhouse Committee make arrangements if at all possible to replace the nursing staff of the feeding of infants' in the house nursery.

It was agreed that the matter stand over for further consideration at the next meeting.

The master reported that of the inmates allowed out on Boxing Day, 5 returned drunk, 3 stayed out all night, and one got into the custody of the police, while one man, who went out on leave on Monday, had not returned.

It was ordered that the offenders be dealt with according to regulations.

The minutes were passed.

MR LUNN CALLED TO ORDER

The question of distributing coals to recipients of outdoor-relief was again discussed upon the report of the third relieving officer, Mr Armstrong, being read by the Clerk. The report was to the effect that discrimination could be used in certain cases.

Mr Lunn said at the last meeting they heard the reports of the other relieving officers, who they did not feel justified in discriminating. Altogether they had 200 householders in receipt of outdoor relief, and of that number 250 were, to the information of the relieving officers, not deserving cases. He did not think it would be advisable to discriminate. He again proposed the resolution that each recipient of out-door relief receive one cwt. of coal per week.

Mr J. W. Verity seconded.

Mr Schofield moved as an amendment that the Guardians consider each individual case as it come before them, whether they should coal or otherwise. He had no cases in Mr Lunn's district where it did not cost them a cent for coal, and he did not want the Guardians to give coal where it was not needed.

Mr Conyers said that what Mr Schofield had moved was unfair, as some who were receiving out-door relief would rather starve than ask for coal.

Mr Appleyard said the relief given by the Board was only adequate for the warm months of the year.

Mr Lunn remarked that Mr Schofield was the steamer man on the Board in the distribution of relief.

Mr Schofield demanded a withdrawal of the remark.

Mr Butterick called Mr Lunn to order, remarking that he hoped they had got beyond introducing personalities into their discussions.

Mr Gavins, in supporting the resolution, said he had waited to see if any members of the Board could give any reason. The only reason they had had was that a person was seen gathering coal somewhere near a gas-house. He had seen that himself and was sorry. Another reason was that it took more to keep up a person in winter than in summer. He thought they could trust the relieving officers he had come with the idea that some of the members had gone into the question, and would be prepared to say there was a necessity for coal in winter for it. He supported the resolution as he found there was a reason, and he had taken it from the relieving officers' report, and he was sorry the members had not gone into the report for information. In cases of widows with children they were not giving sufficient relief. Giving figures, he said, no woman could maintain a child on 2s. 7½d. per week.

Mr Armitage called attention to the resolution passed by the Board a month ago—that relieving officers give coal in cases where it was necessary. That, he considered, was all the Board could do. The Board ought to allow the officers to deal generously with recipients of out-door relief while the bad weather lasted.

Mr Butterick reminded the Board of the reports of the first two months, in which they did not feel justified in discriminating. All those in receipt of out-door relief ought to have coal given to them; that was his opinion, and he was going to support the resolution. They knew the maximum amount of relief they could give, and he did not think they were going out of bounds to give a bag of coal.

Mr Schofield's amendment was lost.

Mr Armitage moved, as an amendment, the resolution passed by the Board a month ago, but this was lost, and the resolution carried.

Votes of thanks to all those who had in any way helped in the Christmas festivities, both at the Workhouse and the Children's Homes, were heartily carried.

The Vicar of Selby (Dr Solloway) has been appointed the new President of the Selby Scientific Society.

STOURTON

Stourton Liberal Club will play Leeds North-East Ward Conservative Institute in the Leeds and District Billiard Championship Competition.

ON FIRE.—As the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Lunn, a pithand, living at Stourton, was fined 1s. and costs for allowing the chimney of his house to get on fire.

P.S.A.—There was a good attendance at the weekly P.S.A. service held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom on Sunday afternoon. The speaker was Mr J. G. Collinson, who gave an interesting address. Mr Waterton was the organist.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Jessie Wright, a married woman, living at Stourton, was summoned for using abusive language at Stourton on Friday, December 26th, P.C. Boyes proved the case, and defendant was fined 2s. 6d. and costs. Ben Beason, cutter, of Hunslet, who was summoned for using obscene language at the same time as the other defendant, was also fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

BILLIARDS.—In the Non-Political Clubs' League Stourton St. Andrew's have the best position, but they are closely followed by British Workman's and Workhouse Recreation, and it looks as though one of these clubs will head the list. The position is the more interesting from the fact that, if either Stourton or British Workman's win, they will have to play Worsley for permanent possession of the Shield, whilst should Woodhouse win, the shield will find a "good home" at Wortley.

SEACROFT

OLD PEOPLE'S TREAT.—The usual treat was given to the old people of Seacroft in the Church School, and tea was served to forty-seven men and women by Mrs Platt, Mrs Dewhirst, Mrs W. Towlerton, and Miss Hague, assisted by Mrs H. Dobson, Mrs J. Towlerton, Miss Clark, and Miss Royner. Subsequently a musical programme was gone through, and songs were given by Miss Ryder (foreigner), and Mr P. Bearden (Leeds), violin solos by Miss Olga Bearden, and carols by the church boys, while recitations were submitted by Miss O. Bearden and Mr H. Carpenter. During the evening Mr A. Lumb presented 2lb. of tea to each woman, and two cigars to each man. Mr Walter Towlerton, hon. sec., had charge of the arrangements for the treat, which was a very enjoyable and successful one.

WOODLESFORD

IN A DISMAL COUNTRY.—In the course of a lecture by Mr H. Crowther, in Leeds Philosophical Hall on Wednesday, some coloured slides were shown, illustrating abandoned workings in a coal pit at Woodlesford, and here the lecturer gave a graphic description of the manner in which he obtained the pictures. These workings, he said, were overgrown with fungi, some of which were as much as 7 feet in height, and from 4 to 5 feet in width.

Crossgates Literary Society.

LECTURE BY REV. E. BELL

In connection with Crossgates Literary Society, the Rev. Edwin Bell, of Crossgates, delivered a capital lecture, entitled "A Tour in Northern India," in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, before a large audience. Mr E. Hawksworth (President) was in the chair.

The lecture, which was illustrated with admirable selection of slides, was an account of a journey made by Mr Bell during his residence in India as a missionary. The various modes of travel—by boat, bullock, waggon, and train—were graphically described. Starting from Calcutta, the audience were in imagination, conveyed to the hill country of Darjeeling, the region of tea plantations and sanatoria, and thence to Benares, Jeypore, and Delhi, and, on returning, at Cawnpore. Views of Government House, Mohammedan mosques, native scenes, the Botanical Gardens, the car of Juggernaut, and the Burning Ghat, a prayer were shown to portray the life of the peoples. The various religions —Hinduism, Mohammedanism, Brahmanism, Buddhism were described, and the pessimism of the people was accounted for by the fatalism of their creeds. Buddhism, the religion without a God, was now practically extinct in Ceylon. Of the 80 millions of Mohammedans, 60 millions were residents of our Indian Empire. There was much to admire in these heathen beliefs, in which the virtues of kindness and patience were extolled. The descriptions of the famous Taj Mahal, that poem in marble, with its lofty minarets, delicately traced screens and graceful cupolas, was a fine piece of word painting, as also was the description of the statue of the "Angel of the Resurrection" at Cawnpore—that noble monument to the memory of the English massacre in 1857.

On the motion of Mr T. K. Diggle, seconded by Mr Mitchell, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

The lantern was creditably manipulated by Mr H. Johnson.

Mrs Elizabeth Kitson, of May Lodge, Scarborough, widow of Mr James Kitson, of Roundhay, left £8,624.

Roundhay hockey players had a match at Meanwood on Saturday afternoon with Leeds Corinthians, who won by three goals to nil.

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ABERFORD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with this church a sale of work and apron sale was held on Thursday week. At the opening ceremony the Rev. R. W. Davidson, of Boston Spa, presided, and the Sunday School children sang several pieces and then declared the sale open. There were a cake stall, a toy stall, and the ladies of the sewing meeting had charge of an apron and fancy stall. Music was supplied by Messrs Whitehouse's orchestra. Mr and Mrs Mallett, and Mr Simpson (Garforth), Mr Morris (Monk Fryston), Mrs Jenkinson, etc., and Miss C. Westerman gave recitations. The proceeds amounted to over £20.

THE LATE DR HOLMES.—The death took place on Wednesday, at Boston Spa, of Dr. Frederick Holmes, who was a familiar figure in Leeds as an officer and public vaccinator under the Leeds Union. Dr. Holmes, who was in his 83rd year, was appointed medical officer and public vaccinator for Rothwell district of the Leeds Union on October 11th, 1865, and for 42 years he retained that position, advancing years compelling him to relinquish it in 1907. During that time some thousands of patients came under his care, and as public vaccinator he dealt with over 40,000 children, the district he served being one of the largest in the Leeds Union. Prior to his connection with Poor Law work, and before he commenced practice on his own account, Dr Holmes served as house surgeon for five years at the old Dispensary in Templar Street, and his ultimate retirement from medical work in Leeds was received with feelings of deep regret by the poor people among whom he laboured for so many years.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

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COAL DISTRIBUTION AGAIN.

MR LUNN CALLED TO ORDER.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices on Wednesday—Mr J. Butterick presiding. In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman, Dr. Greaves, present were Mrs Dickinson, Dr. Greaves, Rev. T. Cody, Messrs G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. W. Verity, D. Hargreaves, J. Gavin, E. B. Ackergrill, W. A. Appleyard, J. W. Carr, Banister, Conyers, W. Schofield, Hemingway, J. R. Chappell, T. Bennett, and W. Lunn, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Moon).

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Mr Lunn asked what the difficulty was between the Children's Homes and the Rothwell Council. He was told that the Guardians were only prepared to pay what was the actual cost or anything like the actual cost for the supply of water to the Homes. He did not think that two bodies using ratepayers' money should throw on an assumed rental.

The Clerk said the Guardians claimed that the supply to the Homes was for domestic purposes as supply to other dwelling-house. The Guardians were entitled to a supply at a minimum rate. The Rothwell Council had asked the Guardians to make a proper payment, but when they had done so the Council made terms in excess. At the last meeting the committee were waiting for the Rothwell Council to say what the cost was for domestic purposes. The committee, he added, was ready to pay a reasonable sum.

Mr Armitage said that so far as he knew the Rothwell Council did not want the Children's Homes Committee to pay anything more than they actually got, and on the other hand they did not want them to pay less. The Homes had been supplied by meter, and they had been paying on a scale. The Guardians were offering £18 for what it cost the Rothwell Council £44.

Mr Butterick said the charges ought to be based on the rateable value of a dwelling-house.

Mr Gavins: Are we to understand that we have to pay more water than a private house?

The Clerk: The Homes are under the Waterworks Act the same as a dwelling house.

Mr Butterick: There is some difference between a private house and the Homes.

Mr Butterick said he did not think the Board wanted to get anything out of the Council.

The matter then dropped.

CHARGE OF UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Father Cody moved an amendment that the portion of the minutes relating to the refusal of a child to Leeds be referred back, as he objected to the resolution of the Committee. He charged the Committee with not dealing with the matter in a fair manner.

Mr J. W. Verity seconded the amendment.

Mr Butterick said Father Cody had made a great mistake in not being present at the meeting of the Homes Committee. The Committee had expressed the view that they would have preferred Father Cody to have been there. Considerable time was spent in considering the matter, and because Father Cody was not there and he had not confidence in the Committee that they had done their duty to him and the child, it would be a breach of faith to go back, and for the members to spend perhaps another hour or an hour and a half in again discussing the matter. (Hear, hear). However, he would rather it go back than Father Cody think the Board were not treating him fairly.

Upon a vote being taken the amendment was lost, and the minutes were passed.

WORKHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Workhouse Committee showed that a further report was received from the Nursing Sub-Committee setting out in detail their renewed enquiries concerning the possibility of providing instruction in midwifery as a part of their training to enable probationer nurses to qualify for the C.M.B. certificate, and stating that on the understanding that the staff will share the work of the absent nurses amongst them, and thereby avoid the expense of another additional nurse, they made the following recommendations:—(1) That arrangements be made with the authorities of the Leeds Maternity Hospital for such of the probationer nurses now or hereafter in the service of the Guardians or may be willing, and shall be considered suitable, to receive a course of four months' training in midwifery at such hospital at the cost of the Guardians. (2) That probationer nurses be given the option on appointment or before the end of their second year's service, of electing to be provided with the special facilities proposed to be provided for training in midwifery and surgical nursing, and that if accepted as suitable they be required to enter into a supplementary agreement to continue their training for a fourth year at the third year's remuneration, viz:—£20 per annum and emoluments, on the understanding that only one half of the cash salary will be paid during the period for which the Guardians are providing for their tuition elsewhere; (3) That the Clerk be instructed to draw up a form of supplementary agreement embodying the foregoing proposals for execution by all probationer nurses accepted for a fourth year's training, and that an important item of certificated nurses' duties in midwifery and surgical nursing be awarded to such nurses; (4) That the Workhouse Committee make arrangements if at all possible to replace the nursing staff of the feeding of infants' in the house nursery.

It was agreed that the matter stand over for further consideration at the next meeting.

The master reported that of the inmates allowed out on Boxing Day, 5 returned drunk, 3 stayed out all night, and one got into the custody of the police, while one man, who went out on leave on Monday, had not returned.

It was ordered that the offenders be dealt with according to regulations.

The minutes were passed.

MR LUNN CALLED TO ORDER

The question of distributing coals to recipients of outdoor-relief was again discussed upon the report of the third relieving officer, Mr Armstrong, being read by the Clerk. The report was to the effect that discrimination could be used in certain cases.

Mr Lunn said at the last meeting they heard the reports of the other relieving officers, who they did not feel justified in discriminating. Altogether they had 200 householders in receipt of outdoor relief, and of that number 250 were, to the information of the relieving officers, not deserving cases. He did not think it would be advisable to discriminate. He again proposed the resolution that each recipient of out-door relief receive one cwt. of coal per week.

Mr J. W. Verity seconded.

Mr Schofield moved as an amendment that the Guardians consider each individual case as it come before them, whether they should coal or otherwise. He had no cases in Mr Lunn's district where it did not cost them a cent for coal, and he did not want the Guardians to give coal where it was not needed.

Mr Conyers said that what Mr Schofield had moved was unfair, as some who were receiving out-door relief would rather starve than ask for coal.

Mr Appleyard said the relief given by the Board was only adequate for the warm months of the year.

Mr Lunn remarked that Mr Schofield was the steamer man on the Board in the distribution of relief.

Mr Schofield demanded a withdrawal of the remark.

Mr Butterick called Mr Lunn to order, remarking that he hoped they had got beyond introducing personalities into their discussions.

Mr Gavins, in supporting the resolution, said he had waited to see if any members of the Board could give any reason. The only reason they had had was that a person was seen gathering coal somewhere near a gas-house. He had seen that himself and was sorry. Another reason was that it took more to keep up a person in winter than in summer. He thought they could trust the relieving officers he had come with the idea that some of the members had gone into the question, and would be prepared to say there was a necessity for coal for it. He supported the resolution as he found there was a reason, and he had taken it from the relieving officers' report, and he was sorry the members had not gone into the report for information. In cases of widows with children they were not giving sufficient relief. Giving figures, he said, no woman could maintain a child on 2s. 7½d. per week.

Mr Armitage called attention to the resolution passed by the Board a month ago—that relieving officers give coal in cases where it was necessary. That, he considered, was all the Board could do. The Board ought to allow the officers to deal generously with recipients of out-door relief while the bad weather lasted.

Mr Butterick reminded the Board of the reports of the first two months, in which they did not feel justified in discriminating. All those in receipt of out-door relief ought to have coal given to them; that was his opinion, and he was going to support the resolution. They knew the maximum amount of relief they could give, and he did not think they were going out of bounds to give a bag of coal.

Mr Schofield's amendment was lost.

Mr Armitage moved, as an amendment, the resolution passed by the Board a month ago, but this was lost, and the resolution carried.

Votes of thanks to all those who had in any way helped in the Christmas festivities, both at the Workhouse and the Children's Homes, were heartily carried.

The Vicar of Selby (Dr Solloway) has been appointed the new President of the Selby Scientific Society.

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GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING—CHEAP RAILWAY FARES.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday night—Mr J. B. Breed (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), R. Routledge, sen., H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, T. S. Slater, and W. W. Hartley, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the medical officer (Dr. Pickersgill), and the surveyor (Mr Thomas Abbot).

Mr S. Backhouse made application to the Council for an allotment of an acre of allotment-acre, and it was agreed to offer him the old sewage works at £2 10s. per annum.

Mr J. S. Fox, Main Street, applied for a permit to enable him to store motor spirit, and it was granted.

Plans for the conversion of privies into w.c.'s at the late Dr Pogson's property and at Midshopper Buildings were passed.

In regard to a request by the Territorial Association as to the Council giving assistance in certifying statements made by men, it was agreed to accede to it.

The scavenging contract with Mr Alfred Reed was signed and sealed.

A letter was read from the county surveyor stating that the County Highways Committee were prepared to receive applications for surface tarring roads, particularly in populous places, and they did not feel justified in discriminating. The surveyor was instructed to go into the matter, and report to the Highways Committee at their next meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Highways, Sanitary, and General Purposes Committee a letter was read from Mrs Susannah Backhouse applying for an increase of wages on behalf of her son, Samuel, at Backhouse, and it was agreed that the Council be recommended to increase his wages 2s. per week.

It was decided that a plan of four privies to be converted into w.c.'s at the rear of Prospect Terrace, for Mr Horsfield, be recommended to the Council to be sealed, subject to the medical officer being satisfied with same.

It was agreed that a waggon of sand be ordered from Richard and Co. for use on the footpaths.

The surveyor reported that 120 ashpits in Poplar Terrace, Poplar Terrace, New Club, Barley Hill Road, Strawberry Avenue, Beech Grove Avenue, and Terrace, Sublain Place, and Hilders Square Terrace had been tarred.

A letter was read from the manager of the Garforth Gas Co. complaining of the state of the crossing opposite their works, and it was decided that the crossing should be made good, and that he be informed he must carry out the arrangement he made with the surveyor to repair half the crossing.

It was decided that two wire baskets be ordered for use at the cemetery, to be used as receptacles for rubbish.

The minutes were adopted.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Water Committee the water inspector reported that for the month ended January 3rd the consumption of water was 1,355,000 gallons, an average of 38,714 gallons per day.

A letter was read from G. Mallkin asking for a reduction in his water rate, and it was decided to reply that under the new water regulations all fish shops would have to pay for the water.

A letter was read from Robert Stead, of the Old Weigh House, Garforth, asking for the water to be turned on as the pipes were laid, and it was decided to inform him that it was outside the boundary, and he must ask the Estate Office to apply to Tadcaster.

A letter was read from an allotment-holder asking for a supply of water to his allotment, and it was decided to inform him that such application could not be entertained from the owner, but the Council would be prepared to consider an application from all the allotment-holders jointly.

The minutes were approved.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

The medical officer reported that during the month the health of the district had been fairly good, except that three cases of scarlet fever had occurred. Between 6th and 20th (8 males and 5 females) were registered, and six deaths (3 under six months, one 5 years, one 27, and one 77), were reported. One person belonging to this area had died outside the district.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

A letter was received from the Yorkshire Electric Power Co., who can already supply power in the area, stating that they intended to apply for powers to supply electricity for lighting purposes in the district, and they asked the Council's support.

Mr R. Routledge proposed that the Council approve the application of the Company for lighting powers and authorise the Clerk to support the application if called upon to do so.

Mr Slater seconded, and this was agreed to.

CHEAPER FACILITIES

In regard to the Public Rights of Way Bill, a circular was received asking the Council's support.

Mr Hartley proposed a resolution in favour of the procedure as to providing rights of way being simplified, and the cost of litigation reduced, and that the Government be urged to give facilities for the passage of the Bill through Parliament

Mr Chappel seconded, and this was adopted.

COMPENSATION WANTED

Four employees of the Council wrote stating that they thought they were entitled to some compensation for damage done to their clothes whilst engaged in tarring asphalt.

Mr Hartley: It was a dirty job, and I think they should have something.

Mr Routledge proposed that they be given a sovereign each. It was little enough if their clothes were spoilt.

Mr Slater seconded.

Mr Hartley moved that they be given an increase of 1s. per week in their wages.

The Clerk pointed out that that was not strictly in order. The application was for compensation.

The Chairman said he saw one of the men's clothes, and they were practically covered with tar.

Mr Chappel proposed that they give them 25s., which would get them a cheap working suit.

It was agreed to give them a sovereign.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

With the exception of alterations and renewals there should not be much work outlling for attention in this department just at present. The observer of very heavy rains has made it possible to continue rolling the lawns at regular intervals much later than is usually the case. This is fortunate if only from the fact of the improved appearance created. What is more important, however, is that the grass will benefit greatly from the unusual amount of attention it has received. A lawn which receives regular attention in regard to rolling, always produces a thicker crop of fine grasses. Any intended top-dressing may be applied when the turf is so soddened with rain as to prohibit rolling being continued.

RANUNCULUSES.

Those charming and floriferous plants are best set during February. They prefer a light, sandy soil, enriched with rotten cow manure; and, considering their ease of culture, and the fact that a bed of them remains in bloom for about the two months, it is astonishing that more people do not grow them. A strong tuber may bear as many as thirty good flowers. The chief enemies of ranunculuses are frost, poverty of soil, and scorching sunshine.

The leaves begin to fade soon after flowering is over, and the roots should be taken up soon afterwards, the right time being when the leaves part from the tubers at a light pull. The roots are then freed from soil, spread out in the shade to dry, and turned often until dry and so fit to store until planting time comes round again. Unlike most bulbs these retain their growing power for several years if accidently or intentionally kept out of the ground for more than one season.

SEED

Almost every post brings a supply of seedsmen's catalogues, and this may be taken as a reminder that the time has arrived when definite plans for the year's work must be formulated. The most successful gardeners are those who give ample forethought to the work. It is never a difficult matter to form an approximate idea of the number of plants required for summer bedding, and the same remark applies to plant growing under glass. It is often more difficult to decide what subjects to grow. A perusal of an up-to-date catalogue is somewhat confusing to a new beginner. Novelties are being introduced every year, and many old favourites are being improved, with the result that there are so many really good things that the choice considerable is given to the selection of varieties one is easily apt to fall into the mistake of having too many subjects in hand at once. This is obviously bad. A comparatively few dozen of countless oddments is usually very unconvincing. A casual visitor may be impressed for a moment by the conglomeration of colour, but unless a few subjects are allowed to predominate, the whole however well filled with bloom, leaves no lasting impression upon the memory. In those gardens where the majority of the bedding plants are raised annually from seed sown at home special subjects should be selected to form the main feature of the summer display. That grand old favourite the Snap-dragon (Antirrhinum), is worthy of a place in every garden, and flower lovers are under a debt of gratitude to Messrs Sutton for the wonderful improvements they have effected in the habit and colouring of these flowers. Plants raised from their seed come true to colour almost to a plant, and the richness and diversity of the colours is remarkable. Northern gardeners have been somewhat shy of cultivating the Antirrhinum on a large scale because of the rather protracted season of growth required to bring it to the flowering stage. This difficulty may be overcome by making a start earlier than is usual with the ordinary run of plants treated as half-hardy annuals. The seed should be sown about the second week in February in a warm house. When the seedlings are about half an inch high they may be transferred to a cooler temperature. When the second pair of leaves form they may be pricked into pans or boxes in the usual way and grown on steadily until bedding time. Under this treatment they commence to bloom in July and continue until well into the autumn. There are three sections—the tall, which attains a height of about 3 feet; the intermediate 18 inches, and the dwarf 6 inches. For ordinary bedding purposes the intermediate section is most useful. It is a suitable height for either beds or borders, and the flower stalks are just the right length for cutting for table decoration. Perhaps the most striking colours are the pinks, apricot, orange fiery red, and scarlet. In selecting colours, however, one must be guided to some extent by the colours of other subjects to be grown in the same vicinity. The Tom Thumb, or dwarf section, is excellent for ribbon bordering. Long lines of any one shade look remarkably well or they may be grown as edging plants to large beds. Another remarkable feature of the Antirrhinum is that it will grow and flower freely in comparatively poor soil, even at the base of a wall with a south aspect. Such a position is usually dry and parched during a hot summer, but this does not appear to affect these wonderful plants. Amongst the tall varieties the yellows and whites are grand for planting in front of Rhododendrons, etc. The dark green foliage shows the flowers off to perfection.

STOCKS

Stocks are such general favourites that it would scarcely seem worth while to further advocate their charms. Those of our readers who have been content with growing the old German ten-week Stock, however, should certainly give a trial to some of the newer varieties. The Beauty of Nice section is one of the best in cultivation. It is seen to greatest advantage when treated as a biennial. The seed is sown in the early autumn, and the plants are grown three in a pot in the cold frame until the spring. If the pots fill with roots, the plants should be potted into a larger sized pot in February. The 5½ inch size is large enough for the purpose. The bombshell section of grenades may be sown in March, and by the end of April or early in May they may be planted into their flowering quarters. As a rule they commence to bloom early in June and will continue out of doors for a time. They produce long, well-furnished spikes of bloom, a large percentage of which are doubles. Their branching habit is remarkable, side growths being produced in great profusion. Seed may also be sown in heat in February or March, and treated as ordinary annuals. From this sowing the plants will be later coming into bloom but will exhibit the same branching and free flowering habit. The delicious scent of the older varieties has been preserved, and there could be nothing more pleasing in the evening of a hot summer day than the delightful aroma which assails one when passing a bed of these charming flowers.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

Bedding plants occupying cold frames are just now at a critical period of their existence. The dull, damp weather experienced at this time of the year often has a bad effect upon Violas and Calceolarias. These should be examined once or twice a week, and have any decaying leaves that are visible removed. If the surface soil is turning green it should be stirred with a pointed stick, and any weeds that are making their appearance should be removed. These measures are all intended to reduce the danger of the young plants damping off. It goes without saying that the frames should be freely ventilated whenever the state of the weather permits. If green fly appears a light fumigation will effectually check its increase.

SWEET PEAS IN POTS

Sweet Peas for early flowering in pots are becoming more popular every year. Seeds sown in October as recommended in these pages, have made unusually rapid progress during the autumn. In consequence they may soon be potted into 7-inch pots and transferred to a cool greenhouse. They may be given a fairly rich compost, and a position should be found for them where they will get the maximum amount of light. Attention must be paid to keeping the growth in an upright position, and as soon as the pots fill with roots they should be potted on again into 9 or 10-inch pots. Some time in April they should commence to flower and if generous treatment has been given the flower stalks will be long, and the flowers of a large size and good colour.

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Halton, on Friday night—Mr J. Armistead (President) in the chair.

The President said that since his election at last meeting he had heard a good many remarks about the Ratepayers' Association, and the most of them had been complimentary. There had been some criticism, it was true, but, looking back on the work of the Association, there was no apology needed for its existence. Its record was a vindication of its usefulness. The members, however, hoped for an increased sphere of usefulness and a larger membership. As a strength of organisation and unity of action they thought there was room for men of all views to meet on a common platform, where they could discuss everything of local interest, and what was of interest to all was of interest to the individual. He intimated that Mr Arthur Lee, of Crossgates, a member of Leeds Board of Guardians, had promised to read a paper on the Poor Law question, particularly in relation to infirmary work, at next meeting of the Association.

Mr Wilkinson, one of the hon. secrs., said that he had received a suggestion anent the erection of a lamp near Mr Walbank's house in Primrose Lane, Halton, to the Clerk to the District Council, and the letter replied that it would be laid before the members at their next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the question of means to increase the membership of the Association, which at present is over 100.

The President said that they wanted a larger attendance at the meetings, and they wanted more working-men members.

In respect to a suggestion made by Mr Firth at last meeting that an effort should be made to have water laid on to the cemetery at Whitkirk, Mr Young said Mr Firth proposed that the Vicar should be written about it, but he suggested that as a new Trust for the Xoxeoxfomist part of the ground was being formed, the matter should be left over.

The President said the question applied to the whole cemetery.

Mr Atkinson said he could express no opinion about it, as there had not been a meeting of the trustees.

The President said it was a question of obtaining waters for flowers and wreaths. At present people had to go to the "Brown Cow" for water.

Mr Atkinson promised to make inquiries.

Mr Verity reported that Leeds was preparing a town-planning scheme, and the sewage works at Halton were the only part of the parish that was included in it. He looked after them.

In reply to Mr Verity, several members expressed the opinion that the sanding of the footpaths in the parish had been efficiently done.

CHARITY BALL AT BIGGIN.

A very successful ball in aid of the funds of the Devils Infirmary was held in the Council schools at Biggin on Thursday night.

Some 80 ladies and gentlemen accepted invitations. Dancing commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and was kept up merrily until four o'clock the next morning.

The pretty dresses of the ladies, together with the gay decorations of the walls, gave the room a pleasing appearance. The duties of M.C.'s were successfully performed by Mr W. Hawley and Mr W. Hey.

The secretarial duties were in the hands of Messrs S. Hardcastle and H. Jagger. The music was supplied by Mr W. Hague. The secretaries were greatly indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who generously contributed to the refreshments, etc.

Amongst those present were—Mr E. and Miss Jackson, Mr E. Morrell, Miss Taylor, and Mr Hardcn (Cawood), Mrs White (Wadsworth), Mrs Geo. H. Ambler, Mr and Miss Harrison (Sycamore House), Messrs E and A Poulter, Mrs Birnie (Barrow Hill Farm), Mr R. and the Misses Gilbertson, Miss Bussey, Mrs and Miss Smith (Ryther), the Misses Gilbertson, (Bow Farm, Ryther), the Misses Hardcastle (The Grange, Church Fenton), Mr, Mrs., and Miss Lamb, Mr Bigland (Little Fenton), the Misses Hawley, Mr Hawley, Mr Hodgson (Sherburn-in-Elmet), Mr and Miss Farrar (South Milford), Mr and Mrs Hawley, Mr and Mrs G. Birdsall, Mr and Mrs H. Jagger, Mr F. Gilbertson, Mrs R. Hey, Mrs W. Hey, Messrs A and E. Lawson (Biggin).

It is suggested holding another ball later in the season for York Infirmary.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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SELECTION OF STOCK BIRDS.

INBREEDING

Deterioration of race can in most cases be traced to inbreeding. Inbreeding, generally speaking, is an act of deliberation, ignorance, or apathy on the owner's part, and though I am in sympathy with all departments of the industry, I do feel that those interested in exhibition birds have much to answer for under the heading of deliberation, the ignorance and apathy being more due to the utility breeder. Enjoying special facilities regarding pout-nesterms, seldom a week passes but I have opportunities of studying the disastrous results of inbreeding, tubercular disease and a scrubious and emaciated condition being almost always apparent.

BREEDING FROM IMMATURE STOCK

Second only to inbreeding for disastrous results is breeding from immature stock, and it is certainly a reflection on our intelligence that such apparently superfluous notes of warning have to be sounded. In every other branch of farming, special attention is directed to the reproduction of species, no trouble, labour, or expense is spared to attain the best results, while with poultry indiscriminate selection in mating, as I have before remarked, due either to deliberation, apathy or ignorance, is still very prevalent.

PERFECT HEALTH.

The first standpoint then in selecting your breeding stock is to secure perfectly healthy birds; the old-time "like produces like" is perfectly true, and it is impossible to breed healthy chicks from unhealthy stock.

The points to be observed at this stage are many, and my candid advice is, if you experience the least doubt as to the general fitness of any bird you are examining, instantly reject it. The slightest look and examination of the throat are details you must not omit during selection.

LIKE PRODUCES LIKE

This must be constantly in your mind until your pens are mated. Are you breeding for exhibition? Then you know the points you wish to reproduce and select accordingly. Is egg-production your object? Then those with a record behind them must be chosen, remembering that egg-production is not so much a matter of breeding as of strain. On the other hand, if it is your intention to breed for market, the table properties must be carefully considered, size, quality of flesh, and rapidity of growth being contributing factors.

In selecting stock to embark in the day-old chick industry and settings of eggs, great care must also be exercised, and only such breeds acquired as are in popular demand.

SELECTING THE MALE BIRD

A prevalent idea is that the male bird should cost a small sum more than a hen or pullet; be advised, select the bird that precisely meets your requirements. Never buy him on reasonably all circumstances permit; accept no other at any price.

The male bird is half the pen, and if an error of judgment is made the effects will be far-reaching. To utility breeders I would mention that it is of equal importance if egg-production is desired that the male bird should be descended from a layer. I know who he was, he replied that he did not care, told him to mind his own business, and used foul language. When he told him he would report him he said he did not care. Rawcliffe contributed to the Barkston Ash Executive, and his complaint seemed to be that the team had not got medals. Players like Gent ought to support the Executive, and often overdraw their balance to do what Hamilton did. He had since received a letter from Gent apologising for the language he had used.

Gent stated that the dressing-room was crowded with non-players, and it was impossible to dress comfortably. He was excited at the time, and he might have said something wrong, but he did not usually use bad language.

The Commission viewed Gent's offence as a serious one, but as he had sent an apology, they decided to give him a lighter punishment than he would otherwise have got. They fined him 1s, and suspended him until February 7th.

It was decided to warn Hamilton off all grounds in Barkston Ash.

Mr Connor said the Commission were deeply indebted to Mr Connor for bringing the matter forward, and they sympathised with him. There was no honour apparently in football. A letter from Connor could devote his time and energy to the game, and that was all the thanks he got.

A Church Fenton player was reported. The referee in the match between Church Fenton and Sherburn on Saturday, stated that he had to send off Frederick Eden, one of the Church Fenton players, for kicking. He expressed his regret after the match, and he thought sending off sufficient punishment. He was let off with a caution and a fine of 6d.

The referee in the match between Garforth W.R. and Barwick United reported that he had to send off A. Bowden (Barwick) and J. Bolmer (Garforth) for fighting. The statement of the players, who attended, was to the effect that they fell, and Bowden's heel struck Bulmer, who thought he had done it purposely. In the excitement of the moment Bulmer struck out, and Bowden replied.—They were fined 6d. and suspended for seven days.

Whitkirk club was ordered to pay Sherburn 10s 6d. for failing to fulfil an engagement on January 3rd.

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BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL CUP.

AN EXCELLENT DRAW.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Football Association at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, on Tuesday night the members present were Mr W. R. Batty (Parlwell), Mr W. A. Osborne (hon. sec.), Mr T. S. Slater (Garforth), Mr A. Johnson (South Milford), and Mr F. Inman (Aberford).

A further grant of 10s. 6d. from the Templenewsam Charity Fund was made to T. Whiteley (Harewood), who was injured in a match.

The following transfers were confirmed:—R. Brownridge (Barwick United) to (Parlwell), Mr G. A. Townsend (Aberford) to South Milford, A. Dickinson (Garforth W.R.) to Barwick United, W. Markham, H. Walton, T. Robshaw, A. Robshaw, W. Lovett, and W. Ingham (Barwick United) to Barwick Rising Sun.

It was reported that Barwick United were late in arriving at Tadcaster for the replayed semi-final of the Templenewsam Cup Competition. Their explanation, however, was accepted.

The hon. sec. reported that Tadcaster Old Boys were unable to get a team, and had withdrawn from the Barkston Ash Cup Competition.

The draw for the next round of the Barkston Ash Challenge Cup Competition on January 24th was made as follows:—

Boston Spa v. Tadcaster. Referee, Mr J. Hayton (Aberford).

Garforth W.R. v. South Milford. Referee, Rev. W. R. Rhodes (Mirfield).

Wetherby v. Wetherby Cor. Referee, Mr F. Webb (Leeds).

Selby Holme Mills v. Monk Fryston. Referee, Mr J. H. Townend (Micklefield).

Aberford v. Whitkirk. Referee, Mr H. Metcalfe (Tadcaster).

Sherburn v. Cawood United. Referee, Mr W. Walton (Micklefield).

Harewood v. Barwick United. Referee, Mr F. R. Bowen (Armley).

Selby Olympia—a bye.

SUSPENSION OF GARFORTH AND BARWICK FOOTBALLERS.

SEQUEL TO A SCENE AT WHITKIRK.

At a meeting of the Football Commission for Barkston Ash at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, on Tuesday night—Mr Albert Denton (Rothwell) presiding—Garforth W.R. goal-keeper and a Garforth spectator were dealt with for using bad language at Whitkirk.

Mr Connor (President of the West Riding Football Association) made the complaint. He wrote:—I regret to have to report a man named Hamilton, a Garforth spectator, and F. Gent, the Garforth W.R. goalkeeper, for using foul and disgusting language to the Templenewsam Cup Final at Whitkirk. During the presentation of the trophy Hamilton twice interrupted Mr Deignton's speech and used some very obscene and disgusting language. I afterwards went into the Whitkirk club room to find and reprove him for it, and whilst doing so, Gent came up and also used some very foul language.

Gent appeared, but Hamilton did not attend the meeting.

Mr T. S. Slater stated that Hamilton had no connection whatever with the Garforth club.

Mr Connor gave evidence in support of the statement in the letter. He was there when he went to the dressing-room to reprove Hamilton. Gent came up and swore at him and told him he had no business to interfere. When he asked Gent if he knew who he was, he replied that he did not care, told him to mind his own business, and used foul language. When he told him he would report him he said he did not care. Hamilton contributed to the Barkston Ash Executive, and his complaint seemed to be that the team had not got medals. Players like Gent ought to support the Executive, and not overdraw their balance to do what Hamilton did. He had since received a letter from Gent apologising for the language he had used.

Gent stated that the dressing-room was crowded with non-players, and it was impossible to dress comfortably. He was excited at the time, and he might have said something wrong, but he did not usually use bad language.

The Commission viewed Gent's offence as a serious one, but as he had sent an apology, they decided to give him a lighter punishment than he would otherwise have got. They fined him 1s, and suspended him until February 7th.

It was decided to warn Hamilton off all grounds in Barkston Ash.

Mr Connor said the Commission were deeply indebted to Mr Connor for bringing the matter forward, and they sympathised with him. There was no honour apparently in football. A letter from Connor could devote his time and energy to the game, and that was all the thanks he got.

A Church Fenton player was reported. The referee in the match between Church Fenton and Sherburn on Saturday, stated that he had to send off Frederick Eden, one of the Church Fenton players, for kicking. He expressed his regret after the match, and he thought sending off sufficient punishment. He was let off with a caution and a fine of 6d.

The referee in the match between Garforth W.R. and Barwick United reported that he had to send off A. Bowden (Barwick) and J. Bolmer (Garforth) for fighting. The statement of the players, who attended, was to the effect that they fell, and Bowden's heel struck Bulmer, who thought he had done it purposely. In the excitement of the moment Bulmer struck out, and Bowden replied.—They were fined 6d. and suspended for seven days.

Whitkirk club was ordered to pay Sherburn 10s 6d. for failing to fulfil an engagement on January 3rd.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

DIGHTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

The programme for Saturday afternoon consists of three ties, leaving the leaders of division one, who have shewn a failing away during the holidays, since they allowed the Corinthians to beat them, will play Boston Spa, and the leaders should get the points. Tadcaster are not doing very well, and Wetherby Corinthians should account for them. Whitkirk are not the team they were, and, although the match is on the Vicarage Field, I fancy Aberford will be strong competitors for the points.

South Milford and Garforth White Rose are the only undefeated teams in the League, but the Milfordians are in a stronger position than their opponents, inasmuch as they have 11 points for 6 games, while their opponents have 7 for 4 matches. None of the other clubs in this division will be serious competitors for the championship, and the contest will, therefore, resolve itself into a tussle between Milford and Garforth.

WEST RIDING CUP COMPETITION.

On Saturday afternoon several local clubs were engaged in the West Riding Cup Competition. Garforth W.R. performed creditably by making a draw with Clarence Ironworks at Leeds, and Allerton Bywater Colliery distinguished themselves by defeating Rothwell W.R. by three goals to two. Wetherby had no match, New Wortley failing to make the journey.

GARFORTH W.R. v CLARENCE IRON WORKS.

The match between those teams was played at Hunslet, and the ground, which was very greasy, militated against good play. In the first half of the game was well-contested, but Garforth got the only goal scored, Birch doing the needful. Subsequently Walker and Hastle netted for Clarence, and Birch secured another for Garforth, so the game was drawn—two goals each. On Saturday afternoon the teams will meet again at Garforth, and the White Rose should succeed this time.

ALLERTON BYWATER DEFEAT ROTHWELL.

Rothwell White Rose went down on Saturday, when they were at home to Allerton Bywater. In the first half the latter team had the advantage of the wind, and during the early stages led the visitors a dance, they having continually to defend. Appleby scored for Rothwell. After this the home goal looked none too safe, and Heaton had to clear twice in succession. Holmes should have increased the homesters' lead. Keen play followed, and Alexander scored the equalising goal. Both sides had fruitless corners, and just prior to the interval Allerton, who were playing much better than at the start, were unfortunate in not scoring. Soon after the resumption Chadwick secured the second goal, thus taking the lead. End to end play followed, and Allerton netted again. About threequarter time White Rose picked up and Percy Hughes scored with an open goal. No further score was made, the result being Allerton Bywater 3 goals, Rothwell W.R. two.

WATERLOO C.M. (TEMPLENEWSAM) WIN.

Waterloo Main Colliery had a Senior League match with East Hunslet at Thorns Farm, East Leeds, on Saturday, and the honours went to the Colliery. The visitors were three men short, but, in spite of this serious handicap, they gave a good account of themselves in the opening stages. Using to the full their advantage of the wind, the team worked well together, and one or two well-conducted movements by Chief Downing had a prominent share, severely tested Nicholson, the home goalkeeper. The Waterloo men certainly had the larger share of the game, but were unfortunate in not finishing in good fashion. Tattersdale played a capital game on the left wing for the home team, sending down some well-judged centres. Lambert, on the left, Downing, and Wass, at centre, were the best of the half. Platts, at centre forward, worked hard throughout and was on several occasions only just stopped short of scoring by the ubiquitous Watts. Fox, at back, was safe. Close on half-time Platts crowned his efforts by beating Orbell, both players coming a cropper on the greasy turf. Waterloo Main had a good lead at the interval, and considering they had mastered pretty much their own way, and won by nine goals to nil.

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BARKSTON ASH VOLUNTEERS AT LEEDS.

SEVENTEEN DAYS AS A GAS WORKER.

A SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CUP FINALIST'S GREETING.

A number of Barkston Ash men volunteered for service under the Leeds Corporation during the strike, and the experience of the gas workers, on whom the citizens of Leeds depended for what gas they had, is not uninteresting. He was sent to try his prentice hand at the New Wortley Gas Works, where he remained for 17 days, and he states that when he entered the office he divested himself of his hat and collar, and donned a cap and "sweat rigg," while he received oversuits to protect his trousers and gloves to save his hands. That they did so is doubtful.

Certain of the volunteers (chiefly University students) were put on the machines at once, which charged the retorts with coal, and others manned the machines which rammed the remains of the coal out of the retorts, after the same had been baked about 8 hours, leaving had the gas taken from it. Others, again, were employed wheeling huge iron barrows, which conveyed the burning coke from the retorts into the yard, where it was quenched with water. I did with water, and then shovelled it upon the stack.

The gas-house, under ordinary conditions, is worked in three shifts of eight hours each, but during our stay there were only two shifts of twelve hours each. I was on the day shift, my hours being from 6.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m., with the usual stoppages for breakfast and dinner. During the first two days I was employed at "bulleting," which work entails the clearing of the pipes on the gas condensors, the latter being near the doors of the retorts. The work is rather hard and hot, as the buller used is an implement of no light nature, and often pipes get choked with tar. The end of the buller is shaped conical-wise fashion, and this is forced up the pipe until it is clear. I certainly felt very awkward using the implement, but the foreman very kindly gave me wrinkles, and after-wards I got on better.

On the third day of my sojourn I was asked to change my job, and go below where the furnaces are, and do what is known as "clinkering." This work is considered to be a harder and a much hotter job than the one I had left. "Clinkering" is simply the cleaning of the fires—removing the "dead fire," ate., which retards the furnace from giving the required heat. This is done by making a false grate, by forcing 6 iron bars, about 3 inch wide, and 1 inch thick, through the fire. The ordinary fire-bars are then taken out by means of clippers, thus allowing the refuse between the two sets of bars to fall into a basin-shaped receptacle, which contains water. The remainder of the refuse or clinker, which is hard and does not fall down, is forced or broken off by means of a heavy spear or snipper. Upon the clinkers being knocked down, the ordinary fire-bars are replaced and the false bars, which by this time are red-hot, are drawn out and the fire-ails upon its proper bed. The clinkers, etc., which are still in the basin below are then taken out with a long-handled shovel, which is pierced with holes to allow the water to run out. The clinkers are put into barrows, which stand upon an iron platform, and by runs upon lines, and they are then pushed to a lift and from thence wheeled to the refuse heap. There is much danger attached to the work of "clinkering," especially when pressed by an amateur, as sometimes the red-hot fire falls into the water below unexpectedly, and causes steam, etc., to rush out, and unless the fireman darts out of the way severe burns are inflicted.

After a couple on days at this work my hands became hardened, and I found I could dispense with my gloves, and finding my waistcoat (after being spoilt) was a in the way, I got rid of that too. The conditions of work down in that "Black Hole of Calcutta" are not very inviting, and my shirt was wet with perspiration each night.

Everyone seemed happy, and at times one could hear familiar choruses being sung. There were cases of shirkers, but these were soon marked men, and one of them was baptised anew by means of a bucket of cold water poured from aloft.

The water had a pleasant surprise one day. In emptying across the yard a well-known Barkston Ash cricketer, he having figured in many Sagar-Musgrave Cup finals. He at once remarked, "It's the first time I've seen thee do any work."

The inner man received attention in the pariors' cook-house. The food supplied was good and substantial, but it was served in a rough manner. There were not the familiar tablecloth, cups and saucers, cheese, etc., etc. We had to "peak" where we could. At breakfast time one had to grab a pint pot, make for the tea-urn, and then help oneself to the ham or corn-beef sandwiches, which, by the way, were not cut for invalids.

For dinner there were the good old roast beef and "spuds." The latter were boiled in buckets over the fire-place, but I did not see a pan in the place. As I have said, the food was substantial and it was there and was required. After the first day or two we paid our own feed to the tune of 2s. 6d. weekly, but pay does not out of sight. The beef, ham, and corn-beef were of the best, and the tea was "extra." One got quite used to waiting for one another's knife and fork and plate, then "rinsing" them under the cold water tap, and straightaway, without touching a cloth, taking them to the servers, for the fare of the day. Occasionally the tea-drinkers were given a treat in the way of tinned pears—very sparingly—and they went down in a most welcome manner.

Before retiring for the night, I usually had a piece or cheese with bread, and a drink of Bovril tea I might say the night-men often got during their shift hot-pot, or Irish stew. I myself found the latter very good, but I did not care for the former. I did not have a good meal. After that I had to be satisfied with the smell.

The few hours' recreation we had during the evening were occupied by playing cards, chess (the figures being roughly cut with a pen-knife), dominoes, etc. Magazines and the daily papers were supplied. Sometimes songs were given, and one young student seemed to try his best to "wrack" our nerves by playing on his violin. Recitations were also given, and the sight of one chap in his pyjamas standing on his pillow reciting will not be forgotten in a hurry.

We were allowed two packets of cigarettes a day, or, in lieu of these, a plug of twist, or a small portion of strong mixture. At the sametime, where both the luxuries of tobacco and drinks were restricted, a screeching of saxophone was sheltered. The day-men gained admittance at night between 8 and 9 p.m., and were supplied twice, with their cheque of beer, ploughrander, or lemonade. At 6.0 p.m. "Time, gentlemen please" was called.

For the first two nights I slept upon a palliasse, covered with a few old blankets. It was far from being comfortable, but an improvement was later made by the introduction of single mattresses, and counterpanes were also supplied. As a matter of fact, we were allowed to sleep where we could, some on the floor of the engine-house, some in the hay-loft, and others on The floor of the joiners' shop. The latter was my abode, and I slept between plane-waw machine and the nail boxes. We had a grand fire; p was quite warm and we slept soundly, with the exception of one night.

On this particular night one great steward terrifically, and some could not get to sleep. The sleeper was roused, and warned that unless his ardour was abated a 2 inch plug of wood would be inserted as a stop-gap. For a few moments quietness reigned supreme, but shortly a non-sleeper exclaimed "Oh! he's at it again." He got up, brandishing his curative, walked across the beds to the corner where the snorer lay and was at once successful.

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JANUS CROSS AT SHERBURN-IN-ELMET.

AN OLD-TIME CHURCH-WARDEN'S CLAIM

"SHERBURN HAS A WONDERFUL HISTORY."

The people of Sherburn-in-Elmet should (says a correspondent in the "Yorkshire Post"), find special interest in their famous Cross on a New Year Day. It is a Janus Cross, and is so called because on both sides there is a representation of the Crucifixion. Janus was one of the principal Roman gods, and was usually represented with two faces, one aged, looking backward, the other youthful, looking forward.

It needs little imagination to realise the aptness of the name given to the first month of the year. January is the month of Janus, and it is not difficult to picture the three-worn face of the ancient deity looking back to-day upon the years that are gone beyond recall, and the other face looking forward with bright anticipation to the days that are to be. On one side we see the Memory personified; on the other Hope, radiant. Most of us like to fancy ourselves looking in the same direction as the youthful face of the "two-headed Janus," but there are many whose chief occupation to-day will be of a reminiscent character. How usefully at this time may we listen to the words of the semi-chorus of the famous York pageant, sung by the youthful adherents of Hope in response to those who ranged themselves on the side of Memory—

"Up, then, let us wend together
Sunny spring and wintry weather—
We with faces forward cast,
Ye still doting on the past—
And in eager eyes unfold
Days to be from days of old?"

We shall not be thought guilty of apostatising in the direction of Roman mythology if we say that Janus aptly presides over the beginning of the year. The classical notion is a beautiful one. Janus was the god of gates, the porter of Heaven, the "Father of the Morning," and his name is said to have been derived from Dianus, a probably meaning the Sun; and if this be a piece of accurate etymology, Christian people, who in worship the "Father of Lights," can have small cause for quarrelling with this bit of old-world paganism.

Not improbable is it that some who read these lines will find themselves a little perplexed. They will remember that it is only in comparatively recent times that January has been regarded as the beginning of the year, and that during the centuries of mediævalism the year commenced on March 25th and ended on March 24th. That is perfectly true; and in substantiation of the truth the writer may state that he has before him copies of documents printed in "Bood's Handy-book," which are dated February 29, 1571, February 29, 1619, and February 29, 1647. The reader will see that these years are leap-years, but let him apply the usual leap-year test, and he will find himself perplexed as he divides the respective numbers by four. The years, in fact, were those known as 1571-2, 1619-20, and 1647-8, and at the present day would be called 1572, 1620, and 1648, which numbers would be quite satisfactory to our arithmetically disposed reader. The whole truth is this: That before 533 A.D. the old Roman system was in vogue when the year was reckoned from January 1st to December 31st, from 533 A.D. to 1752 A.D. the Dionysian chronology was in use, giving the year as from March 25th to March 24th, and since 1752 A.D. to the present time we have reverted to the more ancient system, and so to-day we are both pagan and pagan. In our year reckoning—pagan, inasmuch as the reversion to the older style was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII., and pagan because of the fact that he simply reverted to the old Julian system which was in use some centuries before the Christian era.

It has come to pass, therefore, that we Christians prefer to recognise, and wisely recognise, Janus as standing at the portal of the New Year, with youthful face looking hopefully ahead to the unknown days of the future, with other eyes looking back retrospectively over the days that have been.

The Cross of Sherburn, Janus-like, looks both ways, or at least it did. Time was when it was curious that it is hard to beat in the annals of antiquarian blundering. The Cross originally adorned the beautiful Chapel of St. Mary and the Holy Angels, that used to stand at the south-east corner of the churchyard. This chapel must have been an architectural gem. At what time it was erected no one knows, but it was certainly in existence in the year 1331, when Thomas de la Mare was the Sacrist. It was served by the vicar of the church, to whom the whole advantage was reserved as a portion of his stipend, and at various times gifts to increase the endowment, and ornamental additions to the fabric of the chapel were made. In 1463, for instance, Euphemia Langton, whose husband had recently died, presented to the chapel an alabaster image of the blessed Virgin with the "Collar of S.S."; and at some time during the fourteenth century some other benefactor gave the Janus Cross, which clearly belongs to that period of architecture.

At the Suppression of the Chantries in the reign of Edward VI. the Chapel with its chantry would suffer spoliation along with the other six chantries in the church—St. Mary Magdalene, St. Katharine, St. Thomas, St. Roque, St. Martin, St. Anthony. The usual sequence of events would follow this piece of Edwardian jobbery, and the building was eventually demolished. But during digging operations the site of the chapel was discovered many years ago, and the Janus Cross was found among the ruins. One of the church officials of that period, it seems, had claim to it for some reason or other, but the latter strenuously resisted the claim, and then, alas! the matter was solved in truly British fashion—by compromise—which took the form of a man's saw! The Cross was sawn in two, vertically, and for many long years one of the halves filled a niche at Steeton Hall, a short distance away, the other half being allowed to find a place in the church. No wonder the "Steeton Racker" haunted the old Hall! But some years ago this abducted portion of the Cross was restored to the church, and now the two parts, though not in union, are to be seen in the south aisle of the sacred edifice.

So the Cross is a Janus Cross no longer, but it is in its proper place, a beautiful relic of mediævalism, and reminds the people of Sherburn of its former glory and utility. Sherburn has had a wonderful history. It has been visited by Kings, it possessed its archiepiscopal palace, it has been honoured by the presence of men who were eminent in their time, and to-day it wears that old-world look, notwithstanding certain signs of decadence, that should make the inhabitants proud of their village, as they must be of their lovely church. But, with all its treasures, the place has nothing more beautiful or more interesting than its old fourteenth-century cross, lovely in its mutilation, Janus-like in its original possession of a double face, and yet different to all the other Janus-like representation of classical times. For at Sherburn the twice-sculptured relic presents the story of the world's greatest tragedy, each of the sculptures, a replica of the other, or almost so, overlooking the past with all its uncertainties and potentialities of the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever."

Mr G. D. Lumb, of Leeds, writes anent the statement that the Janus Cross was erected in the Chapel of the B.V.M. in the churchyard:—

"The following extracts from wills of Sherburn-in-Elmet testators apparently show that the cross or crucifix was erected in the churchyard and not in the chapel:—

1535. Will of Richard Wharton: "My bodie before them to be buried in the churchyarde of Sherborne by Richard Lawsone."

1538. Will of John Whitteeres:—"My bodie to be buried in the parish churche yerde of Alhallos in Sherborne, nye unto the crucifix."

1540. Will of Alexander Barnbie:—"My bodie to be buried in the parish kirke ethe of Alhallos in Sherburne ne unto the crucifix."

EASTERN AINSTY PETTY SESSIONS.

ASKHAM RICHARD MEN IN TROUBLE.

On Saturday the magistrates at the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York were Major Allen-by (chairman), Colonel Richardson, and Mr Richard Lawson.

Robert Wright, of Askham Richard, was summoned for having no light on his bicycle at midnight on December 24th, on the Tadcaster Road, Dringhouses.

Police Constable Marsh explained that the defendant was riding with two companions who had also no light on their bicycles. Defendant told him that he did not know his light was out, but witness replied that he had seen the other two cycles only with lights when they were 200 yards away.

Defendant: I am very sorry to say I am here. I had a lamp, and the gentlemen with me had acetylene lamps, and I did not know that my lamp was out.

Police Constable Marsh: He admitted that he knew he had no oil in his lamp.

Defendant was ordered to pay 5s. costs.

Fred Bradman, groom, Askham Richard, was ordered to pay 1s. costs for riding his bicycle without a light in the village of Askham Bryan on Saturday night.

Police Constable Bradley said the defendant admitted riding a mile without a light.

Experiments at a Welsh mine showed that sparks from the electric signalling wires could cause an explosion of firedamp.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LEEDS CORPORATION AND THE DISTRICT:

SHERBURN CROSS—WATER SUPPLIES.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at the Workhouse, Tadcaster, on Monday—Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Col. Gascoigne (Lotherton), Rev. Canon Green-wood (Grimston), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs R. Wright (Barwick), W. Schofield, H. P. Clinch, J. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), W. B. Gray-s(Church Fenton), E. Parker (Ledsham), Copley (Ryther), Braham and H. Green (Garforth), F. Myers (Bilbrough), T. Hey, J. E. Cawthorne, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), W. Jackson (Acaster Selby), W. P. Birkinshaw (Ledston), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), J. Wordsworth and E. H. Lowe (Preston), J. Ludley (Kirkby Wharfe), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), R. H. Horner (Askham Bryan), Carlton (Stutton), J. H. Schofield (Coston), Pearson (Allerton Bywater); W. A. Dickinson (Kippax), W. Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), and J. F. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bennet), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The thanks of the Board were given to a number of ladies and gentlemen for gifts to the inmates of the workhouse and the children's home.

Five parishes were reported to be in arrears with calls, and the overseers are to be summoned if the money is not paid by next meeting.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been two admissions, two discharges, and one death in the workhouse. The number of inmates was 86 in the workhouse, and 19 in the children's home—105, against 112 at the corresponding date of last year. The meals were served during the two weeks totalled 18 and 18 as compared with 15 and 11, for the same weeks twelve months ago.

It was decided that Mr Wordsworth be asked to attend the meetings of the Poor Law Conference to be held in London on February 17th and 18th.

The Clerk produced a return of the poor by Mr Bagenal for the year, and it showed a reduction of 150—from 1,059 to 909. The Chairman remarked that they had the lowest decrease of any Union in the area.

The Chairman said he should like to take the opportunity of wishing the members and officials a happy and prosperous New Year.

Several members: The same to you, sir.

LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

The Law and Parliamentary Committee had before them the report of the Committee of the Yorkshire-Poor Law Conference with regard to the way-ticket system, in connection with the vagrancy question, and they recommended that the Board join with other Boards in Yorkshire in carrying out the scheme, the cost not to exceed £10, and the Board to be allowed to withdraw at any time.

In regard to the adjustment between Tadcaster District Council and Leeds Corporation, the Clerk read correspondence he had had with the arbitrator, the Town Clerk of Leeds, and Mr Talbot, K.C., will be able to appear for the Council and Board. The Committee recommended that as soon as the result of the negotiations between the accountants is received, a meeting of the committee be called, and that they be empowered, if they think fit, to accept any offer made on behalf of the Corporation, and further that they decide as to the evidence to be called in support of the claims.

The Committee also considered the proposed town-planning scheme of Leeds for the Cross-gates district. A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Leeds stating, in reply to a communication, that he was unable to furnish any details with regard to the scheme, as the application to it proposed to make is merely for authority to prepare a scheme in respect of a specified area. In regard to the inclusion of part of the Council's area in the scheme, the Committee recommended that provided the scheme meets with the approval of the Council and that they are made the responsible authority for carrying out the observance of the scheme in the Tadcaster area affected, and for the execution of any works in connection therewith, the Council do not object to the scheme. It was further recommended that the Chairman of the Committee and Clerk be empowered to consult with the Leeds engineers with respect to the proposals for planning the area, and to consider the question of the preparation of a scheme dealing with Austhorpe on the east side of the railway and report.

Letters were read from the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. in regard to an application for powers to supply light for the district, but the matter was adjourned.

The minutes were adopted.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The District Council treasurer was reported to have in hand a balance of £6,185. A sum of £67 was expended on district roads during the fortnight.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was decided that an improvement at the corner of the Parish Council office at Allerton Bywater be carried out.

In regard to the Oxton Lane improvement, Mr S. Smith stated that he was not prepared to reduce his terms for land, and the surveyor was instructed to see Mr Smith. Land at rs. per yard, belonging to Mr Scholefield, is to be purchased.

A letter was read from the N.E.R. Co. stating that they could not see they way to kerb a footpath at Ledsham.

It was agreed that six snow ploughs for roads and six for footpaths be got.

SHERBURN CROSS IMPROVEMENT

The Highways Committee recommended that the County Council be again approached and asked to give the improvement at Sherburn Cross their attention.

Mr Hey said this matter had been going on for a long time, and it was still untouched. It was a very dangerous place, and there would be an accident there if an improvement was not effected.

The Chairman: What do you want done?

Mr Hey: We want the corner removed! I wish you would use your influence.

The Chairman said he would.

The minutes were adopted.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee plans for two houses in Preston Lane, Kippax, were passed.

Tenders for repairs to machinery at Allerton Bywater sewage works were accepted.

Notices were ordered to be served on two owners at Tadcaster to carry out improvements at their property.

A letter was received from a resident in the area thanking the matron and staff of Garforth Hospital for their kind treatment to him and his family.

The question of Scholes water supply was adjourned.

A letter was received from the County Council anent the water supply of South Milford and Scholes, and asking that the temporary scheme at Milford should be replaced with a permanent one. Sherburn's supply was altogether inadequate, and the Council were asked to take the matter into serious consideration. In regard to Sherburn supply, it was decided to reply that the Council were in communication with the Local Government Board as to the provision of water, and in regard to Milford supply the inspector was instructed to get out particulars of an extension.

A letter was received from the Yorkshire Fishery Board anent an alleged pollution of the river at Tadcaster from the sewage works, and it was referred to the managers.

The minutes were adopted.

FOUR YEARS' WAGES LOST.

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A ROTHWELL MATRIMONIAL CASE.

A WIFE'S COMPLAINT.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Sam Ellis, a miner, of Rothwell, was summoned by his wife, Mary Ellis, for persistent cruelty.

The Chairman: What does the cruelty consist of?

Prosecutrix: He threw a bucket of dirty water over me, but I wish to withdraw the summons as he has promised to pay me half-a-crown a week, and I am going to leave him.

The Chairman: I am afraid you must tell us something of the case before we can do that.

Mrs Ellis said the incident complained of occured on Christmas Eve, when the defendant came home about three o'clock in the afternoon. She was cleaning up, and he asked her why she had not finished her work. She replied she had done so as soon as she could. He then picked up a bucket of dirty water and threw it over her.

The Chairman: Is it the first time he has done this.

Prosecutrix: No, he did it about a year ago.

Answering further questions, Mrs Ellis said this was all she had to complain of.

The magistrates found there was no evidence to substantiate the complaint of persistent cruelty, and the case was dismissed.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES AFFAIRS.

TELEPHONE CALL OFFICES—WATER SUPPLY.

At a meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council at the offices at Scholes on Monday night the members present were Messrs A. Booth (in the chair), R. Wright, A. Robshaw, and F. Lumb (Barwick), J. Rayner, J. Pemberton, and Needham (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clarke).

A letter was received from the Chairman (Mr Birch) thanking the members for a resolution of sympathy passed by them in his illness. It was stated that Mr Birch is making very slow progress towards recovery, but he is improving.

It was reported that two danger signals had been received for erection near Barwick School, and the Chairman stated the District Council had agreed to fix them.

The postal authorities wrote intimating their willingness to open telephone call offices at Barwick and Scholes provided suitable premises were obtained, and also that a guarantee of 17 guineas per annum was given for each place. It was stated that the guarantee for Barwick had been obtained, Mr Childe, of Potterton Hall, heading the list with ten guineas.

Mr Wright asked if the Council could give the guarantee. He did not think the telephone people would take the guarantee from private individuals.

Mr Rayner said he thought Mr Wright's view was wrong.

Mr Wright said that when the telegraph was introduced to Barwick one individual had to be the guarantor, and he had to collect the money from others.

Mr Robshaw: Was there anything to collect?

Mr Wright: Yes, there was a small loss for seven years.

Mr Rayner proposed that the Clerk write and ask if the authorities would accept the gentleman who had offered to share the responsibility as guarantors.

Mr Needham seconded, and this was agreed to.

As to premises, Mr Fred Lumb said that he would be very pleased to offer his place, and this was accepted.

In regard to Scholes, only one resident offered to become a guarantor, and as there seemed no likelihood of other gentlemen coming forward, the matter was allowed to drop.

Mr Rayner brought forward the question of the repair of a couple of stiles at Whinmoor. The owners and occupiers of the land had been asked more than once to repair the stiles and they had failed to do so, and he thought that as they were a convenience to the public the Council should do the work. He proposed that the two stiles be repaired.

Mr Needham: It is a precedent.

Mr Rayner: Yes, but the work is done in other parishes.

Mr Needham said that if they repaired these stiles they would have to repair a large number in other parts of the parish.

The proposal was not seconded.

Mr Rayner proposed that the postmaster of Leeds be asked to place a despatch box near the Old Red Lion, Whinmoor, pointing out that the population had increased since the last application for a box was made. He said that there were thirty houses at Whinmoor, and the people had two deliveries of letters each day, and it would be easy for the postman after going his rounds to clear the box. At present the residents had to walk to Scarcroft to post a letter.

Mr Wright seconded, and this was agreed to.

The Chairman said that the parish pump at Barwick had been out of repair, and he had had it put in order again. The pump, however, was done, and if it were wrong again it was not a job the plumber would care to tackle.

Mr Pemberton: Why should we bother about the pump? (Laughter).

The Chairman: It is the property of the Council.

Mr Pemberton: Then when water is scarce at Scholes we can come to Barwick for it? (Laughter).

The Chairman stated that Mr Stead, the plumber, had offered to provide a new pump for £7, keep it in repair for two years, and if at the end of that time it was not required, he would take it back at half-price.

Mr Rayner said that the year was approaching when Barwick would have a water scheme. Pumps would soon be out-of-date.

Mr Robshaw said he thought they could get a pump for less than £7.

The Chairman said he wanted to know what they were to do when the pump went wrong again.

Mr Wright proposed that when the pump went wrong a new pump be purchased from Mr Stead on the terms mentioned by the Chairman.

Mr Rayner seconded.

Mr Lumb said that a new pump was wanted now, and he proposed that it be put down at once on the terms mentioned.

Mr Robshaw seconded, and this was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman.

Mr Wetherall (Scholes) was absent owing to illness, and the Clerk was instructed to write to him and express the hope that he would soon have a complete recovery.

Mr Edgar Jones, M.P., at Merthyr, said if coal owners like Colonel Hickman were to abandon law in Ulster, others might consider themselves free to confiscate his collieries for the community.

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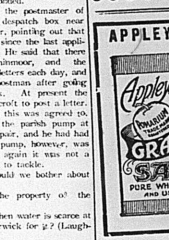
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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Rather a quiet trade at the following prices: Wheats 31s to 33s., oats 18s. 6d. to 20s. 6d., barleys 29s. to 30s., tommoner sorts 26s. to 28s., feeding 24s. to 25s. rye 24s., per qr.

POTATOES

SELBY, Monday.—More inquiry, and a very satisfactory demand for the King Edward variety. Sand Up-to-Dates 50s. to 52s. 6d., sand Snowdrops sold from 55s. to 57s. 6d., warp King Edwards 55s. to 57s. 6d., warp King Edwards 50s. to 52s. 6d. per ton; retail, 5d. per st.

CATTLE

SELBY, Monday.—At this auction mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 90 beasts, 32 sheep, and 53 pigs. There was a very good attendance of buyers, and a better supply of stock, late rates. Best small pork made 9s. per stone, heavy pigs 7s. 6d. to 8s. 3d. per stone. Sheep sold at beef making up to 9s. per stone. Store sold at 8s. 6d. per stone. Best lambs made 9s. per stone. demand. Fat bullocks made up to £25 10s. fat heifers to £19 12s. 6d., fat cows to £19 17s. 6d., calving and milch cows of good quality were in inclaving cows to £21 17s. 6d., store beasts to £16 7s. 6d., fat sheep to £7 17s., fat pigs to £11 12s. 6d., pork pigs to £6 17s. 6d., and small store pigs to £3 18s. 6d. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Cundall and Son had a capital show of very choice stock at their Wharfedale Auction Mart. Buyers were well represented from Leeds, York, Harrogate, Castleford, and the surrounding district. There was a capital demand for all classes of well-finished stock, which made prices similar to last market. Best ox and heifer beef made from 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. per stone, useful beef about 8s., and cows up to 7s. 6d. Sheep were in good demand. Choice shearlings made up to 71s. 6d. each, ewes up to 68s., tups up to 70s., and butchering hoggs from 48s. 6d. to 60s. each, or shearling mutton may be quoted at 9d. to 10d. per lb., hoggs 10d. to 10½d. and ewes and tups 6½d. to 7½d. per lb. A fair show of turniping hoggets, which met a good trades at prices from 45s. to 50s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a very good show of beasts, sheep and pigs. The trade for best beef was about late rates, best quality making up to 9s. per stone; secondary quality made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. The trade for sheep was firm; best made from 10d. to 11d. per lb., and ewes and heavy sheep 7d. to 8d. Pork and bacon pigs good to sell at 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Calves met a fair demand at about late rates. Bullocks made up to £29 17s. 6d. and heifers up to £25 5s. Numbers sold: 75 beasts and calves, 161 sheep, and 46 pigs. Four very prime bullocks from Mr J. W. Watson, Wighill Manor, made £28 17s. 6d., £27 7s. 6d., £27, £25 5s. 6d.; two prime heifers from Mr J. T. Dearlove made £25 5s. and £27 12s. 6d.; Mr J. Dunnington, Healaugh, had three good bullocks made £22 12s. 6d., £22 10s., and £19; a prime well-finished bullock from Misses Ramsden, Oxton Hall, made £24 12s. 6d.; Mr A. Watson, Bow Bridge, had two beasts made £22 10s. and £17 17s. 6d.; Mr T. Richardson, Healaugh, three bullocks and a cow, £20, £19 10s., £19 2s. 6d., £13 12s. 6d.; Miss Bethell, Newton Kyme, had a well-finished home-bred bullock made £21; Mr E. Jackson, Carlton, had two bullocks made £22 7s. 6d. and £23 10s.; five useful bullocks from Mr C. Gypson, Grimston Grange, made £21 10s., £19 15s., £21 2s. 6d., £20 10s., and £13 17s. 6d.; a well-finished heifer from Mr Fossler, Woodhouse, made £19 5s.; two prime bullocks and a heifer from Mr Whiler, Colton Hoggs, made £23 15s. 6d., £19 5s., and £19; two well-finished heifers from Mr W. H. Thackwray, Bramham, made £22 15s. and £20 15s.; two very prime bullocks from Mr C. H. Ryder, made £21 10s.; two heifers from Mr Wm. Hoseman, of Bolton Percy, made £15 each; two heifers from the Right Hon. Lady Hawke, Wighill Park, made £22 15s. and £20 5s.; two heifers from Mr George, Winter, Pallathorpe, made £19 15s. and £18 10s.; two heifers from Mr J. Winter, Cold Hill, made £16 5s. and £15 15s.; a prime beast from Mr J. Swailes, Healaugh, made £23; five useful bullocks from Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, made £19 15s., £19 two heifers from Mr Wm. Newton Kyme, to 16s. 6d.; Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, to £22 6d.; £19, £18 12s. 6d., and £18; six bullocks fed by the auctioneers made £20 17s. 6d., £16 12s. 6d., £14 5s., £13 10s., £12 10s. and £12 2s. 6d.; Mr H. Bramley, Huddleston, had some splendid shearling sheep, making up to 85s. each; Mr C. Grimston, Grange, to £21; sent five pens of sheep, making up to £20; from Mr Hy. Watson, Newton Kyme, to 16s. 6d.; Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, to £22, 6d.; Mr F. Brumley, to £18 6d.; Mr J. Bailey, to £18; Mr C. Bailey, to £18; Mr W. H. Thackwray, to £18, 6d.; Mr W. H. Thackwray, to 58s. 6d.; Mr L. Sampson, to 55s.; Mr K. Steel, to 54s.; Mrs Sykes, to 53s. 6d.; Mr J. Winter, to 52s. 6d.; Mr G. Wilcher, to 48s. 6d. Prime fat pigs 6d.; Mr C. Brooksbank made to £10 3s.; from Mr E. C. Brooksbank made to £10 3s.; Mr B. Blacker, to £10 11s.; Mrs Green, to £7 17s. 6d.; Misses Ramsden, £6 15s.; Mr W. Rooke, £8 5s.; Mr Bramley, 85s. each; Mr Jowett, to 80s.; Mr Sturdy, to 70s.; Mr Cooke, Marston, to 70s. Store pigs from 22s. to 58s. each.

Stourton Man in Trouble.

A LAMPLIGHTER'S STORY.

Charges of intimidation against two officials of the lamplighters' branch of the Gasworkers' and General Labourers' Union, the chairman, Jack Affleck (43), of 52, Queen Street, Stourton, and the secretary, William Cheetham (39), of Copperfield Grove, Cross Green Road, Leeds, were heard on Thursday by Mr H. Marshall (Stipendiary Magistrate), before whom the defendants appeared on remand.

The men were jointly charged with intimidating Wilfrid son Cawood, a lamplighter, on New Year's Day, and Affleck was further charged with assaulting and intimidating Walter Revell, another lamplighter, on January 2nd. Mr W. Wright defended.

Supt. Blakey said about 3.45 on the afternoon of New Year's Day Cawood was going down Peel Street, Barley Road, when the prisoner spoke to him and said "What are you doing?" He told them he had received a telegram, and was working, and they replied that they, too, had received telegrams. Cheetham said, "Take no — notice of that. If you do you'll cop h— to-morrow night." As they were leaving, Cheetham said, "We are going down to the man in Bells Vue Road now, and he will get 'sacked' to-morrow night."

Cawood gave evidence, but in cross-examination he said Affleck was the man who used the words "You'll cop h— to-morrow night."

The magistrate remarked that the witness was contradicting his own statement as to who used the words.

Superintendent Blakey pointed out that he had signed a statement attributing them to Cheetham.

The magistrate said he could not accept such evidence in so serious a case, the joint charge must be dismissed, and Cheetham discharged.

Affleck was then proceeded against on the other charges. Superintendent Blakey said the lamplighter Revell was working in Wesley Street, Camp Road, when, after three pickets had spoken to him, Affleck snatched his pole from his hands and struck him a severe blow on the face and shoulder. He also threw the torch of the pole away, and then went off.

Revell described the assault, and said the prisoner took him unawares, and snatched his pole from him. The blow was severe, and though he did not fall he felt stunned.

Another witness, who did not give his name except in writing to the magistrate, said he saw the assault and heard the prisoner say, "Don't be a scab."

The prisoner gave evidence denying the charges. He said he thought the man was going to strike him with the pole, and he knocked it from his hand. Then Revell ran away, and he simply threw the pole after him.

The magistrate found Affleck guilty, and said the fact of his being a man in a responsible position made the offence all the worse. It was the old story, but the assault was not a very serious one. He would bind him over in sureties for seven days.

Saxton and District Ploughing Competitions.

WINNERS AT WOODHOUSE GRANGE.

The first ploughing competitions promoted by the Saxton and District Society took place on Wednesday at Woodhouse Grange. Twenty-seven entries were received, but only twenty competitors were forward.

In the championship class the first prize went to E. Dalby, Wike; and the second and third prizes were divided between Knox and Dixon.

Class open to men who have never won a first prize:—1, F. Watson, Church Fenton; 2, H. Dykes, Aberford; 3, J. Bailey, Saxton.

Class for boys under 18—1, B. Hall, Aberford; 2, J. Hardcastle, Kiddal Lane; 3, S. Leake, Saxton; 4, E. Mawson, Low Lead.

The judges were Messrs Jackson, Todd, and Helm, and they had a rather difficult task, as there was some very good ploughing, especially in the champion class, and many of the spectators were surprised at their decision.

In the evening an excellent dinner was provided by Mr and Mrs Firn, of the Plough Inn, Saxton, and it was highly appreciated.

The Committee of the Society carried out the arrangements, and they have expressed their indebtedness to all those who have so generously subscribed.

P.S. Fox, of Cawood, who has been in the police force for over a quarter of a century, has retired on pension.

FIRE ON THE CAWOOD AUTO-CAR.—Some alarm was caused at Selby Station on Saturday evening through a fire which occurred in the driver's cabin of the N.E.R. electric auto-car which runs on the Cawood branch line. The car was at a side platform, and the sudden outbreak occurred through a hand-lamp being accidentally overturned. The flames were quickly extinguished, the only damage done being to the paint of the woodwork.

A Blue Pastel.—A Leghorn cockerel, bred and exhibited by Mr G. H. Ambler, of Church Fenton, has been sold for £42 for the Argentine, and it was shipped on Friday. Its list of successes were—First, Poultry Club Challenge Cup and gold medal; Leghorn Club Challenge Cup, International Trophy and Championship, best Leghorn Crystal Palace, 1913; also 1st, York; 1st and special, Sherburn-in-Elmet; 1st, Driffield; 1st and special, Kippax; 1st and special, Tadcaster. The bird, which was unbeaten, was hatched second week in February, 1913.

Thirteen Shillings.—At the Leeds Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Dick Wray, a coachman, of Shadwell, was summoned for trespassing at Wike in search of conies. John Wm. Carr, gamekeeper, stated that on November 23rd, he was at Wike, and saw the defendant come from some land with two others, who had already been dealt with. Defendant: Was it a public road where you stopped me?—Witness: Yes. In answer to other questions, Carr said defendant had not a gun, dog, or snare with him, but he had a ferret, which he let behind on seeing witness. The defendant denied possessing a ferret, and said he kept to the open road. The magistrates imposed a fine of 13s. and costs.

Exciting Fox Hunt.—The Bramham Moor Hounds had some capital sport on Saturday. Three foxes were found, and one of them led the hunt for Wike Wood, touching the corner of Wike White, and crossing the Wike and Scarcroft road and the Slade Hill and Shadwell Road, went into Roundhay Park. There was some delay in the gardens at the back of the Mansion, but the hounds took the line over Park Lane, and the rest quickly took up the scent. After running parallel to the north of Street Lane, they went past the Shadwell Industrial School, over Shadwell Lane, and through the grounds of the Town Clerk's residence. Then they passed close to the polo ground, and over Alwoodley Golf Links. The fox then went into Harewood Park, with hounds in close pursuit, but here the fox rapidly gained ground, and the hunt was abandoned with the gathering darkness.

CORRESPONDENCE

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Lieut. Boughey has written just the sort of letter anyone conversant with Tory methods of controversy would expect. He does not accept my challenge, but says "Why should I?" There are several reasons why he should, but probably only one reason why he doesn't. Two of the reasons why he should are—first, that as his business in the Barkston Ash division is pessimism, and to gain support for the Tory policy (if they still have a policy), proof of the truth of his "bogey" statements would certainly be more effective than mere expressions of opinion. The second reason why he should is that as he and other Tory speakers, as well as most of the Tory papers, are now forbidden to explain the present position of "Tariff Reform" to the farmers of Barkston Ash and elsewhere, there is obviously no excuse for neglecting any details of the Irish question.

Lieut. Boughey repeats his "bogey" talk by asserting:—

"There are whole counties in Ireland to-day where a Protestant has no chance either of election to the local bodies or of any paid appointment under them."

Now, sir, this is a definite statement, and from the context it can only mean that the exclusion is on religious grounds. It is also clear that Lieut. Boughey would have us believe that the above statement represents facts within his own knowledge. I therefore ask him to name the counties and give us an opportunity of testing his statements. If he fails to do so your readers will find no difficulty in drawing their own conclusions.

Lieut. Boughey pretends to think it is my place to supply proof! But he is the aggressor, and having been challenged, the onus lies with him. Lest he should misunderstand, however, I would add, in closing, that having visited practically every town and city in Ireland, I also know what I am writing about, and I make no statement unless I have the evidence in my possession to prove it. Now will he kindly oblige?—Yours, etc.,

MARTIN HARVEY.

Peckfield Lodge, South Milford, 4th Jan., 1914.

PRETTY WEDDING AT SOUTH MILFORD.

On Monday the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, South Milford, of Miss Kate Sail, third daughter of the late Mr Wm. Sail and Mrs Sail, South Milford, and Mr Fred Duckett, third son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Duckett, of Kirkhouse Green, near Doncaster. Owing to recent bereavements in Miss Sail's family, the wedding was a quite one. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A. (rector of South Milford), and Miss Young, who deputised for Mr H. Hill, at the organ, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" and other pieces. The bride was attired in a beautiful costume of grey velvet, and hat to match, and she wore a gold bracelet and brooch (the gift of the bridegroom). Mr Robt. Goodland, Goole (brother-in-law) gave the bride away. The bride-maids were Miss Eliza A. Sail (sister of the bride), who was attired in a pretty dress of grey whipcord and black velvet hat to match, and also wore a gold brooch (the gift of the bridegroom), and Miss Louie Duckett (sister of the bridegroom), who was dressed in a blue corded costume, and hat to match, and wore a gold brooch (the gift of the bridegroom). There was a good congregation to witness the ceremony, the bride being well-known in the village. She has been a faithful employee at Mr Chessman's draper, Selby, for over 20 years. A reception was held at the bride's mother's house, where the wedding breakfast was served, and there was a large number of guests present. During the afternoon the happy pair went by motor-car to their home at Hawthorne Green Farm, Moss, near Doncaster. The presents included: Bride's mother, household linen and silver, ½ doz. spoons and sugar tongs; Mr Wm. Sail and family, clock; Mr Goodland (Goole), (brother-in-law), inlaid oval table and brass curb and fire-irons; Mrs Goodland (sister), cruet; Master Harry Goodland, crumb tray and brush; Miss Susie Goodland, rose bowl; Miss Sail (sister), bedroom service and rug; Mr and Mrs Teale, Syke House, tea service; Misses Teale, silver sugar tongs; Mr Horne, Syke house, fender, half cabinet; Miss Bulluss, Sykehouse, table cloth; Chessman and Co., elder down; workroom young ladies, tapestry table cloth; Misses H. Kay Dawson, and Kilburn, linen table cloth; Mrs Noble (Selby), bride cake; Mrs Webster (Lumby), silver-plated marmalade dish; Mrs Radcliffe, silver butter knife; Miss and Mrs A. Wise, silver sardine tongs and fork, and photo frame; Mrs Roadley, pair of sheets; Mrs Job Day (Stanks), pillow cases and hair tidies; Mrs Johnson (Selby), hair tidies; Mrs H. Sutton, oak inkstand; Mrs Newsome, butter dish; Mr and Mrs Garnett, fruit dishes and pair tray cloths; Mr. Mrs and Miss Huby (Newton), hanging lamp; Mrs Johnson, jelly, silver plated spoons; Misses Young (Sherburn), set toilet mats; Mrs Joseph Brown, table cloth; Mrs Garnett, set of toilet mats; Miss Harrison (Selby), table centre; Miss Butcher, sideboard cover; Miss Sunderland, table centre; Mrs Shepherd, cushion cover; Mrs Durham, handworked sideboard cover; Mrs Poulter (Barkston), marmalade dish and spoon; Mr and Mrs Fenton (Church Fenton), pots; Mrs Charles Poulter (Church Fenton), old-fashioned fruit dish; Mrs Bortoft, silver knife rests; Mrs and Miss Noble (Selby), fruit basket and tea set; Mr and Mrs Forman, copper kettle; Miss Bessie Johnson, hot water jug; Mrs Hind (Leeds), cheese dish; Mrs Britton, set of jugs; Mrs G. Smith (Pontefract), pair silver top vases; and Mrs T. Lacy, tray cloth.

SHERBURN

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of £4 8s., proceeds of a social at South Milford, on 31st December, 1913, promoted by a committee, per H. H. Jagger.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—At the annual prize distribution which took place at the schools Mr and Mrs Cawthorn, of Elmet House, again generously provided the prizes. At the girls' school 38 girls made perfect attendance for the year out of 130 on the registers, and 24 at the boys' school out of 114 on the registers. Prizes were also presented for good conduct and proficiency in the elementary subjects. Mr Cawthorn also presented the silver medal to the most popular boy and girl in each school. At the infants' school new pennies were distributed. The boys' school hoss won the shield seven times this year for best attendance in division 22, and this excellent result is no doubt largely due to the doctors of the prizes.

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SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

MILFORD, CHURCH FENTON, AND SHERBURN CASES.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Major Allenby, and Mr Walter Crosland.

Mr A. Johnson, of the White Swan Hotel, South Milford, applied for one hour's extension for the cricket club dinner, on January 20th, and it was granted.

William Holroyd, miner, of Brotherton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 20th ult. at Brotherton. Fined 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Walter Hardy, miner, of Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 26th ult. at Sherburn. Previous convictions were read against defendant, and he was fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

William Clark, miner, South Milford, was charged with riding a bicycle without light on the 16th December, at South Milford. P.C. Holliday stated he saw defendant cycling on the York Road, and he was without a light. When he got him at home he was very insolent. The defendant said that the lamp bottom fell out. The constable caught him by the neck and nearly choked him. Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

John Sherborne, farmer, Sutton on Derwent, was charged with contravening the bye-laws of the North Eastern Railway by annoying passengers, on the 9th ult., at Church Fenton. Superintendent Pearson, of N.E.R. police, prosecuted, and Mr G. H. Walker, of York, defended.

Fergus Little, printer, York, and Arthur Bowan, engineer, gave evidence as to the offence which took place in a railway carriage between Leeds and York.

William Metcalf Peel, N.E.R. police, York, stated he received a complaint from the last witnesses as to defendant's conduct in the train, and defendant gave him a wrong name and address.

In defence, Mr Walker said defendant had been called to London upon important business or he would have been present. On behalf of defendant he wished to inform them that defendant expressed his regret for what had happened. He was not charged with having been drunk or using bad language. What he had done was in a playful manner. He admitted a technical offence had been committed and asked that the case should be dismissed upon payment of costs.

The Chairman said the Bench considered it a serious offence, and fined defendant £2 and £1 11s. 8d. costs.

Mr Mawer, of Liverpool, has been appointed by agent in connection with Aberford Wesleyan Church, and he enters on his duties this month.

To make a cornice pole, procure a penny broom handle, a penny tine of white enamel, and twelve brass rings large enough to slip easily along the pole. Give the pole two coats of enamel, allowing two hours to elapse between each coat. When dry it is ready for use. Two brackets at a penny each form the support. The curtains are suspended from the rings in the usual way.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—The members of Church Fenton Sycamore C.C. held their annual whist drive and dance in the school, and it was attended by 92 ladies and gentlemen. The prize-winners at whist were:—Ladies—1, Miss Ward (Ulleskelf); consolation, Mrs Worrell (Little Fenton). Gentlemen—1, Mr Grice (Sherburn); consolation, Mr A. Pargeter (Sherburn). Mrs Harrison (President of the club), in a nice little speech, presented the prizes. Dancing commenced at 10.15, and was kept up merrily until four next morning. The duties of M.C.'s were successfully performed by Messrs Geo. H. Ambler, J. Harrison, and J. W. Ambler. The music was supplied by Mr W. Hague (Ulleskelf). The secretarial duties were performed by Mr Geo. H. Ambler. The committee were greatly indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen who generously contributed to the refreshments:—Mrs and Miss Harrison, Mrs Gatus, Mrs G. Foxton, Mrs F. Rushworth, Mrs I. Weight, Mrs G. Sykes, Mrs Walkington, Mrs Geo. H. Ambler, Miss Poulter, Mrs Binns, Miss T. Holt, Mrs J. W. Ambler, and Mrs J. Binns. Amongst those present were Mrs, the Misses, and Mr J. Harrison (Church Fenton), Mr and Mrs Hawley, Mr and Mrs W. Hey, Mr H. Jagger (Biggin), Miss Farrer (South Milford), Misses Hey, Mr Grice, Mr Pargeter, Mr Hodgson, and Mr Hawley (Sherburn), Misses Lamb (Little Fenton), Mr A. and Miss Sykes (North Milford Grange), Mr H. Atkinson (North Milford), Miss Nattriss, Miss Greenwood (Barkston Ash), Mr and Miss Ward (Ulleskelf), Messrs Powell, Thompson, and Simmons (Hemsworth), Mr and Mrs Hardcastle (York), Mr and Mrs Worrell (Little Fenton), Misses Gilbertson (Rythor), Mr Geo. Holmes (Woolwich), Mr Mead (Freckley), Mr Appleyard (York), Mr W. Brown (Haxby), Mrs and Miss Atha (Leeds), Mr W. D. Foxton, Messrs G. and J. Foxton, Miss Bell, Miss Oldridge, Miss Bewsnbridge, Mr and Mrs Wainwright, Mr S. Hardcastle, Mrs Geo. H. Ambler, Mrs and Miss Walkington, Miss Boddy, Miss Worrell, Mrs Binns, Mrs Holt, Messrs Poulter, Mrs Whittingham, Mr Moore, Miss Lord (Cawood), Miss Cawthorne (Monk Fryston), Miss Horner (Barkston Ash), and Mr Simpson (Hothby).

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Mr William Lunn, who, it is expected, will be the Labour candidate for Holbeck at next election, caused a little "breeze" at the last meeting of Hunslet Guardians, and the Osmondthorpe representative was soon placed on the defensive. A Rothwell man was in the chair, but he promptly called his colleague to order, and he did not get Mr Lunn to withdraw his offending words. Had he been in the House of Commons and aroused the ire of some member by an injudicious remark, he would have been suspended had he not accepted the Chairman's invitation to withdraw. I daresay Mr Lunn thinks it will be time enough to talk of Parliamentary language when he gets to St. Stephen's.

With other Guardians follow suit? That the note which recently appeared in this column influenced the Board I will not dare to say, but the Hunslet Guardians have changed their attitude towards the distribution of coal to out-door poor in the area, and now no "discrimination" will be exercised. Seeing coal was being given to poor people, it was the only fair and just plan to adopt. If a person is entitled to relief that person is equally entitled to fuel, and it seemed to me a most ungenerous and unjust policy to give coal to one lot of people and withhold it from another lot just as needy. In giving blankets, for instance, Guardians have to take into consideration what the applicants already possess, and a discrimination must be used, but coal does not keep like blankets. Of course, on the question as to whether or not the Guardians should give coal I say nothing, but if they are to make a distribution it should be done so that preference will be shown to no person.

When is a sanitary department, under the direct control of the Council, to be established in Garforth. For a long time the Council have had under consideration the advisability of purchasing horses and carts and doing their own work, and, in fact, they have a stable ready for the horses when they are bought, but they seem reluctant to take the plunge. That they will save for the children of the district, but it has brought the money to do so doubtful, but they will get its trouble. At a certain local school the work done when they like and as they like, doctor discovered a boy with defective eyesight, and the parent, who was in a position to By and bye, they will receive about £100 from Tadcaster District Council, and it is suggested that this money might be invested in horse-flesh, informed, but he was careless, and took no notice of the latter sent him. Again the County Committee communicated with him, and what did he do? He blamed the head teacher for getting him into trouble and sent his child to a school a couple of miles distant. It will be seen the father is punishing his son for his own foolishness and negligence.

For a long time the Garforth people have been talking about the Gildhrist lectures, and they have been very fortunate to secure them. The first, delivered on Friday night, was on a fascinating subject, and it was wonderful how much information the lecturer crammed into an hour-and-a-quarter. His purpose was to prove that the star system was the outcome of physical law, but he did not get Mr Luna to withdraw his developed in the same manner, and that there was a similarity in the formation of all heavenly bodies, as demonstrated by an analyses of light. As one speaker stated, shown some marvellous photographs of nebulæ and millions of stars, seemed to be present at the formation of worlds, but the subject is such a stupendous one that the finite mind reels when it attempts to grasp its magnitude. Sir Robert Ball, who died quite recently, and who was a prince of lecturers—his extreme simplicity of explanation, profound knowledge of the subject, and humorous interludes were that all expenditure by the Guardians was on characteristics—visited Garforth some 15 or 16 years ago, and gave an address on a similar subject in connection with the old Institute, which was such a force in the place then. The audience on Friday night was the largest I have seen at Garforth, if election meetings are excepted, and it showed the residents apparently know a good thing when they are offered it.

Kippax has a remarkably large number of old people within its borders, and it has been stated that it is so healthy that many folks, after their working days are done, retire to the "village on the hill," as it is termed. Not infrequently comment has been made on the number of poor persons in receipt of relief at Kippax, but, when all the circumstances are considered, it may be discovered that it is no worse than some of its neighbours. From a return, I understand, Kippax has 22 people receiving relief, the weekly allowance being £3 4s., but Garforth follows closely with a weekly expenditure of £2 14s. 6d., although the number of persons drawing money is not so large.

When Crossgates was included in the ancient parish of Barwick, the residents of the former place were wont to say that they had no poor—behalf of Barwick and Scholes. However that may be, it is evident that Barwick and Scholes are not getting a heavy return for their poor rate, inasmuch as the total amount spent on the poor there is only 13s. 6d. weekly. Aberford, too, is in a good position, but Preston and Milford draw substantial sums.

Teachers in local elementary schools are finding that their best friends are the County Councils seem to be satisfied. Members of the Urban Council have told me they would have been pleased had they got more, but the award was not such a bad one after all, and members of Tadcaster District Council say they knew Garforth would get something and perhaps it was not getting too much. Of course, had it got less it would have been all the better for the rural district. Seeing everybody concerned is satisfied, no one else counts.

With the award of £209 to Garforth, members of both Tadcaster Rural and Garforth Urban Councils seem to be satisfied. Members of the Urban Council have told me they would have been pleased had they got more, but the award was not such a bad one after all, and members of Tadcaster District Council say they knew Garforth would get something and perhaps it was not getting too much. Of course, had it got less it would have been all the better for the rural district. Seeing everybody concerned is satisfied, no one else counts.

A determined effort to check the aggression of Leeds and other places is being made by the County Council, whose action has an especial interest for the parishes in Tadcaster, Rothwell, and Hunslet areas. A deputation, including among others Ald. G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and Mr E. H. Foster, C.C., has been appointed to wait upon the President of the Local Government Board and urge upon him the adoption of a certain line of policy pending the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the whole question so far as the West Riding is concerned. But if the Local Government Board would revert to its old position further trouble would be averted, and there would be no necessity to have an inquiry. In the old days the consent of the residents of a place had to be secured before it could be annexed by a town or city, or maladministration had to be proved against the authority within whose jurisdiction the parish was. That, in my opinion, was a very sensible plan to work upon, but since Mr John Burns assumed control at the Local Government Board office it has been impossible to ascertain upon what basis annexation schemes were considered.

It will be remembered that Leeds failed to secure the annexation of Roundhay, Seacroft, and Crossgates at the first attempt, but on precisely the same facts, a few years afterwards, the Local Government Board issued an order for the incorporating of these parishes in Leeds. It was impossible to get any reason for the change of opinion, and a policy which can be chopped and changed at will is not good enough. What right, for instance, has Leeds to seek the annexation of Oulton, Woodlesford, Templenewsam, and Middleton, carrying with it the swamping of a whole rural area, or the extension of the city boundaries to Rothwell, in defiance of public opinion? Were these places badly administered one could easily understand the attitude of Leeds, but the areas are admirably served, and the people, not political parties, have control of their own affairs.

Garforth's failure to persuade the N.E.R. Co. to give an all-day cheap fare to Leeds will cause no surprise. If the company thought the exchequer would benefit they might be moved to action, but they are 'cute enough to discern that persons who travel to the city in the morning would do so in any circumstances, and that those who desire the benefit of the cheap fare would make the time arranged by the Company convenient to them. It is doubtful that a penny more would go into the coffers of the N.E.R. Co. by the suggested extension.

Moreover, why should Garforth expect more than is given to other places? It is always wise to take a reasonable view of matters, and from the first I thought the Urban Council's application was doomed. Crossgates was the first place in the district to get the cheap afternoon fare, but Scholes, despite the sending of letters, resolutions, and petitions, has not been placed in a similarly privileged position? How, then, could Garforth expect an all-day cheap fare when Scholes cannot get an afternoon cheap fare?

The position of the Garforth tradesman who wrote to the N.E.R. Co. protesting against any extension of the cheap fare can easily be understood. He was looking after his own interests, as he had a perfect right to do, but the protest would have had little weight with the N.E.R. officials, because, they, too, are out for what they can get, and it is their policy to persuade as many people as possible to travel by rail. Garforthians generally would not, I suppose, object to reduced fares all day, nor, in fact, to free travelling, because, like the opposing tradesman, they would consider they were studying their own interests.

Apparently at Wetherby all the people who attend church and chapel are not good timekeepers, but I'm afraid it is a failing to which many other than Wetherby folks would plead guilty. Sunday, it is believed, is the day of rest, and people are in no hurry to get up—they rest, and then they have a rush to get to a place of worship, completely counteracting the effects of the nice rest they have had. Their motto is "Better late than never," and the fact that they attend worship at all will, they think, be a point in their favour at the audit.

Various methods are adopted by parsons for reforming late-comers. One rev. gentleman I know used to stop the service until the "better late than never" lot got to their seats, and, of course, the congregation's attention was directed to them. He managed eventually to cure them. Another parson was so annoyed by people coming into church during service that he threatened to publicly name all the offenders, but he didn't, because there was no need to. The threat was sufficient. Many parsons, however, are frightened to offend people, some of whom patronize a church or chapel as they would a shop, and little undesirable things consequently creep into church life.

Why not plant trees in Templenewsam? It was suggested that one way of celebrating the coronation at Halton would be by planting trees, but it did not come off. Funds were not available, but the District Council may oblige. The "Post" states:—

> There is no more pleasantly wooded residential district on the verge of a great centre of population than Roundhay. Apart from the park itself, the beauties of Old Park Road, Oakwood Lane, and adjacent thoroughfares supply a notable case in point. Long before the district was incorporated with Leeds, the local Authority recognised the æsthetic importance not only of preserving its natural beauty but of adding to it by planning avenues of young trees.

Now if the local authority—Roundhay and Seacroft Council—had power to spend money in this way, the Hunslet District Council have, and the question might very well be discussed by the Ratepayers' Association again

A sum of £1, collected at Monk Fryston, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary, per Mr John Longhorn.

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OUR GARDENS.

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Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

The true value of herbaceous perennials is not generally recognised, especially by amateurs. There are numerous varieties easily raised from seed which will come true to type, and in many instances flower during their first year. The price of herbaceous plants of flowering size is sufficiently high to prevent many would-be growers from including them in their garden schemes. From a few shillings worth of seed hundreds of vigorous plants may be obtained, and their requirements are extremely simple. It is important that an early start be made. The first week in February is not too early to sow the seed. A compost of equal parts loam and leaf-mould, with a liberal sprinkling of sand will suit them well during the seedling stage.

Cauliflower.—A light, richly manured soil is essential; and it must be thoroughly and deeply broken up. The earliest out-door bed requires to be on a warm, sheltered border. The land must be generously treated if good results are desired; and since the crop is justly one of the most esteemed, summer plantings should be put out in the very best soil possible. Sow during February or March in boxes on a gentle hot-bed or under a cool frame in a sunny corner, 1 ounce of seed to 4 square yards, in shallow drills 10 inches apart. Cover with ¼ inch of fine soil. Use only the best strains of seeds. Prick out the plants from the earliest sowing into another frame, or under handlights, as soon as they are large enough to handle; give all the air consistent with safety; and finally plant out about mid-May, 15 inches apart. Constant hoeing and an occasional heavy watering will be necessary. A constant supply of soil moisture is absolutely essential.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

These popular flowers are now beginning to make progress. A night temperature of 40 to 50 degrees suits them well. Ventilation should be freely given on all favourable occasions. Watering is a task which must be carefully carried out at this time of the year. The plants should be approaching dryness before being watered, but when it is really needed a thorough soaking should be given. The atmosphere of the house should be fairly dry, and this entails care in watering. It is a mistake to spill and splash the water about in a haphazard manner. Surplus water should be mopped up from the floor after watering or washing out. A damp atmosphere is conducive to an attack of carnation rust. Thrip, greenfly, and red spider are terrible pests to the carnation. These should be kept down by fumigating. If increased stock is required the present is a splendid time for the propagation of cuttings. Side shoots growing on the main or centre stem are the best for the purpose. Those strike readily in sand and leaf-mould, equal parts of each, in a warm propagating case. A simple method of rooting cuttings is to half fill a 9-inch pot with sand and leaf-mould, dibble the cuttings in, and cover with a sheet of glass. Place in a warm, light position, and reverse the glass daily. Under this system root connexion is about 3 weeks time. The stem of the cutting is encased by the base of the leaves. This should be carefully cut away. If left on rooting will be considerably delayed.

CLEANING

During spells of bad weather, when out-door work is at a standstill, the glass-houses should be thoroughly cleaned. Glass and woodwork may be scrubbed with hot, soapy water, walls lime-washed, and pipes coated with boiled linseed oil and lamp black. Permanent staglings, covered with coke breeze, gravels, or some similar moisture-holding material, should be covered with fresh material. Continual watering of the plants standing on the staglings washes out a quantity of soil, which in time clogs up the breeze, etc., to such an extent as to cause sourness. This in turn encourages the growth of moss, which is not only unsightly, but offers protection to snails and other greenhouse pests. Wood-lice are very destructive and these usually congregate in secluded corners under the staglings or somewhere near where the hot-water pipes enter the house. Every corner should be thoroughly cleaned out, and if boiling water is available in quantity it may be freely used whilst the house is empty. If poured into cracks and crevices of the walls, floor, etc., it will probably scorch and destroy countless insects which in course of time would prove a source of worry and annoyance. When returning plants to the house the pots should be scrubbed clean, and the plants sponged or otherwise cleaned according to the discretion of the grower. Foliage plants such as palms, crotons, etc., are best cleaned by sponging. Ferns and rough-leaved plants may be cleaned by giving them a thorough syringing.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Sow seeds of tomatoes, lettuce, parsley, sweet-williams and cherkias under glass.

Numerous kinds of plants may be propagated from cuttings now if a warm house is available. Coleus, double geraniums, petunias, heliotrope, and salvias are but a few amongst many.

Place a few bulbs in heat every week to keep up a regular supply of bloom.

Propagate Glorie-de Lorraine Begonias as soon as cuttings are available. Although season of growth is required to produce large plants. They root well in cocoa-fibre refuse in a warm propagating frame. Basal growths only.

KITCHEN GARDEN

Advantage should be taken of the opportunity to wheel manure on to the land during spells of severe frost. The work is much easier then, whilst the surface is hard, than at any other time. Digging or trenching should be proceeded with when the ground is in a suitable condition.

On no account should digging be proceeded with whilst the ground is frozen. To turn frozen lumps of soil into the ground only results in keeping it cold much later in the spring, and retards the progress of early crops. The advice now being given in southern papers in regard to the sowing of peas, beans, etc., may be entirely disregarded so far as the North of England is concerned. Seed sown now is simply wasted.

The Bradford City Coroner held an inquiry on Tuesday into the death of Alice Maud Lacon, of Long Row, Low Moor. The mother of the girl, whose hands were bandaged, said she had snatched a razor from her daughter when the latter was in the act of cutting her throat. The girl, who was twenty-three years of age, had been unable to follow her employment owing to ill-health. A verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane" was returned.

THE LADIES' COLUMN

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

To darken brown boots, wash once a week with saddle soap and water, and clean daily with a dark brown boot polish.

When making pastry that is to be served cold, milk should be used for the mixing, and the pastry will keep short and crisp longer than if mixed with water.

A scullery table is often difficult to keep nice, for the constant scrubbing roughens it. The best covering, and the cheapest in the end, is a sheet of zinc nailed on to cover the edges. Failing this, cut a piece of linoleum the exact size to cover it.

Flannels should not be ironed. Pull out evenly while on the clothes-line, fold, and place at the bottom of the clothes-basket. This will make them quite smooth.

Odd scraps of soap should be collected, placed in a saucepan on the stove with enough water to cover them, and allowed to dissolve. Then roll into balls and place on one side to dry. They can be used for scrubbing.

To patch torn or disfigured wallpaper, tear roughly a piece of paper to match a little larger than the size required, without definite shape, and paste it smoothly over the spot. The torn edge will not be as noticeable as a carefully-cut piece.

When washing stockings, soak first in cold water to remove the dust. No amount of rinsing afterwards has the same effect.

Celery can be kept for a week or longer by first rolling it up in brown paper. Then pin it in a towel and keep it in a dark, cool place. Before preparing it for the table place it in cold water and let it remain for an hour. This will make it crisp and cool.

To remove the smell of fish from forks, wash the forks in hot water, then remove from the water, and rub over with a tiny piece of butter. Wash again and all smell will disappear.

Try oatmeal for cleaning white paint in bedrooms. Dip a damp cloth in the oatmeal, and rub the paint well over with this. Then wipe off with a clean, damp cloth, and polish with a clean duster. Oatmeal is especially effective for removing finger-marks from doors.

After washing a white knitted jersey put it on a coathanger and hang it on a line in the air to dry. It will keep the shape much better if this is done than if it is merely hung on a line, and is not so liable to stretch.

To clean bread boards, rub well with a slice of cut lemon and then wash in cold water. This will keep them white and in a better condition than if scrubbed with soap and water.

FURNITURE POLISH

The following mixture is excellent for polishing furniture, and will often remove scratches if well rubbed in: Mix together equal quantities of turpentine, boiled linseed oil, vinegar, and methylated spirits. Bottle and use when required

FOR LEATHER CHAIRS.

White of egg is splendid for renovating leather chairs when they begin to look shabby. Remove all dust and dirt from the chairs, then rub with a cloth dipped in the white of egg, which should first have been well beaten. When dry, rub well with soft, clean cloths, and the leather will look almost like new again.

SEWING HINTS

Always use double thread for gathering. Use as fine a thread and needle as the garment will allow. When threading your needle make the knot on the end broken from the reel. In sewing a seam put the stitches closely together, but lightly, into the cloth, being careful not to pull the thread tight as it causes the seam to draw. Gathers should always be set on the right side, but never with a needle; use a pin.

TO REMOVE STAINS FROM BOARDS

To remove ink-stains sprinkle liberally with salt, and rub vigorously with half a lemon. Grease-stains may be removed by the application of a paste made of equal quantities of pearl-ash, and fuller's earth moistened with boiling water. The paste should be left on stain for about twelve hours, and then washed off with soap and water, or lime and hot water.

USES OF PLASTER OF PARIS

A packet of plaster of Paris kept in a wide-necked bottle may be found very useful. Small articles can be fixed by picture nails, etc., are quickly repaired with a very little plaster mixed with water. Combined with glue, all kinds of china and brica-brac may be mended; it will withstand heat, dry quickly, and the surplus remaining on the edge of the join can be scraped off. Small portions of gilt picture frames may be remodelled and regilded with success. It must be remembered that only a small portion may be used at a time, and that plaster of Paris must be kept properly dry until required.

HOW TO TREAT VELVET

Velvet that has been spotted with the rain should not be brushed dry. Shake the velvet and leave it. The water will evaporate and show no mark, unless the velvet was dusty before getting wet. In that case wipe the velvet while still damp with a clean damp cloth. This will remove the dust. Then shake well and leave to dry.

CREASY BOOTS

Often when one has purchased a pair of boots, one doesn't know till they are home that they creak. However, the disagreeable noise may be stopped by taking them back to the shoemaker and asking him to apply some of them on each side and insert between the soles a teaspoonful of French chalk. This process costs only a trifle and answers admirably.

BEDROOM VENTILATION

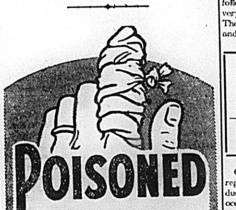
One of the best and simplest methods of ventilating a bedroom is that of procuring a piece of wood four inches in depth and of the same breadth as the window, and inserting this along the bottom of the frame after raising the lower sash. The window should then be lowered on to the strip of wood, fresh air entering the room in the centre between the two sashes.

CONCERNING CANDLES

The longer candles are kept the better they are. Discolouration can be instantly removed by wiping with a piece of flannel dipped in spirits of wine. A pinch of fine salt in the cup of wax round the wick makes the candle last longer and burn much better. Another good tip is to varnish the candles with white varnish. Don't use them for quite ten days after this.

APPLES FOR PIES

Before paring apples for pies it is a good plan to place them in the oven for a few minutes, as this facilitates the removal of the skin. Hot water should first be poured over them. They should then be drained and placed on the top shelf of the oven for a few minutes, the door being left ajar. At the end of this time the apples should be removed and the skin lightly pared off with a sharp knife, when there will be much less waste than if they were pared in the ordinary manner.



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FARMERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

A lecture on "Farm Accounts" was given by Mr John Orr, assistant director, Institute of Agricultural Economics in the University of Oxford, at a meeting of the West of Scotland Agricultural Association Society in Glasgow. He said that in order to encourage the keeping of accounts and to obtain information on the subject from a scheme was carried out was that the farmers daily filled up labour sheets, recording the time of men and horses, and food sheets recording the amount and value of feeding stuffs consumed by live stock. These sheets were sent to the Institute, and analysed there, and ledger accounts were opened for all kinds of produce and live stock sold, so that a balance-sheet might be obtained at the end of accounts presented to the farmer at the end of the year.

It is definitely arranged that Mr Lloyd George will speak at Huddersfield, in connection with his land campaign early in March. The date is still uncertain, but it will probably be Saturday, March 7th.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(Continued).

(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one).

THE STRENGTH OF THE HAREM.

I maintain that it is impossible to lay down a hard and fast rule as to the strength of the harem. So many conflicting conditions must be taken into consideration. A cockerel enjoying free range will fertilise the eggs of many more hens than if confined to a small run. The season of the year has a great influence, and the same fertility cannot be expected in December as in April. Male birds of heavy breeds require a smaller harem than those of the sprightly Mediterranean types. Then the natural disposition of the male bird himself is a factor which overthrows any mathematical formula. The age of the bird has its effect, and if it is possible to form any actual deduction from all these conditions, temporary variations in the cock's health would immediately discount it. A hard and fast rule cannot be given, but in my opinion it is safer to slightly under-estimate the male bird's power, as we are desirous of enjoying a successful breeding season.

It is interesting at this stage to note that the male bird almost entirely confines his attentions to the hens that are laying, and this fact should be borne in mind when you hear wild stories of enormous harems and all eggs fertile. Possibly no more than one-third were laying at any given period.

Mr J. H. Sutcliffe in his admirable book "Artificial Incubation and its Laws" gives the following "approximately rough guide, as so very much depends upon the stamina of the stock. The table assumes that the stock is fully matured and in good condition."

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MEDIUM ...	4 to 6	5 to 10	6 to 8	10 to 20
LIGHT ...	5 to 8	7 to 12	8 to 15	10 to 24

Careful observation, and regular tests as regards fertility are essential, adding to or deducting from the harem as necessity arises; occasionally it will be obligatory to change the male bird should infertility occur; in such cases, do not delay, the successful breeding season is of brief duration, and during the period every day is of vital importance.

PERIOD FROM MATING TO FERTILITY.

Again I deprecate a mathematical formula; experiments have demonstrated that an egg has been fertile laid on the third day after mating. This, however, it quite exceptional, and for practical purposes it is advisable to allow quite a week to elapse before setting the eggs.

PERIOD OF MALE BIRD'S INFLUENCE AFTER REMOVAL.

Another vexed question, and in my opinion varying according to circumstances connected with each individual case. A period of ten days is the greatest limit I have personally known of a fertile egg after the last coition, though cases of fertility have been quoted up to eight and ten weeks. These instances, however, are very rare, and the statements have been in more or less vague terms and lacking detail. I should never set eggs that were laid more than seven days after removal of the cock; do not misunderstand me, I am not denying fertility can exist beyond that duration of time, but I believe the percentage of fertile eggs would be so small, a fair profit could be made by selling or eating them.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Rather a small attendance, but trade fair. Wheats 32s. to 33s., oats 19s. to 20s. 6d., barley 29s. to 30s., commoner sorts 26s. to 28s., feeding barley 24s. to 25s., rye 23s. to 24s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 8 for 1s.; butter 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES

SELBY, Monday.—A good demand for the small supply of potatoes on offer. Prices advanced. Sand Up-to-dates 50s. to 52s. 6d., sand King Edwards 55s. to 60s., warp King Edwards 65s. to 72s. 6d. per ton; retail 2s. 6d. to 3s. per hamper.

CATTLE

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son offered at their fortnightly sale 77 newly-in and in-calf store cattle, 87 fat beasts, 127 sheep, 12 fat pigs, and 10 calves. An improved trade for dairy cattle. The best sold were calves cows realised £13 to £16; useful kinds £19 to £21 10s.; present calvers to £23 15s., February calvers to £20 2s. 6d., eighteen months' old store beasts to £11 5s. Fat beasts made late quotations; best heifers and bullocks to 7½d., secondary and medium sorts 7d. to 7¼d., cows to 6¾d. per lb.; bullocks to £22 10s., heifers to £21 17s. 6d., cows to £21, bulls to £25. Fat sheep again met a good demand. Choice shearlings and haggetts 10d. to 10½d. per lb., ewes 8d. to 9d. per lb. Pork pigs made to £4 5s., large fat pigs to £4 1s. 6d. Stores and pigs were shown coming to swing fever restrictions. Veal calves realised to £5 3s., and store calves to £2 2s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 91 beasts, 20 sheep, and 57 pigs. There was a fair attendance of buyers. The quality of stock was handy to last week's average, and prices were slightly easier, except-ing one or two good incalving cows, which sold at advanced prices. Sheep realised late rates. A slower trade for pigs, all except the finest quality making 6d. per stone less money. Prices:—Fat bullocks realised up to £21 7s. 6d., fat heifers to £18 12s. 6d., fat cows to £17 10s., store beasts to £12 5s., cows in milk to £18 17s. 6d., incalving cows to £17 12s. 6d., fat hoggs to £2 14s. 6d., pork pigs to £6 17s. 6d., and store pigs to £2 5s. 6d. each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a large entry of both beasts and sheep, which met a good trade, and fully late prices were realised. The attendance of butchers and dealers was above the average, and competition was good all through the sale. Best beef made from 8s. 3d. to 8s. 9d., small choice weights realised 9s., and cows and stronger bullocks 7s. 9d. to 8s. per stone. Sheep were good to sell at 10d. to 11d. per lb. Bacon and pork pigs made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Numbers sold: 112 beasts and calves, 301 sheep and hoggs, and 16 pork pigs. Prices ruled in favour of the vendors, and a bright and satisfactory sale was gone through. Mrs Oxter, of Hunsingore, sent five well-finished fat bullocks, which made £31 15s., £30, £26 2s. 6d., and £25 2s. 6d.; Mr G. P. Wright, of Ogthorpe, Castal, supplied two grand bullocks at £24 15s., and £19 2s. 6d.; Mr H. Hooks, of Bickerton Grange, sold eleven grand bullocks at £22 15s., £22, £21 10s., £21, £21 7s. 6d., £20 15s., £20, £20 12s. 6d., £20, £18 10s.; Mr Elwiss, of Ingmanthorpe House Farm, sent eight very choice bullocks and heifers, which realised £25 10s., £24 15s., £24 12s. 6d., £23 2s. 6d., £18 10s., £18 5s., £18 2s. 6d., and £17 12s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Atkinson, of High Field, Ribston, sold seven good bullocks at £24 7s. 6d., £23 15s., £21 7s. 6d., £21 2s. 6d., £21 2s., £20 2s. 6d., £19 2s. 6d.; Mr John Jackson, of Hunsingore, sent two choice bullocks and three heifers, selling at £21 10s., £20 5s., £19 15s., £18 15s., and £18; Mr H. Grainger, of Clifford, sold a grand cow at £23; Mr F. Field, of Sand Beck, sent good bullocks at £19 15s. and £18; Mr L. R. B. Isaacs, of King Barrow, sent three very choice heifers, realising £20 17s. 6d., £19 12s. 6d., and £19 7s. 6d.; Mr T. L. Wickham-Boynton sold a good bullock and heifer at £21 and £19 17s. 6d.; a well-finished cow from Mr Sadler, of North Deighton, sold for £19 5s.; Mr H. Lumley, of Bilton, sent a grand bullock, which made £24 2s. 6d.; Mr S. Barker, of Linton, sold a nice quality bullock at £19 10s; Mr Pawson, of Clifford, sold a useful heifer at £16 17s. 6d.; Mr Ed. Mason, of Ruhgate, sent a grand cow, which made £20 12s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Elvidge, of Walton, sold two grand heifers at £20 and £19 5s.; Mr J. W. Watson, of Wighill, sent two bullocks, which fetched £22 17s. 6d., and £22 10s.; Mr R. Dutton, of Bilton Grange, sold two wealthy bullocks at £24 10s. and £24; Mr E. Hardcastle, of Bank, to 7½d. each; three good bullocks making £23 10s., £19 17s. 6d., and £18 12s. 6d.; three grand bullocks from Paddock House Farm made £27, £25 5s., and £25; Prime fat sheep realised 10½d. per lb.; Mr Dutton, of Bilton, made to 7½d. each; from Mr R. O. Pick, of Bickerton, to 7½d. each; from Mr J. T. Dearlove, of Walton, made to 7½d. each; from Mr Spooner, of Thorp, to 7½d. each; from Mr J. H. Hooks, of Bickerton Grange, to 6s. 6d. each; from Mr G. P. Wright, to 6s. 6d. each. Prime fat hoggs from Mr S. Elvidge, of Hedley Hall, made to 6½d. each; from the Exors of the late Mr J. J. Thomlinson, of Tockwith, made to 6½d. each; from Mr J. F. Holdsworth, of Clifford Moor, made to 6s. each; from Mr R. Bentley, of Wash, made to 6s. each; from Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, to 5s. 6d. each; from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, to 5s. each; from Mr B. Thomlinson, Newton Kyme, to 5½s. 6d. each; from Mr G. P. Wright, of Ogthorpe, to 5s. each; from Mr Myers, of Kingbarrow, to 5s. each; from Mr R. Machin, jun., Old Thornville, hoggs to 5½s. 6d. each; prime ewes to 7½s. each; hoggs from Mr J. H. Hooks, to 5½s. 6d. each; prime ewes from Mr Dalby, Compton, to 5½s. each; from Mr R. O. Pick, to 5½s. each; from Mr J. W. Jackson, to 5½s. 6d. each; from Mr W. L. Kendall, to 5½s. each; etc.

A STANKS FARMER AND HIS WIFE.

STORY TOLD AT THE SKYRACK COURT.

WIFE'S SUMMONS DISMISSED.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates spent some time in hearing a case, in which John Stainburn, farmer, of Stanks, was summoned by his wife, Mrs Ellen Stainburn, for persistent cruelty.

Mr Scholes appeared for the defendant, and denied the cruelty.

Evidence was given by Mrs Stainburn that on Wednesday last she was carrying a bucket of water from a well in the garden when her husband came up, took the bucket from her hand and upset the contents, and afterwards spit in her face. She also complained that her daughter, who had been at home for six days' from service, had been subjected to abuse by her husband.

The Chairman: How long have you been married?

Witness: Twenty years.

The Chairman: Has he been a good husband?

Witness: No, not from the first.

The Chairman: Is it a frequent occurrence?

Witness: Yes, sometimes.

Mrs. Stainburn said that about three or four months ago her husband got hold of her by the throat, and she had gone to the police at Crossgates, and shown them the marks upon her throat.

The Chairman: Was he drunk or sober?

Witness: No, he does not take much drink.

Mr Scholes revealed to previous summonses the woman, who said she was married at Liverpool in 1894. About a year later her husband found work at Manchester, but she did not go with him.

Mr Scholes: You declined to go with him.

Witness: No, he simply packed up his box and went himself.

Mr Scholes: How long did you remain in Liverpool before joining him in Manchester?

Witness: Two years.

Mr Scholes: Did you try to get a maintenance order against him at Liverpool and fail?

Witness: Yes, he won the case by telling untruths, and I lost by telling the truth.

Mr Scholes asked if the trouble did not arise over the fact that she did not want to leave her home in Liverpool?

Witness denied this.

Mr Scholes asked if it was not true that her husband had complained about her treatment of the children.

Witness denied this.

Mr Scholes: Have you ever frightened them by running them with a hot poker?

Witness: No, I love them too much for that.

Mr Scholes: I put it to you that you ran your son with a hot leettle.

Witness: No, I might have done it to the father.

The daughter, Grace Stainburn, was called to support the mother's evidence. She said her father was always quarrelling. Referring to the bucket of water incident, she said there was no provocation for her father's conduct.

The husband, in the witness box, said, in answer to Mr Scholes, that they had lived unhappily solely through the desire of the woman to return to Liverpool. She had tried three times to get a maintenance order against him. Her conduct was very cruel towards the children. She had a very hasty temper.

Daughter Stainburn (14) said his father and mother were always quarrelling. He had gone home at dinner-time, but got no dinner. His mother had given him with a brush instead.

The Chairman: Why did she do that? Did you deserve it?

Witness: No, it was because she did not like me.

Sergt. Haigh said he knew the couple well. Mrs Stainburn had often sent to the police complaining of her husband's conduct, and an officer had been sent round to warn him. The man was very steady.

The magistrates dismissed the case, the Chairman remarking that it would be much better if they could only agree to live reasonably, and for them to come together.

ROTHWELL MAN ENTERS BY THE WINDOW.

A NOISE IN THE NIGHT.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, John Brown, miner, of Rothwell, and Annie Brown, his wife, were summoned for using obscene language at Rothwell on Sunday, January 4th.

P.C. Bosomworth gave evidence that at 12.10 p.m. on the date given he was in Commercial Street, Rothwell, and heard someone shouting. He proceeded up Commercial Street, and saw the female defendant standing outside the door of her house with a key in her hand. She was using obscene language, and he tried to get her to go inside the house. She had had some drink. The male defendant was in the house, he having climbed in at the window. He, too, was using obscene language.

The officer added that it took him and another officer an hour to get them to settle down. He described the pair as a disgrace to the district.

The female defendant, who was the only one present, denied having used the language.

P.C. Womack corroborated the evidence of the other officer.

The male defendant, who had been before the Bench on two previous occasions, was fined 10s. and costs, and the female defendant 2s. 6d. and costs.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF VACCINATION?

The Dewsbury Guardians have rejected a resolution proposed by Mr Robert Gledhill asking the Government to inquire into the working of the conscientious objection clauses of the Vaccination Act of 1906.

In reply to a claim made by Mr Gledhill that children did not suffer from smallpox because they were vaccinated and re-vaccinated, the Rev. F. W. Batt-Thompson, a Batley Baptist minister, who has been in the army, said nearly every soldier sucked the lymph from his arm immediately after being vaccinated. It appeared, therefore, that if Mr Gledhill's statement was correct, the moral effect of contact with the vaccination officer was greater than the physical effect of the vaccine. (Laughter).

Mr J. Overend (Ravensthorpe) asked that six vaccinated members of his family had small-pox, and the only unvaccinated member escaped it. If the Guardians wanted to know a good remedy, he might mention that he had never heard of a person who took snuff suffering from smallpox. (Laughter).

At Wilts. Assizes Robert Michael Hall, 49, solicitor, an ex-Mayor of Salisbury and member of various public bodies, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for fraud.

GILCHRIST LECTURES AT GARFORTH.

FORMATION OF SUN AND STARS.

The Gilchrist lectures at Garforth are already an assured success. Every section of the residents has rallied to the support of the representative committee, and at the first lecture on Friday night the fine central hall of the Council School was crowded, standing room hardly being available. It was a splendid audience, and the lecture on "The Mists and Formation of the Sun and Stars," by the Rev. A. L. Cortie, S.J., F.R.A.S., of Stonyhurst College Observatory, was a very interesting and instructive one.

Colonel Gascoigne, D.S.O., of Lotherton Hall, who presided, said that a few facts concerning the founder of the Gilchrist Trust might prove interesting. James Barthuick Gilchrist was born in Edinburgh in 1750, and after studying medicine he entered the service of the East India Company as an assistant surgeon. Without a knowledge of Hindoostanee he found himself at a disadvantage in his dealings with the natives, and he went and lived among the people, and he at length became an accomplished Hindoostanee scholar. When the Governor General established a college at Calcutta, Dr Gilchrist was appointed Professor of Hindoostanee, but at the end of five years his health broke down, and he returned to England. He gave lectures in Hindoostanee in London, and was afterwards in business for a time, subsequently returning to London where he persuaded the East India Company to establish a professorship of Hindoostanee, which he himself held for several years. He was instrumental in founding University College, London, and he and a few others started the Mechanics' Institute movement. He displayed an interest in many other institutions, and when he died in 1841 he left most of his money for scientific and educational purposes all over the world. The memory of Dr Gilchrist was revered throughout the British Empire. (Applause).

The lecturer, who has a racy style, dealt with his subject in a simple and lucid manner, and his humorous way of putting things at once placed him on excellent terms with the audience, who followed his remarks with rapt attention. "You know what the sun is?" he asked, and immediately there were smiles, which developed into laughter when he asserted "You do not know—you think you know, but there are sometimes see it at Garforth." They saw the moon, the planets, and the stars, and the first question they had to ask was whether all these heavenly bodies were just as they now saw them, or were they gradually formed. He would begin with our own small system—and it was a very small one when compared with other systems—and a beautiful picture of Mercury, Mars, Venus, the Earth, Uranus, Jupitor, Saturn, and Neptune was thrown on the screen. All these bodies, he pointed out, turned the same way—from right to left, and it seemed to show these planets belonged to the same family, and they all went round the Sun in the same way. Illustrating the distances from the Sun, he said that supposing they wished to attend that lecture at Garforth and they had had to come from the Sun, they would, travelling by express train at 60 miles an hour, have had to start 175 years ago. (Laughter). He had some humorous remarks to make about Sun spots, to which the newspapers attributed all manner of things. The spots on the Sun looked black, he said, but they were no darker than anything they knew on earth, and the fact that the spots were in front of something brighter made them look dark.

Fine photographs of Mars were exhibited. People said that Mars was inhabited, but they had not got into communication with it yet. He poked fun at those who proposed schemes for getting into touch with the Martians, and intimated that a baby had had a huge scare of money for the first person who could establish communication. "There's a chance for you," said Father Cortie, amidst laughter. "The first message will come," he said, "when communication is established, will be 'Are you there?'" (Laughter). One of the best pictures was Saturn and its rings, which the lecturer told a story of a Lancashire man, who, at one of his lectures, said it was like "a puddin' on a plate." The rings, he explained, were not solid, but were made up of millions of small bodies. Developing his argument, he said that the planets not only turned all the same way but they kept to the same plane. Showing a magnificent view of Halley's comet, which elicited loud applause, he said that comets did not belong to our family; they were a sort of celestial mother-in-law, visiting the family occasionally. (Laughter).

Father Cortie, in describing the star system, asked how many stars they thought they could see at any time of the year? About 6,000. The greatest telescope in the world, however, revealed 100,000,000 stars. Light travelled at 186,000 miles per second, and it took it 4½ years to travel from the nearest star reached by man. By means of photos, some of which were taken after an exposure of from 6 to 10 hours on the great telescopes, nebulæ, or gaseous matter, were shown, and those describing spiral nebulæ were particularly interesting. He showed how they could tell what they were made of by analysing the light, and the little experiment in the screen was received with keen appreciation. Again by means of slides he demonstrated a similarity of construction in the Sun's corona and nebulæ, and he argued from this that the stars were made from nebulæ and that they were made of the same material as the earth. He concluded his lecture with a statement of belief in the Creator. What, he said, they had got were matter and motion. Someone put the matter there, and Someone started it. (Applause).

Mr H. J. Denby, as Chairman of the Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Father Cortie. He was sure everyone had been delighted with the lecture, and it must have been very gratifying to Father Cortie to visit a country place and see such a large audience. They had had Gilchrist lectures 15 or 16 years ago, and he hoped that when another course was arranged Father Cortie would be induced to return and give them another lecture. (Applause).

Mr T. W. Thornton, in seconding, said that Father Cortie had given them an entrancing lecture. It had been rendered by clearness and simplicity, due to his wide knowledge of the subject and his great ability in dealing with it. He knew something of photography, but the photographs had come to him as a revelation, and it seemed to him that they had been present at the formation of worlds. (Applause).

The vote was very cordially passed, and Father Cortie, in reply, told a story about a Lancashire man who described an observatory as a place where they studied "economy."

On the call of Mr Denby, a vote of thanks was also passed to Colonel Gascoigne for presiding.

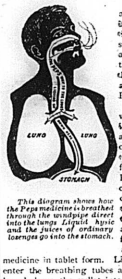
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PERILS OF NEGLECTED COLDS.

LUNG WEAKNESS WARDED OFF BY PEPS.

One lesson should be strictly observed in every home. Never neglect a cold, and don't treat it in a happy-go-lucky fashion. You run into real danger if you do.

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BARKSTON ASH CONSERVATISM.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' WAGES.

On Friday evening Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., attended a social gathering promoted by the Conservatives at Carlton, near Selby. Mr Charles Weddall, of West Bank, presided, and there was a large attendance.

Mr Lane Fox, who had an excellent reception, delivered a short address, and said he was very glad to be present at that meeting of his constituents. In referring to matters of interest to those in agricultural districts, he dealt with the minimum wage question, pointing out that in certain counties, like Wiltshire and Oxfordshire, wages were lower than others. The fixing of a minimum wage might mean that in Yorkshire some workers would get less money, and that was a result to be guarded against.

With reference to the Insurance Act the Liberal party professed to be the friends of the agriculturists, but during the discussions on the Insurance Bill they would not listen to amendments proposed by the Unionist party to deal fairly with the agricultural labourers, who had a higher standard of health. Under the present Act the agricultural districts were having to pay benefits for the towns. He was certainly in favour of giving more just treatment to the villages. (Applause).

In touching upon the Government-n's land campaign, Mr Lane Fox said that their opponents' speeches were dealing with what they said was going to take place two years hence, but upon the questions of the immediate future, such as Home Rule Bill and the great injustice done to the Church in Wales, they said nothing. On the other hand, during the reign of the present Government an army of officials had been created and fat jobs found for them. The robbery of the Welsh Church the speaker denounced vigorously, and pointed out that at the last election very few in this country could be supposed to have given their votes in favour of it. (Hear, hear).

COUNTY COUNCIL AND CITY EXTENSION SCHEMES.

MR G. R. LANE FOX, M.P., AND MR E. H. FOSTER AS DEPUTATION.

At a meeting of the West Riding County Council on Wednesday the following resolutions, submitted by the Law and Parliamentary Committee, were passed:—

That the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire regard with apprehension the position which confronts them in view of the proposals of county and non-county boroughs for extension of their boundaries, and the creation of new county boroughs, whereby the integrity of the administrative county is threatened to a most serious extent, that the circumstances of the West Riding, with the issues involved, be placed before His Majesty's Government with a suggestion that the whole subject should be referred to a Royal Commission or other suitable tribunal for consideration, and that in the meantime no proposals for the extension of county boroughs nor any proposals for the establishment of new county boroughs, or which would lead up to the formation of such boroughs, should be proceeded with unless for very urgent reasons.

That a representation in support of the foregoing resolution be transmitted forthwith to the Local Government Board, and that the Chairman of the County Council and the Members for Suffolk, Chairman of this Committee, County Aldermen G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and D. Hardaker, and County Councillor E. H. Foster be appointed a deputation to wait upon the Board, and to take all such steps in the matter as they may think expedient."

The President of the Local Government Board has intimated his willingness to receive the deputation on an early date.

IS TRADE ON THE EBB?

Presiding at a gathering of shipyard workers at Stockton, Mr Robert Ropner, J.P., a well-known Tees shipbuilder, stated that the shipbuilding industry had experienced a record year. High costs and values had ruled, and they were now face to face with a levelling down process. The trade of the world could not stand such a record pitch very long, and it had now had its effect. Supply had overtaken demand, and now they found commercial men a great deal more prudent and less disposed to launch out. They would rather see which way the cat jumped, and their actions were ruled by prudence, for a time at any rate. They had had the flow of trade, and he was now afraid they were in for the ebb, but he expressed the fervent hope that it would not be a slump but a gradual ebb. He strongly advised everyone concerned to make hay while the sun shone, and make the utmost of the present state of affairs, as a rainy day, he was afraid, would be sure to come.

SHERBURN AND SOUTH MILFORD WATER SUPPLY.

COMPLAINT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The minutes of the County Health and Housing Committee, submitted at a meeting of the County Council on Wednesday, showed that a written complaint having been received as to the inadequacy of the water supply to South Milford and Sherburn villages, a detailed inspection has been made. Since the Survey Report of 1909 a temporary scheme has been provided at South Milford, the water from a spring being collected in a tank and distributed from stand pipes in the streets, but although there is ample water available, this scheme does not meet the wants of the locality, and has to be supplemented from the various wells and by rain water. Further, the pressure would not allow of the water being taken inside the houses. The temporary scheme should therefore be replaced by a permanent pumping plant and storage reservoir, at such an altitude as would provide sufficient pressure in case of fire, and the water should be taken into the houses for cattle and wce purposes. Such a scheme could be carried out at reasonable cost.

With regard to the position of Sherburn, the inhabitants in the higher part of the village have, during the drought of the past summer, experienced much inconvenience by the failure of the public and private pump supplies, and water for drinking purposes had to be obtained on sufferance from the more fortunate well-owners. The water from the public pump, which is near the churchyard, has again on analysis proved to be contaminated. In the lower part of the village there are many blocks of property which have no supply of their own and can only obtain water on sufferance, and the public well in Finkle Street also failed during the drought. A recent examination of the water from this well confirms the previous opinions that the supply is unfit for drinking purposes.

Sixteen houses near Sherburn Station get their water from Bishopdyke for drinking and general purposes, and this stream is fouled by road washings. The condition of the village supply is generally unsatisfactory, and the District Council should be pressed to give the matter their serious consideration and provide a public supply.

At the last meeting of Tadcaster District Council the question was discussed, and sexton was ordered to be taken with regard to the Milford scheme, while the County Council were to be informed what was being done in respect to a supply for Sherburn.

FORMER NUN APPLETON SQUIRE'S STORY.

Sir Frederick Milner, formerly of Nun Appleton, has a good word to say about the Dukes of Sutherland. He writes:—

The late Duke's father used every year to visit in his yacht his crofters in those parts of his estates for removed from a station. I had the pleasure one year of accompanying him. As a rule the people came rushing down to welcome the Duke as soon as his yacht was sighted, and the most affectionate relations seemed to exist between him and his people; but when we put in at the Kyle of Tongue nobody turned up, and the Duke's factor and I landed to find out what was amiss. It appeared that the M.P. for the district had been stirring up the crofters against the Duke.

I asked one man, who had a very comfortable cottage with a new slate roof, what was the matter, and why they had not come to welcome the Duke as usual. He said "Because we've found him out. He's a big thief." I said, "Who told you that?" He said "Our member told us the land belonges to us, and not to him at all." I said "Tell him to go and tell that to the Duke." I then said to him "What rent do you pay for your croft?" He said he paid £4 a year. I said "You seem to have a nice cottage there. Did you put the new roof on?" He said, "Oh, no, the Duke did that." I said "Do you know how much he spent on your cottage last year?" He said he did not. I told him the roof and repairs cost £28, or seven years' rent, and asked him if he got the land for nothing and had to do his own repairs whether he would not be worse off. He seemed a good deal impressed.

A boy charged at Westminster with stealing old iron was said to have been in nineteen situations in two years.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The latest! The Warrington footballers are out on "strike" for more money.

Nine million people are starving in Holdkaido and the north-eastern prefectures of Japan owing to famine.

A Staffordshire miner, who had intended to commit suicide, was attacked by a dog, and he died from shock.

A crane boat has had the honour of being the first vessel to pass through the Panama Canal from its own steam.

In the village of Hardwick, Northamptonshire, last year there was only one birth, one marriage, and one death.

Burghers at Bromley, Kent, have introduced a bottle of sherry all one name, but drank a whole bottle of port at another one.

The number of coins struck at the Royal Mint last year was 185,444,021, an increase of over 14,000,000 on the total for 1912.

A fine swan which was trapped by the frost, and held a prisoner in the ice, has been found dead in the river near Boroughbridge.

While returning home after duty Constable Robinson, of Runcorn, was suddenly taken ill in the street and died soon after reaching his house.

The sum of £4,752 was distributed at the twenty-ninth profit-sharing among the employes at Sir William P. Hartley's jam factory, Aintree.

His neckerchief catching on the latch of the door of his room as he slipped and fell, a man Shoale, of Tipton, Staffs, was suffocated before help came.

During the temporary absence from his cottage of a Hemel Hempstead labourer his lodgings, amounting to £48 in gold, were stolen from his bedroom.

Mr Plunket Greene, the famous singer and professor of music, declared that he would like to see three-fourths of our hymn tunes at the bottom of the sea.

Described by a Judge as the "most expert conner in London," George Copeland, who served sentences amounting to forty-four years, has died at Upper Holloway.

Blind from birth, Harry Thorpe, aged 78, who carried on business as a chimney sweep single-handed until ten years ago, has died in the Thetford (Norfolk) Workhouse.

It has been decided that no further executions shall take place at Maidstone Prison. In future death sentences passed at the Kent Assizes will be carried out at Canterbury.

Among a dozen alleged "fresh eggs" purchased by James Postal at Bridgeport, Connecticut, one was found on which April 6th, 1907, was marked as the date of its being laid.

Charles Seofield, an eighty-year-old retired New York railway employee in reduced circumstances, has received a legacy of £8,000 from a woman he had divorced twenty-five years ago.

A great rise of the river Vesdre, Belgium, has flooded all the industrial establishments along the river and many houses in Verviers. The streets in several neighbouring localities are under water.

No lodgers are to be taken in by tenants of new cottages specially built for working men with large families at Thetford, Suffolk, without special permission from the rural council.

Mr W. F. Ingham, of Wilsic Lodge, Ferriby, died suddenly whilst transacting some business at Tickhill. Whilst walking along the street he reeled and fell to the ground, expiring on the spot.

Charles Kephart, steeplejack, who was wanted for wife desertion, was arrested by a detective, a former sailor, who climbed after him to the top of a 200-feet church spire at Camden, New Jersey.

Yarmouth guardians have decided to ask the Corporation to allow the inmates of the workhouse to ride free on the municipal tramcars when they are out to visit their friends and relatives.

A Birkenhead labourer, pleading guilty to house-breaking, asked for a long term of imprisonment for "private reasons." The Records obliged by sending him to penal servitude for three years.

Mr James Hindell, of Harrogate, known in local charitable circles as the "Penny King" has just collected no less a sum than £5 in pennies only, for the National Children's Homes (late Dr Stephenson's).

The Rev. Evan Edwards, aged 99, has died at Torquay. He was the oldest Nonconformist minister. When 17 he was known as the boy preacher in Wales, and he entered the Baptist Church ministry.

A meeting called by the Actors' Association has been held at Chandos Hall, London, to protest against the two houses a night system, which was said to entail hardships upon actors and to be inimical to the interests of the profession.

Mr Lloyd George declares that the Government definitely intend to utilise the valuation they are putting through at great expense for the purpose of compelling owners of land to contribute taxes on the real value of their property.

A sealed bottle containing a message purporting to have been written by a passenger on board the Waratah, which has been missing since September, 1909, has been found on the South African coast. It stated that the ship was in great danger and rolling badly.

During the opening hymn at the morning service in Calvert Memorial Church, Hastings, on Sunday, Mr Stringer, father-in-law of the Rev. A. J. Summerfield, Wesleyan minister, of Nottingham, fell dead in his pew. It is believed that the bitterly cold weather caused heart failure.

Dr. Thomas J. Allen, of Chicago, has applied to the Arkansas University for the Nobel prize, on the qualification of having lived for sixty days on a diet of monkey nuts exclusively, his experience, he claims, justifying "the most important discovery in physiology made during the year 1913."

A nine-year-old boy, Joseph Hill, was charged at Bridlington, on Saturday, with firing a stackyard at Flamborough on January 1st, causing over £400 damage. The chief witness brought against the boy was a six-year-old friend, whom the Bench declined to hear. The lad was discharged with a severe reprimand.

Cadeby Colliery officials were summoned at Doncaster on Saturday for alleged breaches of the Mines Act in not providing sufficient space in pass-bys. The defence was that the company had not had sufficient time since the explosion to complete the work. The Bench said they recognised the difficulties the company had to contend with. The Home Office Inspectors had merely done their duty in bringing the case, which would be dismissed. The case lasted six hours.

A Labourer's child at Fleet, Lincs., choked herself by trying to swallow a monkey-nut.

Lockjaw, following a wound caused by a pen-trading nail in the hand of lord, caused the death of Thomas John Price, on whom an inquest was held at Lambeth.

At the inquest on the body of a twelve-year-old Hull girl, Susan Doherty, of Dorothy Street, who died from burns, the father admitted that there was no fire guard.

At a St. Helens inquest on a child which had been scalded by boiling tea it was stated that the mother was attending a person who was ailing, and just as the mother was told that her child had been fatally scalded the person she was nursing died.

A Dublin traveller named James B. Pearson, aged 64, residing in Belmount Road, North Circular Road, was found near the Gough statue in Phœnix Park, in a dying condition. He was conveyed to the hospital, but expired shortly after admission.

Tuesday was the anniversary of the battle of Chillianwallah in 1849, when Lord Gough defeated the Sikh army. A survivor of the battle, Mr. Michael Deely, who was then a drummer in the 3rd Light Dragoons, is now working as a boot repairer at Chester-le.

Samuel Turner, of Uppermill, an employee at the Saddleworth Printing Company's Works, on Tuesday evening took what he thought was a dose of Epsom salts, but which proved to be a strong alkali. Dr Ramsden was sent for, but death took place later in the evening.

At their fortnightly meeting at Hull, the Sculcoates Guardians decided to ask the Local Government Board for permission to replace from the Union funds £105 which had been recently stolen from the messenger who was taking the money from the bank to pay the poor-relief.

A recruiting week has been started at Cambridge to raise 100 men for the 1st Cambs Regiment (Territorials). The committee has issued an appeal to the young women of the borough, saying: "See that your husband or sweetheart joins the Territorial Force; let Cambridge lead the way."

John H. Barran (36), a draymsan, employed in the Midland Breweery, was driving a horse and dray in the Farnley Road, Leeds, on Tuesday night, when the horse shied and threw him off the shaft on to the ground. He was severely kicked on the head and two hours later he died at the General Infirmary.

Joseph Marcus Cepleritz Josephson, a Russian, appealed, in the Court of Criminal Appeal on Tuesday against the sentence of twelve months' hard labour, and the recommendation for deportation as an undesirable, for whipping a girl appreticed to him as a typist. The sentence was reduced to three months' hard labour.

When an old man eighty-one years of age was on Tuesday charged at Doncaster with attempting to commit suicide in a barber's shop, his son was asked if he could suggest any reason for his father's conduct. He said his father heard a sermon the previous Sunday, which had hold of his mind, showing him what a sinner he was and like Judas Iscariot.

Stated to have gone from her bedroom across three roofs to the house of Mrs Hannah Hawkins, Ella Elliott (13), a servant, was charged with burglary at Exeter and remanded. The police said the girl ran great risks to her life, and could only have done so when she was demented. She was discovered, it was alleged, through the smashing of a skylight and one of her slippers dropping into a bedroom.

A sensation was caused in Welbeck Street, Hull, on Sunday night by the discovery of a burglar under a bed in one of the houses. Mr and Mrs Ouston had been out, and on returning found the house had been entered. They got assistance, and on going upstairs found a man under the bed in one of the bedrooms. They got him out after a struggle and took him downstairs, where he got away from them.

A convict in Springfield Gaol, Essex, who attempted to escape by dressing himself in private clothing and pretending that he was a man who had been repairing the chapel organ, was so disappointed at his failure that he attempted to strangle himself with his bed clothes in his cell. Shirehall Corpora.ion Act of 1912 cost £9,01 18s. 2d. Of this total £8,099 was in counsel's fees, and £3,272 was Parliamentary agents' account. In addition, there is a sum of not more than £1,500 due to Corporation officials engaged in the promotion of the Bill.

SHOULD DANCES BE SUPERVISED?

The Rev. L. S. Savatard, vicar of Holy Trinity, Darwen, whose regulations with regard to dancing in the Church schools provoked considerable discussion a month ago, has returned to the subject.

Mr Savatard is satisfied that "many evils are the result of thoughtlessness. If parents duly exercise the right and power of their own control our task will be easier," he says, "while, in the case of young people who are allowed to go their own way, we must assert our right to save them from themselves.

"Possibly," says the vicar, "some of our girls, good as they are, do not understand that it is not quite proper form to be out dancing and going home late unaccompanied by an adult friend. Is may surprise some . . . to know that until 21 years ago dancing had never been allowed in any one of our three schools. Some of the grever and older members of the congregation blamed the vicar for permitting dancing at all, and ceased their financial support of the schools in consequence.

"Latterly many of the ladies present have been girls under age and unaccompanied, and the vicar regards it as incumbent upon him to exercise every reasonable safeguard possible."

IS THE RIVER.—On Monday at Castleford, Superintendent Aykroyd stated that some time ago a warrant had been issued against William Frudd, checkweighman's secretary, of Whitwood, for embezzling £40. The man's body had been recovered from the river on Sunday, and the warrant was therefore withdrawn.

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INCOME

	£ s. d.
District Rate	10,918 6 1
Waterworks	4,658 1 10
Private Works	97 14 0
Allotments	71 5 0
Highways	91 13 8
Sewage	49 8 9
County Council	2,649 13 2
Other Local Authorities ..	229 17 8
Education	28 12 10
Miscellaneous	19 13 9
	£18,805 6 9

EXPENDITURE

	£ s. d.
Main Roads and Bridges ..	4,853 4 11
Sewage and Sewerage ..	2,142 16 6
Pleasure Grounds	89 15 2
Waterworks	934 12 6
Lighting	971 14 9
Allotments	66 13 10
Loans	2,883 0 7
Other Local Authorities ..	4,896 3 3
Salaries	612 12 7
Establishment	169 0 0
Infectious Disease ..	183 7 1
Private Works	71 3 7
Returns, Mortuary, Election, and Education ..	74 7 7
	17,948 12 4
Balance	856 14 5
	£18,805 6 9

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Rothwell Courier and Times.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th, 1914.

In the rural districts, particularly those which are near large centres of population, progressive ideas which may have a far-reaching effect on the community are at work. Wharfedale, one of the prettiest stretches of country in Yorkshire, may prove the starting ground of a great movement in the social uplifting of the people, and it is to the credit of the Rural Council that they realize there are problems to be tackled and that they are determined to attempt their solution. As everyone knows, unless people have good and adequate housing they cannot rear families decently, and frequently restricted accommodation gives rise to immorality. This is a question which might well have been tackled by religious bodies in places where it was known decent housing did not exist, but men have been either reluctant or afraid to interfere in social matters, lest they should get as a return, the ill-will of individuals, and so for years deplorable conditions have been brought about in towns and villages. In the Wharfedale area there is no evidence that such a state of things prevails, but there is an admitted scarcity of working-class cottages, and the Council have now under consideration a scheme which is intended to meet the needs of the parish of Adel. In addition it has been suggested by Mr Fawkes, the Chairman of the West Riding Small Holdings Committee—a man whom no one will label an extremist—that the authority should build houses throughout the area for their own workmen, and a favourable reception has been given to the proposal. He states that this is not a matter of sentiment, but of necessity, and, while he advocates the payment of an economic rent for the houses, he says that it is probable they may have to increase the wages of the men to meet it. He believes that it would make for efficiency; the men would live near their work; and the Council would benefit by that. In some rural districts roadmen have to travel considerable distances to get to the stretches of highway upon which they are employed, and sometimes Councils allow what is known as "travelling time"—money being paid for which no return is received. If houser were erected at convenient centres for workmen such payment would be saved, and if an economic rent were charged the ratepayers could not lose by a building scheme. Moreover, the provision of such dwellings would liberate houses for the occupation of agricultural labourers in villages, and something would be done towards a solution of the rural housing question, which men of all shades of opinion admit is a reality.

For the old country there is hope yet. Not very long since a great outcry was made about physical deterioration, and all manner of evil things was predicted if the people did not mend their ways. The picture was apparently very much over-drawn, and, in the light of the aged Duke of Atholl's evidence, the people who are pessimistic regarding the future of Britons may revise their opinions. "The standard of living," says the Duke, "has greatly advanced in the last sixty years. As the result of better food and improved sanitary conditions people in the country are bigger to-day than their forefathers were. I know that from the uniform of the Atholl Highlanders. The old coats would be no use now. The men are more robust—not so wizened as they were." And people thought that in the old days the Highlands were peopled by a race of giants. The Duke's statement is of extreme value, because it gives the reasons for the physical improvement. "Better sanitation" is one, and this should be an encouragement to bodies having the supervision of the public health to work with unabated vigour. The notion that progress in the country districts was wanting is disproved, and, whatever has been accomplished, has worked imperceptibly for the good of the community. Another point the Duke makes is the value of good food. When commodities were dear and wages were lower than they are now, people had to be content with what they could get to eat, and the messes upon which they subsisted would not be looked at nowadays, although there are some lacking perhaps in knowledge, who are forever mourning the departure of the "good old days." As wages have improved people have spent their money on better food, and bigger men and women are the result. Could a more convincing argument be used in favour of a living wage? By giving men and women sufficient to live upon the nation would profit enormously, because by growing stronger men and women, disease would be reduced, and the country would not have to pay for the maintenance of so many "inefficients." One bright feature of the national life is the attention that is being paid to child life—a vital necessity if each succeeding generation is to be more robust, and the authorities recognise they could be engaged in no grander work. Conditions in towns are not precisely the same as those in the rural districts, but the same forces have been at work, and a great improvement has undoubtedly been brought about. Much remains to be done by the sweeping away of insanitary dwellings and the opening up of congested districts—the breeding grounds of disease, but the authorities are on the move, and there is no reason for pessimism, with so many social agencies at work.

BURDEN OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr Pretyman, President of the Land Union, at Hanley on Tuesday night, discussing the land taxes, said the burden of rates had grown during recent years out of all proportion to ability to bear it. A large proportion of rates levied for Imperial purposes ought to be taken off land and borne by the Exchequer. Something like 60 per cent. of the education rate ought to be placed on the National Exchequer, and an equitable ratio between local contribution and that of the Exchequer fixed by Parliament and adhered to. Agriculture, he urged, ought to be treated as any other industry in regard to taxation.

THE PROBLEM OF MALINGERING.

The problem of malingering was dealt with in a lecture at the Sheffield University on Tuesday by Professor J. M. Beattie, of the Liverpool University. He said it was easy, in general debilitation, to differentiate between a feigned and imaginary illness, or between a rogue and a hypochondriac, but when one came into contact with actual individuals the solution of the problem was far from easy. The out-and-out malingerer, who could easily be discovered and dealt with by hard labour, was on the increase, and in these days when we were encouraged to expect the State to feed and keep us from the cradle to the grave, this fact was not surprising. The type of malingerer, who exaggerated a slight ailment with the object of avoiding work and claiming benefits was, however, not so easy to deal with. It was stated that 25 per cent. of the people who sought accident compensation were quite able to work. There had undoubtedly been a great increase of malingering since the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Insurance Act. All malingering was not wickedness; many people remained on the sick list because they were moral cowards, or had pessimistic temperaments, and were influenced by a fear of a restart of work. As to remedies, Dr Beattie said an end must be made to indiscriminate charity. Doctors had a powerful weapon in their hands, but unfortunately the exigencies of medical and club practice were a barrier to courageous honesty. Much also could be done by social sanctions in raising the standard of public opinion and morals.

Captain Glover, of Collingham, who is vice-Chairman of Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association, has met with a somewhat serious accident caused by an explosion of benzoline at his residence.

Patent Records compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds; and at Crossley Street, Halifax.—Applications—B. C. Exley, Harrogate, non-skid chains for motor-cars, etc.; John Rookes, Normanton, improvements in conveyors for coal, etc.; John Mitchell, Blyth, near Rotherham, an improved hamsane snare trap for animals. Patent completed—Thomas Borrer, Dewsbury, appliance for lifting gully grates and manhole lids. Patent sealed—John Varley, Leeds, cleaning the fallers' gills of drawing and roving frames, etc.

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DEATHS.

HODGSON.—At 15, Cambridge Street, Normanton, on the 9th inst., Ellen, widow of Silvanus Hodgson, late of Astley, aged 76 years.

JACKSON.—January 14th, in his 21st year, Edward Kendall Jackson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jackson, Peckfield House, Micklefield.

MORRIS.—January 10th, at the Red Bear Hotel, Sherburn-in-Elmet, in his 83rd year, Tom Morris (late of Boston Spa).—Was interred at St Mary's Church, Boston Spa, January 14th.

RAMSBOTTOM.—January 9th, 1914, in his 62nd year, William Ramsbottom, of 18, Ravenscar Mount, Roundhay.

ROBINSON.—January 14th, at Thorner Cottages, Eggborough, Harrogate, Elizabeth Robinson, widow of the late Joseph Robinson, of Thorner, aged 87 years.

WILLIAMSON.—January 10th, at Southport, George Broadbent, the beloved husband of Ada E. Williamson, of Milne's Arms Hotel, Rothwell.

WOODALL.—January 9th, at Walkley House, Trinity Road, Scarborough, Lydia, widow of the late William Woodall, of Roundhay.

IN MEMORIAM.

HEMSWORTH.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Hemsworth, who was fatally injured at Garforth, on January 11th, 1911.

HEMSWORTH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Elizabeth Hemsworth, who died January 16th, 1913.

"Through death divided,
Still memory clings."

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

Arrangements have been made for the appointment of the Rev. John Wilson to the Rothwell Wesleyan circuit, and the Rev. Maddison Phillipson will go to Birstall.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Normanton on Thursday night week, when a unanimous vote of confidence in Mr F. Hall, Labour M.P. for the division, and of approval of the principles of the Labour party was passed.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar Musgrave, Mr R. Kitson, Mr J. Cross, Mr S. Hudson, and Mr E. Parkin.

FOOTBALL.—Leeds Parkside Wednesday played Rothwell Wednesday at Hunslet on Wednesday. The Parksiders had the best of the game throughout, and Scruton, Walsh, and Day each scored before the interval. In the second half Taylor netted for Rothwell, but Walsh, Bickerdike, Day, and Robinson added further goals for Parkside. Result.—Leeds Parkside Wednesday 7 goals, Rothwell Wednesday 1 goal.

ROTHWELL MAN AND PARLIAMENT.—The Miners' Federation of Great Britain has (says a contemporary) drafted a scheme for obtaining increased Parliamentary representation, under which it is proposed that each of the districts shall run one candidate for every ten thousand members. This would give the Yorkshire Association—about which statements have been made that it is intended to promote seven new candidatures—the right to select at least nine, possibly ten, candidates in addition to the two sitting members. But it does not follow that these would all take the field at the next or any general election. As far as possible, all candidates selected will be polled, but only on the occasion of a general election or by-election the Executive of the Federation of Great Britain and the Labour party would decide for or against projected candidatures in accordance with the financial resources of the respective organisations, the spade work done in the constituencies, or the expediency of particular contests. It is believed that Mr William Lunn (Rothwell) will contest Holderness again, but beyond that no arrangements have been made, and nothing definite is likely to be done until further information is forthcoming respecting the result of the political levy which is now due.

ALLERTON BYWATER

SIR JOSEPH'S VIEWS.—Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett, M.P., entertained at a dinner at the Hotel Metropole, London, on Friday night, the leaders of the Evangelical Free Churches, and a deputation from the religious bodies of the United States, who have come to this country to secure the co-operation of the Free Churches here in the suggested World's Conference on faith and order. Sir Joseph proposed the health of the deputation. He said that the whole of the Christian world was beginning to realise the urgent necessity for a movement in favour of federation or co-operation.

PARISH COUNCIL.—At the monthly meeting on Thursday evening week, in the Council Offices, Mr W. W. Rosser presided, and other members present were Messrs G. Pearson (vice-chairman), Fred Church, H. E. Lowe, Richard Rhodes, H. W. Skelton, Smart, and F. Phillips, with the Clerk (Mr T. Atkinson). The Clerk reported that the street lamps needed at Brigshaw, Ledston Station, and Lock Lane were being erected, and also that evergreens had been planted in front of the Council offices. The Chairman said that the causeway on the main road leading from Castleford towards Mary Parnel Hill had been kerbed, except that portion which the N.E.R. Co. should repair. The Gas Company had been asked to kerb their portion, but they said it had served all right all these years and kerbing was unnecessary. Mr Phillips: Oh that's an old tale, I must have heard it many now. A good many people use that footpath. We ought to go in for asphalting it. Mr R. Rhodes moved and Mr Skelton seconded that the County Council be asked to repair the N.E.R. Co.'s kerb their portion of the footpath, and this was carried. "It has been suggested," said the Chairman, "that we should provide our lamp-lighters with some kind of overall for their use in bad weather." In reply to a question, the Clerk said that from his enquiries he had found that the majority of Councils did not provide overalls. Mr Fred Church: I think we ought to set a good example. After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to purchase overalls for the lamplighters, the cost not to exceed 30s. each

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—The balance sheet of the Lock Lane and District Medical Charities Committee for last year shows that the following grants were made:—Leeds General Infirmary, £20; Pontefract Dispensary, £30; Castleford Nurses' Fund, £10; and Castleford Ambulance Association £1 10s. There was a balance in the bank at the end of the year of £70.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.—The story of an alleged robbery at Ledston Station was told at Castleford on Friday, when J. W. Silverwood and A. Parker were charged. A station porter named Baldersby said the window shutters were broken, the place was ransacked, but money was not taken, the thieves having overlooked the tin in which it was kept. Two parcels containing brass, silver-plated goods, and goods there missing. It was stated that prisoners had walked to York, where they met P.S. Kidney, and Parker made a confession. Prisoners were sent to the Quarter Sessions, Silverwood's application for bail being refused.

CROSSGATES

On Saturday night, January 24th, a Cinderella in connection with Manston Church C.E. will be held at Manston Schools. See advert.

MR E. Hawkesworth, of Crossgates, has been elected Chairman of the Leeds Branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Associations.

The Rev. Owen Jones has arranged to become superintendent of the Horsforth Wesleyan circuit. The Rev. George Searle will be the new superintendent of Richmond Hill circuit.

LECTURE.—On Monday night at the meeting of the Literary Society a lecture on "Daily life in Pompeii" will be delivered by Mr H. Crowther, F.R.M.S. As the lecture will likely prove one of interest in the schools, a very large attendance is expected. See advert.

GARFORTH

In connection with Garforth Cricket Club a hall will take place in the Conservative Club on Wednesday, January 28th. See advert.

AN OLD SOCIETY.—The Leeds Photographic Society, whose exhibition of members' work on Tuesday night at the Leeds Institute fully maintained past traditions, make claim to the title of the oldest society of the kind in the world. The President (Mr Thomas W. Thornton, of Garforth), has in his possession documents showing how the society was established in 1851, a year before the famous London Photographic Society, now known as the Royal Photographic Society. Many of the original Leeds members were well-known pioneers of photographic art, and one of them was the maker of the first collapsible camera.

COUPLE SEPARATED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Joseph Kilburn, miner, of Garforth, was summoned by his wife, Mary Kilburn, for assault. Mr Scholes, who appeared for the wife, said she had agreed to accept seven shillings a week from her husband and to live apart. The Chairman and the Bench intimated they could not agree to that until they had heard some of the evidence. Mrs Kilburn said she had been married four years, and had three children. On January 4th she met her husband in the street, and he struck her, giving her a black eye. At Christmas time he threatened her by saying he would do her in. She complained of other assaults. She expressed her agreeable to accept 7s. per week. The Bench decided to grant the separation. The defendant, who was summoned by the police for using obscene language, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

THE LATE MR W. WALMSLEY.—The death took place on Tuesday, at the age of 70, of Mr William Walmsley, of Sandbeiene House, Cardigan Road, Leeds, who was well-known in Garforth at one time. Mr Walmsley, who was a native of Newport, a village near Howden, in the East Riding, had been in failing health for some time. At the age of 30 he, with his brother, the late Mr Benjamin Walmsley, commenced business in the building trade. They purchased large tracts of vacant land in the Burley and Headingley suburbs of the city, and built a large number of dwelling-houses. They were also engaged extensively in the building trade at Scarborough, where many streets were laid out near the North Bay. With his brother, the deceased inaugurated the Brudenell Road Mission Hall, and the orphanage adjoining. Mr Walmsley was a Primitive Methodist, and for 40 years had been a supporter of the Rehoboth Central Mission, Park Lane, Leeds.

GOLF COURSE.—Excellent progress has been made with the carrying out of Dr. Mackenzie's plans for the new course at Garforth. The pit heaps, many of them nearly a century old, which are a feature of the land, have been cleverly utilised in the laying-out of the course, and the links, when completed, will be an interesting if any inland course in Yorkshire. There is plenty of length and plenty of variety in the run of the land, but the principal asset of Garforth is the thick carpet of fine old turf, which seems to have been produced on purpose that it might make a golf course. The professional to the club, E. Williamson, is a brother of Tom Williamson, the famous Northamshire professional, and the work is being carried out under his direction. Williamson is no novice at this work, for he has undertaken the work of a number of courses which have been laid out by his brother, and his work on the greens at Garforth is worthy of all praise. The club has just completed its first year, and is in a thoroughly sound and healthy condition.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Clever and interesting pictures and good attendances continue at this popular hall. The present week has introduced us to a production by the Florence Turner Company, "Heart of Surrey," with this lady in the title role—a really clever and perfectly acted drama of domestic life. Another notable picture is an interesting programme was "Mabel's Motor Bus," a trick picture showing the amazing gyrations of a motor cycle gone wrong. This film sent the "house" home rocking with laughter. Tonight and Saturday, "The Man in Black," one of the famous Fantomas series, is being presented. It is one of those thrilling stories of a hunt by detectives for the clever and cruel leader of a gang of criminals, and is full of absorbing interest throughout its length of 4,000 feet. Two exceedingly funny pictures are "Dunn fixes a lamp" and "Pimple joins the army." Next week two exceedingly good programmes will be presented, including "Vampire of the desert" and "Trail of cards" on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, whilst during the last half of the week there will be on a picture with a wonderfully clever collie dog, "Jean" as hero, in addition to an adaptation of Wilkie Collins' famous novel "The moonstone," and other good pictures. For times and prices see advert.

GREAT PRESTON

SMOKING CONCERT.—An enjoyable evening was spent by over 70 persons in the Institute on Monday evening. Owing to the absence (through illness) of the Rev. J. Gregory, Mr J. Oxbridge presided. Songs were sung by Messrs S. Smart, J. Barrs, and H. Backhouse, while Messrs J. Schaum and F. Dickenson supplied good humorous songs. Messrs F. Crossley and G. Bell were the pianists. Banjo solos were given by Mr Fred Dickenson, Masters Wilburt and William Crossley played violin solos, and Master Ernest Manners supplied a pianoforte solo. The very enjoyable evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

HALTON

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk C.M., playing in the Garforth Football League, were defeated by Christ Church W.S. by a goal to nil.

MR J. A. Mackay, formerly of Halton, who now resides at Harrogate, was one of the speakers at the Hon. E. L. Woods's meeting at Summerbridge on Monday night.

TRAMS TO HALTON.—A memorial has been presented to the Examiners of Private Bills by the West Riding County Council complaining of non-compliance with the Standing Orders in the proflotion of the Leeds Corporation Bill for next Session. The memorialists represent that the Standing Orders of neither House of Parliament have been complied with, inasmuch as the promoters have not obtained their consent for the proposed tramways in Hunslet rural areas and Guiseley. They claim that as the road authority their assent is necessary to these proposed extensions so far as they are intended to be laid along main roads. The memorialists further state that they "do not consent" to the proposed tramway (No. 6 in the Bill) in Hunslet (Halton), along Selby Road, and they therefore ask that the Bill should be reported as having failed to comply with the Standing Orders.

KIPPAX

Sir Joseph Compton Rickett has been elected president of the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches.

ON Saturday afternoon in the Leeds Junior Football League Kippax Rangers defeated Allerton Bywater Institute by two goals to one.

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett has taken a long lease of the property known as "Wingfield," Bournemouth, and Lady Compton Rickett and family expect to be in residence at the end of January.

PARISH CHURCH.—A women's service was held in the church on Sunday, when an address was given by the Vicar on "A mother's heart." There was a good attendance. A social was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, and it was well attended. Members of the G.F.S. from Garforth and Kippax were present, and spent a very pleasant evening with the Kippax friends.

RECITAL.—The members of the Wesley Guild were the promoters of a recital, which was given in the chapel on Tuesday. Mr John Duxbury, the elocutionist, had been engaged for the occasion, and recitations from the Book of Job were finely given by him in the afternoon. The Rev. E. Rees presided. In the evening Mr Duxbury recited various pieces, and songs were sung by Mr H. Mills, of Allerton Bywater. Mr Beer, of Garforth, presided.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday, when the preacher in the morning was Mr W. S. Blackburn, of Archy. A P.S.A. service was held in the afternoon, and an address was given by Mr Walter Blackburn, of Archy. The soloist was Miss Evelyn Smith, and recitations were given by Miss Wilkes. A Christy Prince presided. A service was held on Monday afternoon, when the Rev. S. S. Henshaw (ex-President) was the preacher, and a public tea was afterwards held. The superintendent of the evening the Rev. S. S. Henshaw gave a lecture on his recent visit to Canada and the United States. Mr Booker (Allerton) presided. The Rev. S. S. Henshaw moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman and lecturer, and this was seconded by Mr T. Farrer, and cordially passed.

MIDDLETON

SUDDEN DEATH.—A sad affair occurred on Sunday night at the Middleton Pit. Just before 12 o'clock Thomas Wilkinson (41), Myers' Court, Castle Street, was found lying insensible on the waggon lines in the colliery yard by Edward Howden, Penthouse Hill, and Jesse Bayliffe, Burton Grove, Leeds, two deputies, who were leaving work. He was carried by them into the engine shed, but died almost immediately. Moore should have been at work at 12 o'clock for the night shift, and must have been the last man to go, as all miners coming to work are bound to pass the point where he was found. He had only commenced work recently as he had been for some time suffering from injury to the left arm. He leaves a widow and children.

A LOVE AFFAIR.—An extraordinary case of attempted suicide was heard at Leeds Police Court on Saturday. The prisoner was Benjamin Wilkinson (26), coal miner, of 6, Lower Care Street, Hunslet Carr, who attempted to kill himself on Tuesday night after a quantity of ammonia. Harry Brook, beer maker and clog manufacturer, of 38, Balm Road, stated that prisoner came into his shop about six o'clock on the day in question, and asking hold of a bottle which was nearly full of ammonia asked if it was good for headache. Witness replied that some people said it was, and when he had to leave prisoner a moment in order to attend to a customer. A little later witness found prisoner drinking the ammonia. He did not take much, however, and then handed witness the bottle, together with a letter, at the same time exclaiming "Oh, Harry!" Prisoner collapsed, and the fumes of the ammonia nearly choked witness, who, however, eventually secured the assistance of a doctor. A doctor stated that prisoner was very ill for some time afterwards, but was now out of danger. On Wednesday Wilkinson threatened to repeat the attempt on his life, but he had now come to his senses. Prisoner explained that he had been courting a young lady for about six months, and a few days ago he went to her house and asked for a piece of bread. She refused him, and to frighten her he, in fun, picked up a knife and said "I'll stab you for two pins." He was afterwards forbidden the house, and the girl would have nothing to do with him, so he determined to "do himself in." On promising not to repeat the offence prisoner was allowed to go.

ME'HLEY

FOOTBALL.—The Methley Perseverance Club, a side who are rapidly coming to the front, are the first team to spoil the unbeaten record of the Rothwell Parish Church men. They have further had the temerity to upset the calculations of the Rothwell Club, those side in the Leeds and District Cup Competition. The club officials in their early career had many obstacles to overcome, the opposition from the W.M.C. Intermediates being not the least. They are, therefore, to be heartily congratulated on the club's success. On Saturday afternoon Methley Perseverance defeated Leeds Harehills by four goals to one.

MOORTOWN.

AVIATION.—The conditions at Moortown on Saturday were favourable for Mr Hucks' machine to give an exhibition of flying and looping the loop were most wretched, and it seemed as if it would be impossible for the airman to ascend. Shortly after four o'clock, however, with characteristic pluck, Mr Hucks made a fine ascent, and was in the air for three or four minutes. For most of the time he was invisible to the crowd of two or three thousand, and when he came down he said he could not see the ground at 200 feet, and it was impossible to loop. Later he tried again, but the clouds were too low for him to loop, and, addressing the crowd, the airman said that if possible he would fly next Saturday. Mr Harold Blackburn also flew, with Dr Christie as a passenger.

QUILTON

A meeting of the Webster Charity for the purpose of the distribution of doles was held in the schools at Oulton on Saturday, Major Calverley presided.

P.S.A.—On Sunday a P.S.A. service was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel, and an interesting address was given by the Rev. R. H. Auty, who was the preacher for the day. Miss V. Rinder rendered solos, and Mr J. C. Harrison was the accompanist.

DANCE.—The annual Institute dance was held in the Harold Hall, Oulton, on Friday night, a very enjoyable time being spent by all present. Altogether 111 people attended, and dancing was merrily engaged to to music supplied by Mr Walter Poole (pianist) and Mr C. Margison (violinist). Mr Walter Smith proved a capable M.C., and the stewards (Messrs S. Berry and J. B. Butterick) rendered valuable assistance. The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr F. Twohy.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior division of the Oulton and District Billiard League, Rothwell Workingman's Club were defeated by Oulton at Rothwell on Thursday night by 40 points. Details (Rothwell names first):—R. Deakin 56 v. F. Winter 100, S. Wormald 100 v. F. Rookledge 91, J. Hargreaves 100 v. G. Wilkinson 67, H. Ely 100 v. W. Jopling 61, L. Thurwell 27 v. S. Lockwood 100, F. Stringer 87 v. J. Butterick 100. During the match H. Ely and F. Winter made breaks of 31.

CLERGYMAN AND MISSION WORK.—The Rev. R. Garrad, M.A. (vicar of Horsforth), a former curate of Oulton, referred in his sermon on Sunday evening to the Kikuyu controversy. Although there was much about the controversy to deplore, it had, he said, at least two good points. It showed that the Church was alive, and that people were interested in religion. Silence or lack of interest in such a matter would be a far more serious cause for alarm than the commotion which had been aroused. It was a sign of vigorous life in the body of Christ. The second redeeming feature was that such a Conference as the one at Kikuyu could have taken place at all. No one, said the preacher, could be glad that missionaries of the Church of England and other bodies should have had it put into their hearts to come together in the spirit of charity and brotherhood, and confer as to how to work side by side as helpers, and not hinderers, of one another. Ten years ago extreme bitterness existed between Christian bodies in the heart of Africa, and if it was passed away, or had now passed away, it was a matter for great thankfulness. He believed that Christ was never more present with His Church than now, and it was developed

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MR G. ASKHAM COMMENDED BY THE CORONER

On Saturday an inquest was held by Mr Wood (Coroner), at the County Hospital, York, concerning the death of Albert Frazer, farm labourer, who met his death on Thursday week, while working on a threshing machine at Clergy Farm, Ulleskelf.

Elizabeth Frazer, of Ulleskelf, widow, said deceased was 23 years of age, and a farm servant employed by Mr Askham, of Ulleskelf. Her husband went back to his work early in the afternoon of which he met with the accident, and was in a good state of health.

George Askham, farmer, of Clergy Farm, said deceased, on the day in question along with George Reynolds had got on to the machine. The door over the top—the drum-guard—was shut. Witness saw no more until he heard a thud. He exclaimed "What's that?" The machine stopped instantly, and so-noone said "There's someone in the drum." Witness asked "Who's opened the drum door," and they replied, "Albert is getting ready for starting," and had opened it." The next thing was that witness mounted the machine with a bar, and found Frazer fast in the drum and two or three people trying to get him out; they could not, and deceased from his position, and the latter said to witness "Look sharp with the bar." Witness released deceased with the bar, and the men who were holding deceased lifted him down. Witness asked deceased lifted him down. Witness asked deceased replied "Yes, I very painful;" and deceased replied "Yes." Witness asked how the accident happened and Frazer replied "I lifted open the door of the drum, and was getting some sheaves at the side of the machine, and then I slipped into the drum."

The Coroner: Was it necessary for him to open the top of the drum?

Witness: No. He told me he opened the door so as he would be ready for threshing, but we shouldn't have started for another ten minutes.

What do you think was the reason he opened it?—I think he had opened it to pull a board up and hadn't shut the drum afterwards. I have been threshing 30 years, and I've seen it done before.

Witness added that they got deceased some bread and sent for his wife, and deceased was moved to the station to stop the express train over to York. The stationmaster said he could not stop the express, but witness said he compelled him to.

The Coroner: Quite right.

Witness added that deceased was carried in an ambulance to the station, and on arrival at York was taken to the Hospital. Deceased was perfectly sensible, and witness thought he had had nothing to drink that day.

By a juryman: Witness thought deceased might have opened the drum by mistake and forgot to shut it open. Deceased's face, however, was towards the drum. Witness thought deceased's foot must have slipped, in fact, deceased's left foot was caught by the machine.

George Reynolds, farm servant, said he was on the top of the machine when the mishap occurred. Frazer stood by the side of the drum, the door of which was open. Deceased having opened it began to throw on sheaves to deceased. Deceased had just got the drum opened, cleared ready for putting some sheaves down; but he had nothing to his hands.

The Coroner: What caused him to slip?

Witness: I don't know.

Was he moving?—No, still.

Well, what made him slip—how far was he from the drum?—He was standing with his foot about three inches off the drum.

A juryman: He might have overbalanced. There's always a lot of vibration.

The Coroner: Is there any witness who saw what actually took place?

The reply given to the Coroner was in the negative.

Henry Hebbail, farm labourer, said he was working along with deceased, and was on the top of the threshing machine at the time. He was about a yard or a yard and a half from deceased, and was handing the latter some sheaves to put into position, and while witness was reaching for a further sheaf to hand to deceased he heard a noise like a foot slipping. He looked up and saw Frazer's left leg just going into the drum. There was a crash, and eventually they extricated deceased from his position.

By a juryman: If there had been a protection the deceased would not have got into the drum.

The Coroner: Was everything being done in the usual way?—Yes, sir.

Witness added that the top of the machine was flat as a table, and deceased had lifted off the door; which was part of the flat top. Deceased was a little before time in doing this, but was accustomed to feeding the machine.

Mr Alexander E. Dryman, house surgeon at the Hospital, said deceased was admitted at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th, suffering from profound collapse, and a crushed left leg. As "a forlorn hope" the leg was amputated, but Frazer died at 5.45 from loss of blood and shock.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

The Coroner referred to the accident as a most lamentable affair, and he considered that the farmer showed great promptitude in getting the express stopped and the deceased removed to the Hospital in so short a time after the accident. He was sure the jury felt the deepest sympathy with Mrs. Frazer.

SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM AND IMPERIAL AFFAIRS.

GREAT PROBLEMS OUTSIDE PARTY.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, addressed a meeting at Summerbridge, in Nidderdale, on Monday night. He said that South Africa had again been plunged into all the horrors and trouble of a railway strike. In this country, he said, they had had some experience of railway strikes, and they knew what it meant, or might mean, and they would, of course, readily understand that all the possibilities were enormously complicated in a country like South Africa. All party politics sank into insignificance compared with the question of the existence or disappearance of a white race. There was only one question as to the part of the natives employed and working in the mines. He had had the opportunity of seeing something of these matters in South Africa on one or two occasions, and he was quite sure that anybody who had given a moment's thought to the question that where the fortunes of the white men, and the white women, were involved it was the duty of the Government on the spot, and in this country to give what support they could to safeguard them and help them to meet their peculiar difficulties to form an opinion of this particular strike, but he felt very strongly that it was the duty of everyone as voters in the United Kingdom and as the people who elected the Imperial Parliament—the only one they had got—to inform themselves, as far as they could, as to what were the great problems outside party strife which the Empire had to deal. They also had the care of a great rich on the part of the natives and white men. He had no sufficient knowledge to form an opinion of this particular strike, as the people who elected the Imperial Parliament—the only one they had got—to inform themselves, as far as they could, as to what were the great problems outside party strife which the Empire had to deal. They also had the care of a great rich on the part of the natives employed and working in the mines. He had had the opportunity of seeing something of these matters in South Africa on one or two occasions, and he was quite sure that anybody who had given a moment's thought to the question that where the fortunes of the white men, and the white women, were involved it was the duty of the Government on the spot, and in this country, to give what support they could to safeguard them and help them to meet their peculiar difficulties to form an opinion of this particular strike, but he felt very strongly that it was the duty of everyone as voters in the United Kingdom and

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THE GOLDEN HOPE.

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CHAPTER XVII.

No one who had seen Mr. Shepheard walk out of Queen Anne's Mansions and make his way into Victoria-street would have guessed that he was inwardly about as much perturbed and disturbed as a man well can be. In his neat dark overcoat, his shining top hat, his lacquered boots, his well-fitting gloves, and with his natty umbrella, he looked a picture of smug prosperity and propriety, and nobody would have thought that he had either a care in the world or a knotty problem to vex his soul. But, in point of fact, Mr. Shepheard was sorely vexed in spirit, and in a fairly clear space of the street he began to proceed at a slower pace and to swing his umbrella as if he were in a state of indecision. This, however, quickly passed, and he set off westward at a sharper walk than before.

"No!" he muttered to himself. "It's not use lingering. If they didn't recapture Ned Penrose within a couple of hours or so they'll never get him. We didn't call him Slippery Dick for nothing! Like as not, he's over the by now. And if he is—ugh!"

This concluding reflection afforded Mr. Shepheard a little pleasure that he involuntarily quickened his pace and cast a backward glance over his shoulder as if he thought somebody was about to hail him or to tap him on the back. Nobody being there he walked still faster.

"And besides," he said to himself, "I'm about sick of Bedford. I never know what's going to happen. I'm standing to win I don't know what—perhaps not so much, and to lose all. Now's my time, if ever. A mere change of name, and Leonie and myself will be Monsieur and Madame Somebody-or-other, proprietor and proprietress of that charming little hotel that we know of. That's a much better prospect—much better. Oh, yes, it's the right thing to do!"

With these and more cryptic—cryptic, at any rate, to whoever had overheard them—references to whatever it was that was in his active mind, Mr. Shepheard made his way beyond Victoria and turned in the direction of Eaton-square. It was almost dark by that time, but he walked about until the darkness was quite fallen; then he went up to one of the houses on the south side, and having first given a preliminary tinkle at the bell descended the steps of the area.

The door was opened by a parlourmaid, who gave every indication of having been disturbed at her supper. Peering out into the gloom she suddenly became aware of the identity of the caller, and opened the door still wider.

"Good evening, Mr. Shepheard," she said. "It's that dark that I couldn't see who it was at first."

"It's not that dark that I couldn't recognise the charming Miss Higginson," said Mr. Shepheard gallantly, as he removed his shining hat and stepped in. "Such charms and graces cannot be hidden by the dark of a summer night."

"Oh, you go along!" said Miss Higginson. "I wonder what Mamsel Leony would say if she heard you?"

"She would say that I did rightly to appreciate such beauty," replied Mr. Shepheard, drawing off his gloves in the little lobby-parlour, furnished with one table, four chairs, a sofa, and a picture of the Black Brunswicker over the fireplace, into which Miss Higginson had shown him. "But apropos, as the saying is, is it possible to see ma'moiselle?"

"Oh, I should think so," replied the parlourmaid. "I don't think she's doing anything, unless it's sewing in the drawing-room. She's rooms. I'll go and see, Mr. Shepheard."

"So shall my soul thank you," said Mr. Shepheard. "But half-a-mo', as the vulgar say—anybody here to-night? Anybody to dinner—any party or anything?"

"Nobody that I know of," replied Miss Higginson. "No, I'm sure there isn't. Sir Herbert's asleep in the study, and Miss is playing the piano in the drawing-room."

"Then summon ma'amselle to our presence," commanded Mr. Shepheard. "But in all secrecy, mind."

"Oh, I know," responded the parlourmaid. "I understand." And she went off giggling, and declaring that Mr. Shepheard was a queer one; while that gentleman, having put out of his gloves, placed them, his umbrella, and his hat, upon the table, and, having smoothed his hair, took a seat on the sofa to bring softest, and awaited the coming of his fiancee.

Mademoiselle Leonie, on arrival, proved to have been, as Miss Higginson had suggested, engaged in sewing, and, like all her industrious countrywomen, she was unwilling at moment if they can help it, she had brought her sewing along with her. Unlike the French ladies'-maids whom one sees in delightful pieces on the stage—always young, always pretty, invariably saucy and piquant, and dressed in ravishing if simple fashion—Mademoiselle Leonie was thirty-five if she was a day, and neither pretty nor piquant. Instead, she was one of those strong, capable, managing-looking Frenchwomen of whom one sees thousands in their own cities, who sit at the receipt of custom in the shops and restaurants, help their husbands to run hotels and cafés, and generally exhibit themselves as possessed of many capacities of which Englishwomen are destitute. She gazed upon Mr. Shepheard with calmness.

"Eh, bien!" she said. "And why this visit to-night?"

Mr. Shepheard gave Mademoiselle Leonie one look and the door another. "Speak in thine own language, Leonie, my dear," he said in French. "I have that to say to thee which is only for thine own ears. Leonie, you remember that packet which I confided to thee some weeks ago, and bade thee to keep in great safety?"

"Well, then?" said Mademoiselle Leonie, placidly stitching away at her sewing.

"Fetch it to me, my dear," commanded Mr. Shepheard.

Still placid, Mademoiselle laid down her sewing on the table and rose to leave the room. Mr. Shepheard arrested her movements with an uplifted finger.

"Hold, Leonie!" he said. "Listen. I want to have speech with Miss Delomosne alone, you understand. It will affect you and me—it will bring the little bridal nearer, much nearer, my dear. Arrange it. Tell her Sir John Bedford's man, Shepheard, has a private message for her—private, eh! Thou understandest, Leonie?"

The Frenchwoman looked at him for a moment, then nodded her head. "Very well," she said, and went away.

For ten minutes Mr. Shepheard sat on his sofa, twirling his thumbs and anticipating more futures, and staring blankly at the Black Brunswicker. Then his lady-love returned, placed a small packet in his hands, and said, briefly, "This way, then—she will see you."

"Half-a-mo'," said Mr. Shepheard, relapsing into English. "Let's see. Yes, that's all right—four seals in red wax, just as I did it up. "Leonie, my dear," he continued, resuming his French, "after I have seen Mademoiselle, I want to see you again. You understand?"

"Perfectly," replied Mademoiselle Leonie. "Here, then, I will await your return. Now follow."

Ushering Mr. Shepheard upstairs, through a house which seemed singularly destitute of life, the Frenchwoman showed him at last into a small room fitted up as a study, and shut the door upon him. Miss Delomosne sat by a writing-table, looking at him with some curiosity. Mr. Shepheard made his best professional bow.

"You have a message for me, Shepheard, Leonie tells me," said Miss Delomosne.

Mr. Shepheard bowed again. "Yes, miss," he replied. "I hope we are quite alone."

Miss Delomosne's fine eyebrows elevated themselves. "Quite alone!" she said. "Of course we are quite alone. You are very mysterious to-night, Shepheard."

Mr. Shepheard took the liberty of drawing a step or two nearer Miss Delomosne's table, and he lowered his voice.

"Well, miss," he said, "you'll forgive me—it's really in your own interests, miss—the fact is, I had to resort to a little subterfuge. The message I wanted to give you is from—myself."

Miss Delomosne looked at Mr. Shepheard with an expression which showed that she for was somewhat puzzled, somewhat annoyed, and somewhat doubtful as to whether her visitor was not mad or drunk. The visitor was quick to interpret the mixed quality of this expression, and he smiled.

"I'm perfectly sober, miss, and quite sane," he said. "Leonie wouldn't have let me come up if I hadn't been so. Truth."

"What is it you have to say to me, Shepheard?" asked Miss Delomosne.

Mr. Shepheard sank his voice to a still lower depth. "This, miss. You're in Sir John Bedford's power."

Miss Delomosne half-rose from her seat, then dropped back. She had turned very pale, and her eyes glowed out of white cheeks as she stared at the valet. "How dare you——" she began.

But Mr. Shepheard, smiling quietly, stopped her with uplifted hand. "It's no use, miss," he said. "I know what I'm talking about. The fact is, miss, there's not much that I don't know about anything with which Sir John has to do. And I know that you are in his power," he concluded, with quiet emphasis.

Miss Delomosne continued to stare at him. "There's no need to be frightened, miss," he went on. "If you only knew it, you'll be all the happier after this interview. And——"

She dropped his voice until it was scarcely audible to the half-frightened, wholly inquisitive woman before him—"you'll feel—safer!"

Miss Delomosne made a supreme effort, and summoned all her powers for a moment she remained silent; then she turned resolutely on her visitor. Say plainly what you have to say, Shepheard," she said. "I'm not quite sure you didn't come here simply to say what you have said."

"No, miss, that's true," replied the valet. "Well, what I have to say is this—I know that you're in Sir John Bedford's power because he's in possession of a secret of yours."

"Go on," she said.

A secret that's referred to in some letters of yours of which he got hold, miss."

"Go on," she said again.

Mr. Shepheard took his time. He smiled. "I daresay you'd give something to get hold of those letters, miss, wouldn't you?" he said.

Miss Delomosne's mind suddenly became illuminated as to the reason of Mr. Shepheard's visit. A fierce, almost tigerish eagerness sprang up in her, allied with a vision of new hope for the future, and she half-leaped from her chair. "Give something!" she exclaimed. "Get me those letters, and I'll give you——"

"Yes, miss, how much?" asked Mr. Shepheard.

But Miss Delomosne had dropped back into her chair, and was shaking her head. "It's no use!" she said. "You might more easily drag a soul out of purgatory!"

"I said—how much will you give, miss?" went on Mr. Shepheard.

Miss Delomosne bent forward eagerly. "You don't mean to say that you could get them, Shepheard?" she asked.

"I mean to say, miss, that I have got them," replied the valet. "They are in my pocket at this moment, and at your service, if you pay me my price. The fact is, miss, I have very particular private reasons of my own for leaving Sir John Bedford, and as I am a modest capital I am willing to sell you the letters we have spoken of for the sum of one thousand pounds—and dirt cheap, too, miss," he added.

Miss Delomosne looked at him steadily for a moment. "Very good," she said. "Let me see that they are all there."

"Quite so, miss," answered Mr. Shepheard; "but you'll allow me to keep a hand on them until you're satisfied that they are."

Half an hour later Mr. Shepheard left Miss Delomosne's rooms with five hundred pounds in notes and a cheque for a like amount, made payable to "cash," in his breast pocket. He had a brief audience with Madame Leonie in the presence of the Black Brunswicker, and subsequently departed, well pleased with himself. But he made no return to Queen Anne's Mansions, and after spending the night near Victoria, and cashing his cheque early next morning, he departed for Dieppe, and felt glad to see the last of Newhaven Harbour.

And that morning Miss Delomosne woke with the feeling that she was at last free. She was the slave of Sir John Bedford no longer. Now she would fight, and fight bitterly, for the other side.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Now that Herman Groot had arrived Laurence himself into his work with an activity which was feverish in its persistency and application. He was at the workshop early and remained there until late in the night. He grudged time for meals, and would carry his breakfast and dinner with him rather than waste minutes in going to and from his lodgings. When he finally broke away from his work at night it was only because he had become so physically exhausted that he could do no more than hasten home, throw himself on his bed, and fall instantly into deep slumber. Before a fortnight had gone by he became so absorbed and so anxious that he bought a camp-bed and had it put up in the office, and on it as often as not he spent his short nights. Meanwhile, Groot worked steadily at the mechanical labour for which Laurence had specially brought him over. He worked in his usual slow, thorough fashion, talking little, but keeping his eyes open, especially on the work which Laurence did with his own hands. And he saw that the rate things were going the invention would soon be complete.

Once more Sir John Bedford at the Café Victorine on the first Sunday evening after his arrival and made his report. There was little for him to tell on that occasion, but a week later there was much.

"The work goes forward as rapidly as at present," said Groot, "he will finish in ten days. The body of the machine is well on its way to completion now."

"Have you learnt any more than you knew before?" asked Sir John.

Groot shook his head emphatically. "No!" he replied. "Everything has been done on the same lines. I don't even know where the engine is being made—I've tried to learn that from his letters, but nothing seems to come there. It's my belief that he'll not fit it until the last moment. One thing I do know—whatever the engine may be, and whatever force it is to be applied to use as motive power, there's one thing certain, and that is that the engine itself must be very small and light, because of the space reserved for it. It is beyond me to conceive what the secret of propulsion is which he has discovered."

Sir John, who thought that Sabatier might be much more likely to inform him on this point, said nothing.

"Well, keep your eyes open, Groot," he remarked as they parted. "What I'm chiefly concerned about is not so much the making of the thing as the exact date when it will be finished. I want to be informed at once when this engine has been fitted."

Groot finished off the lager beer with which he had been provided, and rose to go. "Sir John," he said, "I don't think he'll let me know that," he said. "He'll do the final things himself in secret, and he'll not allow my presence."

"Well, at any rate you'll know when the thing's ready for the engine," said Sir John. "As you get to the end keep me informed—every hour, if it's possible to do so."

"It's not easy to get out when he's there," said Groot. "The place is always locked at both doors, and he keeps the key in his pocket."

An idea occurred to Sir John. He knew that there were no duplicate keys of the workshop, that the locks were of an intricate pattern. It would have been a useful thing to have had duplicates of the keys made before handing them over to Laurence.

"Have you never had the keys in your hands?" he asked.

Groot shook his head.

"Couldn't you make some excuse for getting hold of them?" said Sir John.

"He never parts with them," answered Groot. "He lets me in and lets me out. But supposing I did get them?"

"Take an impression of them in wax," said Sir John. "You have your ingenuity—bring some necessary tool or other, and ask for the keys so that you may go across to get another. Something of that sort—you can manage it. I'll make it all right for you if you do."

"I'll try," said Groot. "But he's as keen as a cat watching a mouse."

There was somebody else in Laurence's workshop who was watching the progress of the invention with even almost as keen as those of the inventor himself. Dickie Wraye, in fulfilment of his agreement with Laurence and himself, had daily taken up his position in the workshop and had quickly made himself a member of its small community. Deeply interested in what he saw the first day, he was absolutely fascinated before the week was out, and Laurence would have allowed him he would have remained in the workshop as long as Laurence himself did. In spite of his infirmities Dickie was active and alert, and his intelligence was keen enough. Like so many cripples he was very skilful with his fingers, and Laurence soon found that the boy could make himself useful in several directions. And so Dickie began to rise an hour earlier in order to get the housework done at the flat before breakfast, and when the washing-up was completed at the end of the meal he stumped away eagerly to the workshop, where his knock sounded on the private door at precisely nine o'clock. It was all that Laurence could do to force him away in time to prepare the evening meal for himself and his sister.

"Look here, Dickie," said Charity one evening, when she thought her brother looked pale and fatigued. "I can't have you doing too much at Mr. Workman's place, you know, strong, you know, and you'll be ill if you go on like that."

"I shan't—I shan't!" exclaimed Dickie. "Don't say anything to Mr. Workman, Charity! I'm all right—I am indeed. Work! Why, you should see how Mr. Workman goes at it. I should think he begins as soon as ever it's light in the morning, and we always leave him there at night."

"Yes, but he's a strong man," said Charity. "And he's beginning to look worn and tired. I passed him in the street the other day, going to the offices, and he was so absorbed that he didn't see me, and he looked as if he'd never been to bed all night."

"Very likely he hadn't," said the boy. "He often looks as if he slept in his clothes. I know he's tired in a morning. I say, Charity!"

"Well—what?"

"Mr. Workman never goes anywhere now," said Dickie. "Don't you think it would do him a lot of good to spend the evening somewhere?"

"I should think it would—a great deal of good," replied his sister.

"Well, ask him to come here, then, some evening soon," said Dickie. "He'd come for you."

Charity, who was sowing, let her work drop in her lap, and stared at her brother with surprised eyes. A bright red colour came into her cheeks.

"Come—for—me!" she repeated. "What do you mean, Dickie—what are you talking about?"

"Oh, I don't know," said Dickie. "But I think he thinks a lot of you. He said the other day that you were a brave girl to work as hard as you do. And why shouldn't he think of you? Perhaps he might want to marry you."

"Don't be so silly, child!" exclaimed Charity. "And don't talk to Mr. Workman or to anybody else about me—it isn't nice to be talked about in that way, Dickie, you know."

"I don't see that it matters if it's only nice things that are said," contended Dickie, stoutly. "And I'm sure Mr. Workman never says anything but nice things about you. He often talks to me about meeting you for the first time at Uncle Wayle's."

"I wish he wouldn't, then," said Charity, sending over her work. "What is there to so talk about in that?"

"I don't know, but he seems to like to talk about it," replied Dickie. "Ask him to come and have supper with us on Sunday, Charity."

"No," said Charity, firmly. "I shan't. But," she added, seeing the disappointment in the boy's face, "if you like, Dickie, you can ask him—for both of us. But I don't think he will come just now—he'll be too much absorbed in his work."

There was someone else who was desirous of Laurence's company, if only for an evening, but from a very different motive from that which inspired Dickie Wraye. Sir John Bedford had made a hurried trip over to Normandy, and had spent a few hours with M. Sabatier, only to find that that great genius was not getting along with his work as quickly as he had expected. Something had gone wrong with one of his calculations, and he was perforce obliged to recommence a good deal of his work. He was in a bad temper, and short and snappy with his confrère, who, in his part, was surly and sullen.

"At this rate," he grumbled, as he and M. Sabatier turned to a cigar and a glass of cognac after a morning's useless task over figures and diagrams—"at this rate the fellow will have finished his machine and very probably sold it to the British Government before you've done!"

"Sacre bleu!" growled the great man. "And is that my fault? Who but I could have done what I have? Who but I in all Europe—yes, in all the world—could have wrung the man's secret out of his memoranda? Who but I could have defined the dry bones of his data with palpitating flesh? Could you? Could Bremont? Could the Armsdale of Berlin? No, my friend, none of you. It is only I, Paul Sabatier, who could do it. Rest tranquil, then, until the task is complete."

"All very well, but he'll get in first if you're not quick," said Sir John.

M. Sabatier sipped his petit verre and waved his hands. "It was to be your task to prevent that, my friend," he said. "You have him and his work under observation—take care of him."

And Sir John decided that it was time Laurence's progress should be retarded. In accordance with the formal agreement between them he could not make any demand on Laurence's services for the firm until a date still far enough removed to make it probable that Laurence's private work would be completed ere it was reached. The thing to do was to get him away from his work now and then. But he must find strong means of doing that. His thoughts turned to Miss Delomosne, and one afternoon, immediately after his return from M. Sabatier's, he repaired to Sir Herbert Armsdale's town house and demanded to see her.

"Look here," he said, without preface or beating about the bush, "you're not doing all that you might do as regards that fellow, Workman. You remember what I said at Hurstdene Manor!"

"I am not very likely to forget it," said Miss Delomosne, coldly.

"Very well, then you speak as if you were in the middle of a refrigerator yourself and desired to freeze me too if you like—all the same, I expect you'll wish to thaw out, by-and-by," he said. "It's in my interest just now to make this chap waste even a little time. You must help."

"Oh! and may I ask how?" she said.

"I'll tell you that without your asking," he answered. "Armsdale's going to take a small party for a week-end up the river, and young Workman's to be asked. You must accept the invitation with a personal note from yourself, which you will carefully word in the best way to make him want to go. Then some time, to-morrow evening I shall make him come and dine with me at the Carlton. Armsdale's coming, and Workman's coming, and——"

"Thank you. And supposing I don't wish to?" she said, "I'll come too," he answered, looking her over with a glance familiar enough to her, "and you'll second your letter in person. I'll see to it that you do. And make the most of your opportunities to-morrow evening—you know how!" he concluded, with a wink.

Miss Delomosne made no reply. She knew that she was out of his power now, but she was not minded to make him aware of the fact yet. A more fitting and convenient time would come—would surely soon be there. She could wait and bide it.

"By the bye," said Sir John, with his hand on the door, "I want to congratulate you, my dear, on your engagement to my man, Shepheard, or something of the sort!"

"I am not aware that Leonie's love-affairs," answered Miss Delomosne.

"I heard something of it," said Sir John. "Bing for her, I think, and ask to her."

"You cannot. Leonie has left me."

"Left you? Suddenly?" he asked.

"Quite suddenly. Being a Frenchwoman, she has taken French leave."

"Then I bet a sovereign to one she's gone off with Shepheard!" he exclaimed. "For he's gone too, and in just the same way. It's a queer thing! There's nothing missing, and his accounts are perfectly straight, too. He'd been with me for years—I'd never had a thought he was a fixture. I treated him quite confidentially, too."

"He must have been in possession of some pleasant secrets!" she could not help saying, with a sneer.

"Not all my secrets—not yours!" he said, meaningly. "Well, I'm off. Bear in mind all I've said."

"I will bear it in mind," she replied.

Sir John waylaid Laurence next morning, and, on the plea of some urgent business, literally forced him into accepting his invitation to dine at the Carlton that evening.

"And you'll do your friend Workman," he said. "Why, man, you'll kill yourself if you go on like that!"

"I will take my chance," said Laurence. "But it's all I can spare. I had an invitation from Sir Herbert for the week-end which I should have liked to accept, but I really daren't. I must get on as quickly as possible."

"How soon will you finish?" asked Sir John, casually.

"Oh, in eight to ten days," replied Laurence. "Ah, you're getting along famously," said Sir John. "Well, we're all anxious to see your finished product. But the secret's still there, I suppose?"

Laurence laughed. "Yes," he said. "It's still there."

(To be continued.)

A Rothwell woman seems to get an annual baptism. She took the magistrate's bet her husband threw a bucket of water over her on Christmas eve, and when asked if that was the first time he did it, she replied that it was about the same ago. Will it come off again? These are the pleasantries of married life, no doubt.

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The County Council are not to blame! The Education Authority state that they are prepared to increase the salary of Mr. Herridge, master at the Bardsey school, from £115 to £120, but Wetherby Committee have decided that is where their resolution that the application be not entertained.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Wetherby folks are agitating for the covering in of the station.

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Garforth is giving Rothwell a lead! Last month there were 16 births to 6 deaths.

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Why? Vagrants are fighting shy of Wetherby. Only thirteen were relieved in two weeks.

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Lady Hawke has presented to Wighill Church a linen cloth and a white brocaded cover for the altar.

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The reduction of pauperism in Tadcaster Union is a welcome sign. Is the old age pension having an effect?

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No chance for competition. The Wetherby "fathers" have appointed a bellman. Do they provide him with uniform?

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The rainfall for Wetherby district last year was 23.61 inches. The wettest month was January and the driest February.

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What next? At a Rothwell chapel on Sunday night a child, who was with its parents, was seen playing with a mechanical toy.

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A bad sign. No plans for houses were passed last month at Rothwell. Yet it is said the demand for houses in the district is good.

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The humour of it! Now that the snowstorm has come and gone the Tadcaster District Council are to invest in a dozen snow ploughs.

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A medicant who told a Stourton "bobby" he was looking for a friend unexpectedly discovered one. He is now one of H.M. guests.

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Is Sherburn the only place in the district where scholars receive prizes for regular attendance? Prize-giving used to be a feature of school life.

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Entitled to the pension, surely! Wetherby District Council have decided that the workman over seventy years of age shall be put on piece work.

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The N.E.R. Co. has issued a list of camping grounds for Boy Scouts, and it includes Linton, Barwick, Thorparch, Collingham, Sherburn, and Selby.

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It is asserted that the roads in Garforth are in better condition than they have been for several years. What have Tadcaster Council to say to that?

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If the electric light is introduced into Garforth there will be competition between the Gas Co. and the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. The prospect, however, is remote.

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"It always seems to me extraordinary," says the Vicar of Scarcroft, "that so many regular communicants are absent at Christmas, but it is an old story in Scarcroft."

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The suggestion to provide a conveyance to take Whitkirk children to school is not a novel one. Scholes children were taken to Barwick School in this way for several years.

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Sherburn magistrates, like their brethren at Tadcaster, had not much business to transact at the fortnightly Court. But the "drunks" must be taught to mend their ways.

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The patients continue to express their gratitude for the kind treatment they receive at the Garforth Infectious Diseases Hospital. This is very satisfactory to all concerned.

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Kippax has a fine army of old folks. Nearly 250 were invited to the old people's treat. No wonder the place is called "a health resort." It will go on, however, intend to compete with Harrogate.

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Poverty is not always the cause of youngsters having to work half-time, says Mrs Philip Snowden. It is sometimes sheer selfishness on the part of the parents who want more luxury and amusement.

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Wetherby "fathers" are dissatisfied with the train service. They want more trains as well as a quicker service. The N.E.R. Co. will really give them additional facilities if they think they will bring more revenue.

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Have you seen him? At a meeting of the Selby Board of Guardians on Monday it was reported that a man named John Walker, who was wearing a suit of clothes belonging to the Leeds Workhouse, had absconded.

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If all statements are true, Tadcaster Guardians and District Council have made claims against Leeds amounting to over £21,000 for the loss of Crossgates. If the Kiddal scheme had been carried out it would have been more.

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Writing in his magazine about a carol service, the Vicar of Marston says: "Not all the carols I sang were old traditional carols that have got into the hearts of English people centuries ago, and not the sentimental lullabys and cradle songs, with catchy waltz-time tunes that pass current as carols nowadays. There is heart in the old tunes and words. There are only nerves in the modern substitutes. The same blight too is upon not a few modern hymns and anthems."

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The public lighting of the town of Wetherby costs about £160.

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The first Gilchrist lecture at Garforth was a great success from every point of view.

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Wetherby has primitive methods. The bellman is to be sent round to ask for volunteers for the fire brigade.

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Scholes threatens to annex the new pump at Barwick when there is a scarcity of water at the "haven of rest."

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Our poultry columns should become more popular. A local man has just sold a cockerel for £42—the price of a horse.

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Barkston Ash farmers must be up and doing! They should see that application is made for exemptions for sheep dogs.

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Despite opposition, the salaries of several teachers in Kippax district have been increased. The labourer is worthy of his hire.

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Before very long, it is stated, a respectable "gullery" will be formed at Swillington. Then the farmers will have to start a gun club.

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Why? A Wetherby man wants to know why the church music looks so thin. "When was the church last scrubbed?" is another query.

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Thief! It is stated that there are poor people in Hunslet Union in receipt of relief who would rather starve than ask the Guardians for coal.

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One Garforth Councillor says that by a rearrangement of their staff, they could, by an expenditure of £40, save £100. How is it to be done?

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Like Tadcaster Board, the Selby Guardians have decided to adopt the way ticket system, as recommended by the Yorkshire Poor Law conference.

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The Vicar of Marston says that the Christmas festival is an enormous number of Church people so a bank holiday with a varnish of religious sentiment.

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A policeman at the Skyrack Court on Tuesday said he saw a man using filthy language. This is as good as the late Lord Cross, who once said he heard a smile.

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The members of the Wetherby Habitation of the Primrose League have decided in the event of civil war, to guarantee the raising of £100 for the people of Ulster.

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Leisurely ways! The resolution passed by the Yorkshire Fishery Board as to a pollution of the Wharfe at Tadcaster has been some time in reaching the District Council.

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A number of parishes in Tadcaster Union are in arrears with calls, and the overseers will find themselves before Tadcaster magistrates if they don't plank down the necessary money.

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What do Barkston Ash folks say? "The country is a most miserable place in the winter if there is no fox-hunting," declares the Marquis of Worcester. The barn-hand will probably agree, eh?

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It has been pointed out as a remarkable coincidence that two persons admitted to Selby Workhouse have the same name (surname and christian name alike), and both are suffering from feeble-mindedness.

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Things are getting lively at Wetherby. A correspondent suggests that ladies with "new bonnets and men with patent leather boots come late to church so that people can admire them." What about other places?

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Scholes water supply question gets no further forward. In the district thousands of gallons of good water are going to waste, yet it seems impossible to utilize it. The "haven of rest" will be kicking up a row some day.

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Mrs Emmet, one of Boston Spa's oldest residents, has passed to the land of shadows. Her husband, the late Mr John Emmet, F.L.S., was a poet of some note, and he wrote on many subjects in the principal newspapers.

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Like Garforth, Selby has secured a courier of Gilchrist lectures, and the subjects are "Shifts for a living among animals," "Defects and curiosities of sight," "The birth of the Moon," "Napoleon," and "Water and its work."

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A return prepared by Mr. Bagenal, Local Government Board Inspector, shows vagrancy during the year ended Michaelmas last. The number admitted to the Selby Workhouse was 1,651, showing a decrease of 452 as compared with the figures for 1909. Altogether the West Riding showed a decrease in vagrants of 85,841.

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The girls at Wetherby are not getting a chance. A writer says that the changing of the hour of the evening service at church from 6 to 6.30, which took place soon after the present vicar's arrival, had its effect upon the marriage market, for the servants complained that their mistresses kept them working until after six o'clock on Sundays, and as they had to be in by nine o'clock it did not allow them to do much sweethearting after church.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

HALTON'S TRAMWAY SCHEME.

ATTITUDE OF LEEDS CORPORATION.

ELECTRIC POWER CO.'S BILL TO BE OPPOSED

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, on Thursday, afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Messrs G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Flanagan, and D. Hargreaves, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer of health (Dr Buck), the surveyor (Mr Nuttall), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Whitehead and Higgins).

The medical officer presented his report, which showed that during the past four weeks there had been registered sixteen births—three in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and seven in Templenewsam. During the same period there has been six deaths in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and three in Templenewsam. Eight cases of scarlet fever in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and two cases of diphtheria, in addition to three cases of phthisis, had been reported. The cases of scarlet fever occurred in the early part of the month, and were confined to Woodlesford.

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the resolution of the Council he had written to the Town Clerk of Leeds in connection with the proposed tramway to Halton. The Town Clerk had replied that it was impossible to give a definite undertaking that the construction of the line would be commenced two years from the passing of the Act, as it had always been contrary to the policy of the committee to give an undertaking in such cases.

Mr Pindar said he had also received letters from the County Council stating that they would be glad if the Rural Council would co-operate with them as before in obtaining satisfactory conditions. He was of opinion they should do so. He had again written to the Town Clerk stating that as they could not give an undertaking the Council could not give unconditional sanction.

The Clerk's action was upheld, and the Council decided to co-operate with the County Council.

With regard to the application of the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. asking for the Council's support in the laying of mains for lighting purposes, the Clerk said the District Councils' Association had had an interview with the representatives of the Company, and they were not satisfied with the explanation given. The Bill, he said, was totally unprecedented in its nature. It proposed to take powers to supply electric light to a large area, practically the whole of the West Riding. If they got these powers they would get the monopoly, and they might have a repetition of what they had with the tramway undertaking. They would pick out the districts where they might get plenty of customers and leave the other districts to "fend" for themselves. The opinion of the committee of the Association was that it was very unsatisfactory as it infringed the rights of local authorities and gave them no adequate protection or safeguard, and it ought to be opposed.

Mr G. Armitage moved that they carry out the recommendation of the District Councils' Association. Mr Thomas seconded, and the Council agreed.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND MR LANE FOX ON TERRITORIALS.

At the West Riding County Council meeting on Wednesday Mr E. H. Foster raised the question of facilities for teachers to attend Territorial training. He moved that the Education Committee be instructed to report as to the facilities to be given to those teachers who had joined the Territorial Force. The failure of the Territorial Force, he pointed out, meant the failure of the voluntary system. He quoted the cases of two teachers, one of whom had his salary deducted in respect of the time he spent at camp. The other teacher went for the annual training in July, and received a letter from the Education Authority at Wakefield in the following terms:—"I have to say that the Education Committee are not prepared, in view of the serious disorganisation which ensues, to grant leave of absence to members of their teaching staffs for the purpose of attending training for the Territorial Forces." That, commented Mr Foster, seemed to be directly contrary to the resolution passed by the County Council on May 13th, 1908, when the West Riding Territorial Association was informed that facilities for training would be given to the general staff as far as possible. He did not see any difficulty in granting these. There was a number of teachers to go on supply when necessary, and therefore it was only a question of adjustment.

Mr E. Mills Gaskell seconded the motion.

Alderman P. H. Booth said that there was no necessity for the motion. The Education Committee was prepared to carry out the resolution of the Council as far as practicable. One of the teachers took French-leave, and he was informed that a repetition of this action would bring about his discharge.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., maintained that that the explanation just given did not correspond with the actual facts of the cases. If the latter was to stand then, he said, that the action of the Education Committee was directly contradictory to the resolution of the County Council. It had been well said that public bodies in this matter should set the lead.

Alderman P. H. Booth: Certainly, we are prepared to carry out the motion of the County Council, and give leave as far as practicable.

Alderman Lupton said the Education Committee had been willing as far as practicable to give facilities for teachers to attend. It must be remembered that the holidays of teachers consisted of eight weeks and eight days in the year, and any interference with the school work was very serious.

Mr Foster, replying to the discussion, said it would be interesting to know in how many cases the Education Committee had given their consent. The fact remained that refusal had been the order of the day.

The resolution was adopted by 35 votes to 26.

SELBY CONSERVATIVES WEEKLY WHIST DRIVES.—Another successful whist drive took place at the Conservative Club on Tuesday, 84 ladies and gentlemen taking part. Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C., and the following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1, Mrs Weaver; 2, Miss Housemoor (after a tie with Mrs Hanson); scaled, Miss V. Murrell; consolation, Mrs Rockett. Gentlemen—1, Mr W. Lockhart (after ties with Mr W. S. Bostock and Mr Pickup); 2, Mr W. S. Bostock; scaled, Mr H. Morley; consolation, Mr G. Kilburn. Light refreshments, chocolates for ladies, and cigarettes for gentlemen were handed round during an interval.

HUTTON HALL, MARSTON.

Hutton Hall, Marston, a few miles from Tadcaster, where Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught are to have their home for a few months, stands on historic ground. From its windows the eye may roam over pleasant lanes and meadows for miles without catching the sight of a single human being. Yet centuries ago this tract of country was the scene of one of the bloodiest battles in British history. Who has not read of the Battle of Marston Moor, where the forces of Fairfax and Cromwell, in 1644, defeated the Royalists under Prince Rupert?

Even to this day, grim relics of that terrible struggle, in which over 4,000 soldiers were slain, are unearthed and preserved. Not so long ago (so a contemporary says) a local rustic, engaged in draughting the land, came across an old and rusty vessel that contained a hundred bullets. He would have made money out of them, too, but the Lord of the Manor, anxious to preserve anything suggestive of the battle, forbade him, and ordered them to be put back into the soil from which they came. Old swords and rifles have been found in years gone by, and are, of course, jealously preserved.

Marston Old Hall, the great house in which Cromwell is reported to have slept on the night of the famous battle, is now no more than a picturesque farm house, still in good repair, hard by the main road.

The Hall is a comparatively modern house, on the other side of the village, shut off from the highway by a clump of trees. For generations it has been the home of the York family; and it is owned by Captain E. York, one of the Tadcaster magistrates. The house contains nearly thirty rooms, all furnished in exquisite taste.

One of the most charming adjuncts of the place in summer is the rose garden, a dainty bower in which the Princess, should she stay long enough, would find objects of infinite interest. In the Hall itself there is a magnificent collection of china, reported to be worth many thousands of pounds.

That the Prince and Princess propose to entertain on any considerable scale is not known, but if they do there is plenty of society in the neighbourhood. What is certain, however, is that they could not have selected a better centre for hunting, of which it is known Prince Arthur is extremely fond. The Hall stands on the border of two hunting countries—the York and Ainsty and Bramham Moor.

On Wednesday the arrival of the Prince and Princess at Hutton Hall was regarded with much interest by the inhabitants of Long Marston and the neighbouring villages, but there was no organised demonstration. A number of the rural folks posted themselves at the junction of the York and Marston Moor roads. They had one or two humps to light up the roadway, and as the motor-car in which the Royal couple were seated, sped past, they cheered heartily.

COPMANTHORPE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

The whole of the children of Copmanthorpe under the age of 14 were entertained to tea on Thursday night week, by the Copmanthorpe Carol Singers, viz., Messrs S. Gall, H. Hudson, A. Ward, H. Knowles, T. Holt, W. German, J. Day, P. Wright, D. Backhouse, G. Eastwood, J. Brown, T. Richardson, and Ackroyd, who gave all their takings to the enjoyment of the young guests. The children turned up to the number of 67, and had an enjoyable time.

After tea each child was presented with a new penny, bags of sweets, orange, and biscuits, and those who could not get these gifts were sent home to them.

Songs were sung by the children, and Messrs Backhouse, Ward, Gall, and Germain also contributed songs to the enjoyment of the youngsters.

Mr George Eastwood gave selections on the gramophone, which were greatly appreciated. After singing the National Anthem a very pleasant evening was brought to a close. Mrs Robert Leng catered for the tea admirably, assisted by Miss Leng, Mrs H. Hudson, Mrs Ward, and Miss Hobson.

HOW DYSPEPTICS CAN EAT WHAT THEY WANT WITHOUT PAIN.

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SHORT OF MONEY.—A smart-looking youth named William Haley (20), who has already been committed for stealing bicycles at Selby and is awaiting trial at Leeds Assizes on another charge, was, at Sedbusk on Wednesday, charged with obtaining 9s. 8d. from the Glass Houghton Colliery Co. by false pretences. Haley, who is a bricklayer's labourer, filled in a time-sheet and went to the office by the pottery, but the entry of J. E. Atkinson, time-keeper, showed that the youth had not worked at all on the days charged for. When charged, Haley said he was short of money. He was sent to prison for one month.

A CUSTOMER'S "JOKE."—Before the Selby Bench on Wednesday James Thomas Atkins, an employe at the oil mills, living at Hemingbrough, was charged with stealing a gill bottle of whisky, value 1s. 4d., at the Royal Oak Inn, Selby, on Monday morning last. Defendant was seen standing on the bar counter, and when asked by the landlord, Mr Frank G. Shaw, what he was doing, he replied: "I have been helping myself." He had a bottle of whisky in his pocket, but placed it on the counter, saying that he took it from a shelf as a joke. He was given into custody. Defendant said he was in receipt of a pension from the Army, which he would lose if convicted. He described it as an act of madness. Prosecutor did not press the case, and it was dismissed on the payment of costs.

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MEET AT STOCKELD.

On Monday the Bramham Moor met at Stockeld, but although shooting operations are contemplated, Mr Foster did not stop hounds drawing the covers. They went on to Spofforth Hall to draw, and finding, hounds went away with a catchy scent, which was surprising, as everyone expected a great scenting day. Then they ran better by Cocked Hat, and bearing to the left, went nearly to Barrowby. Still coming to the left the fox went through Addlethorpe, Addlethorpe Wood, nearly to Stockeld. Reynard was headed here, and he bore to the left and then made off again in the direction of Cocked Hat, and at a slower pace was hunted over Spofforth Park nearly to Kirkby Overblow. He skirted the hill here, and skirted the Punch Bowl, and then hounds went away as if for Rougmont Carr, but bearing to the right they ran over the hill, and lose the fox near to Weeton—an hour and three-quarters after finding.

They went on to Rougmont Carr, and found, but scent failed at Harewood Bridge.

They found afterwards at Weeton Whin, but could scarcely own the line a yard as they went towards Harewood Bridge, and he was given up. A fox was got going in Swindon Wood, and he left, pointing for the Punch Bowl. Turning as if for Walton Head, the fox was headed, and hounds took a ring back wide of Swindon, and he was lost near to where the previous fox was had, there seeming to be no scent in this region.

Hounds then went on to the Punch Bowl, where they found a brace, and went away with pay amount of music over the hill near to Kirkby Overblow, and on to the directions of Leconfield Whin, and turning back they killed him near to Ingham's Gorse after a sharp spin.

On Saturday afternoon Harewood footballers were defeated by Harrogate M. Church by four goals to nil.

In connection with the National Health Insurance, Mr C. D. Sellers, of Sherburn, has been elected to the Pharmaceutical Committee for the West Riding.

Hotel managers, boarding-house and lodging proprietors, aware from past experience of the advertising value of such a well-known medium as the N.E.R. Furnished Lodgings Hotels, etc., Guilde will no doubt, welcome a reminder that the 1914 edition is now in hand; and they will certainly be well advised to consult the nearest N.E.R. stationmaster in regard to inserting particulars of their establishments in the guide. The forthcoming annual edition is the eighteenth, and it will be issued in still more attractive form, the circulation being large and effective. Application should be made before the end of this month.—See advert.

ODDFELLOWS' MEETING.—The half-yearly meeting of the Knaresborough and District Independent Order of Oddfellows (M.U.) was held at Pannal on Monday night. There was a large attendance, over which P.P.G.M. J. Shutt presided. P.P.G.M. J. Shutt and P.G. S. W. Fishburn were elected to represent the district at the annual conference, to be held this year at Aberystwith. D.G.M. J. E. Ellis was appointed Grand Master of the District for the ensuing year, and P.G. F. Wade was chosen Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year. P.P.G.M. W. Fishburn was elected District Secretary, and P.P.G.M. F. Inman was appointed District Treasurer. P.P.G.M. B. Dodgson and P.G. E. Wiggins were elected District Auditors, and P.G.M. C. Cawood was appointed Lodge Book Examiner. It was decided to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Harewood.

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GOOD DAY'S SPORT IN THE AINSTY.

On Tuesday the York and Ainsty Hunt met at Acaster Malbis, and there was a big field. Lord Furness gave the order to draw the plantation in the Park. Hounds soon had reynard on the move, and he went away on the Stub Wood side. Bearing to the right hounds ran on as if going for Appleton; but going to the right it looked as if Brockett Hagg would be the call, but getting headed to the right from the road by Mr Pond's house, hounds got a view and raced their fox down after a very nice twenty minutes.

Going on to Stub Wood a fox was found. The scent could not be said to be good, just enough for hounds to work. Reynard going away on this riverside got up to Dr. Raimes' gardens, and going over the road ran by the village with Bishopthorpe in front; then going to the left he crossed the road and made a point for Copmanthorpe; but leaving this village on the right, bounds ran on to Mr Arthur Hall's cover, Brockett Hagg.

Hounds rattled through the cover and crossed the road as if for Appleton Roebuck. The fun was of a high order, and the big ditches took toll, the riders getting a cracking. Reynard now turned to the left, and got back to the starting point, Stub Wood. Hounds were hard at their fox in cover, and this gave the horses a chance to recover their wind. It was five minutes before the hallos away, and hounds ran the same line by Acaster, going straight to the railway by Copmanthorpe, up to the village. Hounds hunted the line through the cottagers' gardens. Once clear of the village, it looked as if the hounds would get to the Bogs. Reynard got headed back, and hounds got very close at his brush, but reynard had plenty of go left in him, and riding away from the pack, re-crossed the railway below Copmanthorpe station. The bridge came in handy, and the road helped the road riders to see all the fun. Going straight for Acaster Malbis, they left the village one field on the left, and hounds ran into Brockett Hagg-tion in the Park. The field began to make a long tail, and many the more, and he went away on the Stub Wood had got to the bottom of their mounts as hounds side. Bearing to the right hounds ran on as if went from Mr Hall's cover,

Going to the left the hounds reached the Appleton Roebuck road, and reynard ran the road for some distance. Here hounds and hunts-man showed themselves to great advantage, and working the line ahead from Appleton Roebuck Village, went straight for Nun Appleton covers, going through the corner of Kennel Wood. This stout and good fox gave the other covers the go bye, taking a nice line down to the rived Ouse. Being too tired to face the water, reynard ran the banks for some distance, and hounds got a view, and raced into him close by Acaster Selby. It is a long time since hounds had such a good hunt in this part of the country. Lord Furness was congratulated upon the fine sport shown, and Gumpstone certainly added another feather in his cap. The Earl of St. Germans, who had gone in tip top form throughout the run, had the mask presented to him.

On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Sherburn and Monk Fryston, and the latter won by four goals to three.

G.F.S.—The members of the Monk Fryston Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society (by the invitation of the Rev. W. M. C. and Mrs Clarke), were entertained to tea at the Concert Hall on Saturday evening. Subsequently the party spent a happy time. Dancing, singing, and games made up the programme.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Kippax is one of the places which is suffering from the mistakes of the past. Years ago, when the District Council was young, it was recognised that a system of sewerage for the village was needed, but, instead of adopting an enterprising policy and carrying out a comprehensive scheme, the Council of that day allowed several "potter-ing" little schemes to be adopted, and now the work has to be done over again. The motto of doing a thing well is just as applicable to the work of public bodies as to that of individuals, and it is very unfortunate the District Council did not recognise that years ago. Owing to pressure by the Rivers Board, the District Council have been compelled to prepare a new system, and it will mean the imposition of a fresh burden on the ratepayers. It is, however, necessary, and grumbling will not give any redress.

Barkston Ash lawyers were apparently on the defensive the other night at Selby. It is reported that the Chairman at a meeting of the Conservative Club characterised the present House of Commons as a lawyers' parliament, and Mr C. H. March, a well-known local solicitor, referred to the attack on "a very learned and honourable profession. To say that because they were a lawyers' parliament they were rogues and thieves was almost complete blasphemy." Mr Robert Hodgson, another solicitor, thought "it was wrong of the Chairman to say that they were all rogues and thieves. He thought, too, it was very unfair to say that the majority of the laws were made by the lawyers." This is all very interesting in view of the candidature of Mr E. H. Foster, who is President of the Leeds Law Society. And, of course, the secretary of the Barkston Ash Conservative Association is a well-known local lawyer.

Houses are wanted at Tadcaster, South Milford, Sherburn, and Selby, and something is to be done to meet the need. It is rumoured that a firm of employers at Tadcaster are to undertake a building scheme, and the N.E.R. Co. are to erect a dozen houses at Milford—probably a first instalment—and plans for four houses at Sherburn have been passed. A number of miners employed at Micklefield reside at Sherburn and Milford, and probably were more house accommodation afforded in these villages fewer of the men would live in Leeds. I do not know, however, that this is having an appreciable effect on the marriage market.

In the Rothwell area, it is said, wedding bells are silent because young folks, anxious to have the nuptial knot tied, cannot obtain houses. A local preacher at one of the Rothwell chapels on Sunday, took a thoroughly up-to-date view of his vocation, and dealt with the vexed question of marriage and housing. He stated that several couples cannot get married owing to an inability to get cottages, and that if they became united they would have to reside with parents—always a risky experiment. The Urban Council must investigate this matter, and endeavour to meet the situation. Probably the "burning" question at next election will be: "Are the Council justified in spending public money in the provision of dwellings in order to encourage young folks to marry?"

Business at Tadcaster Petty Sessions was delayed for nearly half-an-hour owing to the non-attendance of magistrates. For the past few months half-a-dozen justices have been on the Bench at every fortnightly petty sessional court, and they have had comparatively little to do. Whether, or not they had become disgusted it is difficult to say, but only Mr J. H. Ingleby put in an appearance on Monday, and it was necessary to secure the offices of Mr J. M. Dawson, of Wighill, the Chairman of the Wetherby Bench. It will be necessary after all, I see, to adopt the plan suggested in this column, and have two magistrates resident in the town. A daily paper, with more enterprise than accuracy, put J.P. after the name of County Councillor Sykes, of Tadcaster, and it may be a correct description some day.

I notice a farmer in Barkston Ash Division has rather extreme views on the Territorial movement. He appears to have engaged a servant who was a "Territorial," and when he discovered he was a member of the force he told him he was no good to him. He was apparently unwilling that any time should be sacrificed in order to make the man efficient. What, I wonder, would the farmer say if compulsory military service became the law of the land? There is only one alternative to the voluntary system, and that is compulsory military training, and the farmer in question is doing his share in driving the country to that. Without expressing any opinion on its merits, there is no doubt that a compulsory system would very materially increase national expenditure, and is not the outcry of the farmers against growing rates and taxation?

Prosperity is returning to Crossgates Literary Society, and, with audiences of one and three hundred, the committee have reason to be well satisfied with their efforts. Last year I suggested that the meetings should be held weekly, instead of fortnightly, as I feared that Crossgates could not find sufficient talent to carry out this plan. Probably they will consider it for next winter. And why should a Crossgates have a course of Gilchrist lectures? A certain monetary guarantee has to be given, and the lectures have to be worked on a well-laid plan, but what Garforth can do surely Crossgates can easily accomplish. I understand that Crossgates could have had Gilchrist lectures this winter, but no application was made for them.

In promoting their tramway scheme to Halton, the Leeds Corporation have adopted high-handed methods, and they have compelled the Rural Council and the County Council to act on the defensive. When the proposal was first brought forward more than a year ago the Corporation came to an agreement with the District Council guaranteeing that a tramway service would be given in three years, but they now decline to enter into such an undertaking, so that if they obtained the powers they could hang the scheme up for as long as they pleased.

It is not unreasonable to assume that this is a dodge, and the ratepayers of Templenewsam are apparently to be made a pawn in the annexation game. Owing to the strong opposition they have now to face, the Corporation know perfectly well that any annexation scheme will be increasingly difficult to carry through, but if they could dangle the bait of a tramway service before the people of Templenewsam they might succeed in getting support in the district to their more important proposal. The ratepayers have already expressed themselves in favour of the introduction of the tramway, but they are hostile to annexation, and it is quite clear that the Corporation intend to play off one scheme against the other. Only one course, therefore, is open to the District Council and the County Council who are co-operating in the matter.

Wetherby has not been long in emulating Tadcaster. For months the conduct of the residents of these petty sessional towns has been so good that the magistrates have had very little to do, and the guardians of law and order, were it not that they have to study law relating to agriculture, would have found their calling practically gone. Some time ago there was a maiden sessions at Tadcaster, and the presiding magistrate was presented with white gloves, and at the last Court at Wetherby a similarly pleasing ceremony was significant of the improvement that has come over the habits of the people. In the good old days, when the prosperous farmers met themselves at Wetherby over the week-end, that vigilance which is now exercised by the police force was not a factor to be reckoned with, and it is recorded that after an election ale flowed down the steps of a local pub, while every man who entered the inn had his hat destroyed and a new one presented to him. With all their faults, the people nowadays have a grain more sense than the roystering residents of old.

Sherburn, owing to its not having an adequate supply of good water is receiving the attention of the Local Government Board and the County Council, and the District Council will be compelled, sooner or later, to carry out a scheme. Opinion seems to favour the obtaining of a supply from Leeds, but last week the ratepayers of the city defeated the proposal to convey water to Doncaster, and a poll will be taken. In the event of a majority being in favour, the scheme will have to receive the sanction of Parliament, and about a year will elapse before that is got, while the work of laying the mains, which will pass through Scholes, Barwick, Aberford, Micklefield, South Milford, etc., will take another year or two. It is obvious Sherburn cannot get water from this source for several years, and it is stated that the price "will not be less than 8d. and might be 9d. or 10d. per 1,000 gallons." In addition, a considerable expenditure, on the laying of a pipe to Sherburn would be necessary, and, having regard to the annual charges, it is surprising that the District Council have not formed a combination of parishes for the purpose of getting a cheaper supply from a local source.

For some reason the County Highways Committee have shown a strange reluctance to acting on the representations of local authorities in regard to fixing a speed limit for motor-cars in certain places but they have been "brought to book," and they may now think it advisable to give heed to local opinion. Although all motorists are not "road hogs," there is always a possible danger from motor traffic in such places as Aberford, Tadcaster, South Milford, Sherburn, Scholes, Barwick, and when Tadcaster District Council asked the County Council to fix a speed limit for these parishes the request was regarded as a perfectly reasonable one. The Highways Committee, however, would not listen to it, and the County Council had the unwelcome duty of referring back the question for re-consideration.

Recently a motorist, who was probably out for a "joy ride" in the district, smashed into a vehicle belonging to a local farmer, with the result that the shafts were broken. The motor-car was damaged, too, and had to be towed home. A few days afterwards the farmer received a claim for £30 damages, but it was sheer "bluff," and it did not prevent the agriculturist from demanding what was his legal due. It will be noticed that in nearly all motor prosecutions and actions, the motorist is never to blame.

CHARGE AGAINST HAZLEWOOD MAN.—On Monday, at the Leeds City and Petty Sessions, George S. Hall, described as a labourer, of Hazlewood, was charged by John R. Cumberland with stealing clothing. Among the articles alleged to have been stolen were a pair of cloth trousers, a pair cord breeches, a vest shirt, pair of leggings, and a metal watch, the total having a value of £2 15s. The father of Cumberland appeared, but Inspector Daniels said he was afraid they could not proceed without Cumberland himself, who was in the Army at Aldershot. The Chairman: Is he coming to prove the case? Cumberland's father said he was not. Britton stated he had Cumberland went to enlist, and he failed to pass the examination. Cumberland told him he could have the box and clothes. The magistrates could not go on with the case without Cumberland, and it was adjourned.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week there is an excellent programme, at the head of which is Mark Sheridan, whose debonnair style suffi-ciently indicates that he is still "one of the b'hoys." He brings with him some good songs and jokes, and his reception shows that he has not lost even a suspicion of popular fancy. An interesting turn is that of Herbert Brooks, who, after mystifying card manipulation—including even the production, by request, of an Insurance card and a twelve of spades—is put into a small steel trunk, which is fastened, and escapes in less than half a minute. Princess d'Arpa dances gracefully in her new creation "La Belle Alexia," and two other clever dancing turns are contributed by Metz and Metz and Margie and Lemor. A pleasing musical number is given by the Five Symphony Girls; Dave Bryant and Bert Weston provide humorous items; and Alexandra Dagmar is both charming and amusing.

The programme at the Leeds Empire next week will be particularly notable for the production of the very latest "stop press" revue, entitled "What a Game," invented and written by Victor Newman. This will be given in two scenes, showing, (1) Exterior of a week-enders' Hotel, and (2) The Double Escalade. The cast is particularly strong, and includes such well-known people as Mr Victor Newman, the well-known character actor; Mr Edgar Stevens, from the Gaiety Theatre (London); Mr Frank Danby, and the Misses Dorothy Eden, a brilliant musical comedy artiste; Alice Hamilton (late of Duke of York's Theatre, London); Olive Stone, from "Keep Smiling," the revue now playing at the Alhambra, etc. The latest society craze, viz., the Tango, promises to be one of the main features of "What a Game." Among other good turns booked for next week are Velanches Football Dogs; Alf Tack, comedian; Florence and Lilian, in a delightful musical act; Harry Freeman, comedian; Russell Brandon, the dancing darkie from Dixie; and the American biscoope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the popularity of the cinema is demonstrated. A considerable portion of the bill is devoted to a film entitled "Through the Clouds." It is a most vivid and realistic picture. Two balloons and an aeroplane figure in the production, and the plot unfolded is sufficiently thrilling to keep the audience expectant for over fifty minutes. George Carney presents a new sketch humorously entitled "The Fight Prize," which includes Sam Harris, a very clever American-Hebrew character comedian, whose impersonations call forth roars of laughter. He is a good sketch, full of vigour. A most delightful musical treat is contributed by the Montmartre Quartet. The artistes include Isadore Maurice (a brilliant pianist), a 'cellist, a violinist, and a young lady who sings with much expression. S. W. Wyndham, comedian, sings a couple of songs blithely; Nellie Bly is a versatile comedienne; and Cook and the Idento Brothers with their pretty partner go through a clever juggling act.

Next week at the Hippodrome the attraction will be Miss Florrie Forde's grand pantomime "Red Riding Hood." Miss Florrie Forde will figure as Prince Regent of Patonia, Miss Stella Esdaile will be "Red Riding Hood," and Mr Gilbert Payne will appear as "Soft Sammy." There will be a full London chorus and augmented orchestra.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre the pantomime "Dick Whittington," as played by Andie Caine's company, affords two hours of thorough enjoyment. There is an unlimited supply of fun, among which are many new gags, all the latest songs and choruses are rendered in capital style, and these are interspersed with some clever dancing. The stage effects are also of an attractive nature. All the comedians are responsible for many a hearty laugh, but Andie Caine, in the role of the Dame, must be termed the "star," his eccentricities creating endless amusement. Miss Eileen Dagnar, in the title role, makes a dashing and resourceful principal boy, and, along with Miss Minnie Milwards, as Alice, gets through a lot of work in praiseworthy style. All the other characters are deserving of special mention for a series of dainty dances in the closing scene. At Monday afternoon's performance the old-fashioned harlequinade was presented, and was highly appreciated, and it is to be repeated at a special matinee on Saturday.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Messrs Edward Lloyd and Clifford Bown and their celebrated company will appear in the world-wide success "The Old Folks at Home." On Wednesday, February 25th, Mr Charles Bush will have his benefit.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

The spectacle of a bursting train is somewhat novel when introduced to the cinematograph, and a picture entitled "The Burning Train," which was shown at the Theatre de Luxe during the first half of this week was thrilling to a degree. "The Rose and the Dagger," was another good drama of a different type, and a capital humorous film which was shown all the week appears under the title of "One Round O'Brien." This is quite a new style of picture, and had a good plot to recommend it. "Pimple's Bull-Fight" was an amusing production.

On Friday and Saturday the "star" attraction will be "A Message to Headquarters."

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

Exceptionally fine programmes have been submitted at the Rothwell Empire this week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the chief attraction was "Victory or Death," an Italian drama, which, in addition to providing a sensational theme, illustrated the horrors of a ship on fire at sea. "The broken chisel" was also full of intense interest. There was likewise a good picture depicting the working of a steam locomotive. Mr G. R. Lister (comedian) proved a good turn. For Friday and Saturday nights the principal items are "Lies of a mother," showing the sacrifice of a mother's love; and a detective drama "Charley Colins and the King of Spades." In addition to the above there are two turns, Miss May Vincent (contralto) and Criss O'Neill.

Next week the management have been successful in securing The Russian Dwarfs, a troupe of clever little folk, who will appear throughout the week. The troupe will indulge in conjuring and other feats, in addition to giving a display of the Russian national dances. There will be the usual picture programmes. During the first half of the week the features will be "What the Gods Decree," showing the actors, who were prominent in the film "Proton"; and "A fair duellist." On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the attractions will be "Nick Winter and the Kidnappers," with the famous detective at his best, and a first rate comedy "Pimple's Ivanhoe." Other good subjects are to be included.

CORRESPONDENCE

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Lieut. Boughey is no doubt a brave officer, but he is evidently not without that discretion which is the better part of valour. His last letter reminds one of the old couplet:—

"He who fights and runs away
Lives to fight another day."

He repeats the statements (which he cannot prove), to the effect that in Nationalist Ireland Protestants have no chance of election to public bodies; but adds "I do not say, of course, that their Protestantism has been the reason assigned for this exclusion."

Now, sir, this admission knocks the bottom out of nine-tenths of the so-called arguments advanced by Unionist speakers and writers. It is notorious that what is called the Ulster difficulty is only kept flickering by constant appeals to religious prejudices, and the appeals are generally based on direct misrepresentation; that is why Lieut. Boughey, and others similarly engaged, at once jib at a direct challenge, and cry out "Radical abuse" when shown up in their true colours.

However, we must not be too severe on those in distress, but seeing that Lieut. Boughey now practically admits that there is not the religious difficulty his friends have taught us to fear, we will rejoice that one (politically) sinner has found (political) salvation, even though it involves the rather unusual spectacle of a British officer showing the white feather.

Lieut. Boughey suggests that the matter on which I have challenged him concerns only himself and Mr Foster. Strange doctrine, indeed! Why was his first letter sent to this journal if he intended it only for Mr Foster? Does he imagine this is a private newspaper, with its wide and influential circulation, is read only by the future Member for the Barkston Ash Division? Sir, this nonsensical suggestion is simply another stale red herring drawn across the path for the purpose of obscuring the real issue, which is, and is likely to remain, misleading statements about religious intolerance in Catholic Ireland, for which not a scrap of evidence has been vouchsafed.—Yours, etc.,

MARTIN HARVEY.

At Barwick School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.96 as compared with 88.91 in December, 1912. The figures for Scholes School were 83.33 and 88.89.

A marriage has been arranged between Robert Evelyn Tissington Tatlow, second son of Mr Tissington Tatlow, formerly of Doncaster, Co. Yorks, and Scotland, eldest daughter of Mr F. W. Lawson, of Adel.

AVIATION.—On Sunday an aeroplane left Leeds about half-past eleven, with Dr. Christie in the pilot's, and Harold Dubberley in the passenger's seat, and they arrived over York in the leisurely time of 40 minutes. Various incidents, however, had delayed the airmen. For instance, at Tadcaster they made a special circular flight for the entertainment of the villagers, while so thick was the fall of mist and smoke over York that they at first missed the acknowledged aerial signpost, the Minster.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—An Ilbrough on Friday night a whist drive and dance were given by the Hon. Mrs Fairfax, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The whist drive occupied the first part of the evening, and the prize-winners were:—Ladies: 1, Miss Westerby; 2, Miss Bertram; 3, Mrs. Chapman; booby, Miss Bolton. Gentlemen: 1, Mr Blair; 2, Rev. G. Fargus; 3, Mr Hobson; booby, Mr Blackley. The dance which followed lasted till the early hours of the morning, and was full of spirit and enjoyment for all.

AGRICULTURAL REFORMATORY.—At a meeting in Leeds in connection with Adel Reformatory School, the report showed that the number of boys in the school last December was 132, as compared with 147 in December, 1912, the number on licence 25; as compared with 33, and the number at large one, as compared with none, giving a total of 109, as compared with 180. During the three years ending December 31st last, 132 boys had left the school, of whom 110 were doing well. The school had been doing the work in a satisfactory manner. Attention was drawn to the smaller percentage of re-convictions, which in the past year worked out at only 9 per cent., as compared with 12.2 per cent. of the previous year. The adoption of the report was moved by the Lord Mayor, who mentioned that he had taken a special interest in the band of the institution. Mr F. W. Lawson, who seconded, said the band could be engaged at any time, and the Committee had perfect confidence that their music would be appreciated. The motion was carried.

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CHAPTER XIX.

On the morning of the day on which Laurence was to dine at the Carlton with Sir John Shepherd he received a note from Miss Delomosne. Had Sir John been privileged to look over his shoulder as he read it he very designing gentleman would have been somewhat surprised at its contents. As a matter of fact, Miss Delomosne, who was evolving certain plans of her own—having for their object something not at all in accordance with Sir John's intentions—had decided to write to Laurence in order to put Sir John off the scent. But the note was little more than a mere formality. "Dear Mr. Workman,"—it ran, "my guardian tells me that he has asked you to join his party for the river from Saturday to Monday. I am sure it would give us great pleasure if you could see your way to accept his invitation." She signed herself "Yours sincerely, Lilian Delomosne," and Laurence, who had not seen her handwriting before, was much struck by its grace and firmness. He put the letter away in his pocket-book.

"But I mustn't go," he said. "Three days of absence—even two—no, that is out of the question."

He had several letters to read that morning. The next one he took up, enclosed in a square envelope, addressed in typescript, and bearing the stamp of a S.W. office, was typed on a foolscap sheet, and had neither address nor date nor signature. Thinking it some circular, Laurence merely glanced at it—catching a word here and there; and then he suddenly uttered a sharp exclamation, carried the sheet over to the window of his lodgings, and read it over with a frown on his forehead.

"The writer," he read, "knows that you are engaged in a great enterprise, and, it wishing you success, desires to warn you against persons who are endeavouring to profit by your labours. When you remember that you have had papers and plans stolen from you on two occasions you cannot fail to realise that you have secret enemies, whose methods are as crafty as they are relentless. Those enemies may be nearer than you think. You may be perfectly certain, at any rate, that they are well acquainted with your movements, and are bent on discovering your secrets. Permit the writer to give you a piece of sound advice—do not relax your precautions for an hour, and when it comes to the critical moment of your work be as watchful and careful as if your workshop were surrounded by an army of spies. It is impossible to tell you in this letter how your enemies are reckoned on robbing you of your discovery. They have, the writer repeats, twice succeeded in stealing your plans; take care that the third time does not see them rob you of something much more valuable than they know. One more—be watchful, and be suspicious of even your so-called best friends."

Laurence put this communication in his pocket with a feeling of anger, surprise, and impatience all mingled together. Like all honest and straightforward men he abhorred anything in the shape of anonymous letters, and his first instinct as regards this was to tear it up, and throw the shreds into his waste-paper basket. But there was something in the letter which seemed to him to ring true; it was evidently written by some person who was acquainted with some undoubtedly true episodes in the history of his invention. Who could that person be?

And—most disturbing, perplexing, harassing thought—who could the unknown enemies be who worked, like moles, in the dark?

Laurence's temperament was destitute of desire to injure; to prove himself the deserving enemy of any human being was beyond him; he therefore could not understand how anyone could plot against him in order to rob him of his work. And yet there the plain facts were—he had twice during the past two years been successfully robbed of plans and diagrams. These things were undoubtedly stolen by some person or persons who desired to possess them. Who were they?

Leaving his breakfast untasted, Laurence walked up and down his sitting-room thinking. "Of course," he thought, "there were people who knew that I was always inventing something or other from boyhood. My father knew, and my mother; Francis Armadale knew, and so did some of the heads of department. Any one of them knew that I was during the last year or two I was at work on something uncommon. But who of all these people would want to steal my plans? They were all friends."

He drew the anonymous letter from his pocket again, and referred to one sentence in it—that which referred to his enemies being nearer than he thought. But who could there be amongst those who were near? Because, after all, there was no one so really near but Herman Groot.

The idea of suspecting Herman Groot was as impossible to Laurence as it would have been to suspect his father or mother. Poor, plodding, not-over-lively Groot, with whom he had worked side by side for so long, and for whom he had come to have something like affection. No, he could not doubt his assistant's good faith for a moment. Groot had never been brilliant; he was the sort of workman to whom one had to explain carefully exactly what he was to do, and who would then do it with unquestioning accuracy, but he was not a man of initiative, and Laurence doubted if he had it in his power to plan to form a scheme for robbing him of his ideas. Besides, what use could Groot make of them? No, he could not doubt Groot's honesty.

He made an attempt to eat some breakfast, and then hurried off to the workshop, later than he had been since the great invention commenced operations. Groot was there before him, leaning against the wall and smoking a big-bowled pipe. Groot had a habit of smoking as he walked up, concealed him the very incarnation of innocence. His big, placid face, with its calm blue eyes and great drooping moustache, was childlike in its candour.

Laurence, once inside the workshop, called Groot into the office. He drew from the mysterious letter from his pocket-book and opened it out on the desk at which Groot worked, greatly to his own delight, transacted whatever secretarial work there was to do.

"Look here, Groot," he said. "Read that."

Groot picked up the foolscap sheet, held it within six inches of his nose, and read it through without a tremor; a sigh of relief escaped from him as he laid it down, took off his clerk's cap, and scratched his head.

"That's queer!" he said. "Enemies, eh?"

"Of course, you remember that I had my plans stolen from me, Groot," answered Laurence.

"So you told me," answered Groot.

"That's queer, too."

"Well, there must be somebody who is after my work," said Laurence.

"It seems like it," replied Groot.

"You never see anybody about here, do you?" asked Laurence.

"Me?" said Groot. "No—never. How could they get in? You have the keys."

"Yes, of course. I mean hanging about."

"I never see anybody. I go straight home, and I come straight here," said Groot. "The hours are too long to let one idle about. I'm always in bed when we're off the river."

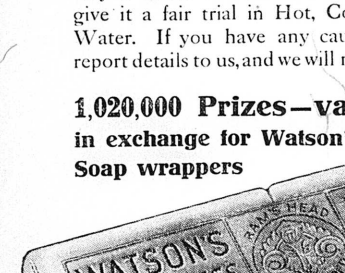
"Well, we can have a good rest then," said Laurence. "Now look here, Groot, I'm not going to leave this place now, day nor night, until I've finished. But to-night I've promised to dine with Sir John, so I shall want you to stay here on guard. I'll have a good supper sent in for you, and some cigars and beer, and you'll sleep all right on the camp-bed. After that, I'll stay here myself every night."

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"All right," said Groot. "I'll stay."

So Groot took possession of the keys. When he went out for his dinner at noon he bought a large lump of wax, and at night, when he supped with great gusto, he amused himself by taking some very accurate impressions of the bits of steel which gave access to Laurence's workshop.

As for Laurence, hurrying home rather earlier than usual so that he might not be late at the Carlton, he came across Charity Wraye in the street, and walked along with her. A sudden idea prompted him to show her the anonymous letter.

"See," he said. "I've always felt that I could trust you in everything ever since I met you at Canterbury, and I want to trust you now—at least, I mean I want to give you a confidence. May I?"

"It is good of you to feel that you can," she said. "Is it anything I can help you in?"

For answer he put the sheet of foolscap into her hands. "Read that," he said.

She read the letter through with brows slightly contracted, and a manner that looked puzzled, and then handed it back to him.

"Can you think who sent that?" he asked.

"I?" she said. "No, I cannot. But—"

"Yes?" he said, seeing her hesitate. "You have been struck by something?"

"Yes," she replied. "The paper is exactly the same as a special paper that we use in the offices. I noticed the water-mark. But ours has an engraved heading."

"Ah! and now I notice something," said Laurence. "There has been a strip cut off from that."

"Yes, I noticed that, too," said Charity. "And I noticed something else."

"Yes," said Laurence, eagerly. "What is it?"

"That this has been typed on the same sort of machine that we use throughout the offices," she answered. "The whole place was equipped with them some time ago, and all the partners got some for their private houses as well."

Laurence considered matters. "Then it seems very probable that this letter was written by someone connected with the firm," he said. "Though, of course, there will be thousands of that particular type-writing machine in use, no doubt, in London alone."

"Yes," said Charity, "but I don't think any firm but ours uses this size and sort of paper. It was specially made for us—there's a tremendous stock of it in the store department."

"That seems proof positive that somebody connected with the firm did send this, then," said Laurence. "Please keep this to yourself; don't mention it to your brother—it might alarm him."

"Oh, no!" she said. "I—I hope you are in no danger."

"Personally? Oh, I'm not afraid of that," he answered, laughing. "Don't be alarmed. I shall have to hurry away now, or I shall be late."

He was conscious as he left her that she had shown some confusion when she expressed the hope that he was in no danger, and he began to question himself as to whether a feeling warmer than mere friendship was not beginning spring up between them.

"She's a dear girl!" he murmured. "And a good one. I'd rather spend the evening with her and Bickie than go to dine with these other people."

However, an hour later he was chatting and laughing gaily to Miss Delomosne, who, for the present moment, quite apart from those of her host, made herself very fascinating to Laurence. But not all her blandishments, nor the enticements of Sir Herbert, nor the worldly-wisdom advice of Sir John Bedford could stir Laurence from his determination not to spend the week-end on the river.

"After to-night," he said, "I won't leave my work night or day until it's complete. You see, I've had a warning."

And therewith he showed them the anonymous letter, carefully refraining from saying anything as to the conclusions Charity Wraye had come to about it. Before them he made light of it, and last none of them seemed to attach any great amount of importance to it soon dropped out as a subject of conversation, Sir Herbert having the final word it saying that he believed every inventor could show a trunk full of such documents if he had kept them.

But later on, as they were about to separate, Sir John contrived to get Miss Delomosne to himself in a palm-shaded alcove. He spoke to her with an anger which he had kept concealed and bottled up for the past hour or two.

"You wrote that letter!" he said. "You can't deny it."

Miss Delomosne faced him boldly. "Yes," she answered, "I did. Now you can perhaps recognise something. By sending him that letter I put myself against you, and I'll fight you to the very death if need be. You think I'm in your power, don't you? Well, I'm not! Not, do you hear? Go home and look in your secret drawer, Sir John!"

CHAPTER XX.

Sir John Bedford went away from the Carlton that night with mixed feelings surging and wandering in his mind. Miss Delomosne had more than once been of particular service and value to him because of her position as his senior partner's ward. Now that she had openly defied him he recognised that she would prove a formidable enemy. She was capable of anything—he knew that from considerable experience of her. More than once she was just one of those women to whom revenge is doubly sweet, and she had cause to care a good deal for her revenge on him. The fortune of life had placed her in his power, and he had used that power as a means to his own ends. Now that she was out of his power, or believed herself to be, she would turn on him like a tigress. But—was she?

"Confound it!" he said to himself as he walked down Whitehall on his way from Pall Mall to Westminster, "there's only one way in which she could have regained her freedom, and that's by getting the letters. Look in my secret drawer indeed! I'd like to see anybody get into that! And yet she spoke positively and sneeringly. There's something wrong—what is it?" Then a sudden thought struck him and brought him to a sharp pause. "By Heaven!" he said. "That scoundrel Shepheard! Can it be possible?"

He was so anxious to know the absolute truth that he entered the next hansom that he hailed a passing hansom, and bade the driver go as fast as possible to Queen Anne's Mansions. Within a few minutes he was in his own flat, had sent the valet whom he had engaged after Shepheard's flight to bed, locked himself in his study, and thrown off his overcoat.

"Now we'll soon see," he said, and went over to a small but heavily-fashioned escritoire which stood in an alcove in one corner of the room. "If Mr. Shepheard really did make a way into this he's cleverer than I took him for—much cleverer. And I can find out no one but him."

He took off his dinner-jacket and, turning up the cuffs of his shirt, pulled the escritoire out of the alcove. Made of old Spanish mahogany and liberally draped and ornamented with brasswork it was by no means easy to move, but he drew it under the truest possible light, and unlocked the drawer. Out of the heavy lid with a curiously-shaped key which he took from his pocket-book. Lifting some papers from the cavity within he touched a secret spring in the side. A panel slid back with a sharp click and revealed an opening. Another touch of another spring, and a drawer appeared—empty.

"Ah!" he exclaimed. "As I thought! Shepheard! But how did he manage it? I'll swear he never had the key."

He began to search about the desk, endeavouring to find out by what means it had been opened. There were no marks upon it that he could detect—not a scratch disfigured the fine satiny polish of its surface. He turned up an exceptionally powerful reading-lamp and examined the various joinings; and at last he saw that the escritoire had been entered from behind by carefully taking out a panel, which had just as carefully been replaced. Sir John locked the escritoire up again, restored it to its place, and sat on his dinner-jacket. Going back to the dining-room he mixed himself a whisky-and-soda and lighted a cigar. With one in his hand and the other between his lips, he walked up and down the room, thinking. Half an hour later, having finished his cigar in an easy-chair, he drank a night-cap of whisky and went to bed. According to his usual habit he dismissed the affairs of the day as soon as he bolted his bedroom door.

But Sir John's mind was wide enough awake next morning when he entered his dining-room for breakfast. From the moment he had opened his eyes his mind had been steadily and busily exercising itself as to the solution of several problems which the present situation necessitated consideration of. The newspapers of that morning lay neatly arranged on a side-table; he picked one up, and, still thinking over a plan of action, ran his eyes mechanically along the columns. Without paying any particular attention to anything they suddenly struck on a name, the sight of which made him start, just as if had made Shepheard start in that very room some days before.

"The convict, Edward Penrose, who effected his escape from Dartmoor more than a week ago, has so far successfully baffled all attempts at recapture. Although every effort has been made to ascertain his whereabouts he has completely disappeared, and the authorities believe that he is safely hidden in London, from whence he will doubtless endeavour to cross to the Continent. It will be remembered that Penrose, a man of great ability and of impressive personality, was sentenced three years ago to a long term of penal servitude for forgery, the victim of his crime being the well-known engineers, Messrs. Armadale, Limited. A sad feature of the case was that Penrose was a protegé of Sir Herbert Armadale, the senior partner, and had been educated and practically adopted by that gentleman. At the time of the forgery Penrose was the chief clerk in the financial department of the firm. It will further be remembered that, in spite of very clear evidence against him, he vehemently protested his innocence."

Sir John read this paragraph carefully over, and threw the newspaper back amongst the rest.

"So that's why Shepheard went off so quickly!" he thought. "Well, I don't wonder. After even three years of it Penrose will have worked himself up to a sufficient pitch of cool daring to deliver a bold stroke the first time if they ever do meet. I remember the look he gave him as he walked out of the dock! I"

He broke off, and, with his usual good appetite, and at exactly half-past nine got into his motor-car. But instead of driving direct to the works he bade his man go to a certain department at Scotland Yard. Here Sir John sent in his card, with a request for an interview with a famous detective-inspector, who immediately sent down an invitation to join him in his office.

"I see," said Sir John, plunging at once into the matter which had brought him there —"I see that Edward Penrose has got away from Dartmoor."

"Yes," answered the inspector. "That's so, Sir John. He's got clear away—been away nine—or perhaps ten—days."

"And they say in the papers that it's thought he's got to London and is hidden here. Is that possible?"

The inspector shrugged his shoulders, and smiled. "Possible—yes," he replied. "Quite possible if he could get away from immediate pursuit and procure clothes and money. He may have had an accomplice."

"But—why London, where he was known?" asked Sir John.

The inspector smiled more cracularly than ever. "London is a big place, Sir John," he answered. "Of course, Penrose was not a criminal of the habitual class—if he had been he'd have made for some of the haunts we know, in the quarters we know. As it is, if he's got funds and clothes he could put up at a good hotel with impunity, and from there make his way to the Continent."

"But surely he'd be recognised here?"

"Might be—might be! It's a sporting chance. So far as I remember him—he'd the barrister, or doctor, or actor type of clean-shaven," said the inspector. "Well dressed and groomed, he might pass a few days in London easily enough. It's a question of his means."

"You remember all the circumstances of the case?" said Sir John.

"Oh, yes, very well," replied the inspector. "Especially the evidence of Shephard?" asked Sir John.

"That's the case. That settled Penrose altogether," answered the inspector. "Let me see, wasn't Shepheard a sort of servant to him?"

"No," replied Sir John. "Shepheard was employed as a species of messenger, footman, run-about man in our offices. Penrose used his services a good deal—Shepheard had been an under-footman at Sir Herbert Armadale's. Well, I should think Penrose was very much after the Penrose affair—he was, I could see, sharp, keen, alert, and I wanted such a man."

"I see."

"Nine days ago," continued Sir John, "Shepheard disappeared from my flat with most amazing quickness. I was quite at a loss to account for it, for he was not only a model servant, but evidently well pleased with his work and place. Went off like a shot! I left him in the flat one evening when I went out to my club, and never saw him again."

"Nine days ago," mused the inspector. "Ah! I understand. He'd heard of Penrose's escape. Do you want him back, Sir John? Did he take anything?"

"He didn't take anything with him," replied Sir John, "and it wasn't until last night that I found that he'd abstracted some papers of mine. However, I know where they got to, and I might as well say for the moon as try to get them back."

But you might as well have Shepheard's description, I've a good idea that he's in France, where he'll probably be found running a small hotel or restaurant in company with a French-woman whom he knew here."

Then, having described Mr. Shepheard and Madame-elle Jeanne, Sir John descended to his motor-car; instead of going towards the south-east he made his man turn to the south-west, and bade him drive to Twickenham.

At Sir Herbert Armadale's house he asked for Miss Delomosne. She was in no wise surprised to receive his message, for she had felt sure ever since the previous night that he would not be long before he called on her. She went down and found him in the morning-room. No greeting passed between them; she merely entered the room, closed the door, and faced him.

"Well!" she said, not without some trace of bitterness and contempt in her voice.

Sir John slowly drew off his gloves. "Look here, Lilian——" he began.

Miss Delomosne stepped him with a frown and a gesture. "No!" she said. "Say what you have to say, and say it as plainly as you like; but don't use my name."

"There was a time when you didn't mind my using it," he said, with a sneer. "However, a mere name's nothing. I want to know what you're going to do."

"Do!"

"Don't let's beat about the bush. You wrote that anonymous letter to Workman!"

"Well, supposing I did!"

"I know you did. Nobody else could have done. Nobody else knew. Now then, as you know so much you shall know more. Either as far of us in at this—prime movers, at any rate, with two or three cat's-paws who can be paid—and we mean to have the lion's share of Workman's one way or the other. Now, you're not rich beyond the dreams of avarice, Lilian—oh, very well, if you like it better—and I can assure you that Sir Herbert is by no means as well off as he was. The firm's done badly these last few years. He'll not leave you what he could have done some years ago. And so——"

"What do you wish to say to me?" she demanded.

"I wish to say—come in with us at this; come in, and have your share."

Miss Delomosne regarded him steadily for a full minute. "Who are you—who are the four?" she inquired.

Sir John frowned at this question. "Oh, well," he said, "I'm in for a quarter, for a pound, I suppose now. Well, there's myself; there's Francis Armadale—the original idea came from him—Bedford, who is awfully hot water through gambling, and he knows there's a perfect gold mine in this young Workman—then there's a fourth, a certain man of French scientist and inventor; and Monsieur Jiremond."

"What—a clergyman—a priest?" she exclaimed.

"Bah! Bremond is no more clergyman or priest than I am," said Sir John. "He's a Belgian speculator, and it suits him and us to have Workman in that way when he comes here—that's all."

"Let me see," she said. "I think you first introduced Mr. Shepheard to Sir Herbert."

"Of course I did—who else!" he answered.

She still continued to regard him steadily. "An outside gang," she said. "Well, and what is my part to be?"

Sir John sat down on the edge of the table and folded his arms across his knees. "There's no doubt," he said, thoughtfully, "that you can do more than anyone else to young Workman. It's my belief he's in love with you—if he isn't, you can make him so. I was watching him last night—it only needs opportunity. Now, why can't you persuade him that, after all, there's great risks about the invention, and that though he may fancy he's going to get a colossal fortune out of this it may be a fiasco. Persuade him that it's not worth while to run any risk, once of it to a company who would give him a handsome price for it. Tell him of the fate of heaps of inventors who thought they were going to be as rich as Dives, and died as poor as Lazarus. Tell him that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and that we understand in good hard cash is worth lots more than hypothetical millions. I should have thought you'd have enough to know how to get round a man."

"I'm clever enough," she said, "to know all there is to know about the proposal. My answer is—No!"

Sir John picked up his gloves and began to put them on. "You rely on your recovery of your letters?" he said.

"I rely on the fact that I am no longer in your power," she thought.

Sir John picked up his hat and gazed on its glossiness. "Oh!" he said. "Well, I'm not quite sure as to that. There's a little piece of news in the papers this morning which may interest you. See here."

He picked up a newspaper and, after turning it over a little, pointed to a paragraph similar to that which had struck Sir John's attention. He watched her as she read it, and saw her face turn pale and her lips compress themselves.

"Not pleasant news, is it?" he said, meaningly.

Miss Delomosne made a weary gesture in laying the paper down. "I don't care," she said. "I'm tired of all of it. I gave you my answer, and I repeat it. You've used me, and treated me abominably and most cruelly. Come what may, I've resolved I will not be your cat's-paw any more. I will not help you."

With that she turned away and left hi

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One of the most regular patrons of a Willesden picture palace is a blind man. He is accompanied by a dog, who whispers to him the story of the pictures.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Have Kippax "fathers" received any offers for their fire engine yet?

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Selby Conservatives keep things lively. They have a whist drive every week.

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Three cases constituted the programme at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday.

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It is expected that Kippax's new sewage scheme will cost about £6,000. Poor Kippax!

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The dirty state of the main road through Tadcaster on Monday was freely commented upon.

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Wetherby folks had some excitement on Sunday. An aeroplane made two circuits of the old town.

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Day of small things. Business at the meetings of Tadcaster Board of Guardians and District Council was over in 25 minutes!

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Why not in Barkston Ash? The clergy and Free Church ministers of North Leeds have had several conferences as to church work.

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No cases at Wetherby Petty Sessions and white gloves! Wetherby district is to be congratulated. Everybody apparently is behaving better!

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On Friday Prince Arthur of Connaught hunted with the Bramham Moor hounds, while the Princess attended the meet at Walton in a motor-car.

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"Every fourth person you meet nowadays," said a member of Selby Rural Council, "is an inspector." What a wonderful imagination the man must have.

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A petition in favour of a better train service and improved station accommodation at Wetherby has been sent to the N.E.R. Co. by the Rural District Council.

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Excellent! Wetherby Wesleyan choir, by a carol singing expedition, got £12 12s., and this sum has been divided between Leeds Infirmary and Harrogate Hospital.

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Advance Selby! A scheme is on hand to form a garden suburb, with 32 semi-detached villas, on the Leeds Road, near Selby. The plans have been submitted to Selby Rural Council.

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Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash, and Mrs Foster entertain the officers and Executive of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association in Leeds on Saturday night.

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A Barkston Ash record! Jack Matthews, of the Selby Shipyard, has launched more ships broadside than any living man. On Thursday he launched the 91st for the firm, and his total is over 600.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Lieut. Leefe Holden, of Alston, and Edith Isabel, youngest daughter of the late Bertram George Scott Judd, of Ricklidge, Essex.

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The arbitration proceedings to settle the amount to be paid by Leeds to Tadcaster District Council for the loss of Cowgraites have taken place in London this week. The claim was for about £21,000.

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Tut, tut! The Rev. W. Pearson, owing to differences of opinion on the question of steam haulage of road material, has threatened to resign his position as chairman of the Highways Committee of the Wetherby Rural District Council.

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When a conscientious objector applied to the Tadcaster magistrates on Monday for an exemption from vaccination for his child the Chairman said he thought he was foolish. Perhaps, but the applicant did not think so, and that was the main thing.

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How does he know? Mr. Harris Anson, of Hambleton, says that if the County Council take roads over the cost will be double. As a matter of fact, the County Council have to keep a tight hand on some of the District Councils in regard to local improvements.

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A fairly-good sketch of Mr W. Sykes, of Tadcaster, who presided at a Leeds "Trade" dinner, appears in the "News," which remarks that "the Chairman, who had charge of the loyal toasts, gave us the first-hand information that, by all accounts, the Queen was a very nice lady."

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To the "good old days!" Mr John Townend, formerly locomotive superintendent at Selby, who has celebrated his 90th birthday, was born at Bubwith, near Selby. He had only four years' schooling and recalls that once he played truant for three weeks at a stretch. He went to work in a brickyard at the twelve years old. He remembers Selby when there was no railway, when the place was a seaport, and when the stage coach used to ply.

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Lord Holden, who is engaged to be married, is the second bearer of the title, which was created in 1908, succeeded his father in 1912. The first Baron Holden was a son of Sir Isaac Holden, the famous woolcomber and inventor, of Keighley, whom he succeeded in the baronetcy in 1897. The present peer, who was born on January 8th, 1867, married in 1897 Ethel Eden (who died last year), daughter of the late Major William Cookson, 80th Foot. His heir is his son, the Hon. Angus William Eden Holden, who is nearly 16 years old. The family seat is Nun Appleton Hall, Bolton Percy.

Quite right! Allerton Bywater Council are determined to make the N.E.R. Co. toe the mark. They refuse to kerb a footpath on a road leading to Castleford which they keep in repair, and the County Council are to be asked to make the N.E.R. do the work. The remainder of the kerb has been laid.

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Ma's interdict! Spectators at Moortown flying ground on Friday afternoon were disappointed in that a bridal couple, who were stated to have arranged for an aerial honeymoon with Mr Blackburn, did not turn up. A telegram was received stating that the parental consent had not been gained.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

FLOWER GARDEN AT ROBIN HOOD.

REFUSAL TO ERECT WIRE NETTING.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell and District Education Committee, was held in the Robin Hood Council School on Friday night—Mr W. Lunn (vice-chairman) presiding. The other members present were: Mr S. K. Chadwick, Mr J. Hirst, Mr P. Thomas, Mr J. Dobson, Mr J. Horner, Mr R. McCullough, Mr. H. Walton, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr W. Steel).

The headmaster of the Robin Hood School wrote asking for a supply of wire netting for the purpose of putting round the garden in the centre of the playground, as the infants plucked the flowers.

Mr Lunn said he objected to the netting being supplied, as the children ought to be trained to desist plucking the flowers. They did not find the flower beds in the public parks noted off, and no one thought of plucking the flowers.

The Clerk said it was the duty of the teachers to keep the children's fingers off.

Mr Lunn added that when a child knew what to do it also knew what not to do.

Mr Hirst said that when a child knew what to do did it always do it? He agreed with Mr Lunn's remarks.

Mr Chadwick also spoke against the idea of netting the garden in, as he said, it would spoil the whole appearance.

It was decided to refuse the application.

The Clerk read a letter from the headteacher of the Scarrhouse School, regretting that the class for children under five was full and asking that they might stop admitting children under this age.

The Clerk said he had written to the headteacher saying that he did not think the committee would agree to this course being adopted, but suggesting that in order to reduce the number of the children in the lower classes he moved up.

The Clerk's action in the matter was upheld.

It was reported that the caretaker of the Middleton School had had his salary raised, as recommended, from £23 to £30.

Reports of visits of one of His Majesty's Inspectors to the Robin Hood, Rothwell Council (mixed department), and Carlton Schools were received and considered highly satisfactory.

The attendance returns for the district for December showed a percentage of 88.57 as compared with 86.88 in the previous month. The returns for the various schools were as follows:—Rothwell Council (mixed) 90.33; Rothwell Council infants, over five 88.65, and under five 82.42; Stourton Council (mixed) 90.92; Stourton Council, infants, over five 89.5, and under five 83.76; Robin Hood Council (mixed), 95.85; Robin Hood Council, infants, over five 89.58, and under five 88.88; Carlton Council (mixed), 83.05; Carlton Council, infants, over five 73.41, and under five 71.05; Thorp Council (mixed), 90.29; Thorpe Council (infants), over five 79.16, and under five 73.33; Wood Lane (Rothwell Heigh), infants, over five, 91.07, and under five, 80; Rothwell National (mixed), 89.62; Rothwell National (infants), over five, 92.7, and under five, 60.81; Lotthouse National (mixed), 93.01; Lotthouse National (infants), over five, 90.9, and under five, 89.47; Middleton (mixed), 94.29; Middleton (infants), over five 91.3, and under five 85.71.

A FRYSTON SENSATION.

HEARTLESS NEPHEW'S FRAUD.

A remarkable story of deception and fraud was told at the Pontefract West Riding Police Court on Saturday, when the charge was proceeded with against Ralph Nugent Harvey, age 22, an electrical engineer, of Bradford, of obtaining £1,180 by false pretences from his uncle, Mr Oliver Smith, of 14, Sunbeam Avenue, Beeston Hill, Leeds.

Mr W. L. Scarlett Hutton, who appeared for the prosecution, explained that Mr Smith was until last August a travelling draper and clothier, residing at Fryston, near Castleford. He traded entirely with the poorer working-class people, and did not move amongst persons of the education that prisoner possessed. The total sum obtained from Mr Smith by prisoner was £1,205, in addition to a valuable gold watch. On June 2nd last the prisoner arrived at Fryston in a motor-car, with a chauffeur in livery. He told his uncle that the car belonged to a Scottish millionaire of the name of Gregory Andrew Macmillan, who resided at "The Chase, in Scotland," and who was a shareholder in the Cunard and Wilson Steamship Lines. He added that he was in partnership with "Mac," as he called the imaginary millionaire, and, although ordinary people could not invest their money in the Cunard and Wilson Lines, Mr Macmillan was willing for his prisoner's uncles and aunts do so, and they would make at least 20 per cent. On that occasion, the prosecutor handed over £100. The prisoner's aunt again handed over £100. The prisoner came again the following day. "I have come for all the money you can give me." Mr Smith asked what Macmillan had said about the £100, and the prisoner replied that he said that Mr Smith should let him have all the money he could. In consequence five or six further sums varying from £10 to £30 were handed over to prisoner by his uncle. Next prisoner urged Mr Smith to sell his property, and that was duly done. £1,750 being received for it. The net proceeds, amounting to £1050, were subsequently handed over to the prisoner. This included a £300 bank note, which the same day was paid in by the prisoner for a motor car to a Bradford dealer.

In regard to the gold watch, Mr Burton said that after the prisoner had taken a fancy to it he appeared one day and told Mr Smith that Mac, whom he was to meet at Hull that day on shipping business, had given him the gold watch and chain. Shortly after, and it had since been found that prisoner had pawned it in Leeds. Mr Smith had practically lost all his savings, and would have to start business again. All the money obtained by the prisoner had gone. He had spent large sums on hiring taxi-cabs, and £532 in purchasing a motor-car. He had also paid £32 10s. for a cup, which he had presented to the Yorkshire Dragoons in Bradford, and he had bought a considerable quantity of jewellery for a Bradford young lady. Miss Ida Jowett, of Bradford, to whom he had said his father broke off the engagement. A watch, gold bangle, two gold rings, and other jewellery had been recovered. Prisoner had also engaged a chauffeur, to whom he paid 30s. a week at first, and afterwards £2 so long as the money lasted. Then the prisoner sold the car in London for £300.

Mr Smith, in the witness-box, said the prisoner's parents had been in no badly duped as he had, and it was they who first mentioned the matter to him. He believed, however, that they had acted quite innocently.

The prisoner pleaded guilty.

Mr WM Bewley, for the defence, said the case was so extraordinary that if a similar story had been told in a novel it would have been characterised as impossible. The prisoner had told him that he had had an inordinate desire to have a motor-engine or a motor-car of his own. He had also been an omnivorous reader, and he had hit on this method of satisfying his desire. He had first duped his parents, and obtained all their money, about £1000.

The Chairman (Mr W. F. Tempest) remarked that there could be no excuse for what was robbery and nothing else, and prisoner would have to go to gaol for six months with hard labour.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SCHOOLS TURNED INTO NURSERIES.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton and District Education Committee was held in the committee room of the Young Men's Christian Association, Oulton Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night —Mr P. S. Marsden presiding. Other members present were Mr B. Wood Higgins, Mr G. M. Abbey, Mr H. E. Cairns, Mr S. H. Young, Mr J. H. Tomlinson, Mr J. W. Ridyard, Mr J. P. Allison and Mr T. H. Myton, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Poxell).

Reports on visits of one of H.M. Inspectors to Holton and Oulton St. John's Church Schools were received and considered satisfactory. In the report of Oulton St. John's School, the inspector commented upon the overcrowding of the school space among the younger children, especially in regard to the children of three years of age.

Mr Ridyard said he agreed with the inspector with regard to children of three. It was simply making a nursery of the school, and parents were getting the children off their hands at the expense of the ratepayers.

The Clerk said they could not exclude children under five unless there was no room.

It was reported that the addition of several new desks to the Woodhuford School will dispense with some thirteen old desks of the long type. The question arose as to whether or not these old desks could be sold for "scrap." It was suggested that some recreation club might come along and buy the desks.

With regard to the resolution moved by Mr Young at last meeting in regard to the periodical revision of head teachers' salaries, the Clerk reported that he had forwarded the resolution to the West Riding Education Committee, who had replied that the matter was receiving their attention.

This was considered satisfactory.

The attendance returns for the division showed that for December the percentage was 89.06 as compared with 86.81 in 1912. In the Garforth district the attendance was 91.16 as compared with 85.06. Oulton showed a decrease, the figures being 86.65 as against 87.33. Sherburn was up with a percentage of 91.18 as compared with 89.03. Kippax had a percentage of 87.9 as against 86.14.

SEQUEL TO A SALE OF PIGS AT BARWICK-IN-ELMET.

CHARGE AGAINST A TADCASTER MAN.

On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions Charles Bateson, described as a labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with the embezzlement of £3 8s., the moneys of his employer, Mr John W. Southron, pig dealer, of Tadcaster.

Inspector Daniels, in opening the case, said the offence occurred on Jan. 13th. Prisoner was sent by his employer with four pigs to Barwick, and those he sold to Mr Baxter, who paid him £3 8s. He returned to Tadcaster, but instead of handing over the money to Mr Southron, he absconded, and a warrant was taken out for his arrest.

John William Southron, pig dealer, of York Road, Tadcaster, said that prisoner had been in his employment for about three months. On Thursday, the 15th inst., he instructed him to take four pigs to the William IV. Inn, Barwick, and he would be paid 17s. each for them if they suited, but if they did not suit he was to bring them back.

Inspector Daniels: What person did you instruct him to see?—Witness: Mr William Baxter, the proprietor of the inn.

Did you see prisoner again that day?—Yes, about 11-45, and he had on pigs with him.

Did you speak to him?—Yes, I told him I would see him in the yard at 12-30.

Did you go to the yard?—Yes, but he was not there.

Did he say anything as to having sold the pigs?—Yes, and he said the man was highly satisfied with them.

Did he say whether he had received payment for the pigs or not?—No.

Witness stated that at 4-30 he heard that Bateson was still in the inn, and he made inquiries and took out a warrant for his arrest.

Supt. Daniels: Had he any business at Wetherby for you?—Yes, on Friday.

Prisoner asked what had happened on previous occasions when he had got money for him.

Witness: You have given it to me.

Prisoner: I have been handling the money and would I have taken a small sum, when I could have gone away with close on £30.

Witness: You were not there at 12-30.

William Baxter, landlord of the William IV. Inn, Barwick-in-Elmet, said that on the 15th prisoner brought four pigs to him from Mr Southron, of Tadcaster, and he paid him £3 8s. for them. The money was to be handed over by Bateson to the prosecutor.

P.C. Bell, of Spofforth, said that on Thursday, the 15th, from something that was told him, he arrested prisoner at Wetherby Railway Station, and charged him with stealing the money. He replied "I am quite aware of that." He searched him and found a ticket from Wetherby to Tadcaster, of that date, and £3 8s. 2d. When he charged him at Tadcaster next day with the offence he made no reply.

Prisoner was ordered to say that he had handed the money to Southron when he saw him at 11-45, and Southron was recalled.

The Chairman (Mr J. M. Dawson): Was any money offered to you?—Witness: I did not see any money.

Was it offered to you?—He asked me if I wanted it, and I told him I would see him at 12-30.

The Clerk: What did he actually say?—Witness: He told me the man was highly satisfied with the pigs.

Did he offer you any money?—No, sir, I never mentioned money to him.

Prisoner: Did I ask you if you wanted the money?

Southron: I did not hear you.

Prisoner: A few minutes ago you said I asked you if you wanted any money, and now you say you did not hear me.

On being formally charged, prisoner had nothing to say. He was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on March 9th.

A second charge was not proceeded with.

CORONER AND A WOODLESFORD MAN.

WOMAN'S DEATH—CORONER AND HUSBAND.

WHY WAS NO DOCTOR CALLED IN?

An inquest held at Oulton on Friday upon a married woman named Kate Dennison, the wife of a brewery employee, living at Appleton Wood-hall, who died suddenly on the morning previous Tuesday, the Coroner (Mr P. P. Maitland), made severe comment upon the action of the husband in not calling in a doctor.

A December 13th deceased, who was 42 years of age, gave birth to a stillborn child, and was attended by a midwife only. About a fortnight ago she took to her bed with severe pains in the left leg, but no doctor was called in, and she remained unattended medically until death.

The daughter of the deceased, Miss Annie Durham, Woodlesford, deposed as to the birth of the child, and said her mother was attended by a midwife, but there was no doctor.

The Coroner: Why didn't they get a doctor?

Witness: Because she did not want one.

The Coroner: She ought to have had one. You should not have asked her.

Witness said her mother did not appear to regain strength and about a fortnight ago she had to go to bed with pains in the left leg which was swollen. No doctor was called in for this.

The Coroner: I cannot understand you going on without getting a doctor.

Witness: She did not complain of the pains after she had been in bed a few days. She would not hear of a doctor visiting her.

The Coroner: It was your father's duty to get a doctor and not to let her die like this. I am not blaming you, but your father ought to be here, so that I could talk to him.

Witness: He goes out about six in the morning and does not get back until late.

The Coroner: He could have sent a doctor.

The witness said her mother died quite suddenly on Tuesday afternoon. She appeared to be well during the morning.

Answering a question put to her by Dr. Saville, witness said her mother was short o breath.

The Coroner said that it was all the more reason why a doctor should have been in attendance.

Eliza Hulme, a certified midwife, stated that she attended deceased at her confinement. She left her quite well.

Dr. Saville gave evidence, and said he was called in after death had taken place. He had in accordance with the Coroner's instructions held a post-mortem examination, and found the heart to be fatty. Death was due to heart failure accelerated in a degree by exhaustion of the confinement. He added that he could not have saved the woman's life.

The Coroner, in summing up, said it would have been more sensible to have obtained a doctor, and the husband ought to have been present to explain. Even if the doctor could not have saved her life it would have shown that he had done something.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned, the Coroner remarking that he was of the opinion that it was a case of neglect on the part of the husband in not calling in a doctor.

Upon enquiring of the police sergeant Mr Maitland was told that the husband of the deceased was a respectable man.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

LECTURE BY MR H. CROWTHER, F.R.M.S.

In connection with the Crossgates Literary Society a lecture on "Daily life in Pompeii" was delivered by Mr H. Crowther, F.R.M.S., of Wetherby, at the Schoolroom on Monday night. Mr E. Hawkesworth (President) was in the chair, and there was a very large audience.

The President, in introducing Mr Crowther, referred to the wonderful lectures he had given to both grown-up people and children in Leeds, and stated they after the lecture Mr Crowther gave them last winter it was not surprising that exceptional interest should be displayed in his present visit. The Crossgates Society had been privileged that session in having lectures on different parts of the world by men who had been there, and they were fortunate in having such another lecture, because Mr Crowther had been at Pompeii within the last few months.

Mr Crowther said that in the past no place was so wicked as Pompeii, and it had been said that the best thing that could have happened to it was to have been wiped out by volcanic eruption. Why, then, did they display so much interest in it. It was not a big place, for it was only about a mile square, and there were only ruins to see. They knew something about its history and the origin of its name, and it was rather at one time for its wines. Certain things they associated in connection with its history as taught at school, and one thing was that it was a dead city. They had a longing to go there, and when they had been they wanted to go again. Another thing that they think so much about Pompeii? Because they were able to bridge 2,000 years and get back among the people and realise what they were then. There was no exaggeration. The first was in 63 A.D., and the second in 79, the latter occurring in it.

He then proceeded by means of excellent photographs thrown on the screen to describe the city, part of which had been excavated. The Forum, market place, temples, streets, shops, baths, theatres, houses, etc., were shown, and by means of the artistic drawings and the pictures on the walls of houses it was possible to know something of the daily life of the people. Their customs, amusements, administration, industries were described in very interesting manner, and it was proved that in some things comparatively little advance had been made since Pompeii was destroyed.

A vote of thanks to Mr Crowther, described the lecture as profoundly interesting and highly instructive, and, like a Dickens' character, he asked for more.

Mr Armistead, in seconding, was equally appreciative, and the President described the lecture as about the most wonderful in the history of the Society.

The vote was very cordially passed, and Mr Crowther said it was always a pleasure to address such an appreciative audience.

Mr H. Johnson manipulated the lantern, and he was thanked for his services on the call of the President.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS

HOUSING—WOODLESFORD STATION—RECREATION GROUND.

A meeting of the Oulton-with-Woodlesford Parish Council was held in the Horold Hall, Oulton, on Tuesday night—the Chairman (Mr W. Pindar) presiding. Other members present were Mr. W. Higgins, Mr G. M. Abbey, Mr H. Parkin, Mr T. H. Myton, Mr T. Hurdus, Mr F. Owen, Mr W. Smith, Mr E. A. Raynor, with the Clerk (Mr T. A. Coope).

A precept for £10 was issued to the overseers.

Mr Myton moved that the attention of the Hunslet Rural District Council be called to the dangerous condition of Fleet Lane, Oulton, caused by a number of flagstones being left about.

It appears that the Gas Co. at Rothwell have been repairing some pipes, and the flagstones had not been replaced.

Mr Myton contended that these were left in a very careless and dangerous manner.

The resolution was seconded by Mr Raynor and agreed to.

Mr Myton also moved a resolution that the Rural District Council be asked to inquire into the irregular manner in which the ashpits were emptied. In Woodlesford, he said, there had been several cases of scarlet fever, and could they wonder? The ashpits were choked up and the stench was abominable.

This was also passed.

The housing problem in the district was mentioned by Mr Myton, who said it was time the Council tackled the question, as Messrs Briggs had evidently shelved the matter. They ought to let the ratepayers see that they were doing something for them. He moved that it be placed upon the agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed to.

The question of a recreation ground for Woodlesford was also placed upon the agenda for the next meeting, on the motion of Mr Myton.

Mr Myton moved that a memorial be addressed to the Midland Railway Co. about the level crossing at the station.

Mr Higgins said he had brought up the matter some years ago, when he was chairman, but nothing had been done in the matter. He had himself seen a man killed at the crossing.

Mr Myton said that since then the traffic, both of goods and passenger, had doubled.

Mr Higgins: More than that.

Mr Parkin: You would grumble at having to climb steps.

Mr Higgins: Have a subway.

Mr Myton said if it had not been for the vigilance of the stationmaster and the porters there would have been more killed. He moved that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Higgins said that while they were at it they ought to ask the Midland Railway Co. to extend the platform.

The matter will accordingly be placed upon the agenda.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on March 17th at Woodlesford.

AN "AT HOME" AT TEMPLE-NEWSAM

WAIFS AND STRAYS SOCIETY.

Lady Dorothy Wood was "At Home" at Temple-Newsam on Friday, when a number of ladies and gentlemen from Leeds and district were present for the purpose of hearing several addresses on the work of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society. The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., presided over the gathering, and others present were the Rev. C. V. R. Scott, chief organising secretary of the Society; Lieut.-Col. W. Beresford-Peirse, diocesan secretary; the Rev. L. E. J. Conway, organising secretary for the diocese; and the Rev. B. Guyer, vicar of Whitkirk. Illustrating the work carried on by the Society, there was offered for sale a number of fancy articles at the St. Chad's Home, Far Headingley.

The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., said he did not think anybody could study the reports of the Waifs and Strays Society long without the fact that the supreme testimonial of its work was the extraordinarily large percentage of successful cases and of work crowned with success in proportion to the total number of cases that had passed through the Society's hands. It was something like 85 per cent, and all would agree that that was a remarkably good result to have achieved. (Hear, hear.) A great deal was heard in these days of the extension in many departments of the activities of an all-pervading State. Some people might think that the State would supplant and replace almost all voluntary effort as we know it to-day; for his own part, he felt strongly that when the State stepped in to help and reinforce individual effort it was the best thing to do, and where the State supplanted voluntary effort it was almost in every case a step in a retrograde direction. The work of them was always being tested by the world, and there were constantly coming along the path of usefulness things that were as old as years if it had so well trodden. (Applause).

Details of the work accomplished by the Ripon Diocesan Waifs and Strays Society were given by Lieutenant-Colonel W. Beresford-Peirse, who said that the branch now had under its immediate care some 170 children distributed among the six homes in the district. They received valuable help from sympathisers, and their subscriptions during the past year had increased since the previous year. The Society, however, always wanted more help to aid it in the great work it was carrying on, and he appealed to all present to support it to their utmost extent.

The Rev. C. V. R. Scott expressed the thanks of the Society for the welcome extended by Lady Wood and the Hon. Edward Wood that day. The Church of England Waifs and Strays Society was doing an enormous work, but the results by no means represented all that ought to be done. He did not think they would get such a percentage of good results unless they had as the basis of their work the Christian religion. By means of that they touched the root of the whole question. How were they going to eradicate the evil planted in the children's minds unless they built up character upon religion? They had not begun their work unless they took as their foundation a religious teaching and religious practice. Therein lay the strength of the Waifs and Strays Society's work.

The Rev. L. E. J. Conway also discussed the work of the Society, and urged its claims upon those present.

A native of Horsham (Surrey), who is fifty-six years of age, has not once crossed the Thames, which is only a mile and a half away from his home.

A middle-aged man named Kershaw, who was staying with his parents at Eastbourne, was found dead in his bed strangled by the cord of his pyjamas.

SUICIDE OF FORMER TADCASTER UNION OFFICIAL.

EX-MATRON OF BILBROUGH HOME.

The body of Lily Hinde (33), a single woman, was on Monday found floating in the lake at the South Park, Darlington, by Mr T. Morrison, son of Mr M. Morrison, park superintendent. The woman had been missing from home since January 11th.

An inquest was subsequently held, when the deceased's brother, Albert Hinde, a grocer, of Cumberland Street, said that she was formerly matron of the Bilbrough Cottage Home, in connection with the Tadcaster Union. She had been staying with him for a week, having left her position through illness. She had been much depressed, and on the 11th inst. went out for a walk, and nothing was heard of her until her body was found in the South Park lake.

Further evidence showed that she deceased had been mentally troubled, and the jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane."

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMPLAINTS FROM KIPPAX AND ALLERTON.

SHERBURN AND MILFORD AFFAIRS.

On Monday the fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at Tadcaster—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), in the chair. Other members present were Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Messrs W. Simpson (Lead), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorp), J. Wedgwood and E. H. Lowe (Preston), J. G. Linnicker (Micklefield), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), W. Y. K. Young (Monk Fryston), E. Midgley (Colton), J. Ludley (Kirkby Wharfe), F. Myers (Bilbrough), T. Hey and J. E. Cawthorne (Sherburn), R. Wright (Barwick), J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), W. Sykes, J. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), Robinson, F. Phillips, and Pearson (Allerton Bywater), W. A. Dickenson and J. Harding (Kippax), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton), W. Crosland J.P. (South Milford), and J. Pick (Ulleskelf), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The treasurer to the Board was reported to have a balance of £2,394 in hand.

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been four admissions to the workhouse and one discharge, and the inmates numbered 89, while there were 19 in the children's home—108 against 113 at the corresponding date of last year.

The thanks of the Board were given to Allerton Bywater Working Men's Club for a gift of magazines to the inmates.

Mr Cawthorne read the minutes of the Finance Committee, but he had nothing special to report.

Mr Wright said that some correspondence had taken place between the Local Government Board and the Guardians respecting the treasurer, and he asked if there was any further information.

Mr Cawthorne said there was not.

The Chairman: There's nothing to report.

The Boarded-Out Children's Committee had a meeting, and the minutes showed that the lady visitors' report was submitted, and it was considered satisfactory.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board approving the increase of salary to Miss Owens, nurse.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council treasurer was reported to have a balance of £3,900 8s. 8d. in hand.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the Oxton Lane improvement was again discussed, and it was adjourned.

In regard to the Sherburn Cross improvement, it was resolved to ask the owner of the land adjoining for terms.

A letter was read from the county surveyor stating that the County Council were prepared to receive applications for surface dressing, and for roads. The surveyor was instructed to make the usual application.

Messrs Myers and Ludley were instructed to examine the new sewer ploughs on Selby Road.

A complaint of the condition of a road and also of a culvert being blocked. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owner of the cottage to have the culvert cleaned out.

The minutes were approved.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

The medical officer of health reported that during the month there had been one case of enteric fever, five cases of diphtheria, and three of scarlet fever notified.

A complaint was received from the inspector anent the scavenging of Allerton Bywater proper and Kippax (south), and the Clerk was instructed to write to the contractors and state that if the work is not done to the satisfaction of the inspector he will have it done and charge them with the cost.

Fourteen days are to be allowed a Kippax owner to provide privy and ashpit accommodation at his property.

Plans for a malt grinding room by John Smith's, Tadcaster, were passed.

Plans for the erection by Messrs Thompson of four houses in Kirkgate, Sherburn, were approved.

The N.E.R. submitted plans of twelve houses, to be erected at Low School, South Milford, and for a stationmaster's house at Sherburn, and they were passed.

With regard to a water supply to the proposed 12 cottages at South Milford, it was decided to reply that water cannot be supplied for building purposes.

It was reported that the sewer outfall tanks and dykes at Barkston require cleaning, and the Inspector was instructed to have the work done.

A letter was received from the County Council anent the financial adjustment between the Council and Gortorth on the water question. It was stated, generally, that Gortorth had been awarded £200. It was decided that the money be paid in due course.

In regard to Sherburn sewage easements, a letter was read from Mr Foster offering to accept £26 ros. It was decided to reply that the Council cannot increase their offer of £23.

A letter was read from Kippax Parish Council complaining as to the way the scavenging contractor for the south side of the parish did his work. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the matter was having attention.

It was reported that the irrigation area of South Milford sewage works requires ploughing, and the inspector is to obtain prices.

In regard to Kippax sewerage, plans of the proposed scheme, as prepared by Messrs Balfour and Son, the engineers, were submitted, and the sub-committee reported that they had gone thoroughly into them and approved of them. The engineers are to be asked to send in detailed estimates and specifications.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

TO RENOVATE BLACK SATIN TIES.

Take equal proportions of spirits of wine and warm water, sponge the satin on the right side with this, working down the material and not across it. Whilst still damp, iron on the wrong side.

Another plan is to scour the satin with this mixture:—Four ounces of honey, the same quantity of soft soap mixed with an egg, and a wineglassful of gin, using a stiff brush. When the satin appears clean, rinse in cold water; press between clean cloths to dry, or hang up to drain. Iron whilst damp.

A WARNING.

When using a needle for any little surgical purpose, such as pricking a gathering or extracting a thorn from a person's finger, it is important to remember that the minute needle point is quite capable of conveying disease, and should not be used until it has been sterilised. The simple process of passing it through the flame of a candle or a match is quite sufficient to remove the danger, so there is no excuse for neglecting the precaution.

THE ENGAGED GIRL.

"It's queer fun being engaged," is a speech not infrequently to be heard on the lips of young girls, but you may be quite certain that they speakers are not really and truly "in love." Engagement vows should be looked upon as sacred and almost as binding as those of marriage. I always feel that a girl should be admonished about her prospective engagement in the same words as those used in the marriage service—"Marriage should not be entered into lightly, but soberly and in the fear of God." Only serious faults or disclosures should break the bond of betrothal, and the girl who flippantly remarks that she has "been engaged three or four times," shows herself to be unworthy of her womanhood.

CONCERNING SUGAR.

This valuable article was known even as early as the fourteenth century, but still continued to be very expensive, even in James' reign. It is said to have come from Barbary and Cyprus, where the sugar-cane was introduced by the Moors, and from thence to Spain, and the Canaries. From thence, on the discovery of America, it was transplanted to the Brasils and about the year 1506, established in Hispaniola. Before it was cultivated in Africa or Europe, sugar was brought from the Indies by way of Damascus, and from thence to England, by Venice, Genoa or Pisa.

Anciently, honey was the chief ingredient used as a sweetener of our dishes and liquors, particularly in mead and methinglin.

Sugar, however, notwithstanding its extravagant price, was very generally substituted in the place of honey, even as early as the reign of Richard II., by great epicures, as is to be seen in several books of ancient cookery, and particularly in the kitchen accounts of that monarch.

Sack and sugar was a favourite beverage with our ancestors, and is alluded to in several old works.

PREVENTION AND CURE OF COLDS.

If children have been out its wet roads for a long time and come in with cold and perhaps damp feet, a brisk rub with eucalyptus soon warms the feet and prevents a chill. Of course a plunge into hot water is the best, but it is not always practicable, and the other method simple and can be employed at any time.

When a child has a cold, in her room place a basin of boiling water in which a few drops of eucalyptus have been floated. If there is a fire in the room, and the basin is put inside the fender, the mixture will keep hot quite a long time. The effect is magical, and it seems to prevent the cold spreading to others.

HOW CANDLESTICKS GOT THEIR NAME.

The word candlestick is so familiar that we seldom think to trouble to analyse it; yet, like so many other words in common use, it carries with it the history of the thing to which it is applied. The fact is that in the old days, before metals and better materials were employed, a candle was literally carried on a stick. An old writer says: "I have seen a stick slit at one end for the purpose of holding the candle, as also I have seen the candle stuck in a stick for the same use; and we still call this utensil a candlestick, though it may be made of silver, brass, glass, etc." Another form of the word was candlestaffe.

A WET SILK HAT.

A silk hat should be handled very lightly when it is wet. Wipe it as dry as possible with a silk handkerchief, then apply a soft brush. Should any portion of the nap be found to stick together, dampen slightly with a sponge moistened with vinegar and brush it before the fire until dry.

HUSBAND'S TEA.

There is more truth in this familiar phrase than some would admit in these enlightened days. The wife sits down to enjoy her freshly-made cup of tea, comfortably; then she fills the teapot with water and puts it on the fire in the kitchen stove till the return of her good man. This is what he must drink after a hard day's work. Is it any wonder he flies to the nearest public-house?

I do not know that this is done so much in the towns, but I have seen it done over and over again in the country, in the little cottages. Even at big farm-houses, the same thing is carried on. More the household have partaken of the fragrant cup, the pot is filled up with water and sent out to the men working in the fields. Surely this is false economy, for a man would work far better after a really refreshing cup of tea. Anyway, to say the least, it is in such actions as these we are not "doing as we would be done by."

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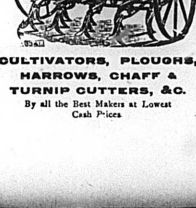
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Rothwell Courier and Times.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1914.

It is asserted that 25 per cent. of the people who seek accident compensation are quite able to work, and, if this is correct, it will furnish an argument for moralists. Before the passing of the Compensation Act, persons suffering from injury or accident, unless they were provided for through friendly societies, were thrown on their own resources, and they doubtless exercised every care and precaution in order to regain physical fitness, so that they could return to work. The Compensation Act is a beneficial measure, passed in the interests of the workers, and it has accomplished an incalculable amount of good. At the same time, if critics are to be believed, it has likewise produced a fine crop of hypocrites and liars. Malingering is quite as dishonest as theft, and, to be successful, it must be backed up by falsehood and hypocrisy. Of course, malingering is no new phase of social life, for the early friendly societies required their members to take an oath on this very matter, but with the extension of opportunity the evil appears to have grown. An authority states that "all malingering is not wickedness; many people remain on the sick list because they are moral cowards, or have pessimistic temperaments, and are influenced by a fear of restart of work." Of course, idleness has an inimical effect, especially when it is extended over a long period, and even when a man who is physically fit has been out of employment for a long time, gets the opportunity to start work again, he may display a strange reluctance to accepting it. He has, in some measure, lost the habit of work. It will, therefore, be realized that in persons of a pessimistic temperament the tendency alluded to will likely be found in an enhanced degree. The detection of the malingerer is no doubt difficult, and many remedies have been suggested. "Doctors," says an authority, "have a powerful weapon in their hands, but unfortunately the exigencies of medical and club practice are a barrier to courageous honesty." Malingering, then, has a degrading effect on doctors, too. Drastic measures to stop it are needed.

Strong opposition is forthcoming to the application of the Yorkshire Electric Powel Co. for powers to provide electric lighting in a large part of the West Riding, including the whole of the district throughout which this journal circulates. The offer of cheap lighting to residents of obscure villages and isolated farm-houses is alluring, and the prospect of the whole country-side enjoying what has hitherto been regarded as one of the polvileges of urban areas is calculated to find for the scheme a favourable reception, but the creation of a huge monopoly in the Riding has aroused the hostility of public authorities, many of which have already presented petitions against the Bill. The undertaking is not promoted for philanthropic purposes, but for purely business reasons, and the men whose capital is invested in the concern naturally expect some return for their money. However alluring a scheme may be, it is always well to remember that dividends are the object of the promoters, and the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. are out for profit. The District Councils' Association have had the question under consideration, and, as a representative organization, they have come to the conclusion that the Bill should be opposed. Without much consideration, the Garforth Urban Council, at their last meeting, agreed to support the promotion, and it is possible that the area, compact and populous, would benefit if an electric cable were introduced, because it would provide competing systems of lighting. On the other hand, by granting powers to the Yorkshire Electric Co. in the area another monopoly would be created, and if, at any time, the Council desired to purchase the undertaking in the district they would have to pay well for it. That is one of the points put forward by the District Councils' Association, and in a district like Garforth it has more application than in a rural area, where the supplying of electric lighting to a scattered population would not prove remunerative. Not many years ago an electric lighting scheme was proposed in Garforth, but, owing to the inability of the parochial body to utilize money received as the price of an old quarry for the purpose, it did not come to fruition. At the present time the rating burdens in the area are fairly heavy, and the Council, in the circumstances, would be chary of either purchasing or starting an undertaking for lighting purposes, although it is not long since the buying of the gas works was advocated by ratepayers. Still, a favourable opportunity for going on with such work might present itself, and it is surely desirable that the Council should find themselves unfettered in any way.

The consent of the Tadcaster and Hunslet Rural Councils, too, has been asked, and the authorities are dealing with the question. If there was a guarantee given to a rural area that every portion of it would be given a chance of utilizing the electric light the feeling of hostility to the Yorkshire Electric Power Co.'s scheme would be considerably minimised, but no such guarantee would be given. Have the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. provided power in all the areas in which they have authority to lay a cable? When the Wakefield Light Railway Co. promoted their scheme they secured support for it by proposing lines through various villages, but these places have no tramway service yet, and the Tramway Co. have been making desperate efforts to get rid of their obligations. They have carried out parts of the scheme which they assume will give a return on the capital invested, and left undone the carrying out of the work in the districts which they think will not yield remunerative returns. They have broken faith with the public, and the District Councils are now endeavouring to prevent their throwing aside their obligations. In a district with such an experience the adoption of the motto "Once bitten, twice shy" may well be excused. At the last meeting of Hunslet District Council it was stated that if the Electric Power Co. "got these powers they would get a monopoly, and they might have a repetition of what they had with the tramway undertaking. They might pick out the districts where they had a chance of getting plenty of customers, and leave the other districts to 'fend' for themselves." Were the Company to give a guarantee, and allow the imposition of a heavy penalty in the event of failure to carry out their scheme in the rural districts it would assume a different aspect, and there would be a chance of the contract being fulfilled. But if no contract was entered into it would be quite open for the Company to apply to the Board of Trade to be released from certain of their obligations, after they had picked the districts which they intend to work. Provided that the conditions alluded to were met, and a reasonable time fixed for the lighting, the rural districts might gain from the scheme, but it would be foolish of local authorities to give countenance to an undertaking of this character without proper safeguards.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

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DEATHS.

HEATH.—On the 18th inst., at Seaforth House, Methley, Jane, widow of the late Robert Heath.

—Jan. 15th, aged, 66, Joseph Joy, of Holywell Lane, Shadwell.

MUSCROFT.—On Jan. 16th, at the Leeds General Infirmary, after a long and painful illness, Amelia, the dearly beloved wife of Herbert Muscroft, aged 41 years. Inhered at Barwick-in-Elmet Church.

SHARPE.—Jan. 16th, at Rose Cottage, Oulton, Elizabeth Sharpe, aged 87 years.

WALTON.—On January 20th, at 22, Disraeli Place, Hunslet Hall Road, Leeds, aged 67 years, Alfred Walton, late of Bramham.

WETHERALL.—On Jan. 11th, at Angram, Liza, the widow of Richard Wetherall, aged 78 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

RHODES.—In loving memory of Thomas Rhodes, New Inn, Newthorpe, who passed away Jan. 21st, 1911.
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates on the Bench were:—Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr F. M. Lupton, Col. A. M. Sugar-Musgrave, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr R. Kitson, Mr S. Hudson, and Mr E. Parkin.

SALVATION ARMY.—The juniors of the Hunslet Corps visited the Rothwell headquarters on Saturday night, and gave a Japanese concert. Those taking part were dressed in Japanese costume, and an enjoyable programme of songs, drills, and recitations was gone through.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Bowery, miner, of Rothwell Haigh, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell. P.C. Womack stated that he heard the defendant making use of bad language. He was drunk, and, after being spoken to, he was taken home by a friend. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

WORKINGMEN'S CLUB.—On Saturday teams representing the domino, whist, and dart section of the East End Park Working Men's Club visited Rothwell to oppose the local Working Men's Club. Rothwell lost both in dominoes and darts, the scores being:—Dominoes 30, darts 3-324. East End Park, dominoes 46, darts 3-005. Rothwell beat the visitors at whist by six points, gaining 40 points to 34.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the junior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League on Saturday night Rothwell Mechanics' Institute defeated Rothwell Workingmen's Club by 200 to 20 points. Details (Workingman's Club names first):—H. V. Sidebottom 100 v. R. Priestley 71, L. Thurwell 100 v. H. Priestley 78, W. Aikin 87 v. J. Parker 100, T. Naylor 70 v. C. Berry 100, R. Deakin 100 v. Drury 76, and H. Bennett 88 v. L. Elstob 100.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Wednesday played West Riding Wednesday at Rothwell on Wednesday. The home team attacked at the outset, and S. Heaton, Arch, and E. Heaton scored. Leighton responded for the visitors, but Tiffany, Arch, Ellis, and Taylor added goals for Rothwell. In the second half Ellis, Bulmer, S. Heaton, and Taylor increased the home team's lead, while Leighton kicked a good for West Riding. Result:—Rothwell Wednesday 11 goals, West Riding Wednesday 2 goals.

PICKWICK SOCIETY.—The Pickwickian Society still flourishes, and at all its meetings the Pickwickian spirit is manifested abundantly. On Mr W. Nodding is an admirable reader of the Society's testament "The Pickwick Papers," and on Thursday last he read with his usual ability from the 53rd chapter. Mr J. Bramley also gave a reading by W. W. Jacob, "The Boatswain's mate." A Yorkshire reading by John Hartley, of Clock Almanack fame, and entitled "You never can tell," was contributed by Mr W. Sidebottom.

ROTHWELL MAN AND PARLIAMENT.—The Holmfirth Divisional Representation Committee of the Labour party held a conference at Penistone on Saturday, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the next election. The name of Mr William Lunn, checkweighman, of Rothwell, it is understood, was before the meeting, but no definite decision was arrived at, as Mr Lunn's name is also before the Yorkshire Miners' Association. Mr Lunn contested the seat against Mr Sydney Arnold, the sitting Member, at the by-election in 1912.

TRIPPED OVER HEARTHRUG.—A simple accident was, according to the evidence given at an inquest in Leeds, on Friday, the cause of the death of Wilfred Hallas, aged two years, the son of a miner, living at Woodland Crescent, Rothwell, who had died in the Leeds Infirmary as the result of a fractured hip. On Sunday morning the child was playing on the hearthrug and caught his foot against the edge of it. It fell, and the father, after a consultation with a St. John Ambulance man living in the locality, sent for a doctor, who ordered the child's removal to the Infirmary. "Accidental death" was the verdict.

BOWLING CLUB.—Success attended the annual whist drive and musical evening promoted by the Rothwell Bowling Club, and held in the Church Schools on Wednesday night. After playing sixteen hands as whist the following were announced as winners:—Ladies—1, Mrs Oldfield, 2 Mrs Price. For the gentlemen's prizes Mr Price and Mr Dobson tied for the first place, and after "cutting" Mr Price was allotted the first prize. Mr H. J. Martin acted as steward for the whist, and Mr H. Turner was musical director. Songs were given by Mrs A. Adamson, Miss Adamson, Mr N. Varley, and Mr G. R. Lister, the latter giving a humorous item. Mrs Adamson and Miss Adamson contributed a duet, and a trio (flute, 'cello, and piano) was played by Messrs H. and F. Stainer and J. Young. Mr F. Stainer contributed a 'cello solo and Mr H. Stainer a flute solo.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—An interesting address on the great "Manchester Mission and its work" was given on Tuesday evening by the Rev. W. Kedward, one of Rev. S. F. Collier's colleagues. The speaker gave a graphic description of the wonderful and gratifying improvements at this well-known Mission, including the rescue home attached to the Mission. Here some hundreds of life's wrecked humanities are brought to harbour, and an opportunity is given for launching forth once more on what may prove a happier voyage. Not only women and children are admitted and helped (the doors are open night and day), but "lost" men, doctors, ministers, tradesmen, artisans, as well as many of the lowest classes, have been given a good meal, a comfortable bed, and a new start in life. In the absence of Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C. (who generously gave financial help), the chair was occupied by Mr W. Stephenson, and the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson, and Mr J. Hutchinson also took part in the meeting. A collection was taken in aid of the Wesleyan Home Missionary Society.

BOWERS ALLERTON

At Bowers Allerton Council School last month the percentage of attendance was 89.77 as compared with 90.23 in December, 1913.

OLD FOLK'S TREAT.—The seventh annual old folks' treat was given in the Mission Schoolroom on Monday evening, when over 80 aged people did justice to a capital supper, consisting of an ample supply of beef, mutton, and rabbit pies, with vegetables and sweets. After supper a concert was commenced with the singing of the well-known hymn, in which the guests heartily joined. In the absence of Mr J. W. Blackburn (who has not completely recovered from his illness), Mr W. S. Blackburn presided, and he sincerely wished the aged guests good health and happiness during the present year. Mr Silkstone sang "Sally in our Alley," Miss Blackburn "Gipsy's warning," and Mr F. Bulkley "The truest friend," while Misses Robinson and W. Ward gave the duet "Sweet convent bells." Mr J. Sproston (humorist) caused hearty laughter by singing "Contrasts," and Mr F. G. Dyer, the well-known violinist, played "Home, sweet home." After this Mr Hutt gave an address to the old people. Miss W. Ward then sang "To-morrow will do," and Mr F. Bulkley gave "God shall wipe away all tears." Miss Blackburn delighted the audiences with her singing of "Darling, good night," and Mr J. Sproston's ditty caused much fun. Mr F. G. Dyer (violin) rendered "Old folks at home." Miss L. Wigglesworth, A.L.C.M., very tastefully supplied the pianoforte accompaniments. Mr J. W. Milner proposed a complimentary vote of thanks, in which he included Mr J. W. Blackburn, Sir Jos. C. Rickett, M.P., Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., Mr R. H. Foster, J.P., C.C., Mr L. J. Dewhirst, C.C., the Kippax Co-operative Society, Mr Curtis, Mr A. Firth, and Mr I. Robinson, who had again so generously assisted in providing the meat; Mrs Oxley, Mrs Collinson, Mrs Silkstone, Mrs Hutt, Mrs Simpson, and Mrs Nicholson, who had once more so excellently cooked and served the provisions, and all those who had so well entertained the old people. In seconding, Mr I. Robinson said the "good old days" were not as good as these, and times would continue to improve. The debt which the young owed to the older people was gradually being recognised; these gatherings proved it locally, while the old age pensions proved it nationally. At the close each lady was given

¼ lb. of tea, while the old gentlemen received 1 ozs. of tobacco each. Mr Samuel Street was the oldest guest present, being almost 92 years of age, and he still continues to indulge in his two miles walk every day after an early breakfast.

CARLTON

CARLTON CRICKET CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Carlton Cricket Club was held on Saturday night at the Queen's Hotel, Carlton—Mr J. Dobson presiding. The hon. sec., Mr Hiram Ward, read the report of the doings of the club during the past season, showing the organization to be in a better financial position. The season was begun with a deficit of £7 4s. 6d., but closed with a balance of 8s. 9d. in the hands of the treasurer. The first team played 21 matches, of which nine were won, nine lost, and three drawn. A total of 1,959 runs was scored for the loss of 177 wickets, an average of 11.1 runs per wicket. The best batting average had been made by the captain, Mr Lawrence, who had just beaten Mr Clarkson by the decimal point. Outstanding batting performances had been given by Mr H. Corns against Rothwell (72 runs) and Mr L. Brown against Lofthouse (51). The bowlers had secured 107 wickets at a cost of 1,024 runs, giving an average of 9.7 runs per wicket. Mr Clarkson, a slow left arm bowler, captured 70 wickets, with an average of 6.7 runs per wicket. The second eleven played fifteen matches, winning four, losing ten, and one was drawn. Mr B. Fozzard wins the medal offered by Mr R. Ellis for the highest score in either team, having scored eighty runs. Mr J. Ashton headed the batting averages, with 8.8 runs per innings. Master W. Newman led the bowlers with an average of 6.5 for 37 wickets. The officers for the coming season were also elected.

CROSSGATES

In connection with Crossgates Golf Club a dance will be held in the Recreation Hall on Friday, Jan. 30th. See advt.

SWEET PEAS.—Our gardening expert deals this week with sweet pea culture, and the article should have an exceptional interest for members of Crossgates Sweet Pea Society. Our gardening column is one of the best published in the North.

ILLNESS OF MR DEWHIRST.—Mr I. J. Dewhirst, C.C., of Whinmoor Lodge, has been laid aside by illness for about three weeks, and was in consequence unable to attend the last quarterly meeting of the County Council, this being the first meeting he has missed since he was elected four years ago. We are pleased to state, however, that Mr Dewhirst is very much better, and all will wish for Him a speedy recovery.

FORESTERS.—The annual meeting of the Crossgates Court of the I.O.F. was held on Thursday night in Crossgates Wesleyan School-room, and the following officers were installed by the Grand Treasurer, Bro. C. A. Goodall, Court Deputy, Bro. Lewis, and Court Physicians, Bros. Haygarth and Bean:—Chief Ranger, Bro. A. H. Whitfield; Vice Chief Ranger, Bro. A. K. Rhodes; Recording and Financial Secs., Bros. A. R. Milford and W. Flather; Treasurer, Bro. H. Mann; Orator, Bro. Hall; Organist, Bro. Thorp; Trustees, Woodcards, Bros. H. Fidgett and Flather; Beadles, Bros. Whitehead and Stott. After the installation ceremony the High Chief Ranger, Bro. W. J. Sutcliffe, presented Bro. A. R. Milford with a piece of plate and Bro. Flather with a cheque in recognition of the services they have rendered to the Court, and he complimented the members on the efficiency of their offices.

CROSSGATES BOWLING CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of Crossgates Bowling Club was held on Wednesday evening at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, a large number of members being present. Mr J. C. Nowell (the retiring President) was in the chair. The balance sheet, which showed that the club was in a good financial position, was adopted. One of the important items on the agenda was a recommendation by the committee to alter a large number of the rules of the club, and, after a long discussion, the alterations were, with slight modifications, approved and passed. A discussion as to the advisability of continuing in membership with the Barkston Ash Bowling Association and of joining the Leeds and District Bowling Association took place, and it was resolved that the club's membership with the Barkston Ash Association be continued, but that the Leeds and District Association be not joined, as past experience had shown the club could derive no benefit from being members of the latter Association. The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the following being elected:—President, Mr C. Holiday; additional vice-presidents, Messrs J. A. Hodgeel, P. Hardcastle, and R. Barker; secretary, Mr J. A. Rymer; treasurer, Mr I. Semper; committee—Messrs G. W. Burch, W. Bryan, W. H. Morton, R. Aske, H. Burnett, H. Whitfield, J. L. Herbert, and G. F. Armytage; captain, Mr J. Firth; vice-captain, Mr W. Holdsworth; auditor, Mr W. Flather. The new President, in thanking the meeting for his election, expressed the opinion that the efforts of the old committee at the end of last season, when a considerable amount was laid out in materials, with a view to getting the green into a thoroughly good condition for the coming season, would be rewarded, and that if the result justified that opinion the green would be one of the best in the Barkston Ash Division.

GARFORTH

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance at the schools in Garforth division last month was 91.16 against 85.06 in December, 1912, being sixth in the Riding. The figures for the various schools were:—Garforth Council, 92.89 against 92.78; Garforth Council infants, 90.36 and 72.94; East Garforth, 92.81 and 88.41; Garforth Parochial, 89.54 and 88.09; Garforth Parochial infants, 90 and 76.15; Garforth R.C., 90.48 and 91.43.

"CLEAN TONGUE IN HIS HEAD."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a youth named Albert Kilbride, described as a labourer, and living at Garforth, was summoned for using obscene language. P.C. Jackson stated that when on duty on the Aberford Road, Garforth, on January 8th, he heard defendant make use of the language complained of. When told that he would be reported he replied that he was very sorry. The defendant's mother, who was in Court, said her son was deaf and was a bit deficient in imposing a fine of 1s. and costs, the Chairman told the mother to warn her son to keep a clean tongue in his head.

MODEL BUTTER MAKING.—Before the members of the Leeds Technical Schools Bakery Students' Society on Saturday night, at the Leeds Institute, Miss McKerrow, of the Garforth Model Farm of the West Riding County Council, lectured and demonstrated on "Butter and Curd Making." Mr W. Armistead presided. Miss McKerrow showed the methods by which, under the most hygienic and modern conditions, butter might be made on English farms to equal, to, and even superior to, the Danish and other foreign butter which was now so largely imported. The purest milk was an important factor in butter and curd making, and it should contain from 3¼ per cent. to 4 per cent. of fat. The composition of the best butter should be:—Butter fat 85.80 per cent., water 12.30 per cent., casein 0.54 per cent., ash 1.30 per cent. One could generally reckon 5 lb. of butter to a gallon of cream. Butter made from perfectly sweet cream turned out very flavourless. The introduction of proper colouring matter was not harmful. A great deal of English butter was spoilt by keeping the cream too long, and the farmer's persistence in maintaining, whatever the circumstances, one definite churning day. The Chairman said Miss McKerrow's methods cast a reproach upon hundreds of English farmers

PICTURE HOUSE.—A very enjoyable all-round programme has entertained satisfactory audiences at the Picture House during the first half of this week, and a good bill will be presented to-night and to-morrow, including such fare as "Jean's Evidence," wherein a collie dog displays almost human intelligence, and is the means of unravelling a mysterious robbery and bringing the real culprits to book; "A Wild Ride," a story in which a young girl is enabled to save a homestead from an almost hopeless situation by a wonderful ride on the back of an ostrich, and other pictures of rollicking humour. Next week two good bills are promised, that for the first half including a sporting picture "The Line Up," founded on an attempt to win an important football match by trickery, which fails; "The Lost Combination," containing a thrilling situation arising from the imprisonment of a child in a safe, and a good Western drama "The Ranch Feud." For the second half of the week the outstanding features are a drama, entitled "The Mystery of the Great Diamond," a good detective story of the Nat Pinkerton series, and a Keystone comedy called "A Noise from the Deep," said to outrival that great mirth-provoker "Heinze's Resurrection." Other good pictures complete interesting programmes. For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

The attendance returns for last month show that at Great Preston School there was a percentage of 87.27 as compared with 81.77 in the preceding December.

A good number attended a dance on Saturday evening, the proceeds of which were for the upkeep of the Infants' School. Mr A. Dyer was the pianist and Mr G. Nowell M.C.

EDUCATION.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday application was made to the justices by Mr H. W. Powell, Clerk to the Garforth District Education Committee, for an order against James Binley, a miner, of Great Preston, to send his daughter Martha Lewis Binsley (10) to school. It was stated that out of a possible 528 attendances the girl had only been to school eighty times. The mother pleaded that the child had been unwell and unable to attend. The order was made.

CHURCH WORKERS' GATHERING.—A very profitable time was spent in the Infants' Schoolroom on Tuesday evening by the workers of St. Aidan's Church. The Rev. J. Gregory (curate-in-charge), who presided, said how completely he had felt himself at home amongst them during the nine months he had been there, and how thankful he was for the valuable work of the various organizations of the church, including the sewing meeting, the Sunday School teachers, the magazine distributors, and also the choir. His efforts had been very well backed up, and he hoped they would continue to work together, and that the heating apparatus recently installed in the church at a cost of £20 would soon be paid for. The Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar), said how pleased he was that the work was progressing so well. They had now a fine body of Sunday School teachers, and also a promising choir, and he trusted the good work would continue. Mr Lowther was also present. Songs were then contributed by the Rev. J. Gregory, Miss J. Summers, Mrs Cooper, and Mr H. Backhouse. Mr Ernest Bell played a violin solo, and Mr G. Bell was the accompanist. Mr Milnes gave a recitation, and a number of games were afterwards indulged in. Refreshments were provided, and a very enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem.

HALTON

Burman (Halton) is one of the team chosen to represent Leeds schoolboys in a Rugby football match with Huddersfield lads at Fartown.

Leeds and Bradford A.C. Harriers met at the Irwin Arms, Halton, on Saturday for a friendly inter-run, which extended over about seven miles.

ENTERTAINMENT.—At Halton, on Saturday, in connection with the 18th North-East Leeds Baden-Powell Boy Scouts, Whitkirk Troop, a special young people's performance of "Alice in Wonderland" was given. The Hon. E. Wood, M.P., who opened the entertainment, was introduced by the Rev. B. Guyer, vicar of Whitkirk.

GUN CLUB.—A new organization, to be known as the Halton Gun Club, has been formed at Halton, with a membership of about 30, the headquarters being at the Irwin Arms, Halton. By way of inauguration ten members on Wednesday decided to run sweepstakes at five birds each, which was divided by Messrs R. Morris, E. Taylor, and G. Green, with four kills each. A three-bird sweepstakes at 2s. 6d. each obtained 14 entries, and was won by F. Hemingway, Morley, who was the only competitor who killed all his birds. Second and third prizes were divided by Messrs T. Clarkson and E. Taylor. A three-bird sweepstakes at 2s. 6d. each obtained 18 entries, and was divided by Messrs F. Hemingway and E. Taylor.

HALTON INSTITUTE—BILLIARDS.—On Monday evening Burman (Halton, two stars) had a League match with British Workman's Institute (170 start), at Chapeltown, and the latter won by 1,034 to 752. Details (Halton names first):—J. Thompson 85, V. P. Oliver 150, E. Green 121 v. H. Coates 150, G. Botterill 95 v. H. Johnson 150, G. O. Bell 150 v. G. Craven 114, J. F. Loveday 114 v. E. Coates 150, V. Schofield 87 v. D. Dales 63, J. W. Kitson 100 v. C. Potter 51, W. Kenny 97 v. E. Turner 100, H. Schofield 36 v. E. Turner 100, H. Simpson 84 v. A. Swales 100, and G. Harrison 100 v. G. Marshall 88. Owing to the increased membership of the Institute the Committee have been obliged to purchase a new full size billiard table, and this was erected on Wednesday by Messrs Hall and Sons in the large reading room. Two exhibition games were played during the evening, F. W. Hughes playing Mr G. Botterill and Mr E. Green, conceding 300 up. Mr Hughes won both the games, beating Mr Botterill by 20 points, and Mr Green by 15 points. The chief breaks were 28, 30, 40, 49, 55, 66, and 92 by Mr Hughes; 17, 20, and 30 by Mr Green, and 13 by Mr Botterill.

KIPPAX

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The Wesley Guild in connection with this church held a very helpful meeting on Tuesday evening—Mr J. Beeston presiding. The weekly meeting of the Band of Hope was well attended on Monday evening.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—In Kippax School district last month the percentage of attendances was 87.90 as compared with 86.14 in December, 1913. The figures for Kippax Schools were:—Boys, 92.85 against 87.50; Girls, 89.56 and 81.17, and infants 80.72 and 81.77. The attendance at the infants' school was affected by measles.

Mr Thomas Simpson, retired grocer and wine and spirit merchant, of Preston Lane, Kippax, left £26,015.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—A social promoted by the young people was held on Wednesday evening. The Young People's Own, along with their President, Mr Jas. Farrant, are hoping to augment the finances connected with the Trust by these special efforts held from time to time. The usual games and amusements were indulged in by these present during the evening, and refreshments were handed round by the lady members. A very pleasant time was spent.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Kippax were defeated at Oulton on Saturday night by Oulton Institute by 107 points. Details (Oulton names first):—T. Cain 74 v. C. Eastwood 100, F. Rockledge 100 v. F. Edwards 91, G. Wilkinson 100 v. E. Turnpenny 66, W. Winter 100 v. E. Tiffany 25, S. Berry 75 v. P. May 100, and A. Nettleton 100 v. G. Lund 90. Rockledge compiled a break of 40.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, John Cooper and David Clayton, miners, of Kippax, were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Kippax on Saturday, January 10th. P.C. Davies said his attention was called to the defendants by a disturbance in High Street. On proceeding to the scene he found Cooper and Clayton, who were in a drunken condition, along with two other men. Cooper was fined 20s. and costs and Clayton 10s. and costs.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.—One of the many old people of which Kippax can boast celebrated his 82nd birthday on Monday evening. Mr George Firth has resided in Butt Hill, and in the same house for a number of years, and is still active and able to get about quite nimbly. Mr Firth was a prominent member of the Kippax Old Band for a good many years, being one of the pioneers. His long service as a member of the band, the interest he took in its welfare, and his love for music caused him frequently to be consulted by musicians when difficulties arose. Mr Firth filled the position of foreman steeper in the employ of Messrs Locke and Waddington at Kippax pit before his retirement, and he had worked in the pit previous to that for a good many years.

LEDSHAM

The attendance returns show that at Ledsham School last month the number of scholars on the books was 46 and the average attendance 39, giving a percentage of 84.78.

LOFTHOUSE

On Saturday afternoon Lofthouse Glenfield overname 5th Battery R.F.A. by five goals to one.

COLLIERY OFFENCES.—Albany Swales, a Wakefield trammer, was at Wakefield, on Monday, fined 7s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. costs for breaking the colliery rules by riding on a pony in Lofthouse Pit on the 9th inst. The Chairman (Mr Percy Tew) said there had been far too many cases of this class before the Court lately, particularly from this colliery. The Bench were determined to do their best to put a stop to offences in the pit.

METHLEY

On Saturday a football match was played between Methley Mill Moor and Altoffs W. S., and the latter won by 7 goals to 0.

RABBIT COURSING.—At the City Grounds, Wakefield, on Saturday, a £3 rabbit coursing sweepstakes for 32 dogs (the best of one course) was decided. In the final, Taylor's Jimmy Methley, beat Russell's Prince, Wakefield, and the two losing dogs were Moodie's Fan, Featherstone, and Dawson's Floss, Wakefield. The winner took 30s., the second 15s., and the two losers 7s. 6d. each.

MICKLEFIELD

The attendance returns for last month show that at Micklefield School the percentage was 87.25 against 88.68 in December, 1912, and at the infants' school 89.13 against 84.46.

OULTON

BOWLING CLUB.—The annual dinner of the Oulton Bowling Club was held in the Three Horse Shoes, Oulton, on Saturday night. Mr B. Wood Higgins presided over a company of about sixty. The dinner was followed by a lengthy musical programme.

THE CHURCH.—The fourth of a series of services for men was held in St. John's Church on Sunday afternoon, when the address was given by the new curate, the Rev. H. T. Pattinson. The subject of the address—"The call to men"—took with in an able manner.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Wednesday evening a moonstre whist drive promoted by the Oulton Bowling Club was held in the Harold Hall, the players numbering about 160. Mr A. Sharp discharged the duties of M.C. The winners were as follows:—1 Mr J. Mannion (a load of coal), 2 Miss Webster (ham), 3 Mr S. Jackson (box of cigars), 4 Miss Holmes (lady's umbrella). Refreshments were served by Miss Bell and others.

ROBIN HOOD.

P.S.A.—At the P.S.A. meeting held on Sunday afternoon in the United Methodist Church an address on "The Prodigal Son" was given by Mr H. McKay, of Leeds. Mr J. Keighley presided over a good attendance, and the solos "Calvary" and "I will give you rest" were rendered by Madam Hawkes, of Leeds. Mr S. Hartley was the organist.

ROUNDHAY

On Saturday afternoon Roundhay hockey players were beaten at home by Bradford by five goals to four. The A teams also had a match, and Huddersfield won by five to two.

BOXING.—On Monday night at the Athletic Club, Leeds, Young Ryan, Leeds, and Gorley, Roundhay, met to box ten rounds, Bryan was by far the stronger lad, and forcing the work, soon had Gorley in trouble. When a minute and a half of the first round had expired Gorley went down, and was counted out.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—The speaker at the weekly P.S.A. meeting at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon was Mr Holgate, of Morley, who spoke on "Thanksgiving." Mr Turton presided over a good attendance. Mr Waterson was the organist.

LECTURE.—An interesting lecture on the work of the Free Church Council Rescue Home was given in the Privitive Methodist Chapel on Saturday night by Miss Burns, the matron of the Home. The lecture proved a most enjoyable speaker, and her account of the good that is done in the institution was greatly appreciated. Mr Wiseman presided, and at the close a collection was taken up on behalf of the Home.

SHADWELL

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday morning a match in the Schools' Cup Competition was played at Shadwell between Armley Church and the home team. The first half was noticeable for the long shooting of the Armley forwards, who were upset by the worrying tactics of Sharp, Frost, and Hodgson. Greenwood and Sheldon came very near scoring on one or two occasions. The second half was a replica of the first, neither team being able to notch a goal.

At the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, a resolution was passed expressing deep sympathy with the Chairman, Mr Henry Barran, of Shadwell Grange, in the great loss he has sustained by the death of Mrs Barran, and appreciation of the interest in the hospital shown by the late Mrs Barran.

SWILLINGTON

At Swillington Parochial School last month the attendance returns show a percentage of 80.83 against 89.02 in December, 1912, but the attendance was affected by measles. Swillington Common School had the excellent percentage of 94.04 against 91.35.

WHITKIRK

A PRETTY INCIDENT.—On Friday a meeting of ladies was held at Starbeck with the object of forming a Women's Unionist Association, and was attended by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., and Lady Dorothy Wood. Mrs McDowall presented Lady Dorothy with a handsome bouquet, and both she and Mr Wood made speeches, thanking the ladies.

HOCKEY.—The visit of Harrogate to Whitkirk for the return match had been keenly anticipated by the home club, Harrogate being the only team that has defeated Whitkirk's colours this season. The homesters, however, proved to be in capital form on Saturday, and ran out winners by six goals to one. J. Pendergill at full-back, and J. Popplewell at centre-half, were very prominent for the victors, and Harrison did fine work for Harrogate.

COURT CROSSGATES ANNUAL DINNER

FIRST AGAIN IN YORKSHIRE FORESTRY.

The annual dinner in connection with Court Crossgates, of the Independent Order of Foresters, was provided at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds, on Tuesday night, and there were about sixty guests, including ladies and friends. After dinner a short toast list was gone through, and Bro. A. H. Whitfield, C.R., gave the loyal toast.

Bro. J. W. Powell, P.C.R., proposed "Our Order." He stated that, although one of the principal objects of the Order was insurance, its greatest success was attained by seeking to cultivate the spirit of fraternity, which existed in such measure among the members of Court Crossgates. He did not believe in a paid organizer, and he contended that better results were secured when the members, among whom a brotherly feeling existed, were responsible for the introduction of new members, who could not fail at the very outset to notice the social side of the work. That, he believed, was the secret of the success of Court Crossgates, and he was almost sorry that his term of office as Chief Ranger was at an end, because it had been such a happy time, backed up, as he had been, by the older members and officers of the Court.

Bro. W. J. Sutcliffe, H.C.R. (Leeds), in reply, agreed with Bro. Powell, and said they should not work merely for the insurance, but do their utmost to promote fraternity among men. He stated that when he arrived at New York, on his way to the Supreme Court meeting in Canada, he was tackled as soon as he landed by a man, who shook him by the hand, then cuddled him, and afterwards kissed him. (Laughter). That, he thought, was a bit too fraternal, so he asked "Well, my friend, and who may you be?" The man had another look at him, and then apologised, saying he had made a mistake. However, a little later he was met quite as fraternally, if not as effusively, by Bro. Martin, of the Head Office. Referring to Court Crossgates, he said that one outstanding feature was that while they had different opinions about working the organization—and they did not hesitate to express their opinions when they differed—they had achieved one of the most notable successes in the Jurisdiction of Yorkshire. (Applause). But he believed that it had not yet attained its greatest success, and he hoped to see it in the premier Court. All their functions were graced by the presence of the ladies, and this was a pleasing feature, because when they managed to get the ladies interested in the work happy results were sure to follow. Court Crossgates had, he said, again won the Shield for Yorkshire for the greatest number of initiations by any Court. He recalled that a year ago Bro. Powell stated that he would not be satisfied if the Court did not again secure the trophy during his term of office, and he was sure that Bro. Powell would have a greater appreciation of the honour because it had been achieved without any assistance from the organizer. (Applause). Thereafter, in appropriate terms, he presented Bro. Powell with a Past Chief Ranger's badge.

Bro. Powell, in returning thanks, said he was pleased that his name would be inscribed upon the shield, and he hoped that his successor, Bro. Whitfield, would have a similar honour next year. (Applause).

An excellent musical programme was gone through in the course of the evening, and the artistes gave a capital account of themselves. The entertainers were Mrs Whitfield, Miss Dawson, Miss Fisher, Mrs Tattersall, Mr Driffield (humorist), Bros. H. Mann, J. T. Johnson, G. E. Brook, W. Nussey, A. H. Cam, and A. R. Milford, while Master T. Lee gave a recitation. Miss Fisher was an efficient accompanist.

Bro. H. J. Thomas, P.C.R., in a delightful little speech, proposed "The ladies, visitors, and artistes," and the toast was enthusiastically pledged.

FOOTBALL

South Milford school last month had excellent attendance returns, being 93.19 per cent. against 91.09 in the previous December.

HOCKEY.—South Milford mixed team played Aberford mixed team at South Milford on Saturday. The game was keenly contested and ended in a victory for Milford by four goals to nil.

SELBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—The annual meeting of the members of the Conservative Club was held on Monday night, Mr H. Connell being voted to the chair. A large attendance included Dr. G. D. Todd, Mr J. H. Richardson, Mr Wm. Armstrong, Mr A. R. Swift, Mr A. Chambers, Mr R. Hodgson, Mr J. Townend, Mr J. J. York, Mr T. E. Blanshard, Mr R. Petty, Mr Jas. Quinn, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr G. Owen, Mr W. H. Latimer, Mr W. Weaver (hon. sec.), and Mr R. Lodge (Conservative agent). Mr W. Weaver (hon. secretary) submitted the annual report, showing that the membership steadily increased. The alterations to the club are in progress, and the committee hoped that in the spring the members would be in the enjoyment of the extended premises. The financial report showed a credit balance of £26. The Chairman said the report was highly satisfactory, and he moved its adoption. The report was then adopted. Dr. Todd stated that the contributions already given for the alterations amounted to £300, and a further £200 was promised. The total amount required would not be less than £800. He felt sure that by next year the committee would be able to raise about £1,000. Mr J. J. Richardson added that when the extended premises were opened he believed there would be an additional 200 members.

SELBY CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY WHIST DRIVE.—Another successful whist drive took place at the Conservative Club on Tuesday evening, there being 19 tables, and Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—Mrs Tuck (after tie with Mrs Maddox); 2, Mrs Maddox; sealed, Mrs Skelton (after tie with Mrs Perkins); consolation, Mrs Rockett. Gents—1, Mr Rowan; 2, Mr T. Wright; sealed, Mr Garland; consolation, Mr B. Cartwright. Light refreshments and chocolates for ladies and cigarettes for gents were handed round during the interval.

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary has received £122, proceeds of Newthorpe Charity Sports, per Mr W. Bramley.

On Saturday afternoon in the second round of the York Junior Football Cup Competition Monk Fryston and Cherry Mission played a drawn game—three goals each.

The attendance returns for Saxton School for last month show that the percentage was 87.84 against 90.67 in December, 1912, while Barkston School had the splendid percentage of 96.15 against 86.67.

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the offices of Garforth on Wednesday night—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr H. Gascoigne, Mr T. S. Slater, Mr H. Sugden, Mr J. Hulse, Mr H. Richardson, Mr W. Y. K. Young, and Mr J. B. Breed, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The attendance at the evening schools at Garforth was reported to be satisfactory.

The Clerk stated that the examination for county minor scholarships, etc., would be held at Garforth on March 25th.

It was reported that the managers of Garforth Parochial School had appointed Miss Binns, of Hull, an assistant teacher, at £45 a year.

In a Garforth school attendance case it was reported that the father of the child had been asked to attend two successful meetings, and on an explanation as to the irregular attendance of the child, but he had ignored the request.

The Chairman said the man had not treated them very courteously.

The school attendance officer said that when he informed the mother the case would be reported, she replied "Go and report it. It is all right."

Mr Breed said they could not allow the man to flout the committee.

The Chairman: He defies both the law and the committee.

It was unanimously agreed to summon the man.

The Chairman said the school attendance for last month had shown a great improvement.

The Clerk said the district stood sixth in the Riding.

An application for an increase of salary was received from Mrs Eddington, caretaker of the Garforth Council School. Her present salary is £52 per annum.

The Chairman said the work was excellently done.

After the Clerk had explained her duties and given comparisons of caretakers' remuneration, it was unanimously resolved to recommend an increase of £5 per annum.

The Clerk reported that the Authority had confirmed the Committee's decision to let a plot of land at East Garforth School, to Mr Chadwick for 10s. a year, but Mr Chadwick had declined to take it unless the fences were repaired.

Mr Chappell said they had better let it go to waste than spend £1 on fencing.

Mr Breed: It will cost more than £1 to fence it.

Mr Chappell said that if he wanted the fencing repaired he should pay a rent that would permit of it being done.

Mr Rayner said it was rather unfortunate Mr Chadwick should go back on his offer. He should certainly oppose fencing it.

Mr Breed: If we fenced the land we could get 30s. for it.

Mr Slater asked if it was intended the produce should go to the school.

The Clerk: No. Mr Chadwick would be tenant, and the produce would be his own.

Mr Chappell: If it was to be a school garden we should put the fence into repair.

Mr Rayner said the question of the fence was taken into consideration when they let the land for 10s.

The matter was allowed to drop, and the land is still without a tenant.

The Earl of Londesborough has been appointed president of the Selby Golf Club for the ensuing year.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—For last month Sherburn school district had a percentage of 91.18 as compared with 89.03 in December, 1912. Sherburn Endowed was first in the Garforth division with 96.46 against 93.33; Sherburn Girls, 92.66 and 91.43; Sherburn infants, 91.75 and 86.00. It will be seen that the attendance at Sherburn Schools was very creditable indeed.

COLLISION.—A collision took place on Friday morning on the North-Eastern Railway Company's line at Gascoigne Wood Junction, and though no serious damage was done, the enginemen received a severe shaking. It appears that a goods train was standing in the down-siding, when a pilot engine came along and crashed into the train. The driver, fireman, and guard of the goods train were slightly injured, but later were able to proceed on their journey to Hull.

SELBY URBAN COUNCIL.—The Selby Urban Council on Wednesday night agreed to a recommendation of the Gasworks Committee to petition against the Yorkshire Electric Powers Bill. At a previous meeting the Council asked the War Office to reconsider their decision not to provide a jetty outside Selby for unloading explosives for the Barby Magazine. At present the cordite is unloaded at the railway jetty in Ousegate and the Council represented that this was attended with danger to the inhabitants. The War Office once more replied that after further consideration they adhered to their previous decision. Cordite, unlike gunpowder, was not exploded by fire, and although inflammable, was packed in such a way as to reduce to a minimum any risk of ignition.

THE OPEN WINDOW QUESTION.—The inconvenience caused by a passenger to several other people travelling on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway between Leeds and Crossgates on December 9th was described in the Leeds Police Court on Wednesday, when Edward Sissons Potts, commercial traveller, of Sherburn, was summoned for interfering with the comfort of passengers. The defendant did not appear but was represented by Mr J. W. Rhodes, of Sherburn. The train was the 6.32 p.m. from Leeds to Hull, and the defendant sat in a corner seat with his face towards the engine. The carriage was fully occupied except the corner seat opposite Potts. He had his feet on it, and his boots were also on another passenger's coat. The window of the carriage was down, and as a strong, cold wind was blowing several men wanted the window up. The defendant, it was alleged, objected, used bad language, threatened the men, and generally made himself most objectionable until the passengers sought other seats. Potts, the station-master was informed. When the official went up and asked Mr Potts for his name and address he gave it as "John Johnson, John Street, Hull." Proved to be employed by a servant of the Company, Mr Potts said: "Yes I know all about it, but I am not going to have the window closed and the fire put out." The opposite side of the carriage had been closed. Previous to that a gale was blowing through the carriage. The Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr H. Marshall), in inflicting a fine of 20s. and costs, said it was evident that Potts had made himself a general nuisance to everyone else in the carriage.

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BARKSTON ASH CHURCHMEN AND FINANCE

VIEWS OF MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND MR BROOKSBANK.

The 25th meeting of the York Diocesan Conference was held on Thursday in the Exhibition Buildings at York, when the report of the Board of Finance on the first year's working of the diocesan scheme was submitted, and the budget for the current year presented and approved. The Archbishop of York presided, and besides him on the platform were the Bishop of Beverley, the Bishop of Sheffield, the Bishop of Hull, the Rev. Canon Greenwood (Rotherham), Mr. G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and Alt. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P.

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The Bishop of Beverley said that last year they had asked for £6,000, and they proposed to ask for £8,000 this year again. He moved:—"That the Diocesan Conference adopts the Budget and apportionment prepared by the Board of Finance for the year 1914, subject to such revision by the Board of Finance as it may deem desirable on appeals on the part of the several deaneries or by resolution of the ruridecanal conference."

Mr Lane Fox seconded. He thought they must all agree that the sum that was asked for was not excessive. He did not want to strike any discordant note, but it seemed to him that there had been a great deal of self-congratulation, and he thought, perhaps, they had overdone that. (Hear, hear). It was satisfactory that they had not fallen short of the amount of the minimum quota, but they had to remember that they had not raised the amount asked. He hoped in the next year they would rise above and beyond that. (Applause). He knew there was a certain amount of feeling in some parishes over the basis on which the various quotas were assessed, but the method of roughly rating the assessment, and he hoped they would continue it. He knew of one parish in which the incumbent had taken no steps that he knew of to bring the scheme before the parishioners. He knew of a case in which a great deal more money could have been raised if the matter had been pushed home. (Hear, hear).

The resolution was agreed to.

AN ABERFORD ASSAULT CASE

SCENE AT THE "ROYAL OAK."

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Dixon Gray, miner, of Aberford, was summoned by William Lock, licencee of the Royal Oak Tavern, Aberford, for assault, and for having been disorderly and refusing to quit.

Prosecutor said that about to pm. on January 7th the defendant came into the inn, and after he had been in about three minutes commenced to quarrel with one of the customers. He used very bad language, and witness, who was in the kitchen at the time, went to him and found him with his coat partly off. Mr Lock spoke to him, who resented the turned and struck him a blow in the face. Defendant also refused to go outside, and, in a struggle which ensued, tripped up the prosecutor, assaulting him in the down.

Defendant, asked if he had any questions to put to the prosecutor, said he wished to explain that he had not used any bad language. He was not a drunkard, but owing to a bad cold he had taken some rum, which must have got into his head. He asked the Bench to be lenient with him.

Alfred de la Pole spoke to seeing the defendant assault Lock.

Gray was ordered to pay a fine of 40s. and costs for the assault, and 10s. and costs for refusing to quit.

INQUEST ON A WOMAN AT ACASTER.

RECOGNISED BY HER BOOTS.

At the Ship Inn, Acaster Malbis, on Friday, an inquest was held by Mr J. R. Wood (Coroner) on the body of Miss Fanny Lupton, of 7, Brigg Street, Fountayne Street, York, which was recovered from the river Ouse.

Mr Thomas B. Harrworth, of 38, Neville Street, York, shoemaker, said he had seen the body, clothing, and boots of the deceased, which he recognised as having belonged to his sweetheart, the deceased, a single woman aged 33 last year. She was first missed on October 8th.

The Coroner: Had she good hoots?

Witness: No, the doctor ordered her to get out as much as possible. She had very poor health indeed. She was afraid of a nervous breakdown. She left home at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. But she did not come back in the usual time, and we thought she must have gone to see one of her married sisters. When it got to 9 o'clock we began to get a bit anxious. But she used to go to see her married sisters a lot. We made enquiries and found that she had not been to any of them. The police were informed, but we heard nothing of her until the police found her—except when her umbrella and clothes were found on a seat on the New Walk. They were found on the Wednesday night she left home.

The Coroner: How do you recognise her?

Witness: I recognise her boots very well, and the stockings had been re-footed, and there were one or two other small things that I could tell her by; but the boots were the main thing. I could tell by a froot tooth she had.

What was peculiar about that?—It projected a little. It was rather larger than the others. She had very bad teeth. The police were straight, but we were advised to stop it until there was a clue.

James Clark, carpenter, Acaster Malbis, said he found the body at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the dam, Naburn Locks. He recovered it and removed it to the Ship Inn.

Dr. A. Raimes said he had examined the body of the deceased, which was consistent with its having been in the water for three months. There were no apparent indications of death having taken place from causes other than drowning.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned in the Ouse."

LOCAL GUARDIANS AND MARGARINE.

Monk Fryston, Burton Salmon, and Hillam are in Pontefract Union, and the residents should note that the Guardians had an hour's discussion on Saturday as to whether butter or margarine should in future be supplied to the inmates of the House and the cottage homes. The matter arose out of a motion by the Rev. F. E. Egerton that margarine should be supplied after March 31st, as recommended by the Local Government Board Inspector. He said the Clerk had informed him that the average cost for butter was £445, and if they could save half that amount conscientiously he thought it was their duty. He reminded the Board that they had it on the highest authority that some margarine was better than butter, and he never had anything in his own house, but family or visitors, but margarine. Margarine was very largely used by the working classes, and they would be quite satisfied to have the same in the workhouse. It was not a question of competing with the trade market, as they already provided Danish butter.

Mr Holdridge seconded.

Mr Batten, in a long speech, opposed and gave a description of what he stated to be some of the constituents of margarine. He challenged the statement that the working classes largely used it, but, he added, if they did, it was because the wages they earned would not permit of it by getting butter. The Guardians gave the inmates at present sugar at 2s. a stone, tea at 1s. 6d. a pound, a big hunch of bread, and a little sugar—all good food. He hoped they would not spoil the menu by the proposed substitution.

Some enterprising local manager having heard of the motion, sent a large sample of margarine, and the Board proceeded to sample it, a few members declining, however.

The Chairman (Mr Bentley) said it was certainly very nice to taste. It was for the Board to consider whether there was anything wrong or improper for them so supply margarine to the inmates, and, if they thought not, he saw no reason why they should not do their duty to the ratepayers and save £5 a week. He certainly believed that if their inmates were providing for themselves they would buy margarine; though some might say the Bench replied that if they had Mr Egerton's income they would stick to butter.

Mr A. Taylor, a farmer, favoured the provision of margarine, but on voting, the motion was lost by 30 votes to 11.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices on Wednesday—Mr T. Thomas (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Dickinson, Dr. Groves, Rev. T. Cady, Messrs G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Butterick, P. S. Hargreaves, Banister, J. W. Cowling, Dr. Haydn Marsden, Banister, J. W. Cowling, Dr. R. Pickersgill, W. A. greaves, J. Gawtin, J. R. Pickersgill, W. A. Appleyard, G. W. Peace, Hemingway, J. R. Chappell, and T. Bennett, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Moy).

It was reported that during the fortnight there had been one death in the Workhouse, and the number of vagrants relieved was 99 as against 90 last year.

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A further report was received from Mr G. Bogue Smart, Chief Inspector, Department of the Interior, Canada, with reference to the proposal that Margaret Egan should try her vocation with the Sister of St. Joseph, Montreal, stating that he had been to St. Gabriel's Academy, where the girl is employed as a maid at the Convent of the Holy Cross, and that she had arranged to defer coming to a decision in the matter until she is able to better judge of her its significance. It was resolved that the Clerk write the Catholic Emigration Association and say that the girl is not proceeding with her application, and that they be asked to keep the proposal that Margaret Egan should try her vocation with the Sister of St. Joseph, Montreal, stating that he had been to St. Gabriel's Academy, where the girl is employed as a maid at the Convent of the Holy Cross, and that she had arranged to defer coming to a decision in the matter until she is able to better judge of her its significance. It was resolved that the Clerk write the Catholic Emigration Association and say that the girl is not proceeding with her application, and that they be asked to keep the proposal in view should she change her mind.

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The Clerk reported that on 1st January last according to a return made by him to the Local Government Board, there were 20 children in the workhouse not receiving education or instruction, three only being above 5 years of age. A letter was received from the master stating, in answer to enquiry, that none of the children were eligible and suitable for the Homes.

The minutes, with the exception of a portion relating to an alleged aberration in the heating system, were passed.

Mr Thomas (vice-chairman) and Mr T. Bennett, along with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Moy), were appointed as delegates to the Central Poor Law Conference to be held in London next month.

A letter was read from Mr Sharp, one of the relieving officers, reporting that after making his report to the Board re the giving of coal to each recipient of out-relief he had found that there were five people in his district who had been given a supply of coal privately, and asking under these circumstances if he should adhere to the instructions of the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board or withhold the coal until the loads had been used.

A resolution that the Guardians supply coal to the people referred to as soon as necessity arises was passed.

TWINS CURED OF ECZEMA.

A GRATEFUL MOTHER PRAISES THE WONDERFUL ZAM-BUK TREATMENT.

CUTS, SORES, AND PILES.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

BARKSTON ASH CUP—SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

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Boston Spa v. Tadcaster.
Garforth W. R. v. South Milford.
Wetherby v. Wetherby Cor.
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Sherburn v. Barwick United.
Harewood v. Barwick United.

If Tadcaster play their best team they should defeat Boston Spa, and I fancy Garforth, Wetherby, Monk Fryston, Aberford, Cawood United, and Barwick as winners.

DERBYSHIRE SHIELD.

In the Derbyshire Shield Competition on Saturday afternoon Wetherby overcame Harewood by five goals to one, and maintained first place in their division. Cawood and Whitkirk had a close game, the latter being beaten by the odd goal in five, and South Milford managed to wrest the points from Aberford by three goals to two.

HOSPITAL CUP SEMI-FINALS.

Rothwell Parish Church had an unlucky day at Morley, where they played the Heckmondwike team. The Churchmen attacked in fine style at the outset, and after Green had saved twice, Hirst netted for Rothwell. At one time it looked as if the Churchmen were certain winners, for they were all over their opponents. The backs defended stoutly, and Boyes and Stringer were prominent. However, there was no more scoring up to the interval. Afterwards Heckmondwike improved, and the Churchmen fell away, and a change came over the game. Heckmondwike netted five times, and won by five goals to one.

Fryston Colliery and Woodhouse Britannia were the other semi-finalists, and the miners had a decisive win. Stone and Burt netted for Fryston in the first moiety, and they were leading by two goals to nil. Five more goals were obtained by Fryston, and their opponents had to be content with one.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

In this League on Saturday afternoon Great Preston accomplished a good performance by defeating Wortley United, and Waterloo Main (Templetownsham) defeated Benson Lane R. R. by a goal to nil.

The match between Great Preston and Wortley United was at Holbeck. The Prestonians gave the better exhibition in the first half, and Graham giving Tonce a nice pass, this player netted. A second goal came from a long shot by Smee. In the second half Graham netted, and Preston won by three goals to nil.

ROTHWELL W. R. WIN.

Rothwell White Rose were away at Horsforth on Saturday, gaining a victory by two goals to nil. Rothwell won the toss, and played downhill. About five minutes from the kick-off Wilks, with only the goal-keeper to beat, was shouldered off the ball. Owing to a mistake by Ossett, Hughes centred the ball in front of the goal, and Parfitt netted, giving the goalkeeper no chance. Abrahams scored for Rothwell from a pass by Tiffany. Arnett, the Horsforth goal-keeper, made a magnificent save, and Ward when he was only two yards from goal.

RUGBY NOTES.

ROTHWELL'S DOINGS.

On Saturday Rothwell entertained Pontefract, who were about the first to defeat the homesters in this season's fixtures. However, away from home Rothwell's tables completely turned on them, suffering defeat by eighteen points to three. The match was a benefit in aid of Lazenby, who had the misfortune to break his leg when playing for Rothwell during November last. The official referee was again a missing quantity, and a late start was made. Tetlow commenced downhill for the visitors, who played strongly in the early stages. To an "Ecko" field Weekly" reporter the grateful mother, who lives at Field Cottages, Framfield, Sussex, said:—

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BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

MEET AT WALTON.

On Friday the Bramham Moor meet was at Waltons. Mr Lane Fox, M.P., was in charge, and hounds found at once in the Hall Parks. They slowly hunted to Walton Whins and the village to Thorparch Whins, where the fox got to ground.

Another fox got away from the Whins, and he ran up to the Gate House, down on by Walton to Hall Parke, and parallel with Rudgate, down to Wighill Ings, where the quarry got into the rabbit earths.

At Champagne cover hounds found a brace, and went away quickly with one that went to Thorparch Whins and to ground. Hatfield's Plantation and Swinnow as well as Ingmanthorpe Big Wood and the New Plantation were blanks.

Hounds found again in the Willow Garth, and ran hard through Lincroft to the Goathorpe covers. From Heslock Field Rash they ran through Goose Moor, and checked as they pointed for the White Gate.

Fiercely heard of the fox going to the Duck Pond, and hounds ran on over the road, just missing both Champagne and Hatfield's Plantation. They worked the line nearly to the Wetherby steeple chase fencing, and then bore away to the left, and ran on by Spring Wood, across the railway near the Gate House, and they checked again on the way to Thorparch.

HUNTING MEET AT NUN APPLETON.

A LADY'S MISHAP.

On Tuesday the York and Ainsty hounds, meeting at Nun Appleton, appeared to be as unfortunate as on Monday in not finding foxes, for hounds drew all the gorse coverts in the vale without a whimper, and then they drew the plantations and willow garths up to the Pallathorpe cover without the sign of a fox. They had to make a call upon the resources of Bilbrough's preserves, taking Steeton Wood in the line. The welcome note rang out, and the huntsman's cheer for hounds to get to the cry. Hounds made the best of a moderate scent once on the fox's line, going through Pickering Wood, and leaving the Steeton Old Hall to the left, they ran up to the railway, which was crossed by Bolton Percy Station. Hounds put in some excellent work. Going to the right, they re-crossed the railway, and getting on to some grass more spirit was put into the chase. Ostons Hall could be seen ahead, and many thought th's would be the fox's point; but getting turned to the left, he got back to Steeton Wood. Here Cumpstone made certain of another kill, but though hounds were close at their fox's brush he managed to slip through the pack and get clear. This fright caused reynard to leave the wood at once, and he went away from the cover towards Ostons, and reached Colton village, where hounds drew up. Cumpstone made all the ground good, but failed to handle his fox. It had been a very nice hunt, only it wanted a little more pace.

Hounds then went to the Colton Whin, and in a very few minutes the cheery voice of the huntsman got the pack together. They had hard work to hunt their fox, but by great perseverance on Cumpstone's part they were again away, going over Mr Myers's farm, with Colton village on the left, and crossed the road with Colton Lodge on the left hand. Here the pace of fore now quickened and caused a division in the pack. The main body ran on at a good pace up to the Old Steeton Hall, and going to the right reached Pickering Wood. This also put everybody on the ride, and here hounds appeared as if they would have killed, but scent was wretched to cover, and they could hardly hold the line. The fox halloa told Cumpstone that reynard had gone away to Old Steeton Wood, and going from the Steeton Wood they went away with Pallathorpe cover wide on the right. This bit of country hounds ran over wanted doing, and those who rode up to hounds had their work cut out up to Bumper Hill. Reynard ran up to a plough team, and turning short to the left reached Colton village, where hounds got off the line.

Cumpstone made a quick cast forward for the Colton Whin, holding hounds on, but did not succeed in recovering the line. Coming back to Colton, however, he recovered the fox, and hunting reynard from Colton Whin, went to the left over Mr Jaggar's farm, and reached Mr Lawson Smith's house, Colton Lodge. Hounds could not make much of the line, being on folled ground. Huntsman and hounds had a very hard day, so the order was for home.

Mr Payne Galbwey had a fall last week, and put his shoulder out, and is wearing it in a collar-bone. Miss Galbwey when following the pack on Monday staked her horse and had to retire from the hunt. On Tuesday, at the Nun Appleton meet, the same lady had a nasty fall through her horse putting its foot in a rabbit hole when galloping in the open. Although she was much shaken and bruised, she is not so seriously injured as was feared.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

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YORK AND AINSTY.

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Benson Lane Red Rose v. Alterton Bywater. J. G. Tingle.
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LEEDS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Bowers Alterton v. Alterton Church Inst. L. V. Quinn.
Rothwell Parish Church v. Rothwell White Rose. S. Fisher.
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In York deanery £341 9s. 4d. was asked for and £328 13s. 2d. given; in Ainsty deanery, £93 1s. 4d., and £115 7s.; in Pontefract deanery, £300 and £248 12s. 5d.; and in Selby deanery, £473 8s., and £404 18s. 4d.

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Alt. E. C. Brooksbank (Healaugh), who moved, said he set greater value on the way the scheme had been carried out than on the financial result itself. For the first time they had really found a way to look over the hedge into the next parish to their own, and they had a more united diocese than ever in the past. He most thoroughly approved what the Archbishop had said about the friendly rivalry amongst the rural deaneries in regard to the scheme, and if they could encourage that spirit in other Church work it would be very satisfactory. They had been encouraged largely by the poorer country areas—areas which would not benefit so much from financial assistance under the scheme. (Hear, hear).

The Bishop of Beverley said that last year they had asked for £6,000, and they proposed to ask for £8,000 this year again. He moved:—"That the Diocesan Conference adopts the Budget and apportionment prepared by the Board of Finance for the year 1914, subject to such revision by the Board of Finance as it may deem desirable on appeals on the part of the several deaneries or by resolution of the ruridecanal conference."

Mr Lane Fox seconded. He thought they must all agree that the sum that was asked for was not excessive. He did not want to strike any discordant note, but it seemed to him that there had been a great deal of self-congratulation, and he thought, perhaps, they had overdone that. (Hear, hear). It was satisfactory that they had not fallen short of the amount of the minimum quota, but they had to remember that they had not raised the amount asked. He hoped in the next year they would rise above and beyond that. (Applause). He knew there was a certain amount of feeling in some parishes over the basis on which the various quotas were assessed, but the method of roughly rating the assessment, and he hoped they would continue it. He knew of one parish in which the incumbent had taken no steps that he knew of to bring the scheme before the parishioners. He knew of a case in which a great deal more money could have been raised if the matter had been pushed home. (Hear, hear).

The resolution was agreed to.

AN ABERFORD ASSAULT CASE

SCENE AT THE "ROYAL OAK."

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Dixon Gray, miner, of Aberford, was summoned by William Lock, licencee of the Royal Oak Tavern, Aberford, for assault, and for having been disorderly and refusing to quit.

Prosecutor said that about to pm. on January 7th the defendant came into the inn, and after he had been in about three minutes commenced to quarrel with one of the customers. He used very bad language, and witness, who was in the kitchen at the time, went to him and found him with his coat partly off. Mr Lock spoke to him, who resented the turned and struck him a blow in the face. Defendant also refused to go outside, and, in a struggle which ensued, tripped up the prosecutor, assaulting him in the down.

Defendant, asked if he had any questions to put to the prosecutor, said he wished to explain that he had not used any bad language. He was not a drunkard, but owing to a bad cold he had taken some rum, which must have got into his head. He asked the Bench to be lenient with him.

Alfred de la Pole spoke to seeing the defendant assault Lock.

Gray was ordered to pay a fine of 40s. and costs for the assault, and 10s. and costs for refusing to quit.

INQUEST ON A WOMAN AT ACASTER.

RECOGNISED BY HER BOOTS.

At the Ship Inn, Acaster Malbis, on Friday, an inquest was held by Mr J. R. Wood (Coroner) on the body of Miss Fanny Lupton, of 7, Brigg Street, Fountayne Street, York, which was recovered from the river Ouse.

Mr Thomas B. Harrworth, of 38, Neville Street, York, shoemaker, said he had seen the body, clothing, and boots of the deceased, which he recognised as having belonged to his sweetheart, the deceased, a single woman aged 33 last year. She was first missed on October 8th.

The Coroner: Had she good hoots?

Witness: No, the doctor ordered her to get out as much as possible. She had very poor health indeed. She was afraid of a nervous breakdown. She left home at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. But she did not come back in the usual time, and we thought she must have gone to see one of her married sisters. When it got to 9 o'clock we began to get a bit anxious. But she used to go to see her married sisters a lot. We made enquiries and found that she had not been to any of them. The police were informed, but we heard nothing of her until the police found her—except when her umbrella and clothes were found on a seat on the New Walk. They were found on the Wednesday night she left home.

The Coroner: How do you recognise her?

Witness: I recognise her boots very well, and the stockings had been re-footed, and there were one or two other small things that I could tell her by; but the boots were the main thing. I could tell by a froot tooth she had.

What was peculiar about that?—It projected a little. It was rather larger than the others. She had very bad teeth. The police were straight, but we were advised to stop it until there was a clue.

James Clark, carpenter, Acaster Malbis, said he found the body at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the dam, Naburn Locks. He recovered it and removed it to the Ship Inn.

Dr. A. Raimes said he had examined the body of the deceased, which was consistent with its having been in the water for three months. There were no apparent indications of death having taken place from causes other than drowning.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found Drowned in the Ouse."

LOCAL GUARDIANS AND MARGARINE.

Monk Fryston, Burton Salmon, and Hillam are in Pontefract Union, and the residents should note that the Guardians had an hour's discussion on Saturday as to whether butter or margarine should in future be supplied to the inmates of the House and the cottage homes. The matter arose out of a motion by the Rev. F. E. Egerton that margarine should be supplied after March 31st, as recommended by the Local Government Board Inspector. He said the Clerk had informed him that the average cost for butter was £445, and if they could save half that amount conscientiously he thought it was their duty. He reminded the Board that they had it on the highest authority that some margarine was better than butter, and he never had anything in his own house, but family or visitors, but margarine. Margarine was very largely used by the working classes, and they would be quite satisfied to have the same in the workhouse. It was not a question of competing with the trade market, as they already provided Danish butter.

Mr Holdridge seconded.

Mr Batten, in a long speech, opposed and gave a description of what he stated to be some of the constituents of margarine. He challenged the statement that the working classes largely used it, but, he added, if they did, it was because the wages they earned would not permit of it by getting butter. The Guardians gave the inmates at present sugar at 2s. a stone, tea at 1s. 6d. a pound, a big hunch of bread, and a little sugar—all good food. He hoped they would not spoil the menu by the proposed substitution.

Some enterprising local manager having heard of the motion, sent a large sample of margarine, and the Board proceeded to sample it, a few members declining, however.

The Chairman (Mr Bentley) said it was certainly very nice to taste. It was for the Board to consider whether there was anything wrong or improper for them so supply margarine to the inmates, and, if they thought not, he saw no reason why they should not do their duty to the ratepayers and save £5 a week. He certainly believed that if their inmates were providing for themselves they would buy margarine; though some might say the Bench replied that if they had Mr Egerton's income they would stick to butter.

Mr A. Taylor, a farmer, favoured the provision of margarine, but on voting, the motion was lost by 30 votes to 11.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices on Wednesday—Mr T. Thomas (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Dickinson, Dr. Groves, Rev. T. Cady, Messrs G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Butterick, P. S. Hargreaves, Banister, J. W. Cowling, Dr. Haydn Marsden, Banister, J. W. Cowling, Dr. R. Pickersgill, W. A greaves, J. Gawtin, J. R. Pickersgill, W. A Appleyard, G. W. Peace, Hemingway, J. R. Chappell, and T. Bennett, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Moy).

It was reported that during the fortnight there had been one death in the Workhouse, and the number of vagrants relieved was 99 as against 90 last year.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee showed that a further letter was received from the R ttwell Urban District Council with reference to the supply of water by rent, and the reference to the supply of water by rent, and the Clerk reported his reply thereto and that he had asked for a copy of the new scale of charges which the Council are reported to have made, but had not received it. It was resolved that the Chairman, vice-chairman, and the Clerk be appointed and empowered to meet a similar committee of the Council in the endeavour to agree upon an equitable water rent.

A further report was received from Mr G. Bogue Smart, Chief Inspector, Department of the Interior, Canada, with reference to the proposal that Margaret Egan should try her vocation with the Sister of St. Joseph, Montreal, stating that he had been to St. Gabriel's Academy, where the girl is employed as a maid at the Convent of the Holy Cross, and that she had arranged to defer coming to a decision in the matter until she is able to better judge of her its significance. It was resolved that the Clerk write the Catholic Emigration Association and say that the girl is not proceeding with her application, and that they be asked to keep the proposal that Margaret Egan should try her vocation with the Sister of St. Joseph, Montreal, stating that he had been to St. Gabriel's Academy, where the girl is employed as a maid at the Convent of the Holy Cross, and that she had arranged to defer coming to a decision in the matter until she is able to better judge of her its significance. It was resolved that the Clerk write the Catholic Emigration Association and say that the girl is not proceeding with her application, and that they be asked to keep the proposal in view should she change her mind.

The minutes of the Workhouse Committee showed that the application of Miss Gerrard, superintendent nurse, for an increase of salary was considered on a reference from the Board, and it was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to increase the salary from £45 to £50 per annum.

The Clerk reported that on 1st January last according to a return made by him to the Local Government Board, there were 20 children in the workhouse not receiving education or instruction, three only being above 5 years of age. A letter was received from the master stating, in answer to enquiry, that none of the children were eligible and suitable for the Homes.

The minutes, with the exception of a portion relating to an alleged aberration in the heating system, were passed.

Mr Thomas (vice-chairman) and Mr T. Bennett, along with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Moy), were appointed as delegates to the Central Poor Law Conference to be held in London next month.

A letter was read from Mr Sharp, one of the relieving officers, reporting that after making his report to the Board re the giving of coal to each recipient of out-relief he had found that there were five people in his district who had been given a supply of coal privately, and asking under

OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

SWEET PEAS.

Sweet peas are so indispensable in the flower garden that no risk of a lack of bloom should be taken. If seeds were sown in October as recommended in these columns the seedlings should now be growing freely and will be ready for potting on into larger pots. A rich compost should be used for this potting, and if the seed pots are of the 48-inch size, 6-inch pots may be used for the weaker, and 7-inch for the stronger clumps. The plants will require the protection of the cold frame for 6 or 8 weeks yet, but should be freely ventilated on all favourable occasions. The plants grow rapidly during late February and March, and should be supplied with suitable supports in good time to prevent them falling over. Two of the most important points in sweet pea culture are the provision of a deep, rich rooting media for the final planting, and sufficient space for each plant to develop to its full extent. Sweet peas are so accommodating and give such good returns under somewhat careless treatment, that they rarely receive the amount of attention necessary to persuade them to give of their best. There are numerous ways of raising young plants. The most natural way is to sow the seed where the plants are intended to bloom. The greatest objection to this is that in our northern districts the plants from outdoor sowing do not commence to bloom until late in the season. Probably the best results are obtained from an autumn sowing in pots. The best method is to sow in pots early in February. The seed germinates rapidly in a slightly heated greenhouse, but care must be taken to prevent the seedlings getting drawn. They should be put within a few inches of the roof, and when about 3 inches high should be removed to the cold frame. If a heated structure is not available the seed may be sown in a cold frame, the only difference being that its progress will be much slower. For spring sowing in pots, 3 or 4 seeds in a four-inch pot are a suitable number. The young plants should be kept as near the light as possible right from the first, and free ventilation, without direct draughts, will keep them strong and sturdy. The preparation of the ground intended for sweet peas is an important matter. No half measures will answer. The ground should be broken up from two to three feet deep and manure should be added unstintingly, but the subsoil is of a poor quality it should not be brought to the surface unless with the object of renewing it in favour of some new loam or soil. The sweet pea is such a gross feeder that anything in the nature of plant food seems to come amiss to it. When preparing the soil, any or the following may be added. Any kind of animal manure, poultry manure, decayed vegetable matter, ashes from the rubbish fire, wood ashes, soot, and powdered lime rubble. If available bone meal, basic slag, or any prepared chemical manure may also be used. Some degree of reason must be used in applying any of the above, and of course the character of the soil must be taken into consideration. For instance, sandy soils are too porous for the roots to get a good grip of the ground. Any additions that are made should be of such a nature as to produce more stability and retentiveness of moisture. Stable manure is excellent for retaining moisture. Vegetable refuse, pig and cow manure, light dressings of lime and salt are all good, and if the soil is extremely sandy it may be further improved by the addition of powdered clay. Heavy soils are improved by the addition of gritty soil, lime, ashes, burnt earth, strawey manure, and bone meal. Autumn digging should always be practised, and if the soil is laid up in ridges it will enable the frost to work more freely amongst it. The planting out, or sowing of seed outdoor, cannot be safely carried out on any fixed date. Every thing depends upon the state of both the ground and the weather. Approximately it is safe to sow seed outdoor the latter part of March. Some growers sow in February and if the spring is not severe good results are obtained. Pot grown plants may generally be hardened off and planted out about the middle of April. A light sprinkling of superphosphate of lime may be forked lightly into the ground immediately before planting. The National Sweet Pea Society publish an annual list of the best varieties, and we can offer no better advice to readers than to make a selection from this list. Growers who only grow a few varieties may find the following list useful. Othello Spencer, (maroon), Lady Grisel Hamilton (lavender), Freda Unwin (blue), Stirling Stent (orange), Sutton's W. P. Wright (pale blue), Thomas Stevenson (orange scarlet), Maud Holmes (crimson), Nora Unwin (white), Mrs Hardcastle Sykes (pink), John Ingman (carmine), Barbara (salmon), Edith Taylor (cerise), Etta Dyke (white), Helen Lewis (orange), Countess Spencer (pink), Clara Curtis (primrose), Asta Ohn (lavender), American Spencer (crimson and white). If only a mixed row is required Eckford's "giant mixed" will be found to contain many varieties equal to the named ones. For garden decoration mixed rows or clumps are more effective than separate colours. The dwarf Cupid varieties are very pretty for small beds. They rarely reach a foot in height.

PLANTS IN POTS.

FUCHSIAS.

Fuchsias that have been kept dry at the roots during the winter may now be started into growth. Last year's growths should be reduced to a few eyes on each. Turn the plants out of the pots, and carefully reduce the ball of soil. The roots should be preserved as nearly intact as possible. Repot into as small a pot as possible, using a mixture of 3 parts loam to 1 part leaf mould, and a sprinkling of sand. Place in a temperature of about 65 and syringe daily to encourage new growth. Pot on as required, using a richer compost when the plants are in full growth.

ANEMONE CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

The value of this section of chrysanthemums for decorative purposes does not appear to be realised in many gardens. There are comparatively few varieties, but of these a few are really excellent. Descartes, a deep mauve, is very free-flowering, and the flowers are produced on firm, erect, long stalks. W. W. Astor, Thorp Junior, Ernest Carr, Souvenir de Madame Blandiniere, and Miss Margaret are all very good. They should be thinned to one on each stem.

CALADIUMS.

These beautiful stove foliage plants may now be started into growth. Some growers start them in cocoa-fibre in the propagator, but we find it an advantage to start them in small pots and pot them on when necessary. A rough compost made up of peat, loam, leaf-mould, and dried cow manure, in equal parts, with a generous sprinkling of silver sand, will grow them well. The base of the tubers should be allowed to rest upon silver sand. A temperature of about 70 degrees will grow them admirably.

COLEUS.

There are few plants of easy culture that can compare with the coleus for brilliancy of colour in the foliage and variety of markings. If cuttings are available they will root readily in a warm house at this time of the year. Seedlings are more robust than plants raised from cuttings, and from a shilling packet of seed dozens of varieties may be obtained. Seed may be sown at once, and it is advisable to prick the seedlings out separately in boxes. When they are a few inches high the best varieties may be potted up and the coarse ones discarded.

NOTES ON TABLE PLANTS.

The following are amongst the most elegant and graceful plants adapted for room decoration, and which continue to thrive for many years with ordinary care.

Araucaria.—These beautiful plants are of the easiest culture, and are not nearly so well-known as they should be. The handsome foliage is produced in successive tiers. For halls, porches, tables, etc., they are very fine ornaments, and will succeed with people who cannot make a success of growing palms. A sandy loam, admixed with some boneneal, is the best soil to use. Good drainage is essential; and the soil must always be kept damp, though not wet. The great enemy of this genus is red spider, but it can be kept away by frequently lightly spraying the leaves, especially on their undersides.

Aspidistra.—Of all ornamental table plants this is the very easiest to grow. All it requires are a good loam soil and an abundance of water. Boneneal is the best fertiliser to use, and should be furnished from time to time. Insect pests never seem to attack the plants, which will thrive in corners too dark for other species.

Asparagus.—Asparagus plumosus nanus, the dwarf asparagus fern, is a delightful subject for room decoration. The lace-like foliage, when well grown, is more attractive than that of ferns. When intended for table decoration the young shoots must be pinched off when nine inches high, as this results in the production of numerous film-like side branches. Combined with a few grasses, this plant makes a very perfect centre for a table, quite as good, indeed, as an expensive florist's arrangement. Asparagus sprengeri, another beautiful asparagus fern, is specially adapted for hanging baskets, as it possesses drooping foliage.

Aucuba.—The common spotted laurel is a charming plant for halls, though one rarely sees it used for them. It is fully as attractive as a palm there, and does well in any good loamy soil, while it increases in beauty year by year.

ADDRESS BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

HOME RULE—INSURANCE—LAND QUESTION.

Mr George Lane Fox, M.P., was the principal speaker at a Conservative meeting at Consett on Saturday night. He said that no political party in post history had created more peers and found good positions for their friends than had the present Liberal Government. Respecting Home Rule, he said the Government had themselves to blame for the muddle in which they found themselves by disregarding the protest of Ulster, and to get out of it they would either have to appeal to the country or exclude Ulster from the scope of the measure. At the present moment the Government made a great many promises of what they were going to do in the way of social reform. He would remind his hearers, however, of the attitude the Liberal party took up when the Opposition introduced into the Commons a Bill to improve the housing conditions of the working classes. All honour was due to the Labour members for the support they accorded the Unionist party. The Liberals, however, would not have the Bill, and they referred it to a committee, who so mutilated it that it was eventually rejected by the Commons.

Dealing with the Insurance Act, the speaker averred that it had done a great deal of mischief in destroying the voluntary efforts of the Friendly Societies. He maintained that if the scheme had been non-compulsory, the working classes would have taken more kindly to it, and its effects would have been more beneficial. He considered the scheme hindered the workers from being continuously employed, because the more hands an employer engaged the greater was the insurance contribution he was called upon to pay. This he regarded as one of the most serious defects of the Act. He thought if the Unionists were returned to power they would endeavour to remedy many clauses of the Act.

Speaking on the land question, he said he regarded Mr Lloyd George's proposals as unworkable. Mr Lane Fox upheld the necessity for a strong Navy, and agreed with Mr Winston Churchill that it was essential that Great Britain should have command of the seas. In conclusion, he hoped the electors of North-West Durham would return Mr Hardicker, and send a message throughout the country that they were not afraid of the misdoings of the present Government. (Applause).

At a meeting of the Luton Board of Guardians one of the relieving officers reported a case of a woman aged eighty-four who was found sleeping in the open. Inquiries showed that the woman had been offered a home with her daughter, but she always refused.

The Earl of Plymouth of Musgrave, Kirkby Stephen, have joined in festivity to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Grimshaw, and the freemasons of the district have made Mr Grimshaw a presentation to mark the event, which has occurred during his year of office as Master of the Uter Pendragon Kirkby Stephen Lodge. Before his retirement, Mr Grimshaw was a manufacturer in Hunslet for many years. He began his commercial life in 1853 as a clerk in the offices of the Leeds Northern Railway. At one time the cofapie resided in Templenewsam district.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one.]

FERTILITY AS THE SEASON ADVANCES.

It is generally an accepted theory that after a hen has laid a fair number of eggs the percentage of fertility is greatly reduced, the reason assigned being that the male bird is no longer sufficiently vigorous, or in other words the introduction of a fresh cockerel will remedy the wrong." Here I venture to disagree, and although I have not personally conducted enough experiments at present, I hope at the end of this season to be able to throw more light on the subject.

My theory is that the decreased fertility is entirely due to the hen; it must be borne in mind that our present races of domestic fowls have been radically changed from their natural condition by the artificiality of man, and that generations back it would have been the hen's vocation to lay a few eggs simply to perpetuate its species. To-day we have the 200-egg strain bird, due to scientific breeding, careful housing, attention to diet, &c. This has been accomplished by many, but I doubt whether he can alter her productive organs in the same ratio. Not from actual experiment. A pen of birds commenced to lay, fertility was excellent, but in the course of about three months began rapidly to decline. Bear in mind, the eggs were still impregnated, but the germ of life was too weak to hatch, and "dead in shell" increased until, with the hen that first laid it reached 100 per cent. Now was the time to test my theory, were the hens or the cockerel at fault. Three hens were removed and given to a fifteen month, unmated cock, and three hens, just commencing to lay, substituted in their place; the supposedly impotent cockerel fertilised over 80 per cent. of their eggs, whilst "dead in shell" and infertility were the only results from the new mating.

My opinion has been further strengthened by reading in "Poultry" last season like results to a similar series of experiments; unfortunately I have not the paper by me as I write, but I received my former impressions and determined me to conduct further tests this year.

FINAL SELECTION OF BREEDING PENS.

If attention has been given to the foregoing, and its contents thoroughly digested, you are now in a position to mate up your pens, either by selection from your own stock, or to acquire what is necessary by purchase, or both. Some there will be who will now recognise that poultry-farming is not such easy going as they anticipated, and with the increased feeling of responsibility there may be a corresponding diminution of confidence; to them I say, deal only with those who have a reputation to maintain, or seek the assistance of one with experience and in whose integrity you have trust. Do not assert a knowledge you do not possess, it makes the unscrupulous take advantage of you, and it is far better to pay a small fee for expert services than to make an initial mistake which cannot be rectified before next season, and then pay a pecuniary sacrifice, as well as loss of time, temper, and dignity.

HEREDITY.

The law of heredity is as pronounced with the feathered tribe as with us; if anything, it is more noticeable, as frequently special characteristics may be absent from one or two generations to reappear in the third or fourth; with human beings a generation averages a period of thirty years, and it is therefore apt to lose sight of the peculiar trait, disease, or whatever it may be; on the other hand, with our fowls a generation is only twelve months, and should a characteristic be omitted for one or two years, the intervening period is not of sufficient duration to have obliterated our memory.

(To be continued).

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A BIRKIN MASTER AND SERVANT CASE

FARM HAND WHO BOUGHT "BACCA" AND CIGARETTES.

On Monday at Selby Petty Sessions James Wright, a farm servant, of Goole, appeared on a judgment summons for having failed to pay £8 10s., successfully claimed against him at a previous court by his former master, Mr Richard Mollett, farmer, of Birkin.

Defendant, after hiring for a year, had suddenly left the plaintiff's service.

Defendant now stated in determined tones that he would not pay anything to Mr Mollett.

Mr Claude Kemp, for the plaintiff, stated that defendant had offered to pay £2 3s., but it was not accepted. It was known that he had had at least £3 in his possession. At the time he was engaged he had over £10 in his pocket.

Defendant admitted having had £3 in his possession.

Replying to questions he said that some of the money he had spent "in bacca and cigarettes." He also said he had bought sweets.

Mr Kemp: You have squandered it in luxuries.

Defendant stated that in his present place of service he was to receive £27 10s. next Martinmas.

An order was made that defendant pay £3 within seven days, or be committed to prison for 30 days. After that there was an order for the payment of 5s. per week.

The Clerk: He may lose his week.

Mr Kemp: I think not, but I will take the chance.

WETHERBY CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIVE STOCK.

A meeting of Wetherby Chamber of Agriculture was held on Thursday, and Mr H. Crossley, who presided, was supported by Messrs J. T. Dawson, W. Mather, J. Thompson, J. H. Eldridge, G. W. Saddler, H. Hardcastle, R. F. Fearby, L. Isaacs, G. H. Whitehead, J. H. Hooks, G. P. Wright, J. F. Holdsworth, T. Blaken, and J. H. Thompson (secretary). A letter was read intimating that a deputation to the meeting was read from Mr G. Lane Fox, M.P.

The following gentlemen were appointed as representatives on the various committees of the Yorkshire Union:—Mr Dawson (Manure and Feeding Stuffs Committee); Mr Fearby (Dairying Committee); Mr Dawson (Railway Rates Committee), Mr Thompson (Central Chamber and Farmers' Protection Committees); Mr G. P. Wright (General Purposes); Mr Lane Fox (Parliamentary); Mr J. T. Dawson (Railways); and Mr J. T. Thompson (Farmers' Protection).

Mr W. R. Crawford (Live Stock officer for the Board of Agriculture's scheme for the improvement of live stock), who was present, explained the working of the scheme, as issued by the Board, briefly indicating the general lines on which the schemes were going to be demonstrated. He thought they would glean a lot more information and understand the scheme better if they had a general discussion afterwards. He would be pleased to enlighten any of the members respecting the scheme if they would ask questions. They could probably be aware that a certain sum of money had been set apart for the county of Yorkshire for the purpose of improving live stock; and this money was administered through the Live Stock Committee in Leeds, representing the whole county, who would be primarily responsible for awarding the grants. They had appointed a local assistance with a regular live stock officer represented by himself for the purpose of organising the scheme. Under that scheme £2,444 was available for Yorkshire, subsidised into grants for premiums for pedigree bulls, boars, and milk recording societies. For bulls, if it was possible, a society would be organised, and allowed one-third of the money provided to be utilised for individuals to place a bull at the service of their neighbours. In most cases preference was given to the small farmers, who could not exceed one acre in extent or an income not above £100. The amount allotted to stallions was £800; and was allocated in grants of £80 each to ten different societies in the county. A society given a premium for a stallion would receive a direct grant of £40, but the remaining £40 of the £80 would be paid for the purpose of giving society nominations to mares—and the latter must absolutely belong to the farmer. The society would select the mares for the smaller farmers. A society that wished to purchase or hire bulls for the use of their members would be paid £20 per annum for five years in connection with each bull they put out. Those would be inspected by the live stock officer before getting a grant. A society might purchase bulls to the extent of ways—either by raising the capital amongst themselves for the purpose of purchasing; or make arrangements with any individual member of their society or outside farmer who would provide the bull for the use of their members. If they decided to purchase, they would have to raise the necessary capital, insure the animal, and take the usual means of protecting themselves from the loss, and make a nominal fee. In working out the scheme he would advise most societies to hire, and make arrangements with some farmer in the district, or gentleman who usually kept a bull, and arrange a certain fee for use. Of course, they paid that gentleman a certain sum for the service they got in grants. The bulls would always be inspected at the end of each season so see if they had qualified for the grant for the next year. It would be their own benefit therefore to look after the animal. Under the same scheme there would be milk recording societies. The scheme was briefly that a number of farmers agreed together to keep records to ascertain the weight of the, milk of each cow one day in the week—night and morning.

Their society could take up any of the schemes and put in their application. There were 63 Yorkshire applications for bulls; about 16 applications for stallions; and very many for boars. A certain proportion of these would not be awarded at the present time, because some of the districts were too close. It was his object to get them spread all over the county as equally as possible (Hear, hear).

Answering various questions, Mr Crawford said the society would appoint some of its own members to go and select the stallions. The stallions would have to be entered in the usual qualification asked was that they must be on the Board of Agriculture's Register of 1913-14. They could hire any horse on the register. There were many of them already on the register. The society would have the control of the nominations, and they would get their grant or proportionate grant as per numbers. There was only 16 societies in Yorkshire that had already got it.

No action was taken respecting the stallion question, it being thought to be rather too late now for the year. Neither were any steps taken for the subsidy to bulls, it being left to the members to bring the matter up at any future meeting.

The Chairman said they were very much obliged to Mr Crawford for his remarks, which had proved very interesting. Personally, he thought if agriculture meant to improve more calves would have to be bred here, and not have to depend so much upon Ireland for their cattle. (Hear, hear). He, however, thought it would be little use Wetherby going in for the scheme just now, they were so well supplied.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Crawford for his address.

A TADCASTER MAN AND THE "TRADE."

MR W. SYKES AND CONFISCATION.

The fifty-eighth annual banquet of the Leeds Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Association was held on Thursday night week in the Great Northern Hotel, Leeds. Mr William Sykes, C.C., of Messrs. John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery Company, Ltd., presided, and over two hundred members and friends of the association were present.

Mr Sykes was greeted with loud applause, when he rose to propose "The Leeds Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association," the company heartily singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" before he was allowed to proceed. At the outset Mr Sykes mentioned that the association was in its 60th year, and that since its early days its duties had changed somewhat. In the early days they devoted their time primarily to beneficence and charity, but now they were compelled to direct their attention to a much more serious and important business. It had now to meet with the Government, who were continually drawing upon the resources of the association. He congratulated the Executive on the large and influential assembly gathered together that evening, and it was gratifying to himself also. There were not only members of the trade present, but gentlemen of the city, who showed by their presence that they were common sensible people and were prepared to hear the other side of the question, the side of licensed victuallers. (Applause).

It was not within the province of many people to understand the difficulties of the licence holder. He would give a few figures to show how the Government were regarded by licensed holder. He had dotted down the figures in the form of a debtor's and creditors' statement, and he was very sorry to say that he could not find anything on the creditor's side of the statement. The first item he had to speak about was what was called the War Tax, which was introduced in 1900, and which was only supposed to be of a temporary character. But it was still taking from the trade £1,700,000 each year. Next he came to the question of the retail licences, and in 1908-9 licences paid amounted to £1,794,592. By the Finance Act, these figures were raised to £3,542,534—("shame")—which showed an annual increase of £1,747,942. If this continued over twenty years, supposing they had purchased premises for that period, the sum to be paid out in these duties would amount to about £35,000,000. And he considered that a very serious and important matter, a confiscation very unfair to the traders. (Applause). The question of retail licences brought him to that very broad question, the difference between licence duties charged for Ireland and that charged for Great Britain. In Great Britain, where there was a population of from 5,000 to 10,000 the publican had to pay £25. In Ireland where the population was less than 10,000 the publican had to pay only £5, and above 10,000 £7 10s. For a beerhouse in England they had to pay £10 and over; in Ireland, only £2 10s. They found as a result that they were paying equal to a rate of 1s. 1d. per head of the population for licences, whereas in Dublin it only cost 1½d. per head. It was a gross injustice, and he would have it must have had the job nicely in hand to have squeezed that unprincipled bargain out of them.

In addition to the enormously increased taxation he had mentioned there were the duties on the spirit trade amounting to £5,690,625, and £268,630 on the manufacturer yearly. These figures represented increases. The total increase from 1908-9 to 1912-13 reached no less a sum than £9,425,203, and every reasonable man would admit that it was an unreasonable burden for the trade to bear. The Government income from the trade amounted yearly to £40,000,000. When licen-ing matters were considered again they ought to see that the preference was not given to Ireland, and certainly see that moneys invested by the people in a legitimate business were not confiscated by huge standing charges in the form of licence duties. Whatever the Government might think about it, they knew it was not fair, it was not honest. In conclusion Mr Sykes briefly referred to the question of compensation. He hoped that when the magistrates had the facts put before them the magistrates would give them their very careful consideration. (Hear, hear).

Mr Scholes responded to the toast, and announced a number of gifts which included one of 100 guineas from Messrs John Smiths' Tadcaster Brewery Company, Limited.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

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SELBY, Monday.—Attendance, fair, and prices firm, with inquiry for good oats for seed purposes. Wheat 32s. to 33s., barley 30s. to 32s., feeding barley 24s. to 26s., oats 19s. to 21s., rye 24s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 7½ and 8 for 1s.; butter 1s. 3d. per lb.; ducks 6s. 6d., chickens 5s. to 5s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES

SELBY, Monday.—A fair supply, but inquiry was less brisk. Sound Up-to-Dates 52s. 6d. to 55s., sound King Edwards 52s. 6d. to 60s., warp King Edwards 60s. to 65s. per ton; retail, 5d. per stone.

CATTLE

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 84 beasts, 8 sheep, and 70 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers. Trade, however, excepting for the best qualities, was of a dragging character. Best quality beef made 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone; secondary quality 8s. to 8s. 6d. Best in-calving cows in demand. Store cattle at late rates. Sheep and pigs unchanged from last week's prices. Fat bullocks made to £23 15s., fat heifers to £21 5s., fat cows to £27 6s., fat sheep to £3 13s., fat pigs to £10 5s., pork pigs to £6 15s., store pigs to £2 3s. 6d., store beasts to £12 5s., cows in milk to £18, and in-calving cows to £22 per head.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Cundall and Son had on average display of prime fat stock at their Wharfedale Mart yesterday. Trade ruled similar to last market, there being a good demand for all classes of well-finished cattle and sheep. Best qualities of beef made from 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. per stone; useful beef about 8s., rough sorts and cows 7s. 6d. to 7s. 9d. per stone. The sheep trade, if anything, favoured buyers, but satisfactory prices were obtained. Choice shearlings made up to 70s., and extra good ewes and shearlings from 54s. to 63s., butchering hoggs 48s. 6d. to 64s., ewes 52s. to 61s., and tups 58s. to 70s. 6d. Choicest light-weight mutton made from 7½d. to 10½d. per lb., heavy sheep 6d. to 7d., hoggs to 10½d., and ewes and tups 6d. to 7d. Grazing hoggs from 38s. to 45s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a good entry of fat stock in all classes. Beasts were an excellent display of well-finished stock, which met a satisfactory demand and made fully late rates, from 8s. 3d. to 8s. 9d. per stone. There was a capital entry of both sheep and pigs, making a shade less money. Choice shearlings and hoggets made from 10d. to 11d. per lb.; ewes about 7½d. per lb. Bacon and pork pigs good to sell at 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone; stores from 15s. to 45s., and good to sell. The sale was fairly satisfactory from a vendor's point of view. Numbers sold: 118 fat beasts, 12 in-calf cows, 211 sheep, 119 pork and store pigs. Mr C. Gupson, Grimston Grange, sold five grand bullocks at £26 15s., £26 10s., £24 17s. 6d., £21 7s. 6d., and £18 17s. 6d.: Mr R. Case, Cattercon, sent two splendid well-finished bullocks, realising £19 10s. and £20; Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor Farm, sold five choice bullocks at £25 2s. 6d., £24 17s. 6d., £23, £21, and £20 2s. 6d.; Mr H. Watson, Newton Kyme, sent eight grand bullocks, making £20 17s. 6d., £20 15s., £20 2s. 6d., £19 17s. 6d., £19 17s. 6d., £19 10s., £18 12s. 6d., and £18 5s.; Mr J. H. Eldridge, Hedley Hall, sold three choice bullocks at £24, £22 10s., and £22 5s., and a heifer at £19 12s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Elvidge, Walton, sent two good bullocks, which made £21 and £20; Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, three good bullocks, making £19 7s. 6d., £19 5s., and £19 2s. 6d.; Mr R. Dearlove, Walton Lodge, sold three home-bred bullocks at £19 12s. 6d., £19 7s. 6d., and £19 7s. 6d.; Mr W. H. Thackwray, Bramham, sent two useful bullocks, realising £21 7s. 6d. and £21 5s.; Mr George Wood, Thorp Arch, sold four grand heifers at £17 5s., £16 17s. 6d., £15 17s. 6d., and £15 15s.; Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh, sold three good bullocks at £22, £20 17s. 6d., and £20 2s. 6d.; Mr J. Dunnington, Healaugh, sent three well-finished bullocks, realising £23 15s. and £22 10s.; the auctioneers sold eight grand bullocks of their own feeding at £31 10s., £27 10s., £24 2s. 6d., £25 12s. 6d., £23 12s. 6d., £23 7s. 6d., £22 15s., and £21 5s.; Messrs Dunn and Sons, Ouston Farm, sold a pen of bullocks at £22 12s. 6d., £21 15s. 6d.; Mr F. K. Myers, Bilbrough, had two good cows made £20 12s. 6d. each; Mr E. Brookbank, Healaugh Manor, sold six wealthy bullocks at £24 10s., £24 12s. 6d., £24 2s. 6d., £24, £23 2s. 6d., and £23; two bullocks from Mr G. Dunwell, Wighill, made £22 10s. and £20 2s. 6d. Four pens of wealthy shearling sheep from Mr James Barnsley, Huddleston, made to 72s. 6d. each; from Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, to 68s. 6d.; prime fat shearling from Mr C. Gypson, Grimston Grange, 72s.; prime fat hoggs from Mr F. Bramley, Sherburn, made to 63s. 6d.; from Mr J. Laidley, Kirkby Wharfe, to 55s.; from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, to 58s. 6d.; from Mr W. Watson, Newton Kyme, to 57s. 6d.; from Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, to 58s.; from Mr Perkins, Becca, to 52s.; from Mr J. Bailey to 54s. 6d.; from Mr C. Bailey, Saxton, to 53s. 6d.; from Mr W. H. Thackwray, Bramham, to 55s.; from Mr J. F. Holdsworth, Clifford Moor, to 56s. 6d.; from Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh Grange, to 56s.; from Mrs Sykes, Milford, to 52s. 6d.; from Mr J. Dunnington to 53s. 6d.; from Mr Cresser, to £4. Five pigs from Mr Lazenby to 78s. 6d.; Mrs Sykes, to 78s.; Mr Coates, 68s.; Mr Sampson, 88s.; Mr Perkins, to 75s.; Mr Carlton, to 68s. Store pigs from 15s. to 44s. each.

The first grand jury of women ever empanelled in America was severely criticised by the judge to whom it made its first presentment.

MARRIAGE OF MR GERALD FOSTER, STOCKELD PARK

A PICTURESQUE WEDDING.

The wedding took place in the Parish Church of Birling, near Maidstone (Kent), on Wednesday, of Mr Gerald Foster, eldest son of Mr Robert Foster, of Stockeld Park, Wetherby, and of Harrowins, Queensbury, to Miss Olivia Ogilby, only daughter of the late Major A. H. R. Ogilby, D.S.O., of Baldoon, Strathmartine, Forfarshire, and of Mrs Ogilby, of Birling. The bride is the eldest grand-daughter of the Hon. Ralph Neville, of Birling Manor, and sister of Sir Gilchrist Nevill Ogilvy, Bart., of the Scots Guards.

The wedding was very picturesque, and the quaint old church was decorated with palms, flowering plants, cream lilies, and pink begonias—was crowded. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a costume of silver Lame renaissance brocade, draped with the finest old lace, the Court train being of silver cloth veiled with similar lace. She also wore a veil, with a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies.

There were twelve bridesmaids—Miss Foster (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Charlotte Ogilvy, the Hon. Sybil Harding, Miss Wingfield-Stratford, the Hon. Gwynedd Mostyn and Miss Mackinnon, of Mackinnon (cousins of the bride), Miss Iris Cornwallis, Miss Rycroft, Miss Honor Meyrick, Miss Joan Cobbold, Miss Camilla Style, and Miss Joan Nevill. They wore gowns of rose taffeta, with blue moire sashes and lace fichus of Louis XVI. design. Their shoes were of blue moire, and they had wreaths of pink roses, tied with blue moire bows. Their Victorian bouquets, in pink and blue, were the gifts of the bridegroom, as also were their watches, in pale blue enamel.

The little pages—the Hon. Caryl Hardinge and Master Alastair Cobbold—were in blue velvet, with blue moire sashes and lace collars (Louis XVI.). They also wore blue velvet shoes and white socks, and their ruby and enamel tie pins were the gifts of the bride.

The service was conducted by the Revs. Lionel Staniforth Hugh Rycroft and K. Cordeaux. The best man was Mr Cecil Foster (brother of the bridegroom

After the ceremony a reception was held at Birling Manor, the company numbering about two hundred and fifty. The honeymoon is to be spent in Morocco. The following is a list of the presents:—

Bride to bridegroom, diamond and pearl pin, diamond and enamel waistcoat buttons; Mrs Ogilvy, diamond and ruby pin; Hon. Mrs Nevill, two silver salt cellers; Mr Robert J. Foster, motor car (laudaulette) and cheque; Mr R. F Meyrick, large barometer; Mrs R. F. Meyrick, case of razors; Colonel Herbert A. Foster and Mrs Foster, large silver tray; Mr F. C. Foster, cheque; Mrs John Foster, coal pan and china vase; Mr Harold Foster, three pearl studs; Mr and Mrs Kenneth Foster, copper and silver bowl; Mr William E. Foster, clock; Miss Agnes Foster, Russian leather blotter and writing paper stand; Mr Cecil Foster, cigarette box and gold fox-head pin; Mr and Mrs Arthur Foster, liqueur cabinet; Mrs Johnston Foster, antique box; Mr and Mrs Phillip Foster and Miss Irene Foster, silver tea-stand and candlesticks; Mr and Mrs Lionel Foster, three decanters; Mr Francis E. Foster, small silver tray; Mrs A. B. Foster, silver rose bowl; Rev. the Marquis and Marchioness of Normanby, book, "London"; Lord and Lady Bateman, ivory clock and pair ivory candlestocks; Agnes Lady Bateman, silver inkstand; Hon. Rosamund Bateman Hanbury, silver windmill, blotter, and writing case; Rev. the Hon. Arthur and Misses Hanbury, antique tea chest; Mrs Stansfield and Mr George Stansfield, pair decanter stands; Sir Gilchrist Ogilvy, Bart., four silver salt cellers; the Countess Stanhope, radium face travelling clock; Sir Edward Green, Bart., antique metal jug; Robinia Viscountess Mountgarret, sauce boat; Right Hon. Laurence Hardy, M.P., pair of silver candlesticks; Mr and Mrs W. H. Farrand, carved walnut table; Colonel Cholmondeley, C.B., and Mrs Cholmondeley, silver teapot, sugar basin, and cream jug; Miss Fane and Miss Blanche Fane, case containing paper knife, scissors and fountain pen; Mr and Mrs R. Colthurst, silver cigar lighter; Hon. Lady Ingleby, two stands containing to afternoon tea knives; Captain and Mrs Greenwood, travelling rug; Mrs Wallerstein, barograph; Mr Bridgeman Simpson, pair of spirit decanters; Mr J. H. Ascell, ash tray; Mr and Mrs Mayne, pair mahogany candlesticks; Mr and Mrs Arthur Kerr and Miss Kerr, pair of glass goblets; Mrs Wereslt and the Misses Wereslt, pair old Sheffield plate salvers; Miss Cathcart and Miss Adine Cathcart, eight-day travelling clock in case; Captain and Mrs Pemberton, engraving; Mrs Thomas and the Misses Fielding, silver Queene Anne cream jug; Rev. and Mrs C. M. Cordeaux, golf bag; and Mr and Mrs Powell, silver button hook and paper knife.

Mr and Mrs Riley Smith, set of liqueur glasses; Major and Mrs Hussey, china jardinierre; Mr Jack and Mr Cecil Fielden, clock and barometer in case; Mrs Duncombe, three gold safety pins in case; Countess of Harewood, silver inkstand; Mr and Miss Law, cartridge bag; Mr George Lane Fox, M.P., and Hon. Mrs Lane Fox, gold safety pins in case; Rev. and Mrs. Luscelles, leather blotter; Mr and Lady Constance Milnes Gaskell, set of coffee cups and saucers; Colonel and Mrs Sherwood Brown, oak foot stool; Mr J. W. Bross, silver tankard; Mr C. Guy Leatham, silver cigarette cutter; Dr. and Mrs West Watson, bridge box; Mr Geoffrey Edwards, bridge box; Lord and Lady Inchiquin, book, "Modern Egypt"; Lady Peel, glass cigarette box; Colonel Stanyforth and Mrs Stanyforth, measuring stick; Hon. Edward Lascelles, hunting crops; Hon. Charles Hanbury Bateman, oil painting; Mrs and Miss Pinkers, four silver menu holders; Mr and Mrs Jack Wormald, Chippendale table; Lady Beaumont and Baroness Beaumont, brass coal scuttle; Mr and Mrs Charles Wilmot Smith, silver butter dish and knife; Darcy B. Wilson, arm chair; Colonel Chaloner, M.P., and Mrs Chaloner, pair of decanter stands; Mr and Mrs Everard Radcliffe, shooting stick; Mr Archibald and Miss Collins, shooting stick; Mr and Mrs A. Nugent Smyth, pair silver bonbon dishes; and Captain and Mrs Guy Graham, glass and silver claret jug.

Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, china clock; Mr Hill Wood, M.P., and Hon. Mrs Hill Wood, silver candelabra; Col. and Mrs Nicholls, pair of carved candlesticks; Major Morland, book, "Hunts with Terrocks"; Mr and Mrs Fred Jowett, pair of ivory boot hooks and shoe horn in case; Brother officers (Yorkshire Hussars), silver salver; Stockeld Park (indoor servants), set of silver tea spoons and tongs in case; Stockeld Park (tenantry), large oak dining-room clock with chimes; Stockeld Park (estate workmen), glass and silver salad bowl and servers; North Deighton and Spofforth Haggs (shooting tenants), silver-backed hair brushes and silver stud box; Mr Simpson, silver bottle; Harrowins servants (Queensbury), egg stand and spoons; Mrs Norris, cash tray; Mr and Mrs H. Crossley, pair of silver candlesticks; Messrs J. and G. Deighton, paper weights; Mr W. H. King, silver ink pot; Messrs John Foster and Son, Ltd. (office staff), silver dessert dish; Basil, Wilfred, Dennis, and Charles Hill Wood, silver cigar cutter; Mr W. H. Bean, gold cigarette holder; the Lady St. Leonards, silver tea strainer; Mr A. Gascoigne, cigarette case; Mr F. H. Fawkes, three silver decanter labels; Mr Malise Graham, six coffee spoons in case; Mrs Higham, game register; Mrs E. Mewes-Thompson, pair silver candlesticks; Mrs Arthur Watson, silver inkstand; Mrs Claud Fisher, leather calendar; Mr Alvary Gascoigne, silver cigarette box; Mr and Mrs Lamb, silver-mounted antique decanter; Hon. the Rev. Archibald and Mrs Parker, silver tray; and Mr and Mrs Sadler, morning tea set.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS

A NEWTHORPE MATRIMONIAL CASE.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr William Crosland.

Walter Cator, miner, of Micklefield, was charged with using obscene language on the 10th inst. at Ledsham, and he was fined 5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Robert Lazenby, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with using obscene language at Sherburn on the 12th inst. Fined 2s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Charles Stather, farmer, Ledsham, was charged with failing to deliver up a swine movement license on the 10th inst. The defendant said he did not intend to do wrong; it was an oversight. Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Bartholomew B. Ellis, shoemaker, of Leeds, was charged by Alice Ellis with wife desertion. Defendant did not appear. The complainant stated that she resided at The Barracks, Newthorpe. She was married on the 4th of March, 1913, at Sherburn, and defendant left her a week before Christmas. She did not see him again until last Saturday, and she asked him what he was going to do for her, and he answered "Nothing." He had not given her anything for herself or child. He had a pension as a married soldier. His pension was £2 6s. per quarter. He was a quarryman at £1 per week at Newthorpe quarries. Maria Wilmer, of Newthorpe, said complainant was her sister. She saw the defendant on Friday before Christmas, and he told her he was going away and would not come back. She had not seen him since. The Bench made an order on defendant to pay 7s. 6d. per week.

Antonia Vizzelli was charged with begging in Lumby Lane on the 22nd inst. Defendant, who had been several times convicted for begging, was committed for one month.

BOSTON SPA AFFAIRS.

The monthly meeting of Boston Spa Parish Council was held at the Trustees' Hall on Monday evening. A communication was read from the Electric Light and Power Co. for small villages, asking for the moral support of the Council in forming a company for Boston Spa, and asking for an interview. It was decided, on the proposition of Messrs Foster and Galpine, that a reply be sent to the effect that the Council did not object to hearing more on the subject, if the promoters had anything definite to bring forward.

A short discussion took place on the subject of street lighting, complaints having been made as to the lamps not being lighted on dark nights about the time when the moon should be at full. Discretionary power to ask for the lamps to be lighted on such nights, and left unlighted on other nights to make up for the difference, was given to the Chairman.

On Saturday afternoon Harrogate Athletic hockey players defeated Wetherby L. by seven goals to two.

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges receipt of £6 7s. 6d., part proceeds of carol singing by Wetherby Wesleyan choir, per Mr S. S. Whitfield, and £4 17s. 3d., collection at Stockeld Chapel, per Rev. C. M. Cordeaux.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon a York and District League match was played between Tadcaster and the East Yorks. Regiment. Tadcaster were beaten by eight goals to nil. Tadcaster had also a team playing Copmanthorpe, who went under by three goals to nil.

PATENTS.—Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, at at Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—J. Bromet, F. Thorman, and H. C. Wood, Tadcaster, centrifugal treatment of sewage, etc. (patent of addition); and Richard Earnshaw, Goole, improvements in ships' lifeboats. Patents sealed—F. and A. Leach, Leeds, chilled bearings for wheel centres; and Ernest Webster, Kirkstall, burners for acetylene storm lamps.

SUFFRAGE MEETING.—Under the auspices of the York branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies a well attended meeting was held in the schoolroom, Wighill, on Monday evening, when Mr Whitehead, Wighill House, presided. Mrs Meyer and Miss Thompson, York, dealt with the question of women's suffrage and the position of women under the present laws. A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by the chairman, and Mr J. M. Dawson seconded. At the close of the meeting several new members were made.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.—Martin Garra, a farm servant, of Selby, was summoned on Monday for a breach of contract by leaving the service of Mr Nolan Hare, West End Farm, Wistow. Defendant, a youth, was engaged on December 1st, but he left 10 days later. Defendant said his master had told him that as he was in the Territorials he would be no use, owing to having to go to camp. He had also said he asked defendant to stay until he got another man, but he would not do so. The claim, which was for over £3, was allowed as the extent of £2 16s., payment to be at the rate of 5s. per month.

MR MYLECHREEST'S AUNT.—Miss Mary Ann Firth, of Jessamine Villa, Chapel Allerton, whose death occurred early on Sunday morning, at her residence, was the daughter of the late Mr John Firth, of Bradford, who was engaged in the export clothing trade, dealing with America, and who afterwards resided at Hope Lodge, Maroon, Isle of Man, and Murina House, Douglas. Miss Firth, who was the aunt of Mr T. G. Mylchreest, of Thorner, went to Chapel Allerton in 1881, and was loved and respected by all who knew her for her kindly and generous nature. (It may most truly be said of her that she was "full of good works and alms deeds which she did" and there are very many who will be the poorer in every sense by her death. The Unmarried Women's Benefit Society and the Albert Asylum were especially the subjects of her loving care and generous support, and for both she acted as a collector, while those who knew her best know that it is impossible to enumerate the societies and individuals who received the most cheerful and ungrudging assistance, given in the simplest and most unostentatious fashion. Both locally and in the Isle of Man, and in many a humble home, Miss Firth had shown what a good woman can be and do to those in need, and her memory will long be treasured by those whom she has helped.

SOUTH MILFORD CRICKET CLUB DINNER

ANNUAL DINNER

On Tuesday evening the annual dinner in connection with South Milford Cricket Club was held at the White Swan Hotel, South Milford, and about fifty persons partook of an excellent repast, provided by Mr and Mrs Alf. Johnson.

Mr William Crosland, J.P., (President of the Club), was in the chair, and he was supported by the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A. (rector of South Milford), and Councillors J. Carr, E. Pettinger, and R. T. Hill, Messrs P. Porter (Sherburn Hall), Dr. A. H. Radcliffe, Messrs Arthur Dennison, (Sherburn), James Powell, J. B. Hill, W. Ledger, Hy. Sutton, etc. After the loyal toasts had been honoured,

The Hon. Sec. (Mr F. Hyman) read the report, which showed that the club, eleven had played 15 matches, won 11, lost 2, and 2 were drawn. The second eleven played 11, won 4, lost 5, and 2 were drawn.

Mr J. Wice, the hon. treas., read the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £9 13s. 2d., and commented on the fact that during the 33 years' existence of the club there had never been an adverse balance.

"Success to South Milford C.C." was proposed by the Rev. E. J. Barry. He said he had played cricket when a young man, and had always been interested in it. The hon. secretary's and hon. treasurer's reports were of a very gratifying nature. Mr Wice had remarked about the difficulty of the wall at the field side, where people watched the games without paying, and which was called the "grand stand." It appeared to him that at Moortown flying ground people there had copied that "grand stand." (Laughter). He hoped the playing members would still play in the pure amateur spirit. He noticed that in football there was professionalism, and they had a "strike." He hoped they would strike, but let them only strike the cricket ball. He heartily wished the club every success. (Applause).

Mr R. Pickering responded, and said there was great encouragement for the future, and he hoped they would have a successful year in all respects.

Mr. Hy. Heselgrave, the new captain, also spoke. He said he hoped they would use their best endeavours to win the Barkston Ash Cups next season. (Hear, hear).

Mr Powell proposed "The President," and said Mr Crosland had always taken a deep interest in the club, formerly as captain, and financially he had done his best for it. (Hear, hear). The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The President said he hoped the players would give their captain their solid support on and off the field. He wished the club every prosperity.

Mr Wice proposed "The host and hostess," and Mr Johnson responded.

Dr Radcliffe gave a recitation, and songs were rendered by Messrs Cliff (Aberforth), P. Porter, J. Wice, J. Hill, J. Wallis (Micklefield), J. Walls, J. T. Jackson, G. Pettinger, and R. Houlden.

The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were Mr J. M. Dawson (in the chair) and Mr H. Ingleby.

AMBULANCE WORK.—At the recent examinations held in connection with the Voluntary Aid Detachment the following passed for First Aid certificates:—Mrs Atkin, Miss Ellis, Miss Foster, Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Lupton, Miss M. Prudence, Miss Richardson, Miss B. Rishworth, Mrs Roberts, Mrs Simpson, Miss M., Simpson, Mrs Thompson, Mrs B. Whitehouse, Miss Wiley, and Miss J. Wither. Mrs E. Oldham has passed for her medallion, and the following will receive labels:—Miss Broadbent, Mrs Booth, Miss Earnshaw, Miss Jessop, Mrs Leake, Mrs Prudence, Miss Piercy, Mrs L. Oldham, Mrs Scott, Miss E. Simpson, Mrs Godde Smith, Miss Thirkill, Miss Wither, and Miss Wetheral.

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PRESENTATION TO TADCASTER POSTMASTER.

On Friday evening a presentation was made at the Falcon Inn, Tadcaster, to Mr T. G. Berwick, postmaster, of Tadcaster, who has received a better appointment at Downham Market, Norfolk.

Mr J. H. Hull presided, and there were also present Mr W. Sykes, Mr C. Moverley, Mr C. Jackson, Mr J. H. Froggatt, Mr S. Buxton, Mr E. Payne, Mr E. Jackson, Mr L. S. Collins, Mr W. Milsom, Mr A. T. Fitton, Mr F. Hullay, Mr W. Wilcock, Mr J. Cowap, Mr T. Waddington, Mr H. A. Smith, Mr T. Doyle, and others, practically all the interests in the town being represented.

One of the presents had been subscribed for by friends in the town, on whose behalf it was handed over by Mr Sykes, and it consisted of a beautifully chased silver-plated tray, and an electro-plated tea and coffee service.

Mr Ramsdale, on behalf of the inside staff of the post office, presented to Mr Berwick a case of silver salts and spoons, and Mr C. Iredale, for the postmen, presented a dinner cruet.

At a smoker which followed songs were sung by Messrs F. Hullay, E. Jackson, W. Milsom, C. Walker, and L. S. Collins, and a recitation was given by Mr C. Jackson.

ROTHWELL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Rothwell Education Committee was held on Friday.

The Clerk read a letter from the headteacher of the Stourton School, reporting that the class for children under five was full and asking that they might stop admitting children under this age.

The Clerk said he had written to the headteacher saying that he did not think the committee would agree to this course being adopted, but suggesting that in order to make room some of the children in the lower classes be moved up.

The Clerk's action in the matter was upheld.

It was reported that the caretaker of the Middleton School had had his salary raised, as recommended, from £23 to £30.

The Inspectors to the Robin Hood, Rothwell Council (mixed department), and Carlton Schools were received and considered highly satisfactory.

Aberford Church School had the best attendance of all the schools in Garforth district last month. The percentage was 94 against 83.64 in December, 1912.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday Mr Henry Turton, of Tadcaster, applied for an exemption from vaccination for his child, and it was granted.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and Mr John Pickering, of Thorner, and Major Dent, Ribston Hall, have been appointed by the County Council members of the Yorkshire Fishery Board.

DRINK.—On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions Emily Smith, married woman, of Marston, was charged with drunkenness. She did not appear, and, after evidence by P.C. Cole, she was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

The Garforth Urban Council have had under consideration a scheme for re-organizing their staff with a view to obtaining greater efficiency in the various departments, and I understand to the recommendation of a committee will be brought forward at the meeting next month. Although I do not know the details of the proposal, upon which the Council are not unanimous, I believe it involves certain changes, and it is possible a lively discussion will ensue on the question. It seems that the ratepayers—if not the Council—have had this subject under discussion for some time, and a number of people have expressed an opinion upon it. Of course, until one learns what the committee's proposal is it would be idle to say anything about it.

Will Tadcaster, Wetherby, and Selby Guardians follow suit? In the Hunslet Union, which includes Rothwell, Templenewsam, Middleton, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford, coal is supplied during the cold weather, which, I presume, means winter and early spring, to all recipients of outdoor relief, and a return of the additional cost at the end of the year will be interesting. At last meeting of the Guardians it was stated that five persons had received coal from a private source, and the relieving officer inquired what he was to do in these cases. The Guardians gave instructions that fuel is to be supplied when necessity arises, and this is perfectly reasonable. Of course, it is obvious that charitably-inclined people who have bestowed gifts of coal on the poor will now be something in pocket, but the Guardians, seeing they are giving coal, have adopted a just plan by making the poor all alike.

All Garforth and his wife were at the second Gilchrist lecture—the attendance was quite as large as it was at the first meeting—and the residents were told many things about themselves that they did not know. How many, for instance, were aware that hearing, smelling, and tasting depended upon the vibration of certain hairs? People generally believe that a cat can see in the dark, but the explanation of one half of pussy's eyes being different to the other half, and being particularly sensitive to movement of any kind explains much. The fact that only monkeys and men have the "yellow spot" in their eyes—the seat of direct vision—might have caused some uneasiness among the audience, because it is not pleasant to reflect that the mischievous-looking apes people see in menageries are distant relations of the human family. It tends to hurt the dignity of humans who have a high opinion of themselves. But, to go further back, as the lecturer said, it is rather galling to think that one has evolved from something like jelly fish. After all, what a wonderful creation man is, and, if scientists are to be believed, it has taken a jolly long time to make him.

The lecturer, who had a better delivery than that genial astronomer, Father Corti, was in excellent form, and if he had had another half-hour to spend with the Garforthians some interesting questions, elucidating his remarks, might have been asked. "Seeing is believing" is what one frequently hears, but Dr. Hill showed how mistaken people are about the accuracy of eyesight. I notice that certain experiments in this connection have been carried out at Harvard University among trained observers, and they have yielded surprising results. The tests have shown that even in describing the most vivid scene, human beings are endowed with a real genius both for seeing what is not there and for not seeing what is there. Dr. Hill, at Garforth, made some drawings on a blackboard to prove that "seeing is not always believing," and I notice that a University professor made some experiments of the same kind in his class. He held up a large sheet of white cardboard on which fifty little black squares were pasted in irregular order. Having shown it for five seconds, he asked his students to say how many black spots were on the sheet. The answers ranged from twenty-five to two hundred. This, however, was one of many experiments, and one wonders whether or not half the evidence given in police courts is reliable. It would be interesting for someone to submit to certain observation experiments, in order that he may fully appreciate the inaccuracy of the saying that "seeing is believing."

Mr Brotherton, of Roundhay, the Lord Mayor of Leeds, who has hunted for some 30 years with the various hunts in the district, found himself at Gateforth, on Saturday, in the unique position of being the only horseman present at the time the meeting was advertised to take place of the Bramham Moor Hunt. There had been a heavy frost during the previous night, and about 11.15 a wire was received from Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., the Master, to the effect that hunting was impossible owing to the keen frost. A large number of spectators were very much disappointed at the hounds being unable to come. Mr Brotherton waited some time on the village green and informed several others who eventually arrived that the meet was postponed, and left in his motor for home shortly before 12 noon.

Boston Spa—one of the prettiest places in the district—is up against the lighting problem. At Rothwell and Wetherby, the good folks have the Man in the Moon to contend with. The arrangement as to the illumination of the village appears to be that on certain nights before full moon and certain nights after, the lamps are not lighted, but when the Man in the Moon forgets or neglects to switch on his lamp the place is in darkness on these nights, and, of course, his behaviour has compelled the "fathers" to reconsider the arrangements. In order to outwit the presiding genius of the luminary it has been decided to ask for the lamps to be lighted when the moon does not appear, and to leave them unlighted on bright nights, so that there would be no encroaching on the present arrangement as to the number of nights when lighting should be given. However, the only way to get satisfaction is to have the lamps lighted every night during the season.

Apparently a new Electric Light Co. is at work, endeavouring to get the formation of companies for the lighting of small villages, and Boston Spa is one of the places the promoters have fixed upon. No details as to the capital needed, methods of procedure, or anything else are forthcoming, so it is a case of "wait and see." In Boston Spa, however, it would be possible to utilize the waters of the Wharfe in connection with an electric lighting scheme, and considerable cost would be thus saved.

Hunslet Rural District Council will probably be asked to find a solution for the housing problem at Woodlesford, because the Parish Council have decided to discuss it at their next meeting. At one time it was stated that the Colliery Co. intended to erect a large number of cottages for their workmen, but they have apparently reconsidered the question, and only a limited number is to be built. They probably think they can put their capital to better purpose. Where private enterprise will provide for the needs of the community it is a mistake, I believe, for a public body to start building houses, but, on the other hand, where there is a demand for houses which is not met by private enterprise a certain responsibility devolves on the authority.

A demand for houses, no doubt, exists at Woodlesford. The colliery now employs about a thousand men, and the majority of them, I believe, have their homes in Leeds. Were there a sufficiency of good houses in the district many of these men would reside near their work, and the district would benefit by the development of its industry, and local traders would receive increased returns. At the present time Oulton-with-Woodlesford is not receiving the full advantage of its industry, because the bulk of the money earned in the district is going out of it. Selby Urban Council have carried through a successful building scheme, and the town has received the benefit of it, but the conditions are not precisely the same as at Woodlesford.

The "Courier" has readers in all parts of the world, and to Barkston Ash—men abroad nothing is so welcome as the local paper. People living in the villages know what is going on around them and they think nothing about it, but to the sojourner in a distant land every scrap of news connected with his native district has a wonderful interest. We are always pleased to receive communications from readers abroad, and in another column we publish a letter from Mr Hardwick, a Newthorpe man, who now resides in Australia.

He writes concerning the disposition of the money raised for the relief of the sufferers by the colliery disaster at Micklefield, and his suggestion anent pensions for miners is one that might conceivably receive the consideration of the trustees. Recently a meeting of persons connected with the administration of such funds in all parts of the country was held in London with a view to the formation of a national fund, but I believe the trustees of the Micklefield Fund prefer to retain the money they have, and probably they will bring forward a scheme or schemes for the benefit of the mining population, for whom the money was really obtained. It is, therefore, possible that our correspondent's suggestion may receive consideration.

When is the railway footpath and bridge at Crossgates to be lighted? The Corporation have, I believe, decided to undertake the work, which was delayed owing to the "strike," but surely something can be done now. The footpath was set apart for the use of the public by the N.E.R. Co. on condition that it was maintained and lighted by the local authority, and, no matter what one may think of the bargain, the Corporation are bound by the agreement. The bridge is dangerous at night, and it is surprising that no serious accident has occurred this winter. Will the Lighting Committee, please, hurry up?

A Sherburn man has raised the open window question again, but it seems to be as far off settlement as ever. It is frequently claimed that the person sitting facing the engine and nearest the window of a railway carriage should have the option of saying whether the window should be open or not, but what of the man sitting next to the person nearest the window? He is in the draught quite as much as the other man, and surely he should have some say in the matter. Again, if a majority of persons in a compartment are against a window being open should not this view receive due consideration? This is a vexed question, and a year or two ago men came to blows following a dispute about the open window, causing quite a commotion outside Crossgates. The only safe plan to work upon, apparently, is to ascertain the opinion of the people in the compartment and act upon it.

Crossgates people no doubt have a good opinion of themselves—have they not been styled "tin dukes" by Barwick neighbours—but the man who is alleged to have said—"I'd set fire to them" seemed very anxious to mete out punishment before the judgment. If it were known that the residents were to be consumed "before their time" Crossgates, despite its preferential rating would soon be to let, and it would be difficult to gather them together again for a grand conflagration. The best plan is to leave them alone; there is no saying what they may come to.

Prejudice accounts for many decisions in public work. Monk Fryston, Hillam, and Burton Salmon are in Pontefract Union, and the Guardians had under consideration the other day the question of saving money by providing the workhouse inmates with margarine instead of butter, but despite the information by a parson that he and his family use the humble "spread" the public administrators decided that they would not defile the aristocratic stomachs of the inmates by making them eat butter substitute. Hunslet Guardians, as I have before stated, were neatly "done" once in regard to margarine. They would not hear of its introduction into the institutions, and one of their number substituted it for butter at the Guardians' tea table. Not a word was said until the end of the meal, and then they were surprised to know that they had eaten margarine and enjoyed it.

Admission to school of children under five years of age has frequently been discussed by the Garforth District Education Committee, who were by no means in agreement with the Authority on the question, and the same subject has cropped up now at Stourton and Oulton. It is argued by opponents that the expenditure on school space to provide for toddlers of from three to five is an unnecessary burden on the ratepayers, that children of tender years are more susceptible to disease than the older scholars, and that an increased staff of teachers, involving considerable cost, is required in consequence of their admission.

One gentleman stated that it was "simply making a nursery of the school, and parents were getting children off their hands at the expense of the ratepayers." That is perfectly true. The only good thing that one can say about it is that some children are better at school than at home, and the benefit derived by the little ones is an argument used by advocates of the system. But it is not education, and it was never intended that public elementary schools should be turned into nurseries.

CONSERVATISM AT CROSSGATES.

THE ULSTER QUESTION.

On Wednesday evening a very successful "social," promoted by the Conservative Association and the local Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the Manston Schools, Crossgates, and there was a very large attendance. The early part of the evening was devoted to music, and songs were rendered by Messrs Sugden, Harper, Mann, and Slater, and Miss Simpson. Thereafter tea and coffee were served to the company.

About ten o'clock Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., who had just come back from London, arrived, and he was given a capital reception. He was accompanied by the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox and Mr D. B. Wilson, J.P.

Mr Wilson, who presided, said that Mr Lane Fox had been to London and back that day—this time to rout out Mr John Burns. Mr Burns had his good points, but he was, nevertheless, one of the most dangerous and autocratic of our democratic Ministers. Parliament allowed him to make his own laws, and he quietly slipped in clauses to suit himself, and the Court of Appeal was Mr Burns himself. He need not say very much about Mr Lloyd George. Everybody, he thought, had begun to find him out, and some of them had felt the pinch for a long time. It was now certain that Mr Lloyd George would have to face a huge deficit. That was partly due to the unconsidered measures for which he was responsible, partly to his reckless finance, and partly to the naval holiday which was perhaps amongst the earliest of the youthful indiscretions in which Ministry indulged. They practically ceased building ships, and this resulted in the wild race of ship-building which had prevailed throughout Europe, Asia, and America. In particular it resulted in the famous German Naval Act of 1909, which announced in the plainest terms the methods that were to be adopted by Germany in order to overthrow the naval supremacy of our Fleet, and they at once proceeded to carry those methods into practice. The Prime Minister, however, had preserved a resolute demeanour, and as Mr Winston Churchill had no love for being under-dog, he had no doubt he would strive to see that this country kept her position as mistress of the seas. If he did not he would have the support of all present. (Applause). As to how Mr Lloyd George would meet the deficit they must "wait and see." It had been suggested that the Members of Parliament would be in a hurry to divest themselves of the £400 a year to which they were lately treated—(laughter)—and he was also told that a tax on bachelors was being considered. (Laughter and applause). What about Ireland? There they found civil war in front of them, and it was due to the Home Rule Bill. The Parliament Act prevented any possibility of amending it, and if it was forced through there must be civil war. The Government must choose between that and a General Election. Their course in the Barkston Ash Division was clear, and when the day of battle came they must work their hardest to return once more as their champion a man who had served them so long and ably in the past, and who had spared no effort to promote the true interests of all his constituents. (Applause).

Mr Lane Fox, who was loudly applauded, explained that he had been to London on the County Council deputation to Mr John Burns in regard to the formation and the extension of London boroughs. He said that one heard that the Cabinet were all at sixes and sevens on the Navy question, and that at any moment they might expect a split, but he advised them not to take it seriously. A good many of them had been amused during the last two or three days about what had been going on among their friends, the Labour Party. The word "independent" as applied to them was a farce and a sham, for there were no more faithful supporters of the Liberal Party. They had got a very strenuous session coming on—a session which would have great and serious results. In regard to the Home Rule Bill, he said they were face to face with a serious conflict in Ulster, and something must be done. The Government could either exclude Ulster and avoid a conflict, or they could appeal to the electors. If they appealed to the country and won it would be impossible for any constitutional party to go against Home Rule. When they had once the clearly expressed view of the country all parties must make the best of it. And the Unionist Party were convinced that the country had never been consulted on the question. They were driving into serious danger, and it was to use the Liberal Party trying to divert attention from it by talking about housing and land, which were fruitful subjects and would be quite enough when the time came for dealing with them. What they wanted them to discuss was what they were doing now, and why it was they were so anxious to turn attention to other matters. It was possible that to get out of the Irish difficulty the Government might appeal to the country, and he hoped they would. If that was so, he would have an opportunity of appealing to them for an emphatic vote against the Government, and more especially against a Bill that was likely to lead the country into disaster. (Applause).

Mr Chadwick, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Lane Fox, said that when Crossgates was struggling against the Leeds annexation scheme they did no greet a great deal of help from the County Council, and they were told that Crossgates did not count—(laughter)—and that if it went to Leeds it would be a benefit to the district it was taken from. They were told that so many times that they came to believe it. (Laughter). Some of them now on public bodies in Leeds, when they got in a bill for compensation for the loss of Crossgates, and when they saw the pounds, shillings, and pence value set on them, got up and said they were really estimable people but they did not represent that value. (Laughter). Their object was to get that compensation reduced, and to get back to the position before the incorporation, when they were said to be of little value. (Laughter). They fought as best they could, and they had to give in. There was one consolation, however; they were pleased and proud to remain part of Barkston Ash Division. They were always delighted to meet Mr Lane Fox, and when on election came they would see that he was returned at the head of the poll. (Applause).

Mr P. S. Marsden (Whitkirk) seconded, and the resolution was cordially passed.

Mr Lane Fox, in reply, laughingly explained that the business on which he was engaged in London had nothing to do with the compensation Leeds would have to pay. He pleaded not guilty to taking money from Crossgates. (Laughter).

Subsequently the floors were cleared, and dancing was merrily engaged in by the company.

FARM HANDS AND WAGES AND HOUSES

Addressing a meeting at York Mr Seebohm Rowntree said that the policy of the Government was to give the agricultural worker a living wage. That was the first step, but there required to be other factors in his life. The Government was determined that these labourers should be satisfactorily housed, and that there should be an adequate supply of sanitary houses. The Government committee had made investigations in 2,000 villages, and in half of these there was a shortage of houses. This led to various consequences; it led in the first place to appalling overcrowding. He could give them instances where people were living under conditions which a farmer would not allow his cattle or horses to live under. The overcrowding led to immorality, to a low standard of life, to harm to the health of the country. It also led to the depopulation of the countryside, to the very serious loss of time through people being unable to get to and from their work and to the gross evils which frequently were got with the tied house system. They had come across most pathetic instances of real hardship, when a man was given a week's notice by a farmer and bundled out at the end of the week. There was other work for him in the village, but he could not take it because he could not get a house. They had to get rid of the appalling tyranny that was possible under a system of this kind. The labourer had practically to submit to the terms the farmer put upon him. One reason for the shortage of houses for the agricultural labourer was that the rent paid by the labourer did not give a commercial return upon the capital that had been invested, and the reason for that was that the wages were so low that the labourer could not pay more. That was all well enough, until the provision of houses by private means ran out, and there was a shortage. He did not think they would be far out if they put it that 120,000 new houses were required in order to meet the deficiency.

FOWL STEALING AT SHERBURN.—At a Special Court at Sherburn held on Saturday last—before Rev. B. Hemsworth and Mr Walter Cromland—Robert Lazenby, labourer, Sherburn, pleaded guilty to a charge of theft between 11 a.m. on 22nd January and 8 a.m. on the 23rd January, from a poultry run in Kirkgate, Sherburn, belonging to Arthur Hayes, greengrocer, Sherburn. Arthur Hayes said that he examined his poultry run about 11 a.m. on the 22nd inst., and on the 23rd inst. out of 14 birds one was missing, and he did not give the prisoner permission to take the hen away. He gave information to the police. P.C. Parkinson said that from something said to him on the 23rd January he examined the poultry run and traced feathers to the prisoner's house. He searched the house and found the fowl cooking in the oven, and he discovered feathers in a bag. The prisoner was present. He conveyed him to the Police Station and charged him with stealing a white hen belonging to Arthur Hayes. In reply the prisoner said "Yes, I did it, as I had nothing to eat." Prisoner was fined 2s. 6d. and £1 costs, or 14 days in default.

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SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.

L'ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.

LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armsdale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXI.

When he left Eaton-square Sir John decided that it was high time to drive straight to the works—it was his usual practice to arrive there at ten o'clock, and he was already nearly an hour late. All the way there he was thinking of the interview which had just ended, and his active, scheming brain was canvassing various chances which seemed to arise out of it. Chief and foremost was the chance of Miss Delomosne telling Laurence Workman of the facts now in her possession.

"But in my impression she'll not," he decided. "For one thing this news about Penerose will keep her occupied for a while, and for another she'll hesitate before very quiet; for another she'll hesitate before doing anything that will bother Sir Herbert. If only Sabatier would hasten and get the thing across to Berlin we might be first. I'll wire him again this morning, and Bremond too. How's Workman making all speed and we're doing nothing."

However, when he reached the works he found that some progress had been made with at least one of his numerous plannings and contrivings. The porter at the gates handed him a small package, which appeared from the feel and shape of it to contain a cardboard box wrapped securely in stout cartridge paper and heavily sealed. This was addressed to Sir John Bedford and marked "Private," and the handwriting was unfamiliar to its recipient. But he saw at once that it had been written by a foreigner; presumably, from the shape of certain letters, by a German.

Sir John carried the package up to his own private room, and placed it in a drawer while he occupied himself with his secretary and his letters. When the secretary had gone away and left him alone he took out the package, said, breaking the seals, cut the envelopes string. Within the paper was an oblong cigarette-box, and in the cigarette-box, cardboard box wrapped securely in stout cartridge-

GILCHRIST LECTURES AT GARFORTH

DR. HILL ON "THE SENSES."

IS SEEING BELIEVING?—INTERESTING INFORMATION.

"The Senses: Newsagents of the Mind," the second of the series of Gilchrist lectures at Garforth, was delivered in the Central Hall of the Council School on Friday night by Mr Alex. Hill, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., who was at one time Master of Downing College, Cambridge. Mr H. Hudson, J.P., of Potterton Hall, presided, and there was again a capital attendance, the room being crowded.

The Chairman, in introducing the lecturer, stated that it gave him very great pleasure in presiding, and he was delighted to see such a large attendance, which showed that the guarantors were fully justified in arranging for the lectures. He was pleased to be present because he thought it was one's duty to do the best one could for those amongst whom one lived—(applause)—and he owed some debt of gratitude to this Gilchrist lecture, because he remembered on a bad he walked to Wakefield to hear lectures on fossils and geology, and they gave him an idea of research which had been useful to him in after life. (Applause).

Dr Hill, who has an excellent delivery, prefaced his lecture with the assertion of Leibnitz and Locke that "there can be nothing in the intellect which has not reached it through the senses." There would be no world for him if he could not hear, see, smell, and taste; he was the sum of his sensations. One of the most remarkable instances of sensory deprivation was of two American girls, named Laura Bridgeman and Helen Keller, who became both blind and deaf soon after birth. Could they imagine what it would be like if the world were absolutely dark and silent? The girls had, however, the sense of touch, and by this means they learnt to "speak" not only English, but French and German. Last winter he was staying at Menston Asylum—he got out all right—(laughter)—and there he met one of his fellow-patients—(laughter)—a man about 50 years old who was being treated as a gibbering idiot. A few simple tests proved that that man's brain was as good as his, but he had been born blind and deaf and had not been fortunate in having a teacher like the American girls. The wisdom of mankind was placed at the disposal of the human child, but the child must cultivate the organs of observation before he could take it in. Let them try and imagine baby's feelings. He saw and heard, and he looked so intelligent that he surely understood a great deal of what was said to him—if they said it in baby language, of course. (Laughter). Whenever he got the chance he touched things, and his eye explored his surroundings; yet he was a long time before he could trust his eye or hearing. In fact, it was not right to speak of baby smelling, seeing, or touching, because he did all these things at once. He had to learn to discriminate—to distinguish his sensations. If they took a Hottentot to a grand concert he would not recognise the different instruments. It took a trained musician many years of study before he could distinguish and appraise at their proper value all the sounds that issued from the band. So baby heard and saw all at once, and his education, his knowledge of himself and of the world, proceeded simultaneously.

How was it they had such a marvellously perfect eye? It was developed by a long process of evolution. Let them imagine a time when the earth became cool enough to allow organisms to make their appearance upon it; they had to struggle for food or escape from organisms which would have devoured them; and every little improvement in the structure of the organism helped it in the struggle, secured for it the dominance, and, therefore, its perpetuation. After stating the beginnings of animal life, he said that there came into existence differentsenses—organs which were especially sensitive to the kind of vibration which most frequently played upon them, and at last it came about that they had the eye. A view of the jelly fish, with its little eyes, was shown, and it was explained that it could not distinguish form, but could see the difference between light and shade. Subsequently he dealt with the vision of the dragon-fly, the bee, the wasp, and the moth, and then he explained the structure of the eye of the cat and horse, explaining how animals were more sensitive to movement than to objects.

Exhibiting a view of the human eye, he stated that only man and the monkey had a "yellow spot" on the retina—the region of direct vision, and this was the only kind of vision in which minute details of form were recognisable. The horse, he said, when a newspaper got about its legs, could not distinguish it; what it saw was a white patch, and he explained that one part of the retina of animals' eyes was backed by a shiny substance in order to make it extraordinarily sensitive to movement.

In an interesting way, he showed the structure of the ear, nose, and tongue, and stated that hearing, smelling, and tasting were caused by vibrating hairs in the various organs, views of which were thrown on the screen. Were they to believe the messages these organs telegraphed to the brain? Smell was the oldest and by far the most subtle of the senses, but so much was it neglected that in most men even fifty the sense of smell from disuse had almost left itself away. As to the saying that "seeing is believing," he gave several convincing blackboard illustrations of visual illusions to show that seeing is never believing in the absence of confirmation by the sense of touch.

At the close of the lecture, Mr H. J. Denby (Chairman of the Committee) expressed the indebtedness of the audience to Dr. Hill for his highly instructive lecture. They had all been most interested, and they would all go away with more knowledge of the organs they possessed and put them to better use. He proposed a vote if thanks to Dr. Hill, and it was very cordially passed.

Mr Herbert Gascoigne, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Childe, said that he had discharged his duties admirably. Mr Childe had stated the claim of the community upon the services of the individual, and in the district where he lived Mr Childe was always willing to help the people round about him. (Applause). The vote was passed.

The Chairman, in reply, urged the Committee to continue the lectures in future years, and if he could help them either by presiding or by becoming a guarantor he should be pleased to do so. It would be better, he thought, if they had more lectures and fewer picture houses. (Applause).

The first annual dinner of the Garforth Golf Club has been arranged for Friday, February 6th. The accounts for the year, it is said, show that the deficiency is only between £30 and £40. For a first season, with an unfinished course, the result must be regarded as satisfactory and encouraging.

A SWILLINGTON MAN IN TROUBLE

A SATURDAY NIGHT SCENE.

MINER WHO REFUSED TO PAY HIS FARE.

A scene on a crowded Leeds tramcar on a Saturday night was followed by the appearance of George Goodyear, miner, of Swillington, in the Leeds Police Court on Tuesday. There were three summonses against him. One was for using obscene language on a tramcar; the second for refusing to pay his fare; and the third for assaulting the conductor, Thomas Stevenson.

Mr G. Knowles, of the Town Clerk's Office, who prosecuted, said the affair took place about 10 p.m. on Saturday, the 10th inst., on a car going from Boar Lane to Chapeltown. From Lowell Street onwards for about three hundred yards, confusion reigned on the car.

Defendant apparently got on the car in Briggate whilst the conductor was upstairs collecting fares. The car was very crowded and eight or ten people were standing inside. Stevenson went up to a woman and she said, "Two, Winton Street"—two penny fares. He punched two tickets and the woman then said "He will pay," indicating the defendant.

Goodyear accepted the tickets from the conductor, and said "She'll pay." The conductor was interference in the awkward predicament of not knowing from whom to get the payment. After collecting some other fares he returned to the man and said "Who is going to pay, I want twopence?" The defendant's reply was Go to ——." At the same time he tore up one of the tickets, threw it in Stevenson's face, and struck him in the mouth. The man apparently had been drinking, but was not drunk.

The blow was the signal for general confusion. Everyone wanted to proffer advice and opinions and there was a perfect babel. The conductor heard very disgusting language from Goodyear, and when the latter got off the car he followed him to get his name and address.

The defendant took off his coat and struck Stevenson three blows. In consequence a large crowd gathered, and two police officers were summoned.

An independent witness said Goodyear threatened to kill the conductor, and a man, who was with Goodyear, tried to incite Stevenson "to put his duties up."

The defendant, who was represented by Mr B Bailey, denied the charges, and said the woman was not with him at all. He was never asked for his name and it was only when the conductor tried to stop him getting off the car and called him "a foul-looking pig" that he took off his coat.

The defendant was fined 40s. and costs for not paying his fare.

SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR AT STOURTON

SMART CAPTURE BY SKYRACK POLICE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Buckle, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with being found on enclosed premises at Stourton.

P.C. Sowray stated that when, in the company of P.S. Matthews about 6.45 a.m. on Friday, January 23rd, at Stourton, he saw the prisoner go towards some coal sidings. They lost sight of him for a while, but a little later saw him against a lobby in which the workman kept their food.

Witness and his superior officer went up to him and found him trying to unfasten the lock. When asked what he was doing there, he said that he had gone for a warm and something to eat. He also said he had been there before.

P.S. Matheas said he had received several complaints from workmen at the sidings about food being stolen between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. The prisoner had some little time ago worked at the sidings and knew the run of the place.

The Bench committed Buckle to prison for fourteen days.

RUNAWAY HORSES AT WOODLESFORD.

POLICE OFFICER COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Arthur Harrison, teamster, of Rothwell, was summoned for not having proper control of a two-horse dray on January 5th.

P.C. Bennett stated that about 6.5 p.m. on the day in question he was in Church Street, Woodlesford, when he saw two horses attached to a dray galloping towards him. There were several children playing in the road and these the officer quickly gathered to one side of the road. As the horses approached he found that there was no driver in charge, and he endeavoured to stop them, and succeeded in bringing them to a standstill in about fifty yards. After a short interval the defendant came up and took charge of the horses.

Defendant said he had stopped at the "John o' Gaunt's for a drink and he had hardly got inside the inn when the horses bolted. He gave chase, but could not get up to them.

He was fined 10s. and costs.

P.C. Bennett was called up by the Chairman, who complimented him upon his bravery, and he asked Supt. Symonds to bring the matter before the notice of the Chief Constable.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE AT OULTON

CHARGE AT THE SKYRACK COURT.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Binks, a hawker, of Hunslet, was summoned for cruelty to a mare.

P.C. Hutchinson stated that about 7.30 p.m. on January 13th, he was on the Leeds Road, Oulton, when he saw defendant in charge of a dark brown mare, which had fallen down. The animal was attached to a flat cart containing a ton of coal.

The mare was got up, but fell down again. The officer examined her, and found it to be sweating, while on the shoulders beneath the saddle there was a sore 3½ inches wide by 2½ inches long covered with dry matter. Witness drew the attention of Binks to the sore, and the defendant replied that he had groomed the animal for three months but had never seen it before.

The officer told him that he should not have tried to get the mare to pull the load up the John o' Gaunt's Hill, which is a mile long and very steep. Defendant said the previous day it had pulled 17 cwt. up the hill.

Inspector Scanbridge, R.S.P.C.A., corroborated the last officer's statement about the sore, and said he had kept the animal under observation ever since the case had been reported. He believed defendant had done all he could for it, as he had not worked it.

The Bench fined defendant 10s. and costs.

A BARKSTON CATTLE DEALER FATALLY INJURED

A CHURCH FENTON TRAGEDY.

THE LIGHTING OF A ROAD.

An inquest was held in the Leeds Town Hall by the City Coroner (Mr J. C. Malcolm) on Tuesday afternoon on the body of Mr George Bean, a well-known cattle dealer, of Barkston Ash, who died in the Leeds Infirmary on Sunday morning, as the result of injuries sustained at Church Fenton by being knocked down by a motor-car belonging to Dr. Pickersgill, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on Friday night.

Mr A. Masser appeared for the driver of the car.

Dr. Keswick, of the Leeds Infirmary, said the deceased was unconscious when admitted on Saturday and remained so until death. There was a large lacerated wound on the scalp and there was an extensive fracture right round the skull. Both bones of the left leg had been fractured, and the right elbow had been injured. Death occurred on Sunday, and was due to a laceration of the brain.

The widow, Hannah Bean, said her husband was 65 years of age and was a cattle dealer. About 8.30 a.m. on Friday he left home to make a round of the villages a few miles out. She did not know what time he was likely to return, but the next she heard of him was when she was called to Dr. Pickersgill's surgery. Her husband was in good health when he left home. She could not say how the accident happened.

By Mr Masser: She learned that deceased had left his sister's home as Church Fenton, about ten minutes' walk from the scene of the accident, about eight o'clock. She knew the spot very well; it was a very nasty part and was not lighted.

Mr Masser: You know the matter of lighting this part of the road has been before the Parish Council, District Council, and the Railway Co. for some time?

Witness: Yes.

Mr Masser: I believe resolutions have been passed calling upon the Railway Co. to light it.

Witness: Yes, I have heard that.

Mr Masser: The road rises, and then two paths drop. In fact, some people, thinking they are following the road, find themselves in the goods yard, and still the Railway Company for some reason, decline to put up a light?

Witness: Yes.

Inspector John Fleeman, stationed at Sherburn-in-Elmet, said he had made enquiries after death had taken place, but could not find anyone who actually saw the accident.

The Coroner: You have heard some description of the road given by Mr Masser and heard it described as a dangerous road, do you agree?

Witness: It is rather a dangerous road and quite as Mr Masser as put it to the last witness. There are no lights at all.

The Coroner: The Company could not be called upon to put up a light unless it was their private property?

Witness: No, sir.

He added, in answer to Mr J. C. Malcolm, that the driver of the car was very careful and a teetotaller.

Mr Masser (to the witness): Do you know, as a matter of fact, that the roadway at this point has been built and is maintained by the Railway Company, and that the Parish Council would be willing to put up a light if they had the power?

Witness: Yes, I have heard that.

Mr Masser: An oil lamp would be sufficient?

Witness: Yes.

Mr Masser: You say you know the driver of the car.

Witness: Yes, I have known him for about four months.

The Coroner, at this stage, intimated that it would be better to call the driver in order to get his evidence.

Henry Pargeter explained that he was the driver for Dr. Pickersgill, Sherburn-in-Elmet. On the night of the accident he was driving the car from his home to Church Fenton about Barkston. He regarded the place as very dangerous at night. The car was lighted up with four lamps in the front.

Mr Masser: As you approached the station did you give any warning?

Witness: It is my usual custom and I should say I did so, although I cannot remember.

Mr Masser: How far would the lights show?

Witness: About twenty yards.

Mr Masser: What kind of a night was it?

Witness: It was dark, frosty, and a trifle misty, but I could see about fifteen or sixteen yards ahead.

Answering other questions put by Mr Masser, witness said he saw nothing on the road to attract his attention. He was driving in the middle of the road and there was a bump. He was going about ten or twelve miles an hour, but pulled up in about forty or five yards. Taking a lamp from the front of the car, he went back along the road and found Bean lying face downwards in the middle of the road. He was unconscious.

Mr Masser: Do you believe you ran over him.

Witness: Yes, but I knocked him down first, the near side mudguard catching him.

Pargeter described how he obtained assistance and conveyed Bean to Dr. Pickersgill's surgery, and later to the Infirmary. Witness said he had never had any complaint made against him.

The Coroner: What length of experience have you had?

Witness: Two years.

The jury, in returning a verdict of accidental death, exonerated the driver from blame.

Mr Masser asked if the jury would add a rider in regard to the N.E.R. lighting this particular spot. The jury assented, and Mr Masser said he would, as hon. solicitor to the Yorkshire Automobile Club, take the matter up.



A DRINK AT COLTON—"AS A SPORTSMAN."

AMUSING MOTOR-CAR CASE.

Before Judge Longstaff at the Halifax County Court on Friday morning, a rather interesting motor-car case was argued, the point at issue being the sale of a car to a Brighouse picture show proprietor. Mr Richard Watson, instructed by Mr W. F. W. Rhodes, appeared for the plaintiff, S. J. Henry, cinematograph proprietor, Brighouse, and Mr Alf. Masser, Leeds, for the defendants, Messrs Clegg, motor-car engineers, Leeds.

Mr Watson said this was an action to recover a deposit of £50 and to obtain £15 damages in connection with the sale of a motor-car. Plaintiff was the proprietor of the cinema show at the Brighouse Town Hall, and having to relinquish the use of the hall on certain days in the year, when it was required for municipal purposes, he decided on two such days, November 27th and 28th, to visit relations at Ormskirk. For this purpose he decided to buy a motor-car, and Mr Waterfield, a Brighouse motor-car agent, was instructed to purchase a Hubmobile self-starting car from Messrs Clegg, of Leeds, the manager Mr Fitton (Colton), the representative of Messrs Clegg, came over in one of those cars on the 20th. The price was stated as £775. When defendant said he wanted a similar car by the 26th, Mr Fitton said "If it is the case of losing an order you can have one to-morrow." Mr Henry signed a contract purchase form, but put after the word "delivery" then used "immediate." A deposit of £50 was paid. The car was not delivered on the day after the interview with Mr Fitton, nor the day after that. Time went on, and the Hubmobile not being available, Mr Henry hired a Ford car, and used it on his holiday. On December 1st plaintiff's solicitors applied for the return of the deposit. In consequence Mr Fitton came over and tendered a car on December 3rd. Plaintiff said that was no use to him as he had already bought a second-hand car. There were further negotiations, but nothing came of them.

Simeon Joseph Henry, plaintiff, gave evidence, and in cross-examination by Mr Masser, said he saw Mr Fitton and got no satisfaction out of the interview.

Mr Masser: Then why did you go with him for a drink to the public-house at Colton?

Plaintiff: As a sportsman.

His Honour: Is that one of the characteristics of a sportsman? (Laughter).

Mr Masser: And then you had another drink at Leeds with him?—Yes. (Laughter).

The Judge: As a sportsman? (Laughter). Yes.

Mr Masser: Did not Mr Fitton say that the London agents had by telephone told him that they got shipments of these cars every Monday from America, that they could not guarantee executing the order until the second Monday's shipment arrived, and that would be on November 30th?

Plaintiff: If he had said that he would not have got the order.

About this second-hand car; it has been spoken of as purchased, hired, and agreed to purchase. Which is it?—Well, if Mr Waterfield holds me to my agreement I must purchase it.

And if you purchase it you will not pay anything for the use of the car to Ormskirk?—No.

Then why have you put down £10 as the hire of a car in the damages? I suggest that this money was to go to Mr Waterfield as commission on the transaction, and that he was to keep the car and sell it again?—Yes.

The Judge: Then why make this hypothetical claim?

Mr Watson: I have advised my client to withdraw his claim for damages, and our case is confined to the return of the deposit.

The Judge: Very well. But an item of that sort ought never to have been put in. And I suppose this second-hand car which you were to purchase for £95 would be resold for £100?

Plaintiff: I accept your version.

The Judge: And the biggest the fool the bigger the price which would be got from the purchaser. (Laughter). And you agreed to this in order to fulfil your obligations to Mr Waterfield—as a sportsman, I suppose. (Laughter).

After the luncheon interval, Mr Masser asked his Honour to allow the parties a little more time to discuss the matter in private. This his Honour granted.

Later, Mr Masser stated that the case had been withdrawn, an amicable settlement having been come to by the parties. The terms of settlement, he stated, included the plaintiff taking delivery of the car and getting credit for the £50 paid, each to pay own costs.

His Honour gave sanction for the withdrawal of the case.

SELBY FARMERS' UNION.

The annual general meeting of the Selby branch of the National Farmers' Union was held at the Londesborough Hotel, Selby, on Monday afternoon.

Mr R. L. Walker took the chair, and the attendance included Mr Wm. Armstrong, Mr J. Fenton, Mr A. Anson, Mr J. Armstrong, and Mr H. S. Dickson (hon. sec.).

The Hon. Secretary submitted a report, which showed a balance in hand of £15 2s. There were 72 members on the books. The position was similar to the same last year.

Upon the proposition of Mr Wm. Armstrong, the committee was re-appointed, with power to add to their number.

Mr G. T. Fenteman proposed that Mr Wm. Armstrong be re-elected chairman.

Mr J. Jinks seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

Mr Armstrong, in again accepting the office, made an appeal for an increase in the number of members. If the organisation could be brought up to 200 members it would have more weight.

Other officers re-appointed were Mr Andrew Anson, vice-chairman; Mr H. S. Dickson, hon. secretary; and Mr R. L. Walker, delegate to the central meetings.

Mr R. L. Walker, in the course of a brief address, said he would go to the Doncaster meetings with more confidence if he had at his back a larger and more united branch. He should like to see every farmer in the district a member. It was in fact more necessary now than ever that the agricultural industry should be organised. Local taxation had to be dealt with first and foremost, and they looked to having a scheme propounded which would remove unfair treatment to agriculture. Agriculturists paid for things that they ought not to be charged with, at all events not to the same extent as at present.

Mr H. S. Dickson said he believed that now a better prospect was before the branch, and that a larger accession of strength would be secured in the ensuing year.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Better price for wheat, and inquiries were made for good spring corn for seed. Wheats 32s. to 33s., inferior samples 30s. to 31s., barley 29s. to 31s., commoner ditto 26s. to 28s., oats 19s. to 21s., rye 24s. to 25s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 7½ and 8 for 1s.; butter 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 5s. to 6s., rabbits 2s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A fair trade for the supply on the market. Prices were practically unchanged. Sand Up-to-Dates 50s. to 55s., sand King Edwards 55s. to 62s. 6d., warp King Edwards 60s. to 65s. per ton; retail, 5d. per stone.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 137 beasts, 42 sheep, and 50 pigs. A better show of stock, with a good attendance of buyers. Best quality beef met with a fair trade at fully late rates, 8d. to 8s. 2d. per stone. In-calving cows were scarce and dear. No change to note in sheep or pigs, late prices being well maintained. Fat bullocks realised up to £24 12s. 6d., fat heifers to £21 15s., fat cows to £21 15s., fat bulls to £16 5s., store beasts to £11, cows in milk to £16, in-calving cows to £22 17s. 6d., fat hoggs to £2 16s., fat pigs to £8 15s., pork pigs to £6, and store pigs to £2 3s. 6d. each.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son had a large entry of cattle at their fortnightly sale, and buyers were well represented. Dairy cows were in fair demand, except for the roughest kinds, and these were not good to sell. Best newly-calven cows £21 to £27 2s. 6d., useful and medium sorts £18 12s. 6d. to £20 10s., present calvers £21 10s. to £23 12s. 6d. Some good fat cattle were on offer. The demand at the commencement ruled a shade slower, but improved later, the best heifers and bullocks making 7½d., secondary kinds 7d. to 7¾d., and cows 6¾ per lb. Bullocks to £23 7s. 6d., heifers to £22 5s., cows to £24. Fat sheep scarcely realised late quotations, choice shearlings and hoggs making from 10d. to 10½d., and ewes 8d. to 8½d. per lb. Pork pigs made from £3 4s. to £4 16s. each. No store pigs were shown owing to swine fever restrictions. Numbers—85 newly-calven and calving cows, 129 sheep, 87 fat beasts, 9 pigs, and 8 calves.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a grand show of both beef and mutton. Beef met a firm good demand, and realised a shade more money than last week. Mutton was a capital show, and sold at about late rates, although rather in favour of buyers. The attendance was in excess of the average, and competition was good, and satisfactory prices were realised. Best beef made from 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d., medium quality 8s. to 8s. 3d., cows about 7s. 9d. per stone. Shearlings and good hoggs made from 9¾d. to 10¾ per lb. Mr J. Godfrey Long, Spofforth, sold four wealthy bullocks at £26 2s. 6d., £25, £24 12s. 6d., and £22; Mr T. L. Wickham-Boynton, Bocton Spa, sent a grand bullock, which sold for £21; Mr R. Dutton, Bilton Grange, sold two grand beasts at £22 10s. and £17 10s.; Mr R. Belby, Cattal, sent two choice heifers, making £21 7s. 6d. and £18 12s. 6d.; Mr Spencley, Thorparch, supplied two grand heifers, which made £17 5s. and £16 15s.; Mr Bellerby, Cowthorpe, sent two grand young cows, making £20 10s. and £17 15s.; Mr J. Bielby, Cattal, sent a choice heifer, which realised £19 12s. 6d.; Mr Geo. Douthwaite, Walshford, sold two grand heifers at £21 12s. 6d. and £21; Mr T. Allen, Cattal, sent a heifer, which made £18 7s. 6d.; Mr W. Walker, North Deighton, sold two grand bullocks at £21 7s. 6d. and £20 7s.; Mr Jos. Watson, Linton Springs, sold four nice quality heifers at £17 15s., £16 17s. 6d., £16 10s., and £15 12s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Watson, Manor Farm, Wighill, sent two good bullocks, which sold for £22 and £21 10s.; Mr L. R. B. Isaacs, of King Barrow, sold four choice heifers at £19 10s., £18 10s., £17 17s. 6d., and £17; Mr W. R. Sturdy, Bilton, sent five nice quality heifers, which sold at £19 2s. 6d. and £16; Mr F. Elwiss, Ingmanthorpe, sold eight grand bullocks and heifers at £22 15s., £22 10s., £22 2s. 6d., £22, £21 15s., £21 10s., £19 15s., and £17 5s.; Mr H. Shaw, of Walton, sent a bullock, which realised £20 2s. 6d.; Mr W. Lister, Walton, bullock, £19 5s.; Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, sold seven good bullocks, which realised £22 and £21 15s.; Mr E. Liversidge, Sherburn Hall, sold four good bullocks at £23 15s., £23 15s., £22 15s., and £22; Mr Wm Dunnington, Marston Lodge, a fine quality bullock, £25 10s.; Mr W. L. Kendall, Conchboro', sent five nice bullocks; Mrs Otter, Hunsingore, sold five very choice bullocks at £27, £26 5s., £25 15s., £24 12s. 6d., and £24 2s. 6d.; nine good bullocks from Mr Wm. Fewdling sold at £26 5s., £25 15s., £24 15s., £24 5s., £23 15s., £24 17s. 6d., £24, £20 7s. 6d., and £19 2s. 6d. Two calves made up to 75s. each. Mr S. Elvidge, Headley Hall, topped the sale for hoggs, his four pens making up to 65s. each; five pens of wealthy hoggs from Mr R. Machin, jun., Old Thornville, made to 62s. 6d.; prime hoggs from Mr Alton, Allerton, made to 52s.; from Mr H Beech, Walshford, to 54s. 6d.; Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe, to 52s. 6d.; Mr J. R. Holdsworth, Clifford Moor, to 58s.; Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, to 52s.; Mr E. Spink, Deighton, to 55s. 6d.; Mr R. Dutton, Bilton, to 57s.; Mr Hy. Thomson, Newton Kyme, to 53s. 6d.; Mr L. Sampson, to 46s. 6d.; Mr R. Fearby, Stockeld, to 51s.; sheep from Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, to 68s.; from Mr G. P. Wright, to 64s. 6d.; etc. Numbers sold: 98 beasts and calves, and 311 sheep.

SELBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Selby Guardians, on Monday, Mr R. L. Walker presiding, payment was ordered to be made to the West Riding County Council of £2,843, the balance due on the precept of December last.

A return of pauperism received from the Local Government Board showed a decrease throughout the county of 39,146 during last year.

The Chairman remarked that the return which had been received from Mr Bagenal as to the local district also showed an exceptional reduction.

The Clerk (Mr J. Townend) said the particulars accompanying the general return attributed one-third of the difference to the fact that at the beginning of the year dealt with there was a high level of pauperism in certain London Unions, owing to the distress arising from the dispute which then existed in the transport trade.

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POLITICS AND AGRICULTURE.

A FARMER AND "ABOMINABLE INSURANCE ACT."

The annual dinner of the Yorkshire Farmers' Union was held at Doncaster on Tuesday, and among those present were Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P. (Temple, newsam).

Mr Lane Fox, in proposing "The Farmers' Union," remarked that they had heard a good deal of criticism of farmers. But they in the dead of criticism of farmers. But they in the mangold wurzel could withstand the pheasants—(laughter)—where the tenant was a man of the words of the music-hall song "Everybody's doing it."—(laughter)—and they had to do it. It was abundantly necessary that the farming industry should combine to make a strong stand against the conflicting forces that they had to meet. There was a time when farmers had to combine against their landlords, but he was glad to say this was entirely obsolete now. (Hear, hear). They all realised that they were the same body who stood and fell together. The main object of their Union was to obtain fair play for agriculture, and that could not be resisted nor resented by anybody. Their Union stood for all that was best for agriculture.

The Chairman replied for the Union. He was pleased to think that the Union was an institution which had come to be regarded as not connected with party politics. All they asked was that agriculture should be dealt with fairly and squarely.

Mr David Dale proposed the toast of "The Houses of Parliament." The Houses of Parliament, he said, had done many things they ought not to have done, and had left undone things they ought to have done. One thing they ought not to have done was to impose that abominable Insurance Act of 1911. (Applause). He would like if Lord Lucas could say that there was some hope for amendment, and he should also like if Lord Lucas would say if in his opinion farmers were fairly treated under it? With regard to the minimum wage, he thought that it was an impracticable proposition altogether. (Hear, hear).

The Hon. Edward Wood, in responding, said he held no brief for party politicians. To tell the honest truth he did not love them, and he did not think that as such they did much good to agriculture. But they might have yielded to temptation in the past—and for aught he knew they might yield in the future—and what as agriculturists they were entitled to urge and insist upon was that if matters vitally affecting agriculture were to be taken in hand by the heard about rescuing work in the country and hope springing up in the countryside in consequence of measures that were going to be passed. Everybody would admit that these things were not said by gentlemen like Mr Runciman and Lord Lucas, and would recognise that in the words of the music-hall song "Everybody's doing it."—(laughter)—and they had to do it. It the things that were said about agriculture and agriculturists generally. (Applause). They labourer able to make terms with his employer —they were entitled rather to resent some of subject than that, and that the irresponsible utterances had not been taken seriously. He congratulated the Yorkshire Union on its continued prosperity. This was a time of combination and of federation in all industries and in all trades, whereas what they as agriculturists wanted, was a remedy for the suffocation of agriculture by the hands of the Agriculture and in the more responsible quarters that had to deal with agriculture more knowledge was shown on the subject than that, and that the irresponsible utterances had not been taken seriously. He congratulated the Yorkshire Union on its continued prosperity. This was a time of combination and of federation in all industries and in all trades, whereas what they as agriculturists wanted, was a remedy for the suffocation of agriculture by the hands of the music-hall song "Everybody's doing it."—(laughter)—and they had to do it. It was abundantly necessary that the farming industry should combine to make a strong stand against the conflicting forces that they had to meet. There was a time when farmers had to combine against their landlords, but he was glad to say this was entirely obsolete now. (Hear, hear). They all realised that they were the same body who stood and fell together. The main object of their Union was to obtain fair play for agriculture, and that could not be resisted nor resented by anybody. Their Union stood for all that was best for agriculture.

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By Order,

ED. GRAY GRIMSHAW,

Secretary.

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Rothwell Courier and Times.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1914.

In these days when there is so much controversy about the cost of living and the need for higher wages it is interesting to watch how the expenditure on lunatics is creeping up. A small army of these derelicts of humanity are housed in the asylums of the West Riding, and any Board of Guardians can furnish information as to the enormously increased cost the maintenance of these people are to the ratepayers. Newcastle Guardians have been paying 11s. 1d. per head for their lunatics, and they have received notice that the charges have gone up to 11s. 11½d., and the ratepayers will have to find an additional £2,000 per annum to meet the bill. This proves that the cost of living is going up. In many cases these unfortunate people, who are of absolutely no use to the community, are housed under conditions which the best-paid artisans cannot obtain, and as they are not in a position to appreciate the nation's generosity, it seems ridiculous that money should be wasted in this way. Buildings and living should surely be of the plainest character, because lunatics cannot appreciate architecture, and if they get good fare no more is required. Yet they cost the community 12s. each per week. The authorities no doubt do the best they can for all the people entrusted to their charge, but it seems unjust that poor workers, with small wages, should have to keep other people—paupers and lunatics—in a better position than themselves. In the country an agitation is going on for the fixing of a minimum wages of 24s a week for labourers —not an extravagant sum, but these men have to maintain families on a smaller amount. If the family consists of four and the minimum wage were given, it would mean 6s. per week per person, but the inmates of children's homes and workhouses cost more than this, while lunatics cost 12s. each. In towns unskilled labour is equally poorly paid, and there are men labouring in Leeds for less than some Barkston Ash farm hands are getting. Necessity is the point we desire to emphasize. Authorities spend no more on the maintenance of paupers and lunatics than is absolutely necessary to keep them in health and comfort—and, apart from other requirements, common humanity demands that—but no such claim is made by the nation for the underpaid worker? Should not necessity rule this case, too? If a certain sum is needed to keep the labourer and his family in decency should he not have it? It is a serious proposition, because the payment of low wages reacts on the community. Poorly-fed men and women become physical wrecks soon and unfit for employment, and they throw themselves on the rates, so the ratepayers have to pay dearly in the long run. Rural Councils, who are also Guardians, have employed old men on the roads in order to keep them off the rates, and it would just be as reasonable for people to see that labour is adequately and efficiently rewarded so that the burden on the community generally may be lessened. Lunatics cost 12s. a week, and in some counties in England farm hands, with families, receive very little more. In the large cities, too, thousands of women, with families dependent on them, are earning very much less in the sweated industries. No wonder there is misery and discontent.

Will the hospitals and infirmaries eventually be put on the rates? In an address the other day at Leeds Infirmary, the Archbishop of York stated that he "always looked upon the hospital as representing a great public duty. He hoped the day was far distant when their hospitals would have to be put upon the rates—even though they did represent a public duty—for he was certain it was a public duty which was rendered all the more nobly when it was rendered under a constraint of 'ought' rather than under the compulsion of 'must'." In some ways, it would be unfortunate were the hospitals to become a charge upon the rates and to come under the control of the local authorities, but if the maintenance of these institutions is accepted as a "public duty," binding on all classes alike, then something may be said for a change in the system of administration. In giving money to the hospital funds many people are inspired with the belief that they are rendering a real service and their generosity—helping them out of a love for common humanity—and this spirit has exercised such a potent influence upon the community generally that the leading institutions have been enabled to carry on their beneficent work without any appeal to those responsible for local administration. Of course, there is a very large section of people who do not realize that it is their duty to support the hospitals; they have the means, but they are lacking in the desire to assist those who are sick and suffering. And the working-classes—the people who receive the benefit of these institutions—are not over generous in their contributions towards their maintenance. For a number of years vast sums have been raised by the working-class population for the hospitals, but large numbers of the workers do not give a farthing, although they would be the people who would suffer were the doors of the hospitals closed. They say they cannot afford to do anything—and many of them no doubt have a hard struggle to make ends meet—but if every worker were to put aside a halfpenny per week for the Infirmary its financial difficulties would be swept away. Why these people do not make a little sacrifice for their own good is a mystery. Moreover, every penny raised in this way has to be collected by voluntary workers, who have to devise various ways of extracting money from a reluctant public. Every year thousands of pounds are spent in providing entertainments with a view to raising something for the medical charities, which get only a 4the of the money drawn. Carnivals, sports, etc., are held every year for this purpose, and the expenditure upon them is enormous. If people were practical they would give their money direct to the institutions, and thus save all this waste. But it has to be drawn out of them, and it is a great pity. They must have something for their money! Were the hospitals given rate-aid, it is probable that the institutions would not be so economically managed. Every person employed would demand payment for services rendered, and the expenditure would consequently increase. On the other hand, institutions would not be crippled for want of funds, and greater efficiency might be obtained. Every householder ther would have to contribute according to the assessment of his or her dwelling, etc., and, although this might prove a hardship in many cases, it would ensure that no one was escaping a "public duty." It is very unjust that while persons contribute liberally to the funds, their neighbours may not give anything, and the imposition of a rate would put an end to this unfair state of things. It would hit all classes alike, and rich and poor would have to pay according to their assessment. In various places this has been seriously discussed, and it will inevitably come if the community cannot voluntarily provide the funds for carrying on the work, which is as necessary as that of isolation hospitals, which are maintained by the rates. It is well-known that Leeds Infirmary, which is doing a magnificent work for the people of Yorkshire, cannot pay its way—that the income does not meet the expenditure, and it is a reflection upon the county. By means of a special fund, the institution is to be enlarged and the good work extended, but that will necessarily mean an increased expenditure. The men who manage the Infirmary evidently have faith that its needs will be provided for, and we hope that that faith will be abundantly justified.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DEATHS.

BURTON.—January 24th, John Burton, of 24, Brandon Terrace, Slade Hill, Moortown, beloved husband of Mary Burton.

CRAISE.—January 24th, at Elmwood Terrace, Oulton, aged 81 years, Mary Ann, widow of the late Captain Charles Thomas Craise.

SMITH.—January 25th, at Leeds, Harry Marsden, beloved son of the late Geo. A. Smith, of Bradford, and Mrs Smith, Crossgates.

IN MEMORIAM.

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GALE.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Thomas Gale, who died 30th January, 1900.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates on the Bench were Mr. W. Markill (in the Chair), Dr. R. D. Kitson, Mr. J. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr. R. D. Kitson, Mr J. Hirst, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr S. Holliday, Mr F. M. Lupton, and Mr S. Hudson.

PICKWICKIAN SOCIETY.—The weekly meeting of the Pickwickian Society on Thursday night Mr G. W. Nodding read from the 54th chapter of the "Pickwick Papers"—"Mr Winkle's mysterious behaviour." A reading by W. W. Lamb of Bill's paper-chase," contributed by Mr F. Kemshell, was greatly appreciated. Mr Rawling presided.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Wednesday played Leeds Kirkgate Tradesmen at Rothwell on Wednesday. The Leeds men had the better of matters in the first half, and Jubb (two) and Hughes netted. On resuming the home team had more of the play, and Hopton was only beaten once, by Rogers-Hobson was successful with a penalty shot for Rothwell. Result:—Leeds Kirkgate Tradesmen 4 goals, Rothwell Wednesday 1 goal.

WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Saturday evening the annual prize distribution to the scholars of the Sunday School took place in the schoolroom. Tea was served at five o'clock, there being a good company present. After the table had been cleared a concert took place, the items being provided by a group of talented artistes. Mr W. Varley presided, and the prizes were given out by Mr F. Young.

NORMANTON DIVISION.—At a meeting on Friday at Wakefield of the Executive of the Normanton Division Conservative Association, Mr T. P. Tew presiding, it was unanimously decided to invite Mr. Cecil Lister-Kaye, of Denby Grange, the President of the Association, and a well-known local colliery owner, to become the prospective Unionist candidate for the division. A general meeting of the Association is to be called at an early date to confirm the Executive's decision. Mr Lister-Kaye, it will be remembered, contested the seat in 1910 against the late Mr Ben Pickard, when he secured 3,605 votes to his opponent's 5,655.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—With a view to stirring up the present members of the church, and to prevail on those not already attached to some place of worship to join the church, a series of services have been held in the Wesleyan Church during the week. The services have been conducted by Mr. Lister-Kaye, and commenced on Sunday, when the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson preached. At each of the week night services he has presided, while addresses have been given as follows:—Monday, the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson; Tuesday, Mr W. Stephenson; Wednesday, Mr J. W. Ridyard; and Thursday, Mr T. Gibson. On Wednesday afternoon there was a special service for women, and an address was given by Mrs Thomlinson. Mrs Stephenson gave a solo. At each service solos have been rendered by one of the following vocalists: Miss H. Marsden, Miss E. Hudson, Miss K. Varley, Miss B. Varley, and Mr R. Firth.

BURNING ACCIDENT.—A sad burning accident occurred at Rothwell on Friday, when a young woman named Eliza Tiffany, aged 21, daughter of a miner living at Carlton Street, Rothwell, received so severe injury that she had to be removed to the Leeds Infirmary. It appears that shortly after, midday, she was attending to the kitchen fire, and it is thought that her apron became alight. She was alone in the kitchen at the time, Mrs Tiffany being engaged in one of the bedrooms, and it was the girl's screams that brought the mother running down to find her daughter in flames. Mrs Tiffany seized a rug and wrapped it round the young woman, and some neighbours who had heard the screams entered the house and succeeded in extinguishing the fire. It was seen the young woman was badly burned about the upper part of the body, arms, and face, and oils were procured and quickly applied. Dr. Stevenson was sent for, and upon his arrival he found that everything that could be done for the young woman had been done, and he ordered her removal to the Leeds Infirmary, where she was detained.

PRESENTATION.—A pleasing ceremony took place at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, when two of the teachers of the Sunday School, Mr J. Ward and Mr Eli Ward were presented with long service diplomas. The diplomas are to commemorate a twenty-five years' service, but both Mr J. Ward and Mr Eli Ward have twenty-nine years to their credit. Mr James Taylor presided, in the absence of Mr W. Jopling, and an address was given by the Rev. W. G. Softley. Certificates were also presented to successful scholars in the recent scripture examination.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Sir J. Compton-Rickett, M.P. for the Osgoldcross division, was the special preacher at the Hallgate Congregational Church, Doncaster, on Sunday.

MISER'S COSTLY MISTAKE.—On Wednesday at Wakefield Patrick Joseph Tiernan, miner, Allerton Bywater, was charged with travelling on the G.N.R. without paying his proper fare. Defendant travelled by train from Castleford to Westgate, and he got out of a first-class compartment but only produced a third-class ticket. When questioned he offered to pay the difference, but it was not accepted. Defendant said whilst at Castleford Station he was in a hurry and got into a first-class compartment in mistake. Defendant had £1 11s. 6d. to pay or one month's imprisonment.

BOWERS ALLERTON

TRACT SOCIETY.—The quarterly tea and meeting of the Tract Society were held in the Mission schoolroom on Thursday evening. Mr W. S. Blackburn, who presided at the meeting, spoke highly of tract distributing as a branch of church work. The distributors came in contact with people which the church could in no other way reach. Every house being visited, no one in the district could escape the influence of the church, which, if tactfully used, was bound to result in the spiritual and social betterment of the district. Solos were sung by Miss Child and Messrs G. Wrigglesworth and Simpson, while Miss Alice Parker gave a recitation. Each tract distributor gave a report on his or her district.

CAWOOD

NAVAL DESERTER.—At Selby on Tuesday John Dawson Crosby, of H.M.S. Ganges at Harwich, charged with being a deserter, was said to have been seen with another man, both in naval uniform, at Cawood. Police Constable French went after them on a bicycle and Crosby was caught. Prisoner said he was on a naval training ship at Shotley Barracks. He enlisted at Middlesbrough, and gave his home as Superintendent Stafford said it was not the first time prisoner had deserted his ship. The Bench ordered him to be handed over to his ship.

CROSSGATES

At the meeting of the Literary Society on Monday evening a lecture on "The romance of ancient glass making" will be given by Mr F. Swann. See advt.

B.W.T.A.—CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT BRANCH.—The first public meeting of this newly-arranged branch of the B.W.T.A. was held on Monday night in the Crossgates Wesleyan Schoolroom, and it took the form of a social evening. A nice company attended, and had a very enjoyable time. The programme included songs by Miss L. Holliday—"The Valley by the Sea" and "I was dreaming"; Mr Atkin, "The Mighty Deep" and "Deep in the Mine"; and Miss Brownhill "Still as the night" and "Beloved, it is morn"; while Mr. G. Hodgson (abstentionist) contributed "The Butterfly" and "The relief of Lucknow." Mr J. H. Walker, A.R.C.O., was the accompanist. Mrs R. H. Carr (President) gave an interesting address, telling first how the committee had for two years considered the desirability of dividing the old branch (Halton and Crossgates), and finally had decided that such a division would increase the efficiency of the work. She pleaded for greater interest, thought, and attention to the work, and emphasized the need for such by recent facts and figures from eminent medical and other authorities as to the ravages of alcoholic liquors. Dr. Kaye, medical officer of health for the West Riding, recently stated that 42 per cent. of the Juniles under the charge of the County Council owed their position either to their own or their parents' use of alcoholic liquors. Opinions by Dr. Saleeby and Professor J. Sims Woodhead were also quoted, whilst the close connection between the drink traffic and the White Slave traffic, with its 300,000 victims in Great Britain annually, recruited by 60,000 new victims, was instanced as a reason for Temperance legislation to increase the efficiency of recent repressive laws. Mrs T. Rippon, who has charge of the Tiny Tots section of the branch dealing with children up to 7 years of age, reported a gratifying increase of such members, and asked for help from all who loved children and their country to save the children from ever becoming degraded—a work, she thought, far better even than rescuing the fallen older people. Refreshments were served, and a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped was combined with best wishes for the success of the new Society, on the motion of Mr T. Rippon, seconded by Mr J. E. Broadbent. Mrs W. W. Stott, Austhorpe Lane, Crossgates, is the hon. secretary.

FERRYBRIDGE

WEDDING.—A wedding was solemnised on Saturday, at the parish church of Ferrybridge, the contracting parties being Mr Frank Nicholls, of York, and Miss Edith A. Hunter, of Ferrybridge. The Rev. E. S. Hore, of York, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr C. Hall, was attired in cream taffeta with lace overskirt, and cream velvet hat with plume to match, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Mr W. Hodman, of Knottingley, carried out the duties of best man. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids, the elder ones, Miss A. Hunter (sister) and Miss Hall (cousin), being dressed in grey poplin with hats to match, whilst the two younger ones, Miss Margaret Hobman and Miss Winnie Law (nieces), were attired in pale blue satin coats and linenets, trimmed sweeps, and carried baskets of flowers. They were gold lockets, the gifts of the bridegroom. After the ceremony a reception was held in St. Andrew's Mission Room. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and handsome presents.

GARFORTH

Miss Couper, L.L.C.M. (Bronze Medallist, and late pupil of the Leeds College of Music), gives lessons in pianoforte, theory and harmony etc. Terms upon application. Address:—Station House, Garforth.—Advt.

BAZAAR.—In connection with the Primitive Methodist Church a bazaar will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, when Mr Herbert Smith, of Garforth, will perform the opening ceremony on the first day, and Mr George Wilkinson, of Kippax, on the second day, while on Saturday the children will give the operetta "The Fairy Ring." See advt.

ARRESTED AT GARFORTH.—Anthony Dempsey, a miner, of Leeds, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Wakefield on Saturday by stealing a silver watch and chain (value £3 5s.) the property of Tom Dunleavy, of Horbury Junction. On September 10th, 1910, Dunleavy was attending the Holbeck Feast when prisoner claimed acquaintance with him, saying he came from the same place in Ireland. Dunleavy said he didn't know him, but suggested they should have a drink. Next day prisoner turned up at Dunleavy's lodgings at Horbury Junction and started work with a local firm. On the 13th he absconded with the watch and chain, which he pawned at Portsfeast. Prisoner was arrested at Garforth on Friday.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At the popular picture house this week large audiences have again been the rule, and excellent programmes have been submitted for the entertainment of patrons. The attractions for Friday and Saturday include "The mystery of the great diamond," a clever exploit of Nat Pinkerton, the great detective, and "A noise from the deep," a clever comedy. For next week the management have secured some capital pictures, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday "The Banshee," a thrilling Irish story, will have pride of place. Other films promised are "A visit to Scarborough," "His crooked career" (a criminal farce), "One can't always tell" (the dog's punishment), "Vengeance of the Mafia" (powerful coloured drama), and "Max and the portmanteau" (comedy). For the second half of the week the outstanding film will be "Life of a mother," describing a parent's love and sacrifices for her son. Other pictures announced are "Love and potatoes," "Suspense" (drama), "Titans of the air" (flying machines), "The mistaken masher," and "Ups and downs." For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

SOCIAL.—A good number attended the dance held in the Infant Schoolroom on Saturday evening. The proceeds were for paying for the heating apparatus recently installed in the church.

WITHDRAWN.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Scott, a miner, of Great Preston, was summoned by his wife, Leah Scott, for persistent cruelty. The husband appeared when the case was called, but the complainant was missing. Asked if he could account for her absence, the husband said he had come to terms with his wife, and they were living together again. He had, he said, been sent to ask for the summons to be withdrawn. This the Bench allowed us to be done.

HALTON

On Saturday afternoon in the Church Football League Whitkirk C.M. were defeated by Leeds Parish Church by three goals to nil.

On Saturday afternoon Leeds St. Peter's Harriers Club decided a three miles' handicap, and the race was run from Halton, there being a dozen entries.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the next meeting of the Ratepayers' Association at Whitkirk on February 6th a paper on "The Infirm of the Poor Law" will be read by Mr Arthur Lee, one of the Crossgates Guardians. All householders are invited to attend. See advt.

KIPPAX

PARISH CHURCH.—A service for women was held in the church on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Smith) on "Winning Souls." There was a good attendance.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A pierrot entertainment was given on Tuesday and Wednesday evening in the Church Schoolroom by the following artistes:—Mr H. Wright, Mr F. Bickerdike, Mr T. Simpson, Mr W. Wilson, Mr P. Gummerson, Mr E. Legg, Mr A. Gripwell, Mr E. Bickerdike, Mr H. Terry, and Mr H. Varley. Mr H. Keeble, the organist of the Parish Church, had the training of the artistes, and he had also the direction of the entertainment. Mrs Thomas Simpson was the pianist. The stage was tastefully decorated for the occasion by Mrs and Miss Smith. Appreciative audiences assembled in the schoolroom each night, and great credit is due to the artistes and Mr Keeble for providing such an excellent entertainment.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday, the preacher for the day being Mr M. Bairstow, of Whitwood More. The sacred cantata "The Rock of Ages" was given (by request), and was capably rendered by the choir. The solos were allotted to the following:—Miss Halliday, Miss E. Smith, Mrs Irving Goodall, Miss Janet Snowden (sopranos), Miss Alice Goodall and Miss Doris Radcliffe (contraltos), Mr D. Smith, Mr T. Roberts, and Mr E. Smith (tenors), Mr J. Radcliffe, Mr H. Hollyhead, and Mr Jas. Farrant (bass). The organ accompaniments were a pleasing feature in the work, and were finely rendered by Mr W. Halliday. The cantata was well received by a fairly large congregation. Mr M. Bairstow presided. The collection realized £1. The Rev. H. W. B. Chapman (superintendent Methodist minister, Castleford), was the preacher on Thursday evening.

LEDSHAM

A sum of £3 15s., collected at Ledsham Church, has been sent by the Rev. G. E. Warlow to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

LOFTHOUSE

LOFTHOUSE COLLIERY.—The accounts show a profit of £10,162, which, added to the balance brought forward of £10,075, makes a total of £20,238. Out of this sum £3,731 was paid on August 1st as interim dividend, leaving a balance of £16,506 at the disposal of the shareholders. A similar dividend was recommended by the directors, making a total distribution of 6s. per share, free of income tax, which will absorb £5,597, leaving a balance to be carried forward of £10,909.

MICKLEFIELD

BILLIARDS.—Micklefield Workman's Institute and North Ward Liberal Club met in the first round of the charity competition on Wednesday night at Hixon and Sons' Showrooms, Park Street, Leeds. North Ward won all five games, and on the aggregate totals proved successful by 184, the scores being 500 and 316. Details (Micklefield names first).—F. Tomkinson 80 v. F. E. Holsall 100; J. T. Limbert 74 v. W. Mitchell 100, J. Limbert 30 v. S. Allen 100, E. Limbert 60 v. S. Nathan 100, and W. Cooper 63 v. S. Ajha 100.

MOOR ALLERTON

A sum of £8 13s. 10d., collected at Moor Allerton Church, has been sent by Mr J. E. Maude to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

MOORTOWN GOLF CLUB.—In the first annual report of the Moortown Golf Club it is stated that the club have adopted a scheme by which they acquire a freehold site upon which to build a new club house, within a convenient distance of the Harrogate Road, and additional land has been leased for the consequent slight extension of the course. The scheme provides for the construction of a road suitable for motor and other traffic to the new club house. At the end of last year the club had a total membership of 374, and after making liberal allowances for depreciation, the year closed with a balance of profit over expenses of 100 guineas.

OULTON

DANCE.—On Wednesday night the Girls' Friendly Society dance was held in the Harold Hall. There were about one hundred present, and a delightful evening was spent. Mr C. J. Higgins was an admirable M.C., and dancing was merrily engaged in to music supplied by Mr Walter Poole (pianist) and a violinist.

The workpeople of D. Hall and Sons, Midland Quarries, Oulton, have sent £6 2s. 7d. to Leeds Infirmary.

LECTURE.—Mr Walter Poole, on Thursday night, lectured to the members of the Oulton Literary and Debating Society upon "The Folk Songs of England," and he explored the lack of appreciation in these days of folk songs. To add to the interest of the subject Mr Poole was assisted by some half-a-dozen young people, who gave several examples of folk songs. Mr Edgar Hullah and Mr J. Jackson contributed illustrations on the piano. Mr B. Wood Higgins, who is a well-known musician, presided. At the close a discussion followed, and Mr Poole was subjected to much criticism, but he stood up well to his arguments.

ROBIN HOOD

P.S.A.—There was a good attendance at the P.S.A. meeting held in the United Methodist Church last Sunday, when an address was given by the Rev. J. E. Langley (Wakefield), late missionary minister at Robin Hood. Mr J. Naylor presided, and the solos "Lead Kindly Light" and "The Promise of Life" were sung by Miss E. Marshall (Ardsley). Mr B. Keighley was the accompanist.

ROUNDHAY

On Saturday afternoon Roundhay had a hockey match with Hull, and the former won by five goals to nil.

Mr Harry Pickard has recently resigned the post of organist and choirmaster of Carr Church, Beildington, to take up a similar appointment at St. John's Church, Roundhay.

DEDICATION.—At morning service on Sunday the Bishop of Knaresborough dedicated a font cover at St. Edmund's Church, Roundhay, in the presence of a large congregation. The design of the cover is based on some examples of font covers found in East Anglia, and is Perpendicular in its character. Octogonal in shape, and standing ten feet high, it comprises four stages receding upwards, surmounted by a spire and massive finial. The design is by Messrs Carby Hall and Dawson, the architects of the church, the work having been executed by Messrs Marsh, Jones, & Cribb. The materials used are fine Austrian oak, fumed to a dark colour and ebony inlay. The cost is £83 10s., and the money has been chiefly raised from baptismal offerings.

OPEN AIR SCHOOL AT THE PARK.—The Leeds Education Committee have adopted a resolution, passed by the Staffing and General Purposes Sub-Committee that there be prepared for an open-air school to accommodate 100 children in a temporary building. The Committee also ask the Corporation to grant the use of a suitable site for the purpose. The scheme is of an experimental nature, says Alderman W. H. Clarke, the Chairman of the Education Committee, but we shall probably ask the Corporation in due course to let us have a site near Roundhay Park. We shall pick those children who are not actually consumptive, but are unhealthy and show first signs of phthisis. The Roundhay Park the children would get all the sun and fresh air they possibly could, and be within a short distance of an excellent tram service.

AEROPLANES AT ROUNDHAY.—Those juveniles who have been engaged during the last few months in the building of aeroplanes had the opportunity on Saturday of receiving a few hints into the intricacies of the art control. Several hundred boys assembled in the military field at Roundhay to hear a lecture by the well-known aviator, Mr Harold Blackburn. The boys were intensely interested in the 80 h.p. Blackburn monoplane, and they gathered round the machine open-eyed, not seeming to lose a single word which fell from Mr Blackburn's lips as he sat working the elevator and wings in his pilot's seat. The boys were so interested, in fact, that Mr Harry E. Tudor, the aviator's manager, and the mechanics had all their work cut out to keep them clear of the machine. Many of them displayed their model aeroplanes, and in some cases they closely compared the result of their modest efforts with Mr Blackburn's monoplane.

THE SETTLEMENT.—In the King's Bench Division on Wednesday, before Justice Rowlatt, the action of Holmes and others v. Lister was heard. The plaintiff, Mr H. Holmes, was one of a group of Lloyd's Insurers, and the defendant was Mr Frederick Ernest Lister, a yarn spinner, residing at Roundhay. Plaintiffs claimed for the return of money paid on behalf of defendant under certain policies of insurance, which plaintiffs said they were induced to issue by the concealment of a material fact. The defendant denied any concealment of facts. Mr Tindal Atkinson, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said this was an action to recover over £1,100 money, which plaintiffs had been compelled to pay under policies defendant took out in respect of damages to defendant's motor-cars or to third parties. There was a consultation between the parties, and eventually Mr Shearman, K.C., for the defendant, said the parties had agreed to a settlement. Counsel added that defendant had agreed to pay plaintiffs £500 and the costs of the action on the understanding that all charges of fraud were withdrawn. His Lordship assented to the settlement, and judgment was given for the plaintiffs for £500 with costs of the action. A counter-claim by defendant was dismissed with costs.

MOTOR FATALITY.—The Leeds City Coroner (Mr J. C. Malcolm) held an inquest on Friday upon Mary Louisa Gill, aged 47, a widow, of 39, Dorset Road, Harehills Lane, who died from injuries ran on Thursday through being knocked down by a taxi-cab in Roundhay Road, near the junction of Harehills Lane. Mr Clifford Bowling appeared for the driver, Walter Alexander Ogle, of 23, Markham Avenue, who was employed by the Roundhay Motor Company. Jackson said that on approaching the end of Harehills Lane he "slowed up." Suddenly a woman ran out from the causeway, and struck the driver of a passing tram. The witness gave warning, and applied the brakes, but he was too near to stop, and endeavoured to avoid the woman by swerving to the side of the road. The rear-side mudguard struck her, and the wheel passed over her. Mr W. Edwin Harding, chartered accountant, of 20, Bank Street, Shutterbury Avenue, Roundhay, said that he was riding in the motor-car. When going over the Harehills Lane crossing they were travelling at about 10 miles an hour, and were on the proper side of the road. The horn was sounded several times. When the woman ran across the road, the effect that the motor driver pulled the brakes and swerved to the right. She hesitated, and then ran right in front of the vehicle. The car pulled up in a distance of from five to seven yards. Miss Mabel Caroline Jacobs, of 16, Oakwood Drive, told the Coroner that the motor-car was not going very fast, but she did not hear the horn. A cab driver also gave evidence to the effect that the motor driver passed him some distance away, and could not have been travelling too fast, as he (the cab driver) arrived on the scene of the accident almost as soon as it happened. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and exonerated the taxi-driver from blame.

STOURTON

In the Non-Political League Stourton St. Andrew's, who are going strong for League honours, had no difficulty in beating Park Street, the result being 1,120—671.

A MENDICANT'S POSSESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Plunkett, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Stourton on Wednesday, January 21st. P.C. Boyes gave evidence, and said that when arrested prisoner had a quantity of bread and butter in his possession and 2s. 1½d. Plunkett, who had a very bad record, having no less than twenty-eight convictions against him, was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

WHITKIRK

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Harry Tinker, carter, of New Row, Colton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly on the Selby Road, Swillington. The defendant's mother appeared to answer the summons, and on the evidence of P.C. Eadon a fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

A ROBIN HOOD MINER'S END.

KILLED BY A FALL OF ROOF.

An inquest was held at Wakefield on Wednesday on John Clarson (27), bye-worker, of Robin Hood, who was killed by a fall of roof after removing a prop while storing muck in the Wrenthorpe Colliery.

John Edward Barkill said he heard Clement strike the prop on two occasions, after which he heard a fall of roof. Clement was found lying on his right side with the stone on his foot, and he was apparently dead.

James Henry Davis, a chargeman, said there were a number of slips in the pit, and Clement ought to have come and told him that he was going to knock another prop out. Clement was a good workman.

John Lunn, a deputy, said that the stone which fell would weigh more than three tons. The cause of the fall was "slipes," and witness considered he could have seen the back "slipe." Deceased ought to have set more timber before he knocked the prop out.

The Coroner: Did you know the deceased had only been working in a pit for nine months?

Witness: No; I thought he was an experienced workman.

Mr West (manager of the colliery): I have it that he signed on as an able workman.

"Accidental Death" was the verdict.

The Coroner remarked that he thought deceased, although a very capable workman, had not had sufficient experience in the mine.

CORRESPONDENCE

KIPPAX AND OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Rumours are current in Kippax that a Labour candidate is to contest the division of Osgoldcross at the next general election. The electors seemingly know nothing as to this Labour candidate, and we don't know who or what to expect. But I would ask if this uncertainty is to continue until we come to within a few weeks of the poll? Then are we not to be asked to vote for a man who has not had time to make known his intentions, state his convictions, or declare his policy? This is surely not fair play. The Liberal Party have decided to put into the field. We are a number of electors who are in possession of votes that count for a great deal in the way of progress. If used to further the cause of social reforms which we anticipate our children will enjoy, provided we send the right men to Westminster to look after these things. Now, without preliminary organisation, reasonable preparation, and attention the electors in Kippax are not likely to cast their votes in favour of a Labour candidate, whoever he may be. Three-cornered contests, in the absence of a second ballot, are hazardous in the extreme. As regards Osgoldcross, and as things are, I feel sure that Labour cannot hope to win the seat at the next election, when the electors know nothing but confusion, for a confused electorate cannot vote straight on any issue. If we are to have a three-cornered fight in Osgoldcross we ought to know who this third man is to be.—Yours, etc.,

AN ELECTOR.

Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught are to pay a visit shortly to Lord and Lady Harewood at Harewood House.

Thomas Lister, labourer, Clifford, was at Wetherby on Thursday fined 2s. 6d. and costs for a game trespass. He had secured a couple of rabbits.

Two guineas, collected in Aberford Church and sent by the Rev. B. W. Shepheard Walwyn, are acknowledged by the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

"TAUGHT BY KINDNESS."—Miss I. O. Ford, of Adel, speaking at the annual prize distribution in connection with the Leeds branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said that people who went round with troupes of performing animals contended that the animals were taught by kindness. They could not teach lions and tigers to go through tricks by kindness, and the members of that society knew very well that much cruelty was inflicted on these animals to make them perform their tricks.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—The Bramham Moor Habitation of the Primrose League held a meeting at Boston Spa on Friday night, Mr Markingdale, of Bramham, presiding. Lieutenant Boughey, R.N., addressed the gathering, and made an appeal for assistance in the matter of forming a volunteer force, and pointed out from Ulster in the event of civil war, or in the way of funds if supporters were unable to house such refugees. The Lieutenant said he had volunteered to go over to Ulster in the spirit of trouble. Colonel Nickals proposed a vote of thanks to the Lieutenant, and said that in the event of peace he, too, should go over to Ulster. On the suggestion of Mr Tom Latham, a committee was formed to arrange for housing accommodation for refugees and for collecting funds.

THE LATE MISS HOYLE.—The death took place late on Tuesday night at Hall Ings, Bradford, of Miss Isabella Lane, widow of Mr Joseph Hoyle, thrashing machine proprietor. Deceased was in her 66th year, and was a native of Monk Fryston. She was a daughter of the late Mr Thomas Lane, grocer and provision dealer, and she had been in failing health for some time. A few years ago whilst out cycling she was thrown from her bicycle, and subsequently she had an attack of rheumatic fever, which left her very weak. She continued to go about, and was out on Tuesday afternoon. It is believed she caught a chill, which, acting on a bronchial complaint, affected the heart. Deceased had a violent attack of coughing, and death occurred very suddenly. Dr. Pickersgill had been summoned, but on his arrival death had taken place.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the vivacious and sparkling revue "What-a-Game" ranks with the best of those seen at the theatre, and the Escalade scene is a triumph in stage-craft. Of course, there is the inevitable platform extending into the auditorium, without which no revue can possibly be complete, and the extremely well-dressed and pretty ladies of the chorus certainly lose nothing by the more intimate acquaintance with the audience which the "board" affords them. Catchy numbers abound, and there is a well-contrasted cast, including Mr Vic Newman, who showed his versatility on Monday night during a slight hitch in the staging by contributing a stream of really witty "gags." For the rest of the bill, Alf. Tuck, obeying the ruling position, gives a wonderful exhibition of upside-down acrobatics, and Florence and Lillian render pleasing harmony. Velanche's Football Dogs play an exciting match.

Mr Frank Allen has engaged "Red Heads," the greatest coloured production America yet produced, as the chief feature at the Leeds Empire next week. "Red Heads" is a vividly-coloured musical revue; the book is by Wm. Le Baron, and the music by Raymond Hubbell and Bowers. The music is "catchy," and the tango is to have a prominent place, while there will be a dress parade of all the latest fashions. The cast is as follows:—Lucille Frances (Jacob's head designer and creator of gowns), Kitty Barlow; Jacob Kaufman (proprietor of the Kaufman Coat and Suit Co., New York), Sam Liebert; Repman, Arthur Campbell; chorus girl, Madge Saunders; lisping girl, Molly O'Doyne; dancing girl, Margot Kelly; suffragette, Jane Barrie; bashful girl, Mollie Coverdale; sad girl, Queenie Thomas; giggling girl, Kitty Strong; show girl, Ellaine Cecil; flirt, Vivian Rogers; the twins, Lillian and Norah Caldicott; the rich widow Meynell, Isla Raine, and Sybil Ivor; Ted Morgan (buyer for the San Francisco firm of Marshall, Taylor, and Co.), George Austen Moore; Ruth Crane (a runaway heiress from San Francisco), Cordelia Haager; Shirley Burns, a lady sleuth from 'Frisco, Ivy Sheppard. Scene—The Showroom of the Kaufman Coat and Suit Co., New York Time—Present. The whole arrangements and production are under the auspices of Sydney Blow and Will Collins. Other excellent attractions will be found in the programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome the attraction this week is popular Miss Florrie Forde and her company in the pantomime "Red Riding Hood," which is full of tuneful ditties. The dresses are the last word, the scenery would do credit to any production, and the principals have been well chosen. Miss Forde lets herself go with lively abandon in a couple of popular numbers, which the audience require no persuasion to "take up." Mr Gilbert Payne has local associations, proves the main laughter-merchant, and takes full liberties with the "book," written, incidentally, by himself. No more delightful Red Riding Hood than Miss Stella Esdaile could be wished for, and other singers of marked ability are Miss Maude de Velin, Mr George Bishop, and Miss Marion Jackson. Next week at the Hippodrome the principal feature will be Huntley Wright and Co., including Miss Florence Wray, in the miniature musical play "Temple Bells." There will also be a grand variety company.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE

At the Queen's Theatre this week the Edward Lloyd and Clifford Boon Company presented a favourite play called "The Old Folks at Home," by J. A. Campbell. The pivot of the plot is the career of a farmer's daughter, whose marriage exalts her in social position, but lays up a store of unhappy experiences, so that she is eventually glad to return to her parents' humble domicile. The scenes are laid chiefly in "The Old Homestead" and "Kenilworth House," and another delightful play on a Virginian cotton plantation. Miss Clarie O'Sullivan gives a good study of the part of Sarah Wetherby Robin (afterwards Lady Howard Kenilworth), while her father is represented with natural aptitude by Mr Fred Lilywhite. Mr Wallace Court gives a clever impersonation of Lord Howard Kenilworth, Mr Edward Lloyd has a suitable part in Andrew Rossa, a yeoman farmer, and Miss Maudie Elliot is quite natural as the role of Martha Robin, Dorothy's mother. There is plenty of humour in the production, and it is well staged.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre the attraction will be Messrs Dottridge and Longden's pantomime "Robinson Crusoe." There will be matinees on Monday and Saturday.

THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe large audiences have been the rule this week to see the picture "When the earth trembled," in which there were some remarkable results. The film, which dealt with the terrible earthquake in San Francisco some years ago, admirably depicted the horrors of such a disaster and is further enhanced by the addition of a capital plot. Although bearing a somewhat dramatic title, "The Fatal Taxi-cab" was far from being a "weeping" production. It was, in fact, a splendid comic. "Jim, the Handyman," was another amusing picture, whilst the "Topical Events" are up to the usual standard of excellence. On Friday and Saturday, "The Fatal Invention" will head the bill.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

Good "business" has been treated to capital fare at the Rothwell Empire during the first half of this week. More is promised for to-night and Saturday. A good detective story, in which Nick Winter plays the leading role is given the premier position. Nick is seen tracking down a gang of kidnappers, and the various situations form first-rate entertainment. "Pimple's Revolver" is the title of another film the usual interest. The Russian Dwarfs (father and son), who are appearing at every performance, are especially good and worth seeing. The Lister Sisters also present an air of mystery, and show that one need not be big to be smart.

Next week a host of good things are in store. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the features will be "The great bullion robbery," an all British production full of thrills; "The burning river," a two-part drama; and "Pimple's hospitality." Other films of interest will be "A day in a Paris Zoo," a Pathe coloured travel picture; "Winged Gold," "The lost combination," and "One good joke deserves another." On the three last nights the pictures are "The globe of death," a picture with many phases of interest," "Cohen's outing," a "Keystone" comic; "Indian Pride," "A gay dog" (coloured comic), "Hearts that see" (drama), and "Chrysanthemums," a Pathe coloured educational subject. All the week John Wood, a Scottish concertina soloist, will make his appearance.

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The Rev. W. H. Finney has sent a guinea, collected at Birkin Church, to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Monk Fryston footballers replayed their York Junior Cup match with Cherry Mission (York). The villagers were too good for their opponents, and won by no fewer than eight goals to one.

Major the Hon. Hugh Dawnay, of the 2nd Life Guards, residing at Bramham Hall, and who met with a serious accident while hunting with the Bramham Moor hounds on Saturday, through his horse putting its foot into a rabbit hole and falling, is progressing favourably.

HOCKEY.—Leeds Salem Ladies visited South Milford on Saturday afternoon, and suffered defeat, the homesters winning by a goal to nil. Both teams were weak, and Milford's centre-forward shot several goals, but was pulled up for offside play.

MOTHERS' MEETING.—Through the kindness of the Rev. B. and Mrs Hemsworth, the members of the Monk Fryston branch of the Mothers' Meeting were entertained to tea in the Concert Hall on Thursday evening, and about 50 were present. Subsequently the time was spent in an enjoyable manner, and games and dancing contributed to a delightful evening.

SAXTON CRICKET CLUB.—The annual whist drive and dance in connection with the Saxton Cricket Club were attended by upwards of 100 guests. After whist was over dancing was merrily kept up until the early hours next morning. Songs were rendered by Mr and Mrs Holgate (Sherburn), Mr Hargraves (Saxton), Miss Green (Barkston), and Mr Whiteman (humorist), Leeds. The pretty dresses of the ladies, together with the decorated room, made a very attractive scene. The arrangements were carried out by Messrs T. Richardson, E. Stoker, C. Fen (hon. secretary), and members of the club, and the duties of M.C.'s were discharged by Mr Whiteman and Mr Holgate. Excellent music was supplied by Mr T. W. Hague, of Ulleskelf. Refreshments were provided by Mr and Mrs Hey, Barkston Ash.

On Saturday afternoon Wetherby Ladies had a match at Harrogate with the Secondary School team, and Wetherby won by two goals to nil, Miss Ellis scoring both goals.

Frank Westalawski (17), grocer's assistant, of Glasgow, was at Wetherby on Thursday bound over in the sum of £10 on a charge of stealing a bicycle, and with obtaining food and lodgings by false pretences.

PRESENTATION.—At the annual meeting of the Wetherby Conservative Association on Saturday, Alderman J. Houfe, the retiring president, who is a Wetherby man, was presented by the members with a handsome silver cigarette case in recognition of his services to the club during the past two years.

The following sums have been sent to the Agricultural Benevolent Institution:—Rev. G. C. Cowburn, Stockeld Park Chapel, £4 7s. 10d.; Rev. G. S. Charlewood, Hunsingore, £4 10s.; Rev. E. P. Doudney, Bilton and Bickerton, £3 3s.; Rev. A. O'B. Newnham, Cowthorpe, £2 5s.

WETHERBY CONSERVATIVE CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of the Conservative Club was held on Friday evening, and the Rev. Canon Geldart presided. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £3 6s. 2d., was read and adopted. Sir Nevill Gunter was unanimously re-elected president; and the vice-presidents were re-appointed en bloc, with the addition of Mr E. Davies (North Grove), Col. Wallerstein (Thorparch Hall), Mr Birkmire (Ingmanthorpe Hall), Mr H. Nickals (Stone Dene), and Messrs G. and C. Foster (Stockeld Hall). Mr J. L. Anderson was re-elected hon. treasurer, Mr A. Lucas hon. auditor, and Mr J. D. Tiplady secretary. A committee was appointed as follows:—Upstairs—Messrs C. E. Crow, H. W. Woodward, S. C. Mellor, W. G. Miles, J. Armitage, J. Fox, A. Coop, T. H. Raine, A. Ward, and F. Snape; downstairs—Messrs J. Irvine, W. Tempest, H. Wiseman, A. Garforth, W. Mellor, sen., T. Waterhouse, and H. Lavender.

OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Spring flowering plants such as wallflowers, forget-me-nots, etc., may require a little attention now. After a sharp spell of frost they are often left partly lifted out of position. This generally happens when frost follows immediately after rain. The soil is then heavily charged with water, and the expansion which takes place as the water is turned into ice lifts the soil out of position. When the ice thaws the soil is left loose and light, and the plants suffer in consequence. The trouble is considerably aggravated if strong winds follow the thaw, as the wallflowers get blown about until a hole is the wallflowers get blown about until a hole is formed about the stem, thus leaving the roots exposed to the weather. Press the soil firmly around each plant and keep the surface loose and open by frequently stirring with a small rake.

ROSES.

In many gardens it is not thought advisable to mulch rose beds in the autumn. Personally we prefer that season, as by performing the work then there are ample opportunities for the rain and snow to wash the food down to the roots. There is no question about mulching being beneficial to rose trees, and those who may not feel disposed to mulch in autumn should certainly make a point of getting it done during the next few weeks. It keeps the roots at an even temperature, feeds them, and prevents rapid evaporation of moisture in the summer time. The conserving of moisture of course means less work in the shape of applying water. In some gardens a mulch is not applied because of its unsightly appearance. This may be overcome by breaking the manure up small and mixing it flat and even. It can then be covered with a thin layer of soil, and the unsightliness disappears. Intending planters of roses should lose no time in getting the trees in. It is quite true that trees planted in March, or even April will live, but the first year's returns in the shape of bloom will be very small. A variety named Ecarlate is highly spoken of as being good in every way. It is rich red, free flowering, and continues in bloom later than almost any other variety. Red roses are very popular and for the time being have ousted the pinks and whites from premier position. The following are all good red varieties:—General McArthur, Liberty, Richmond, C. J. Grahame, Caroline, Mrs. H. Turner, Etoile de France, Warrior, and Reynolds Hole.

LAWNS.

Recent heavy rains have put a stop to the use of the roller for the time being. The lawns should be kept under observation, however, and as soon as they are dry enough to allow the work to be resumed it should be done. There is no more valuable adjunct to the flower garden than a well-kept lawn, but it is almost safe to say that in the majority of gardens there is no part of the garden which is neglected as much as the lawn. In large establishments, where the general tendency is to reduce the staff of workers it is easy to understand that the lawns will be amongst the first things to be left to take care of themselves as much as possible. When time will allow, however, no pains should be spared to keep the turf in good condition. The present is a good time to apply a top-dressing. Old potting soil, riddled fine, and mixed up with half rotten horse droppings is an excellent dressing. If available, leaf mould will be found to give excellent results. Sea sand is good, so also is fine wood ashes, bone meal, soot, or any of the advertised specialities. It is ridiculous to expect a lawn to remain in good condition without giving it an occasional top-dressing of some kind. Although the summer months the ground is being cropped week by week. This must have a detrimental effect upon the vitality of the plants, and it is obvious that without the help of some suitable fertilising agency the beauty of the lawn must sooner or later be marred. If animal manures, soil, or leaf mould be used, this should be stirred occasionally with a wooden rake, or light brush. This will cause the dressing to settle down into position quickly, and prevent the grass turning yellow.

There is no duller time of the year than the present in the flower garden. This is no excuse for untidiness, however, and no effort should be spared in the attempt to keep all as trim and neat as possible. Sticks, straws, etc., are apt to accumulate during windy weather, and if not removed they create a very untidy appearance.

Crocuses should now be making their appearance, and a sharp lookout must be kept to prevent them being uprooted by field mice. These little vermin are very destructive, and as soon as evidence of their appearance is noticed traps should be regularly set for them. If allowed to remain they will prove an endless source of worry later on when seed pods commences.

BORDER CARNATIONS.

Amongst the few plants already making new growth are the border carnations. Sparrows have a liking for the tender young leaves and will devour them unless some protection is provided. Wire netting of small mesh may be used if available, failing which black linen thread may be stretched over and alongside the plants. The thread can be secured to small sticks fixed in the ground about two feet apart. Young plants in pots occupying cold frames should be freely ventilated on all favourable occasions. Keep a look out for greenfly and fumigate immediately it makes its appearance. Old plants that are assuming a somewhat straggling appearance may be lifted and replanted. If this is done newly made shoots should be cut away and the strong ones gathered together to form a shapely plant.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

EARLY CROPS OF POTATOES.

Towards the end of January pick a number of sets on end closely, one layer deep, in shallow boxes, which must be placed near the glass in a cool, light position where they will be free from frost. The sprouts will thus become from four to six inches long. Select a dry, warm, and good border, and if it be not sheltered by a wall, fire it out into ridges, 6 inches high and about two feet apart. The additions of mellow, thoroughly decayed manure and sand will be beneficial. During early March sow every third or fourth row with a dwarf, hardy pea which will serve to protect the young shaws, which must be guarded by being earthed up directly they appear. This process should be continued, leaving only the extreme tops visible until the ridges are ten or twelve inches high. During severe weather cover with several inches of clean litter. About mid-March will be found the best time to plant the early crop, allowing the same distance between the ridges. If frames can be spared to place over the young plants they will be much less risk of injury from frost.

If the land intended for potatoes is not of a good heart, dress it moderately with half decayed, strawy manure, in autumn, except in the case of light ground, which must be dressed only in spring, the manure being laid in the trenches before placing the sets in them. All kinds of burnt vegetable refuse, peat and other scrapings, soot, decayed leaves, &c., should be collected for the purpose, placed in trenches or lightly forked into the surface where dibbling is practised.

MANURE.

I do not purpose making much reference under this heading, as I understand there is a paper that cannot be ignored. Many are the bad results I have traced to improper, badly kept, badly applied manures. Insect pests, such as wireworm, thrive especially applicable to the feathered world as to humans, and remember this applies not only to houses and scratching sheds, but also to the dog-kennel. Lime, salt, ashes, soot, and other disinfectants should form part of the compound. Stable manures in their various conditions in the houses or cribs must receive attention. Abolish draught. Can you sleep in it and remain healthy? Then you are a wonder indeed. Paper up old newspapers, if economy is the serious item, pasted on the inside of walls and roofs, or better still, a good soft lining to the house. Dry ventilation or draught I do not include under ventilation, in fact I am a veritable freshair fiend, and on ardent supporter of the open or windows' policy. Fresh air is essential, draught is fatal. Make it your duty to examine daily to satisfy your own conscience before placing the perfect stock birds you have just purchased into the houses.

I have found a dropping-board virtually a necessity for every house on a well-arranged poultry farm. You thereby secure absolute cleanliness with a minimum of labour, and also and keep them free of vermin. Dry, soft refuse from stables, sawdust, or, in fact, almost any moisture absorbing commodity, thus increasing your assets.

A timid word—liquid insecticide sprayed occasionally on the interior, and applied to the perches, is not a bubble, but to my mind an essential. Where vermin thrive, poultry cannot; and your aim is at present to keep your birds in the best health in order to secure the maximum of results.

SIZE OF RUNS.

These can hardly be made too large, as according to their size so long does the ground remain sweet and untainted; consequently I think it is better to state a minimum space rather than a maximum. Ten square yards of grass-land should certainly be allowed each bird if it is to be occupied permanently. Of course, they can be accommodated on less, but the run must be moved frequently and cleansed.

I greatly favour the idea of all pens being laundred up for 2 ft. from the ground, at all events where pens adjoin. This prevents the mice birds fighting, gives the occupants a more secure and contented, and also forms an excellent shelter in severe and windy weather.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in continuation with the current one.]

WHAT ARE YOUR CAPABILITIES?

A final word is necessary before closing this chapter. It is a careful and definite answer to the above question. It is useless for you to keep many birds if your land is limited, it may succeed for a season, perhaps two, but the end is assured for a season, perhaps two, but the end is assured for a season, perhaps two, but the end is assured

BARKSTON ASH LIBERALISM.

DIVISIONAL GATHERING IN LEEDS.

MR E. H. FOSTER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

MR STOREY AND REASONS FOR LIBERALS WINNING BARKSTON ASH.

On Saturday evening the members of the Executive of Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association were the guests of Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division) and Mrs Foster, at the Leeds and County Liberal Club, and the function, which was in the nature of a birthday party—Mr Foster's birthday was on the 25th—was attended by about 120 ladies and gentlemen. What was described as "high tea," an excellent repast, was served to the company, and subsequently there was music and speech-making. Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge (President of the Association) presided, and he was supported by Mr and Mrs Foster, Mrs Harvey, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), and Mrs Sutcliffe, Mr Harold Storey, Mr R. G. Macpherson (hon. sec. of the Association), etc.

The President said that was a rather unique gathering. It was the first time they had had such a large number at an Executive meeting, and they had a very good idea as to why they had turned up in such large numbers. It happened to be pretty near the birthday of their esteemed candidate, Mr Foster—(applause)—the exact date was the 25th, and another great man—Bobbie Burns—was born on the same day. (Laughter). His first duty was to tender to Mr Foster the very best of wishes on that occasion. (Applause). Mr Foster, they knew, was the very best of Parliamentary candidates, but he was merely an ordinary individual in regard to birthdays. (Laughter). He could have no more than one a year like the rest of them. (Laughter). Only the other day he was in Lancashire, and he picked up a Tory paper, and in reading it he really felt he had been lacking in his duty to Mr Foster and the Barkston Ash Division, because he found that by reading the Tory papers he could learn so much. (Laughter). He knew what had happened in the Cabinet, because that Tory paper quoted from other two Tory papers, and they even told him all about as to who was on one side and who was on the other on the Navy question. But it so happened that the men who were on one side in one paper were on the other side in the other paper. (Laughter). So there was no doubt about the truth of it. He congratulated the meeting on the attendance, and he congratulated them on the splendid position they held as a party. There was no mistake about it—the Liberals were on the winning side. They might have set-backs, but sooner or later their principles were bound to come out on top because they were founded on justice. (Applause).

Mr E. H. Foster, who had a rousing reception, said it was very gratifying to have such a large attendance at that Executive meeting at the beginning of the New Year, and at a period when they all felt the time was not far distant when they must be preparing for the fray. Whilst he saw so many present he could not help reflecting on the absence of four people—Mr and Mrs Dewhirst and Captain and Mrs Glover, but both families were represented. It was the feeling of everyone present that they owed a great deal to Mr and Mrs Dewhirst and Captain and Mrs Glover, and he recalled that one of the first things that happened when he began to tour the constituency was a bazaar at Whinmoor Lodge to help pay off an old debt, and on that it was largely due to the efforts of those he had named that the result was so satisfactory. He had been to see both invalids—Mr Dewhirst and Captain Glover, and he hoped that before long they would have them as active as ever. Mr Dewhirst had been laid up some little time, but when he saw him he was full of talk about Barkston Ash, and if he was not there in body he was with them in spirit. With regard to Captain Glover they all knew what a good sportsman he was, and he was glad to say that he would soon be amongst them again. (Applause). With regard to the fact that the next day was an interesting event in his life, he could only say that the past year had been the happiest year in what he was bound to confess had been a happy life. (Applause). He had perhaps had more of the good things of life than he deserved. ("No, no.") He had a happy family life, he was happy in his professional work, happy in his public work, and very happy in his relations with the constituency he hoped to represent in Parliament. (Applause). If they added to that a good digestion and an easy conscience they would see that he had not much to complain about. (Laughter).

Dealing with politics, he said he desired to say a word about Ulster—not Home Rule so far as land, because that was gone. A short time ago in discussing the position in Ireland one would have had to deal with the question as to whether Home Rule was applicable to the rest of Ireland, but that was gone, and the only question remaining was that of Ulster. At a meeting at Tadcaster he said the word "bogey" in regard to the Ulster question, and they would have noticed by the "Skyrack Courier" that Lieut. Boughey had rushed into the field. Unfortunately, he ran up against Mr Martin Harvey, and he did not think he expected that. (Laughter). If they had read the letter in the current issue of the "Courier" and the previous letters, they would agree that the gallant officer had been completely routed, and he thought, by them, he had retired to his tent, wherever he might happen to live. (Applause). He seemed to be annoyed because he (Mr Foster) had not replied to his letter, but he replied to anything he had to reply to in his speeches. Mr Harvey had proved conclusively that it was an absolute bogey to say there was the slightest fear of religious persecution following the granting of Home Rule. He had challenged Lieut. Boughey to quote one instance of religious persecution of Protestants by Catholics. There had been religious persecution in Ireland, and he was sorry to have to confess that it had been persecution of the Catholics by Protestants of the Ulster people, and it was indeed a black record. (Hear, hear). He personally admired the tenacious way the Nationalists had stuck to their religion in spite of persecution and in spite of the disabilities imposed upon them. He admitted that there might be trouble in Ulster on account of Home Rule, but it would be because the Liberal leaders had been misled by certain men by their wild speeches. He noticed that Mr Walter Long, whom they had been accustomed to regard as one of the most sober of the Unionist leaders, had been saying that the volunteers in Ulster were in no way inferior to the best army we could put in the field. Had they ever read more seditious talk than that? The granting of Home Rule was simply the restoring to Ireland of a Parliament that was taken from it by fraud and unblushing bribery. (Applause). In regard to the Navy question, he said he could well understand the Cabinet being divided upon the particular concrete proposal for the Estimates, but they were united on the underlying principle. Their view was that they must have a Navy strong enough for our needs to maintain our supremacy on the sea and to protect our trade routes. He had never heard any Liberal argue to the contrary. But the dominant idea in the mind of every progressive Liberal was that, subject to that, they did not want to spend a penny more, that they intended to devote as much money as they could to social reform, which was long past due. (Applause). The Tory policy was to spend as much on the Army and Navy as possible, and as little as possible on social reform. (Hear, hear). In regard to the land question, he said it was rather interesting to watch the movements of the Tory Party with respect to the proposals put forward by the Liberals. After attacking the urban part of the programme they were coming to assimilate it—probably because it was within the bounds of possibility that some of the urban landowners might be Liberals. (Laughter). It was shop-window dressing, however—(hear, hear)—and was not too seriously meant. In Barkston Ash the part of the land scheme that was most interesting was that which dealt with housing and wages. The poverty of the agricultural workers was not a question of to-day; it had been going on for decade after decade. That class of people was absolutely downtrodden and oppressed, and he said, as Liberal candidate for the Division, that he was out to raise these men. (Applause). It was admitted on all hands that their wages in some parts of England were at a level at which it was impossible to bring up families decently and provide them with reasonable food and clothing. He did not know what Liberalism meant if one of its first duties was not to do what it could to have a living wage provided for these men and decent houses for them to live in. (Loud applause).

An excellent musical programme was gone through. Miss Glover (Coblingham), who has a fine voice, sang three songs with good taste, and Miss Robson (Leeds), elocutionist and entertainer at the piano, and Mr Jefferson (Leeds) entertainer at the piano and accompanist, made very acceptable contributions. Mr Mitchell (Crossgates), violinist, played two solos which were greatly appreciated, and Mr Thornton (Bradford), humorist, caused roars of laughter with his funny stories.

Mr Wallbank (Halifax) proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes. He said that he was afraid they were sometimes looked upon as a party of discord—one man wanting this and another wanting that, but he did not think they could have a more harmonious party than they had there. (Applause).

Mr Westwood (Clifford), who seconded, said he believed their opponents would be surprised to find such a force in Liberalism in Barkston Ash. It behoved everyone of them to work hard to ensure the return of Mr Foster as member for the Division. (Applause).

The resolution was passed and Mr Jefferson responded.

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the host and hostess, and wished Mr Foster many happy returns of his birthday. When he looked at Mr and Mrs Foster he came to the conclusion that there was perfect union and complete happiness, and that, he said, was emblematic of the union between Mr Foster and Barkston Ash. (Applause). The people of the Division were beginning to like Mr Foster very well, indeed. He met a man the other day, and he said to him the people were beginning to see Mr Foster was a man of energy, and their opponents were beginning to find out that he was a dangerous man and that they would have to fight very hard if they were to keep the seat at next election. It was about sixteen years since he first met Mr Foster, and he then looked merely a boy—(laughter)—but he then stated his opinion that Mr Foster was a man of character and ability and a man with a purpose. That was equally true to-day, and if they returned him he would be one of the best Members that would go from Yorkshire. (Applause). They wished him many happy returns of the day; they hoped that he would do his best for his town and the small country place in which he lived, but that he would do exceedingly well for Barkston Ash. (Applause).

Mr Harold Story, in seconding, said there were three reasons why they might hope to win Barkston Ash. One reason was that the conditions were changing in their favour and they would not fight again with the plural voter. That would take off perhaps about 350 of the Tory majority, and conditions would probably be in their favour. There seemed no signs that the Tory Party would have a programme to go to the country upon, and their weakness was a strength to the Liberals. On the other hand, the Liberal Party would have one of the best political programmes to lay before the country that they had ever had. A second reason was that they had Mr Foster as their candidate. He was not only a good politician and a good, forcible speaker, but he was a worker. (Applause). All his own party were learning to have confidence in him, and to support him, and that, after all, was the work that won elections. A third reason was that there had never been a time in the history of the Association when there was so much unity, enthusiasm, and friendliness among the members. They wished Mr Foster many happy returns of his birthday and also many decisive and happy returns to Westminster as Member for Barkston Ash. (Applause).

Mr R. Bowmidge (Garforth), who supported, said that in Barkston Ash they had a good cause and an excellent candidate—a man of character and strength.

The resolution was very cordially passed, and Mr Foster replied on behalf of Mrs Foster and himself. He said that although he wished the Government to complete their work and did not desire an election until June, 1915, he was not in the least bit afraid of a contest in Barkston Ash whenever it might come. He thought that had been an election twelve months ago they would have been beaten, but he did not think so now. He agreed with Mr Storey that they were now a happy and harmonious party. He was glad that they had associated his wife's name with the resolution, because she had done a great deal in connection with his campaign. He was in favour of women's suffrage, and it was because he found his wife had a great deal more sense than he had. (Laughter). During the considerable number of years they had been married—he did not say how many—(laughter)—he had always found her advice, and still had often kept him back from doing foolish things and encouraged him to do wise things.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Harvey, Mr Foster said they could not have a better President, and they were exceedingly fortunate in getting him to accept the position. (Applause).

The President replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Press. He said that in the North they were well served by the party Press, but in Barkston Ash they had a neutral Press, and he referred particularly to the "Skyrack Courier." It was a most excellent paper, giving both sides of the case absolutely fairly, and as a man who believed in fair play he could admire that attitude. (Applause).

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for Mr and Mrs Foster.

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MICKLEFIELD EXPLOSION FUND—A SUGGESTION.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—A copy of your excellent journal reached me by this morning's mail, dated November 7th, and I notice that some correspondence has been circulated concerning the Micklefield Colliery Disaster Relief Fund. For many years I have watched for news of this kind, and have wondered how it would be spent, but being so far away now I was amazed at its abnormal growth. I should think there are not many widows left still unmarried alive, but I am also in entire support with the suggestion of "Sympathy" that they should receive £1 per week instead of 10s. It would take a long time to exhaust the fund at that rate.

But I would suggest to the Committee that some of the money might be given as a pension to those miners who were in the explosion and survived. Many of them, to my knowledge, suffered so severely from "afterdamp" that their health was permanently undermined. They were sufferers in a very real sense, for they were thrown out of employment for two or three months. Some of them were noble in their heroism. They not only assisted one another in their struggles to escape from the pit, but after getting out were the first to volunteer and to go down again into that hell from which they had had a providential and miraculous escape, and join the first rescue party.

If my memory is correct, there were sixty-six survivors. I don't know how many of them are still living, but I know some to whom a pension of 5s. or 10s. a week would be a God-send. Those of us who lost loved ones and friends will greatly cherish the memory of that bitter time to our grave, but we should be glad to learn that some provision had been made, and I feel sure it would be a joy shared by the generous subscribers of their fund, for the survivors.

When the explosion occurred on April 30th, 1896, I was a boy living at Newthorpe. There were six men went from our village that morning, and only one came back alive.—Yours, etc.,

W. H. HARDWICK.

85, Hanover Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 15th, 1913.

THE GREATEST BAR TO HUMAN PROGRESS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The terrible expenditure of Europe amounts to £2,000,000,000 per year and it is rapidly increasing. About 5,000,000 people were permanently in the European armies and navies, and as these might earn £7,000,000,000 in civil life, armaments practically cost Europe £14,000,000,000 per year in time of peace. The British Empire contributes £200,000,000 annually on army and navy. About 500,000 white British men are kept permanently under arms, and as these might earn £50,000,000, in civil life, preparations for war cost us £50,000,000 per year. The nations of Europe and civilisation itself threaten to break down under the intolerable military burden.

What is the cause of the mad armament race? The real cause, in my opinion, lies in the unfortunate political organisation of Europe. The European great powers are divided into two groups, the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente. They distrust one another. As both groups are approximately equally strong, each group tries to get the advantage over the other by increasing it's armaments.

What is the remedy for this state of affairs? As the reduction of armaments by mutual agreement has proved hitherto impracticable and would in any case only be a temporary remedy, the ruinous armament race can be stopped only if we abolish the divisions amongst the Powers, if we unite the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente into a Sextuple Alliance. The sense has slowly studied the political problems which at present divide the nations. He has discussed the matter with the leading European rulers, statesmen, and politicians, and has come to the conclusion that it is possible to unite the European Powers in an Alliance or Federation. France and Russia were once our enemies, and we have been at war with both. Our present agreement and friendship with them show that apparently irreconcilable differences may be overcome by friendly discussion and adjustment, provided there be goodwill on both sides. Therefore, the greatest need is the enlightenment of the people. Only popular pressure can bring about the unification of Europe. This will lead to a gradual reduction of armaments and a great increase of prosperity, for the economic waste of £1,000,000,000 per year will then enormously decrease.

In the hope of promoting the unity of Europe I have founded the European Unity League. Its name explains its object. I call for the sympathy and support of your readers and will gladly explain to all who write to me to the temporary Offices, 39a, St. James' Street, Piccadilly, London, my aims and proposals at greater length than I can in this letter. I invite your readers to become members of the European Unity League and to send me in my propaganda. Let me add that the membership of the League involves no financial or other liability whatever.—Yours, etc.,

MAX WAECHTER.

London, January 23rd, 1914.

INTERMENT ALIVE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The sudden death of a miner reported in your valuable journal last week prompts me to ask permission to point out that a well-known London daily of the 9th inst reports the narrow escape of a Cossack, named Chrustinko, from interment alive. It appears that the man's death was duly certified by the Russian authorities, and after the body had been in the morgue for two days it was buried. The coffin had been lowered to the grave, and the usual spadeful of earth cast on by the mourners, when repeated knocking and muffled cries were heard proceeding from the grave. The majority of those present fled in terror, but some of the nearest relatives mustered up courage to descend into the grave and bring the coffin to the surface, where it was opened. The re-incarcerated dead man then stated that for some days he had lost the power of speech, but was able to hear, and so was conscious the whole time of the preparations for his funeral and interment. Chrustinko was carried in triumph back to the village, where he had the extraordinary experience of partaking of his own funeral feast. The two doctors who attended the Cossack in his illness were also present at the feast.

In was a similar occurrence to the above, of which I was an eye-witness, where a young lady showed signs of life by screaming, and was rescued, when the first clods of earth were thrown on her coffin during burial, that led Count Karnice Karnicki, chamberlain to the Czar of Russia, to invent his mechanical contrivance for the rescue of people who have the misfortune to be buried alive. To those of your readers who desire further information on the subject, I shall be pleased to send it free on receiving envelope, stamped and addressed.—Your obedient servant,

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To clean brass fire-irons which have become blackened, rub with a little spirits of salts, wash with warm water, and polish in the usual way. This treatment must not be given to lacquered articles.

When slicing bacon place it with the rind side down, and do not cut through the rind. When the slices are cut, slip the knife round them as near the rind as possible.

A teaspoonful of eau-de-cologne in a warm bath is most refreshing, while scent placed on the forehead of anyone who suffers from headache generally gives relief.

The keys of a piano should never be washed with ordinary soap and water, as is often done. This discolours the ivory, and if the keys are stained it is better to rub them with a little lemon-juice and salt.

To test butter, take a clean piece of white paper, smear a little of the butter on it, roll up the paper, and set it on fire. If the butter is pure the smell will be rather pleasant, but the odour is distinctly tallowy if the butter is made up wholly or in part of animal fats.

TO MEND KID OR SUEDE GLOVES.

A simple and effective way of mending kid or suede gloves is to obtain buttonhole twist of the same colour as gloves, and neatly buttonhole-stitch round the tear. Then turn to the wrong side and draw the torn portions together by sewing through the knots of the buttonhole stitches. This avoids the tendency to further tearing round the stitches, and also is not a unsightly darn.

CHEAP CUSHIONS.

Mothers are often at a loss how to employ their little ones during the long winter evenings. The following is attractive to the children and profitable to the mother. Get all the waste wool ends, patterns, petticoats, stockings (either machine or hand knitted), cut them in pieces about three inches square, and give them to the children to unravel. The result will be a nice soft stuffing for a cushion, which will not get in lumps. Imitation elder-down quilts may be produced by the same means with a little thought, some thin calico, and bright cretonne.

GOOD ORGANIZATION.

Making ready is especially necessary when you are planning to have someone to come to the house to help with the needlework. Be sure in such a case that all you will need in the way of linings and sewing materials has been brought and laid aside, that patterns and pieces are in order, so that the dressmaker will not waste her time while you rush wildly forth to buy necessaries. When anyone is coming into the house to do work, whether it be a dressmaker or a charwoman, you are much more sure of good results if you have planned the work in advance and have everything ready to begin. Know just what you wish to have done first, and so all get to work without loss of time. The difference between the woman who does this and the woman who neglects it is just the difference between a good plumber who gets the best out of himself and others, and the careless woman who takes what she can get, whether this be good or bad.

THE ATTRACTIVE WOMAN.

We English are great beauty-lovers. We lavish endless pains upon our gardens, we spend more thought and money over our houses than any other nation. Yet in no nation in the world are the women—who should be the voice-part, the climax of melody, in the harmony of their surroundings—so blind to the fact that to dress successfully requires earnest thought, merciless self-analysis, and above all an iron self-control. Given these, it is within the power of every girl to be "very attractive," which is nearly as good as being pretty, and sometimes even better; for while the pretty girl gets first chance to draw people to seek her out, it is the attractive girl who holds and keeps attention, whether it a the attention of men or of women, of the dance partner of an evening, or the crotchety elderly aunt, who has it in her power to make or mar one's whole future.

THE YOUNG MOTHER'S MISTAKE.

In the daily work of a mother it is more important to conserve energy than it is to spend it—vastly more necessary to control nerve force than it is to exhibit it... It is what the mother has within herself that determines her success, and therefore she must be provident of all her forces—conserving her output so that in quietness new powers may be generated by them. To give out energy, nerve force, physical strength, mental effort, in one great generous tumble until there is nothing left but exhaustion, is the too common mistake of young mothers.

TAKE TIME TO REST.

Very few women, I think (says a writer), really grasp the true meaning of rest. They feel the need of it, that is quite obvious; they even admit the importance of it, but they grudge the time given to it. There is so much to be done. The days, no matter how long, are never half long enough, and so that hour's rest, so much needed, is ignored, or at best compromised, and some domestic duty is done during the so-called hour of rest. This is pure farce. It is playing fast and loose with the matter, and the woman who only allows herself such scrappy apology for relaxation is only fooling herself, and she is fairly certain to grow old much earlier than if she had dealt more wisely with herself. The breakneck pace, the nonstop system is fatal, and thus when age with his stealing step hath clawed you in his clutches it will be rather late in the day to talk about trying to keep juvenile—won't it? You may try—perhaps—I don't say you will—but you may play pranks with yourself without suffering while young. However, when a woman gets to, say, forty, or thereabouts, she must turn over a new leaf, and take at least some little care of herself, unless she wants to feel as threadbare as a moth-eaten mat, and to look "as haggard as a murderer."

WOMEN WHO ARE FAILURES.

A schoolmistress was asked by a friend to go with her to a women's meeting at which several local women were to speak. "No, thank you, my dear," answered the teacher; "I know those women as you do not: I have had their children to teach; I have had the work of trying to undo the mess that they have made. The mistake you make is this: those women are not there because they are successful women, but because they are failures as mothers. Get all those to-day that you can find in the home too small; it was too big for them." No truer words were ever spoken, as is well-known to those who know the facts. There is many a woman (says a writer) before the public to-day who can talk with ease from the platform to a hallful of women, but who found herself absolutely incapable of effectively talking to one child in her own home. It was not the smallness of her task, but its greatness, its appalling greatness, that drove her from her home to the platform. A child's mind has been the Waterloo of many a woman and mother who, to hide her failure in the home, is on the platform crying for a wider sphere. The task in the home was too big for her.

HOW I RUBBED AWAY A STONE OF FAT FROM MY HIPS AND ABDOMEN IN TWO WEEKS' TIME.

For years I tried every possible means to hide the excessive fat on my hips and abdomen, it seemed as if it had accumulated on just the two places that it would be most noticeable. Everything that I tried failed to make me slim, but a friend who is a lady friend who had studied herboriterie, I learned the secret of a harmless plan which enabled me to rub away with ease a stone of fat in the course of two weeks.

The plan is so simple and some of my friends seem so glad to know of it that I think there may be sister readers of the "Skyrack Courier" who have perhaps been longing for the very advice. First, get from any good chemist 1 dram of quassia chips and 3 ounces of cirolax bark extract. Take them home and after putting the quassia chips in a pan pour over it a teacupful of boiling water. When this has stood for about minute, strain through a cloth and add the cirolax bark extract. The next step is mixture into a bottle and apply in every night and morning with your hands for about ten minutes, using a circular movement. Each time you can almost see some of the fat melt away. At first I thought it must be a dream, but when I measured there was no longer any doubt. I soon grew too slender for my clothes and had to have them taken in, but it was a pleasure to do it, and I shall feel eternally grateful to the lady who showed me how easy it was to regain my youthful figure. E. L. A.

ROTHWELL MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute, was held in the schoolroom at the Institute on Wednesday night, Mr J. Hirst presiding. There was a good attendance of officers and members.

The annual report showed that the satisfactory progress of former years had been continued. The interest in billiards had been well maintained and several successful handicaps had been promoted, the winner on the cup for the year being Mr W. Armstead. The Institute's second team were to be congratulated on winning the second division of the Oulton and District Billiard League in the season 1912-1913. Both teams had again entered and held good positions in the League for the present season. During the year the smoke-room, reading-room, and side entrance had been repainted, the garden well fenced, and several other minor repairs carried out. Considerable expense had been incurred in recovering and repairing a billiard table, towards which Messrs O. Pawson and W. Pindar kindly played an exhibition match. The library had been reshelved with a good selection of books, on which £43 10s. 1d. had been spent; £40 of the grant had yet to be spent, and it was hoped the members would take full advantage of the facilities given for reading. The selection of the books was kindly undertaken by Mrs Bock, Miss Cromack, and Mrs T. P. Whiteley, along with the literary secretary, Mr C. J. Barker. The finances of the Institute were very satisfactory, even better than the high level reached last year; the total income was £358 3s. 4d., an increase of £59 2s. 6d. Billiards showed an increase of £49 2s. 0d., bowlings £8 8s. 10d., and ordinary subscriptions £4 12s. 2d. The increased income had enabled the committee to repay one and two-fifth shares owing to the Building Society, amounting to £122 5s. 10d. The monthly payments had reduced the debt by £47 10s. 7d., so that in all the debt had been reduced by £140 2s. 5d. This had reduced the weekly payments to 10s.

Mr Hirst, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said they would see that it was the 60th annual report, and they might take it as the diamond jubilee of the Institute, and he hoped it would be a memorable year in its history. He had made some enquiry, and was told that the Institute was formed in the schoolroom in Swithen Street, known as the Wesleyan Sunday School. He was proud to say that some of those who were associated with the forming of the Institute had grandsons who were members, and he hoped they would long have the friends or grandchildren succeeding grandfathers as members. They as members had to be extremely grateful to those who sixty years ago inaugurated the Institute. The present report, taking it on the whole, was a very satisfactory one. They were proud of the fact that the second room of the billiard section had won in the first place in the second division of the Oulton and District Billiard League. That was a good example to the senior team, who he hoped would win their division. He was glad to find they had tried to make the smoke-room comfortable by the recent renovations. He also referred to the new library. They had not, however, he said, carried out all the suggestions made at the last meeting in forming a swimming club or gymnasium, but they would probably come in due course. Commenting upon the balance sheet, Mr Hirst said he was pleased to see the increased interest in billiards, the receipts showing an increase of £9 2s. 6d. For the past two years the receipts had gone up more than 30 per cent. On the mortgage they had in two years wiped off £327 10s. 11d. The only unsatisfactory item was the arrears in subscriptions of £10 0s. 11d. No member, he said, who had full benefits of the Institute ought to be in arrears with his subscription. He would even go further and say that no member ought to be asked for his subscription. The best way he could suggest of their celebrating the diamond jubilee was for them to make up their minds that at the end of the year the Institute should be clear of debt. He felt sure that if the gentlemen would only show the ladies the way that would be accomplished.

Mr P. Wade seconded the adoption of the balance sheet, and it was carried. Mr Wade had one suggestion to make, and that was that the report should in future contain details of the membership of the Institute.

The treasurer (Mr A. W. Scaife) stated that since the balance sheet had been prepared some of the subscriptions had been paid, so that the figure was not so great as it appeared. Amounts which represented the arrears of members who had left the district had been included in the item. If they were only crossed off, as they should be, the amount of arrears would be very small.

Mr J. Butterick said he contended that if a member left and did not give notice to that effect he was liable to pay his subscription. He advocated that all members should pay their subscriptions in advance.

Mr G. Wade suggested that members be notified of arrears at the end of each quarter.

Mr Butterick: Supposing the member left they would be in precisely the same position as at present.

Mr J. Batty asked if there was no rule stating that in order to should give notice when he left the Institute.

The secretary said there was no such rule, but read from the rules that members might should cease if a member did no pay arrears one month after receiving notice.

Mr Butterick moved that the rule be in future strictly adhered to.

The motion was dropped.

The following officers were elected:—President, Major H. W. Oxberby; vice-presidents, Messrs. Ald. Ashdown, Andrews, G. Armitage, Jos. Armitage, Dr. Buck, J. Farrar, Jas. Hargreaves, J. B. Hindle, J. Hirst, T. Kirkby, J. R. Scaife, Dr. Stevenson, and T. P. Whiteley.

Mr W. F. Hirst was re-elected secretary, and Mr A. W. Scaife treasurer. Committee: Messrs. H. Armitage, J. F. Armitage, C. J. Barker, J. A. Bell, T. W. Bramley, J. Butterick, Jas. Cowgill, G. H. Palmer, and P. Wade. Mr A. Marshall and Mr Chas. P. Ward were re-elected auditors.

Votes of thanks to the officers of the past year were passed for their services, and Mr J. Hirst was also cordially thanked for presiding.

The Guardians have decided to increase the salaries of the master and matron at the workhouse.

A Selby Sailor lives, and saved on Friday morning and shouted from the town Roman Catholic School premises, in Brooks Street, knocking down a wall.

A DOUBLE LAUNCH at Selby.—Two steel screw trawlers measuring 126.6 ft. x 26 ft. 3 in. by 12 ft. 3 in. were launched on Thursday by Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Selby. The vessels have been built for Messrs Pickering and Haldane's Steam Trawling Co. (Ltd.), Hull. The launching ceremonies were gracefully performed, in the presence of a good attendance, by Mrs T. L. Haldane and Mrs G. McCann, of Hull.

LECTURE TO ROTHWELL MINING CLASS.

THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES.

At the mining class on Monday evening, held at Rothwell Council School, a very interesting lecture was given on the students and several of their friends by Messrs Purdy and White, of the Nobel's Explosives Company, Limited, Glasgow, on "The use of explosives in mines."

Mr Purdy, in his opening remarks, gave his own experience in mining, and explained how the miners used to make up their own explosive cartridges at their homes. At that time the miner used to buy a barrel of powder and keep it at his own home. He then dealt with the passing of the Coal Mines Regulation Acts, from the early sixties, when the first inspectors were appointed, and the Act of 1872, which made it illegal for miners to stem their shots with iron or steel stemmers, and explained that this was the year when compressed powder was brought into use.

In dealing with the Act of 1887, which made it compulsory for colliery managers to be certificated, Mr Purdy said that at this time men who were holding positions as managers were granted what were called service certificates, instead of those having to go through the ordeal of passing an examination, and now they had come to the time when all deputies must be certificated. He went on to show how this Act had placed the scientific gentleman, who thoroughly understood his work, in an awkward position, as those who had no book science were now compelled to attend an evening school to gain their diplomas.

In dealing with firing shots with black powder and its dangers, the lecturer said that Professor Galloway had proved that air compressed in a shot hole during the stemming of a shot raised the temperature sufficiently to ignite the explosive and cause a premature shot.

Mr White, in a very interesting address, explained the progress which had been made in explosives since they came into use in their mines, etc. In was in 1886, said Mr White, that Alfred Noble made his first dynamite, and by experiments he brought out the strongest explosive made, which was called "blasting gelatine," and followed on with other types of explosives up to the present time, when all explosives have to pass the Home Office test before being placed on the permitted list of explosives. After Noble had found out these high explosives he was at a loss to know how to fire them. He, however, made experiments, and found that by using a No. 6 detonator he had attained a factor of safety. Mr White then showed the latest invention in shot firing with a very small battery and the safety match, experiments being carried out by both. He described how the detonators were made, and showed the difference between high and low pressure detonators, and how misfires in shot firing were caused. Experiments were also made with a galvanometer to show whether the detonators were good or bad ones.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Wilson, and this was cordially passed.

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ENTERTAINED ROYALTY.

Mr George Burton, of Thorpe Willoughby, Selby, who celebrated his 85th birthday on Monday, has been interviewed by a reporter of the York paper, and he gave some interesting information. He is a native of Selby, where both his paternal and maternal grandfathers resided, and his father carried on business. The grandfathers and his three uncles were captains in the merchant service. Fair sized vessels sailed out of Selby in those days, and a great shipping trade was done. His father was cosmopolitan in his pursuits. Not only was he a farmer, but he engaged in the shipping business, and was a wine and spirit merchant, and a butcher. In the last-named business he had extensive dealings with the London markets.

Mr Burton's recollections of his boyhood days are quaint and interesting. He remembers seeing the mail coach arrive daily as Selby. It was the event of the day when the horses were changed at the Old George Inn, now the Londesborough Arms Hotel. Another long-to-be-remembered occurrence was when his grandmother went up to London by coach to attend on her husband, the captain, who had fallen down the hold of his vessel and broken his leg. The venturesome journey undertaken by the lady was more a topic of public discussion than the accident to the unfortunate skipper. Then Mr Burton recalled the time when there were only three railways in the whole of England—the Stockton and Darlington, the Liverpool and Manchester, and the Leeds and Selby.

The first time he went up to London, he said, they left Selby at 7 o'clock in the morning, and arrived in town at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The distance is 179 miles, and as he remarked, "They gave us plenty for our money." When the coaches were put off the roads of course there were hundreds of horses thrown out of work, and it was predicted on all hands that horse-breeding would cease and horses become practically extinct. But, continued Mr Burton, it was soon found that there were numberless purposes for which horses were required, and as a matter of fact the horse trade became better than ever. Casting back to the old mail coaches, Mr Burton said he remembered that after the mail had arrived the whole of the letters were delivered by a "woman postman," who carried them in a "reticule basket." At that time, he remarked, it cost sixpence to send a letter from London to Selby.

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Sylvia Hawkings (7), fell in the street at Todcaster whilst skipping and broke one of her thighs. She was taken to York County Hospital.

A sum of £2 6s., collected in Thorner Church, and rent by the Rev. J. P. Whitworth, is acknowledged by the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

A SAD ACCIDENT.—An accident of a somewhat serious nature occurred at Tadcaster about noon on Monday. It appears that Harold White, formerly in business at Easingwold, was exercising a horse and riding in the direction of Colton, a village about five miles distant to his farm, when the animal shied. The rider was thrown heavily to the ground, and it is feared that he has sustained a fracture of the skull. Mr White was to have been married on Wednesday.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.—At an Occasional Court at Tadcaster on Monday—before Messrs C. B. Lamb and J. H. Ingleby—John Martin, of no fixed residence, was charged with begging at Tadcaster East. He went to the residence of P.C. Southern and asked for assistance. He also said that he wanted locking-up, and that he "wanted a month." There were many previous convictions against the man. He was treated as a rogue and vagabond, and sent to goal for a month.

ULLESKELF WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—On Wednesday evening an entertainment was given in the Schoolroom by Mr John Thorpe's party (York), and the following programme was rendered:—Pianoforte solo, Mrs Geo. Thorpe; song, "The River of Years," Mr Geo. Thorpe; humorous song, "A City Man," Mr P. S. Edmonds; humorous song, "The ship that first brought me over," Mr Jno Thorpe; song, "Angus MacDonald," Mrs Fred Bellwood; recitation, "Halfway Doins," Mr P. S. Edmonds; song, "Down the vale," Mr Geo. Thorpe; humorous song, "My Old Dutch," Mr Jno. Thorpe; song, "A May morning," Mrs Fred Bellwood; humorous song, "Tick tock," Mr Jno. Thorpe; recitation, "The Wreck of the Nancy Bell," Mr P. S. Edmonds; song, "My ain folk," Mrs Fred Bellwood; duet, "Larboard watch," Messrs G. and J. Thorpe; humorous song, "The ole black 'oss," Mr P. S. Edmonds; and song, "At the Ferry," Mrs Fred Bellwood. Mrs Geo. Thorpe acted as accompanist. Most of the items were encored, and the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large audience. A collection was taken for the forthcoming bazaar fund.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Rothwell is the only place in the district that possesses a Mechanics' Institute, although there are many institutes of one kind or another, and this year it is celebrating its diamond jubilee. It is the common meeting ground for all classes, and in its time the Institute has done an incalculable amount of good. Now it is suggested that this year is an opportune time for the residents of the old town to dip deeply into their pockets and wipe out the debt on the buildings, and the opportunity should not be allowed to slip. The committee should get to work at once, and if a properly-planned scheme were launched, one is optimistic enough to believe that the diamond jubilee would be celebrated in a fitting manner.

The rejection by the ratepayers of Leeds of the proposal to supply Doncaster and other districts with water cannot fail to have some influence on the arbitration proceedings to settle the amount of compensation to be paid by the city authorities to Tadcaster Rural District Council for the loss of Crossgates. Compensation is claimed for the loss of the Kiddal scheme, and I am informed that, in order to minimise its value, it was actually stated on behalf of Leeds that the people of Barwick parish were in favour of a supply being obtained from Leeds. That one does not believe. Now that the Leeds scheme has been defeated, what will counsel say? It may be brought forward again, but the Leeds officials could not say that it would not meet with any better fate.

It is impossible for anyone to express an opinion on the Leeds scheme without going thoroughly into it, but the figures given for Sherburn and South Milford are not reliable. In the first place, South Milford has a water scheme, whatever its merits or demerits, and there is a proposal to extend it under consideration. If it is carried out South Milford will require no water from the city, and the quantity credited to Sherburn is very much in excess of its requirements, having regard to the population that would avail themselves of the water.

What the Vicar of Seacroft states is perfectly true. In announcing that collections would be made for Leeds medical charities, he says that he fears there are many who accept the benefit of these charities as a matter of course, and some almost as a right, but forget that "money is needed to keep these great institutions in working order." Church collections furnish a part of the Leeds Infirmary income, but many villagers never contribute a farthing, and they are always ready to avail themselves of the institution's services when-ever they need them.

Although Crossgates people have a fairly high opinion of themselves, some of them apparently believe that their monetary value has been very considerably over-estimated. It is true, as Mr Chadwick stated the other night, that Barwick residents, before the annexation, asserted that they would save money by casting-off, like a poor relation, the pretentious suburb of Crossgates, and their belief has been well founded, inasmuch as their rates have dropped to a very low figure, but, on the other hand—and here they made a blunder—they are unable to carry out the Kiddal water scheme without the assistance of Crossgates ratepayers, and a very valuable undertaking has consequently been abandoned.

For the loss of the scheme compensation has been claimed—that the District Council will get it is another question—and, of course, in addition, Leeds will pay the amount of money expended on the works. This the Corporation have already offered. So far as the Poor Law is concerned, Crossgates is a valuable asset to Leeds Union, seeing that the poor rate is practically all profit, and it is only justice that compensation should be paid to Tadcaster Guardians. Without doubt, as I pointed out at the time, Tadcaster District Council were misled concerning the value of Crossgates, otherwise they would have fought the annexation proposals in Parliament.

A good story is related by the Vicar of Manston anent the falling of the west wall of the new church during a gale of wind. An old inhabitant (he says) regarded the ruins with satisfaction, and remarked: "Ah'm reet glad they've blown t'end in. Whatever do they want a new church at Manston for? Yon was good enough for my father. It's good enough for you." "I fear," remarks the Vicar, "his father's umbrella and boot soles, if they happily survive, would keep out water better than the old church, to say nothing of the fact that two sons take up more sitting-room than one father, even if we are not the men our fathers were. But it is a glorious and laudable devotion to tradition, and the sentiment is worth of preservation."

In South Milford and Seacroft the matrimonial market is by no means brisk, if all statements are true, and the fact that not a single wedding took place at Seacroft Church during the year may cause some emotion among the ladies. The example set by the squire, who has eschewed matrimony, may have had some influence, and the tax on bachelors, suggested the other night, might give some satisfaction to the ladies. It seems, however, the swains of Seacroft have not been altogether lacking in their duty, but they have not chosen Seacroft brides, for "in each case of banns published the bride lived in the other parish." Clearly the home attractions have not been sufficiently great for the male 'Crofters. In South Milford it was suggested that a competition in bread-making among spinsters of marriageable age—what that age is I dare not suggest—might induce competition for the affections of the leading prize-winners, but what inducement can be offered the young men of Seacroft?

The question of Leeds and Barwick charities, following the annexation of Crossgates, was bound to come up sooner or later, and the suggestion by the Charity Commissioners that a new scheme should be formed for the management of the parish property comes as no surprise. The yearly income from the property is about £70 per annum, and it goes towards the reduction of the poor rate. Such a sum is of real value to Barwick and Scholes, but to Leeds it is a triviality, and it would be a graceful act if the city authorities declined to participate in the charity. Of course, it may be argued that they cannot very well adopt such an attitude, inasmuch as they would be robbing the ratepayers of Crossgates, but if an expressed desire to waive all claim to the rents, and accepting the quarry at Manston as the share of the city, were made to the Charity Commissioners it would undoubtedly have great weight.

The Tadcaster Brewster Sessions report was an eminently satisfactory one, and the magistrates had no comment to pass upon it. In five years the number of persons proceeded against has fallen from 91 to 32—a reduction of 59, and a singular feature is that the number for the last two years is precisely the same, although there is a slight difference in the convictions. A gratifying feature is the fact that only ten persons resident in the area go into trouble with the police, no fewer than 22 non-residents being proceeded against, and that is a matter for congratulation. My own opinion is that the magistrates' duties, under the Licensing Laws, will never again be so heavy as they were five years ago. Either people are drinking less beer, or, as a wag put it, "they are carrying it better," although I incline to the view that the drinking habits are improving, and folks are exercising greater self-control.

Owing to the restrictions the animal known as the pig is decreasing in number, and, of course, the price of the breakfast bacon, which concerns everybody nearly, is bound to go higher unless some means are adopted to increase the swine herd. A Boston Spa correspondent, who has kept black Berkshire pigs for many years, makes some suggestions which are worthy of consideration. He says:—"I consider the pig a very intelligent animal, and naturally clean in its habits, if the chances to be so are given it. I think if the sties were kept clean, the food provided given while sweet and fresh, and not kept for weeks in a dirty tub, and eaten out of dirty troughs, as is very often the case, swine fever would be less frequent, and soon disappear."

If importunity will have any effect the people of Barwick and Scholes will eventually get reduced railway fares to Leeds. The parish "fathers" have written to the N.E.R. Co., they have given them the work of perusing a petition, but the question has not come to fruition. Let the railway officials have forgotten of the existence of the "haven of rest," the Council are to write them again, and the officials would, indeed, be wise if they would grant the request and save themselves further trouble. If they don't hurry up a deputation will be sent to them to convince them of the righteousness of the claim of Scholes.

As everybody knows, the cost of the maintenance of Station Road, Tadcaster, is a heavy drain upon the resources of the Rural Council, and assistance from the County Council cannot be obtained, nor could it be expected, seeing the Council were one of the leading authorities to attack the West Riding body for their extravagance. Nevertheless, it appears to me rather singular that the road from the end of Boston Spa highway to its junction with the Tadcaster Road is not considered a county highway, but the county officials declare that it is not. It is a puzzle, and it certainly justifies further investigation. If this portion of road were declared a main road it would be a considerable saving to the Rural Council, but one only wants to see absolutely fairplay between the ratepayers of the county and the ratepayers of the district, and a searching inquiry might reveal interesting information.

For several months an investigation has been going on about the ownership of an old quarry at Aberford, and the District Council have apparently finished with it. My information is that the parish has lost the quarry through disuse, and that it reverts to the lord of the manor or to one of the landowners in the district. If this is correct, it is very hard lines on Aberford. Garforth once possessed an old quarry, and the Parish Council sold it for £200, but the case of Aberford could not be similar, otherwise the quarry would belong to the parish now.

The Skyrack magistrates have been criticised at—of all places—Pontefract. It seems that a woman was before the borough magistrates for an offence, and it was stated that there were several convictions against her, and that she had been recently "sent down" for a month by the Leeds West Riding magistrates. "We're not bound by West Riding decisions here," said the Clerk. "Fancy a month for drunkenness!" "Well, surely there's no need to speak in that tone about West Riding magistrates," said Supt. Aykroyd. "No doubt they must have had a reason for the sentence." A month, I believe, is the maximum punishment for persons convicted of being drunk and disorderly, and it is only imposed in cases where persons have been repeatedly convicted. The Skyrack Bench is composed, for the most part, of business and professional men, and I believe they do their work very well.

Residents of Whitkirk, who are members of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association will have an opportunity at the meeting to-night of ventilating their opinions about the erection of a school for the children of Whitkirk and the Green Lane district of Halton. Since the question was discussed first comparatively little building has taken place, and it is probable that the conditions are not much altered, but if there is a case at all for a school the matter should be carefully considered. Colton School, which has a good number of vacant places, is in an out-of-the-way spot, but the distance walked by the children is no greater than that covered by many little ones in the district. If this is considered a hardship the County Authority might be induced, as at Scholes, to provide a conveyance to take the children to and from school.

A number of years ago a Kippax man performed a great gastronomic feat in Leeds, but I fancy, if the gentleman is still to the fore, he would find a strong competitor in a Selby workman who has just distinguished himself in the eating line. For a wager he has, at one meal, disposed of two Yorkshire puddings, a quarter of a stone of potatoes, 2lbs of vegetables, a rabbit which weighed 5lbs before it was cooked, a slice of toasted bread, with three glasses of beer and one shandy gaff. It is not recorded that he "asked for more" as the completion of his feat.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the chief attraction is a revue, or musical comedy, entitled "The Red Heads." The robust colour suggested in the description is vividly reflected in the general scheme. The audience is permitted to see an amazing array of dress creations, and a few songs and sprightly dances complete a mixture which is accepted with approval. The Tiptree Buckleys display great dexterity in an electrical juggling novelty; Ross and Lewis present samples of American humour very neatly; Holden's Minnikins perform their miniature, but no less hearty, tricks; and others in an acceptable bill are That Boy Pam, Musto Trio, and Frank Lynne.

A striking novelty will be introduced to the patrons of the Leeds Empire next week by Demokritos, who has invented what is termed "The Wonder Lamp." Another novel attraction will be the famous juvenile actor, Kenneth Casey, universally known as "The Vitagraph Boy." This juvenile actor has portrayed nearly every child part in the films exhibited by the Vitagraph Company in all quarters of the globe. "The Animated Toy Shop," which will be presented by Leonard Gautier, is the most novel animal act to be seen. The scene opens with an interior of a large toy emporium. In it are seen what are apparently inanimate animals—ponies, dogs, etc. True, they look rather large on their stands, and one's first thought is that they are mechanical. The ponies, for instance, nod their heads, and the dogs wag their tails and bark. This illusion is kept up until the finish. At the top of the bill will be Gerald Griffin and "Fathers" have written to the N.E.R. Co., they Edward Owings Towne, entitled "Other People's Money," while other turns include Austin Rudd, "the popular purveyor of parodies"; the Five Mongadors, the world's greatest jugglers; Signor Torti, the Italian tenor; and Maggie Benson (late of The Bensons), a charming comedienne.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the programme includes a musical comedy entitled "Simple 'Earted Bill," which is presented by Mr R. G. Hunter. The scene represents "Winkle Bay," and Mr Huntley Wright, whom Leeds audiences will remember as being one of the principal mirth provokers in "Autumn Manœuvres," is the central figure in the character of a seaside boatman. The only lady's part in the cast is admirably played by Miss Florence Wray, who possesses a delightful voice. Another pleasing turn is provided by J. W. Rickaby, who has some good songs. Little Zaza, a girl of 15, performs some clever feats of thought transmission and mind-reading, and Nervo manipulates hats and dances skilfully. Percy Hayden smartly accompanies himself at the piano, the Bouncing Dillons contribute quite a novel gymnastic act, and Vesie Crowe, a nigger comedian, also appears.

Next week at Leeds Hippodrome Fred Karno's company will appear in "The Bailiff," and Albert Hall will fill the role of "Perkins." Beth Tate will sing her popular songs, Clown Barker will give his refined comedy animal act, and Edward Marris will present the new playlet "An Emperor's Sword." Others in the bill are Aimee Roberts, the versatile dialect impressionist; Maningoes, equilibrists; Potter, the American Scot; and Karl and Eddie. Bioscope pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week Messrs Dottridge and Longden are presenting the pantomime "Robinson Crusoe." Fun plays a prominent part in the production, and though the whole of the comedians are good, special mention must be made of Mr Arthur White, who in the part of Robinson Crusoe's brother, Bill, is allowed ample scope to display his eccentricities. All the latest songs and choruses are rendered. Miss Lily Edwards makes a good principal boy, and with Miss Ada Hellfield, as principal girl, renders numerous songs and duets in catchy style. Mr George Hyam is ever to the fore as the Dame, and plays no small part in the success of the pantomime. There is to be a special matinee on Saturday afternoon.

At the Queen's Theatre next week Mr J. Newton Cowling's company will appear in the play "The Collier's Lass." The special cast will include Miss Lynn Darlington, Miss Edith Rutland, Mr Stanley Radcliffe, and Mr J. Newton Cowling.

THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe capital programmes have been submitted this week, and on the first three days the chief attraction was "Satan's Castle," a coloured fairy picture. Some wonderful effects were introduced in this film, which deals with the rescue of a peasant maid from the clutches of an unscrupulous baron. The attack on the baron's stronghold was especially good. "For the Sins of Another" was an excellent drama, whilst "Blink's Vacation" was a pleasing comedy. During the latter half of the week a drama entitled "The Child Detective" is the "star" picture.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

Capital pictures have been shown at the Empire, Rothwell, this week, and good houses have been the rule. The features during the first half of the week were "The great bullion robbery," showing the escapade of a daring gang of robbers, and "The burning rivet," which was of intense interest. Among other pictures worth commenting upon was a coloured production illustrating a visit to the Paris Zoo. To-night (Friday) and Saturday, the chief attraction will be "The globe of death." The plot reveals how a girl's chief faith in love with a novelist, and eventually saves him from death at the hands of her own gang. Other good subjects are down on the programme. Throughout the week an enjoyable turn has been provided by John Shaw, a blind concertina soloist, who has won hearty applause. His rendering of selections from "Maritana" and "The Death of Nelson" were especially good.

Next week the programme should provoke unusual interest. For the first three days a film said to be Lubin's greatest production—"When the earth trembled," is the special attraction. The picture is a wonderful story of love and devotion, woven round the disaster which befel San Francisco some years ago. "A glorious scar" another feature, dealing with the recent war in Tripoli. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the principal pictures will be "The bridge of terror" and "In convict garb." There are other good subjects. Novelty will be provided by Hermyn's enchanting fountain, featuring Middle. Nina.

Sherburn Brewster Sessions

The Sherburn Brewster Sessions were held yesterday, and the magistrates present were Major Allenby (in the chair) and Mr William Croxland.

Supt. Stafford's report was as follows:—There are 38 licences for the sale of intoxicating liquor within the division, being the same number as last year. They are classified as follows, viz., 31 innkeepers, 4 beersellers, 1 shopkeeper of wines and spirits off, and 2 shopkeepers, beer off. Of this number 24 are "tied," and 14 are "free" houses. The population of the division (1911 census) is 9,062. This gives an average of one fully-licensed house or beer-house to every 259 inhabitants, or, taking all classes of licences together, 1 to every 238 inhabitants. Since last Brewster Sessions none of the licence-holders have been proceeded against, the same being the case last year.

Forty-one persons (22 residents and 19 non-residents) have been proceeded against for drunkenness, as compared with 21 last year, being an increase of 20. Of those proceeded against 40 were convicted and 1 dismissed.

One innkeeper holds a six-days' licence. Since last Brewster Sessions 3 innkeepers' and 1 beer-off licences have been transferred, as compared with 2 innkeepers' licences last year.

There is one registered club in the division, with a membership of 70, being a decrease of 1 club since last year. The Coronation Workingmen's Club, Brotherton, had been struck off the register.

Nine occasional licences to sell intoxicating liquor at shows, sports, etc., and 18 extensions of time have been granted.

The Chairman said the report was eminently satisfactory.

All licences were renewed.

LIBERAL MEETING AT HAMBLETON.

In addressing an enthusiastic Liberal meeting at Hambleton, under the presidency of Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, Mr E. H. Foster, the prospective Liberal candidate, dealt with the land question.

He said the Liberal Government meant that the agricultural worker should have a reasonable wage and a reasonably decent house and those conditions which would tend to bring comfort and happiness in the bringing up of his family.

Contrasting Liberal policy with that of the Tories, Mr Foster asked if there ever was a time in the history of the country when the Tory party were so absolutely poverty-stricken, both in ideas and in men. What was their only policy? A policy which was a kind of Tariff Reform, but which was absolute death and destruction to the agricultural industry.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Foster, on the motion of Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, seconded by Mr Palfreman.

A transfer of the licence of the New Inn, Ryther, was granted by Selby magistrates on Monday to Robert Burn from James Pickard.

The marriage of Lord Holden of Alston and Miss Edith Judd, whose engagement was announced a short time ago, is to take place quietly at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, London, on February 17th.

LIBERALISM.—A Liberal meeting was held at East Keswick on Thursday night, and there was a large attendance. Mr S. Clarke presided, and he was supported by Mr Fred Ogden, M.P., Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), Mr R. G. Macpherson (hon. sec.), Mr Westwood (Clifford), Mr Allison, etc. Mr Harvey proposed a resolution of confidence in the Government, and Mr Sutcliffe seconded. Mr Ogden, in supporting, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the land policy of the Government. The resolution was cordially passed.

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OUR GARDENS.

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FLOWER GARDEN.

The ordinary work of the flower garden will in most instances now be completed for this time being. Where it is intended to make alterations, such as relaying gravel walks, removing trees or shrubs, or building rustic fences, etc., the work should be pushed forward as soon as the soil is in suitable condition to work upon. A few hours' sunshine and a strong wind soon alters the condition of the heaviest soil, and the work should be proceeded with as soon as the soil can be trampled without adhering to the boots. It is a great mistake to attempt to work on soil whilst it is in a wet state. Sourness and defective aeration must inevitably follow.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

When the ground is in suitable condition digging or trenching may be proceeded with. The value of rich, well-rotted manure is recognised by all gardeners, but it is not as well known that this same manure when applied generously year after year, will in the long run result in disaster. It is no rare thing for good garden soil to get poisoned by the continued use of fat, rich manure. Lime is a wonderful purifier of soil, and when applied to a garden that has been regularly manured for several years without change the result is often magical. Lime should be substituted for manure about every fourth year. It will purify the soil and liberate quantities of plant food stored therein which, without its use, would be unavailable to the growing crops. Plant life is made up mainly of soda, lime, potash, chlorine, silica, sulphur, iron, and phosphates of lime. Heavy soils contain potash, sulphur, and phosphates, but needs the addition of lime and soluble silica. Light sandy soils are usually rich in silica but short of alkalies and phosphates. Farmyard manure, used in reasonable quantities, is best for heavy soils such as are mainly found in our immediate district. It is rich in feeding qualities and aerates the soil.

ROTATION OF CROPS

On no account should the same kind of vegetable or crown on a piece of ground two years in succession. Different kinds of vegetables absorb different plant foods and reject others. A crop of celery may be followed by cabbage, cauliflower, etc., and so on. A piece of ground that has been occupied several years by strawberries, rasps, or any other subject of a similar nature, will usually give excellent results after being broken up, well manured, and cropped with peas, beans, or cauliflowers. Brussels sprouts should be planted on last year's celery grounds. A little forethought in these matters will be rewarded by better crops and less expense in regard to manuring.

SEED SOWING

It is a wise proceeding to make an early start with the hardier crops, such as cabbage, cauliflower, etc. It is too early to sow outdoor, but if a frost-proof frame is available the seed may be sown as shallow boxes and covered with glass and brown paper until the seedlings appear. This covering is given with the object of keeping the soil at an even temperature, and to provide shade. As soon as the seedlings appear gradually reduce the covering, and as soon as possible raise the boxes to within six inches of the glass. This will keep them dwarf and sturdy, and when they are about an inch high prick them into other boxes or a nursery bed in the same frame. Grow as coolly as possible without admitting frost, and keep it sharp look-out for slugs, which are very destructive when they reach seedling vegetables. The best time to catch them is about an hour after dusk. As a preventive soot may be scattered lightly amongst the young plants.

CELERY

Celery is one of the most profitable crops it is possible to cultivate, and will pay for good culture. The trenches should be prepared early to enable the weather to do its share towards improving the soil. The old system of growing one or two rows of plants in each trench may be improved upon by adopting the bed system. A trench 2 feet wide will accommodate 2 rows of plants, and a space of from 3 to 4 feet is required between each trench. A five feet trench will hold five rows, and the same distance between the trenches is sufficient, so that by taking up 3 feet more space, more than twice the amount of plants may be grown. Under the bed system the work may be simplified by adopting the following method: Measure and peg out the ground first, then stretch a line at each side of the proposed bed. Take out about 4 barrow loads of soil at one end and wheel it to the other. This is sufficient to make a good-sized cross trench. Place the manure, old potting soil, or any other fertiliser it is intended to use at the bottom of the cross trench, and cover this with the requisite amount of soil taken from the next cross trench. The remainder may be banked up at the sides for blanching purposes later. Continue the process to the other end, and finish off with the soil wheeled across at the commencement.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

GERANIUMS AS WALL PLANTS

A plant that will cover a twelve-foot high back wall of a greenhouse in two years, has brilliant scarlet trusses of bloom in profusion all the year round, and require very little attention in regard to watering or tying in, is certainly worth more than passing consideration. The popular bedding geranium, Paul Crampel, has done all this with us, and is deserving of a place wherever such a wall is available. The soil needs no special preparation, in fact, a rich soil would cause the plant to produce gross, non-flowering growth. The plants may be put in during March or April, and, of course, must be planted into the border at the base of the wall. The restricted area of a pot would prevent free growth being produced. Select strong, sturdy plants for the purpose, and give them a little extra attention now and then to encourage them to make free growth. Once they are planted out they will require little attention afterwards. They throw up strong, firm growths from the base during the first year, and a few months after being planted they commence to bloom. The conditions of a miscellaneous greenhouse suits them very well, and when established they flower continually. Frost-proof they must be carefully guarded against. The roots may be kept comparatively dry, especially during the winter months. During the summer time the plants are literally covered with bloom, and it is then quite safe to give an occasional watering with liquid manure, or a light top dressing of rich soil.

BULBS

In most gardens where bulbs are largely grown the forcing season may now be said to be in full swing. It is to be feared that the ready adaptability in circumstances so marked amongst tulips, daffodils, etc., makes them the victims of rather careless treatment. They are either left too long in the plunging material, or subjected to such rough treatment as robs the object of forcing them to bloom early that much of the vitality of the bulbs is wasted. A regular supply of bloom may be kept up by placing a fresh batch in bed every week. From 55 deg. to 60 deg. is a suitable temperature for the first week. After that they may be given a warmer position, until the flowers commence to open, when they should be removed to a cooler house to harden off. In addition to the bulbs there are many other flowering subjects, suitable for forcing. Lilacs, azalea mollis, deutzias, and viburnums may now be forced under very similar conditions to those recommended for bulbs. A daily syringing with tepid water will help them to break freely into growth, and see no account must they be allowed to get dry at the roots. Roses in pots may be taken from the cold frames and placed in a cool, light position in the greenhouse. No attempt at forcing should be made, and a sharp look-out must be kept for green-fly. The safest course to pursue is to syringe the plants once a week with insecticide.

CALCEOLARIA CLIBRANI

The extreme gracefulness of this comparatively new plant is not realised until a few two-year-old plants have been grown and flowered. Under greenhouse treatment it usually blooms in April, May, and June. Young plants after flowering should have the flower stems removed, also straggling growths. The bulbs of soil should be sufficiently reduced to allow them to be repotted into 5½ inch pots. The cold frame will accommodate them for a few weeks and they should be kept fairly close until they break into new growth. During the summer months a semi-shaded position outdoors should be found for them, and on the approach of autumn they may be returned to the cold frame. About the end of November they should be transferred to the greenhouse and stood in a light position. As soon as free growth commences they should be given every encouragement. A moist atmosphere, plenty of light, and repotting when necessary will do much towards building up a large, healthy plant. The compost for the final potting should consist of three parts turf loam, one part leaf mould, half-part rotten manure, and a free admixture of silver sand and dust charcoal. Well-grown plants will require a nine-inch pot. To keep up a healthy stock cuttings should be struck either in the autumn or early spring. These, of course, will bloom the first year, but will not attain the size of the two-year-old plants. The flower spikes are long and graceful, and when freely mixed with the herbaceous variety do much to enhance the beauty, and remove any suspicion of stiffness. As an outdoor bedding plant C. Clibrani is superb, but must only be used in sheltered positions. It is too frail to withstand the ravages of high winds. For this purpose autumn-rooted cuttings should be used. They may have the same treatment as the ordinary bedding varieties. A bed carpeted with white lobelia, or Alyssuni minimum, with the Calceolarias dotted in about two feet apart, gives a delicate but charming effect. A more striking effect is obtained by substituting blue lobelia for the white groundwork.

CALCEOLARIAS

Herbaceous Calceolarias are perhaps the most decorative spring-flowering plants grown. The time for transferring the plants to flowering pots has now arrived and this task is one of the most important points in their cultivation. Their roots are very delicately constructed, and are quite incapable of penetrating a solid mass of soil. Not only must the compost used be of a light, fibrous nature, but it should not be pressed firmly into the pot. It is obvious that soil which is thus lightly placed in the pot will dry up quicker than it would be if made firm. This means that regular attention must be paid to the task of watering. Dryness at the roots is fatal to success when once the plants have started to grow freely. The necessity of frequent waterings which thus arises, makes it essential that ample drainage be provided.

CINERARIAS

Cinerarias are developing flower-stems, and must be encouraged to grow strongly. They like a cool, moist, airy position, and the nearer they are to the light, the sturdier they will become. A top-dressing of some approved chemical manures, given according to the makers' directions, usually helps them considerably if applied when the flower stem commences to run. Soot water and farmyard liquid manure are also very good. Syringing may be practised every morning until the flowers commence to open when it must be discontinued or the petals will get discoloured. Greenfly invariably attacks the plants just prior to them commencing to bloom. A moist atmosphere is the best preventative of attack, despite periodical fumigation. "Auto-shreds" are cheap, effectual and easy to manipulate. As a fumigant we have found nothing to equal them.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one.]

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE SHALL I USE?

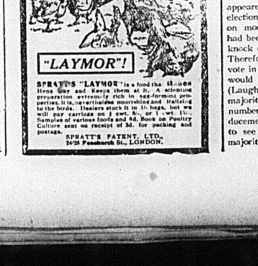
Taste and pocket will determine the exact appearance of the house, but adequate ventilation is the real essential, whilst the house must also be such that I have to do is to send each of them a post card, mentioning this paper, and the books will be sent you gratuitously. Their names are:—W. Tamlin, 41, St. Margaret's, Whitstable; Rumsey Hatch Meeds, Poole, Dorset; and the Morland Appliance Co., Crawley, Sussex. A perusal of these works is really most instructive.

Ten cubic feet air space per bird has been quoted as a minimum house accommodation. This entirely depends upon the ventilation. I have known badly-built houses where even this allowance would have been inadequate, and well-constructed houses where half the amount would have sufficed. I always prefer houses without floors, because they change their air so much quicker than those with floors. Experiments conducted at the Agricultural College, Wye, last year fully demonstrated this fact.

OTHER APPLIANCES NECESSARY

To complete the equipment for a pen of birds a drinking fountain to hold at least a gallon of water, a feed-trough for the soft food, and a grit-box are required.

The two former must be looked upon as absolutely necessary; the last item by some will be termed superfluous and unnecessary, but inasmuch as it is a self-supplying hopper it only requires to be filled with grit and shell, say once a month, it prevents much waste of material, and certainly adds to the tidiness of the pen, and these economies, both in labour and goods, suggest to my mind that the luxury becomes a virtual necessity.



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Undoubtedly the old-fashioned method of placing a china or dummy egg in each nest in order to encourage the hens to lay there was a good one. Modern research, however, has produced an insecticide nest egg which, while serving this useful purpose, also effectively rids the layings-box and nest-box of all vermin. They are too powerful to place under a sitting-hen, but I strongly recommend the use of one in every nest-box.

However, in this department much latitude can be observed, providing essentials are catered for. Consequently these columns are not suitable for laying down inflexible rules where a difference of opinion can legitimately exist; but should doubt exist in the mind of any readers, I shall be pleased for them to write me personally, when any information I can give is theirs to command.

(To be continued).

BARKSTON ASH CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND THE PLURAL VOTE

The annual meeting of the Barkston Ash Conservative and Unionist Association was held on Tuesday at the Leeds and County Conservative Club—Ald. E C Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman) presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Harewood (President of the Association). Those supporting the chairman were Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., Mr D. B. Wilson, J.P., Scarcroft), Mr L. C. Paget (hon. treasurer), and Mr R. Lodge (Conservative agent). Others present included Messrs J. Ladley (Kirkby Wharfe), T. H. Prater (Aberford), H. S. Spark (Church Fenton), E. Hawkesworth (Crowgates), C. Sherston (Harewood), J. H. Tomlinson (Colton), J. C. Cornock (Collingham), J. W. Holdridge (Monk Fryston), W. T. Lipscombe (Bramham), J. G. Long (Spofforth), Hy. Crossley (Wetherby), J. T. Allan (Wetherby), Dr G. D. Todd, jas. Blacker, Ambrose Chambers, A. R. Swift, and J. Lobley (Selby), F. W. Lawson (Aldell), T. W. Noble (Swillington), A. W. Belby (Bramham), H. Welburn (South Milford), A. Johnson (South Milford), A. Burbert (East Keswick), W. H. Nicholson (Sturford), Grainger, G. Tucker (Boston Spa), Wm. Simpson (Aberford), R. Routledge (Garforth), W. H. Thackeray (Bramham), Tom Hey (Sherburn), Arthur Kendall (Kirkby Wharfe), F. M. Box (secretary to the Yorkshire Division of N.U.C.A.), and others.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from the Earl of Harewood, Lord Londesborough, the Hon. E. Wood, M.P., Mr Wm. Sykes, Dr. H. G. Beigham, and Mr Geo. Bromet (hon. secretary).

SUCCESS IN REVISION COURTS

The Executive Committee stated in their report they had to testify to the prosperity of the Unionist cause in the division, and to the zeal and activity of their member, Mr Lane Fox, who was indefatigable in the interests of the party and local requirements of the division. The accounts that would be presented showed an adverse balance of £212 1s. 8d., as against an adverse balance last year of £157 2s. 7d. The total expenditure amounted to £403 5s. 11d., as against £409 12s. 6d. recorded in 1912. During the past year meetings had been held in nearly every polling district in the division, at which Mr Lane Fox had been present, and addressed enthusiastic audiences. The Conservative contests in the courts of the Revision Courts were highly satisfactory. The details were given as follows:—Conservative claims sustained, 101; objections to Liberal claims sustained, 22; Conservative objections sustained, 221; overseers' objections to Liberal owners, 13; Conservative objections to Liberal occupiers, 31; Conservative new lodger claims sustained, 66; Conservative new lodger claimed himself, 1; total 201. Liberal claims and objections sustained, 72; showing a Conservative gain of 130. These figures only applied to claims and objections in respect of persons whose names were not on any other list, and did not include claims where other lists were already registered, or objections where the names remained on the list in respect of other qualifications. Under the allowing the provisions of the Act, a new Conservative polling district, there was a net Conservative gain of 127, and in addition there was a gain of 156 on reclaims.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr E. Hawkesworth, and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Mr L. C. Paget presented the treasurer's statement, which gave the figures mentioned above, and added that there was a reduction on expenses of £13 15s. They had been able to reduce the adverse balance by £35. The contributions of local associations showed a slight falling off, these amounting to £39 1s., as compared with £40 4s. the previous year. That was a serious matter and called for the consideration of the committee.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was next proceeded with, and resulted as follows:—President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Harewood; chairman, Ald. E. C. Brooksbank; vice-presidents, Lord Londesborough and Mr D. B. Wilson; hon. treasurer, Mr L. C. Paget; representatives to the National Union, Mr H. G. Reigham and Mr Alfred Hobson; and Mr Joseph Pemberton.

The Hon. E. Wood, M.P., Mr W. Penrose-Green, and Mr L. C. Paget were co-opted members of the executive committee, which was also elected.

MR LANE FOX AND PLURAL VOTES.

Mr Lane Fox, M.P., at the close of the business portion of the meeting, spoke to the members, and thanked them for their attention to the cause of organisation. Many people made various predictions as to the date of the general election, he added, it was obvious that the Government were driving on to some shoals or rocks, upon which they must inevitably to be wrecked. A general election would follow, and the Unionist party, he believed, would return to office. (Hear, hear). One thing was perfectly certain, and that was George's protestations that he would be better off in private life, and that was that the Government was not likely to precipitate a general election sooner than necessary. During the Radical party really cared about was the Plural Voting Bill, and they appeared to be determined not to have a general election before they could face the country on one more disreputable cause than at present. It had been said that the Plural Voting Bill would knock off 350 from his existing majority of 700. Therefore they would be able to say that every vote in his majority over 350 at the next election would mean an increase in the Unionist vote. (Laughter). Of course, he did not think that his majority would be reduced by anything like that number. On the contrary, it would be an inducement to them to work all the harder, and to see if they could not increase the present majority. (Applause).

A FATALITY AT TADCASTER.

FUNERAL INSTEAD OF WEDDING.

A SAD AFFAIR.

At the Tadcaster Railway Station on Monday afternoon Mr J. H. Wood, coroner for the York district, conducted an inquiry relative to the death of Harold Ethelbert White (30), a native of Wakefield, who resided with Mr R. Dickerson, of Fairfield, Tadcaster, who was thrown from a horse on January 26th, through the animal shying at a grip, and receiving such injuries to his head as resulted in his death on Saturday morning. Mr J. J. Shilleto was the foreman of the jury.

Evidence was given by Mrs Mary Jane Hanby, who said that deceased, who was not a relative, had stayed at Fairfield, Tadcaster, during the last few weeks. He had taken a farm at Colton, and was to have been married on Wednesday, and intended residing there. On Monday, January 26th, he went out for a ride on a horse of his own. The animal was a hackney, aged 6 years. He left Fairfield shortly before 10 o'clock, and was brought back after the accident between 11 and 12

Thomas Harrison, farm labourer, High Moor, Tadcaster, said that on the 26th January, about 20 minutes past 10 o'clock, he was going up the road past High Moor when he saw a man on a horse; he was about 50 yards ahead of witness, and was going in the direction of Leeds. The animal was walking and did not appear restive until it came to a dry grip at the left-hand side of the road.

Deceased was riding on the grass, which is about 12ft wide. The horse shied at the grip and commenced buck-jumping, going to the other side of the road. Then the animal broke into a gallop, and appeared to be going straight towards a telegraph pole. When the horse had got nearly to it it swerved sideways, and Mr White seemed to lose his balance and to fall sideways halfway off the horse. He went in this position for a distance of about 12 yards, and then fell on his head on the high road. He fell clear of the horse, which galloped away. There was nothing to frighten the animal. He was not riding with spurs.

Witness went to the man and found him unconscious. He noticed a lump at the top of his head, but it was not bleeding. Mr White was placed in a spring float and taken to the doctor's.

John Gray, Tadcaster, said that on the day in question he was proceeding on the Leeds road with a spring float, when his attention was drawn by the last witness to the deceased, who was lying in the road. He was unconscious. Witness got him into the float and took him to Fairfield," and so on "free." On the basis of the last census population, 10,387, there is an average of one fully-licensed house or beer-house to every 237 inhabitants.

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Analysising this progress, an outstanding feature is the wonderful stride made by our esteemed contemporary—"Poultry." The introduction of scientific articles in plain phraseology; practical dissertations on poultry culture and abundance on popular subjects pertaining to our industry, were marked features at the comparative recent change of proprietorship.

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A VALUABLE ROBIN HOOD QUARRY.

UTILIZING NATURAL GAS.

In regard to the utilization of an escape of natural gas at Robin Hood Quarry, recently referred to in our columns, Mr Abraham Armitage writes:

"About ten years ago it was discovered that, in a field adjacent to our brickworks, gas was escaping from a bore-hole that had been drilled either for the purpose of finding stone or discovering coal. I tested the gas with a light, and flames shot up to a great height. We sank a pipe some 13 feet down the bore-hole, and proceeded to utilize the gas. Since then, in the absence of any climatic conditions, we have used the gas to illuminate our works. During the day time we have about a score of jets burning, and at night-time about 50. Of course, we are troubled without ten jets supply light from the bore-hole. I am perfectly satisfied as to the origin of this gas. It is an emanation from old colliery workings, and can be described as marsh gas, fire-damp, carburetted hydrogen, or what ever scientists prefer to name it. We are here just on the edge of a big fault in the Haigh Moor coal seam. Coal has been worked in the district for a hundred years, and in the old days it was the practice to leave pillars of coal in the workings. This was due to the tendency of the earth above to fall in. We are here about 60 or 70 yards above Carlton Beck, under which coal is close to the surface, and I believe that we benefit from the gas that rises along the seam. But it is a peculiar fact that in the quarries adjacent to the brickworks there is no escape of gas."

Discussing the value of the gas, Mr Armitage said that it had been found impossible to use it for gas-engine burners. Ordinary flare jets had proved to be the most serviceable. The calorific value had been tested in the boiler-house, and was discovered to be particularly satisfactory. "At the present time," he added, "our workpeople prefer the natural gas illumination to the ordinary service. It is, however, necessary that we should have the ordinary gas service, for the reason that the supply has failed us many times. During last summer, when dry weather prevailed, we were without natural gas for three or four months. The quantity of gas that rises is controlled by water pressure or not we cannot decide. But one thing is clear, and that is that the same atmospheric influences that apply to mines apply also to our gas supply. As soon as the barometer falls there is a greater pressure of gas, and as the barometer rises it tends to shut off our supply. Sometimes half-an-hour will serve either to stop our supply or else increase it many times."

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LOWER BARKSTON ASH QUARTER SESSIONS.

A SATISFACTORY REPORT

Before Dr G. D. Todd (in the chair), Mr W. N. Cheesman, Mr H. Pulleine, Dr. A. J. Somers, Mr T. S. Ullathorne, and Mr H. Acton, at the Selby Brewster Sessions (Lower Barkston Ash), held on Monday, Supt. T. Stafford reported that the number of licences was the same as in the previous year, namely 74. This total is made up of 64 innkeepers' licences, 5 beersellers' licences, 4 wine and spirit off-licences, and one beer off-licence. Fifty-four houses are "tied," and 20 "free." On the basis of the last census population, 10,387, there is an average of one fully-licensed house or beer-house to every 237 inhabitants.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A moderate trade, prices steady. Wheats 32s. to 33s., barleys 30s. to 31s., medium... 28s. to 29s., feeding 24s. to 25s., oats 24s. to 26s., fine oats for seed 28s. and upwards, and rye 24s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 9 for 1s.; butter 1s. 2d. and 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 5s. to 6s., guinea fowls 5s. to 6s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Prices slightly down, a large quantity being brought in owing to the open weather. Sand Up-to-Dates 45s. to 52s. 6d., sand King Edwards 52s. 6d. to 60s., warp King Edwards 65s. to 70s., Evergoods 50s. to 52s. 6d. per ton; retail, 5d. per stone.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this auction mart Messrs Richardson sold 180 cattle, principally fat sheep and 48 pigs. There was a good attendance of buyers, with a quick trade for best quality stock, best beef making 6d. to 6½d. per stone. Including heifers and cows not a good market at late rates. Fat hoggs realised 10d. per lb. Small pork pigs made 9s. per stone, choice fat pigs 7s. to 7s. 6d. In the store line, steers made up to £22 2s. 6d., fat heifers up to £20 10s., fat cows up to £15 5s., store beasts up to £13 15s., cows in milk up to £15 12s. 6d., and calves given a little 6d. Hoggs up to £2 12s., fat pigs up to £12 7s. 6d., pork pigs up to £6 15s., and store (small) up to £1 10s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a good show of stock, and being favoured with a capital attendance of buyers, with keen competition from West and East Ridings, competition was very keen, and good beef made fully up to 9s. per stone, medium quality making 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Short-keep cattle sold from 15s. to 20s. per head, and fat hoggs 10d. per lb., ewes about 8d. per lb. Pork pigs made 9d. and bacon pigs 8s. per stone. Store pigs made from 18s. to 32s. each, and sucking pigs 5s. to 7s. each. Mr J. W. Watson, of Manor Farm, topped the sale with two grand bullocks at £27 7s. 6d. and £25. Numbers sold: 57 beasts, 60 sheep, and 30 pigs. A keen demand all through the sale. Mr G. E. Wright, of High Moor Farm sold two grand bullocks at £25 5s., and £22 7s. 6d.; Mr C. Gapsoe, of Grimston Grange, sold four bullocks at £25 5s., £24 10s., £24 5s., and £22 17s. 6d.; Mr J. Dunnington, of Healaugh, sent a choice bullock, making £22 15s.; Mr Robshaw, of Hazlewood, sold a choice bullock at £21 17s. 6d.; Mr Lees-Wiley, of Bramham, sent a good bull and bullock, realising £22 7s. 6d. and £21 2s. 6d.; Mr B. Blacker, of Healaugh, sold a good heifer at £20 5s.; Mr J. Lady Haddon, of Wighill Park, sold a choice heifer and bullock at £23 2s. 6d. and £18; Mr Geo. Winter, of Pallo-thorpe, sent three grand heifers realising £19 10s., £19 and £18 15s.; Mr Edward Warrington, of Bramham, sent two good bullocks, making £19 10s. and £18 15s.; Mr E. Jackson, of Catterton, sold a nice heifer at £16 10s.; Mr C. Bailey, of Saxton, sent five choice heifers and heifers, realising £21 15s., £19 15s., £16 17s. 6d., £18 15s., and £17 5s.; Mr J. H. Welburn, of Huddleston Hall, sold two very choice heifers at £19 15s. and £17 7s. 6d.; Messrs Dunn and Sons, of Ouston Farm, sent two nice bullocks making up to £17 10s.; Mrs Green, of Rotherwell, sold a nice heifer at £18 15s.; the auctioneers sold eight good bullocks and heifers at £22 17s. 6d., £22 10s., £22, £21 12s. 6d., £20 7s. 6d., £20 2s. 6d., and £16 17s. 6d. Prime fat hoggs from Mr F. Bramley, of Sherburn, made to 65s. 6d. each; from Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, made to 63s. each; from Mr L. Sampson, of Newton Kyme, made to 53s. each; from Mr C. Gypson, of Grimston Grange, made to 55s. 6d. each; from Mrs Sykes, of Milford, to 55s. each; from Mr H. Watson, of Newton Kyme, to 54s. each; from Mr H. Welburn, of Huddleston Hall, to 54s. each; from Mr Cass, Bramham, to 53s. each; from Mr Myers, Bilbrough, to 52s. each. Prime fat pigs from Mr T. Mercer made to 57s. 6d. per score; Mr Gypson to 48s.; from Mr W. Thomlinson's, Ezors, £12 15s.; from Mr W. Dunn and Son, to £7 19s.; from Mr H. Blakey, to £7 9s.; from Mr E. Brotherick, to £6 15s.; from Mr Foxton, to 67s.; from Mr Lindop, to 52s. 6d.; etc., etc.

The American Ambassador (the Hon. Walter H. Page) was the guest of the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton) at The Hall Roundhay, during the week-end.

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ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices on Monday night. Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presided, the members present were Messrs. S. R. Chadwick, G. W. Bilkley, J. Armitage, T. Kirkby, R. McCullough, W. Lunn, T. P. Wade, T. Ellis, J. Cordeni, J. H. Hindle, S. Dobson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer of health (Dr H. Stevenson), the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Mawhouse), and the surveyor (Mr J. Scaibuarn).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Highways Committee showed that particulars are to be got out for next meeting showing who has repaired Abraham Hill; that a resolution for making up Windmill Lane be submitted at the next Council meeting; that the Sanitary Committee be asked to inspect the yards in the district and submit a list of the most urgent ones for paving; that the surveyor estimate for tar macadam on the roads in the proposed Private Street Works off Carlton Lane, and that Mr Farrer's offer for a strip of land in Town Street, Carlton, be accepted.

The surveyor reported that he was getting some plates where necessary. It was resolved, that the Board of Trade's letter calling a conference in London as to the tramway abandonment be referred to the Council. The surveyor was instructed to get out estimates for tar spraying for the next committee meeting. A letter of the 8th January from the Local Government Board as to by-laws in regard to old lanes was read. The Clerk reported that he had forwarded to the County Council alternative estimates for the paving of Pontefract Road.

The minutes were passed.

The Chairman referred to the conference of the Board of Trade as to the tramway abandonment which is to take place in London on Wednesday next. The Tramway Company, he said, had obtained certain powers to extend the tramway, but these had so far not been carried out. They now sought to abandon the powers. He wanted to know whether it was the desire of the Council to be represented at that conference.

Mr Lunn (Chairman of the Highways Committee) and the Clerk were elected to attend as representatives.

Mr Hirst said that while Mr Lunn and the Clerk were down in London they ought to see some of the officials as to the reduction of tram fares, as it would be a favourable opportunity.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

The Sanitary Committee minutes set forth that the report of the public health visitor and housing inspector were read. The following licenses were granted for storing petroleum—Oleine Ltd. 600 gallons at the Works; John Elstob, 60 gallons at the shop in Commercial Street; C. Ward and Sons, 40 gallons, Commercial Street; H. Lunn, 30 gallons, Marsh Street; H. Lunn, 30 gallons, calcium carbide, Mr Lockwood attended the meeting in regard to a notice served on him to convert 8 privies in Park Street. A letter was read from Mr Lees, of Halifax, in regard to a notice for additional closet accommodation. The inspector was instructed to reply that the Council were prepared to pay part of the cost. Letters were read from the Yorkshire Copper Works asking the Council to pay an acknowledgment in respect of the window on the west side of the engine house at Snowden.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking the Council to obtain a report from the medical officer of health as to the district which should be made subject to bye-laws with regard to offensive trades. The medical officer was asked to consider whether the Oleine Works should be considered an offensive trade. The draft agreement for the purchase of Lemonroyd Sewage Works was returned by the vendor's solicitors with alterations, and it was decided to consider these on Monday, February 9th.

Mr Lunn asked how the members who were not on the Sanitary Committee were to see the report of the health visitor.

Mr Chadwick said in future the minutes of the committee showing the report would be placed on the table.

The Chairman remarked that Miss Storey had so far visited 96 babies.

The minutes were passed.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

Dr Stevenson presented his report for the past four weeks, showing that twenty-one cases of infectious diseases had been notified. Of these thirteen related to scarlet fever, seven to diphtheria, and there was one of erysipelas. Six-teen deaths had taken place, including three in the Workhouse. During the same period there had been thirty births—thirteen males and seventeen females.

WATER COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Water Committee showed that for the month ending January 8th the average daily consumption of water in Rothwell was 69,000 gallons, as compared with 175,000 gallons last year. Thorpe showed an increase on last year's consumption of 10,000 gallons, being 89,000; Stourton consumed 50,000 gallons last year. The Midland Railway Co. used 92,000 gallons, which, together with selling meters and domestic uses and leakages, brought up a total of 8,527,000 gallons.

The minutes also showed that a resolution was passed calling upon the surveyor to select half-a-dozen men qualified to act in cases of fire and report to the next meeting. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Stanley Urban District Council the fee charged for fires outside their district and whether any modification in their charges would be made if an outside Council permanently retained them.

The Clerk was instructed to attend the funeral from Leeds City Council to attend fires outside the district, and also to report on telephone arrangements.

A letter was read from Messrs Harold Arnold and Son stating that they were enquiring into the proposed three-inch water main across their land at John O'Gaunt's.

The surveyor was instructed to take a test of the water pressure at Spilsby Lane corner and near Podfoot Steps.

CHILDREN'S HOMES WATER SUPPLY

Mr Lunn referred to the question of the supply of water to the Children's Homes, and said he had, on seeing certain correspondence in the minutes of the Hunslet Guardians, raised the question and tried, if at all possible, to avoid any litigation between the two bodies. He understood that two or three of the Guardians along with the Clerk were to meet a similar number from the Council. He asked if they had met.

Mr James Armitage said so far they had not met, but they were prepared to meet the Guardians at any time.

Mr Hirst asked if they had obtained any men as volunteers in case of an outbreak of fire.

Mr J. Armitage said Mr Southwart was going to get the men by the next meeting of the committee.

The minutes were passed.

LIGHTING

The minutes of the Lamps and Gas Committee showed that for the month the consumption of gas was as follows:—Rothwell gas 293,700 cubic feet; Leeds gas 29,500 cubic feet.

It was resolved that the lamps be lit every night during the Lighting season and turned out on moonlight nights if it became clear. An application from the Stourton Ratepayers' Association for a lamp in Ledgy View, and for light on the North side of the Pontefract Road was left over until the committee visit the places.

Mr Hirst asked if the committee had fallen out with the moon. (Laughter).

Mr Ellis (Chairman of the Committee) said they had lost faith in it.

Mr J. Armitage said that of late the lamplighters had not carried out the instructions of the surveyor and on dark nights the lamps had remained unlighted.

The minutes were passed.

A CARLTON QUESTION

The correspondence included a letter from the post master at Wakefield in reply to a second petition of the Council for the post office at Carlton to be used as a money order office. The reply stated that according to the returns of the post office, it was not thought that a money order office was wanted. The postmaster, however, promised to reconsider the matter a year hence.

Mr Chadwick said he could not understand how the postmaster knew whether a money order office was wanted or not if it had not been tried.

Mr Kirkby said he would like to press it further, but on the motion of Mr Lunn, it was decided to let the matter stand over for a month, and in the meantime the Carlton representatives are to inquire into the matter.

SUNDAY DELIVERY OF LETTERS

With regard to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council asking that a Sunday delivery of letters be granted at Rothwell, the postmaster of Leeds (Mr A. Dowding) replied that the resolution did not comply with the requests as set out in the post office guide. A Sunday delivery could only be granted on condition that the local authority applying for such a consideration could show that it was the substantial desire of the inhabitants of the rural district or town making the application. The Clerk said he wanted a resolution that it was the substantial desire of the inhabitants.

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Let it be believed, I make no attack on Roman Catholicism as such. It is when united with Nationalism in Ireland that it becomes an instrument of oppression.

The following resolution speaks for itself:—

"Resolved: That we, the members of the A.O.H., Sligo Division (No. 23), strongly denounce, and place on record our united protest against the conduct of a number of local Protestant merchants who, whilst living in a community which is ninety per cent. Catholic, and on whom they are almost entirely depend-dent, publicly avow their disapproval of the Home Rule scheme for Ireland on the alleged grounds of finance, and that we hereby call on all the Catholics in the Sligo Urban district to vote the signatories of this treacherous document to whom Home Rulers' money must be as equally objectionable as Home Rule itself."

James Colleery.
Henry Monson.

The Rev. Dr. Horton and the Rev. Joseph Hocking in an interesting book called "Shall Rome Reconstruct England?" say:—

"The priests control not only the worship but the life of the people. If the fetish possessed desires freedom for emigrants to leave it and find that not only peasants but even priests frequently cross the Atlantic, not for economic or worldly reasons at all, but to escape from the rigid and perfected system of the Roman obedience, which is, as Catholics think, the supreme blessing, and as Protestants think, the most crushing bane of that lovely and melancholy land."

Mr William O'Brien, M.P., a Home Ruler, and himself a Roman Catholic, wrote in these terms of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (or Molly Maguires), an exclusively Roman Catholic Society:—

"Mr Dillon described it as 'an infamous falsehood' that the object of Molly Maguirism was to drive the Protestant of the Protestant community in Ireland. We repeat that it is nothing but the simple truth. The fundamental object of the organisation of such a society would confirm this country a hell. It would fight the flame of civil war in our midst, and blight every hope of its future prosperity. To imagine that Disraeli would ever give Home Rule to a Molly Maguire-ridden country is sheer lunacy. The fact is that the salvation of the Irish cause depends on the utter overthrow and crushing out of this baneful sectarian organisation." "Cork Free Press," September 12th, 1910.

And again Mr O'Brien speaking in Cork said:

"It means treading one million of our Protestant fellow-countrymen as irreconcilable enemies, and taking care to keep them irreconcilable enemies.

It means, in plain English, boycotting them, persecuting them, making their lives intolerable for them in their native land."

And Cardinal Logue, speaking of the New Irish University (which was intended to be un-sectarian), said:—

"No matter what obstacle the Nonconformists of England and the Irish Nationalist Party are able not only to talk fair play to Protestants, but also to enforce it. The case of Mr Kingston ought not to be forgotten by Home Rule and Home Rulers. It is a magnificent test case. Hitherto we have hesitated to write about it, for we were waiting to hear the other side of the case. To-day, in the "Daily News," the Rev. J. O. Hannay makes it plain that there is no other side.

There is another farmer in the parish who holds land from which a former tenant was evicted. His name is Regan, But Regan is not boycotted. Why? Because he is Roman Catholic. That is to say, Kingston would probably not be boycotted if he were a Roman Catholic and had a "pull" in the League. . . .

We simply say that the United Irish League is wrong, monstrously wrong, and that it is the duty of Mr Redmond, Mr Dillon, Mr Devlin, and the whole Irish party to stand up like men and repudiate its action, and compel it to do justice to Kingston. It is a test case. The Local Government since 1898 has been entirely in the hands of the County Councils. In the following counties no Protestant has been appointed to any paid office by any of these bodies:—Kerry, King's County, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leitrim, Louth, Mayo, Queen's County, Roscommon, Sligo, Westmeath, and Wexford.

In the Sligo Corporation there is not a single Protestant, and at a demonstration after the election, Councillor John Jinks delivered himself as follows:—

"You have 24 members on the corporation, 24 Catholics, thank God."

I leave these cases to the impartial judgment of all who have followed this correspondence.

In politics, personal abuse is generally condemned as pusillanimous and distasteful; and mention of "showing the white feather" in any connection with the present Irish controversy surely applies more fittingly to His Majesty's political advisers and their anxiety for coming quarter-days—Yours, etc.,

E. H. BOUGHEY.

The Cedars, Haxby, York, Jan. 27th, 1914.

TEMPLENEWSAM FARMERS AND CO-OPERATION

To the Editor.

Sir,—If you will kindly allow me the use of your columns I am presumptuous enough to think that what I have to say may be of service to a number of hard-working, industrious men who toil long hours and generally find strenuous lives for very small reward. I refer to the farmers generally of Templenewsam and the surrounding districts.

In conversation with some of them the one outstanding feature seems to be their woeful lack of a true perception of their own best interests. If I were to tell a farmer he didn't know how to buy, I feel pretty sure he would think me a foolish man, even if he did not say so, yet the manner of some of his dealings would almost justify the same being said of him.

For instance, the market price of twine is at the present time 46s. per cwt., and likely to advance, but it can be bought co-operatively at 39s. 6d. Other farmers are doing that to-day through their clubs. They are also buying feeding cake, meal, seeds, tillages, etc., through their clubs, and every time they make a purchase of any sort they save money.

Another great saving can be effected in insurance of all kinds; in insuring stock, etc., in the ordinary way, the agent receives 15 per cent. commission, in the case of a farmer insuring through his club, the farmer receives 10 per cent back and the club 5 per cent.—another gain to the sensible farmer, and a gain also to his club.

There are many other benefits besides these all waiting for the farmer who has wisdom enough to throw off his insular prejudice, to trust his fellows, to co-operate, to form a club that will undoubtedly bring grist to the mill in the shape of greater profits. When are they going to move? —Yours, etc.,

PURPLETOP.

February 3rd, 1914.

LEEDS AND BARWICK CHARITIES.

CROSSGATES' INTERESTS.

At a meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council on Monday night, as well as Crossgates and Leeds, was discussed. Mr Wright presided, and other members present were Mr Wetherall, Mr Scholes, Mr Robshaw and Mr Lumb (Barwick), with the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clarke).

The Chairman said that several years ago the Parish Council appointed three trustees to manage the parish property, and recently they had the misfortune to lose the services of one of them. Mr W. Simpson, and himself were the remaining trustees, and they communicated with the Charity Commissioners as to the mode of procedure to be adopted in electing a third trustee, and the Charity Commissioners had replied suggesting that a new scheme should be drawn up and that Leeds should be represented on it.

The Clerk read the letter from the Charity Commissioners as follows:—

With reference to your letter of the 11th ult. I am to say that in the circumstances it appears to be desirable that a scheme should be established by order of the Board for the future regulation of the parish lands, or poor's estate scheme. The scheme would provide for the appointment of a body of trustees including representatives of the Parish Council of Barwick-in-Elmet and that of the City Council of Leeds, the owner of that of the City Council of Leeds, the owner of that part of the ancient parish which is now included in the city. Directions would also be given for the filling up of vacancies as and when they occur.

The Chairman said it was a valuable asset to the parish, and they could reckon on receiving £30 a year in relief of the poor rate. The offices had been built by the trustees, and a portion of the income went in payment of the interest and capital.

Mr Rayner inquired if the rents were received from land.

The Chairman said that the charity consisted of Mr Wetherall's farm at Scholes, the old workhouse estate and several fields there. He mentioned that there were other charities, such as the Doles Charity, but the Council had not exclusive control over them.

Mr Pemberton said that he was distinctly in favour of the Council managing their own charities, but regard to the other charities, they could let Crossgates Church have a representative if they liked, but he did not favour Leeds having representation on the trustees as applicable for the invitation.

The Chairman said that he was in sympathy with Mr Pemberton's remarks, but he pointed out that the Order by which Crossgates was annexed by Leeds stated:—

Nothing in this Order shall prejudice, vary, or affect any right, interest, or jurisdiction in or over any charitable endowment which now is or hereafter may be enjoyed by any existing township affected by this Order.

Mr Rayner said that a certain part of the parish property was vested in Crossgates, and he asked how it could not be adjusted at the time the arbitration was going on between Leeds and the District Council.

The Chairman said it had nothing to do with that.

Mr Rayner said that some scheme might be formed whereby Leeds could be bought out.

Mr Pemberton: Crossgates has not any of the property.

The Chairman: Yes, it has about an acre at Manston.

Mr Pemberton said he forgot about the quarry. They might come to some arrangement, whereby Leeds could have that land.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr Rayner that they should ask the Charity Commissioners whether a scheme could not be devised whereby they could pay Leeds out.

Mr Rayner proposed that a letter be sent to the Charity Commissioners in these terms.

Mr Pemberton seconded, and this was agreed to.

AN ALLERTON BYWATER MAN.

WIFE PETITIONS FOR DIVORCE

In the Divorce Court on Monday—before Sir Samuel Evans—Mrs Maud Carrington, of Castleford, petitioned for a divorce from her husband on the ground of desertion and misconduct.

The petitioner, giving evidence, stated she married Mr Jonathan Carrington at the Baptist Union Church, Castleford, on February 22nd, 1902. After the marriage they lived together at Wilkin Street, Castleford, and later in Hugh Street. In 1909 her husband left her in order to go away with a woman named Violet Barnaby.

Witness took proceedings in the police court, and obtained an order from the magistrates for maintenance, or that he should return to live with her. The husband did, in fact, return, and they lived together for a time at Castleford. He left petitioner, however, again in 1910. He went away in the morning saying he was going to get his wages, but he had never returned to cohabitation since.

Petitioner had two children, daughters, aged 9 and 10 respectively.

His Lordship: Have you heard of him since?

Witness: No.

Witness understood he was living at Allerton Bywater now, and she added, in reply to his Lordship's question: "I don't want to go back to him again."

Richard Davidson stated he saw the respondent at his house. He was living with Violet Barnaby. Witness served him with the petition papers, and the respondent replied, "She's going in for divorce is she? Well, I will not try to stop her getting it."

Witness again saw him on January 6th of this year at Robinson Street, Allerton Bywater, when he served the respondent with the amended petition.

Respondent did not say anything, but Mrs Barnaby, who was present in the house, said that they were all right at Pontefract police court proceedings, and then the people began to know they were not married, and an uncomfortable position arose.

Police-constable Bruner, of the West Riding Police, gave evidence, and his Lordship granted a decree nisi and costs.

TADCASTER BREWSTER SESSIONS.

ENORMOUS DECREASE IN CONVICTIONS IN FIVE YEARS.

The annual Brewster Sessions for Tadcaster division took place on Monday at Tadcaster, and the magistrates present were Mr E. T. Besoles (Chairman), Col. Gascoigne, Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Mr Wailes Fairbairn.

The Clerk (Mr Green) read Supt. Slack's report to the magistrates as follows:—

There are 38 licensed houses in the division, and they are classified as follows:—33 full licenses, 1 beer "on," and 4 beer, wine and spirits "off." These figures are the same as last year.

The population of the division, according to the census of 1911, is 6,803. There is, therefore, an average of 179 persons to each license.

During the past 12 months 4 fully-licensed houses have been transferred, viz:—Golden Lion Inn and Robin Hood Inn, Tadcaster; Lion Inn and Robin Hood Inn, Towton; and Fox and Hounds Inn, Marston, as compared with 5 transferred during the preceding year.

The following comparative statement shows all prosecutions taken under the Intoxicating Liquor Laws within the division during the past 5 years:—Year ending January 31st, 1910, 91 convicted; 1911, 74 convicted and 2 dismissed; 1912, 27 and 3; 1913, 25 and 7; and 1914, 29 and 3. Of the 32 persons proceeded against during the year 22 were non-residents within the division. The licensed houses have been conducted satisfactorily during the past 12 months.

Four occasional licences have been granted during the year authorising the sale of liquor at places other than licensed premises in the division, against 3 in the previous year, while 19 exemption orders for extension of licensed premises for special occasions were granted against 20 in the preceding year.

There are no applications for new licences for consideration at this licensing meeting.

The Chairman stated that the report was quite satisfactory, and he was sure that it represented exactly what had taken place during the year. Supt. Slack's management of the licensed-houses having been well-conducted was satisfactory, and he hoped that it would be continued.

All the licences were renewed.

ENTERTAINMENT AT TADCASTER WORKHOUSE.

TREAT TO THE INMATES.

On Friday evening the inmates of Tadcaster workhouse had their annual entertainment, and the function proved a most enjoyable one. At five o'clock an excellent knife and fork tea, which was paid for by subscription, was served to the inmates and to the children of the Bilbrough Home, who were present at the invitation of the Master and Matron. Before leaving for the home each child was presented with a toy.

Subsequently the entertainment took place, and Mr E. Payne presided, several residents of the district being present.

The programme was as follows:—Song, Mr. Swinden; humorous tit-bits, Mr Cunningham (Leeds); song, "Love, the peddler," Miss D. Harrison; recitation, "The folks that won't come back," Mr F. Terry; song, "Amid the bush of the corn," Miss Brayshaw; dialogue, "Rival relatives," Messrs. Dyson, Dyson, and Bottrell; song, "Down the vale," Mrs Shearsmith; whistling selection, Mr. Cunningham; song, Mr Smart; song, "When Jack's at sea," Mr Wilson; recitation, "The fireman's wedding," Mr E. Midgley; and ventriloquial sketch, Mr Cunningham, who caused roars of laughter. Mrs Smith (Tadcaster) was the accompanist.

A pleasing feature of the proceedings was the presentation to each woman inmate of a shawl or other article of wearing apparel, 1lb. of tea, and sugar, while each man got an ounce of tobacco.

At the close Mr Payne, on behalf of the Tadcaster friends, proposed a vote of thanks to the master and matron for inviting them to the concert.

Mr Milsom, stationmaster, seconded, and this was cordially passed.

Thereafter the officers and their friends had a dance, and music was supplied by Mrs Smith (Tadcaster), while Mr Lacey acted as M.C.

The arrangements for the tea and concert were admirably carried out by the master and matron and their staff.

LOFTHOUSE COLLIERY COMPANY

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Lofthouse Colliery Company (Limited) was held in the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, on Saturday.

Mr A. Armitage (the Chairman) moved the adoption of the report, in which the directors recommended a dividend of six shillings per share. He referred to the installation of two air compressors, and the fixing of an engine in the new engine-house, the work connected with which, he said, would be completed some time next June.

Mr George Armitage, a director, who seconded the motion, said it was satisfactory to know that the year had passed without serious dispute with the workmen. The output of the colliery for the year had been a record one of 350,000 tons gross, although it had to be regretted that the miners had not attended at the colliery as regularly as they might have done. The Sillstone seam, from which the bulk of the output during the company's existence had been obtained, was fast being exhausted. It was, however, continued good, he thought that the output would be increased in the future.

In reply to questions, the Chairman assured the shareholders that the directors had kept a sufficient sum in reserve to meet possible developments. The quality of the Beeston seam was as good as now others, and he thought that when opened out would produce a "second" quality.

Mr George Armitage added, in regard to the questions as to the development of the Beeston seam, that the directors did not think it fair to place all the cost of the development upon the present-day shareholders, who were entitled to their share of the profits. The Chairman, on this point, remarked that £1,000 had been taken from the depreciation fund.

Mr H. B. Talbot and Mr J. J. Ely were re-elected as directors, and Mr J. W. Close and Mr John William Hirst (in the place of Mr S. Bottomley), resigned, were appointed as auditors.

A YEAR'S FIGURES FOR SEACROFT PARISH.

PROGRESS RECORDED—NO MARRIAGE.

In his magazine the Vicar of Seacroft gives some interesting figures relating to the parish for last year. He states:—

During the year there were 30 baptisms. All these were in church, and all were infants except one adult, who was conditionally baptised. The average number for the previous 10 years was 27·4.

Marriages.—We had none during the year, because in each case of banns published the bride lived in the other parish. The average for 10 years was 5·5.

Burials.—We are happy again in having a small number of burials, 9 in all against an average of 14·8. Of these 5 were males (aged 6, 45, 57, 64, and 77) and 4 were females (aged 4, 35, 45, and 60). Three were non-parishioners formerly resident in Seacroft.

Congregations.—There is naturally no record kept of the attendance at our church services, but for many years past the number of coins in the collections has been recorded. This in no case probably is the same as the attendance, but serves well as an indication of increase or decrease. Taking these figures, the average number in the mornings was 47·1 and in the evenings 80·0 (averages for the previous 10 years give 45·9 and 74·3 respectively).

Communicants.—The exact number is recorded every time. The total number of communions made during the year was 1,060 (450 males and 610 females) and the average for 10 previous years was 790·9.

Contributions.—So far as I can gather, the voluntary contributions for church purposes which have passed through the hands of the church officials were £179 19s. 9d., and the previous 10 years averaged £166 8s. 5d.

ABERFORD

Mr E. O. Simpson's Views.—On Saturday night Mr E. O. Simpson addressed a Primrose League gathering at Gildersome. He said it was the Government had found out their mistake in believing that the people of Ulster were merely braggarts in the position they had taken up. We were spectators to-day of such a scene as had never been witnessed in the history of this country before—a body of men organised and prepared to enforce by the way by force of arms a measure which the Government sought to impose upon them. Such a situation should make people think seriously. He, as a voter, his duty as a voter, his duty was to look, his duty a voter, his duty not only to England, but the United Kingdom at large, could come to any other conclusion than that the Government which proposed to create such a position as that with which we were threatened ought to be removed from power before they could do any mischief.

SHADWELL.

Unsustained Charge.—Annie Varley (39), the wife of the licensee of the Wellington Hotel, Wetherby Road, Shadwell, appeared before Mr Horace Marshall (Stipendiary Magistrate) at the Leeds Police Court on Monday on a charge of being drunk in charge of a horse and trap, and being drunk in charge of a child. Police-sergeant Dimbley said that at a quarter to eleven on Friday night last he was standing at Oakwood, Roundhay, when he saw the defendant driving a horse and trap. She was on the wrong side of the road, and pulled the horse on to the footpath. She spoke to him in a low voice, and then pulled the horse round again. In the trap there were her child, aged three years, and her nephew, aged ten. The wheels got the right out of the trap, and she staggered. She smelled very strongly of drink. Mr Arthur Willey, for the defence, said there was evidence that his client was perfectly sober when she left the Black Swan Hotel in Vicar Lane, Leeds, about twenty minutes before the officer saw her. Mrs Varley had had tea in town, and the food had disagreed with her; in fact, by the time Roundhay was reached she was feeling very ill. She had only had two bottles of beer all day. Mr Willey added that the pony was "a brute," and when it had been standing it invariably backed before it started again. After evidence had been called for the defence, the magistrate said he was of the opinion that Mrs Varley was not morally to blame. He did not think it was her fault at all. She was discharged.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1907.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Council have by resolution passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 2nd day of February, 1914, ADOPTED the NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1907, which resolution will come into force at such date (not being less than one month after the first publication of this notice) as may be appointed by the Local Government Board. By section one of this Act it is provided that in the case of every child born within the area of the Council it shall be the duty of the father of the child if he is actually residing in the house where the birth takes place at the time of its occurrence, and of any person in attendance upon the mother, at the time of, or within 6 hours after the birth, to give notice in writing of the birth to the Medical Officer of Health of the above Council, by posting a pre-paid letter or postcard, addressed to the Medical Officer of Health giving the necessary information of the birth WITHIN 36 HOURS AFTER THE BIRTH, or by delivering a written notice of the birth at the office of the Medical Officer of Health, within the same time. Any person who fails to give the notice will be liable to a penalty of 20s.

This notice is in addition to, and not in substitution for, the requirements of any Act relating to the registration of births.

WALTER DODGSON,
Clerk to the Council.
Council Offices, Rothwell, near Leeds,
3rd February, 1914. 2

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a General Meeting of the Urban District Council of Rothwell held on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1914, it was resolved:—

"That in pursuance of Section 5, Sub-Section 2, of the Private Street Works Act, 1892, the Specification, Plan, Sections, Estimate and Provisional Apportionment amounting to £367 2s. 2d. prepared by the Surveyor, and submitted to this Meeting, for the Sewering, Levelling, Paving, Metalling, Flagging, Channelling, and making good of WIND-MILL LANE, in the Parish of Rothwell (part only) from Carlton Lane to the Parish Boundary of Carlton, be and are hereby approved."

Dated this 6th day of February, 1914.

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ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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THE above Council invite TENDERS for the supply of TEAM LABOUR for the Highways and Sewage Works (DAY WORK and STONE LEADING) for the year ending March 31st, 1915.

Further particulars and Forms of Tender may be obtained on application to Mr J. SOUTHWART, Surveyor, Council Offices, Rothwell.

Sealed and endorsed Tenders are to be delivered to the undersigned not later than 12 a.m. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1914.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

WALTER DODGSON,
Clerk to the Council.
Council Offices, Rothwell, near Leeds,
February 5th, 1914. 2

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Sealed Tenders, endorsed "House Refuse" or "Scavenging," to be delivered at the Council Offices, Rothwell, not later than 5 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1914.

WALTER DODGSON, Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

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The Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd Day of January, until after the said Meeting.

By Order,
ED. GRAY GRIMSHAW,
Secretary.

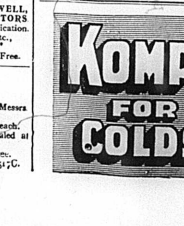
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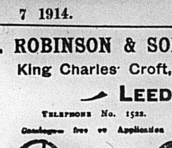
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In a Derbyshire village the schoolmistress has been given the crown of martyrdom because, in the exercise of her profession, she thought it desirable to teach eugenics to a number of girls who were leaving school. It seems that the mystery of the origin of birth had created among them a desire for knowledge, and as their mothers, who should have been their guides, failed to enlighten them, they naturally appealed to their friend, the school-mistress. In order to safeguard girls starting on life she thought it was very desirable that they should have some knowledge of eugenics, and she imparted such information as would be helpful to them. When this became known the school-managers called the teacher before them, and when she candidly admitted that she had given the information for the girls' good, they promptly passed a resolution recommending her resignation. The County Committee, however, have more common-sense, and they have told the managers they see no reason for asking the teacher to resign. Some of the good mothers who failed to do their duty to their own children are indignant, and have actually gone so far as to withdraw their children from school—presumably for fear of contamination. It is not unlikely that the villagers will make it so hot for the teacher that she will have to flit.

Yorkshire miners, whatever their faults, have a higher appreciation of their women folks than to allow them to revert to working conditions which were condemned years ago. Owing to a scarcity of boy labour the management of the Sharlston Colliery offered employment to a number of girls at the pit head, and, as showing the independence of the rising generation, a number at once engaged themselves for the work. The Yorkshire Miners' Association, however, very promptly interfered, and stated plainly that they would not allow the re-introduction of female labour at collieries, and the management wisely decided to revert to male labour. While admitting that the colliery may be handicapped by a scarcity of boys, it would assuredly have been a downward step had the attempt to employ the sex at this class of work been successful. The girls were no doubt employed under proper safeguards, and they appear to have been perfectly happy in their work, but had this been allowed at one colliery the employment of women at mines would have become general in the county, and its condemnation by the men who understood the question is the best proof of its undesirability. At one time men and women worked together in collieries, with dire results, and it is probable that comparatively good wages would have tempted young women to brave the anger of their families and accept work at the pit head, but it would not have been for the benefit of their own class. Fields of employment, to which women are suited, are increasingly open to the sex, and there is no need for them to enter a sphere which was regarded long ago as undesirable.

Following the publication in this journal of an article on the monetary rewards of unskilled labour a reader discusses its position and inquires the reason why so many thousands of men belong to this particular class. Coal mining and agriculture are the principal industries in the district, giving employment to a very large number of men, and both may fairly claim the designation of "skilled," although in some parts the remuneration of farm hands is lower than that of the worst-paid labour. Agricultural labourers, who can plough, thatch, cut hedges, etc., show a degree of skill which even the townsman might envy, but, comparing the returns for his work with those of the artizan, he is poorly paid. But this is not the class to which reference is made. Throughout the country, in towns and in villages, vast numbers of men are compelled to earn their living by means of "labouring jobs"; they are "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for skilled men; and not only are their wages small, but their employment is irregular, with disastrous physical results frequently. These people, as a rule, occupy the worst property in the place, they are the class who most frequently are stricken by disease, and they yield by far the largest number of paupers. In themselves they constitute an economic and social problem, and they are so helpless or indifferent that they do not try to find a solution for themselves. When a man and his family get into the social slough hopelessness frequently overtakes them, they lose all independence they may have possessed, and prey on the charitably-disposed. Unskilled labour there must be, but its condition would be very different were employment better regulated. The great evil, in the first place, is the multiplication of the unskilled, and this must be attributed, in no small measure, to the selfishness and greed of avaricious parents. Many people, it may be granted, have a hard struggle to bring up their families, but surely their own experience should be a lesson to them, and prevent them sending their children to employment which leads into the "blind alley." A boy of ten years the boys earn what is considered a good wage, and this goes into the family exchequer, but when they come to manhood they discover themselves in precisely the same position as their parents, with low wages and bad conditions of living. The parents owes something to the child, and, whatever his position, he is expected, as a matter of bare justice, to make some sacrifice in order that his off-spring may have advantages he does not possess. Unfortunately these Britons, men unworthy of the name, sell their child labour to the highest bidder, take the proceeds as long as they are permitted, and perpetuate the wrongs which their own parents had probably inflicted on them. Compare a pauper-child or a reformatory boy with the son of one of the men referred to, and immediately this free Briton will be fired with indignation, but, as a matter of fact, the pauper child and the reformatory boy are better done to, because they are taught skilled trades. Parents have the solution of this question largely in their own hands. If they were less selfish, and had a better realisation of their duty, they would work such a transformation in England as the country has never seen. Another reason for the multiplication of the unskilled is the change brought about in the apprenticeship system and the restrictions imposed by trades unions. In the old days when workshops were smaller the master and the apprentice worked side by side, but industrial evolution has brought about great establishments controlled by limited liability companies, which are responsible, in some degree, for industrial troubles, and the trades unions have, in order presumably to protect their members, placed a restriction on the number of apprentices to be employed. Under the old system no doubt a larger proportion of better tradesmen was turned out, because the lads were taught their trades by the masters themselves, and there was a pride in their work. But in the great undertakings no such responsibility rests upon the people who really control the labour conditions, and the apprentices must get their training in the best way they can. Moreover, the extraordinary restriction in the number of apprentices is calculated to prevent lads from getting employment in trades for which they have a fancy, and the result is that in some trades, at certain seasons, it is impossible to get workmen. To reasonable restrictions no objection could very well be taken, but if its object is simply the aggrandisement of those engaged in a particular trade it assumes a different aspect.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds; and at Crossley Street, Halifax. Applications—C. E. Oldroyd, Leeds, an improved scarlet dye process for cotton and wool union fabrics; M. A. Harper Mitchell, Otley, an improved skirt and blouse holder. Application completed—Daniel Todd, Otley, combined inflating valve and safety relief valve for motor tyres. Patent sealed—T. J. and C. H. Bottomley, Leeds, an improved safety pocket for coats and fke garments.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges receipt of £48 10s. 6d. from the workpeople of J. and J. Charlesworth, Rothwell Haigh Colliery, and £7 from the customers of the Black Bull Hotel, Rothwell.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates present were Mr. F. M. Lupton (in the chair), Mr E. H. Parker, Mr J. B. Breed, Mr S. Hudson, and Mr E. Parkin.

WORKING MEN'S CLUB.—In connection with the Rothwell Working Men's Club, the Marsh, the Ballot paper for the election of the committee were scrutinised and resulted in the following members being placed on the committee:—Messrs J. Bridges, J. Tate, G. W. Noddings, J. Fox, T. Thurwell, E. Haigh, and J. Goddard. There were 135 papers, three being spoilt.

WHIST DRIVE.—A successful whist drive and dance, promoted on behalf of the Church Sunday School, was held in the Church Schools on Wednesday night. Mr J. Harrison was the M.C. for the whist. The prize-winners were:—Ladies —1, Mrs E. Harrison; 2, Mrs Newsome. Gentlemen—1, Mr J. Harrison; 2, Mr T. W. Taylor. Mr F. Hirst was the M.C. for dancing.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Wednesday played their neighbours, Leeds Tradesmen, at Rothwell, on Wednesday. Ended-to-end play characterised the first half, and neither side could score until close on the interval, when Nellkton gave the Tradesmen the lead. On resuming Rothwell had rather the better of the play and repeatedly assailed their opponents' goal, but the game was well advanced before Heaton equalised the scores. Result:—Rothwell Wednesday 1 goal, Leeds Tradesmen 1 goal.

PICKWICKS SOCIETY.—Continuing his readings from the "Pickwick Papers," Mr G. W. Nodding gave the chapter recounting "The interview between Sam Wellee and a family party" at the meeting held in the Pickwicks Society on Thursday night. Mr G. Wright gave a Yorkshire reading, entitled "A wife who took to football." Mark Twain's "My first lie and how I got out of it" and "Original and impromptu" and a reading from W. W. Jacob "In borrowed plumes" was given by Mr P. Kemshell. Mr J. H. Bowling presided.

LANGUISH.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Atack, miner, of Rothwell, was summoned for using obscene language at Oulton. Defendant's wife appeared. P.C. Robinson said that on Sunday, 10.40 p.m. on Thursday, January 22nd, he was in Fleet Lane, Oulton, when he heard the defendant, who was about 300 yards away, making use of obscene language. He continued to do so until he came up to the officer. When spoken to, defendant said he was aggravated by some other men or he would not have used it. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In aid of the married women's stall for the forthcoming Wesleyan bazaar, a social gathering was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. There was an enjoyable programme of songs and recitations, while a portion of the evening was given over to games. Miss Kate Ellis and Mr R. Ellis gave a duet, and Miss Ada Bayley recited. An amusing sketch, entitled "Who's who," was presented by Miss R. Rowley, Miss A. Rowley, Miss K. Ellis, and Miss D. Dawson. Miss M. Wright and Miss Ellis gave songs, and a pianoforte duet was admirably executed by Miss M. Wright and Miss M. Armitage, the latter also contributing a pianoforte solo. The proceeds amounted to about 22s. 6d.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Sutcliffe, a miner, of Stourton, was summoned for having been drunk in Rothwell on Saturday, January 24th. Evidence was given by P.C. Bosomworth that about 11.50 p.m. on the day in question he received a complaint about the defendant, whom he found in the house of the person making the complaint. He was very drunk and made use of bad language. P.C. Womack corroborated, and said defendant was so drunk that he had to be almost carried to the tramcar by his son. Defendant said the bother had all arisen over a discussion about a dog. He was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

LIBERAL CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Rothwell Liberal Working Men's Club was held on Saturday night, the President (Mr J. Stead), who has been ill for some time, occupying the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The annual report, which showed that a satisfactory year had been recorded, was read by the President. It was reported that the membership of the Club numbered 137, and during the past year 45 new members had been enrolled. The balance sheet, which showed a balance in the hands of the treasurer of £100 18s. 6d., was read by the secretary, Mr W. Wilshire. Reference was made to a sum of £14 which had been contributed by the club to the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund. In connection with this item it might be mentioned that the committee of the above Fund attended at the Liberal Club on Tuesday night and presented an emblem together with a medal to commemorate the club's generosity. The highest contribution in the division. Votes of thanks to retiring officers, and the auditors were passed. The election of officers took place at a previous meeting, and resulted as follows:—President, Mr J. Stead; vice-presidents, Messrs R McCullough and J. C. Watkin; treasurer, Mr G. W. Blakley; secretary, Mr W. Wilshire; Committee of Management—Messrs W. Bills, H. Bartett, F. Hough, A. Smith, G. Walker, C. Heaton, O. Taylor, A Cripps, J Flower, J Faulkner H P. Smith, and T. Smith.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon in the Leeds and District Football League Rothwell W.R. overcame Allerton Bywater Institute by three goals to two.

BARWICK

AN OLD INSTITUTION.—It will be remembered that the Parish Council decided to remove the old pump at Barwick, which has served the village for many years, and put down a new one. Mr Stead, of Thorner, was given an order for a new pump, and at the meeting of the Council on Monday night he wrote stating

that he would carry out the work as soon as possible.- Mr Robshaw said the work had not yet been commenced.

BILLIARDS.—Leeds Deaf and Dumb Institute and Barwick-in-Elmet Institute played their best in the first round of the charity competition at Hixon and Sons' Showroom, Park Street, Leeds, on Tuesday night. Leeds were successful in only two of the five games, but on the aggregate totals won by 30 points. The scores were 456 and 426. Details (Leeds names first):—H. E. Grantham 86 v. T. Robshaw 100, W. Stephenson 100 v. G. Lovett 58, J. E. Spencer 93 v. E. Forbes 100, T. Robshaw 100 v. J. Barker 100. and A. Coyle 100 v. K. Birch 68.

PARISH COUNCIL.—At a meeting of Barwick Council at Scholes on Monday night Mr Wright proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr A. Booth, of the School House, Barwick, one of the members, who was ill, having recently undergone an operation. Mr Needham seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.—Mr Rayner inquired if any further communication had been received from the N.E.R. Co. in regard to cheap fares from Scholes.—The Clerk answered in the negative.—Mr Rayner moved that the Clerk again write the Railway Company on the matter, and Mr Needham seconding, this was agreed to.

BOWERS ALLERTON

TEMPERANCE WORK.—A very profitable time was spent in the Mission Schoolroom on Saturday by the workers and friends of the Bowers Allerton and District Band of Hope. A tea conference in the afternoon was addressed by the Rev. J. W. Davies, of Castleford, his subject being "The progress of temperance during the last 50 years." The conditions of society previous to those years was briefly surveyed, and how temperance principles took root and gradually won their way into the sympathies of doctors, judges, and all who had the welfare of humanity at heart was described. The reverend gentleman gave many quotations from various authorities which proved that public opinion was growing more and more opposed to the present drinking customs. A very interesting discussion followed. Mr Herbert Firth (President of the Union) presided, and delegates representing most of the societies were present. After a substantial tea, to which about 70 sat down, an entertainment took place. Miss J. Thompson, of Methley, presided. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, action songs, and drills, given by the members of the Bowers Allerton Band of Hope, who had been well trained by Miss Robinson. Master Cyril Stockwell presided at the piano. An address was given by the Rev. J. W. Davies.

CARLTON

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—The choir anniversary of the Carlton Primitive Methodist Church was celebrated during the week-end. On Saturday a public tea, which was well attended, was held in the schoolroom, and this was followed by a capital entertainment given by the members of the Ardsley Primitive Methodist Choir. Mr John Dobson presided. On Sunday afternoon the choir gave the service of song "A word in season," the reading portions being given by Mrs Thompson. Mr H. Collinson, of Stourton, who also preached an excellent sermon in the evening, presided. All the services were successful.

BENEFIT CONCERT.—For the benefit of Mr Harland, who has been incapacitated from work for over twelve months, a concert was held in the Rothwell Empire on Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the Farnley and Wortley Independent Order of Rechabites, and there was a large attendance. Mr J. P. Crook, of Leeds, presided. The following gave the programme through:—Song, "The toilers," Mr Whiteman (songs); song, "How lovely are Thy dwellings," Miss O. Rinder (Carlton); recitation, Miss Holroyd (Rothwell Haigh); song, "Bonnie Ring," Madame Holroyd (Rothwell Haigh); quartette, "Le Prophet," Carlton Quartette Party; song, "The trumpeter," Mr Backhouse (Hunslet); song, "Queen of angels," Mr Whiteman; song, "The rosary," Miss Rinder; recitation, "In the children's hospital," Miss Holroyd; song, "Abide with me," Madame Holroyd; recitation, "Bobby," Miss Rinder; song, "The young royalist," Mr Backhouse. Mr Herbert Firth was the accompanist.

CROSSGATES

DANCE.—On Friday evening a successful dance, promoted by the Crossgates Golf Club, was held in the Recreation Hall, and it was attended by about seventy ladies and gentlemen. Mr Thewlis acted as M.C., and Messrs Simpson and Townsend were the stewards.

FOR THE NEW CHURCH.—An important sale of work in aid of the New Church Building Fund will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 20th and 21st. Numerous attractions will be provided, and there is no doubt the residents will give the sale excellent support. The names of the ladies who will perform the opening ceremony on both days and other particulars are given in our advert columns.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday special services were held at the Wesleyan Church, and there were good congregations. At the morning service Mr S. Dibbs, of Leeds, was the preacher, and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. F. Boyce. Organist Rawling sang solos at both services, and in the evening the choir sang an anthem. The collections were for the choir fund.

GARFORTH

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Reed, a miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Jackson gave evidence about 10.10 p.m. on Saturday, January 24th, he was in the Station Road, Garforth, when he saw the defendant staggering along the footpath. He was very drunk. A fine of 5s and costs was inflicted.

B.W.T.A.—The junior branch of the B.W.T.A. arranged a concert that took place on Saturday night. The Rev E. Rees was in the chair, and a most interesting and instructive address was given by Mr Hasle Carr, of Leeds. Pleasing dialogues on temperance subjects were admirably given by the children. Miss C. Couldwell's singing and Miss Dobson's recitations gave great pleasure, and added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

"SLEEPING OUT."—On a charge of sleeping out at Garforth a prisoner at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions yesterday—Mr Willis was sent to prison for two months. P.C. Hogg stated that when he was examining the premises of the County Council Farm about ten minutes past twelve that morning he found Willis asleep there. On being searched he was found to be destitute and refused to give any information regarding himself.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Charles Martin, a labourer, of Garforth, was summoned for having used obscene language at Garforth, on January 22nd. P.C. Hogg stated that about 6 p.m. on the day in question he was on duty on the Station Road, Garforth, when he heard the defendant using the language complained of. He spoke to him about his conduct, and told him he would be reported. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

SKELETONS FOUND.—Whilst digging in the sand pit in Gildwell field, East Garforth, a workman came upon two skeletons buried about three feet from the surface. The heads and feet of the skeletons rested on stones, but there was nothing to show why or when they had been buried there. The skeletons have been reinterred in the quarry.

URBAN COUNCIL.—A special meeting of the Urban Council, at which the Press representatives was excluded, was held on January 21st to discuss the re-organisation of the Council's staff. The minutes show that Mr Gascoigne opposed and Mr Chappel supported that a working road surveyor be appointed at a salary of £80 per annum, and that a certificated sanitary inspector at £60 per annum be appointed, he also to act as building and water inspector, with an additional salary of £20 per annum for the two latter offices. An amendment was proposed by Mr Slater and seconded by Mr R. Routledge, senr., that the present arrangement of offices and their duties remain as at present. The resolution was carried. It was agreed that £5 be paid to Mr H. M. Driver and that he receive the thanks of the Council for the services he rendered in connection with the outbreak of fever.

PICTURE HOUSE.—"The Banshee," a story of pathos and humour, is as Irish as anything possibly can be, the characters, dress, scenery, and sentiment belonging essentially to Ireland. The picture was well received and an excellent programme filmed during the first half of this week, included a coloured stirring drama, "Vengeance of the Waffia," and a clever comedy "Max and the Postmistress." During the latter half of this week, the chief item is a three-part picture, entitled "The life of a murderer," and deals with a parent's devotion, to her wayward son, the trials she endures, and her reward. Although of a tragic nature, the story is full of lively interest. A shorter and more thrilling story is "Suffragettes," in which a man in desperation steals a motor-car to save the lives of wife and child. Next week the outstanding features in the excellent programme are "A Goodness repaid" and "Heart of an artist" in the first half, and "Wheels of fate" and "The death sentence." On the last three days, all of which are calculated to grip the attention and sustain the interest of the audience throughout. For times and prices see advert.

GREAT PRESTON

INFIRMARY EFFORT.—A very successful social was held in the Infants' Schoolroom on Saturday evening for the benefit of Leeds Infirmary, a large number being present. Mr G. Nowell was M.C., and the music was supplied by Messrs A. Dyer (piano) and T. G. Dyer (violin).

HALTON

A hockey match was played between Whitkirk and Undercliffe on Saturday afternoon, and the latter won by four goals to three.

On Saturday afternoon, in the Church Football League Leeds St. Paul's defeated Whitkirk Church Mission by a goal to nothing.

LECTURE.—The Templenewsam Allotments' Association has arranged for a lecture on "Edible and Useful Gardens" to be delivered by Mr Thomas Boughton, of the Leeds University, in Halton Council School, on Thursday, February 12th. Particulars are given in our advert columns.

PIGEON SHOOTING.—At the Halton Gun Club members' shoot on Tuesday a 3 bird sweep resulted in Stead and Green dividing, a 5 bird sweep was won by "Staunton," a 3 bird sweep was divided by Crawshaw, Taylor, Seal, R. Morris, and a 5 bird sweep by "Staunton" and Seal.

BILLIARDS.—In the Non-Political Billiard League Halton Institute first team played Park Street, at Leeds, on Monday, the result being a win for Park Street by 19 points. On Tuesday the second team met at Halton, and after excelling match was seen, Park Street, who are the leaders in the second division, gaining a victory by 1 point. In the first match both teams had the start, and Halton scored 858 and their opponents 875. Details (Halton names first):—J. Thompson 150 v T. Marsden 68, E. Green 150 v. A. Jennings 140, G. Butterill 150 v. H. Hobday 117, G. O. Bell 68 v. P. Oglesby 150, J. P. Loveday 135 v. S. Wood 150, and V. Schofield 105 v. A. Yardley 150. In the second match Halton (80 start) scored 747, and Park Street (50 start) put on 748. Details (Halton names first):—R. Lucas 100 v. W. Proctor 83, W. A. Taylor 100 v. C. Ibbotson 76, J. Hunt 37 v. J. Boland 100, F. Heaps 78 v. F. Moorfoot 100, A. Morton 100 v. H. Buckton 63, J. W. Kitson 100 v. F. Betts 76, W. Kenny 71 v. A. Chaddock 100, and H. Schofield 81 v. E. Thomas 100.

KIPPAX

PARISH CHURCH.—A sewing meeting tea was held in the schoolroom on Monday afternoon, and this was followed by a social in the evening. The company indulged in games and amusements, and the time was passed very pleasantly.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—A service was held in this church on Tuesday, when the Rev. E. Dalton, D.D., preached in the afternoon. A public tea took place in the schoolroom immediately after, and was served by the following ladies:—Mrs J. Appleyard, Mrs A. Firth, Mrs J. Firth, and Mrs A. Appleyard. In the evening Dr Dalton delivered a very interesting lecture on "London by night and by day," and there was a good audience. Mr F. Forgham, Shackburn, of Astley, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. B. B. Parkins, of Castleford.

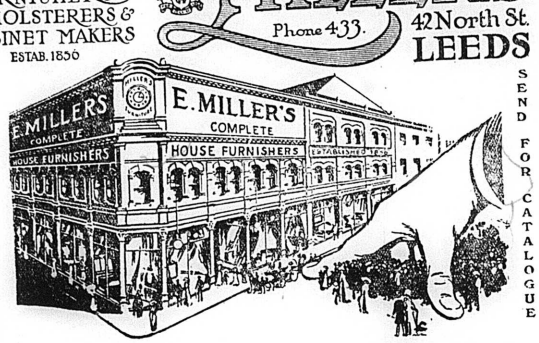
CONSERVATIVE MEETING.—Under the auspices of the Conservative Association a meeting was held in the Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Mr G. H. Wheeler, M.P., presided, and Mr Campbell Johnston, the Unionist candidate for Osgoldcross, was the principal speaker. The Chairman said that if Ireland wanted Home Rule she ought to be able to finance herself. If Ireland got Home Rule 42 of the Irish members would sit at Westminster, and have a vote and voice in matters connected with the government of this country. He respected every man's religion, but the fact remained that in the carrying out of certain laws the Protestants would be penalised. He spoke as some length on the housing and land questions, and the

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PRIMROSE LEAGUE IN BARKSTON ASH.

ADDRESS BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

NAVY—HOME RULE—DISESTABLISHMENT.

A Primrose League demonstration was held at the Selby Baths on Thursday night, and speeches were made by Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., Dr. Todd (who presided), and Mr Marsh. An excellent entertainment was provided by Messrs E. Vickers (bass), H. Drury (humorist), the Comedy Four, and Masters John, Barre, and Algy Rockett. Mrs Rockett was the pianist. Mr Richard Ledger, who is both secretary of the Selby Habitation and Conservative agent for the Barkston Ash Division, organized the meeting.

Amongst those supporting the Chairman and Mr Lane Fox were the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox, Mrs Hawdon (Dame President), Mrs Todd, Mrs O'Gram (late secretary), Mrs T. S. Ullathorne, Mr and Mrs Walter Gray, Miss O'Gram, Mrs R. Ledger, Mr T. E. Blanchard, Mr H. Connell, Mrs Dent, (treasurer), Miss Neville, Mr W. Weaver, Mr and Mrs Petty, Mrs Millar, Mr W. D. Foster, Mr Geo. Gray, Mr W. H. Gray, Mr and Mrs C. H. March, Mr and Mrs Kilburn, Mrs Hatfield, Mr and Mrs R. Petty.

Mr Ledger read an apology for non-attendance from Ethel Lady Beaumont, who as Ruling Councillor of the Selby Habitation, wrote from Carlton Towers as follows:—"I am sorry I cannot come to the meeting to-morrow. I intended doing so, but the Dowager Lady Beaumont has broken her hip bone, and I must go to London, as she is 90 years old."

A pleasing part of the programme was the presentation by Mr Fox to Mrs Annie O'Gram of the diploma of the Order of the Grand Star, which was accompanied by the familiar badge designed in silver and gold, and inscribed: "Imperium et Libertas."

The Chairman said he was sure they were all very sorry to know the cause which kept Lady Beaumont away. He should like to congratulate them upon the splendid meeting, and remind the ladies of the enormous political power they possessed. He had an open mind on the question of women's votes, but was bound to say they had the command of half the votes of the country if they only used their power properly, by giving peaceful, calm advice to the men over whom they had influence. Indeed, the nation was in their hands, and he counselled the ladies to be wise in the selection of their husbands—(laughter)—and if they should be married to Radicals they should soon set about converting them, and if their husbands were Tories they should see to it that they kept them as such. Ladies would not get their power by roaming about the country burning churches and so forth, but by calm, cool consideration; and he thought a very large number of them would get their votes in the end. For his part he would not be sorry. (Applause).

Mr Lane Fox, M.P., who had a very hearty reception, said he had been trying, during the time when Parliament had not been sitting, to see as many people and parts of the constituency as possible. It was what was called "the M.P.'s holiday," and part of the privilege of that holiday was that they should spend most of their time trying to see the people they represented. After all they were paid £5 a week for it, so he supposed they must not complain. (Laughter). It was all in a day's work. He did not want the audience to be misled by some of the things they were reading in the newspapers, and to think that there was necessarily going to be an election immediately because they saw certain dissensions among members of the Cabinet and differences of opinion between Ministers. He would tell them just what his diagnosis of affairs was. The difference the Cabinet was suffering from and quarrelling over at the present time was very common ailment with mankind—they were "broke"—"stoney-broke." "—they were at the beginning of a financial crisis in which they had a difficulty in paying their way. It often happened that when people were in that position they were driven to doing very foolish things, and not paying their insurance premiums for instance. They all knew it was absolutely necessary for the safety of the country that they should have a strong and adequate Navy, and he did not think any of them wished to see that section of the Cabinet prevail in their desire to reduce the Navy to a level at which the security of the country could no longer be maintained.

It was not in the least likely the Government would resign—not the least likely that these dissensions would not be patched up between them; but it was quite possible that their difficulties would be such—the Irish question, for instance—that they would have to appeal to the country. Therefore, his word to them was to be ready in case anything of the sort happened, and he was quite sure the Primrose League in Selby would not be loth to respond to that appeal and do all they could to assist the great cause of Unionism. (Applause). He had come there merely to have the pleasure of seeing some of his constituents and show that he was a real live thing—(laughter)—that he was still their Member and still prepared to do his best for them whenever he could. (Applause). The Government were going to force the Home Rule Bill, but he was told that matter was to be put off till the autumn. A matter which Selby was very greatly interested in was the Disestablishment Bill, for they had there had a striking demonstration against the Bill that proved that if no other place had an opinion against the Bill Selby had. He ventured to suggest that those who supported the Bill in Selby should get up a similar demonstration to show that they approved the Bill. (Hear, hear). Not a single approbation of the Bill had been given, and it was perfectly clear that nobody was favourable to taking money from religious uses to put it into the hands of County Councils. He thought it was a very remarkable fact that whereas they had had these enormous demonstrations all over the country against the Bill, and whereas there had been no sign of enthusiasm in favour of it, yet the Government would in the coming session of Parliament force the Bill through against the proved opinion of the electors of the country. It was to be one of the first items that they would take into consideration in the session. It remained to be seen what would arise from this, but in the meantime it was noticeable that the Government simply went about dealing on the platforms with the land question, which indicated that they were not proud of their disestablishment.

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SWILLINGTON AND PRESTON CONSERVATIVES.

MEETING AT GARFORTH BRIDGE.

Under the auspices of the Swillington and Preston Conservative and Unionist Association a smoking concert was held in the Old George Hotel, Garforth Bridge, on Saturday night. Mr J. C. Bartle was to have presided, but he wrote regretting his inability to fulfil the engagement owing to a sudden call away. In his place Mr E. H. Lowe (Allerton Bywater) officiated, and he was supported by Mr C. Marsden (secretary), Mr R. Lodge (agent for the Barkston Ash Division), Mr T. W. Noble, Mr J. W. Poole, Mr A. Gummerson, Mr A. Fatcher, and Mr Grainger. An enjoyable evening was spent by all, a lengthy programme of musical items being gone through. Those contributing to the harmony were Messrs T. W. Noble, A. Mann, J. W. Poole, Rawdin, Rea, and Brunton.

An address was given by Mr J. W. Will, of Bradford, who is touring the division as agent of the Yorkshire Division of the Conservative and Unionist Association. He hoped, he said, to justify the party he stood for by pointing out the fallacies of the present Government. Whatever creed they had been brought up to if they examined the affairs of their country as they were to-day they would agree that all was not satisfactory. What they wanted to get at was the cause of the dissatisfaction. Whatever section of the community they cared to look at they would find a great feeling of unrest. If they looked at the industrial classes they would find that during the past few years the epidemic of strikes had been greater than at any time previous to the coming into power of the present Government. What was the cause? In the first place, it was due to the Ministers stumping the country and pointing out that certain conditions existed, and in attempting to remedy these conditions they had made things actually worse. The favourite cry of the Liberal Party was retrenchment and economy. In the face of it, it was peculiar that the party of economy had the largest Budget ever known in the history of the country. Taxation was unparalleled, and naturally being taxed so high they wanted to know what they were going to get for it. Practically speaking, there was not a man, woman, or child who was in a better position to-day than before the incoming of the Government. They had been promised rare and refreshing fruits. It was, however, more like knocking the cherry against the mouth of the British public. To sum up the Liberal Party, it was a party of destruction. The policy of the Liberals was always to destroy. He had always been taught that the policy of true statesmanship was the policy that constructs. The Liberal Party had, however, destroyed the constitution, and had done nothing to remedy it. Mr Will referred to Mr Asquith's promise about the reform of the House of Lords. That pledge, he said, had been made some three years ago and had never been fulfilled. The party were endeavouring to destroy the Church in Wales, the union between England and Ireland and even more than that. If they examined the offices of the army they found the same destructive policy, and in the navy too. They had had just recently what had been called the land campaign. They had perhaps been asked to focus their attention on that very issue. When the Budget of 1909 was introduced the Chancellor of the Exchequer had made the remarkable statement that in this country there were good and bad landlords, but the good landlords were so overwhelmingly in the majority that the bad landlords would have to follow the example of the good. However, they found that when the land inquiry was commenced, Mr Lloyd George said in the House of Commons that the land was vital and essential to the welfare of the country, and that was the reason for his investigations into this problem. He appealed to the Conservative Party for their co-operation, and, as a party, they were agreed to co-operate with him so far as he asked for assistance in friendly fashion. He went to Bedford to commence his land campaign, and in his speech set class against class. They found him making most atrocious statements, which were utterly untrue. He contended that if owners of land and the farmers were allowed to settle their own affairs they would come to a far better agreement. In conclusion, Mr Will dealt with the question of the Navy and Home Rule.

A vote of thanks to Mr Will was proposed by Mr R. Lodge, seconded by Mr Noble, and heartily carried.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATION ROAD, TADCASTER.

IMPROVEMENT AT SHERBURN CROSS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster—Mr E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Col. Gascoigne (Lotherton), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs B. Benham and H. Green (Garforth), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., W. Sykes, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), J. W. Dobson (Newth-upe), W. P. Nicholson (Sturton Grange), W. Simpson (Lead), J. Woodsworth and E. H. Lowe (Great Preston), R. Wright (Barwick), T. H. Prater (Parlington), J. H. Scholefield (Oxton), J. Hewett and J. Harding (Kippax), F. Phillips, R. Benson, H. Sandy, and Pearson (Allerton Bywater), R. H. Hooper (Askham Bryan), Walter Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), E. Midgley (Colton), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), J. J. Foster and T. Hey (Sherburn), Copley (Ryther), F. Myers (Bilbrough), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), Carlton (Stutton), Gray (Church Fenton), J. Ladley (Kirkby Wharfe), E. Parker (Ledsham), J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), and White (Barkston), with Mr Dabrey (Acting Clerk), Mr Mountain (Relieving Officer), Mr Dixon and Mr Wood (sanitary inspectors).

The Chairman said they would all be sorry to know that Canon Greenwood and Mr Bromet were ill.

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £5,455 in hand.

THE HOUSE

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been four admissions and one discharge from the workhouse, and the inmates numbered 92 in the workhouse and 19 in the children's home against 95 and 19 at the corresponding date of last year.

The tramps relieved during the fortnight were 21 and 31 against 19 and 33.

The minutes of the House Committee showed that a gift of books and oranges for the inmates of the infirmary had been received from Mrs G. A. Bromet, and a resolution of thanks to her was passed. An application from Mr and Mrs Bortoft for an increase of salary was ordered to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

Mr Dishrey read the half-yearly return of pauperism to July, 1913, and there were 104 indoor poor, 52 lunatics, 321 outdoor poor, and 3 casuals—total 480, a decrease of 18 as compared with the corresponding half-year of 1912.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The minutes of the Sanitary Committee showed that plans for two houses in Station Road, Allerton Bywater, were passed.

A wooden building has been erected by a person at Kippax, and he is to be asked to remove it at once.

It was reported that a drain at Ledsham was broken, and Mr Cox is to be written to and asked to provide a new length of pipe.

A proper system of dry Ash Closets has failed to comply with the Council's orders to provide privy and ashpit accommodation at his property, and legal proceedings are to be taken.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board sanctioning loans of £100 and £100 for different periods, but it was resolved to ask sanction to the borrowing of £400 to meet the cost of the schemes.

It was stated that Mr Foster had accepted the Council's offer of £23 for easements at Sherburn.

In regard to the old sewage works at Sherburn, a letter was read from Mr Prater, and it was resolved that the land should be put into proper condition.

The minutes were approved.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Highways Committee showed that a tender for £8 had been accepted for putting a fence into repair at Ledstone.

The question of a footpaths improvement at Allerton Bywater was adjourned.

An application for an increase of salary was received from the surveyor in order to enable him to run a motor car, and it was adjourned.

In regard to a quarry at Aberford, certain correspondence was submitted, and it was resolved to refer to the Parish Council that it was the property of the lord of the manor, and that the Council had no locus standi.

A letter was read from Sherburn Parish Council asking that a footpath should be repaired, and it was referred to the surveyor.

A letter was read from Mr S. Smith, of Tadcaster, offering land for the widening of Oxton Lane at 2s. a yard, and it was resolved to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to purchase land for the improvement.

An application for leave to open a road at Aberford was received from the Garforth Gas Co., and it was granted.

It was decided to write to the N.E.R. Co. and ask them to deal with the approaches to the Railway Bridge at Church Fenton.

STATION ROAD, TADCASTER

A letter was read from the County Council stating that they cannot accede to the application for a grant towards the cost of maintaining Station Road, Tadcaster.

The Chairman said that he had seen both the county surveyor and the county solicitor about the matter, and they denied that it was a main road. When the railway was made the new road in front of the workhouse was constructed, and that was not the main road.

Mr Sykes asked what about the road from Boston Road end. The traffic there still remained.

The Chairman said that was so. They showed on plans that that never was a main road. He could not understand it. The West Riding officials absolutely denied that it was a main road, but it seemed to him most ridiculous that a main road should commence near the houses, and not be continued to meet the other main road.

Mr Sykes said he should like to see the plans. He supposed that the Council had no plans.

The Chairman said the only people who would have had information would be the Vestry, whose duties were taken over by the Parish Council.

Mr Sykes said it would be worth while going into the matter.

Mr Wright said that the people who would have had information would have been the old highway surveyors.

The Chairman said that the books should now be in possession of the Parish Council.

Mr Parker asked if it was within the province of the County Council to make a grant for the maintenance of the road.

The Chairman: Certainly.

Mr Parker said he thought they ought to do that.

Mr Wright said that when a census of the traffic was taken it was found that there were fifty local vehicles to one outside vehicle.

The matter afterwards dropped, it being understood that further inquiries would be made.

SHERBURN CROSS

In regard to the proposed improvement at Sherburn Cross, it was reported that Mrs Pearson, the owner of land that was required, declined to sell.

The reason for the refusal was stated to be a fear that if land was removed it might disturb the foundations of the property.

Mr Hey said it would take very little land to carry out the improvement.

Mr Sykes said it was a very necessary improvement.

Mr Foster asked if it would not be as well to appoint a deputation to see the owner.

Mr Scott said that he had seen the owner.

Mr Sykes: What did you ask for?

Mr Scott: For a few yards off the garden.

The Chairman suggested that the Sherburn representatives and the surveyor see the owner.

Mr Hey said he would be very pleased to meet Mr Scott.

The Chairman: We don't want to damage her property in any way.

Mr Hey: Certainly not. But we want this improvement carried out.

It was agreed that the Sherburn representatives and the surveyor meet Mrs Pearson.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

MEET AT WIGHILL.

The Bramham Moor Hounds were on Friday at Wighill Village, meeting in the customary field alongside Mr J. Miles Dawson's residence. As is always the case on Fridays, the field was largely augmented from the York and Ainsty Hunt, among those present being Prince Arthur of Connaught. Despite the drawbacks of catchy scent and boisterous wind, hounds put in a busy, though by no means brilliant day's sport. A ringing fox from Shirecoates was eventually killed at Helbholes, after a slow hunt of 35 minutes.

Ainsty Cliff was blank. A narrow spinney near by held a fox, which went down the York Road and was marked to ground. Bilbrough White was blank, but also was Catterton Wood, but at the Springs hounds found, and pointed near Bilbrough. The fox, however, turned left-handed by Catterton Village, and crossing the drain, went over Healaugh Village, where he bore to the left, leaving Duce Wood just on the right, and pointed for Catterton, but swung into Shireoaks and was marked to ground after a slow hunt of 40 minutes.

Hall Parks was now drawn, and a nice hunting run of 30 minutes began by the fox going through Champaigne Gorse and Hatfield's Plantation, and after crossing the York and Wetherby Road to the Big Wood at Ingmanthorpe, it went on leaving the Willow Garth on the right, to within a field of Goose Moor, where the fox turned and pointed for Hesleden Field Rush, but having right-handed, reached Lingcroft and got to ground.

MEET AT RYTHER.

On Saturday the Bramham Moor Hounds were at Ryther.' An outlyer picked up near the Ryther Beck to the left of the Ryther coverts, and, crossing the Sherburn and Cawood Road, went over the Bishop Dyke to Bishop Woods, and being pushed through this wood strongfield was hunted across Cawood Common, and leaving the light railway station on the right, headed back towards Ryther, but turning right-handed the fox crossed the river, and pointed for Brayton Wood, after a slow hunt of an hour and 15 minutes, during which some good hound work was seen. A fox found in the Ryther coverts was almost at once lost. The day ended with woodland hunting in Bishop Woods.

MEET AT NORTH DEIGHTON.

The Bramham Moor Hounds met on Monday at North Deighton, in spring-like weather. The day began with a surprising number of blank draws, which included such well-known covers as Smiler's Gorse, Deighton Spring, Dent's Plantation, Brahm Wood, Scalabar, Abraham's Whin, Tickhill, Birkham Wood, and the Plumpton Covers. Hounds then went on to Rudding Park, but did not find there. They did find, however, in the park at Sir Joseph Ratcliffe's covers, near the Crimple Viaduct, but the fox got to ground after crossing a field in the direction of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Road. Hook-gate provided the next fox, which went through Bathing Well, and turned right-handed across the Harrogate railway and was lost near the Sharbeck line while pointing for Spacey Houses.

Leconfield's Gorse was afterwards drawn, and a fox pointed at first for Kirkby Overblow, but turned left-handed through Parkin Wood, and crossing the railway, reached Follifoot. Up to this point hounds had run Tase for 25 minutes. They now hunted on slowly into Rudding Park, and got their fox out on the Spofforth side, but soon lost him. Finding again in Ingham's Gorse, hounds ran out towards Lund Head, where they turned sharply to the right, and passing Low Haw, ran straight up, leaving the Leconfield Gorse on the right, and went forward fast past Leconfield's Gorse up to the brickworks at Follifoot.

A long check here ensued, the fox being eventually hunted on over the top of Grimpit Tunnell, pointing for Fulwith Brow. Here he turned right-handed across the railway to Bathing Well, and on through Rudding Park, and out towards the brickworks. Here he turned left-handed again, and leaving Leconfield's Gorse on the left, was hunted slowly through Herbert's Larches to Walton Head, and hounds were stopped after a run of one hour and 20 minutes.

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WEST RIDING JUNIOR CUP.

On Saturday afternoon the next round of the West Riding Junior Cup Competition will be played, and the only representatives in the tourney now are Wetherby, who will play Clarence Iron and Steel Works (Leeds), who ousted Garforth. Where the latter failed many will probably think Wetherby will not succeed, but given a fair amount of luck they may do better than many anticipate. The match will be decided at Wetherby. One of the most interesting games will be at Fryston, where Allerton Bywater intend to make a strong bid for honours.

DRIGHTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

On Saturday afternoon in the Drighton Shield Competition Garforth White Rose defeated Aberford by the odd goal in three, Wetherby Cor. scored the only goal got in the match with Boston Spa, and Whitkirk overcame Monk Fryston by three to nil. Tadcaster had a good victory over Harewood, and South Milford beat Barwick by three goals to two.

TADCASTER V. HEWORTH.

In the third round of the Faber Cup Competition on Saturday these teams met on the Heworth ground, in windy weather. Both sides were at full strength, and a close game was expected. In league engagements the "Magpies" were successful by 3 goals to nil, and in the return Heworth won by the same margin. The "Magnets'" supporters were, however, confident of at least a draw, and the result of 5 to 1 in favour of Heworth came as a big surprise. Especially was this so, as when playing against a strong wind the visitors proved themselves the better team in all departments, and at half-time, with no score, and the wind in their favour, it was expected the "Magnets" would have no difficulty in winning. The first half had been contested strenuously, and whether the pace had told on the visitors or not there is little doubt that Heworth were all over them in the opening stages of the second half, and quickly registered 3 goals. The homesters continued to hold the upper hand, although the "Magnets'" forwards indulged in some good movements. The halves, however, did not hold the opposing forwards at all well. Eberbeck, Madeley, and Moss, for the visitors, were often dangerous, and the first-named on several occasions was the victim of questionables tactics when going strong for goal. Garbutt, at half, who always proves useful, whilst the backs, although playing a sound game in the first half, were unable to cope with the rushes of the Heworth forwards in the second moiety. Moverley made many good saves, and was in no way to blame for the heavy defeat.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

In the Senior League on Saturday afternoon Waterloo Main (Templenewsam), who seem to be improving, defeated Benson Lane R.R. by two goals to one, and Rothwell W.R. went under to Wortley United by a goal to nil. Methley Perseverance and East Ardsley played a drawn game of two goals each. Horsforth overcame East Hunslet by six goals to two.

The Waterloo team entertained the Benson Lane team at Thorne's Farm, East Leeds. Hanley kicked off for the visitors, and the home team forced a trio of corners early in the game, but the strong cross wind made scoring very difficult. After twenty minutes' play a pass by Dale to Platts, the home centre-forward, gave the latter an opening, and rushing down the ball sent in a splendid shot which completely beat Poole. Close on time Crossley scored for Waterloo Main with a shot high up in the net, far out of Poole's reach. At half-time Waterloo Main had a two goals' lead, and afterwards Benson lane scored.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT CUP.

The third round of the Leeds and District Cup Competition will be played on February 21st, and the draw is as follows:—

Waterloo Main (Colliery v. Altofts Albion.
Referee, Mr H. Milburn.
Leeds University Y.M.I. v. Methley Perseverance. Referee, Mr R. W. Smithers.
Rothwell Parish Church v. New Wortley Gas Works or Altofts White Star. Referee, Mr E. J. Milner.
Beeston Hill Parish Church v. East Hunslet. Referee, Mr W. Lupton.

Rothwell Parish Church seem to have a good chance of securing the trophy.

ROTHWELL CHARITY CUP.

Aided by a strong wind, and thanks to the indiscreet play of one of the visitors, Rothwell Parish Church defeated Methley Parish Church by fifteen goals to nil at Rothwell on Saturday afternoon. Had the homesters only have found their shooting boots in the first half of the match the score would have been even greater. The Methley lot were a weak combination, but if they had only maintained the form which they displayed in the opening stages Rothwell would not have had the game entirely to themselves. The homesters kicked off, facing uphill and a stiff breeze. Methley took the ball down the field, but play was quickly reversed, the homesters carrying the leather back into their opponents' area. Here the ball remained for some time, and the Rothwell forwards tried to get the leather into the net, but the wind proved an awkward factor, while many of the kicks were badly placed. However, Hirst got in a good shot which beat the visitors' custodian, who also fell beneath the attempts of Hitchin and another by Hirst. Once matters looked bright for Methley when the right wing man gained possession, but the ball was carried to the field by the wind quicker than he could sprint, and rolled dead. Just before the interval a clever passing movement was seen on the left wing, but this ended fruitlessly. At half-time, Rothwell had a lead of three goals to nothing. The second half would have made a good comedy for the cinematograph. Methley were helpless, and little wonder their goaler was deprived. Goal after goal (twelve in all) was scored, and of this number a Methley full-back contributed his share. The scorers were Shiers, Hirst, Pickersgill, Stringer (5), Gregg, Lunn, and Kale.

SHADWELL AND THE CUP.

Shadwell lads defeated York Road boys in the second round of the Schools' Cup Competition on Saturday afternoon. The match was at Shadwell, and the homesters, at the outset, had the advantage of a boisterous wind, but Nugent, Hopkins, and Broadmount put up a gallant defence, and it was not until near the interval that the Industrial lads could notch a point. On resuming the Roaders asserted themselves, and Kershaw scored a soft goal. Stung by this reverse the homesters attacked with vigour, and a shot by Jackson cannoned off Nuttpriss. Especially was this so, as when playing against a strong wind the visitors proved themselves the better team in all departments, and at half-time, with no score, and the wind in their favour, it was expected the "Magnets" would have no difficulty in winning. The first half had been contested strenuously, and whether the pace had told on the visitors or not there is little doubt that Heworth were all over them in the opening stages of the second half, and quickly registered 3 goals. The homesters continued to hold the upper hand, although the "Magnets'" forwards indulged in some good movements. The halves, however, did not hold the opposing forwards at all well. Eberbeck, Madeley, and Moss, for the visitors, were often dangerous, and the first-named on several occasions was the victim of questionables tactics when going strong for goal. Garbutt, at half, who always proves useful, whilst the backs, although playing a sound game in the first half, were unable to cope with the rushes of the Heworth forwards in the second moiety. Moverley made many good saves, and was in no way to blame for the heavy defeat.

CRITICISM OF GARFORTH MANOR FARM.

A FARMER WHO LEARNED NOTHING.

The annual meeting of the Wharfedale Chamber of Agriculture was held at Otley on Friday, Mr T. Lupton (Farnley) presiding. The balance-sheet showed £15 4s. 1d. in hand. Mr F. H. Fawkes, of Farnley Hall, was elected president, with Mr I. Rhodes (Carlton) vice-chairman. Mr George Skirrow was re-elected secretary.

When it was proposed that the Chamber should make a trip to the West Riding Council farm at Garforth, Mr George Carver (Clifton), said that on the occasion of a former visit he was far from satisfied with what he saw. There was only one breed of pigs and one breed of cattle. A calf was being raised on some sort of fat food, but he would be ashamed to own such a calf.

The Chairman: Did you learn anything while you were there?

Mr Carver: I learnt nothing.

The Chairman: I am of opinion you cannot learn anything where they are losing hundreds of the ratepayers' money. We have to make our farms pay.

Mr I. Rhodes, who was also one of the former party, said he did not think the visit was quite worth the expense, and Mr T. Dinsdale (Otley) said the stock was a disgrace to the county that kept it, but there were some good crops of grass.

Mr H. Lamb (Arthington) said the first time he was at the farm there was a large number of pigs and cattle, but now they did not do well and were dropped. The grass tillage was one of the most interesting features of the farm.

Mr Carver criticised the small quantities of land which were under the experiments in grass tillage. He wanted the members to go again, however, in the interests of the whole of the agriculturists in the West Riding. They could then see if there had been any improvement since their previous visit, and, if there had not been, they could condemn the methods.

Mr A. W. Hargreaves (Bramhope) pointed out that considerable expense was necessary on the experimental farm, as against an ordinary farm, in that all the manures and products were carefully weighed, checked, and the results recorded. In relation to the feeding of his own cattle, he had recently benefitted by advice from the farm.

It was finally decided to pay another visit to Garforth, and a small committee was appointed to arrange the details.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

BRAMHAM MOOR.		
Friday	Feb. 6—11.0	Deighton Bar, Gateforth.
Saturday	Feb. 7—11.0	Harewood House, Carwood.
Monday	Feb. 9—11.0	Wighill Park, Ogglethorpe Hall.
Wednesday	Feb. 11—11.0	
Friday	Feb. 13—11.0	
Saturday	Feb. 14—11.0	

YORK AND AINSTY.		
Friday	Feb. 6—11.0	Escrick Park, Thirkleby Park.
Saturday	Feb. 7—11.0	Blue Bridge, Acaster Malbis.
Monday	Feb. 9 11.0	Huntington Village, Osgodby Hall.
Tuesday	Feb. 10—11.0	
Thursday	Feb. 12—11.0	
Saturday	Feb. 14—11.0	

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THE GOLDEN HOPE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "Daniel Quayne," "The Harvest Moon," "When Charles the First was King," &c.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

LAURENCE WORKMAN, the inventor of a new motor for aeroplanes.

SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.

L'ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.

LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXII.

When Sir John Bedford left Miss Delomosne in Eaton-square she found herself faced by a question which Life puts to some of us a good many times, to others of us seldom, but to all of us at least once—What to do next? There are some of us who answer that question easily and readily; others of us who find it difficult to answer. Miss Delomosne, at this juncture, felt herself to be one of the latter class, and, after some thought, she took refuge in a proposal to do what everybody else of that class does—that is, to seek counsel of somebody wiser and stronger than herself. And, being a woman, she naturally turned to a man for counsel, and the man she instinctively selected for the rôle of father-confessor was the man to whom she herself wanted to give advice.

Miss Delomosne had been curiously interested in Laurence Workman from the moment of their meeting on board the Princess Elisbeth. He seemed to her to represent a type of man of whom she had known little. His very faults—which only amounted to a certain outspokenness, and perhaps too much candour—commended him to her, because she had, by some strange whim of fortune, lived from childhood in a certain atmosphere of trickery and deceit. Then, again, his sublime self-confidence; the way in which he insisted upon himself; the fashion in which he laughed away obstacles—all these things appealed to her more strongly than she herself imagined. And she was now resolved to do all that lay in her power to save him from the machinations of Sir John Bedford, of whose nature and character she herself was only too well aware.

With a woman of Miss Delomosne's temperament immediate action always follows resolution. She knew Laurence's address, and determined to go to him that very evening, taking her chance of finding him there or not. Sir Herbert Armadale, when in town, invariably went to his club in the afternoon, and very often dined there—he had mentioned at lunch that day that he intended to follow this course that night, and Miss Delomosne accordingly made her own plans. At 8 o'clock, very quietly dressed, and wearing a thick veil, she left the house, and presently, finding a taxicab, was carried away to the dismal region in which Armadales, Limited, reared its roofs and chimneys. On her way down she suddenly encountered Sir John Bedford's motor-car—that worthy gentleman glanced at the occupant of the taxicab, and promised no sign of recognition. It seemed to Miss Delomosne that he looked preoccupied and careworn, and she wondered if the afternoon had brought any further developments in his machinations.

Laurence had reached his lodgings before Miss Delomosne arrived, and was in a state of considerable depression. The accident to Groot had upset all his calculations; he knew of another workman whom he could have brought over from Germany, but in that case could not place the trust and confidence, either as workman or man, which he had placed in Groot. Then, again, there was the mystery of the anonymous letter still troubling him; he had put it from him as far as he could, but, in spite of himself, he could not help thinking about it. He had never known what it was to harbour or encourage gloomy feelings; but he certainly felt just then that there was some conspiracy of fate against him. He was like a man who could not resist tempting to touch its contents, for some minutes after she had gone. Presently she came upstairs again, tapped at his door, and looked in.

"There's a lady would like to see you, sir," she said.

Laurence stared at her. "A lady to see me?" he exclaimed.

"A tallish lady—in a veil, sir."

"Then bring her up," he said. His first thoughts turned immediately to Charity Wraye—there could be no one else. Surely nothing else had gone wrong on this most unlucky day! Surely there was nothing the matter with Dickie!

Then the door opened again, and he found himself face to face with Miss Delomosne.

Laurence was quick to rise to the occasion, mindful of the fact that his landlady was still within the room. He welcomed his visitor quietly, and bade the landlady bring another cup.

"You must be very much surprised to see me, Mr. Workman," he said Miss Delomosne, as she took the chair which Laurence drew forward for her.

"Very many strange things are happening just now, Miss Delomosne," he replied. "That I am almost forgetting how to feel surprised. I am very glad to see you here, and I hope you will let me give you a cup of tea. I'm afraid," he went on, as the landlady returned with a cup and saucer—"I'm afraid I've nothing much to offer you, but perhaps—"

"Please, I only want a cup of tea," she said. She waited until Laurence had handed her the cup and the landlady had gone, and then she continued: "Mr. Workman, I came to see you because I felt that I must."

"Yes?" he said.

"You are quite right in saying that strange things are happening just now," she went on. "I am sorry to be concerned in them, but I am. It was I who wrote the anonymous letter which you showed us at the Carlton Dinner."

A word, and to Laurence's surprise Laurence did not seem to receive this announcement with any great amount of wonder. He poured out a cup of tea for himself, and sat by the table slowly sipping it, and he merely nodded his head on hearing her confession.

"Yes," he said. "I knew that someone either employed by the firm or connected with some member of the firm had written the letter."

"You did! Why?" she asked.

"Because the paper on which it is typed was some specially manufactured for the firm, and the typewriter also is of a make exclusively used by the firm and its members," he answered.

Miss Delomosne gazed at him wonderingly. "That was clever of you," she said.

"Not at all—the two facts were pointed out to me by a friend," he replied.

"Who is evidently well acquainted with the inner workings of Armadales, Limited, then," she said.

"Just so," said Laurence.

Miss Delomosne trifled with her teaspoon at last she looked up at him. "You must wonder why I sent you that anonymous letter?" she said.

"No," he replied, "I don't. Because I am sure you sent it meaning to do me a service. But—"

"Well!" she said, seeing him hesitate because of some thought which he did not seem to care to put into words.

"Why not have told me of this yourself instead of sending me that letter?" he asked.

"Ah!" she replied. "Perhaps I should have done so. Now—have you any idea as to the identity of the people who are trying to rob you, cheat you?"

Laurence shook his head. "So far—none," he answered.

"Then, whatever it may cost me, I am going to tell you," she said. "I can't rest until you know. The—"

"Stop!" he said. "You say 'whatever it costs me.' Am I to understand that there might be personal danger to yourself—personal danger, mind!—in your telling me what you evidently know?"

"It is possible that there might be," she replied.

Laurence rose and began to pace the room. "Then don't tell me, please," he said. "If—"

"No," she said, interrupting him with a peremptory motion of her hand. "That's no use. I must tell you! If you don't let me tell you, I shall tell somebody else—the police, I suppose."

Laurence watched her in silence for a full minute.

"Very well," he said.

Miss Delomosne handed him her cup. She folded her hands on her knee, and something very hard and determined came into her face.

"You must have wondered who your enemies were," she said. "Yet you say you have no idea of their identity. Well, then, first and foremost, Sir John Bedford."

Laurence made no sign. He stood leaning against the table, his hands thrust deep into the pockets of his trousers, watching his visitor intently.

"And with him Francis Armadale—"

"What!" Laurence exclaimed. "No!"

"I tell you the truth," she said. "It was he who initiated the whole plot. He knew what you were attempting, and estimated its worth."

"Go on," said Laurence.

"And M. Bremond."

Laurence laughed, almost incredulously. "Oh, I say!" he exclaimed. "Why, he is a priest!"

"No," she said. "He is a most unscrupulous Belgian speculator and financial agent—a moneylender, in fact—who passes himself off as an ecclesiastic on occasions."

Laurence stared at her as if he could scarcely believe his own ears.

"Anyone else?" he asked.

"Yes—the Frenchman, Paul Sabatier."

Laurence gave vent to his feelings in a sharp whistle. "Ah!" he said. "Now I see daylight. Sabatier! That, then, was why they stole my last lot of papers! They thought that Sabatier would be able to deduce my secret from them. Well—I say, How diabolically clever. Sabatier indeed! Why, Paul Sabatier is the most ingenious chemist and chemical engineer in Europe. Tell me—tell me," he exclaimed, "what do they intend—what are they doing?"

"They want to sell the—whatever it is—to the German Government," she replied.

"And they—are they—is Sabatier at work on my papers—has he found the secret, the formula?" he demanded.

Miss Delomosne shook her head. "I don't know," she answered.

Laurence smote the palms of his hands together. "And your part!" he said, suddenly turning on her. "What were you to do? You must have been privy to this for some time—perhaps from the beginning? Ah! I see it now. I met you on the Ostend boat—perhaps you were tracking me then. And Bremond—he, too, was there! Why don't you tell me! Tell me—all. Sabatier in possession of my papers! Why, I may be ruined. Who would believe me against Sabatier!"

He was now so agitated that Miss Delomosne rose and laid her hand pleasingly on his arm.

"Mr. Workman," she said, earnestly, "believe me, I didn't know everything—everything until this morning. I knew a little, thing by thing, but this morning I knew all. believe me again—I've come to you as soon as I could, and I hope and think I'm not too late."

Laurence stared at her as if he could scarcely believe anything that anybody ever told him again.

"Why do you think you're not too late?" he demanded.

"Because Sir John Bedford tried to induce me this morning to persuade you to let him and his friends come in with you," she answered. "That shows that so far, at any rate, Sabatier has not succeeded."

Laurence, who had dropped into a chair, he was impatiently beating the hearthrug with his right foot, stared at her again with a sharply questioning gaze.

"What made you come and tell me in the end?" he said. "Pardon me if I seem suspicious, or speak rudely or wantedly to you, but I am easily wronged, and I don't understand—I don't understand!" he broke out, bringing his fist heavily down upon his knee, "you've evidently been in their confidence for at any rate some of the time—what's made you break it in the end? I want to know."

If he had not been so excited, so carried away by his indignation, he would have seen that Miss Delomosne became very pale, and that her fingers tightened upon each other.

"Mr. Workman," she said, "I could not tell you of this until now, or, at any rate, until recently, because I was in Sir John Bedford's power."

"You! In his power!"

"Yes," she answered. "Let me tell you about it. John Bedford is a thoroughly bad man—a scoundrel. He had me in his power, and he abused his power."

Laurence gazed at her wonderingly and miserably. "I'm very sorry," he said.

"My father was Sir Herbert Armadale's dearest friend, and when he died he confided to Sir Herbert, who is also my legal guardian, and of whom I am very fond. When I was eighteen John Bedford wanted to marry me, and was continually urging himself upon me. I did not like him in any way, and steadily refused him. The truth was, Mr. Workman, I fused him. The truth was, Mr. Workman, I was in love—a young and foolish girl's love—with a man named Edward Penrose, who was, to all intents and purposes, the adopted son of Sir Herbert; had been educated by him, and was always with us in Eaton-square or at Hurstdene Manor, though he did not live with us. He was a very handsome and fascinating man, and I, as I say, was only eighteen. He exercised a terrible influence over me, and I was quite dominated by him by the time that I found out that he had been leading a double life, and was married to a woman who was then a hopeless inebriate. He persuaded me that he would feel if he knew of my secret about Edward Penrose. Lately, those letters have come into my hands, and I have destroyed them, so I fear John Bedford no longer. Now, Mr. Workman, do you understand why I did not speak before, and why I tell you that the man you have chiefly to deal with is a thorough scoundrel?"

Laurence, who had listened to this story with evident amazement, jumped to his feet, and stretched his arms, as if he meant to plunge into action.

"Yes, indeed," he said, "he is a scoundrel, and I am glad—very glad—you're out of his hands. And thank you for coming to tell me. I shall beat them yet, unless Sabatier has has already forestalled me. Sabatier! Ah! that's the difficulty. If only— Miss Delomosne, you will wait here while I run to the telegraph-office? I have an idea—a fine idea! Ring for more tea—please be at home. I will run there and back—it's not far."

Therewith, snatching up his hat, Laurence darted out of the room and the upstairs, leaving Miss Delomosne somewhat tearful and tremulous after her confession. It was very tremulous after her confession. It was very soon after this that Charity and Dickie Wraye came in and found her alone.

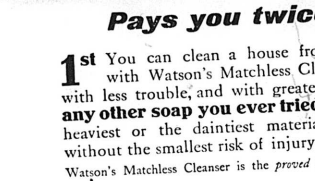
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Mr H Johnson efficiently acted as lanternist. Mr Fred Pearson, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr Hamilton, referred to the great interest he displayed in all parts of the district. This was seconded by Mr A. J. Wood, and supported by the President. The motion was carried with acclamation.

As a response to the vote, Mr Hamilton showed a series of unique slides recalling certain historic scenes of 14 years ago.

TEMPLENEWSAM AND ITS AFFAIRS.

ALLOTMENTS—RECREATION GROUND —BEE-KEEPING

A meeting of Templenewsam Parish Council was held at the Council School, Halton, on Monday evening—Mr Joseph Oxwid presiding. The other members present were Messrs Baker, Catton, Firth, Crosthwaite, Goodall and Speight, with the Clerk (Mr V. Greaves).

An application for an extra lamp to be placed in Barker's Yard was received from a ratepayer, who had been requested by eight other ratepayers to make the application. It was, however, explained that this was the work of the District Council, so the letter was to be handed over to that body.

The question of providing water to the allotments was again discussed, the cost being, of course, the principal obstacle in the way. It was proposed by Mr Catton and seconded by Mr Fitton that the cost of carrying the water be ascertained and brought before the next meeting of the Council. The resolution was carried.

A letter from the Leeds Town Clerk (Sir Robt. E. Fox) on the Roundhay, Harehills, and Crossgates town planning scheme was read, and a plan submitted. It was found that the scheme did not affect the parish to any large extent, only fringing the boundary, and it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the District Council.

The question of the fencing at the Recreation Ground was then brought before the meeting, and several tenders were read, but did not meet with the views of the Council, and after a long discussion the following resolution was carried:—"That 40 yards of iron fencing with terminal posts and a gate sufficiently wide to allow a perambulator to go through be purchased and fixed, with a view to continuing the same at a future date; that the remaining portion of the fence be repaired with wire netting, and that the work be placed in the hands of Mr Teale at once. Mr Greaves and Mr Goodall are to measure the ground to ascertain the length required.

It was decided to accept the offer of Mr Marsden (Templenewsam) of post and rails, and of Messrs Thomas Green and Sons for the iron fencing.

Mr Catton complained of the matter of arrears of rent by allotment holders, and said he considered that all the rents should be paid before the 1st of November each year. Mr Firth said the rents due January 1st should be paid before March 1st.

Mr Crosthwaite asked what the remedy was to secure payment. The answer was given that the rents for allotments were the same as the rates, and were due in advance, and if not paid summonses for payment could be issued, and fine the 1s 6d was then added. A resolution to that effect was then passed, and Mr Catton moved that as the Allotments' Association were having a meeting on Wednesday evening a copy of the resolution should be sent to that body and that their influence might be brought to bear in the matter. This was agreed to.

A letter was read from Mr Richardson, of Whitkirk, the secretary of the Yorkshire Bee-Keepers' Association, offering to present to the Parish Council a hive and bees for the use of the Allotments Association for the purpose of giving instruction on bee-keeping on Saturday afternoons or some other convenient time, suitable to himself and the parties wishing to learn. Mr Richardson proposed that the hive and bees offer be accepted, and that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Fitton and Mr Richardson. This was agreed to.

Mr Baker called attention to the bad state of the footpath over the pit hill in the Primrose Valley, and it was decided that Mr Marsden be written to and asked to put it in proper repair.

It was left to the lease a precept upon the overseers for the sum of £20.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for the last week in March.

On Friday the Hon. E. L. Wood's harriers met at Thornton Grange, and among those out were Mr Wood and Lady Dorothy Wood. Good sport ensued.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—A social gathering in connection with the Primrose League was held in the Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Thursday night, and the speeches were received by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., who is President of the Barkston Ash Divisional Council, and Mr J. S. R. Phillips. Mr Wood said that as to why no compromise was arrived at on the Irish question, they had no guarantee that that with the present state of politics, whatever settlement might be come to would not be torn up in ten years' time.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The registers of Rothwell and Harewood are to be printed by the Parish Register Society.

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Business was slack again at the Skyrack Court on Tuesday. Only ten cases were on the sheet.

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It is rumoured that the Labour Party intend to contest Osgoldcross and Morley divisions at next elections.

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A feature of a bazaar at Manston is to be an art gallery, and local artistes are invited to show their skill.

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Are they mean? Members of Rothwell Institute who leave the district without paying their subscriptions.

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Ten minutes sufficed to transact the business at Tadcaster Brewster Sessions on Monday. Quick work, wasn't it?

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Tadcaster Union, with a population of about 30,000, has 480 poor chargeable to the rates. Over fifty are lunatics.

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A Wharfedale farmer has stated that he learnt nothing from the Garforth Manor Farm. Is this a case of "eyes and no eyes?"

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Lord Hawke, of Wighill Park, Tadcaster, presided at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club on Friday.

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A well-known local agriculturist says that farming has gone down. Yet it is managing to keep a small army of healthy, happy men up.

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A mendicant who directed his weary steps to a policeman's house at Tadcaster got all he asked for. He is now enjoying free food and lodgings.

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It was stated at Rothwell Council meeting that the recently-appointed health visitor had visited 96 babies. Why not have a baby show in the summer?

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Heard at a Rothwell concert! The Chairman: Now ladies and gentlemen that concludes our programme. Will you kindly go home and have a nice supper?

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At the last three meetings of Barwick Council resolutions of sympathy have been passed with members who were ill. The Council seem unlucky in regard to health.

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Since Mr Lane Fox, M.P., made a few humorous remarks about the gradual disappearance of the pig, a daily newspaper has been making an investigation as to the reasons for its going.

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Exactly! The postmaster of Wakefield says there is no need for a money order office at Carlton, but, as one Councillor remarked, how does he know, seeing one does not now exist.

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From the poultry-run to the oven was the swift journey of a Sherburn fowl, and it was removed by a "bobby," who tracked it to its "lair" by feathers. It beats paper-chasing altogether.

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Folks notice! Complaint was made at a meeting in Barkston Ash about a parson fraternising with certain of his flock and ignoring others. Perhaps he is making the most of both worlds.

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Barwick Council do not like the idea of Leeds Council having any say in the administration of the parish property. Some of them are inclined to look upon it as the "thin end of the wedge."

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Mr Lane Fox, M.P., and Mr E. H. Foster were members of the County Council deputation to Mr John Burns last week anent the extension of county boroughs, etc. May they have succeeded in their object.

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"If great nations," writes the Vicar of Seacroft, "are not lost to Christianity it seems as though it will be by the agency of the Roman Church or the Protestant sects, at least if we do not wake up and be doing."

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A reflection on the "bobbies!" A defendant at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, who was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly, said "Someone went to fetch the policemen or whatever they are."

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Let Tadcaster, Rothwell, and Hunslet Councils note! Ald. Charles Wilson says that "Leeds ought not to be strangled by any petty little body, or series of petty authorities." Of course, the petty authorities should allow themselves to be strangled by Leeds, eh?

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Hunting is almost as dangerous as football. Several followers of the Bramham Moor and York and Ainsty have met with accidents recently, and others have engaged in bathing in the big drains up the district. The latter might try Roundhay Park lake for a change.

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Wonderful! During the month of December there were only five deaths recorded throughout the whole of the Wetherby Union, which has a population of 16,209. This works out at the extraordinary low figure of less than 4 per 1,000 per annum, and is the lowest on record.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., has been appointed President of Leeds Institute.

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In Lower Barkston Ash (Selby district) there are 54 "tied" pubs and 20 "free."

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Wetherby, Selby, and Garforth are the only places in the district which possess political clubs.

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Why don't the Committee of Rothwell Institute arrange for a course of Gilchrist lectures?

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Rothwell's record was satisfactory last month. Sixteen deaths (three of non-residents) and thirty births.

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Not a single case came before the magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday. Good Tadcaster.

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Absent-minded! At Tadcaster a magistrate—a lover of My Lady Nicotine—entered the Court with his pipe in his mouth.

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Two Barkston Ash politicians—Viscount Lascelles and Mr E. O. Simpson—delivered speeches in Pudsey Division on Saturday.

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If the Kippax Council do not intend forming a fire brigade, might they not do a neighbourly act and present their engine to Garforth?

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Sunday golfing takes place at Roundhay, Crossgates, and Wetherby. None the anglers are to have a turn at Roundhay on Sundays.

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Tract distributors are sometimes looked upon as a despised class of lowly church workers. Their services are appreciated at Bowers Allerton.

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The great Barkston Ash ambulance bazaar takes place at Monk Fryston Park—an ideal spot—in the merry month of May. Get your money ready.

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In the Leeds water scheme a very generous supply is allowed for Sherburn. If the people are to consume the water allowed them they will have a job on.

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A man charged at the Skyrack Court with having been drunk and disorderly, said the trouble arose over a dog. The dog did not make him drunk. That's a certainty.

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Apropos of the low death-rate in Wetherby rural area, it is related of a farmer, whose farm was over ninety, that he stated he did not think farming agreed with the old man.

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Mr Harold Storey stated that the abolition of plural voting in Barkston Ash would mean a reduction of the Conservative vote by 350. The Conservative estimate, however, is considerably less.

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Ambulance workers will note that arrangements have already been made for the competition for Col. Gascoigne's Cup (at Garforth), and for the inspection of the Aberfoyla League (at Parkington).

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Rothwell Council have at last decided to place no faith in the Man in the Moon, and the public fighting is to be carried out in such a manner that the people will not be left to walk in darkness.

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Wanted at Crossgates, where folks are always removing. In London there is a furniture removing van-driver who has a game on his back, and another man can put a piano on his head and walk away with it.

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Pressure will likely be put on the N.E.R. Co. to light the dangerous bridge at Church Fenton, where the lamentable motor-car accident occurred. The question has already received the consideration of the District Council.

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At the meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association at Whitkirk to-night a paper on "The Infirm of the Poor Law" will be read by Mr Arthur Lee, of Cross-gates. Workingmen members are particularly desired by the Association.

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Commenting upon the amount of arrears in subscriptions, a member of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute, at the annual meeting, asked how it was that another local club (where intoxicants are sold) had no such arrears. The reply came from the treasurer that if the members did not pay up the tap was stopped.

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It will likely be some time before the arbitrator's award in the dispute between Tadcaster District Council and Leeds Corporation is received. Of course, it is expected Tadcaster Council will get £20,000, but we hope they will get such a substantial sum as will assist in deterring Leeds from going on with schemes of "grab."

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Farmer, brewer, and poetry lover! Mr Michael Stead, of Kearby, Wetherby, is a farmer and brewer of ale. His farmyard is a picturesque sight, with its vats and barrels—a sight not common in these days when farming brewers are scarce. Mr Stead is active at the age of 78, and a great lover of poetry, samples of which he regales his friends with in the broadest dialect.

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CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

LECTURE ON BEN NEVIS.

On Monday evening, according to announcement, a lecture was to have been delivered by Mr F. Swann, of Leeds, on "The romance of ancient glass-making," under the auspices of the Crossgates Literary Society, but owing to his being ill, this had to be postponed, and the Society were fortunate in being able at the eleventh hour to have the gap filled by one of their vice-presidents, the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, who gave a lecture on "A day on Ben Nevis," illustrated by some fifty lantern slides. Mr E. Hawdesworth presided, and there was a good attendance.

Starting from Fort William, a defined line showed the path up the mountain from the glen side, which is comparatively easy walking for 1,260 feet, or about one-fourth of the ascent. At this elevation a lovely loch emerges into view, a favourite spot for the national pastime of curling. A description of a sudden storm on the mountain gave one an idea of the perils of mountaineering. Why go to Switzerland, asked the lecturer, with such magnificent scenery in our own land.

One of the finest slides represented cloudland 500 feet below the summit. The observatory, 4,400 feet above sea-level, was shown as seen at various seasons, and the representations of fog crystals, some over 6 feet in length, were very fine. Ben Nevis in winter, the highest point in the British Isles, has a covering of 20 feet of snow, and has been the training ground of Antarctic explorers. A story told by Rev. A. N Cooper, the walking parson, of a tramp being sent to the observatory 7½ miles Journey from Fort William in search of employment caused considerable merriment.

A ROBIN HOOD MAN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

AN EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR.

VERDICT OF "FELO DE SE."

Mr J. G. E. Gardner, coroner for the Northern District of Yorkshire, held an inquiry on Monday into the circumstances of an extraordinary affair at the Millbank Arms Hotel, Well, near Bedale, where John Wilfred (30), quarryman, of Robin Hood, shot himself.

The first witness called was Annie Waller, aged 21. She said the deceased, who was aged 36, was her brother. Up to a fortnight ago they had been living at Robin Hood, near Leeds. She kept house there for her brother for nine years, and before that time for her father. A fortnight ago her brother sold the furniture, and it realised about £6, which money her brother kept. They then went to Leeds and took lodgings from Mrs Green in Belgrave Street. Her brother was single, and was a quarryman by occupation, but had been out of occupation.

The Coroner: When did you leave Leeds?—Witness: On Friday last, for Ripon.

The Coroner: What was the idea in going to Ripon?

Witness: We were on our way to Tanfield. My brother said he would try and get work at his old place.

The Coroner: Where were you born?

Witness: I have forgotten the place, but my father used to live about here. My brother knew the place well.

The Coroner: What did you do at Ripon?

Witness explained that her brother went to the Unicorn Hotel at Ripon and booked a room. They had a box with them, and left it there. When with us saw the room it was too big. In answer to the coroner she explained that it was "too grand." She persuaded her brother to go to another hotel, and without telling the landlord of the Unicorn they left there and went to a temperance hotel. Witness did not know the name of it. Her brother was charged 2s. 6d. for the room and 1s. each for breakfast. They only had one room. In the morning they went to the Unicorn Hotel for the luggage, and had to pay 7s. 6d. for the room they had engaged before they could get the box. They left Ripon on Friday morning for Tanfield, and arriving at the station her brother left the box, and said some men would call for it.

The Coroner: Did he not leave the box in the name of Wilson?

Witness: No, he did not give any name.

The Coroner: But you know the station authorities do not take luggage without a name being given. How do you think they got hold of the name Wilson?

Witness: The name was on the box, and they must have got it from there.

The Coroner: Has your brother used the name Wilson before?

Witness: Yes; at Leeds. We went as Mr and Mrs Wilson. We had to go as man and wife, or else we would not have got a room.

The Coroner: But you could have used the name of Waller.

Witness stated that they could have done so. Witness proceeding, said that leaving Tanfield station they went on to Nosterfield, and had a drink of beer. Her brother had had some beer at Ripon, as he had left for Ripon after about an hour from Nosterfield they walked to Langwith, with the intention of going through Well, and on to Tanfield again for lodgings. They had had nothing to eat since breakfast.

When at Langwith, coming to a field, her brother said "Now, wait here a moment, I won't be long." With that her brother went through the gate of the field, and she heard a shot. Witness said she shouted "Jack, come; I am frightened." She went to seek her brother and found he was lying on the ground dead.

Witness said that before they left Robin Hood her brother had a "bit of cold." He had the doctor, but soon got better. He had never threatened to take his life before. The Coroner pointed out that their night at Ripon had cost them 7s. 6d. for the Unicorn Hotel, and 4s. 6d. for the Temperance Hotel. Did witness know how much money deceased had upon him. She replied that she did not, and would be much surprised to hear that he had not a penny piece upon him.

Alfred Kettlewell, labourer, Nosterfield, said that on Saturday afternoon he passed the last witness and the deceased walking on the road towards Nosterfield about 150 yards from Tanfield. The man was walking with his head down and the woman was about three yards behind him. Witness called at the public house at Nosterfield and the couple he had passed came in about half-an-hour later. The man ordered a glass of beer and a lemon. Witness asked the man if there was a trip in, and he replied: "No, we have come by train." Witness added that the man did not say it was an ordinary train. Witness then asked the man if he had come from Leeds, and he replied: "No, further than Leeds." Witness then asked from Low Moor? and the man replied: "No, nearer Halifax than Low Moor." Witness said that that was all the conversation. The couple went out and seemed to walk a little quicker than when they did at the time he first saw them. The couple seemed to be on friendly terms. He had seen the landlady of the public house who said that the man gave her us., and she gave him 6d. change. There was nothing in the man's behaviour to give witness any suspicions. "He seemed a nice young man," commented the witness.

Police Constable Coulan stationed at Well, said that on Saturday he received information of this affair at 5.45 p.m., when he met the first witness crying and in a distressed state. She said: "My brother has shot himself in the field." Witness accompanied the woman for about three-quarters of a mile to the field. He found the man lying on his back. The woman said that the deceased said to her: "I am going behind the hedge to shoot myself," and that she did not pay any heed to him, not thinking that he had any intention of doing it. Witness searched the deceased and found a box of cartridges, a pocket knife box, and there were five cartridges in the revolver, and three spent ones. He also found a railway guide and a key, but no money at all.

Dr A. W. Hansell, medical practitioner, of Bedale, said he was called in at the Millbank Arms, Well, to examine the body. There was a wound at the right side of the head, no singeing, and another wound four inches above the left ear. The bullet had gone straight through the skull. Only one shot had entered the head, and it was feasible for the man to have shot himself.

Annie Waller was recalled, and in answer to the coroner, said she went to the policeman and said her brother had shot himself. She had some more conversation, but she was quite sure that she did not say to the police constable that her brother had told her to wait, as he was going behind the hedge to shoot himself.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that she did not know of any trouble her brother might be in, nor even about being unemployed or in connection with a woman. When they were in lodgings at Leeds they had one room. For sleeping, one had the bed and the other the chair on afternoon nights. She had no other brother, but four sisters, and she had written to them.

The jury, after a minute's deliberation, and without retiring, returned a verdict of "Felo de se."

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr J. Butterick being elected to the chair in the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman. Other members present were: Mrs Dickinson, Rev. F. Cody, Dr E. Groves, Messrs D Hargreaves, W. Verity, J. Gwinn, E. B. Pickersgill, T. Conyers, W. Schofield, W. A. Appleyard, T. Bramley, G. W. Nolee, J. W. Verity, and W. Stead, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

It was reported that during the fortnight the number of vagrants relieved was 47 as against for last year, a decrease of 14. There had been three deaths in the Workhouse.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee showed that a further letter was received from the Rothwell Urban District Council promising to bring the Guardians' letter, asking for a meeting of representatives of both authorities on the question of water supply and charges before the Water Committee, and stating that the new scale of water charges, which does not come into force until the 1st April next, will provide that water charges based on rateable value or rental shall be increased by one-third of the amount at present in force in place of the special charge of water closets, which will be withdrawn.

The minutes were passed.

The minutes of an adjourned meeting of the Workhouse Visiting Committee showed that the Clerk submitted sixteen applications for the post of assistant master at the Workhouse. Two of the candidates were outside the age limit, and of the remaining candidates four were called upon to appear before a further meeting of the Committee. The minutes of a further meeting showed that upon the candidates attending the meeting, and the testimonials being considered, it was resolved that, subject to the Guardians' approval, Harold Charles Huggins, of Barnsley, be appointed as assistant master at a salary of £135 rising by 12 months' approved service to £140 per annum, together with rations, lodging, and washing, subject to the usual conditions. It was resolved that the Clerk be authorised to engage such temporary assistance as he may consider necessary until Mr Huggins can take up his duties on the 1st March next.

The Clerk reported an interview with the medical officer and submitted draft of the certificate proposed to be granted to probationer nurses after a fourth year's training in surgical nursing and midwifery, and a letter from Dr. T. Wardrop Griffith suggesting a slight alteration in the proposed terms of his certificate. It was resolved that the proposed form of certificate with the alteration suggested by Dr Wardrop Griffith be approved, and that it be left to the Clerk to arrange for its engraving so as to distinguish it from the ordinary three years' certificate.

A letter was received from the Leeds Market Gardeners' Association asking if the Guardians will contribute a portion of the exhibits of rhubarb at their show to be held on the 28th proximo. It was resolved that the gift be accepted with thanks.

The minutes were passed.

A resolution moved by Mr W. Verity that the salary of the superintendent nurse at the Workhouse be increased from £45 to £50, together with all emoluments, was carried.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr and Mrs C. P. Ward (the master and matron of the Children's Homes) asking for an increase of salary. The letter was referred to the Homes' Committee.

It was reported by the Clerk that in accordance with the returns of pauperism for July 1st, 1913, contained in the Blue book, that the four local unions Bramley had a decrease on last year of 112; Leeds a decrease of 393; Holbeck 94, while Hunslet showed an increase of 28 on the previous year. With one exception, said the Clerk, Hunslet had the largest increase in the whole of the West Riding.

BAZAAR AT GARFORTH.

FOR THE REDUCTION OF DEBT.

The members of the Primitive Methodist Church, Garforth, are now engaged in an effort to reduce the debt on their premises, and for this object a three days' bazaar was opened in the schoolroom, which was nicely decorated, on Wednesday afternoon. The tastefully adorned stalls, which were set out round the room, were heavily laden with all manner of things, and it was evident that the ladies had been busily at work for many months.

The stall-holders were as follows:—No. 1 Drapery Stall—Mrs Backhouse, Mrs Dobson, and Mrs F. Richardson. Young Men's Stall—Messrs E. Goodhall (sec.), H. Pickersgill (treas.), F. Richardson, H. M. Driver, G. Wilkinson, H. Hancock, A. Bond, H. Hudson, A. Pickersgill, and H. F. Harrison. No. 2 Drapery Stall—Mrs Driver, Miss Clarice Wilkinson, and Miss Connie Pine. Confectionery Stall—Mrs G. Wilkinson, Mrs G. Simpson, Miss Pickersgill, Miss Nellie Wilson, and Miss Annie Tillotson. Plant Stall—Mrs G. Smith and Mr Bond. Village Pump—Mr N. Brownridge and Mr C. Kilburn. Tea Room—Mrs Wellock, Mrs J. Hemsworth, Mrs T. Hemsworth, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Brownridge, and Miss E. Hancock.

At the opening ceremony Mr Job Day, of Stanks, presided (in the absence of Mr Backhouse), and he was supported by the Rev. S. S. Henshaw, the Rev. J. P. Osborne, Mr Herbert Smith, Mr J. Best, Mr J. B. Breese, etc. There was a good attendance.

The Rev. S. S. Henshaw said that they were engaged in a big effort to reduce the debt on the church premises. A year ago the debt was £787, and then Mr Best made a definite challenge that if they paid off £150 in three years he would give them £25. They had, however, modified the challenge, and had resolved to get £200 in two years. To enable them to do that they had applied for assistance to the Congregational Chapel Fund, and the committee had agreed to give them 7½ per cent. on all they raised, so that if they got £200 the contribution would be £15. They had paid their current expenses, they had discharged a note for £50, they had paid £18, and they had in hand about £26. In round figures that was £70, so that left them about £130 to raise, and he was confident they would get it by that time next year. (Applause).

The Chairman said that they were engaged in important work, and if they all worked harmoniously together they would achieve their purpose. They should try to encourage and help each other and not try to find out the faults others had—they all had faults and failings—but endeavour to find the best that was in them. He advised them, if they could afford it, to get ten per cent of their income to the work. For fifty years he had donethat, and he was no worse off now than he was fifty years ago.

Mr Herbert Smith, who had a very hearty reception, said the fact that he was on Primitive Methodist premises recalled to his mind a little cottage where Primitive Methodists used to worship, and he mentioned some of the more prominent names in the church—who were associated with it. Everyone engaged in church work knew that it was hard, telling work. It told physically, and it sometimes had a depressing effect upon the higher and spiritual nature. They must all do their share, however, and it was a sign of love to God when one was working among His children. In declaring the bazaar open, he said he hoped that their expectations would be fully realised, and that success would meet them at every turn. (Applause).

The Rev. J. P. Osborne, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Smith and the Chairman, said they were glad to have Mr and Mrs Best present. They had been true friends to them, and he would always have the kindliest feelings towards them.

The Rev. S. S. Henshaw, in seconding, said that Mr Smith had presented him with a cheque. Mr Smith was a member of the Wesleyan Church, and it was very kind of him to show his sympathy with their work in that substantial way.

The bazaar was continued on Thursday, and it will be opened on Saturday by the children. A report of the proceedings will be given in our next issue.

Agriculturists and their Work.

A MAGISTRATE AND AGITATORS.

A annual meeting and dinner of the Tadcaster and District Chamber of Agriculture were held in the Londesborough Hotel, Tadcaster, on Tuesday. At the meeting the chair was occupied by the President, Mr J. Ladley, Kirkby Wharfe, and there was a good attendance, amongst others present being Messrs F. Myers, C. B. Lamb, J.P., J. Midgley, J.P., J. Slater, H. Watson, L. Sampson, A. Kendall, W. Wilcock, T. B. Watson (secretary), M. Thomlinson, G. E. Wright, and S. Elvidge.

THE REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr Watson) submitted the annual report, which showed that the subscriptions for the year amounted to £144 3s. 6d., whereas a year ago the subscriptions amounted to £143 6s. The expenses for the year amounted to £148 1s. 6d., which was a good deal more than last year. The balance in hand at the close of the year was £12 12s. 2d.

The Insurance Business report stated that the total premiums were £63 10s. 5d., while a year ago the premiums were £51 12s. 7d., an increase of £11 17s. 10d. The increase was more especially due to there being more policy holders, though there had been more; but many had increased their premiums.

The report of the purchasing branch showed that a very big trade had not been done, but it had paid its way.

The result of the year's working was that £15 15s. 2d. was available for bonuses for those interested in the branch.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Mr Myers, seconded by Mr Rendall, Mr Lamb was elected president for the forthcoming year.

Mr Lamb, in accepting the position, said that he had done a little farming himself, but that was in the palmy days of agriculture in the early seventies. They had not the difficulties then that farmers had nowadays to contend with, with agitators going about the country trying to make their men dissatisfied with their lot in life. Nor was there the same trouble with labour that there was to-day. He had pleasure in accepting the position, and would do what he could in the interests of the Chamber.

On the motion of Mr Bramley, seconded by Mr Wright, Mr Thomlinson was elected vice-president.

Mr Watson was re-elected secretary, on the motion of Mr Thomlinson, seconded by Mr Lamb. In making the proposition, Mr Thomlinson said Mr Watson had worked hard in the interests of the Chamber.

Mr L. Sampson was re-elected treasurer, and Messrs Thomlinson and Watson were elected auditors.

As delegates to the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs, Mr Myers proposed that Messrs Wright, Kendall, Watson, and Sampson be re-elected, and Mr Thomlinson seconded. This was agreed to unanimously.

The Chamber then considered applications as to where to place the bulls, providing the Chamber received grants applied for. It was explained that the applicant for a bull had to have the bull tested, and if it was passed he could purchase the bull, and the Government would give him a grant of £12 towards the cost, and £5 would be given to the society for expenses. It was suggested that applications be sent in for bulls to be placed with Messrs Myers, Slater, and Holtby, and this was agreed to.

ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner followed the meeting. The chair was occupied by Mr Ladley, and there was also an excellent attendance of members of the Chamber.

Following the dinner, which was purveyed by Mr Short in good style, the usual loyal toast was proposed from the chair and duly pledged.

Mr J. Midgley submitted the toast of "The Houses of Parliament," and said he was not there to propose the success of any political party, but success to the old and honoured Constitution of the country, which he hoped would for be long preserved to make just laws and to watch over the destinies of one of the most powerful and one of the largest empires on which the sun had ever shone. The two constituencies in which the district of Tadcaster was situated were singularly fortunate in having such able representatives as Lord Helmsley and Mr Gervase Beckett. (Applause). He (the speaker) did not agree with them in everything, but still he had confidence in them. It seemed to him that at the present time a member of Parliament was very little more than an automatic machine. He was wound up and had to strike every hour. Until this was altered he was afraid they should not get very much from legislation. Every important national committee was ruined, in his opinion, in the House of Commons by strong party politics. (Hear, hear.) They could not find a man who would dare to vote against his party whether he agreed or not. He was certain that even the next election someone else would sit in his chair. So far as agriculture was concerned, the other political party had they received very much assistance for, say, the last fifty years. For 25 years up to about 1878 or 1879 the farmers did not need any looking after, because agriculture was in a very prosperous condition. But somewhere about 1879 things began to fall off and there was a marked depression in agriculture. The reason for the neglect from which the industry had suffered was, he thought, the rapid rise in manufactures and in minerals, but nowadays people were beginning to realise that agriculture was a very valuable national asset. In his opinion it was the most important asset of the country. (Hear, hear). There was no trade in which so much capital was laid down and earning practically nothing; nor was there a trade giving employment to more men. That being so it was important that they should have direct representation in Parliament, and until farmers saw their way to have that agriculture would still suffer.

MR THOMLINSON'S CRITICISM

Mr Thomlinson, who responded, said he felt greatly honoured in having so reply on behalf of Lord Helmsley and Mr Lane Fox. He agreed with Mr Midgley that they should have every confidence in those gentlemen; he believed they had the interests of agriculture at heart. (Applause). But even although they had gentlemen like these who were willing to do all they could, if the farmer was to be successful he would have to depend very much upon himself. He did not think legislation was going to carry them through depressed times and bad markets. He believed it was true that people, and the Houses of Parliament included, were now recognising that agriculture was one of the largest and most important industries in the country, and he felt sure that if there was the need for it, there would be a subsidy for agriculture. He was pleased to say, however, that, at the present time, in any rate, there was no need for that. To-day agriculture was more encouraging than it had been for 20 years. Many people deplored the number of young men who were going abroad, but he did not look at it in that light. He thought that was good both for the young men and for the colonies they went to develop. But he would urge the Government to keep a sharp look out on the wastrels who came into the country from the Continent to rob the Englishman of his market. Referring to the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Ireland, Mr Thomlinson said if the Government adopted the same measures as they did before it would be a serious matter for the farmers of England. To put an embargo on the whole country and deprive them of store cattle was an evil worse than the disease itself. He would like farmers to speak as one man in advising the Board of Agriculture to slaughter the affected areas. He thought a radius of five miles would be sufficient, but certainly ten miles would be enough. Mr Thomlinson also criticised the methods adopted by the Board of Agriculture for dealing with swine fever, and urged the adoption of the serum treatment.

GOOD RESULTS OF COMBINATION

The toast of "The Tadcaster and District Chamber of Agriculture" was submitted by Mr C. B. Lamb, the newly-elected president of the Chamber. He referred to the good work that was done throughout the country by combination among farmers, and especially to the excellent results that had always attended the Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture. He hoped that the Chamber's usefulness would not in any way decline, but on the contrary would increase each year. The benefits of such combinations could not be over-estimated, but it was essential that all farmers should join the Chamber, and that they should work together towards a common end. Agriculture was an industry which called for combination even more than any other industry. He wished the Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture every success, and assured them he would always do his best to forward its interests.

The Chairman responded, and also referred to the good results that had followed the existence of the Chamber in the Tadcaster district.

The toast of "The Yorkshire Union of Agriculture" was proposed by Mr H. Watson, and in replying Mr F. Myers gave an interesting account of the work done by these bodies in the interests of agriculture generally.

The toast of "The Prize-winners" was proposed by Mr Thomlinson, and a number of members responded.

In a hockey match on Saturday afternoon Wetherby Ladies defeated Tockwith by six goals to nil.

Mr Henry Crossley, for 26 years secretary to the Wetherby Agricultural Society, has consented to fill the position for another year.

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges the receipt of £1 12s. from the customers of the Oddfellows' Arms, Sherburn-in-Elmet, per Mr P. Townend.

The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were Mr E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), Col. Gascoigne, Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Mr Walles Fairbairn.

On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions Mr Thomas Short, of the Londesboro' Hotel, Tadcaster, was granted an extension of hours for the Licensed Victuallers' Ball on the 13th inst.

MARKET RIGHTS.—The Wetherby Rural District Council have decided, along with the Local Government Board, to protect the market rights of a footpath in Victoria Street, Wetherby, on which store cattle offered for sale are at present allowed to stand.

SHERBURN AGRICULTURAL CLUB.—The annual meeting of Sherburn Agricultural Club was held on Friday, and the members present were Messrs T. H. Hey (President), who was in the chair, S. Wright, T. Jones, C. A. Wither, C. Helm, W. Wainwright, H. Farrar, F. Bedford, Jeffrey, J. Bramley, T. Tomlinson, R. Lamb, and J. Wister. The Chairman said the last year had been a very successful one for the club, the balance sheet showing a turnover of nearly £3,000 against £1,700 a year ago, and that would be very much augmented if more farmers would join and buy through the club. One thing the club was beginning to find out, and that was that some firms were very reluctant to quote the club prices of their commodities, the reason for which being thought to be on account of having to face the test of the analyst. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:—President, Mr T. H. Hey; vice-president, Mr C. W. Helm; Council (additions), Messrs C. A. Wither, T. Hey, F. Bramley, J. T. Leake, T. Jones; hon. vet. surgeon, Mr R. Hayes, M.R.C.V.S.; secretary, Mr C. Estbelby. It was proposed to again affiliate with the Yorkshire Agricultural Club and Chambers of Agriculture. Mr J. Wister, who is leaving the district, was accorded a hearty good wish from the club for his welfare in the farm he is going to near Nottingham this spring.

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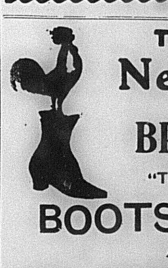
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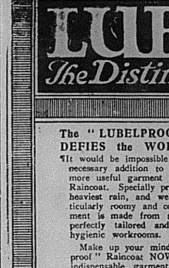
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Residents of Rothwell urban area will notice that the District Council have adopted the Notification of Births Act, and I suppose this is to assist the health visitor in her excellent work. Under the Act it is the duty of the father of a child, if he be residing in the house where the birth takes place, to give notice in writing to the medical officer of health of the arrival of the baby within 36 hours after the birth. If the father is not resident in the house at the time the person who is attending the mother must give the information to the medical officer. Failure to do this (as the advert shows) will render the person responsible liable to a penalty of 20s. This notice is, of course, in addition to the requirements of the law relating to the registration of births.

It seems Hunslet Union is a happy hunting-ground for poor people, and the Guardians treat them so well that their numbers are growing. This, however, is not a satisfactory sign, but there may be some explanation of the increase. All the local Unions returned decreases, and is singular that only Hunslet should show figures going in the other direction. It would be interesting to know the reason for Hunslet's exceptional position, and I daresay the people of Rothwell, Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and Middleton think they are entitled to some explanation.

It is remarkable how the large attendances at the Gilchrist lectures at Garforth have been maintained, and I must say the residents have surpassed themselves. "Lightning and lightning rods" is not a particularly inviting subject, however, interesting an expert may make it, yet the fine Council School hall was crowded by an audience who followed Prof. Cox's remarks with keen appreciation. It has been established that lightning is electricity in the atmosphere, but how is it caused—how the friction is set up—scientists have not yet discovered, although it is suggested that the sun has something to do with it. Prof. Cox, whose voice did not carry particularly well, dealt with the subject in a very interesting way, and his experiments were understood and appreciated. The next lecture will be given by Dr. W. J. Sollas, Professor of Geology and Palæontology in Oxford University, and I believe he was at one time resident in Leeds. He was, I understand, instrumental in starting the Yorkshire Geological Association.

Were it proposed to introduce prohibition in the district and completely wipe out the "houses of call" a howl of indignation would be raised, and no doubt something would be said about interference with the liberty of the subject. Nevertheless, there are parishes in the district without a pub, and this shows that the principle of prohibition is already in operation. Huddle-sum-cum-Lumby, with 222 inhabitants, and Little Fenton, with 75, enjoy the distinction of not possessing a single licensed house, and it is well-known that there is no bar in Micklefield, where the miners somehow manage to survive without it. The parish of Micklefield, has a population of 1,539, and there is only one licensed house—at Old Micklefield—and the parish has probably a larger number of persons to a single licence than any place in the whole district.

No one would have the temerity to assert that the residents of Sherburn are more thirsty than their Micklefield neighbours, but, if one were to judge by the number of licensed houses in the place, one without knowledge of the district might conclude they were a droughty lot. Whereas Micklefield has a single licence Sherburn has nine, giving one to every 193 inhabitants, but several of these licences are a survival of the coaching days, when Sherburn was a place of greater importance than it is now.

The new President of Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture, is Mr C. H. Lamb, who is a Tadcaster magistrate, and I hope that his year of office will be marked by progress. For farmers, he believes that combination is desirable, for he stated:—

> The powers of such combination cannot be over-estimated, but it is essential that all farmers should join the Chamber and that they should work together for a common end. Agriculture is an industry which calls for combination even more than any other industry. With these sentiments every sensible person will agree. Farmers have much to gain from combination, and it is only by united action that they can made their influence felt. But Mr Lamb evidently does not desire combination for farm hands. Speaking of the old days, he said—
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> We had not the difficulties then that farmers have nowadays to contend with, with agitators going about the country trying to make the men dissatisfied with their lot in life. Unless farmers are dissatisfied with the present state of things they will not combine, and I presume the man who arouses that dissatisfaction is doing them a good turn.

If, then, it is desirable that farmers should combine to improve and protect their interests, is it wrong for farm servants to follow their example? Mr Lamb rightly puts forward the value of combination for farmers, and all the so-called agitator does is to-place before the men the desirability of organizing themselves into a union in order to improve their working conditions. More than once farmers have quoted as an example the organization of the miners, to show what a power combination can be, but it is, like all other combinations, directed at helping the persons who join it. So men who advocate combination for one class should surely not condemn it when adopted by another.

It was a wonder there was not trouble at the last meeting of Garforth Urban Council owing to the Chairman allowing an amendment to be moved to the minutes of a special meeting of the Council. It was clearly illegal, and a certain section of the members felt they were being unfairly dealt with. The Chairman said, in regard to the special meeting, that, "I ruled it was a meeting of the Sanitary Committee," but he cannot go in face of a resolution passed by the Council, nor can he even rule that the Council "go into committee" on any question. It must be done by the vote of the Council. It may be pointed out that, under their own standing orders, the promoters of the amendment could have achieved their purpose by another plan, and it is unfortunate it was not adopted.

When both sides say that the present system does not yield the best results it is proof that some re-organization of the staff is necessary, and the Council must find some way out of the difficulty. In regard to the scavenging, etc., I am convinced, from the figures which have been placed before me, that money will be saved by the Garforth folks purchasing horses and carts and doing their own work. In April the Council will receive £209 from Tadcaster District Council, and the money will come in very handy, indeed, if it is intended to buy a couple of horses. This, of course, has no connection with the re-organization of the staff, and it is the business of the Council to consider the interests of the ratepayers and put all the departments on a satisfactory basis, instead of going to meeting after meeting and grumbling.

Evidently the Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association believe there is no case for a school at Whitkirk, otherwise they would not have again shelved the question. Five miles per day is a long distance for toddlers to walk, and if there is any hardship a conveyance might be provided, but I don't think the County Authority would bear the cost of running one four times a day. When a waggonette was chartered to carry the Schobs children to Barwick it only went with them in the mornings and fetched them home at eight.

The establishment of a minimum wage for farm hands would, Mr Rand Myers, of Bitbrough, thinks, be to the detriment of men advanced in years, but that, of course, is conjecture. Farmers could no doubt see, if they were paying a minimum wage, that they got the best labour available, and they would be looking after their own interests to do so, but much would depend on the market. In certain of the northern counties, it was recently stated, farm labour was very difficult to get, and the opening out of the great coalfield in South Yorkshire must (inevitably have an effect on the supply of labour for farmers. Not a few agriculturists in this district are at the present time paying the minimum wage demanded by the Workers' Union, and if they can afford it why are others unable to do so?

Comparatively few people in Crossgates have any conception of the enormous work that is being done by the Leeds Guardians, and the information given by Mr Arthur Lee to the Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association will come as a revelation to them. Although comparatively little interest is evinced by the ratepayers in the work—a very small percentage vote at election times—it is of the highest importance both to the poor and those who pay rates. It is evident that the Guardians are endeavouring to do their duty in a humane and business-like way, and the relief given to deserving poor will meet with general approval. Mr Lee incidentally referred to the effect of the Insurance and Old Age Pensions Acts on the operation of the Poor Law, and the ratepayers will note with satisfaction that the expenditure in connection with these two measures has been the means of reducing the cost of the poor to the rates.

A Barkston Ash worthy in the person of Mr Henry J. Clayton, of Wharfe Bank House, Ulleskelf, who was for 34 years head gardener at Grimston Park, has passed to the land of shadows. Mr Clayton, who was perhaps better known in the district than the family he served for so long, was a very intelligent and well-read man, and he contributed numerous articles on various subjects to the newspapers, including the "Courier.". He was one of the leading gardeners in Yorkshire, and his ability was recognised by the committees of the York Gala and Crossgates Show, where he acted as a judge of horticultural exhibits for many years. Mr Clayton, whom I knew well, was, I believe, largely instrumental in the formation of the North of England Horticultural Society, and he wrote numerous articles to the organization monthly. He was a fine type of man, and the district is poorer for his passing.

How the Templenewsam farmers noticed what the agriculturists of Sherburn have accomplished by means of co-operation? A correspondent, desirous of helping the good men of Halton and district, advocates their purchasing their own supplies direct, and if he can move them to action he will deserve congratulation. Farmers pride themselves on their shrewdness and their ability at making a good bargain, but they have not that capacity they credit themselves with, because whilst they are "making bargains," they are throwing away money which could be saved by the adoption of business methods. The farmers will, I suppose, say I do not know what I am writing about, but let me cite the case of Sherburn.

Two or three years ago the agriculturists in Sherburn-in-Elmet district, believing that they were not getting full value for their money, decided, like sensible men, to form a club for the purpose of co-operative buying, and the work has gone steadily on, until the turn-over is nearly £3,000. Not only do they get special terms when purchasing commodities, but they have an analyst, and this is a guarantee that the feeding stuffs, etc., which they buy are up to a recognised standard. Farmers in Templenewsam district have everything to gain and nothing to lose by following the Sherburn example, and if the local agent on the estate called a meeting to discuss the formation of a club he would be doing the farmers a good turn.

A remarkable feature of the Brewster Sessions is that the figures for all the district are about the same in proportion to population. Conversions in the Skyrack division are no more numerous than in Sherburn and Tadcaster districts when all is weighed up, but in the first-named area there are more Sunday licences than in either of the other two. That may, in a measure, be accounted for by the fact of the division's proximity to Leeds, but it is a very unsatisfactory feature, and the three-penny limit men are not altogether to blame for it. It will be noticed that the members of clubs in the Skyrack division almost equal in number the population of Garforth, and it is very desirable, as the magistrates stated, that all these institutions should be brought under police supervision. If a club is well conducted the members have nothing to fear from police inspection, and opposition to such a proposal gives people ground for suspicion that sometimes the ongoings at clubs are not all they should be. In the interests of the clubs themselves it is, therefore, desirable that supervision should be allowed.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE

At the Empire Palace this week a smart sketch entitled "Other People's Money" is an entertaining turn. Gerald Griffin, the chief of the company, is admirable as the wealthy old father who finds to his chagrin that the young fellow whom he has advised to elope has actually gone off with his own daughter. Demokritos exhibits a "Wonder Lamp" that projects upon the screen reflections of non-transparent objects in their natural colours, among them a watch, a cigarette case, a bunch of fruit, and a couple of Japanese mice. Leonard Gautier's animated toy shop comprises some clever ponies and dogs; the Five Mongadors are skilful jugglers, particularly adept in the manipulation of Indian clubs; and other turns are Signor Torti (an Italian tenor), Austin Rudd, Maud'e Vera, and Maggie Benson. An outstanding item is given by Kenneth Casey, variously described as "The famous juvenile actor" and the "vitagraph boy." He is young and he is clever—clever beyond his years; in fact, the expression of his voice, his face, and his movements is what you might expect from a grown-up, experienced actor.

The appearance of the world-famous self-liberator, Houdini, at the Leeds Empire on Monday next will probably be the only opportunity patrons will have of seeing him for a long time to come. Known as the "Handcuff King," and the originator of the methods by which locks, handcuffs, chains, shackles, thumbscrews, and implements of restraint or torture can be defied by the human being, Houdini has made a reputation far beyond that of Jack Sheppard, the famous jail breaker. It is alleged that there is no a lock, bar, or bolt in existence in England that Houdini cannot release himself from. His marvellous ingenuity enables him to circumvent any restraint of a mechanical nature that can be applied to his power or to the locksmith's art. Next week he will present what he terms the greatest performance of his strenuous career. After being locked in a "water torture cell" of his own invention, the audience will see him liberate himself, but not before they have seen his ankles clamped and locked above in the centre of the massive cover so that his head is downwards. Houdini offers £200 to anyone who can prove that it is possible for him to obtain air in the upside-down position from which he releases himself from this water filled cell. In addition to the above, Houdini will present the "East Indian Needle Mystery," a remarkable trick which baffles everybody. "The Pink of Comic Smartness," Ernest Shand, will appear in a number of new character songs, and among other attractions are Hunt and Thomas, in a comedy skit, entitled "Father Time"; George Rae, Scottish comedian and dancer; Francis and Alfred, jugglers; the Rawsons, musical entertainers; Peter and Potts, comedians; and Alex. Keith and Co., in a new comedy skit, entitled "Chasing Chickweed."

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week the great attraction is the clever sketch of "The Bailiff," presented by Fred Karno's Company. In the character of "Perkins in Possession," Albert Bruno has the audience shaking with laughter over his quaint comments and curious antics, in which he shows the qualities of a born comedian, and is well supported by the companion comedian who figures as "Meredith." On the burlesque side, too, is the turn of Karl and Eddie, who have some comic patter, while one of them gives a plausible caricature of extreme virtuosity at the pianoforte. By the way of contrast, there is a serious little playlet called "An Emperor's Sword," presented by Edward Marris, Napoleon figures as the dark-browed martinet passing stern sentence on a youthful officer for a momentary lapse, but revoking it in a spasm of humanity on discovering a real touch of pathos in the episode. Beth Tate, "the Californian girl," sings several original songs, wears artistic gowns, and is alternately coquettish and demure in her grimaces. Some funny tricks are performed by a number of dogs that come on in a circus act by Clown Barker and Miss Rosalka. The other turns include the dialect vocalist Aimee Roberts, Potter, the "American Scot," and Maningos, the equilibrists.

Next week at the Hippodrome the company will include the juvenile stars, "Beatie and Babs," in their clever and original scene "The Sagragette"; and Herbert Darnley, who will be supported by a company of first-class artistes in the comedy sketch "You Never Know." Others billed to appear are Gus Harris, the Leeds favourite; Harry Claff, who will be assisted by Miss Alice Tremayne, will present the operatic novelty "The White Knight"; Howard and Collinson Trio will figure in the pantomime sketch "Fun in a China Shop"; and contributions will be made by The Westwoods and Jack Walsh.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre Mrs F. G. Kimberley's play, "The Collier's Lass," is being played this week. The story of the collier's daughter, who, after enjoying a brief spell of high life, welcomes the opportunity of returning to her original and humble surroundings, is unfolded in the eleven scenes in entertaining fashion. The excitement reaches a high pitch in a scene representing the pithead at Chestfield Colliery, when the hero dramatically descends the mine, which is in a very dangerous condition. Miss Lyne Darlington is the ruling spirit on the comedy side, and she makes innumerable jokes in the Lancashire vernacular. Miss Edith Rutland, who plays in the title role, has a pleasant and convincing style. The part of Robert Copley, her father, is well played by Mr J. Court Harvard, while Mr Stanley Rodcliffe gives a good study of Tom Fielding, the collier of sterling qualities. Mr Milton C. Curtis makes a capital man about town, who has a suitable partner in Maud Fernley, a character in which Miss Ava Gori appears to advantage. The scenery and effects are good.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre William Watson's grand spectacular pantomime "Little Jack Horner" will be staged, and the company will include the Waldrons, Maimie Ellis, The Four Henriques, James Dixon, Elsie May, and Sisters Sinclair.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

The bill this week at the City Varieties is well above the average. In the leading position are the Six Buster Browns, who give a fine ragtime show. Mona and Doro Record make their first appearance in England here. They are great favourites on the Continent, and they should be in great demand on this side of the Channel. The Hinson Brothers are extremely amusing, and Dunn and Dixie give a pretty musical act. Gertie Martin is a well-known comedienne, and the Leonard Brothers present an expert hat-throwing turn.

Next week at the Varieties a first-rate programme will be submitted. Among those billed to appear are Hodgson and Lowther, in "Left Luggage"; Dix and Dox, musical comedy turn; Phil Kaufman, comedian, the Two Lillies, in song and dance, etc.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe there were some exciting "thrills" in "A Fight for a Fortune," a detective drama, shown during the first half of the week. An aeroplane and balloon played a prominent part in the production. The spectacle of a horse used in place of a balloon-car was quite novel. "His Wife's Picture" was a pleasing comedy, whilst "Bloomers in Short-reward Gold," and Pathe's Gazette is as interesting as usual.

On Friday and Saturday "Raised from the Ranks," a three-part production, will be shown.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE

Attractive pictures have been shown at the Rothwell Empire this week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday a lengthy production, entitled "When the earth trembled," was the leading film and excited much comment. The story was a good one, and depicted scenes in the disaster at San Francisco a few years ago. "A glorious scar" was another interesting subject, while the comic pictures were of an excellent type. To-night and Saturday the special attraction will be "The bridge of terror," a sensational love affair, while other features will include "In convict's garb" (a two-reel melodrama), "The carpet trailer," and "The magic dice" (both comics). A novel turn has been provided by Mdlle. Nina and her representations of the sculptor's art, along with Hermyn's enchanted fountain.

The programme next week will be equally pleasing. During the first half the features to be screened are "The Indian Raid," a coloured picture giving a series of thrilling events in wild life on the prairies, and "In the grip of the eagle's claw." Other pictures of interest will be shown. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "The master crook" (a drama in three reels), and "Psyche" (a legend of ancient Greece) are the star films, while a ventriloquial turn will be given by Valvo, described as England's greatest military ventriloquist.

PROPERTY DISPUTE.—In the action of re Rurcroft Hall v. Rurcroft, which came before Mr Justice Astbury in the Chancery Division on Friday, the plaintiff, Mrs Margaret Hannah Hall, applied for the appointment of a receiver and manager of certain property and farming business at Hambleton, and elsewhere. Counsel stated that defendants were brother and sister of the plaintiff, and they had taken possession of the property and were not accounting for it. It comprised the estates of her father and mother, both deceased. His Lordship granted the appointment of a receiver and manager for three months. He refused an interim injunction.

THE LATE MR R. BURTON.—The interment of the remains of the late Mr Robert Burton, of Pannal, the proprietor of the Spacey House Auction Mart, took place at Kirkby Overblow on Sunday, when the service was conducted by the rector (Rev. R. L. Bellerby), the Rev. M. Rowntree (curate of Pannal), and the Rev. J. E. Woodham (rector of Great Houghton, Northampton). Whilst the body was reposing in the church the hymn "Christ will gather in His own" was sung, whilst the "Resurrection Morn" was rendered at the graveside. The mourners included Mrs Burton (widow), Masters Maurice, Gerald, and Kenneth Burton (sons), Mrs Gill (daughter), and Mr Gill, Mrs S. Hodgson (daughter) and Mr Hodgson, and Mr and Mrs Shephard (Bradford). Amongst others who attended were Mr M. Thomlinson (Easelyke), Messrs J. Bartle (Garforth), Parker Norfolk (Keswick), W. Rook (Beamham), N. Stead, J. G. Lang, J.P., C. H. Knowles, A. Hill, T. Myers, T. Skerrell, John Oddy, J. Greaves, W. Marrison (Spofforth), H. Bradley, W. Gaythorpe, J. T. Allen, W. Bake (Wetherby), etc.

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OUR GARDENS.

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Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

Hardy perennials, shrubs, and trees may be planted this month if the soil is in suitable condition for working upon. Take the earliest opportunity of rolling the lawn. As a rule, during February we have strong, drying winds, and after a few hours of this weather the turf is sufficiently dry for the roller to be passed over it.

RULES IN THE GARDEN

Snowdrops and crocuses are making their appearance, and it is necessary to keep a sharp look-out for mice. They do much damage to bulbs at this time of the year.

FLOWER BEDS

Examine spring-flowering plants after a frost and press back any that have been disturbed. Stir the surface soil with a small hoe or rake.

PERPETUAL FLOWERING CARNATIONS.

Beauty of form, wide range of delicately and delicately coloured bloom, lengthy foot-stalks, extraordinary lasting qualities, delicious perfume, and easy culture: Such a list of virtues would appear to be impossible in any one kind of flower. The popular perpetual flowering carnation, however, embodies all these and more. Now that their requirements are understood they may be had in bloom all the year round, and what to the average amateur is most important the cost of firing is extremely small. The whole of the space allocated to this article might easily be devoted to the description of this beautiful and interesting flower. Every year sees distinct improvements in form, size, and colouring, and it is safe to predict a long reign for it.

PROPAGATION

Propagation is effected by inserting cuttings in a compost of two parts fine sand to one part fine loam. Many growers prefer to root their cuttings in sand only. The advantage of adding loam is that the young roots obtain a firmer hold, and do not suffer when transferred to single pots. The short jointed, sturdy growths from the flowering stems make excellent cuttings. The tops of the main shoots are quite unsuitable for the purpose. Carnation stems are encased by the base of the leaves and the cuttings root much quicker if the sheath is removed. Use a sharp knife for the purpose and finish the operation by cutting through the stem just below a joint. Experiments have proved to us that cuttings treated in this manner root from ten days to a fortnight quicker than those that have not been so treated. Large pots may be converted into excellent propagaters. Place a few inches of crocks in the pot bottom, cover this with a layer of rough turf, and fill the pot to within six inches of the top with the sand and loam. Cover the pots over at all dry days should be well soaked before being used. The weight of the sand will cause the compost to settle firmly into the pot without much pressure being given. Dibble the cuttings in about 2 inches apart, and give a good watering to settle the compost around the base of the cuttings. Cover the pot with a sheet of glass and stand in a light position, where a temperature of about 60 degrees can be maintained. February, March, and April are the best months for propagating. Cuttings prepared as described above are usually ready for potting off in three weeks. As soon as they commence to grow, give a little air, and increase the amount daily until it is possible to remove the sheet of glass altogether.

FIRST POTTING

Carnations prefer a fibrous yellow loam. For the first potting this should be passed through a half-inch riddle, and should be mixed with sufficient sand to make it friable. A sprinkling of charcoal dust or wood ashes should also be added. By heating a few bricks and burying them in the heap of compost partial sterilisation is effected, and the potting should be proceeded with whilst the compost is warm. Into the cuttings carefully, preserving all the root possible, and pot into perfectly clean, small pots. An important point arises here: the plants, when

Mr Thomas Law, the aged son, made the following statement to a Pressman recently:—

potted off, should be no deeper than they were in the propagating pot. They should be given a light position, in a temperature of about 50, after being potted. Avoid draughts, and on bright days give a light spraying overhead.

REPOTTING.

The small pots soon get full of roots and the plants must then be transferred to 3½ inch pots. To the compost recommended for the first potting add a little soot (5-inch pot full to the barrow load of soil), and some dried and powdered cow or sheep manure. One pot manure to 6 or 8 pots loam is sufficient. Return the plants to the same position, and a week or so later give them their first stopping. Gather the top leaves between the thumb and finger of the right hand, and give a sharp jerk upwards. This will usually bring the point of the growth away clean. It is advisable to hold the lower portion of the plant with the other hand when plucking out the lead. A break of several strong shoots quickly follows this operation. When the roots are running freely round the ball of soil repot into 5-inch pots, using a rougher and richer compost. Keep the ball of soil near the top of the pot and ram the soil firmly round it with a blunt stick. For this potting ample drainage should be provided. From mid-April no fire heat will be required and the plants may be stood in a cold frame. During the summer months the lights may be removed and need only be used during the heavy rainfalls or when fumigating is necessary. The final potting into 6, 7, or 8-inch pots is according to the size and growth of the plants should be possible from mid-June to mid-July. The compost for this potting may be much richer than before. Give ample drainage, pot firm, and once more avoid sinking the plants deeper in the pots.

STOPPING AND STAKING

The plants may be stopped whenever they show signs of running to flower until late in July. Staking is an important point and must be carefully attended to. There are numerous clever devices that have been invented with the object of obviating the necessity of constantly tying up the plants. A wire, fitted with an ingenious arrangement that causes the fastener to firmly grip the single stake used is most favoured here, and we have a tremendous number in use. They are very simple and quite satisfactory.

WATERING

Fairly watering is probably the most fertile cause of failure in carnation culture. A safe guide is "when in doubt, don't." The firm potting necessary for the production of good plumps leaves the soil close, and if too much water is given sourness will inevitably follow.

FEEDING

Fowl manure, soot, soot, horse, or sheep manure are all very acceptable to the carnation. Any or all of those may be used with advantage when the plants have been potted long enough for the roots to run around the pot sides. Place the manure in a coarse sack, and plunge it in a tub of water. A peck of manure will be sufficient for 30 gallons of water. Stir well, and allow it to soak for a day before using. There are also a number of excellent artificial manures, some specially prepared for carnations. Full directions for their use are given by the manufacturers.

PLANTING-OUT

A simple method of growing strong, sturdy plants is to bed them out in June and to lift and pot them again in August. If this system is adopted, the process of lifting must be carried out carefully. Give the plants a thorough watering a few hours beforehand, and in repotting preserve all the roots possible. We have known several amateurs raise excellent plants under this system after experiencing indifferent results with plants grown entirely in pots.

INSECT PESTS

Green fly, thrip, and red spider almost invariably attack carnations at some period of their growth. While the plants are under cover the best plan is to fumigate at intervals of about three weeks. Common salt is very destructive to red spider. A three inch pot full dissolved in a gallon of soft water is a suitable strength and may be sponged over the plants with a fine sprayer. This may be done once a month. Two or three days afterwards the plants should be thoroughly syringed with clear water. Common salt only should be used. House or table salt is practically useless for the purpose.

CARNATION RUST

The diseases of carnations are mostly caused by faulty treatment. If the plants occupy a cool, light, airy position, they will suffer very little from disease. Rust is the commonest form of disease. This may be recognised by the brown swellings which form on the leaves. Later on they burst, and exude a fine powder which in appearance closely resembles snuff. Methylated spirit (1 part to 100 parts of water) is recommended as a safe remedy. This may be used through a fine sprayer.

There are numerous varieties, but where only a limited number of plants can be grown the following list should prove useful. The varieties mentioned are good in every way, viz Alma Ward, Baroness de Brienen, Beltunnia, Cardea, Countess of Dunmore, Duchess of Devonshire, Enchantress, Mayday, Mrs H. Burnett, R. F. Felton, Rose Doree, Snowstorm, White Enchantress, Wivsor, White House, Aurora, Winsdor, Rose Pink, Enchantress, Empire Day, Lady Northcliffe and Mrs McKinnon.

CULTURE OF SHALLOTS

Any well-prepared, friable soil answers for this crop, but a deep, rich loam is, of course, to be preferred. Poor land must be assisted with liberal manuring during autumn or winter.

Tread the bed down and plant the bulbs as early in spring as possible, sufficiently deep to keep them firmly in place. Allow 6 inches apart to rows 12 inches asunder. It greatly facilitates complete ripening to gentle draw away the earth from the clusters as the season advances. Lift the crop in dry weather, when the leaves turn yellow, about July; dry in the sun for a few days; and store in any dry and well-ventilated shed or cellar, to complete the process of ripening in a dry state. Large bulbs are required, plant the cloves or divisions separately and supply liquid farmyard manure very liberally. Exhibition crops are grown on well-trenched ground in rows 15 inches apart, the plants being a foot asunder in the lines. Thorough ripening in the open or in shallow boxes under glass is important.

SELBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS

At a meeting of Selby Board of Guardians on Monday—Mr R. L. Weller (Chairman) presiding —a letter was received from G. H. Elder, porter at the workhouse, stating that he had secured a good position at Hull, and would be pleased if the Guardians would accept his resignation, as he was required to commence duty in a fortnight's time. He wrote that he was anxious to leave Poor Law work, and hoped that the Guardians would allow him to go as soon possible, as it was an excellent position that was offered him.

The Chairman said they had no alternative but to accept the resignation, and advertise for another porter.

The resignation was accepted.

The Rev. J. Dunforth moved that they do not entertain the application for the porter to go in a fortnight's time.

This, having been seconded, was carried.

The Clerk pointed out, with respect to advertising, that the present porter started at a salary of £60.

The Chairman did not wish to bias the minds of any member of the Board. If they advertised at the old rate they could not expect to keep a better lot.

It was decided to again advertise for a porter at a salary of £60 per annum.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board approving the proposals of the Guardians to increase the salaries of Mr and Mrs Gibson (master and matron) from £60 and £50 to £65 and £55 per annum respectively.

A letter was read from Mr Summerscales asking for a cheque of £225 7s. for the machinery installed in the new laundry a few months ago.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that the machinery was working all right, and they had had it quite a long time.

It was decided that the cheque be forwarded.

The Master reported that some of the inmates who had broken one of the roll windows, and been brought before the magistrates, had been sentenced to seven days' imprisonment.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one.]

SYSTEM OF FEEDING

Birds are fed in order to produce certain results, therefore the desired object must first of all be considered in order to decide on the course to be adopted.

Young chicks are fed in order to promote growth, both in frame and feather; this topic will be fully discussed when we arrive at the care and attention of young stock. Other birds are fed in order to put on as table-birds; due consideration will be given to this later on. We have now selected our birds, provided them with comfortable quarters, and are desirous of obtaining eggs—strongly fertilised eggs—in order to enjoy a successful breeding season.

Keep this object in view. I am not going to write on how cheply poultry can be fed in order to exist, but to attempt to show how to feed to secure strongly fertilised eggs. The whole of these articles, however, may be compared to a chain; a single link is comparatively useless, the continuity must not be broken; and equal attention must be paid to the previous suggestions as well as to those that follow.

To quote from one of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries leaflets: "In order to keep birds in the best possible state of health, so that they may not contract disease themselves, and also that they may produce young ones with no inherited tendencies towards disease, they must be fed on foods containing the correct amount of matter for the production of heat, flesh, fat, bone, muscle, and feather." This is the keynote to the situation.

The evening meal is quickly decided upon. There is no better grain for egg-production than sound wheat, after all, and a good deal more than a close second it is, in fact, even when you have plenty of the former, the latter can occasionally be substituted with advantage in order to stimulate the appetite. Indian corn, or as it is generally termed, maize, should only be used in the coldest weather, and then somewhat sparingly; it is apt to cause internal fat, in which condition the hens won't lay.

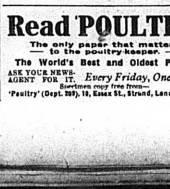
Regarding quantity, one handful per bird may be accepted as a rough guide, though on extra cold nights and during inclement weather it is as well to err on the side of liberality. Don't feed just before dark does not matter, I contend that the grain over as large an area as possible while there is quite an hour of daylight. This will necessitate the birds working for their supper, and activity is the keynote to health.

The breakfast ration demands more consideration. If you require the best in combination with the least trouble, and a slight—very slight —increase in cost does not matter, I cannot do other than recommend you to use Spratt's Layman. This mixture is scientifically compounded, and is the result of many years' experience. It is used successfully every village and town in the United Kingdom, in sealed bags at 1s., or direct from Spratt's Patent, Ltd., in hundredweight sacks for 15s. Some, however, will prefer their own meals, and I can confidently recommend the following formula. Take equal quantities, by weight, of course biscuit-meal, bran, Sussex ground oats, and middlings (the produce of wheat), and a half-quantity of granulated meat. Overnight the biscuit-meal and bran should be scalded, a stout sack being placed over it to retain the heat. In the morning the mixture is a dry state, the middlings and granulated meat, adding Colman's Poultry Mustard in the proportion of one teaspoonful for every six hens. Then thoroughly mix the whole until it is reduced to a crumbly consistency, adding a little warm water if too stiff, or a handful of bran if too sloppy. Of course, any household scraps should be utilised, they are an excellent egg food—but on a large plant they would only prove a drop in the ocean.

During the cold weather the breakfast should be given early, but not too hot, and as soon after daybreak as possible.

The meal should not be a heavy one, so that the birds could eat to repletion, then stagnate and mope like an over-fed man and cultivate liver troubles; it is a light feed only, but highly nutritious. Just a sufficiency is thrown on to their feed-boards, or into their troughs, that they will pick up eagerly and then go off scratching, looking for a worm or some other tit-bit.

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BARKSTON ASH MEN AND THE LAND QUESTION.

DEMAND FOR A ROYAL COMMISSION.

LABOURERS' WAGES AND HOUSING.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the Central Land Association was held at York on Thursday. The Earl of Harewood presided, and he was supported by the Hon. E. Wood, M.P., Ald. G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., Mr. G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., Colonel Goscoigne (Letherton), Ald. E. C. Brooksbank (hon. sec.), Mr. T. H. Prater (Aberford), Mr. J. Lasley (Kirkby Wharfe), Mr John Thompson, Mr G. P. Wright, etc.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the branch had a membership of 267, being a decrease of one on the year, and there was a balance in hand of £168 17s. 2d. Information as to wages and housing of farm labourers had been gathered, and the committee state:—They find that the rent of cottages is exceedingly low and can in no way be considered an economic rent, and that many cottages are unfit either to rent or at a mere nominal sum to aged people, while there are a good many let to officials of either the local authorities or as post offices, etc. There does not seem to be any uniform method of giving allowances in addition to cash wages; they vary a good deal, but are a considerable addition to the actual wages paid. The committee are willing to consider any scheme that may be brought forward for the betterment of the condition of agricultural labourers, and for giving greater security to tenant farmers for any improvements they make on their land, but cannot agree that the proposals for land courts and minimum wages will have this result.

The Earl of Harewood, who presided, President, and Ald. E. C. Brooksbank hon. sec. and treasurer and officers included Col. Goscoigne, Mr. T. H. Prater, Mr. J. Lasley, Mr. W. P. Nicholson, Mr. W. H. Welbourn, and Mr G. P. Wright.

Major Dent proposed:—"That this meeting convened by the Yorkshire branch of the Central Land Association desires to protest against hasty legislation affecting the present system of land tenure in England or the creation of land courts to control wages until the whole question has been thoroughly considered by persons who are fully qualified to express an opinion on the matter, and demands the appointment of a Royal Commission to hold such enquiry." He stated that, since the so-called land policy of the Government was based upon the result of an enquiry held by political partisans, it was most necessary that a fresh enquiry should immediately be held. It was difficult to ascertain what the real intentions of the Government in the matter were, since Ministers differed widely in their pronouncements as to the programme, some stating that it was proposed to burst up a whole effete system of land tenure; others it was merely intended to introduce a system of levelling up the bad parts to the good. Whatever the intentions of the Government might be there was no doubt that something very serious was being held over their heads. It might be said in reply to their demand for a fresh enquiry "Why hold a new enquiry when you admit that the evils exist; surely all that remains to be done is how to remove them?" Well, he for his part was not prepared to admit that the system contained any evils, and he was rather sorry to note that the Central Land Association was inclined to admit the existence of any. He thought that was the prevailing tone of the attitude of the Association. There might be evils but they were certainly not nearly so bad as the present would have them believe. Before any fresh enquiry was held he said he deplored the fact that not one atom of credit had been given to landowners and farmers for the vast sums that had been spent by them during recent years in improving the dwellings of farm labourers. With regard to wages, all who had experience of these matters knew that these varied very greatly in different localities. For instance, in Yorkshire farm servants received very good wages indeed. It was impossible to generalise on agricultural matters; there was no panacea for every alleged evil, and he was exact. In his opinion the need for reforms in these directions was no greater than it was six or seven years ago, and a delay of a few more months until a fair consideration had been made was unimportant, compared with the importance of obtaining reliable data. No measure could possibly be passed through Parliament during the coming session, or the session following it, so that there ought to be plenty of time. He had been recently stated on many public platforms that the whole system of land tenure was rotten and rotten to the core. He would like to remind these gentlemen that the agricultural industry was only just emerging from thirty years of the worst depression that any industry had suffered in the memory of man. At last they were experiencing better times, and he would point out that it was under the present system of land tenure that the storm had been weathered. Without the valuable help of any kind except the Agricultural Rating Act, which did not come into force until the worst of the depression was over. With regard to the land, he himself managed his own estates for the last 20 years, and it had been his experience that the Yorkshire farmer was perfectly capable of conducting his own affairs with the landlord and of making a remarkably hard bargain. (Laughter). If one thing more than another were needed to increase the prosperity of agriculture, it was that more capital might be laid out in the land, and this could only be made possible by decreasing rather than increasing the burden of taxation on the land, thus giving a greater sense of security both to landowners and farmers.

Mr John Thompson, in seconding the resolution, said that the land barsters would probably say that the present system should be utilised, because it had been dragged there that day by the hand of tyranny against their wishes. Instead of that being the case, they all knew that the only possible course to adopt was for landowners and tenants to throw in their lots together and fight their battles side by side. Since five-sixths of the population of England were dwellers in towns and only one-sixth rural matters, he felt that it was the duty of persons who had such knowledge to take every opportunity of enlightening those who had not. Speaking for the tenant farmers, he said they only asked for the slight cast by the Government upon their business capabilities; they were fully competent to manage their own affairs without the interference of Courts. The interests of landlords, tenants, and labourers were identical. If the present policy were persisted in, it would have the effect of driving from the land men with capital and experience and being in their place men who had neither.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., in supporting the motion, said that, in his opinion, the main reason for demanding a full inquiry was that the only qualification for a land campaign lecturer was that he should have read the Secret Inquiry Report. When it was remembered that this report only contained a very small percentage of the information actually received, was drawn up by men who were admittedly prejudiced, it became obvious that some further inquiry was necessary. They all must insist that the whole of the replies received to the questions be published. It must, he said, be admitted that in some counties, such as Oxfordshire, wages were very low indeed, and no one present would wish to defend such a state of affairs. Lord Lucas had, however, on several occasions stated that conditions in the North of England were satisfactory, so that it was to be hoped that Yorkshiremen had not much to fear. In conclusion, he hoped that all who had it in their power would do everything they could to make the Royal Commission a success as soon as happy as possible so as to keep the best men on the land.

Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., speaking of matters as he found them in the South of England, stated that no system of minimum wage, could possibly be successful there, since so much of the work there was done by the piece. He pointed out the necessity of using every means to obtain a speedy report on the true state of affairs.

After an interesting debate on the various questions raised, the Chairman put the resolution to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

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SUDDEN DEATH AT TADCASTER.

THE INQUEST.

At the Primitive Methodist School-room, Tadcaster, on Friday, Mr A. Proctor, deputy coroner for the York district, held an inquest relative to the death of Chas. Lyons, motor engine driver in the employment of Messrs John Smith's Brewery Company, who died suddenly on the previous Wednesday evening.

Mrs Mary S. Lyons, wife of the deceased, said deceased was aged 57 years of age. He enjoyed pretty good health, but last Christmas he had a fit of dizziness, and fainting, cut his head, necessitating the attendance of a doctor. Deceased was off work for a fortnight as a result of the fainting fit, but he was not ailing in health, and left home at a quarter to five, in the morning. She did not see him again until about nine o'clock in the evening, when he was brought home. He was unconscious, and died about an hour later.

George Constable, who assisted deceased on the motor engine, said that on Wednesday morning they left Tadcaster at 7.45 with the motor waggon, and took a load of beer to Selby. About half-past one o'clock, when they were having dinner at Selby, deceased complained of a pain in his body, and had a little brandy to try to shift it. Deceased did not complain on the way home, and witness thought the pain had disappeared. When they arrived home the engine was put in a shed and preparations made for next morning's journey, but deceased said that if he did not feel better he did not think he would go. Witness left deceased at home, with deceased for seven years, and had never heard him complain of pain before. He had very little in the way of drink, and was usually a temperate man.

William Henry Smith, timekeeper at Messrs John Smith's, said that shortly after eight o'clock deceased went into the office, and complained of being very ill. Witness fetched some brandy, and Dr Scatchard was sent for, and he ordered the man's removal home. He was conveyed home in a cab.

After evidence by Dr Garland, a verdict of "Died naturally from heart failure following fatty degeneration of the heart" was returned.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Fair demand, but the show of samples was not very large. Good inquiry for best cakes. Prices:—Wheat 32s. to 33s. per qr. of 36 stones, barley 30s. to 32s.; medium ditto 27s. to 30s., feeding 25s. per qr. of 32 stones. 27s. to 30s., fine ditto for seed 20s. to 22s. per qr. of 24 stones, 17s. 24s. per qr. of 36 stones.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 10 for 1s.; butter 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 6s., rabbits 1s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Good lot offering, but only a slow trade. Sand Up-to-Dates 50s. to 52s. 6d., sand King Edwards 52s. 6d. to 57s. 6d., warp King Edwards 60s. to 65s. per ton; retail 5d. per stone.

CATTLE.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Excellent supplies, and a large attendance of buyers. A good show of dairy cattle, and trade ruled brisk; high prices being obtained for the best newly calven cows, which made £22 8s. to £26 7s. 6d.; useful and medium kinds £18 to £21; fair to good quality cows to £26 2s. 6d., ditto heifers to £20 2s. 6d., March calvers to £18 15s., young store beasts to £9 each. An improved trade for fat cattle; Shorthorn steers and heifers to 7½d., useful beef 7¼d., cows 6¾d. per lb.; bullocks to £26 15s., heifers to £23, cows to £24. Sheep were a shade easier; choice shearlings and hoggetts to 10d., inferior 7½d. per lb. Pork pigs made to £3 14s., large fat pigs £7 15s. to £11 10s. each. No store pigs coming to swine fever restrictions. Veal calves, good to fine, made 4½d. per lb., inferior 4d. to £1 10s. each. Numbers sold—79 newly calven and calving cows, 109 fat cattle, 162 sheep, 18 fat pigs, 404 9 calves.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 118 beasts, 12 sheep, and 46 pigs. A large attendance of butchers and dealers. Prime quality beef in demand, 7½d. to 8d. per stone; secondary qualities also better to 7½d. Incalving cows remain at high prices. A sharp trade for pigs and sheep, but no change to note. Fat bullocks realised up to £27 5s., fat heifers to £24, fat cows to £21 7s. 6d., store beasts to £14 10s., cows in milk to £19 10s., in-calving cows to £23 7s. 6d. fat hoggets to £2 13s., fat pigs to £9 5s., pork pigs to £7 12s. 6d., store pigs (small) to £2 9s.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a capital show of good, well-finished stock, and the attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average. There was a good demand, and fair prices were realised. Best beef made 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone; medium quality from 7s. 9d. to 8s. 3d. per stone. Shearlings and good hoggets sold from 9s. to 10s. 6d., and ewes from 7½d. to 8d. per lb. Pork pigs from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Calves up to 73s. each. Mr Otter, Hunsingore, sold four capital bullocks at £25 7s. 6d., £25 15s. 6d., £22 12s. 6d., and £22 17s. 6d., and Mr John Jackson, Hunsingore, sent two good bullocks and two heifers, making £25 5s., £23 10s., £20 10s., and £18 17s. 6d.; Mr W. Atkinson, Kirk Deighton Grange, sent four grand bullocks and heifers, which made £22 10s., £22, £19 12s. 6d., and £19 7s. 6d.; Mr S. Elvidge, Headley Hall, sold three choice bullocks at £22, £21, and £19 2s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Elvidge, Walton, had two good bullocks made £22 7s. 6d. and £21 7s. 6d.; Mr J. F. Holdsworth, Clifford Moor, sold seven grand bullocks at £23 12s. 6d., £22 12s. 6d., £22 5s., £21 12s. 6d., and £19 2s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Hook, Bickerton Grange, sent seven grand bullocks, realising £25 17s. 6d., £24, £22 17s. 6d., £22 15s., £21, £21 17s. 6d., and £19 7s. 6d.; Mr R. Joy, Hunsingore, sold three very choice fat bullocks at £26 15s., £25 10s., and £20 5s.; Mr H. Beech, Walshford, sold four good bullocks at £24 and £21 12s. 6d.; Mr J. Thompson, Rigton, sent two grand heifers, realising £25 2s. 6d. and £21 15s.; Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe, had two choice bullocks, £24 17s. 6d. and £22 15s.; Mr J. Jewett, Bilton, had two good bullocks at £24 7s. 6d. and £22 7s. 6d.; Mr W. Freeman, Wetherby, three fat bullocks, realising £25 6d., £22 15s. and £22 10s.; Mr J. Jewett, Bilton, bullock, £20 17s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Watson, Manor Farm, Wighill, sent 120 good bullocks, which made £22 17s. 6d. and £21 7s. 6d.; the auctioneers sold eight good bullocks of their own feeding, making £26, £25 15s., £24 15s., £23 2s. 6d., £25, £22 15s., and £20 10s.; Mr R. Dutton, Bilton Grange, sold four fat heifers at £24 5s.; Mr J. Spencley, Thorparch, sold two good bullocks at £23 12s. 6d. and £22 2s. 6d. Prime fat sheep from Mr H. Beech, Walshford, made to 71s. each; Mr J. Robinson, Bilton, to 69s.; Mr B. Thomlinson, Bilton, to 62s. Prime fat hoggs from Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe, made to 68s. 6d. each; Mr R. Dutton, Bilton Grange, to 64s.; Mr R. Machin, jun., Old Thornville, to 64s.; Mr J. H. Hook, Bickerton Grange, to 59s.; Mr J. Robinson, to 52s. 6d.; Mr S. Busby, to 52s. 6d., and Mr H. Beech, Walshford, to 58s.; Mr T. Jackson, Cattal, to 55s.; Mr A. Goodworth, to 53s. 6d.; Mr W. Walker, to 57s. 6d.; etc. Prime pigs from Mr Myers to 93s. 6d. each; Mr Coates, to 84s.; etc. Numbers sold: 101 fat beasts, 2 veal calves, 198 sheep and lambs, and 6 pork pigs.

THE LADIES' COLUMN

VALUABLE HINTS.

When cooking vegetables remember that all vegetables which grow above ground should be put into boiling water, and all which grow underground in cold water, with the exception of new potatoes.

To soften paint-brushes which have become dry and hard, heat as much vinegar as required to boiling point, immerse the brushes, and allow them to simmer for ten minutes, then wash in strong soapsuds.

A HINT TO MOTHERS.

If many of the housemothers who do their own work could take a fifteen-minutes rest in the midst of their work, learn not to worry about their work, and thoroughly relax when the first rush of work is over, there would be less need for anxiety about increasing wrinkles on weary faces. A break in the morning's work is often excellent rule for tired bodies and overwrought nerves, and nearly everyone can find opportunity for it if she makes up her mind to it. Try the plan, and doubtless the doorbell will go, baby will cry, or there will be some other disturbance, but take the rest in five-minute instalments if necessary; anyway, take it.

LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS.

The "best society" anywhere is made up of men and women who are honest before they are anything else, and who live within their means and despise display and finery. You and your family would be infinitely happier and richer if you would cease struggling to live in a position your means do not warrant. It is a false supposition to suppose that duty to your children requires any such sacrifices. On the contrary, your duty to them forbids your going deeply in debt and making your creditors wait for their just bills. Pay your debts promptly and live within your means, and you will find that there is a joy in such living as debt-burdened persons never know.

CONCENTRATION.

Concentration is one of the great secrets of success. Someone has said that if you will sit down to a task and apply yourself to it for half an hour without allowing one thought of what you are going to do next, one thought of what has been accomplished, one moment of dreaming of alien things, to creep into your mind, without permitting yourself one glance out of the window, one instant of toying with the things near at hand, you can be an average person's hour's work in that half hour.

THE UNRULY MEMBER.

Nearly every woman at some time has regretted the evening confidences which she has indiscreetly indulged in. There is no doubt that there is a witchery about the half-brushing hour that leads straight to indiscretion. It seems then as if all one's secrets rise to one's lips and cry to be told, and if one's own secrets are not sufficiently thrilling and exciting, the secrets of one's friends are inevitably poured forth. Girls should be trained to a nice discrimination about the things that they should tell. Within amusing absurdities, which have no touch of malice, are delicious when told, a bitter experience, which points a lesson to the person who sorely needs it, may be occasionally recounted with regret, but the dragging forth of ugly and unpleasant experiences, and the maudlin recounting of sentimental episodes, the rehashing and rebuilding, for the nth time, added to the telling, of misunderstandings between mutual friends, cannot be too strongly condemned.

HINTS ON SLEEP.

Nature's sweet restorer—sleep—is no a thing to be governed by any set of formal rules. The amount of sleep required by any person depends on the individual's age, constitution, and occupation. "Six hours' sleep for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool," said the third George. But, as a matter of fact (says a writer) those whose brains are in active exercise, whose nervous systems are delicate and excitable, need as much sleep as they can possibly get. Every woman must discover for herself whether or not a late supper suits her, for what suits some may be decidedly harmful to others. Mental work up to the very last moment, before going to bed is not good. It may banish sleep, or at least disturb it. Before retiring, a short interval may be advantageously spent in reading a soothing and cheering book which demands no intellectual strain.

GILCHRIST LECTURES AT GARFORTH.

CONCERNING LIGHTNING.

On Friday evening at the Council School, Garforth, the third of the series of Gilchrist lectures was delivered by Professor John Cox, M.A., LL.D., whose subject was "Lightning and lightning rods." There was a large audience, and Mr J. B. Breed (Chairman of Garforth Urban Council) presided (in the unavoidable absence of County Councillor Dwelly), who has not completely recovered from a serious illness).

Professor Cox stated that the first person to prove that lightning was electricity was Benjamin Franklin, and he related the well-known story of how he made the discovery by flying a kite. Franklin thereafter laid down certain principles for protection against lightning, and so sound were they that they had not been improved upon. Throwing upon the screen a view of a ship in a storm, the lecturer's depiction of lightning called forth from the lecturer the remark that he must have been a post impressionist artist, and he proceeded to show what electricity was by means of a machine, the experiment creating the liveliest interest. He exhibited various ways of lightning and uttered a warning to people not to repeat Franklin's experiment, which was dangerous, but he advised amateur photographers to try during a storm, to photograph lightning, explaining the simple means to be adopted for this purpose. Lightning flashes were not straight and others were crooked, but not zig-zag as shown by the artist alluded to. The idea that electricity was attracted by metals was a mistaken one; in doing the path of the flash altered. Frictional electricity was discovered 2,000 years ago, but the precise origin of atmospheric electricity was doubtful, although it must arise from friction. One suggestion was that the Sun discharged what he styled "electrons," and these got to the earth's atmosphere pretty quickly. Great damage was sometimes done by lightning, and they would naturally conclude that there must have been a large quantity of electricity to do it. The quantity, however, might be small, but the pressure was enormous. How could pressure be accounted for? He gave a capital illustration of this. By means of a jar and tubes he forced water to full on the ground, and on holding an electrified stick of sealing wax near, the water fell more heavily. The explanation was that the electricity made the drops run together and made bigger drops, which becoming electrified, caused enormous pressure.

Dealing with lightning conductors, he said that they should have points at the top and they must have a good connection with the earth. Damp earth was better than dry. In cases of buildings which were protected in this way damage was done, and an International Commission of scientific experts was appointed in 1888 to investigate the question. They, however, had nothing to add to Franklin's directions. A bequest was left by Mr Silvanus Thompson to the Society of Arts in connection with this question, and they invited Sir Oliver Lodge to give three lectures In preparing these lectures he soon discovered that something was wrong somewhere. He then described oscillatory flashes of lightning, and by means of experiments he showed the difference between these and oscillatory flashes. He then dealt with various kinds of protection against oscillatory flashes, which were also illustrated by means of views thrown on the screen.

Mr Sykes Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said that they were proud to have such lectures in Garforth, and they were privileged to have such men as the lecturer to come and speak to them on subjects they knew little about

The resolution was passed, and the lecturer expressed his appreciation of the manner in which the audience had so closely followed his remarks and experiments.

On the motion of Mr Watson a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.

A BILBROUGH FARMER AND LABOURERS' WAGES.

SAYS MINIMUM WOULD TEND TO DECREASED WORK.

Mr Frank Myers, farmer, of Bilbrough, who is a member of Tadcaster District Council, was one of the speakers at a meeting of Knaresborough agriculturists on Tuesday. He said that he thought it was the biggest mistake they could ever make to in any way try to divide the landlord and the tenant and the labourer. (Hear, hear). Speaking for himself he had always been on the best terms with his labourers, and as far as his landlord was concerned, well, he was a good landlord, but his position was as good as if the land were his own. He thought if all landlords were like that there would not be much to grumble at.

He had been asked to attend a meeting of the Central Land Association in York last week, when a resolution was proposed that the land question should be investigated. He would have been very pleased to support that providing it was done by practical men who knew the position and the requirements of those on the land. (Applause). If they remembered Mr Lloyd George appointed a committee to consider suitable lines for reform; and three of that committee were lawyers and one a journalist. Could they as farmers expect a true report from gentlemen whom, they imagined, knew nothing of the duties and burden that were on the land?

Is they allowed the Chancellor of the Exchequer's proposals to be carried he was afraid the only effect would be loss of capital, to some farmers a rise in rent, and to small landholders additional insecurity. If Mr Lloyd George's intention was to improve the material position for doing so was in the hands of the Government, when the inquiry committee was appointed. But it (Mr Myers) rather thought that what agriculture wanted was not just what Mr Lloyd George wanted. If this mishandling of agriculture was allowed to continue, if farmers did not wake up, he felt sure the result would prove disastrous to every class directly interested.

One of the most serious questions confronting agriculture to-day was the minimum wage for agricultural labourers. Farmers who were likely to be saddled with the whole cost, must face the question and think what it would mean to them. The tendency would undoubtedly be to decrease employment, and to do away with the employment of men who were not in the prime of life. The Government had said that they were doing something to benefit agriculture, but still the taxation remained the same. Unless they could do something in the way of helping themselves he saw certain they could make little of the matter. They must organise themselves. Just to give them one instance, if they had been organised when the Insurance Act was brought forward, so that they could have pressed forward their claims, they would have been much more favourably treated under that measure. (Applause)

On Saturday afternoon a hockey match was played between Roundhay and York, and the latter won by five goals to four.

AN EAST KESWICK MERCHANT'S ACTION

WETHERBY RURAL COUNCIL AS DEFENDANTS

On Tuesday at York County Court the Wetherby Rural District Council were the defendants in an action in which George Henry Moon, grocer and provision merchant, East Keswick, sought to recover the sum of £50 os. 6d., said to be the balance of sums payable for drainage the under an agreement and in return for an easement which the District Council acquired over his land.

Mr H. T. Waddy, of London (instructed by Messrs Peckover, Scriven, and Co., Leeds), appeared for plaintiff, and Mr Harold Newall, of Bradford (instructed by Mr E. Coates, Clerk to Wetherby R.D.C.) represented the Council.

The dispute arose over the construction put upon an agreement drawn up following upon a notice sent by plaintiff to defendants, claiming for damage done in the draining. In that notice defendant claimed £165 damage in respect to the whole of his property. The Council entered into an agreement with defendant whereby he was to undertake the work of connecting with the sewer his property at East Keswick, the Council to bear the cost as estimated by an independent contractor. The words in the agreement were that the sewer should be "connected with all and each of the houses and other premises constituting the whole" of his property. The claim was in respect of the private house of plaintiff, The Laurels, defendants having refused to pay for the connecting of the sewer with the house.

Mr Waddy submitted that the agreement referred to The Laurels, which was a part of plaintiff's property, and he was entitled to the money being refunded him.

Mr Newall said that the clause in the agreement quoted by Mr Waddy was ambiguous. The Laurels was not included in the original plan for the sewerage, which was the one used in the estimate obtained from Mr Danby. It was too yards away from the manhole, and the main point of the agreement was that plaintiff should be paid damages for easement obtained under two fields and a back lane, which were some distance away from the house. The Council had not undertaken to connect up The Laurels.

His Honour held that the real meaning of the agreement was obvious, that it referred to all and each of the houses. He entered judgment for plaintiff with costs on C. Scale.

PRESENTATION TO MR SYKES, C.C., TADCASTER.

MAN WHO STARTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LADDER.

At the installation of Mr John Scholes, the president, the members of the Leeds Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Association were entertained at dinner on the Society's Tuesday night. An agreeable interlude was occupied with a presentation to Mr William Sykes, the chairman and managing director of Messrs John Smith's, Tadcaster Brewery Co. (Limited), in recognition of the honour conferred upon him as chairman at the 50th annual banquet of the Association, held in January. Mr Sykes was unable to be present, but he was supported, in addition to Mr Sykes, by Alderman W. H. Clarke, Alderman A. Willey, Mr H. P. Clinch, Mr W. Riley Smith, Mr F. D. Briggs, Messrs. Directors of Messrs Smith, Mr A. Ellamarson, and Mr H. E. Harwood (secretary of the Association).

A very handsome silver waiter, which bore a suitable inscription, was handed to Mr William Sykes by the Chairman. Mr Scholes said that Mr Sykes had started towards the bottom of the ladder, and it was due to the ability and courtesy which were displayed at the present time that he now held his high position. (Hear, hear). With the gift, which he had the utmost pleasure in presenting, there were accompanied the hearty wishes of the Committee and members of the Association (Applause).

In acknowledging the gift, Mr Sykes, after a sincere expression of thanks, said that there was a great need in the trade for loyalty. They were an oppressed trade—(hear, hear)—and had not, perhaps, the goodwill and kindly feeling of everybody. He would always be prepared, however, to challenge the statement that those in other businesses were superior in honesty and straightforwardness. He believed that they, as a trade, were as square as any one else, but, unfortunately, there was a number of people who did not think so. Therefore, it was necessary that the wholesale and retail trade, although they must of necessity be in separate camps, should be united among it. It was necessary to tackle the financial or other parts of their trade which was about to be unfairly or unreasonably attacked. (Applause).

Mr George Wood proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr W. Riley-Smith and Mr H. P. Clinch replied, and the health of the President was drunk, at the instance of Alderman A. Willey. Mr Scholes responding, after a hearty reception.

SARKSTON ASH CONSERVATISM.

ADDRESS BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

Under the auspices of the Drax Conservative Association, an enthusiastic gathering was held in the Grammar School Room on Friday night, the chair being taken by Mr H. Pulleine. Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., was present, and delivered an address, and the attendance included Mr Eustace A. How, Mr R. L. Walker, Mr W. H. Dyson, Mr P. Thompson, Mr J. Ellis, Mr R. S. Parkin, Mr A. Vause, Mr John Winters, Mr Jos. Winters, and Mr R. Lodge (Conservative agent).

The Chairman said he felt certain that the Conservatives in the Drax portion of Barkston Ash Division would, when the time arrived, do all they could to return Mr Lane Fox at the head of the poll. (Applause).

Mr Lane Fox, M.P., who was received with cheers, said the Government had given very little time for discussion, and hurried legislation had been the result. He instanced the Insurance Act as a case in point. At present the Liberal party were not talking about the thing they were going to do in the forthcoming Session. Their speeches were about the land, which they said they were going to deal with two years hence, but they avoided the questions of Ireland and the Welsh Church.

Speaking of Home Rule, Mr Lane Fox said that the people of Ulster were proving that they were in earnest. If something was not done there was bound to be civil war in Ireland. An appeal should be made to the country before a measure like the Home Rule Bill became law (Applause).

Touching upon the land programme, he said the Government averred that they wanted to improve the labourers' position, but they said this after having turned a deaf ear to all the amendments proposed to the National Insurance Act which would have given the agricultural labourers fair treatment, and placed them in a different position from those in the towns. (Hear, hear).

Mr Lloyd George had said that the friendly societies would get 9d. for 4d., but from statistics available at the present time it could be seen that the societies were far from being in a flourishing position. With regard to rural housing, when proposals were brought forward from the Unionist side, no assistance to pass them into Law was given in any way by the Government.

An enjoyable musical programme was given by Mr and Mrs Rockett, Miss Thompson, Mr G. Alcock, and Mr B. Farley.

A TADCASTER MAN'S APPOINTMENT.

P.G.M. OF YORK DISTRICT, M.U.O.

Mr James Strothard, Tadcaster, has been elected Provincial Grand Master of the York District of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. Mr Strothard, who is a native of Tadcaster, is 46 years of age, and has been employed as a master cooper by the Tadcaster Tower Brewery Co., Ltd., York, for the last 22 years.

He was initiated in the Order in 1886, as a member of the Arrowgil Lodge, No. 655, and he was at that time Chaplain of the Tadcaster district. He soon became an interested and active member, and in turn filled all the Lodge offices with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his brethren, gaining both their esteem and confidence, and on frequent occasions he represented his Lodge as a delegate at the district meetings.

There came troublous times for his district and measures of reform had to be taken which resulted in the Lodge being affiliated to the York district. Mr Strothard was, with a few other, mainly instrumental in this step, which has since proved to have been the right direction. When they formed the York district in 1907, the Archangel Lodge had a membership of 112, on an average age of 48 years, and a capital of £500; now the membership is 210, with an average age of 34 years, and the capital has risen to £850.

In everything that tends to promote the interest of Oddfellowship, Mr Strothard is deeply and actively interested. With an eye to the future one of his ambitions has been realised in the formation of a Juvenile Association, which has already flourished beyond expectations, there being a membership of over 30, with every prospect of that number increasing. Last year Mr Strothard was president of this association.

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

WHITKIRK RESIDENTS AND A SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association, was held at the Bowen Cow Inn, Whitkirk, on Friday evening—Mr J. Armstead (President) in the chair

In regard to introducing a supply of water at the cemetery at Whitkirk, Mr Atkinson stated that the trustees of the Nonconformist part of the ground had not had a meeting, and the matter was left over.

It was recently suggested that a lamp should be erected in Primrose Lane, Halton, near Mr Walbank's house, and the District Council were written to on the subject. Mr Pindar (the Clerk), in reply, wrote stating that there was no gas main at the place, and the Council could not erect a lamp.

The suggested provision of school accommodation at Whitkirk was thereafter discussed, and figures got out to November, 1912, were submitted as follows:—Children in the district from 6 months of age, upwards, 166; children of school age, 109; attending private schools or going to Leeds, 65; attending Mansion, Colton, or Halton Schools, 44. It was stated that 8 children walked one mile, 31 one-and-a-quarter miles, and 5 one-and-a-half miles four times each day—an average of 4.93 miles per day. Twenty of these children were from 5 to 8 years of age, five being 5 years, two 6 years, seven 7 years, and six 8 years. The accommodation at Halton and Colton Infants' School was given as follows:—Halton—accommodation, 112; on the register, 128; and average attendance, 105. Colton—accommodation, 160; on the register, 114; and average attendance, 58.

The President said that, in his opinion, the distance—nearly five miles per day—was too great for the children to walk to school.

Mr Young proposed that no further steps be taken in the matter. He pointed out that the number of children on whom any hardship was imposed was small, and in regard to those between three and five years it might be possible to get a conveyance. The accommodation in the existing schools was at present sufficient, and there was no need for further provision.

Mr Martin seconded, and this was adopted.

GARFORTH GOLF CLUB DINNER.

THE CLUB'S PROSPECTS.

The first annual dinner of Garforth Golf Club was held on Friday night at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds. Mr H. S. Childe, one of the vice-presidents, took the chair, and there was a large attendance, including Mr C. E. Cass (chairman of the Committee), Mr H. F. Smithson (captain), Mr Henry Oliver (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs), Mr H. Sandy (hon. secretary of the club), and other officers and members.

The principal toast of the evening, "Success to the Garforth Golf Club," was proposed by the Chairman, who commented on the soundness of the balance-sheet just placed before the members. He thought that the club had been established on a firm basis, and was bound to prosper under its auspices. It had been well managed during a difficult time, and if the present policy were continued he had no fear of the future.

Mr Charles Cass, in response, said the Garforth Golf Club had become a serious proposition, and was now an accomplished fact. The club had only been in existence about 15 months, and the present members on their fortune in doing so 220, and applications were coming in even at this time of the year in numbers. At the January meeting 16 new members were elected, and on the following Saturday week will be held next week there was a further batch of 19 new applications. There were many pitfalls for the committee of any golf club in the first stage of construction perhaps not appreciated by the average member outside the committee, but he thought he could safely say that the mistakes at Garforth were few and far between. Indeed, they had been congratulated by those experienced in such matters that, generally speaking, their errors had not been of a serious nature up to now. Mr Cass proceeded to read a letter from Dr Mackenzie, the architect of the course, in the course of which the letter said:—"It would have given me very great pleasure to have congratulated your members on their fortune in doing a ground so rich in really fine existing hazards and in turf which will ultimately be as good, or even superior, to anything within 30 miles of Leeds." That was the best thing contained Mr Cass, that they had done in connection with the club had been in securing the services and advice of Dr Mackenzie, who was acknowledged the finest golf course architect of to-day, and he had from the very beginning taken an exceptional interest in the club, and was very keen indeed in making it successful. If all the members would pull together there was not a shadow of doubt that the Garforth Golf Club would in time be, not only something to be proud of, but would rank as one of the finest, not only in Leeds district, but in the whole of Yorkshire. (Hear, hear)

The toast of "The Yorkshire Union of Golf Clubs" was proposed by Mr G. G. Baker, and responded to by Mr H. Oliver. The latter stated that in the Yorkshire Union at present there were 80 affiliated clubs with a total membership of about 20,000. He urged the members of the Garforth Club to participate as much as possible in the meetings of the Yorkshire Union, and wished them every success in the county competitions.

The concluding toast was "The Chairman," proposed by Mr Smithson, and accorded musical honours. An excellent musical programme was sandwiched between the speeches.

ALLEGED ARSON AT BURN.

A YOUNG MAN'S CONFESSION.

WELL-KNOWN FARMER'S SERIOUS LOSS

John Davis, a respectable-looking, well-dressed young man, who gave his age as 20, of no fixed abode, was charged at Selby on Monday, with maliciously setting fire to a wheat stack belonging to Mr William Boothroyd, farmer, of Burnholme Farm, Burn, doing damage to the extent of £120.

William Thomas Dalton, farm foreman in the employ of Mr William Boothroyd, Chapel Haddlesey, stated that at 1.15 on the afternoon of February 6th he was working in a field belonging to the prisoner. There were two wheat stacks and one oat-stack in the field, and they were then all right. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, from something that was said to him, witness looked in the direction of the stacks, and noticed that the middle one of the three was on fire, blazing from the bottom to the top, and about half-way round. Witness at once went for a stack cover to put over the remaining wheat stack, which was about seven yards away. With some water obtained from a ditch the adjoining stack was kept secure. Witness saw no one in the vicinity at the time he passed the stack five minutes prior to the outbreak. The cover and the water saved the second wheat stack from destruction.

William Boothroyd, farmer, of Burnholme Farm, Burn, said he was the owner of a farm at Chapel Haddlesey, on which he had a wheat stack in a field on the Selby road. He had also an oat stack and another wheat stack in the same field. The wheat stack was about seven yards, and the oat stack 37 yards from the stack that was on fire. About 2.15 on the afternoon of the day in question witness was at Selby. When informed of what had happened witness at once went to the field off the Selby road, in Chapel Haddlesey, in which the three stacks were situated. One of the wheat stacks was on fire, and he assisted in extinguishing the flames until the arrival of the Selby fire brigade. About 4.15 p.m. witness was in company with Sergeant Hirst in the field when he noticed a man's head in the next field. There was no footpath or highway within 200 yards of this particular place. The man, he had been informed to run down the hedge side of the field. Witness went in pursuit of the man, whilst the sergeant went in another direction. Accused was stopped, when it was found that his clothing was very dirty, as though he had been lying on the ground. The contents of the stack which was burned would weigh 16 or 17 tons, and by Budget, owing to the reckless extravagance of the Government, for the stupendous sum of something like 200 million pounds. He was getting on for 80 years of age, but he could tell you that he heard so much in 1909, would not benefit the Chancellor or the country very much, for in four years' working these taxes, which were to bring about the millennium, had only realised £223,000, and had only realised £1,356,000 to collect. ("Shame.") One of the worst features of the whole business had been the creation of officials in order to placate supporters of the Government. It would scarcely be credited that while the present Government had been in power they had appointed 7,000 Government officials, with salaries ranging from £100 to £1,200 a year, and between 3,000 and 4,000 of these men had been appointed without any sort of examination. The degradation of the House of Commons and of Parliament was greatly due to the fact that at the head of affairs was a Prime Minister whose sense of honour was so low. While there was a clear Liberal majority in the House of Commons there was no question of the Home Rule Bill being passed into law. While there was a clear majority he made the infamous bargain with the Nationalists in order to get their support for the Budget. Moreover, Mr Asquith's failure to fulfil the duty of honour, which brooked no delay in reforming the House of Lords subsequent to the Parliament Act, clearly showed that the word "honour" did not convey much to him; and if another general election took place was his act's acquiescence in the disgraceful Marconi slanders, by appointing one of the chief offenders to the Lord Chief Justiceship of England.

For his own part, he considered one of the Government's most disgraceful acts was the introduction of the Bill for disestablishing and disendowing the Church in Wales. (Applause). This was robbery pure and simple, indulged in for the purpose of placating Welsh Radicals, and it struck at the very root of Christianity itself. (Hear, hear). The Plural Voting Bill was another electioneering dodge, which refused to accompany the principle of "One man one vote" by that of "One vote one value," because the conjunction would not benefit the Radical party. The Home Rule Bill was a great black cloud, and nobody knew when it would burst. It seemed incredible that the Government could so pooh-pooh and belittle the subject, and that only the other day Mr Birrell, though Chief Secretary for Ireland, should have indulged in public in ill-timed pleasantries and vapid humilities was to be discussed it. Let Mr Birrell remember that the day Home Rule became law, the Ulster Provisional Government would come into active existence, and we should be face to face with civil war. A single shot or creet act by the Government, or any local disturbance in Ulster might precipitate the calamity. The exclusion of Ulster, about which so much had been said, was impossible, for Mr Redmond would not allow it. Consequently the only alternative to civil war, was to force Mr Asquith to appeal to the country. (Applause). They had not been consulted on the question, and the Government had received no mandate from them on the course which they had taken. The attempt to force Ulster out of the Union, and to put it under a Dublin Parliament, was an amazing action for which in no country in the world was there a parallel. Dealing with the question of the national deficiency, Mr Lister-Kaye said the attempt of the Little Navyites to cut down the estimates could not be too strongly deprecated. The Government had themselves declared that a sixty per cent. standard in capital ships above the Navy of the next greatest Power was absolutely necessary for the safety of these shores, and it was imperative that the minimum should be maintained. (Hear, hear). Mr Winston Churchill would, he was sure, receive the whole-hearted support of the Unionist party in the House of Commons when he presented his supplementary naval estimates. (Applause). He hoped the first act of a Unionist Government on attaining power would be to repeal the Parliament Act. (Hear, hear). An election might come quickly, and he appealed to the party workers to be prepared. He was not one of those who regarded a fight in Normanton as hopeless for the Unionist cause—(applause)—and if he were asked to stand he should do so looking forward to the victory which he felt sure would come (Applause).

Mr Lister-Kaye then left the room, and in his absence a representative of each of the districts in the division spoke of him in the warmest terms and of his strong qualifications as a candidate.

Mr T. Simpson proposed a resolution endorsing the Executive committee's recommendation to adopt Mr Lister-Kaye.

Major Wilson, in seconding, said a politician who refused to fight for nothing he was sure of winning was a poor patriot. If the Unionists of Normanton did their duty they could give their opponents a very hot time.

The resolution was carried with great enthusiasm. After Mr Lister-Kaye expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and said he should work with all his might to secure success for his party.

OPPOSITION FOR MR F. HALL, M.P.

POLITICS IN ROTHWELL DISTRICT.

UNIONISTS TO GIVE THEIR OPPONENTS A "HOT TIME."

On Friday night at the Conservative Club, Wakefield, a special meeting of the executives of the Normanton Divisional Conservative Association, was held under the chairmanship of Mr T. P. Tew, to adopt Mr Cecil Lister-Kaye as the prospective Unionist candidate for the Division. There was a good attendance, and among those present were Major G. Bolton, Mr H. Beaumont, Mr Gerald Beaumont, Mr J. V. H. Walton, Mr J. Horsfall Turner, Mr C. B. Wray, Mr F. H. Wright, Mr T. H. Woodsworth, Mr James Muirhead, Mr John Cumberbirch, and Mr Charles Garrett (secretary and agent).

Mr Percy Tew, expressing his pleasure at the prospect of the Unionist cause in the Division being championed by a man of Mr Lister-Kaye's high personal character, and close association with the Division by residence and ancient family history," said the Executive Committee had long felt that it was time there was a contest in Normanton. The Unionists of Normanton had not yet been represented by a man holding their views, but he honestly believed that if they went into the fight not with the idea that they would lose, but with the intention of making a serious impression on the other side, they would do it. (Applause).

Mr Lister-Kaye, who was received very heartily, said he regretted that a younger man had not been found, but he was grateful for the chance of showing that he was a Unionist not only in words, but in deed. (Applause). He felt so strongly the gravity of the political situation, that he viewed with concern the seeming apathy of the Unionist party, for it was impossible to disguise the fact that if the Government persisted in their utterly outrageous course of forcing Home Rule upon Ireland, we should be face to face with civil war. Discussing the past actions of the Government, Mr Lister-Kaye said one might leave to the rank and file of the Radical party the consumption of that rare and refreshing fruit which the Chancellor provided for them in the "People's" Budget and in the Insurance Act. If the consumption of their dainties proved a little bitter in the swallowing, he hoped it would be a lesson for that party in future to accept with more generous and discriminating taste which Mr Lloyd George was so eager to proffer them with such honeyed words. In a very short time we shall have another specimen of his astonishing prowess, and presently he would have in his Budget, owing to the reckless extravagance of the Government, for the stupendous sum of something like 200 million pounds. He was getting on for 80 years of age, but he could tell you that he heard so much in 1909, would not benefit the Chancellor or the country very much, for in four years' working these taxes, which were to bring about the millennium, had only realised £223,000, and had only realised £1,356,000 to collect. ("Shame.") One of the worst features of the whole business had been the creation of officials in order to placate supporters of the Government. It would scarcely be credited that while the present Government had been in power they had appointed 7,000 Government officials, with salaries ranging from £100 to £1,200 a year, and between 3,000 and 4,000 of these men had been appointed without any sort of examination. The degradation of the House of Commons and of Parliament was greatly due to the fact that at the head of affairs was a Prime Minister whose sense of honour was so low. While there was a clear Liberal majority in the House of Commons there was no question of the Home Rule Bill being passed into law. While there was a clear majority he made the infamous bargain with the Nationalists in order to get their support for the Budget. Moreover, Mr Asquith's failure to fulfil the duty of honour, which brooked no delay in reforming the House of Lords subsequent to the Parliament Act, clearly showed that the word "honour" did not convey much to him; and if another general election took place was his act's acquiescence in the disgraceful Marconi slanders, by appointing one of the chief offenders to the Lord Chief Justiceship of England.

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED

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Mr A. Clarkson (Esholt) seconded.

Mr F. H. Fawkes (Farnley Hall) said the suggested inquiry would give the Council an understanding of the needs of their area. He felt that a very small proportion would be found in the rural area, though at Adel there was a shortage owing to the proximity of Leeds and the suburban residences. In the purely rural areas he knew of many cases in some of the villages would fill all requirements.

The Chairman (Mr Hornsby-Jackson, the retiring Chairman) said he was very much in favour of the resolution. Adel as to whether the whole of the existing cottages were sanitary or otherwise, and as to how others which required to be made more tenantable, would stand with regard to the increased demand for cottages. There were several cottages at the present time unoccupied, but it was not for him to say why they were not occupied.

Mr Boswell's motion was carried.

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ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1907.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Council have by resolution passed at a meeting of the Council held on the 2nd day of February, 1914, ADOPTED the NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS ACT, 1907, which resolution will come into force at such date (not being less than one month after the first publication of this notice) as may be appointed by the Local Government Board. By section one of this Act it is provided that in the case of every child born within the area of the Council it shall be the duty of the father of the child if he is actually residing in the house where the birth takes place at the time of its occurrence, and of any person in attendance upon the mother, at the time of, or within 6 hours after the birth, to give notice in writing of the birth to the Medical Officer of Health of the above Council, by posting a prepaid letter or postcard, addressed to the Medical Officer of Health giving the necessary information of the birth WITHIN 36 HOURS AFTER THE BIRTH, or by delivering a written notice of the birth at the office of the Medical Officer of Health, within the same time. Any person who fails to give the notice will be liable to a penalty of 20s.

This notice is in addition to, and not in substitution for, the requirements of any Act relating to the registration of births.

WALTER DODGSON,
Clerk to the Council.
Council Offices, Rothwell, near Leeds,
3rd February, 1914. 1

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a General Meeting of the Urban District Council of Rothwell held on Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1914, it was resolved:—

"That in pursuance of Section 6, Sub-Section 2, of the Private Street Works Act, 1892, the Specification, Plan, Sections, Estimate and Provisional Apportionment amounting to £367 2s. 2d. prepared by the Surveyor, and submitted to this Meeting, for the Sewering, Levelling, Paving, Metalling, Flagging, Channelling, and making good of WIND-MILL LANE, in the Parish of Rothwell (part only) from Carlton Lane to the Parish Boundary of Carlton, be and are hereby approved."

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Sealed and endorsed Tenders are to be delivered to the undersigned not later than 11 a.m. Saturday, February 21st, 1914.

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PROPOSED ABOLITION OF RURAL COUNCILS.

The sweeping condemnation of local administration in rural England is calculated to arouse feelings of indignation among progressive authorities, but in judging a system it is apparently difficult to differentiate, and the efficient suffer with the inefficient. Prior to the establishment of Rural Councils sanitary administration was in the hands of what were known as sanitary authorities, consisting of members of Boards of Guardians in rural areas, and the maintenance and repair of roads were carried out by the highway surveyors, who were appointed by the vestries, but the work was not always well done, and with the creation of new administrative bodies it was expected that a progress era would dawn in rural England. The progress made, however, does not appear to have satisfied expert opinion, and the "Sanitary Record" states:—

"There are, we fear, good grounds for concluding that Rural District Councils are not a success. Composed, as the majority of them are, of a majority of farmers, conservative in ideas, ignorant of the elements of sanitary knowledge, hide-bound in customs and traditions, obsessed with the importance of protecting themselves against an increase of rates, they are, generally impossible administrators.

Can it be considered that Rural District Councils justify their existence?

Nevertheless, it is mischievous to convey the notion that failure is writ large over the work of all rural bodies. No doubt there are Councils who could not justify their existence, but in Yorkshire, at any rate, the majority of the authorities would be able to give a satisfactory account of their work. When the Leeds Corporation brought forward their last annexation scheme they did not urge as one reason in favour of it the maladministration of the adjoining areas, nor did they even suggest that there was inefficiency in any department, and, as a matter of fact, in the places incorporated no improvement in the administration has been introduced. A district must be judged by its general work, and since the Act establishing Rural Councils was passed great progress has been made in Yorkshire. In the Hunslet, Tadcaster, Wetherby, and Selby rural districts huge sums of money have been spent in providing sewerage and sewage systems, and water supplies, scavenging has been instituted in practically every large village, and a close supervision over living conditions, so far as housing and sanitary surroundings are concerned, has been exercised. Whilst ungrudgingly admitting all this, it must be confessed that the system has it weaknesses. Too often necessary reforms are retarded owing to a reluctance to meet the cost, and in the case of water supplies an unenterprising attitude sometimes results in a loss of human life, as could be demonstrated by the case of one village in the district. Occasionally, when the experts suggest a water supply for a place—they would not do so were it not necessary—the rural administrators, hostile to any increase in rating burdens, at once display antagonism, and, as an argument against the expenditure, cite the value of shallow wells—frequently polluted. Table is the polluted—as evidenced by the number of old residents existing in the place. Moreover, farmers have a decided objection to providing water schemes in villages by which they themselves will not benefit. Public spirit is often lacking, and not until pressure has been brought to bear by the Local Government Board or the County Council is action taken. Still, the general sanitary work is well done, and this has been an immense benefit to this community.

Expert opinion having written down the District Councils as not being a success, it was impossible to stop there, and their abolition is coolly suggested, as follows:—

And should they not, as was the case with School Boards, be deemed to be failures, dissolved, and their duties transferred to County Councils? We believe if such were done, the inhabitants of rural districts would be the gainers, and that the remissness in protecting them against preventable disease, polluted water supplies, bad drainage, and bad housing would ere long disappear.

The system, it must be admitted, could easily be improved, and it is possible to indicate the lines along which this could be done. First of all, too little consideration is given to important questions affecting parishes, and the representative or representatives of the township are too frequently allowed to dictate the policy to be pursued. The other Councillors assume the role of spectators, and, in sanitary matters, which are a charge on the parish, they evince little interest in what does not concern themselves. When the Councils were formed it was probably thought that the creation of a body of independent opinion would ensure fairplay and efficiency, but, instead of that, the parochial view is allowed to prevail, sometimes with disastrous financial results, because after wasting money tinkering with a job, they are eventually compelled to spend large sums in having the work done properly. If the Councils as would exhibit as much interest in the affairs of the district as they show in the work of their own parishes the system would meet with a greater measure of success. In regard to water supplies, too, there is an absence of co-operation and combination that is lamentable, and schemes which could be carried out by such means are thrown on the scrap heap owing to distrust. While acknowledging the weaknesses of the system, we cannot admit that a case has been made out for its abolition. Greater supervision might be exercised from headquarters, but to centralize the whole of the administrative machinery would simply put an end to all local self-government, and the interest of people in their own affairs would soon vanish. Moreover, the County Councils are already over-burdened with work, which is, to a very large extent, in the hands of officials, and they could only do it through District Committees, who would be subject to local influences. Were such a proposal brought forward it would be bitterly resisted, and the ratepayers, no less than the Councils themselves, would be hostile to any scheme which would deprive them of the powers and privileges they now enjoy. At the same time, the suggestion should be a warning to District Councils, because it shows "how the wind blows."

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DEATHS.

CLAYTON.—February 8th, at Wharfe Bank House, Ulleskelf, Henry James Clayton, late of Grimston Park Gardens, Tadcaster.

FOSTER.—February 9th, at Coombe Hurst, Kingston Hill, Surrey, in his 73rd year, James Foster, late of Barwicke, late of Elmet.

HARRISON.—(Suddenly), February 7th, Luciana, dearly beloved wife of Alfred Harrison, aged 53, at Gamblethorpe, Swillington, Woodlesford.
"In the midst of life we are in death." 935

LAWN.—February 8th, at Barwick-in-Elmet, Elizabeth Lawn, widow of the late John Lawn, Pinogh Inn, Saxton, in her 79th year.

IN MEMORIAM.

DACRE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Dacre, who died February 13th, 1906; also our dear father, Samuel Dacre, who died Nov. 28th, 1910.
"No one knows how much we miss them.
None but aching hearts can tell;
Earth has lost them, heaven hath gained them,
Jesus doeth all things well."

ELLISON.—In loving memory of William Robert Ellison, who died at Goole, Feb. 10th, 1912.
807 —From his sorrowing father and mother.

MALKIN.—In loving memory of George Malkin, of Barrowby Lane, Garforth, who died February 10th, 1905, aged 76 years.
"Nine years have passed away, yet I remember well,
As I stood beside his dying bed to bid a long farewell.
With tearful eyes I watched him until he passed away;
Although I loved him dearly, I could not make him stay."
"Gone, but not forgotten."
3744 —M. M.

NEWSOME.—In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Sarah Ann Newsome, who died at Kippax on February 12th, 1908.
"Gone but not forgotten."
929 —From husband and family.

Mrs W. A. Wood and family, of Crossgates, desire to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

The workpeople of Messrs. Charlesworth, Newmarket Silkstone Colliery, have sent £27 15s. 6d. to Leeds Infirmary.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr R. D. Kitson, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr F. M. Lupton, and Mr E. Parkin.

PROPERTY SALES.—On Wednesday night, at Rothwell Haigh, Whitham and Sons sold two freehold dwelling-houses in Newfield Road, Rothwell Haigh, for £422 10s., and two through dwelling-houses, known as Victoria Cottages, Wakefield Road, for £390.

SERVICE OF SONG.—At the Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday afternoon a service of song entitled "The three little wanderers," was rendered by the Ouzlewell Green choir. Mr C. H. Thompson presided, and a collection was taken up on behalf of the house fund.

SUCCESSES.—The three pupils of Miss Castle (Rothwell High School), who entered for the College of Preceptors' examinations at Christmas, were successful, and will receive certificates as follows:—Phyllis Foord, Dorothy Wormald (preliminary), and Eleanor M. Elliott (lower form).

BILLIARDS.—The senior team of the Mechanics' Institute are running strong in the Oulton and District Billiard League, and at present they are at the head of affairs. In the two last matches played they defeated Kippax by 144 points, while over Rothwell Working Man's Club they had a victory of 178 points.

PICKWICKIANS.—The weekly meeting of the Pickwickian Society was presided over on Thursday night by Mr J. H. Rawling. Mr G. W. Nodding, in addition to reading the chapter of Pickwick Papers recording "A touching act of delicate feeling," gave a reading by W. W. Jacob, entitled "A case of dissection." Mr P. Remsbell contributed "In mid-Atlantic" (W. W. Jacob), and a Yorkshire reading by John Hartley was given by Mr W. Sidebottom.

P.S.A.—There was a moderate attendance at the P.S.A. service held on Sunday afternoon at the Primitive Methodist Chapel. The speaker was to have been Mr Holcroft, but he caused some disappointment by his absence. However, the difficulty was surmounted by Mr Eli Ward, who gave an interesting address. Madame Holroyd (Rothwell Haigh) was the soloist, and her singing was greatly enjoyed. Mr J. C. Harrison acted both as organist and accompanist.

ROTHWELL W.M. LODGE.—Playing in the Senior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League, the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute defeated Rothwell Working Man's Club by 178 points. Details (Mechanics' names first):—S Ellwards 100 v. J. Hargreaves 44, J. Hainsworth 100 v. G. Pickersgill 76, E. Beckwith 100 v. H. Ely 56, W. Armstead 100 v. O. Banks 81, H. Banks 100 v. R. Dickens 80, and W. Watson 100 v. L. Thurwell 85. Mr W. Armstead made a break of 34.

ROTHWELL M.I. DEFEATED.—In the first round of the charity competition at Hixon and Sons' Showrooms, Park Street, Leeds, on Tuesday night, Harehills Liberal Club defeated Rothwell Mechanics' Institute by 56 points on the aggregate totals, winning three of the five games. The scores were 447 and 391. Details (Harehills names first):—A. Hixon 100 v. O. Pawson 25, R. Horsley 49 v. S. Edwards 100, J. Hepworth 98 v. J. Hainsworth 100, A. Wainwright 100 v. W. Armistead 72, and F. Hogarth 100 v. E. Beckwith 94.

FOOTBALL.—Leeds Tradesmen replayed their second round tie with Rothwell Wednesday at Robin Hood on Wednesday. The first half was keen and even, and there was no scoring until close upon the interval, when S. Heaton netted for Rothwell. The visitors resumed a man short, Copley having retired hurt. Both teams did their share of attacking, but the Tradesmen could not score, and Ellis placed Rothwell further ahead. Umpleby (Rothwell) was sent off. Result:—Rothwell Wednesday 2 goals, Leeds Tradesmen none.

ALLERTON BYWATER

SURFACE WORKERS.—A meeting of the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday—Mr H. Smith presiding. Amongst the matters mentioned as to the close Mr Smith reported with satisfaction that the question of dealing with the surface workers in West Yorkshire had been settled, and that they were only now waiting the signing of the agreement with the conciliators.

DEATH OF A SOLICITOR.—Mr Harold B. Kemp, a well-known Castleford solicitor, died after a short illness at his residence, Ferrybridge Road, on Monday morning. Mr Kemp, who was 34 years of age, was the second son of Dr Kemp, of Horbury, and was educated at Wakefield Grammar School. After serving his articles with Mr Claude Kemp, deceased began to practise in Castleford in 1904, and, being a fluent speaker, was much in evidence at the local and district police courts, where he speedily made a reputation by his powers of cross-examination. A Conservative in politics, his untimely death will be much regretted by a wide circle of friends.

CARLTON

MEMORIAL SERVICE.—A memorial service was held at the Carlton Temperance Hall on Sunday night for the late Mr Charles Thompson, who had been a member of the Society for about eighteen years. He had also been a member of the Carlton Temperance Band. The service, which was conducted by Mr T. Wilcock, drew a large gathering of Carlton folk.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the junior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Carlton Temperance Hall were defeated at Rothwell by Rothwell Mechanics' Institute by 107 points. Details (Rothwell names first):—J. Hall 100 v. W. Turpin 70. H. Priestley 89 v. J. Brown 100. W. Watson 100 v. Ed. Brown 77, R. Priestley 100 v. R. Beeton 59. H. Taylor 100 v. G. Priestley 93, and F. Crowther 87 v. T. Wrigglesworth 100.

CROSSGATES

Crossgates Recreation Club has a membership of 147.

A substantial profit on Crossgates Golf Club for the past year is reported. The annual meeting takes place to-night.

At the meeting of the Crossgates Literary Society on Monday evening, a lecture on "Mexico" will be delivered by Mr A. Gilfgan, B.Sc., F.G.S., and it is sure to be of great interest. For particulars see advert.

Mr E. Hawkesworth, of Crossgates, who is chairman of branch, was one of the speakers at the dinner of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association in Leeds on Saturday night, proposing "Our guests."

PUBLIC DEBATE.—On Tuesday evening in the Lecture Hall of the Baptist Church Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (prospective Liberal) candidate for Barkston Ash Division), will move the King's Speech, and Mr J. J. Mocking, Mr Hamerton, will propose an amendment.—See advert.

B.W.T.A.—A very enjoyable time was spent in the Lecture Hall of the Crossgates Wesleyan Church on Monday evening, when the Crossgates and District Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association entertained about 45 members of the Little White Ribboners, along with their mothers. After tea games were engaged in, and Mr J. E. Broadbent, of Whitkirk, gave a short entertainment, which was very greatly appreciated.

THE LATE MR W. A. WOOD.—It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr W. A. Wood, of Austhorpe Road, Crossgates, one of the best known tradesmen in the district. Deceased, who had suffered from an ailment for about two years, became seriously ill last week, and his death came somewhat unexpectedly on Friday about noon. Mr Wood, who has been a master plumber, and, being of a quiet and unassuming disposition, he was held in the highest respect by all classes. He was prominently identified with the Friendly Society movement at Crossgates, and was one of the charter members of Court Crossgates, I.O.F. For four years he discharged the duties of financial secretary with much acceptance, and during the whole of that time he did not absent himself from a meeting; in fact, it is stated that he missed only one meeting since the Court was formed. He is the first member the Court has lost by death in Crossgates. Mr Wood leaves a wife and two children, as well as his parents, to mourn his loss, and for them much sympathy is felt. On Monday afternoon the remains were interred in the churchyard at Manston, and the funeral was largely attended. Mrs Wood, Miss Nellie Wood (daughter), and Mr and Mrs Wood (parents) were the principal mourners, and shortly forty members of Court Crossgates, I.O.F., were present to pay a last tribute of respect to a brother who was greatly esteemed, while Crossgates Bowling Club was represented. The service in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. H. Malleson), and thereafter the Foresters' impressive funeral service was gone through, the chaplain (Rev. J. Miller Hamilton) officiating. Many beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave, including floral tributes from the members of the family and friends, Court Crossgates, and Crossgates Bowling Club.

SEX TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.—In the daily newspapers a controversy is going on at present the Dronfield case (referred to in our last issue) and sex teaching in schools, and Mrs Malleson, of Manston Vicarage, writes to the "Post" as follows:—Though one may doubt the wisdom of Miss Outram's course of action, one cannot but be grateful for the line she has taken up and for the discussion that has been raised. As a wife and a mother, and above all a vicar's wife, I write to strongly support the necessity of sex hygiene and knowledge being imparted to the rising generation. There may be various opinions as to the earliest age for this teaching, but what is the good of locking the stable door when the steed is stolen. I know of cases of information given by girls of 10 to children of 8; of course this conversation ended with "Don't tell your mother." It seems to me that for the sake of the race, to give only one worthy motive, it is every Christian thinking mother's duty to graduate the impart such knowledge as may keep her children both healthy and pure, and in the case of boys the father should co-operate with her. But every leader and every follower of the widely spreading education movement is appalled by the apathy of the average parent in any and every class of life. Clergy, parish workers, and Mothers' Union members find themselves up against a stone wall of indifference. Progress in education, comfort, etc., is welcomed, but the necessity for progress in these, matters is strenuously denied. In dealing with young people when they have reached the age for Confirmation, it is only too evident that parental indifference has left these things to chance. I think I may safely say that any clergyman, minister, or churchworker of experience would be only too willing to help any parents by suggesting books or pamphlets on these subjects recommended by such leaders as the Archbishops of Canterbury, the head master of Eton, the Hon. Mrs. E. S. Talbot, etc.

LIBERALISM.—At a Liberal demonstration at Otley on Saturday Mr J. H. Duncan, M.P., said that though in Otley they did not fear a general election, they had Barkston Ash and Ripon to win back to Liberalism. They did not feel the cold breezes of Toryism blowing from these quarters, because they had warmth enough at Otley, but they wanted a united Yorkshire for Liberalism.

GARFORTH

BENEFIT.—Mr J. R. Busfield, hon. sec. of the Gasping Goose Angling Club, writes stating that they desire to thank the residents of Garforth who so generously contributed on Saturday to the fund being raised on behalf of Mr T. Chadwick, who has been ill in bed for some time, and they also thank the Garforth Band for their kindness in giving their services free for the same object. The collection amounted to £7.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Kitchen, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Sunday, February 1st. P.C. Jackson stated that about 9.10 p.m. on the day in question, he was on duty in Main Street, Garforth, where he saw the defendant in a drunken condition, and he made use of obscene language. Witness spoke to him and told him he would be reported. Kitchen was fined 10s. and costs.

INJURED AT GARFORTH.—At Pontefract County Court on Wednesday Judge Benson increased the amount of compensation proposed to be paid to a Leeds carter named Charles Mounsey (31), employed by Messrs W. M. Moore and Sons, hay and straw dealers. While in charge of one of their drays at Garforth, the man severely injured his knees, and the firm, after paying him 12s. per week for some time, agreed to pay a lump sum on settlement, but when this was placed before the Registrar three weeks ago to be recorded he refused to accept it on the ground that the amount was inadequate. His employer agreed to amend the sum to £60, and entered judgment for this amount with costs.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On Saturday night the children of the United Methodist Sunday School gave an interesting entertainment in the schoolroom, and there was a good attendance. The children, who had been trained by Misses L. and N. Thompson, acquitted themselves well, the programme being:—Song, "A song of the flowers," action song, "The monkey on a stick," children; song, "The tramp," A. Roberts; sketch, "Clothes mangled here," scholars; song, "The Chinaman," boys; song, "Kazoo band"; song, "The tall top hat," boys; operetta, "The doll's house family," girls; sketch, "The enquiry office," older boys; song, "Good-night," A. Roberts and children. Mr Harry Taylor discharged the duties of accompanist. The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School Fund.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The popular Picture House, providing excellent fare week by week, continues to draw large and appreciative audiences, and the management's enterprise has had its reward. The principal pictures in the early part of the week were "A business repair" and "Heart of an artist," and they were excellent. For to-night and Saturday a dramatic story of shipwreck "Wheels of fate" will make a stirring appeal, and "The death sentence" will describe how a condemned man is miraculously saved from a criminal's death by his child. Pictures of refined humour and interest complete the programme. Next week attractive programmes will be submitted. On the first three nights of the week the principal films will include "Fortune hunter," a stirring two-part story of adventure and excitement; "Raiders of L. L. ranch," a rousing western story; "Through the flames," in which a child makes a wonderful escape from a burning house; and "Cupid's mechanics. For the last three days of the week "Saved by fire," a strong two-part drama (exclusive), has been secured; and "Black Beauty" an interesting story about a sagacious horse. "Charms of Laguna" (scenery), "Chip of the old block," "Red Hicks defies the world" (a ludicious boxing match), etc., are also in the programme. For times and prices see advert.

THREATENED STRIKE.—A strike over one man is threatened at the Garforth collieries, but it is hoped, although a serious situation threatens, that a little sweet reasonableness will prevail so that the dispute may be carried to the point of a stoppage of work. The trouble in this instance dates back to 1909, summer. One of the miners employed at the No. 1 pit brought a claim for compensation against the company for nystagmus, a disease of the eye, which occurs among miners, and is occasioned by working in dim lamplight under the peculiar conditions. The County Court Judge at Pontefract decided in this case against the man. The company, for reasons of their own, have refused to have the man back in their employ, despite frequent applications by the men's officials, and the Yorkshire Miners' Association, after thoroughly considering the case, recently gave permission to their members associated with No. 1 Branch of the Garforth Collieries to ballot on the question of striking on the matter. The vote has resulted in a large majority in favour of tendering the notices to stop work unless the man referred to, whoop they allege is being victimised, is reinstated. There is also talk of Garforth No. 1 Branch withdrawing its support of supporting No. 1 Branch, if necessary, by a sympathetic strike. Should all the pits cease work, about 1,400 men would be rendered idle, but it is believed that every compromise may be effected without resort to the strike weapon. Formerly one of the "black" spots, from the point of view of the Miners' Association, Garforth has now a pretty big percentage of union members, and any action taken will be united.

BAZAAR.—The members of the Primitive Methodist Church at Garforth are engaged in an effort to raise a sum of £200 in order to reduce the debt on the church premises, the debt being £787, and a bazaar was held in the schoolroom on Thursday at the opening ceremony Mr Hollis, of Kippax, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. J. P. Osborne, Rev. S. S. Hanson, Rev. E. Rees (Wesleyan minister), Mr J. Best (Garforth), and Mr George Wilkinson (Kippax). Mr Wilkinson declared the bazaar open, and he and Mr Hollis were cordially thanked for their services. At the opening on Saturday afternoon there was a large attendance, and a number of children, who had been specially trained by Miss Hancock and Miss Goodall, gave a nice rendering of a little play, entitled "The fairy ring." The little ones, who were prettily dressed to suit their parts, sang sweetly and danced gracefully, and the dialogue was well delivered. The performers were:—Misses C. Barsley, G. Hebden, E. Hebden, C. Browning, A. Dickerson, J. Bailey, M. Hebden, N. Sherry, E. Lorriman, D. Clapham, A. Wellock, H. Hemsworth, H. Browning, D. Nicholson, and E. Hemsworth. Masters H. Hancock, W. Taylor, F. and R. Richardson, F. Cooper, A. Robinson, F. Clapham, D. Brownridge, B. Hebden, and F. W. Cooper. The Rev. J. P. Osborne proposed a vote of thanks to the children and Misses Hebden and Goodall, and complimented them on their success.—Mr F. Richardson seconded, and Mr W. G. Smithson (Crossgates) supported, and said the children had done exceedingly well. The resolution was cordially passed, and Mr Osborne stated that the children had contributed 50s. to the fund. Thereafter business was proceeded with. In the evening entertainments were given.

HALTON

INN SOLD.—Messrs Oliver, Appleton, and Kitchen on Tuesday sold the "Dog and Gun" estate, York Road, comprising the inn known as the "Dog and Gun," and about 44 acres of building and agricultural land. The property realised £73,350. A freehold plot of building land adjoining the above, with an area of 8 acres, fetched £1,625, and a further plot of gross and arable land at the rear, with an area of 20 acres, over 27 acres, realised £1,200.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE"—On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings the members of the Whitkirk Amateur Operatic Society will play Gilbert and Sullivan's popular opera "H.M.S. Pinafore," this being their most ambitious performance. The membership of the Society has been strengthened, and several well-known local singers will appear in the cast. Everything has been done to make the performance of the opera a success, and the people of the district expect a treat. For particulars see advert.

BILLIARDS.—In the Leeds Non-Political Billiard League Halton Institute first team played Far Headingley at Halton on Monday, and the result was a win for the homesters by 104 points. Mr J. Thompson played splendid billiards, and won his game by 91 points. Mr O. Bell also was in brilliant form, beating his opponents by 102 points. The second team journeyed to Far Headingley on Tuesday and were defeated by 75 points. In the first match the scores were 981 and 877. Details (Halton names first):—J. Thompson 150 v. F. Whitmell 89, E. Green 150 v. R. Merry 145, G. Butterill 150 v. C. J. Ellis 108, G.O. Bell 150 v. H. Drake 48, J. F. Lowday 131 v. G. Hartley 150, and V. Schofield 150 v. J. Jackson 117. Halton had two start, and their opponents 220. In the second match Halton (80 start) scored 805 and their opponents (100 start) made 880. Details (Halton names first):—R. Lucas 97 v. C. Hague 100, W. A. Taylor 75 v. H. Morris 100, J. Hunt 66 v. H. Steele 100, C. Sunter 100 v. R. Steele 99, A. Morton 90 v. R. Robinson 100, H. Schofield 100 v. E. Heyworth 61, W. Kenny 97 v. J. Barker 100, and C. Harrison 100 v. J. Ratcliffe 60.

KIPPAX

In our report of the Education Committee meeting it was stated that Mr W. L. Dickenson had resigned his position on the Committee. He, however, is not secretary of Goldsmith's Charity.

PARISH CHURCH.—A women's service was held in the Church on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by the Vicar on "Life's sequel." The soloist was Master V. Beeston. There was a good congregation.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The distribution of prize books to the Sunday School scholars took place on Sunday afternoon. Full marks were received by many of the children, and the books were a choice selection. Mr J. T. Elliott, of Whitkirk, presented the prizes, and preached at the morning and evening services.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Richard Perry, miner, of Kippax, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Kippax on Saturday. P.C. Gough stated that owing to his (prisoner's) conduct he had to take him into custody. When in the cell he commenced to struggle and endeavoured to trip up the officer with a stick which he carried. Perry was ordered to pay a fine of 20s. and costs.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Kippax Church Institute were defeated by Rothwell Mechanics' Institute by 144 points. The scores (Rothwell names first):—E. Beckwith 100 v. E. Tiffany 31, H. Bank 100 v. T. Edwards 38, J. Hemsworth 100 v. E. Turnpenny 66, S. Edward 86 v. J. Brook 100, and W. Watson 100 v. C. Eastwood 44, and W. Armistead 57 v. E. Wheatley 100. H. Banks made a break of 40.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—In connection with this church the home and foreign missionary meeting was held on Saturday evening, and addresses were given by the Rev. J. Burkitt, of Scunthorpe, the Rev. E. H. Pittwood, and the Rev. B. B. Farlow. The meeting was well attended, and was presided over by Mr Wordsworth Firth. On Sunday the Rev. J. Burkitt was the preacher, and he also gave an address to the children in the afternoon on his work in West Africa.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE.—The members of this brigade are endeavouring by means of a series of efforts to raise money for the purchasing of an ambulance vehicle for the use of the village. In aid of this worthy object, the Alhambra Picture Palace Company gave a benefit performance on Wednesday evening. The members of the brigade, who were dressed in their serious cases of illness or accident take place quick means of getting the patient to the infirmary are not available under present conditions, and they are anxious to provide better facilities for dealing with such cases. Dr S. Infield addressed the large audience on behalf of the brigade, and explained the object to which the proceeds were to be devoted.

CHOIR SUPPER.—The choir in connection with the Parish Church had their annual supper on Wednesday evening at the Commercial Hotel, Rothwell, and a most jolly time was gone through, and the following gentlemen spoke on behalf of the vicar, the choir, and the church:—Mr Veitch and Mr J. Bycombe (sidesmen), Mr Kendall, Mr J. Gregory, the Rev. E. B. Smith, and Mr Hartley. A social was afterwards held in the Parish Church Schoolroom, and songs were sung by Mr P. Gummerson, Mr H. Wright, and Mr H. Varley, and a duet by Miss Smith and the Rev. J. Gregory. Part songs were rendered by the choir, and a song was contributed by the Vicar. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Mrs Gill and Mr Keeble.

LEDSHAM

Ledsham, with a population of 362, has two licensed houses, Ledston has one for 250, and Fairburn 3 for 712 population.

LOFTHOUSE

On Saturday Lofthouse Gateforfield hockey team played Leeds Y.M.C.A., and the match was drawn—two goals each.

AVIATION.—Mr Harold Blackburn, the aviator, left Lofthouse Park at noon on Monday in his monoplane for Bradford. He had as passengers Miss Pauline Clough, sister of the Lady Mayoress of Leeds, and the trip was made for the purpose of conveying a letter from the Lord Mayoress of Leeds (Mrs J. Ratcliffe) to the Lady Mayoress of Bradford (Mrs J Arnold). The trip should have been made on Saturday, but owing to the adverse weather conditions it had to be abandoned.

MOORTOWN

MOORTOWN GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the members of the Moortown Golf Club (Limited) was held on Saturday evening at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, Mr S. R. Rush presiding over a good attendance. The hon. treasurer (Mr J. Preston), referring to an item in the balance-sheet of £305 for capital expenditure during the year on the course construction account, explained that in future the Committee intended to pay for every bit of work on the course out of revenue account. The Chairman said one of the most satisfactory features of the accounts was that they spent something over £300 on turfing the moor, all but about £60 of which came out of the revenue for the year. In ordinary circumstances, therefore, they would have had a very distinct surplus on the year's working. The following officers were elected for the ensuing years:—President, the Hon. Rupert E. Beckett; vice-presidents, Mr J. Lawson Brown, Mr W. T. Lipscomb, Mr F. W. Greenwood, Mr Lewis Moore, Mr F. J. Furness, Dr. A. Mackenzie; captain, Mr R. Pepper; hon. secretary, Mr J. F. White; hon. treas., Mr J. Preston.

METHLEY

BEQUESTS.—Miss Emily Matilda Easton, of Nest House, Fulling, Durham, and Layton Manor, near Darlington, left estate of the gross value of £1,079,780, the net personalty being £986,863. One of the executors is Mr H. C. Embleton, of Methley, Miss Easton left her shares in the Bedlington and Wallsend Coal Companies to Mr H. C. and T. W. Embleton, nephews. There are numerous other bequests, and the residue is left to H. C. and T. W. Embleton, nephews, and Emily Mary Embleton and Louisa G. Embleton, nieces, equally.

MIDDLETON

The surfacemen at the New Pit, Middleton Colliery, have sent £2 4s. to the Leeds Infirmary.

Woodhouse Hill Liberal Club, Hunslet, has a membership of 200, and East Hunslet Liberal Club 315.

OULTON

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—An enjoyable evening was spent by the Sunday School teachers of Oulton St. John's Church, in the Herrod Hall on Wednesday night, when a whist drive and dance were held. There were over 100 present. The winners of the whist were:—Ladies—1, Miss Rider; 2, Miss Dimmock. Gentlemen—1, Dr Nightingale (Leeds); 2, Mr Dolphin. Mr J. Tuchey acted as M.C. for dancing, the music being supplied by Messrs W. Poole and W. Marginson.

FIRE.—Oulton residents were alarmed late on Saturday night by a fire which broke out at and did considerable damage to the premises occupied by Mr Mew, as a butcher, on the Aberford Road. The fire occurred shortly after 10.30, and was not extinguished until about 1.15 on Sunday morning when all that was left were the outer walls. The premises, which consists of a lock-up shop and an adjoining room, were left secure and apparently safe about 10.30 by a niece of Mr Mew, who had been in charge. A few minutes later an occupant of one of the houses opposite saw from his bedroom window a light within the shop. Knowing the place to be locked up, he immediately sent round to Mr Mew, who quickly came and found that a fire had broken out. Messengers were despatched for the officials of the Council, and after some delay the door of the premises where a hose pipe is kept was obtained. A difficulty arose owing to the short length of the hose, which was burst in several places, with the result that much water was wasted. The hose would, when at its full length, only reach to the front of the burning shop from the nearest hydrant. However, despite this disadvantage, a band of helpers, including Mr P. C. Higgins and Mr Metcalf (Hunslet Rural Council officials), and P.C.'s Hutchinson and Bennett, set to work with a will. There was a keen wind blowing, and the fire was burnt furiously. Fortunately the premises are isolated, standing in front of the quarry, and there was no danger of the flames spreading. It was not, however, until 1.15 on Sunday morning that the fire was got out, and the workers departed. Shortly afterwards there was a fresh outbreak, but the fire was soon stopped.

ROBIN HOOD

The workpeople of Messrs. Charlesworth, Robin Hood Colliery, have given £42 to per Mr S. R. Chadwick, to Leeds Infirmary.

ANNIVERSARY.—The chapel anniversary was celebrated at the United Methodist Chapel on Sunday, when special services were held. In the morning and evening sermons were preached by Mr Joseph Ogden, of the West Hunslet General Mission. In the afternoon the Lofthouse Wesleyan choir rendered the service of song "The Promise of Jesus." Mr G. Lunn was the organist, and the singing was conducted by Mr T. Hampson.

ROUNDHAY

Oakwood Recreation Club, Roundhay, has a membership of 62, and Roundhay Golf Club 396.

A kerosse match between Lanesshire and Yorkshire was played at Roundhay on Saturday, and the former won by fourteen goals to five.

SEACROFT

Officials for Seacroft and Crossgates Cycling Club for the year have been elected. Mr Alf. Goodall is again chairman; Messrs W. Parker, S. O. Fawcett, and H. Smith; captain, J. H. Parker; and J. Thompson, hon. sec.

SHADWELL

Shadwell lads have been drawn to meet Hunslet Carr in the fourth round of the Schools Football Cup Competition on the 28th inst. The match will be played at Hunslet Carr.

STOURTON

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The address at the P.S.A. on Sunday afternoon was given by Mr W. Thurwell, of Rothwell, and proved of an interesting character. Mr J. Collinson presided, and Mr Waterton was the organist.

SOUTH LEEDS GOLF CLUB.—Monthly medal—First Division—W. R. Bryce, 85 v. 87, 79; J. Clark, 91, 10, 81; J. Prince, 97, 15, 82; G. Green, 99, 15, 84; S. Groves, 99, 15, 84. Second Division—T. Hargreaves, 106, 22; B. Wood, 105, 22, 83; P. Evered, 102, 18, 84; C. E. Fox, 105, 20, 85.

SWILLINGTON

LET OFF.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Joseph Patrick Hardy, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Swillington. Evidence was given by P.C. Easton, who said prisoner had been to Waterloo Manor. Prisoner, when asked if he had anything to say, said he only went to the groom, who was charitable and gave him three half-pence. He added that he had been in the Scarborough Infirmary waiting for an operation, but the infirmary authorities had turned him out to Selby on finding that he came from that place. Asked where his wife was, prisoner said she had left him two months ago. She had some grown up children, but he could not more about them than about him. The Chairman: If we discharge you will you go to Selby? Prisoner: I will go straight, away. The Chairman: Then set off at once.

WOODLESFORD

On Saturday afternoon in the Church Football League Whitkirk C.M. defeated Woodlesford All Saints' by three goals to nil.

A VILLAGE FUNERAL.—The remains of the late Mrs Hewitt, an old Woodlesford resident, were interred in the Oulton Churchyard on Monday. A short service was held in All Saints' Church, after which the cortege proceeded along the Aberford Road to Oulton. Preceding the coffin were a number of women, who walked in orderly fashion, and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Irwin, of Woodlesford.

CORRESPONDENCE.

KIPPAX AND A RECREATION GROUND

To the Editor.

SIR,—The letter, written by S.R.S., which appeared in your last week's issue, on Kippax and a recreation field, emphasises the fact that this village is badly in need of a playing-field, when the young men have to go away from it in order to play the games of cricket and football. Kippax is evidently more off in this respect than it used to be, for we used to possess a fairly good cricket field. He had a field near Waddington Row, not very central or convenient, I admit, and it was narrow and bounded by hits were numerous, but the young men had somewhere to play cricket—a privilege which is not available to-day. To play the national game of football was possible here a few years since. The field is still with us, but the privilege of playing football in it has departed.

Kippax, I am persuaded, locally much better progress when we get away from that attitude usually adopted by timorous mortals, resolving to go forward one day, and shrinking the next. Decision of character we don't possess, we have likes and dislikes, and we air them occasionally. We need to petition the ratepayers in regard to a recreation ground, but will it come off? I doubt it.—Yours, etc.,

OBSERVER.

SIR,—Being a lover of cricket, I should very much like to support the letter of S.R.S. in your last week's issue in regard to a recreation ground for Kippax. The time is not far distant when the cricket and football will be undergo some alteration, as it is falling, and at the time of rain it will become submerged and make it unplayable. If, for one, cannot understand why the old football field should be withheld from those interested in football, as it has been used for upwards of 30 years for that purpose, and it cannot now be got for either love or money.

At election times you can hear the wants of the people voiced in capital letters from the political platform, yet Kippax wants a recreation ground, but it is not within the reach of it. There is need for one, and a big need, where all games could be worked in on one ground.

Recreation is necessary for the rising generation, and it should be put within the reach of them. City people can have their parks and grounds for various amusements. Why not Kippax, when land is close at hand? It would also reduce the risk of driving up the village street, because the children would have somewhere to play, but now they are forced to play in the streets.—Yours, etc.,

LONG SET.

THREE-CORNERED CONTESTS.

To the Editor.

SIR,—How long has this child's play to continue? We are going on for a general and a general elections established. If it is wrong at general elections, why right at bye-elections?

Granting the (doubtful) justice of ownership votes at bye-elections, can there be any modicum of justice in any one being returned to represent the minority, if it is a sound principle that the majority must rule? Put up a third candidate in all the constituencies, and, except in odd instances, the Parliament would be representative of one-third the nation every time!

Seeing that most progressive countries have the second ballot or alternative vote, it is really past belief that we go on playing our like this, and no attempt made, even in the Plural Voting Bill, to remedy the anomaly. It is, of course, too late now for this Parliament, as the Speaker's dictum on "fundamentals" as on Women's Suffrage would again operate.

Another thing which the average Liberal cannot understand is why nearly all the officials at elections, presiding officers, poll clerks, etc., are Conservatives. Is it because Liberals are incompetent, or because they are too modest in their applications, their spoon being far too short, or what?—Yours, etc.,

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SEACROFT'S PRETTY GIRLS.
FLETCHERS
AN AMUSING ARTICLE.
On Thursday the London "Daily News" published the following:—
Seacroft, a charming little old-world village five miles from the centre of Leeds, has earned an unenviable reputation on a place where girls do not marry. For ten years past, according to statistics published by the vicar in the Parish Magazine, the average number of weddings per annum has only been 5.5. Last year there was none at all, and yet Seacroft is a parish of nearly 1,000 souls.
Several men were married during the year but in every case the bride was chosen from outside the village. Nobody can say the Seacroft girls are not pretty. Their cheeks are rosy, their eyes are bright, they are skilled in the domestic arts, and, in fact, are as marriageable a lot of maidens as you would find in a day's march. Why nobody marries them it is difficult to understand—and Seacroft itself is reluctant to explain.
The village, in point of fact, is vastly indignant at the attention which the vicar's statistics have attracted. A "Daily News" representative was told at the vicarage that the affairs of Seacroft were the business of nobody outside Seacroft. The village girls could probably get husbands if they wanted them, but in any case the subject was one for the consideration of the world at large. It would be better for them to remain single than to make improvident marriages.
There was too much interference with other people's business nowadays. State education, State pensions, State insurance, State everything. Did the State propose to interfere with Seacroft? Was this the latest move? In any case, the more important questions about Seacroft's affairs would be answered at the vicarage.
Other people in the village were similarly uncommunicative. The comely lady who presides at the little inn overlooking the green said Seacroft girls were pretty as others and prettier than a good many. "But it's not always the prettiest that matters most," she added darkly, and with this cryptic observation declined to say more.
A village greybeard, leaning over a gate on the York highway, was the only one who ventured an explanation of the phenomenon. "If you asks me why the girls don't get married I can tell you," he said. "It's because the chaps in our village are a bit too fly for 'em." The ancient chuckled deeply at his little joke "Take my advice, young man," he resumed. "If you want a wife this village yourself before one of 'em nabs you."
The old man meandered into a history of his own married life. For thousand-forty years he was wedded to the best of partners, and she had lain in the churchyard this many a year. They were very happy, but were his time to come over again he would not take the risk again. "I wouldn't mind marrying one of 'em if she had some brass, uncle," put in a red-faced young labourer who had joined us. "You," said the old man with biting scorn, "you're a fool, that's what you are."

The annual parish meeting for Tadcaster West is fixed for March 24th.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A youth had a narrow escape at Tadcaster railway station on Friday. He was observed on the crossing at the east end of the station in front of an approaching engine, but fortunately he managed to get across safely and jumped along the near platform and into the town.

SACRED CONCERT.—The Selby Vocal Union gave a sacred concert before a large audience at the Museum Hall on Sunday night. Mr T. Foster conducted. Mrs Smallpage, the soloist, sang "Nearer, my God, to Thee," and "Sun of my soul." The hymns and choruses, with orchestral accompaniment, were all rendered successfully.

AN OLD WELL DISCOVERED.—While digging the foundations for the new Hippodrome, near Alma Terrace, in Millgate Street, Selby, workmen discovered an old well, fifteen feet deep, and containing about seven feet of water. It is supposed to have been used by the inhabitants sixty years ago before the first water scheme was inaugurated.

WEDDING.—The parish church, Cawood, was on Wednesday the scene of a very pretty wedding, as which there was a large attendance. The contracting parties were Mr Frank Taylor Hind, Moss Hagg Farm, Cawood, and Alice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred Lund, Station Farm, Cawood. Both the bride and bridegroom have lived all their lives at Cawood, and their popularity was testified by the number who evinced a keen interest in the ceremony. Mr George Garbutt acted as best man, the bride being given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Emily Lund (sister of the bride) and Miss Elsie Dobson. The bride's gown was of Duchess satin, piped, with brown hat trimmed with Saxe blue lance plume. The bridesmaids' dresses were of cream velvet, with pink hats trimmed with roses. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the house of the bride's father, where, with a number of friends, and well-wishers, the rest of the day was spent. The Rev. J. Brookes, vicar of Cawood, was the officiating minister.

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CROSSGATES GUARDIAN AND THE POOR LAW.

EFFECT OF INSURANCE AND OLD AGE PENSIONS.

HOW THE NEEDS OF THE POOR ARE MET.

On Friday evening at a meeting of Temple-newsam Ratepayers' Association at Whitkirk—Mr J. Armistead presiding—a paper on "The Infirm of the Poor Law" was read by Mr Arthur Lee, of Crossgates, who is a member of Leeds Board of Guardians. He stated that the Union Infirmary at Beckett Street, Leeds, had accommodation for 1,037 beds, but in addition to these eighty beds which were not certified by the Local Government Board could be put up in times of stress. The institution was a very large one, being twice the size of Leeds General Infirmary. The Guardians have under consideration the erection of a block specially for children, as well as an open-air block for consumptives of 20 beds. In 1880 the staff at the Workhouse infirmary was 15 and the inmates 400, and last year the figures were 182 and 955, and the salaries paid amounted to about £5,200 per annum. The cost of maintenance, including clothing and drugs, ranged from 4s. 4½d. per inmate in 1880 to about 5s. 7d. last year. He mentioned that in 1880 a sum of £159 7s. was spent on stimulants, but last year not a penny was expended on drink. The number of persons admitted in 1880 was 1,500 and in 1913 it was 3,800, and the cost of maintenance for the respective years was £5,058 and £13,401. He stated that 171 of the persons dealt with were lunatics, 35 were tuberculous children, and 106 men and 40 women suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

The Insurance Act, he said, was thought by many to have reduced the number of people chargeable to the rates, and that was no doubt true, to some extent, on the workhouse side, which was much to be thankful for, but on the other hand, it threw a great deal more work on the hospitals, both voluntary and public, because as soon as a panel doctor found that a patient required an operation he promptly sent that person to the infirmary. This had been most marked at the General Infirmary, and they had an increase on last year of 371.

After an appreciative reference to the valuable work done by the Beaconsfield Society among the inmates, he said there were certain fundamental principles which governed the administration of relief. Money should not be given where it encouraged idleness, immorality, drunkenness, insanitary arrangements, etc., and whilst being sufficient for the needs of the case, it must not be excessive. In 1910 the Guardians appointed a superintendent relieving officer and introduced a system of records showing the history of each case, from the time it became chargeable on the rates. It was soon discovered that persons had been "sponging" on the rates for years, and the new system resulted in a substantial decrease in pauperism. In 1910 the number was 3,119, and the cost £16,268; 1911, 3,521 and £17,090; 1912, 2,417 and £13,330. Last year the number of persons chargeable was 2,140, but he indicated that the improved trade might have had some influence on the figures. About 330 of the reduction was due to the operation of the Old Age Pensions Act, and in 1911 and 1912 the reduction in cost due to this Act was £804 and £3,218 respectively.

While the Guardians had got rid of the undeserving cases they had increased the amount given in deserving cases. The average weekly cost in 1903 was 3s. 7½d., in 1908 it was 4s. 0½d., and in 1913 5s. 6d. Since 1911 the relief scale allowed 5s. per week to aged people, and 9s. per week to aged couples, while the figures for families were: Man 4s., woman 4s., children 2s. Under the old scale all income was taken into consideration when reckoning the relief, but under the 1911 scale the first worker was allowed to earn 5s. before any deduction was made in the relief and such other sum for additional workers as might be reasonable. Thus, a woman with four children would have received 9s. 6d. under the old scale and 12s. under the new scale, and the woman would be allowed to earn up to 5s., making a total for five persons of 17s. By encouraging the applicants and their families to earn a little the spirit of independence was, to some extent, fostered, but should the woman not be able to work, owing to sickness or having to remain at home to look after young children, the relief was often increased to an amount which would bring the income up to that of a family with a worker. On the other hand, if it was thought that the applicants and her family were not making every effort to do something for themselves the relief might be reduced. In addition, the recipients had free medical attendance, drugs, etc., for the sick, and articles supplied have been bedding, artificial limbs, false teeth, fire-guards, etc.

When relief could be legally given it was invariably adequate for the requirements of the case, although it did not always take the form desired by the applicant. In order to ensure that the money was wisely spent and that the children were receiving proper attention, the Guardians had appointed a lady visitor, and she had to furnish a report as to whether the relief was adequate, and if any sick children were not being well looked after at home they were removed to the infirmary. The result was that the children of parents in receipt of relief would compare very favourably with the other children in the same neighbourhood, and, indeed, the N.S.P.C.C. stated that it was very seldom that a complaint was received in regard to Poor Law children.

Mr Young proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Lee for his excellent paper. Mr Marsden seconded, and others who spoke in support of the resolution were, Messrs Cox, Atkinson, and Chadwick. The resolution was cordially passed.

SKYRACK BREWSTER SESSIONS.

CONCERNING A KIPPAX HOUSE.

MAGISTRATES' VIEWS ON CLUBS.

The annual licensing meeting of the Skyrack division of the West Riding was held in the West Riding Court, at the Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday morning. The magistrates were Mr J. W. Metcalfe (in the chair), Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr R. D. Kitson, and Mr E. Parkin.

Supt. Symonds presented his report which showed that there are within the division 110 licensed premises where intoxicating liquors may be obtained. These are classified as follows:—57 fully licensed inns, 20 beerhouses, 16 beer-off premises, 17 beer, wines and spirits off premises. The population of the division according to the census of 1911 is 47,440. There is, therefore, an average of 431 persons to each licence. During the year the licences of 6 inns, 1 beerhouse, and 3 shops have been transferred, as against 8 inns, 2 beerhouses, and 2 shops in the preceding year. The licensed houses in the division have been well-conducted during the year. There are 19 registered clubs in the division where intoxicating liquors may be obtained, with a total membership of 3,655. They have been generally well conducted during the year.

Under the licensing laws in 1911 the number of persons proceeded against was 249, and of these 242 were convicted and seven dismissed. In 1912, 184 persons were proceeded against, 180 being convicted and four dismissed. Last year the figures were 200 proceeded against, 197 convicted and three dismissed. Of the 200 persons proceeded against last year 61 were non-residents of the district, and 57 of the offences were committed on Sundays. There were no applications for new licences.

There was only one thing to add, said Supt. Symonds, and that was in regard to the White Swan at Kippax. He had visited the house, which belonged to Bentley's Yorkshire Brewery, and which had evidently been extended some time ago. There were four cottages adjoining and these were through cottages, the backyard of which had only one outlet. The passage ran through the licensed premises, and he understood the ashpits had to be emptied through this passage.

Mr Mockill (the Chairman) said such a condition of affairs was undesirable, and probably Supt. Symonds would draw the attention of Messrs Bentley's to it and ask them to put the place in order.

Referring to the report generally, the Chairman said there was very little to comment upon. The number of persons brought before the Court, and convicted showed that the cases were quite proper to bring up, and that the police had showed discretion in their duties. They were glad to see that the clubs in the division had been well conducted. They would, however, like to express the opinion that all clubs—both rich men's and poor men's clubs—should be placed under police supervision just the same as public-houses.

There was also another matter arising out of a letter which had been sent from the Home Office regarding the keeping of accounts by all licence-holders.

Mr A. Willey, who happened to be in Court, said he represented about 1,000 licence-holders in Leeds, and was glad to hear that the magistrates were pleased with the manner in which the licensed houses had been conducted. Apart from that, he would like to say that those connected with the "trade" resented and objected to the documents calling upon them to keep accounts which had been sent broadcast. The "trade" looked upon it as something foreign to licensing laws.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT WETHERBY.

IN BUSINESS AT TADCASTER.

The death has taken place at Wetherby of Mr Samuel Wells Catmull, who, had he lived until the 26th November next, would have been 94 years of age.

Mr Catmull, who was a veteran of the American Civil War, was born at Graveley, Cambridgeshire. In 1851 he emigrated to America, and five years later became a naturalised citizen of that country. He stood well over 6ft., and joined the Home Guards.

In the war between the North and South, deceased fought in the battle of Bole's Run, and the action before Washington, which commencing early in the morning continued until 6 p.m., and when it was estimated that 150,000 men had been either killed or wounded. He also took part in the action in which General Jackson, a Southern general and a Yorkshireman, was shot by one of his own men.

At the besieging of Petersburgh in 1864, Mr Catmull was wounded in the head and foot. Mr Catmull left America in August, 1865, returning to England.

He commenced business as a tailor at Tadcaster, and in 1893 a coloured man went into his shop for the purpose of having a garment repaired. Talking about America, and learning that Mr Catmull had served in the Federal Army during the revolution, the stranger asked Mr Catmull if he had a pension for military service. That was the first Mr Catmull had heard of the pension, and after eight years of correspondence not only did he get the pension, but also the back pay.

In 1907 the pensions of all the men, as they got past work, were increased, but Mr Catmull did not hear of this until two years later. The American Consul at Leeds was instrumental in securing the increase for Mr Catmull.

On Saturday afternoon Rothwell Haigh footballers were defeated by Holbeck Bethel by two goals to nothing.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

A RIDER'S ADVENTURE

Although there was much fog about on Friday, the country was clear Wetherby way, and, the Bramham Moor Hunt met at Deighton Bar. The first order given was for Smiler's Gorse, but on the way some footpeople set up a fox, which hounds slowly ran towards Kirk Deighton village, and he was given up. Armitage Plantation, the Doctor's Plantation, Oates Wood, and Goose Moor were blank. They found in Hesslock Field Rash, going out at the Bessy Wood side. Swinging to the right they ran to Lingcroft, through the Willow Garth and Oates Wood, and he got to ground near to Cowthorpe. Ingmanthorpe Big Wood was blank, but they found in the Doctor's Plantation, and there was a better scent. They crossed the York Rond, and ran all the length of Champagne Whin, by Sykes House, but the plough near to Spring Wood brought them to their noses. Then they ran on nearly to Burnett's Wood, but did not cross the railway, turning to the right instead, over the steeplechase course, past where the previous fox went to ground, and to Bessy Wood. Here they probably changed foxes. They went away with a fight coloured fox into Minster Hagg, and after a turn round the cover he came back into Bessy Wood, and into Minster Hagg, where they lost him.

A gentleman had a very nasty fall near to Ingmanthorpe, through his horse bolting. He managed to throw himself off just before the horse jumped at an iron gate, which it cleared, except for hitting the top bar. It cut itself very badly, and had to be left at Wetherby.

MEET AT GATEFORTH

On Saturday the Bramham Moor Hunt met at Gateforth, but scent was bad, and the ploughs as dry and powdery as in April. For so distant a fixture the field was quite a large one, many people being present from the Badsworth. From the Long Plantation near the Gateforth Common Wood a fox was taken very slowly, with many and frequent checks, throughout the length of the Gateforth Green Coverts, through and out at the end of Laund Wood, and forward some little distance towards Brayton.

Doubling back here, the fox was hunted by Hambleton Hough, through the grounds of the Gateforth Sanatorium and back to Hambleton Hough over Norton Bog nearly to Brayton Barff, where he, again doubling back, was abandoned at Hambleton Hall, after a very slow hunt of an hour and twenty-five minutes. Brayton Barff was now drawn, but though there was a stale fing no fox was seen, which was not remarkable, as the earths were unstopped.

Gateforth Common Wood, Birkin Springs, and Birkin Willows were in succession drawn blank. Byram Park held several foxes, and hounds were busy with the other of them for an hour before marking one to ground. Mr Ludoll's terrier soon bolted him, and, after being hustled about for another quarter of an hour, he was killed.

MEET AT HAREWOOD HOUSE.

Not for forty years has Harewood Park presented such a scene as was witnessed on Monday morning, when the Bramham Moor Hounds met there for the day's sport. The hounds had been brought across country from Bramham, and on their arrival a large gathering were there ready to follow them.

The Earl and Countess of Harewood had entertained a house party, which included Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, the Master of the Hunt (Mr George Lane Fox, M.P.), and Mrs. Lane Fox, Lady Constance Milnes Gaskell, Capt. Bonham (the Prince's aide-de-camp), Mrs A. Meysey-Thompson, and Captain Grisham, Lord and Lady Boyne (Lord Harewood's son-in-law and daughter), Lord Lascelles, and the Hon. Edward Lascelles.

Splendid weather favoured the meet, and the "pink" of the hunting men and women on display, with the stately front of Harewood House as a background.

The Earl and Countess received the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Mr and Mrs. E. Beachcroft) and Mrs Charles Ratcliffe), and many other members of the Hunt, in the portico of the house.

The Princess, who does not ride to hounds, followed the Hunt, with the Countess, in a dog-cart. Prominent amongst the riders were Prince Arthur, the Earl of Harewood, Lord Lascelles, and the Hon. Edward Lascelles, etc. Many regular members of the Hunt were present, including Major Dent, Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, Mr Greaves, Mr Harold Nickols, jun., and Mrs Nickols, Miss Pickergill, Tom Smith, (the former huntsman), Mr Malise Graham, and Mr Sydney Kitson.

Hounds trotted by way of Harewood Bridge to Rougement, which was blank. Next was Weston New Gorse. Finding at once at Swindon Wood, the pack pointed for the Punch Bowls, but the fox being headed on the Kirkby Overblow Road, turned up the hill to Walton Head. Without delay he crossed the Leeds and Harrogate Road, and was taken through Horn Bank and Thirsell's Whin, and very slowly hustled towards Rigton Moor. Coming to a standstill hounds were held towards Tatefield Hall, but failed to hit off the line of their fox. Finding next on Stainburn Moor the pack coursed their fox in view, passed Belsay Bigg, to the Otley and Bedewithshaw Road, and along it for some distance, before bending right-handed and heading for Lindley Wood. Short of it, by the fields, the fox broke afore a herd of 15 minutes.

Ingham's Gorse was next drawn, and the fox found there crossed sharply to Cocked Hat Whin, and returning to Ingham's Gorse did not dwell there, but ran through Parkin Wood, and with Leesfield's Gorse on the left reached the Brickworks on the Scarcroft Lane. Here hounds checked and hunted slowly to the covert on the top of the Crimple Tunnel, and crossing the railway reached Follifoot village. They again were at fault, but hitting off the line crossed again over the Tunnel, and went over the valley to Fulwith Brow, and hunting alongside the beck reached the foot of Humphrey Bank and marked the fox to ground after a run of an hour and a half.

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

DRAW FOR THE CUP COMPETITION

GARFORTH AND SOUTH MILFORD TROUBLES

On Tuesday a meeting of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Football Association was held at the Station Hotel, Crossgates—Mr J. R. Batty (President) in the chair. The other members present were, Messrs A. Johnson (South Milford), A. Deighton (Church Fenton), H. Metcalfe (Tadcaster), F. Inman (Aberford), T. S. Slater (Garforth), P. C. Binns (Crossgates), and W. A. Osborne (hon. sec.).

G. Palfreyman (Sherburn) and Dawson (Wetherby Cor.), who had been injured on the football field, were allowed half-a-guinea each from the Templenewsam Charity Fund, and a similar grant will be made to Thorpe (Aberford) when the hon. sec. receives a formal application from the Aberford club.

The Hon. Sec. stated that A. Dickinson (Garforth W.R.) had been transferred to Barwick, and the date given was December 19th, but it transpired that he applied for his transfer a week earlier, and it was decided to date it from then in order that he should be eligible to play in the Barkston Ash Cup Competition.

The draw for the next round of the Challenge Cup Competition on February 21st was made as follows:—

Holmes Mills (Selby) v. Selby Olympia.
Cawood United v. Wetherby.
Garforth W.R. v. Barwick United.
Aberford v. Tadcaster.

A long discussion ensued regarding the transfer of H. Chilton and E. Atkinson from Monk Fryston to South Milford.

Mr Osborne said that at last meeting the transfers were discussed, and Mr Johnson said he had applied for them, and he was told that if the men had been transferred on the date mentioned by him they would not be eligible to play for the Barkston Ash Cup. He was asked to put himself into communication with Monk Fryston club.

Mr Slater: We said it was out of order.

Mr Osborne said he wrote to Mr Hester, the hon. sec. of Monk Fryston, and asked if any applications for transfers had been made, and he was told he received an application on Dec. 31st, the applications being dated the 29th. He told Mr Hester they could not refuse an amateur a transfer, and he explained that the reason they were not given was that they had had no meeting of the committee. He had no power to refuse a transfer.

Mr Slater: Has he power to give transfers?

Mr Osborne said he must have, if he had no power to refuse them. Afterwards Monk Fryston decided to allow Chilton and Atkinson to go to Milford.

Mr Slater: No transfer has been granted by this Executive.

Mr Deighton: The Executive cannot prevent an amateur getting his transfer.

Mr Slater continued to protest that it was entirely out of order.

Mr Johnson: Why?

Mr Slater: Because they have not notified our secretary of the fact.

Mr Osborne said that he had confirmed the transfers as from the date on which applications were made, December 29th.

After further talk the hon. sec.'s action was confirmed.

Arising out of this Garforth White Rose lodged an objection against the result of their match with South Milford on the ground that Chilton, who took part in the game, was not eligible to play.

Mr Barker proposed that the objection be dismissed as frivolous.

Mr Metcalfe seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr Binns then proposed that the deposit be forfeited, and Mr Metcalfe seconded it. Mr Deighton proposed that the deposit be returned seeing that Mr Slater had misunderstood what had taken place at last meeting.

The President said that Mr Slater was under a misapprehension as to what was discussed at last meeting. It was stated that if the application for the transfer was made on December 29th Chilton would not be able to play for the cup, but they were now bringing it on to the League.

Mr Inman, who seconded, said that Mr Slater had misunderstood the discussion.

The proposal to forfeit the deposit was carried by three votes to two.

Harewood made a complaint about Boston Spa dressing room being dirty, no chairs to sit on, no hooks for clothes, etc., but no action was taken in the matter.

A complaint was made by Wetherby Cor. anent their match with Boston Spa, and they asked that it should be replayed. The letter was allowed to lie on the table.

Mr Slater raised the question as to why Milford had not been fined for failing to fulfil an engagement at Garforth at the end of last season. It showed, he declared, that one club could do as it liked and another suffer. He considered that Milford should be fined.

Mr Johnson: Why did we not go?

Mr Slater: You refused to go.

Mr Osborne said that Mr Slater had not sent any written application for him to bring the matter forward.

Mr Slater said the Executive themselves ought to have taken the matter up.

Mr Johnson said they did not go because they were threatened.

The Hon. Sec. said that they would have to fine nearly every club in the Division. Only this season Garforth W.R. and Barwick arranged to play a match, and he confirmed it, and then Garforth would not fulfil the engagement.

Mr Slater contended that that was not a proper fixture, and his committee gave no authority for its arrangement.

After further discussion the matter dropped.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

BRAMHAM MOOR

Friday	Feb. 13—11.0	Wighill Park.
Saturday	Feb. 14—11.0	Oglethorpe Hall.
Monday	Feb. 16—11.0	Linton
Wednesday	Feb. 18—11.0	Thorpe Willoughby.
Friday	Feb. 20—11.0	Thorparch.

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Thursday	Feb. 19—11.0	Nidd Hall.
Saturday	Feb. 21—11.0	Raskelf Station.

NEW WORKS AT BARLOW—The fact that a large aerodrome is to be built this spring on the site acquired by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Company, at Barlow, indicates the nature of the work to be taken in hand. It is stated that two semi-rigid airships, of the Italian Forlanini type, are to be built at the works. Particulars as to the general dimensions of these craft show that they will have a length of 240 feet, with a diameter of 60 feet, and that the engines will be of 180 h.p.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

DEIGHTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

On Saturday afternoon Barwick United will be at home to Garforth W.R., who are fighting hard for the leadership of their division, and the homesters will make them go all the way for the points. Aberford should account for Monk Fryston, but Whitkirk will have to show an improvement if they are to beat South Milford, who have first position in their division. Wetherby, at home, have not a stiff task against Tadcaster, but Wetherby Cor. will not find Harewood so easy to overcome.

Two matches were played on Saturday afternoon. Garforth W.R. were at South Milford, and they had to be content with a drawn game —one goal each. Harewood defeated Boston Spa by two goals to one.

The game at South Milford was splendidly contested, but the high pace lowered greatly with play. In the first half Garforth had the pull, and Howson netted, but subsequently Milford scored, the match being drawn. Neither club has been beaten, and there is every prospect of a fine tussle for the leadership of the division.

WEST RIDING CUP—WETHERBY

Wetherby were this only representatives of Barkston Ash in this tournament on Saturday afternoon, having had an easy passage owing to South Milford and New Wortley Gas Works failing to fulfil engagements at the old town. Their opponents on Saturday afternoon were Clarence Ironworks, who preferred to play the match at Wetherby instead of in Leeds, and no doubt they enjoyed the outing. Garforth W.R. were defeated by the Ironworks, but the White Rose proved themselves the smarter team, and in view of that Wetherby thought they had a chance. The visitors, however, did all the scoring, and Wetherby retired beaten by three goals to nil.

ALLERTON BYWATER GO UNDER.

In the same Competition Allerton Bywater played Fryston Colliery at Fryston, and the game was well-contested. Fryston, having the advantage of a strong wind and slope, attacked persistently, Allerton occasionally breaking away. After clever passing between Biggins and Gedney. A good goal was netted by Stone. Fryston had numerous corners which were unproductive, the wind being a spoil sport. Burt missed a glorious opportunity from Stone's pass. The Allerton defence was very good, the centre-halves working well from Biggins. Fryston were leading by a goal to nil at the interval. In the second moiety Allerton, with the assistance of the wind, kept up a vigorous attack, Simpson being prominent on several occasions, but Stead kept his goal intact. A run by Dyer put Fryston in their opponents' quarters, and he sent in a fine centre and Burt shot, but the wind lifted the ball just over. A corner to Fryston caused excitement for a few minutes, but nothing resulted. Both sides afterwards scored, and Fryston won by two goals to one.

BOWERS ALLERTON DEFEATED AT ROTHWELL.

Bowers Allerton and Rothwell White Rose having played a drawn game in the Rothwell Charity Cup Competition, the teams met again on Saturday, the venue being Rothwell. The visitors won the toss and played with a strong wind. Parfitt started for Rothwell, and gave to Appleby, who passed out to Abrams, only to see Bowers kick down the field. Ripley, however, intercepted and Holmes getting possession, gave to Wrigley, who made good headway. He passed to Hughes on the left, who put in a good centre, but the custodian had no difficulty in clearing. A high kick put Rothwell on the defensive, but they had no difficulty in holding the visiting forwards, although Masham and Harrison, did well for their side. The interval came with no score.

The visitors started well, but soon found a difficulty in playing against the wind. Then Rothwell attacked. Parfitt secured and went down the centre and passed to Abrams, but the forwards were unable to score, the wind being a difficulty. The half-backs tried long shots, but could not drive one straight. Once Appleby got through on his own, and there seemed to be a possibility of a goal, but he was brought down outside the penalty area. The free-kick was without result. Bowers Allerton defended manfully, but Parfitt eventually netted. After this Rothwell seemed to have all the play, except for one or two bursts which Bowers made, but Ripley and Dawson seemed to have no trouble in checking them. The home team put on the pressure shot but they could not add to their score, the Bowers Allerton custodian playing a fine game. Rothwell won by a goal to nil.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

On Saturday afternoon Great Preston White Rose, at home, overcame East Hunslet by three goals to two, and Rothwell P.C. defeated Waterloo Main (Templenewsam) by four goals to nil. Methley Per. were beaten by Benson Lane R.R. by two goals to one.

Rothwell Parish Church and Waterloo Main Colliery met at Rothwell. The first half of the game was uneventful, the play being of an even nature. Norris should, however, have scored for the homesters, missing an open goal. The interval came without either side having scored. In the second half Rothwell had the advantage of the wind, and the visitors, although they broke away several times, were beaten. The scoring was opened by Lunn, who obtained a beauty from a corner-kick, but the best of the four goals was got by Kale, who registered the second. The last two were scored within the last five minutes. The third was the result of a "head in" by Hurst from a corner-kick. Lunn scored the fourth.

RUGBY NOTES

METHLEY V. ROTHWELL.

In the draw for the Leeds and District Cup Methley will meet Stanningley on the ground of the latter, and the winners will play Normanton in the next round. Rothwell will have as opponents Outwood Church, the match being at Outwood.

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In the Leeds Schools' Rugby League this match was played at Halton on Saturday afternoon before a moderate crowd. Halton, who had played a cup-tie in the morning, were not expected to put up a big fight, but they surprised everybody. Halton kicked-off against a strong breeze, and Speight opened Halton's account with a nice try, and A. Killerby, Burnan, and Jackson each scored a try for the homesters, the last of which Speight converted. At half-time Halton were leading by 1 goal 4 tries (14 points) to nil. After the interval A. Killerby scored a try, and added the extra points. Speight scored two minutes, but nothing resulted. Both sides afterwards scored, and Fryston won by two goals to one.

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BOWERS ALLERTON DEFEATED AT ROTHWELL.

Bowers Allerton and Rothwell White Rose having played a drawn game in the Rothwell Charity Cup Competition, the teams met again on Saturday, the venue being Rothwell. The visitors won the toss and played with a strong wind. Parfitt started for Rothwell, and gave to Appleby, who passed out to Abrams, only to see Bowers kick down the field. Ripley, however, intercepted and Holmes getting possession, gave to Wrigley, who made good headway. He passed to Hughes on the left, who put in a good centre, but the custodian had no difficulty in clearing. A high kick put Rothwell on the defensive, but they had no difficulty in holding the visiting forwards, although Masham and Harrison, did well for their side. The interval came with no score.

The visitors started well, but soon found a difficulty in playing against the wind. Then Rothwell attacked. Parfitt secured and went down the centre and passed to Abrams, but the forwards were unable to score, the wind being a difficulty. The half-backs tried long shots, but could not drive one straight. Once Appleby got through on his own, and there seemed to be a possibility of a goal, but he was brought down outside the penalty area. The free-kick was without result. Bowers Allerton defended manfully, but Parfitt eventually netted. After this Rothwell seemed to have all the play, except for one or two bursts which Bowers made, but Ripley and Dawson seemed to have no trouble in checking them. The home team put on the pressure shot but they could not add to their score, the Bowers Allerton custodian playing a fine game. Rothwell won by a goal to nil.

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RESULTS UP TO DATE.

	Goals.					
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Rothwell White Rose	14	11	1	2	43	13	24
Horsforth	14	9	5	0	32	17	18
New Wortley Gas W.	15	8	5	2	38	23	18
Clarence I. & S. Works	14	8	5	1	35	22	17
Rothwell Parish Church	14	7	5	2	19	17	16
Great Preston W.R.	15	6	7	2	30	33	14
Methley Perseverance	13	5	5	3	33	20	13
Waterloo Main Col.	15	6	9	1	28	37	13
East Ardsley United	12	4	5	3	19	24	11
Benson Lane R. Rose	15	4	9	2	16	33	10
East Hunslet	11	3	8	0	22	52	6
Wortley United	12	0	11	1	7	48	1

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THE GOLDEN HOPE

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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

LAURENCE WORKMAN, the inventor of a new motor for aeroplanes.

SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.

L'ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.

LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXIII.

When people who are strangers to each other chance to meet in the rooms of a mutual friend who does not happen to be there to perform any ceremonies of introduction, there are apt to commence a series of speculations as to each other's identity and precise relationship to the absent one. Some such process immediately began in the mind of Miss Delomosne as soon as Charity and Dickie Wraye entered Laurence's room, though she was quite unaware as to who they were. That they must be intimate friends she felt sure, seeing that they had entered unannounced. She took in the healthy charm of Charity's personality with quick feminine subtlety, and she felt an involuntary and irrepressible pang of something not far removed, she cared not to analyse it, from jealousy. Who was this very good-looking young woman who came so freely into Laurence Workman's parlour? A sudden intuition flashed upon her. Could this be the girl he had mentioned at Canterbury —the girl whom he had wished to bring to lunch, and who he had pleaded a headache? Something told her that her surmise was correct—and the feeling that was half-curiosity, half-jealousy, deepened.

As for Charity, she had recognised Miss Delomosne at once—not as Miss Delomosne, but as the lady with whom she had seen Laurence walking in the old Cathedral City some weeks earlier. Quietly and unobtrusively as Miss Delomosne was dressed on this occasion, she was handsomer than ever. Her recent conversation with Laurence had brought colour to her cheek and light to her eye, and Charity recognised her for a beautiful woman and a woman of culture and power; and just as Miss Delomosne wondered what she was doing there, so she wondered why Miss Delomosne should be discovered in Laurence's sitting-room. She saw the two tea-cups on the table; she had evidently been having tea together, then? Well, why not? And yet, bravely as Charity always strove to repress any feeling of envy when she did not approve, she could not help a sense of something which she would not have dared to put into words for a king's ransom.

As for Dickie, he stared at Miss Delomosne with all his eyes. Charity, having advanced a step or two into the room and seen that it was occupied, was for beating a retreat, but Dickie held his ground and gazed at the occupant.

"He isn't here, Charity," he said. "He must be somewhere."

Miss Delomosne transferred her attention from Charity to Dickie. "Mr. Workman has gone round to a telegraph-office," she said. "He said that he would only be a few minutes. Won't you sit down?"

To Charity this simple invitation seemed to imply some sort of proprietorship in Laurence and his belongings. She felt as if she could not sit down in Miss Delomosne's presence that seemed to go through one.

"Thank you," she said, "but my brother and I have some news for Mr. Workman which we must give him at once. I know where the nearest telegraph-office is; we will go and send him."

She made a formal inclination of her head, and drew Dickie out of the room after her.

"Who is Charity?" asked Dickie, as they descended the stairs.

"I don't know, Dickie," she answered, "but I believe it is Sir Herbert's ward, Miss Delomosne."

"Very likely come to hear how Groot is," said Dickie. "She—here's Mr. Workman."

Laurence at that moment came bursting through the door. Having been as far as the corner of the square another idea had struck him, and he had darted back to discuss it with Miss Delomosne. At sight of the sister and brother he bounded up the stairs. Charity noticed his obvious excitement.

"You have come to see me?" he exclaimed. "Yes—and you have some news? I see it—come upstairs again. I am sorry I was out. I see you have news of something."

"Yes," said Charity. "But," she went on, hesitatingly, "you—there is a lady in your sitting-room."

Laurence impatiently motioned them upstairs. "Yes—yes!" he said. "But it is only Miss Delomosne. Come upstairs—you can tell me what it is there—she will not mind."

Then, to Charity's mind, argued more proprietorship on Miss Delomosne's part. Instead of going back to the sitting-room she remained where she was.

"You do not know what it is that Dickie and I have to tell you," she said. "We wish to speak to you privately about Sir John Bedford."

Laurence again motioned them to ascend the stairs. "Yes—yes, of course!" he exclaimed. "That's just what I expected, claimed. "That's just what I expected. That's just what Miss Delomosne came to tell me about. Let us go upstairs—I should like her to hear what you have to say. Go up—go up!"

This time there was no denying Laurence's impelling persistence—he literally forced the sister and brother up before him and shepherded them into his room.

"Miss Delomosne," he said, "these are two very dear friends of mine—Charity and Dickie Wraye. They have come to tell me something about this man Bedford, just as you came. Have no fear, my friends, speak out—you can scarcely tell me anything worse than I know or will surprise me more than what I have already heard."

"Tell Mr. Workman what you saw this afternoon, Dickie," said Charity.

Dickie told his story briefly and clearly. Charity corroborated it with her account of what she had seen from the clink-room window. Laurence, either biting his lips or pulling fiercely at his moustache, listened to both in silence, occasionally exchanging a significant glance with Miss Delomosne.

"But the keys—the keys!" he exclaimed at last. "No one had the keys but myself."

Charity told him then of what she had seen on Sir John Bedford's desk that morning. Laurence listened to her with eyes full of amazement. And suddenly his face became illumined with the realisation of a truth—bitter pill though it was, but a truth.

"Good Heavens!" he burst out, striking the fist of one hand into the palm of the other. "That's Groot! I left the keye with him for one night—the night I dined with that villain at the Carlton. Groot! The very man I trusted above everybody—the man who'd worked at my side for nearly three years—the man who knew nearly everything about my work—everything but the supreme secret! Groot! I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't been forced to—forced to!"

He stamped up and down the room for some minutes with such anger depicted in every movement that none of them dared to speak to him. Suddenly he began to laugh.

"And here I've been all the afternoon expending any amount of sorrows and regrets and sympathies over a man who tried to rob me!" he exclaimed, bitterly. "I didn't tell Miss Delomosne, that Groot met with a very serious accident to-day, and that he is lying unconscious at the hospital. Some people could say it was a judgment on him!"

"I am sorry to hear it," said Miss Delomosne. "It might have been very useful to you at this juncture."

"Useful!"

"Certainly. Because, since Groot is the only mechanic you have ever employed regularly, Groot must have sold his knowledge of what you were doing in the first place," she answered.

"I remember that Groot was given to me by Francis Armadale," said Laurence, slowly, "I had asked Francis Armadale for such a man, and he strongly recommended him—himself and his fellow-conspirators," he said. "Now, Mr. Workman, what are you going to do?"

Laurence again began pacing up and down the room.

"What I'm afraid of," he said at last—"what I'm really afraid of is Sabatier's skill. I have, of course, heard a tremendous lot of him, and I know a little of his personal history. If Sabatier has fathomed my secret from what he knows of my papers I do not know what I shall do, because he will in all probability have immediately communicated his intelligence, provisionally, to the government to which he wishes to sell it."

"I do not think so," said Miss Delomosne. "As I said this evening, I don't think Sabatier has succeeded, up to now, because if he and Sir John wouldn't have wanted to buy you."

"Ah, yes!" said Laurence. "But, you see, I don't trust Sabatier! If he'll join in a plot to rob me, he'll rob his fellow-conspirators. Sabatier holds the key of the situation—they can do nothing without him. They know nothing—none of them, unless it's Bremond—and you say he's a mere financier. His Sabatier—doubtless that I'm afraid of!"

"Mr. Workman, sir," said Dickie, "why can't you get your machine finished first? I think I could do what Groot's done, sir."

Laurence gave the boy an affectionate pat on the shoulder. "I know you would do your best, Dickie," he said. "But even if Groot had not met with an accident, or if he and I Bedford for being concerned in the theft of my papers, but how am I going to prove it? I haven't a shred of evidence except your word, Miss Delomosne, and you never saw the papers."

"No," she said, "I never saw them, and he would deny that he had ever mentioned them to me."

"And still there's Sabatier!" exclaimed Laurence. "Ah! if only——"

At that moment the landlady came upstairs with a telegram, which Laurence at once opened. He read the message and threw the flimsy paper aside.

"Groot's dead," he said. "Died without recovering consciousness. I can't feel sorry just now. He worked well for me, though, and I must attend to his funeral. And to-night I can't think of anything—I'm weary." Charity rose and motioned to her brother. "Dickie," she said. "We must go."

"And I, too," said Miss Delomosne.

Laurence went downstairs with them and said good-night to all three in such an absent-minded fashion that they saw he was thinking earnestly about something else. He asked Dickie to meet him in the morning at the usual time, and then, without another word, turned into his lodgings again, quite forgetting to ask Miss Delomosne if he could get her a cab. The brother and sister went in one direction; she went in another after receiving some instructions from Charity. And as she moved out of the square a man emerged from the shadow of the trees which stood in its centre and followed her at a little distance.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Before Miss Delomosne had reached that end of the square which she must pass through in order to reach one of the main roads that transect that part of London she suddenly turned, and began to retrace her steps. Not until she was now followed-ing her some ten or twelve yards behind was obliged to dodge into a convenient side-passage in order to avoid meeting her face to face beneath a gas lamp. She increased her pace as she went back by the way she had come; and the man, emerging from his temporary retreat, had to hurry in order to keep her in sight. Presently she began to run, and, passing the house from which she had just emerged, she ran on until, at the further side of the square, she caught sight of Charity and Dickie Wraye. When within a few yards of them she called "Miss Wraye!" and the brother and sister turned, and, recognising her, came slowly back. Seeing them meet, the man in pursuit stopped, looked about him as if he were seeking some particular house, and finally turned round and sauntered back a little way. When he turned round again the two girls and the crippled boy were walking slowly away in the opposite direction. Then the man followed once more, watching them.

Charity and Dickie were round-eyed with surprise to see Miss Delomosne running after them. They looked their astonishment.

"I—I want to speak to you both," she said, getting her breath. "An idea has occurred to me—I am sure you can help. Couldn't we go somewhere where we can talk?"

"We will go up to our rooms," said Charity, who felt that this woman had something important to propose, and was both anxious and curious to hear what it was. "They are close by, Miss Delomosne, but you will have to climb some stairs."

Dickie hastened forward to light the lamp, but arrived in the hall drawn the blinds and made the sitting-room what he considered properly prepared for guests, by placing the two easy-chairs one on each side of the hearth. He invited Miss Delomosne to occupy one of these with a polite bow.

"Thank you," said Miss Delomosne, giving him one of her brilliant smiles. "Now you will wonder what I have come back. But I felt that you are both deeply interested in Mr. Workman and his success, and that you have some influence over him."

Charity shook her head. "I don't think that we have any right to say that, Miss Delomosne," she said. "Mr. Workman is very kind to my brother, but——"

"You know, Charity," said Dickie, bluntly, "Mr. Workman always listens to anything you have to say."

"Well, this is what I feel," said Miss Delomosne, charitably avoiding any notice of Dickie's last remark. "Whatever may think, Mr. Workman and his success are in danger—great danger—so long as he remains working in that place at Armadale's. He would be foolish to leave it—at once."

"But there's the—the machine, ma'am!" exclaimed Dickie.

"Cannot remove it," said Miss Delomosne. "I gather you have seen it. Is it something very massive?"

"No, ma'am—it's something very light," answered Dickie. "It's—but, then, I ought not to speak of it."

"Nor need you, except in general terms. Could it be moved on, say, an ordinary dray or trolley?" asked Miss Delomosne.

"Oh, yes, ma'am—it's nothing but a framework of light wood, thin steel, and silk," replied Dickie. "I—why, I believe I could lift it!"

"Well, then, Mr. Workman can easily get it away—at once," said Miss Delomosne. "To tell you the truth, Miss Wraye, now that Sir John Bedford has keys of that workshop, whatever is in it is not safe. Now, I gather that you know this district—can't you think of somewhere, where or with whom Mr. Workman would be safe until he can complete his work?"

But Charity shook her head. Although she had lived thereabouts for some years she knew little more of the district than the way to Armadale's and back. Whenever she had a holiday, she and Dickie escaped from their immediate surroundings and went elsewhere—even if it were for only an hour or two into Greenwich Park. And she confessed her inability to think of any place where Laurence and his machine could find a harbour of refuge.

Suddenly Dickie, who had been stumping up and down the room, cracking the joints of his fingers, running his fingers through his hair, and indulging in other exercises indicative and illustrative of intense thought, uttered a loud exclamation expressive of great glee.

"Hooray!" he cried. "Hooray! I know, Charity, I know, ma'am, where Mr. Work-can go with his machine and be as safe—as safe as anything! Hooray!"

"Where, Dickie, where? How can you know?" asked his sister.

"I do know," he asserted. "And so will you when I tell you. Captain—Uncle Waple's barn!"

Charity nodded her head with a smile of understanding. "That's clever of you, Dickie," she said. "Yes, he would have plenty of room and quiet there, and if Uncle Waple knew what was going on he would take care that no one came within fifty yards of the barn while Mr. Workman was there."

Miss Delomosne looked from one to the other. "But where—is this—what are you talking about?" she asked.

"My brother is speaking of a large barn which stands in the yard at Canterbury," replied Charity, who used to play in it when we were children—it has been empty for years now. Our uncle, Mr. Waple, knows Mr. Workman—it was in his house that Mr. Workman's papers were stolen. I was there at the time."

Ah, then she is the Canterbury young lady! thought Miss Delomosne to herself. Aloud she said: "Come, both of you—we will go to Mr. Workman at once; he must be persuaded—no, made to take his machine to your uncle's this very night!"

She must have a wonderful power of persuasion over him! thought Charity, who was not quite so certain as Miss Delomosne seemed to be. But she at once rose to carry out her visitor's suggestion, further urged thereto by Dickie, who was impatient to be with Laurence again. All three left the flat and hurried away once more to Laurence's lodgings. Arrived there, they wasted no time in sending the landlady upstairs to announce their arrival, and then, headed by Dickie, and walked into the sitting-room without ceremony.

The inventor sat at his table, a picture of utter dejectedness. His elbows were propped on the table; his cheek was sunk in his hands; his eyes were angry. He glared at them as if they were enemies.

"Now, Mr. Workman," said Miss Delomosne, advancing upon him with decision, "while you—positively for the first time in your life, I should think!—have been sitting here, you have been doing, which is very bad for you, we three have been holding a committee meeting to decide upon your best plan of action for the discomfiture of your enemies, and——"

Laurence made an impatient gesture. "I am not afraid of enemies!" he exclaimed. "It is if that man Sabatier has——"

"We've met Monsieur Sabatier and all his cleverness," said Miss Delomosne. "What you have got to do is to finish your work, and we have thought of a plan by which you can do it in safety."

Laurence sat up and stared at all three of them in turn.

"A magnificent plan. Mr. Workman!" said Dickie, who was nearly dancing with excitement.

"Listen to—what Miss Delomosne proposes," urged Charity.

Laurence, his hands through his hair and stood erect. "You're all very good to me," he said, humbly. "I confess that the mere mention of Sabatier knocked me over. You see, Sabatier——"

"We're tornin you to mention Sabatier until you have heard what we have to say!" commanded Miss Delomosne. "Sit down, Miss Wraye; sit down, Mr. Dickie, for I am going to sit down myself. Now, Mr. Workman, we want you to be both frank and explicit. So please to answer these questions. First: Supposing you can work in a place of perfect safety—and you must really recognise that you are no longer safe at Armadale's now that Sir John Bedford is desperate and has duplicate keys—how soon can you finish your work?"

"Well, by working very hard, and with Dickie to help me, in perhaps a week," answered Laurence.

"Then, next—and you must trust us in this—is your engine ready when your machine is ready, and can it be fitted quickly?"

"Yes," he replied, "it is ready. It's been ready a fortnight; but, of course, nobody but myself knows where it is. As a matter of fact, it's close by here—at least, it's in London. And it can be fitted in an hour."

"In an hour? Then there's really only an hour's really serious work?"

Laurence smiled. "To tell you the real truth," he said, "the machine and the engine don't matter a bit—at least, only relatively. The machine is simply a biplane; the engine is a motor. The secret lies in the power which drives the motor. It's a chemical secret. That's what I'm afraid of Sabatier having discovered."

"Once more, never mind Sabatier. Now, then, when the whole is ready to whom is it to be offered?"

"Why, to the British Government, of course!" answered Laurence. "What's what I came over for. I'm an Englishman."

"Have you had any negotiations?"

"Yes, I have," replied Laurence. "Nobody knows that I have, but I have. As soon as I am ready two officials will test the truth of my theory."

"Capital!" said Miss Delomosne. "All that is wanted now is speed and decision—and instant action. Mr. Workman, you must get your machine away from Armadale's to-night."

"To-night!"

"To-night—this very night. I judge you have the right of entry to the works at any time, night or day!"

"I have, certainly."

"Very well. I understand from Mr. Dickie here that your machine is very light, and can be carried on a light drag or waggon!"

"Yes, Dickie is quite right," he replied.

"Would it go on a large waggonette!"

"Oh, yes—easily."

"Very well. Now, listen. You must go round to the nearest livery-stables and order a two-horsed waggonette to be at the gates of Armadale's at, say, midnight. It's only half-past ten, so you have plenty of time. You must have it driven into your workshop, and you and Mr. Dickie and the driver must pack the machine and whatever you want on it. Then you must drive with it to Mr. Waple's, at Canterbury."

Laurence uttered an exclamation of astonishment, not unmixed with admiration. He was about to speak, but Miss Delomosne went on.

"Mr. Waple, it seems, has a barn—now empty—in which you can complete your labours," she said. "And, as for security, Miss Wraye tells me that if her uncle is taken into your confidence he will see that no one ever comes within fifty yards of his barn while you are working there."

Laurence leaped to his feet and smote his hands together. "Splendid! Grand!" he almost shouted. "Ah! the cool head of Mr. Waple—a regiment of Bedfords would not get past him if he stood before them! It is finished—we will do it. It is—it is!" And he looked hard at Charity.

"No—it was Dickie's," said Charity.

"I remembered the barn," said Dickie, modestly. "It is a big barn."

"And you are a big man for thinking of it," laughed Laurence, to whom all his old cheerfulness seemed to have come back. "Come, we will get to work at once. Dickie, you're round to the livery-stables and make my arrangements—we will not wait until twelve o'clock for a start. And, Miss Delomosne, my stout horsee, a good tarpaulin sheet—that is all we want."

"If Dickie is to go," said Charity, "he will want a coat and a rug—he should also have some supper. You—you must see to Dickie," she went on, seeing signs of impatience on her brother's part. "Unless you are taken care of you will run down, Mr. Workman when you get there!"

"Your sister is right," said Miss Delomosne. "Dickie, you should consult your landlady provide some hot supper for Mr. Dickie while you are arranging about the waggonette! Then he will be all the better fitted to be of assistance."

"Yes, yes!" answered Laurence, who was already bustling about collecting papers, notebooks, and instruments, and thrusting them into a bag. "I will ring for her and give her orders. Eat, Dickie, and then come round to the works. I shall leave the proper instructions for your admittance."

Charity stopped him as he was about to ring the bell. "No, please," she said. "Dickie and I will go home, and as soon as he has had some supper he and I will come round. We won't trouble you, Laurence, as I know best how to look after him. Come, Dickie, do as I tell you."

With that she swept Dickie who protested volubly that he would soon be down at the works) away, leaving Laurence and Miss Delomosne alone.

As she watched him bustling about a sudden resolution filled her. "I go with you to the works and help you," she said.

He turned and gazed at her in amazement. "You?" he exclaimed.

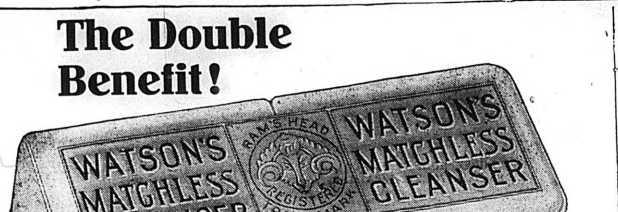
"Why not? I am young and strong—much stronger than that poor boy with his big, faithful eyes," she answered. "I have plenty of intelligence to do whatever you tell me to do. No one will know me. I have only been inside the works once in my life. I shall have a heavy veil."

Laurence snapped the catch of his bag. "Very well!" he said. "Come along, then."

Leaving the house together they walked sharply away to the end of the square. And the man who had watched Miss Delomosne since she first left Laurence's lodgings came once more out of the shadows and cautiously followed them.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The Skyrack magistrates are not busy just now. A good sign, eh?

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It is stated that a colliery is to be established in the Newthorpe district.

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Barkston, which has a population of 239, has two ale-houses, and Biggin, with 127 inhabitants, has one.

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Several of the Templenewsam allotment-holders are like a clock that loses time. They are behind with their rent.

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Good advice! "If the farmer is to be successful," says Mr Thomlinson, of Tadcaster, "he must depend on himself."

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"I have neither horse nor habitation so I leave myself in your care," said a prisoner, charged with begging, to the Skyrack magistrates on Tuesday.

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A fine record! Mr H. Eggleshaw, headmaster of Selby Abbey Church National Schools, has completed 40 years' service in that capacity. He is conductor of the Abbey Church choir.

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Not yet! In Kippax and Allerton there is much speculation as to a labour candidate for Osgoldcross, but the Miners' Association have not come to any decision on the question.

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Lady Dorothy Wood, sister of the Earl of Onslow, and wife of the Hon. E. F. Wood, M.P., son and heir of Viscount Halifax, was the recipient of birthday congratulations on Saturday.

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The Conservatives in Rothwell district are plucky. Despite the large majorities Mr Fred Mallett, M.P., has obtained, they are to put a candidate forward for the Normanton Division again.

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Why do not the members take advantage of it? The purchasing branch of Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture lass year did not do a large trade. Tadcaster has evidently something to learn from Sherburn.

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It was reported at Hunslet Guardians' meeting that a man who had been removed to an asylum had invested in shares in a Leeds picture house, bought a watch for a nurse, and purchased a typewriter.

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Sherburn farmers are on the right tack. Their co-operative purchases have increased from £1,700 to £3,300 in a year. A number of farmers in the district, however, are not members of the club. How's that?

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"It was an unfortunate meeting," said Mr A. Wilkey, who appeared for a defendant at the Skyrack Court on Tuesday, summoned for riding a motor cycle on the footpath. While doing so the defendant encountered a man in blue.

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Forty years have sped since the Bramham Moor Hunt had a meet at Harewood Park, the occasion being when the late Mr George Lane Fox (grandfather of the present Master) received a presentation of plate from the hands of the present Earl of Harewood's father.

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A youngster's view of the fever hospital! Two little girls were overheard in a certain street in Rothwell the other night discussing their experiences while in the fever hospital. "It was all right," said one, "but it was different from being at home. You can only have one helping at meal times."

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At the hunting meet on Monday at Harewood House, where Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught were guests at the week-end, the Prince, smiling and debonair, was a conspicuous figure in the house group, but for a long time the gentle little lady by his side so modestly dressed in pale blue cloth, was not recognised as his bride, the Princess. Her Royal Highness takes her sport in a dog-cart; so far, to the disappointment of Yorkshire hunting folk, she has only been out to hounds on wheels.

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At Harewood Park, we are told, the hunting men and women to the manner born are a host of fifty or sixty headed by the full warpaint of their hunting kit—men in scarlet and buckskin, with the inevitable top-boots and tall hats, and the ladies in the latest habit habits. The less dared hunting wear, by the by, the long flowing skirt appears to have been discarded in favour of a more workmanlike gathered-up skirt, which, when the rider is unmounted, falls to the full length of top-boots. Most of the ladies, one also noted, wore the low wide-brimmed bowler which is now "de rigeur."

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Anglers have reored the waters at Roundhay for 22 years, and have always kept them well stocked with fish. Only this season they have spent well on to £100 in restocking with dace, roach, chub, and perch. The use of these is restricted to their members, but is open to the public, and the splendid sport obtained has helped to make the park a most popular resort. In all the 22 years of their tenancy there has not been a single complaint against any of their members for unsportsmanlike behaviour, and there is little fear that anything unseemly will occur in the future to spoil so good a record. It is proposed that the park fishing should be open on Sundays from sunrise to 12.30 o'clock.

Church Fenton has a population of 581, and it has four pubs.

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Garforth and Rothwell folks must be getting ready. The Urban Council elections are on Saturday, April 4th.

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The prosecution of boys by the N.E.R. Co. for trespassing on the line at Micklefield should be a warning to others.

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It is stated in Shadwell there are only nine houses rented at under 10s. a week to let, and in Roundhay only one.

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Need for houses! Seacroft, it is said, has only one house rented at less than 10s. a week to let, and Osmondthorpe has none.

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Three townships—Little Fenton (population 75), Lead (40), and Huddlestone-cum-Lumby (222) —at Sherburn division have no licensed house.

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Saxton, with a population of 202, has three licensed houses, an average of one to 97 inhabitants. This is the lowest figure in Sherburn division.

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Hear, hear? The Chairman of the Skyrack Bench says that clubs should be placed under police supervision. And why not have an hour for closing?

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A debt of £787 on the premises is a heavy handicap for the Primitive Methodists of Garforth. The church is a nice one, but it is too large for the congregation.

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Mr C. B. Lamb, the new President of Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture, is a local magistrate, and Mr. M. Thomlinson, the new vice-president, is the well-known auctioneer.

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What has Mr Lane Fox, M.P., to say? Speaking at Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture Mr Midgley said: "A Member of Parliament was very little more than an automatic machine."

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HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

HALTON SEWAGE WORKS

TRAM TO HALTON—CORPORATION CLIMB DOWN.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE AT OULTON.

COMPLAINTS FROM OULTON AND WOODLESFORD

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Lock Street, Hunslet, on Thursday afternoon. Mr. I. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), Mr G. Armitage, Mr W. Verity, and Mr D. Hargreaves, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer (Dr Buck), the sanitary inspectors (Mr P. C. Higgins and Mr W. Whitehead), and the surveyor (Mr Nuttall).

Dr Buck presented his report which showed that during the past four weeks there had been 10 births in the district and eight deaths. During the same period there cases of infectious disease had been notified, those being two of scarlet fever and one of erysipelas. The scarlet fever cases had occurred in Templenewsam and Middleton. Since the last meeting of the Council, said the medical officer, there had not been one case of scarlet fever from Oulton and Woodlesford. In addition to the above cases, five cases of tuberculosis had been notified.

The report was considered satisfactory.

The lease of the land at Halton sewage works was ordered to be sealed, and in connection with the proposed extension the Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board stating that with regard to the application made by the Council for sanction to borrow £3,000 to carry out the scheme the Board considered it desirable that a small deputation of the Council should meet the Local Government Board for the purpose of discussing the matter with the Board's engineering advisers. It was decided to comply with the request.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Leeds, stating that the Council were now prepared to give the undertaking asked for in the Council's letter of January 19th with regard to the proposed extension of the tramway to Halton, and that it would be completed in two years from the date of the passing of the Bill.

The letter asked for the Council's formal consent.

A resolution was passed giving the necessary consent.

Mr W. Whitehead presented his report, and the complaint made by the Oulton-with-Woodlesford Parish Council about the irregular cleaning out of ashpits in the district was discussed.

Mr Whitehead, said the Clerk, reported that the ashpits had been cleaned out at least every month, and dates were read which proved the statement of the inspector.

The Chairman remarked that he did not think they had any cause for complaint.

Mr Whitehead said that owing to the district being a mining one there was an accumulation of ashes in the ashpits, and in some cases the accumulation was greater than in others. However, the pits were regularly cleared out.

Dr Buck agreed, and said he had nothing to complain of.

The matter then dropped.

In making his report to the Council, Mr P. C. Higgins referred to the fire at Oulton, which gutted the premises of Mr Moss, pork butcher, on the Aberford Road, on Saturday night. The fire, his report said, occurred about 10.40 p.m. and he was brought out, he being in bed at the time, and, in his hurry, he "jumped" into his evening clothes, which were ruined by the fire and water. Owing to the lack of appliances and no provision having been made for any outbreak of fire they were unable to do anything effective, and the place was gutted. The report also stated that there was no organization for dealing with fires, the pipes were in an unsatisfactory state, the only pipe available being one used for flushing the sewers. Mr Higgins recommended that proper appliances be obtained.

Dr Buck said his premises were in danger of catching fire, and owing to the inability to get the key of the Parish Council's premises, they were unable to get to work for about three-quarters of an hour.

Mr Armitage explained that a messenger went to Mr Steele's house for the key, but as Mr Steele was away from home, Mrs Steele would not give the key to anyone but an official of the Parish Council. They were unable to find an official that night.

The Clerk said they ought to have a brigade like the one at Templenewsam. It had attended three fires in about five years, and in each case they had got the fire out before the Leeds brigade came upon the scene. He pointed out that in some cases a small brigade might not be able to do anything effective, yet it was like first aid—they could perform a service until something better came along.

It was finally decided that the Clerk should ascertain what was required and submit the cost to the next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk raised the question of Mr Higgins' special suit, and it was decided to write the insurance company on the matter.

Mr Armitage raised a point about the use of call offices. Mr Moss, whose shop was on fire, he said, was going to get into communication with the Leeds brigade, and went to the Midland Hotel, which is a public call office, but owing to it being past ten o'clock the licensee dare not open the door.

Mr Hargreaves said all call offices, as a rule, closed at eight o'clock.

Mr Nuttall also presented his report, and the complaint from the Oulton-with-Woodlesford Parish Council about the dangerous condition of Flet Lane, Oulton, owing to a number of flagstones being left on the footpath was considered.

Mr Hargreaves said the road in Fleet Lane was as bad as the path.

The Clerk: It is not the condition of the road complained of, but the flagstones left about by the Rothwell Gas Co.

Mr Nuttall suggested that the Council do the work and charge it to the Gas Company, as the manager had been approached and nothing had so far been done.

This course is to be adopted by the Council.

The complaint of the Oulton Parish Council about the moving of a lamp in Rhodes Lane, Oulton, was not upheld, it being considered not necessary to remove the lamp.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting and concert will be held in Aberford National Schools, and an address will be delivered by Mr E. H. Foster, prospective Liberal candidate for the Division. See advert.

SUPPER.—On Thursday evening (by the invitation of the Rev. W. M. C. and Mrs Clarke), the senior members of the Monk Fryston Church choir were entertained to supper at the vicarage. Afterwards the evening was spent in a convivial manner.

A BOSTON SPA ACTION.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT SUED AT TADCASTER

At the Tadcaster County Court on Wednesday—before his Honour Judge Templer—Jas. Burns, motor and agricultural engineer, of Clifford, Boston Spa, sued Colonel N. T. Nickalls, of Boston Hall, Boston Spa, for £6 9s. in respect of repairs to a motor car, use of a driver, and hire of a car. The items included hire of a car from Boston Hall to Carlton Towers (£2 6s.) and man driving car to York and back from 9.30 p.m. on February 8th to 2.30 a.m. (10s.).

There was a counter-claim in respect of the last item, Colonel Nickalls claiming £2 9s. for damage to a tyre through the negligence of the plaintiff's servant.

Mr E. F. Hirt, solicitor, Boston Spa, appeared for Mr Burns.

Colonel Nickalls conducted his case in person, and told his Honour that he disputed the account because he thought two of the items—those relating to the journeys to Carlton Towers and York—were excessive.

His Honour: How much do you think would be fair for the journey to York and back.

Colonel Nickalls: I think 7s. 6d. should be enough for the man driving it. It was my car, Mr Burns said the journey was at night, and he charged 2s. an hour after 8 p.m.

His Honour: What about the £2 6s.? Where is Carlton Towers?

The Registrar: It is near Selby, and a little over twenty miles.

Mr Burns said he justified the charge of 1s. per mile on the outward journey, sixpence per mile on the return, and 3s. an hour for waiting. The Colonel paid the same price for the journey a year ago.

Colonel Nickalls: I think 3s. an hour for waiting is excessive.

His Honour: The only thing is that he does not get a chance of taking another fare.

Colonel Nickalls: He would have been very lucky to make 3s. an hour. The car was driven into York by Burns' man, and about 3½ miles from York the tyre burst.

His Honour: My tyres are always bursting. How do you think it was negligence?

Colonel Nickalls: The man was taking a party. He could have got on to York and got the car seen to, so as not to damage the tyre, which was a good one. He could have got a Stepney. Colonel Nickalls added that he had paid £4 into Court. The tyre, which was a back one, had only been run 1,000 miles out of a possible 5,000. He gave £6 or £7 for it.

Mr Burns said there were no spanners on the car, and it was about 10 o'clock on the Saturday night. His man took out the tube so as not to damage it, and drove to York on the flat tyre.

His Honour: Colonel Nickalls does not object to that, but he says it was driven back home without being repaired.

Mr Burns: After the tyre was burst it was scrap—it could not have been repaired.

Colonel Nickalls: I am running on the same car a tyre that I burst, and I ran carefully five miles into Wakefield after it burst. I then had it mended and I am running on it still. The tube was the only thing I needed to mend.

His Honour: I should think it would have been better for the man to leave it at York.

Mr Burns: The man did the best he could.

Mr Hart (for Mr Burns): Is it not an ordinary proceeding to carry a Stepney on every car?

Colonel Nickalls: I very often run without one.

Is it not a usual thing?—I think it is.

Was there a Stepney on your car?—No.

Was there anybody on the car to give instructions to the driver?—No.

He was left to his own resources?—Yes. I think the reasonable thing would have been to have hired a taxi at York to come back in rather than spoil a good tyre.

But you see it arises through having no Stepney?—I say he ruined the tyre instead of either coming back in a taxi, or getting a new tyre from Wasling's, in York, where he knew I dealt.

After all, he would have been responsible for that and you might have repudiated responsibility.

Fred Gittings, the man who drove the car, gave evidence that this was not the first time he had driven it. He had been a driver for seven or eight years. He took the tube out and ran steadily to York.

His Honour: Was the tyre injured?—Yes, it was.

It was a good tyre?—Yes, until it burst.

I went to Watling's garage.

Wasn't it open?—Yes

Why didn't he repair it —I wanted to hire a Stepney, and he said he had not got one. I did not consider the tyre worth repair when it was burst.

Is that all you did? Didn't you go elsewhere?—I came back over Lendal Bridge, but Wales' garage was closed, and I came steadily home on that tyre.

How far was it?—Thirteen or fourteen miles.

I should think that was very injudicious. I do not think anybody could justify your coming home on a flat tyre.

His Honour said he would allow Colonel Nickalls £2 for the tyre, as he did not consider the man had taken complete steps to get the damage attended to.

Mr Hirt: Your Honour recognises that no Stepney was being carried?

His Honour: Yes, he is not a novice. I think his master is responsible. I give judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount of the claim, with costs, and award £2 on the counter-claim.

South Milford has three licensed houses to a population of 1,022, and Newthorpe has one licence to a population of 103.

FUNERAL OF MRS DALE.—The funeral of the late Mrs Dale, wife of the Rev. John Dale, Unitarian minister, Selby, took place at Selby on Wednesday. Deceased passed away suddenly from heart failure at Grange-over-Sands. She had often spoken at her meetings and lectures, and was interested in the Selby Women's Liberal Association, several members of which were present at the funeral. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Shanks, Leeds.

MR ROBT. ALLISON, OF SELBY.—Mr Robert Allison, farmer of Boodgate, Selby, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon at the age of 71. He had been ailing for some time, but was able to be about on Wednesday morning. In the afternoon he was seized with sudden illness, and died on the couch downstairs. Until the election last spring he occupied a seat on the Selby Urban District Council, having been a member for several years. He had been engaged in farming about half a century, and occupied the Boodgate farm since 1882. When the farmers of the Selby district petitioned the North Eastern Railway Co. for increased facilities for the conveyance of their goods on the Cawood branch line, Mr Allison acted as organiser of the movement, and had some correspondence with the chief goods manager in relation to the matter. Mr Allison leaves a widow and four sons. One of his sons is a farmer at Gilberdyke.

LATE MR H. J. CLAYTON, ULLESKELF.

WELL-KNOWN HORTICULTURIST.

HEAD GARDENER AT GRIMSTON PARK FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

The death of Mr Henry James Clayton, which took place at his residence, Wharfe Bank House, Ulleskelf, on Sunday, will be greatly regretted by many. In the district Mr Clayton was known for many years, and more especially among the horticultural trade he was held in the highest esteem.

In gardening circles generally he was widely known, having been for over 30 years head gardener at Grimston Park, and by the Fielden family he was greatly trusted and respected.

Deceased, who was in his 71st year, was from his earliest years interested in horticulture in all its branches. Before coming to Grimston Park he was for a number of years head gardener to Lord Bolton in Hampshire. He served his apprenticeship in Lord Wharncliffe's gardens at Wortley, and afterwards worked as a journeyman gardener in the employment of the Duke of Wellington at Strathfieldsaye. He was a man of strong personality and shrewd judgment.

Mr Clayton retired a few years ago, and went to reside at Ulleskelf. He played an active part in the work of many horticultural bodies in the York district. He was a member of the Ancient Society of Florist, and took a great interest in its affairs, and probably would have been often on the list of office bearers, but for the fact that he lived some distance away.

In the interests of the Gardeners' Benevolent Institution and the Gardeners' Orphan Fund, he was also an active worker, and he was mainly instrumental in bringing into being the North of England Horticultural Society, which was started at Leeds some two years ago.

He was keenly interested in the affairs of the district in which he lived. He was a member of the Ulleskelf Parish Council and a school manager. He was a prominent Churchman, and was for over 30 years vicar's warden at Kirkby Wharfe, and superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr Clayton was better known as a judge than as an exhibitor, though he had been prominent as an exhibitor at the Yorkshire Gala, one of his chief triumphs being the winning of the Veitch Memorial Prize for a collection of fruit. As a judge in practically every branch of horticulture he was in great demand, and he officiated on many occasions at the Yorkshire Gala and also at various district shows.

Up till about a fortnight ago Mr. Clayton seemed in his usual health, but about the beginning of last week he was laid aside with heart trouble, and was confined to bed until his death, which took place, as stated, on Sunday.

At the funeral at Kirkby Wharfe on Wednesday there was a very large and sympathetic congregation in the church, where the first portion of the service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. H. G. Metcalfe) and the Rev. R. Grimble (rural dean and vicar of Boston Spa), the former also taking the final portion of the service at the graveside. The principal mourners were—Mr H. Clayton, son (Blackpool), Mrs Woodhouse, daughter (Lincoln), Mr Woodhouse, son-in-law (Lincoln), Miss Clayton (daughter), Miss Nellie Clayton (daughter), Mr and Mrs W. Clayton (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs John Clayton (son and daughter-in-law), Mr Frank Clayton (grandson, York), and Mr Edgar Cooper (nephew, Accrington).

Amongst others present in the church to pay a last tribute of respect to the deceased were the Rev J E. Keets (vicar, Church Fenton), Mr W. Sykes, C.C. (Tadcaster), Mrs Sykes, Mr and Mrs Stephenson (Malton), Mr F. Williamson, Mr J. Copley, Mr G. Ashburn, Mr R. Clark (representing Ulleskelf Parish Council), Mr Mcintosh (York), Mr W. H. Hord, Mr John Pick, Mr R. Bellamy (Askham), Mr Richardson, Mr W Mosley (Bolton Percy), Mr John Mallett, Mr Knox, Mr J. Sadley, Mr Kendall (Kirkby Wharfe), Mr Eade (steward, Grimston Park), Mr J. Herbert, Mr Geo. Taylor, Mr John Ramsden, Mr H. S. Clayton, Mr E. Payne (Tadcaster), Mr Green (Tadcaster), Mr Wm. Richardson (York), Mr Bond (head gardener, Grimston Park), Mr B. H. Waterhouse, Mrs and Miss Gypson (Grimston Grange), Mr and Mrs Kendall, Mr and Mrs Steele, Mr E. Clarkson (Nun Appleton Hall), Mr W. Hill (Tadcaster), Mr A. Deighton (Church Fenton), Mr C. Rumbolt, Mr Daniel, etc. The bearers were Messrs W. Gardner, H. Smith, G. Moverley, R. Thompson, R. Peckitt, and A. Birdsall.

There were many beautiful wreaths, including the following: "From all members of the family"; Mrs Clayton, "In memory of a good father"; Mr and Mrs H. Clayton, "In loving remembrance"; from Mr and Mrs Woolhouse, Nelly and Ernest Clayton, Mr and Mrs John Clayton (Norwich), Mr and Mrs Willie Clayton, Mrs and the Misses Fielding, "With deepest sympathy"; Rev. and Mrs Metcalf (Kirkby Wharfe Vicarage), "In loving memory," from Mr and Mrs Clay, Tayler, Byram Park; the Church of England Men's Society, "With deepest regret," from the Sunday School teachers; the Sunday and Day school teachers and scholars, "In remembrance"; Mr and Mrs Macintosh, Bootham, York; Mr and Mrs Lidley, Kirkby Grange; Mr and Mrs Alsop, Leeds; Mr and Mrs Byford, Ulleskelf; the churchwardens and sidesmen, Kirkby Wharfe Church; Miss Jessie Clayton (niece), Mr and Mrs Gypson, Grimston Grange; Mr and Mrs Bound, Grimston Park; Mr and Mrs William Gardner, Ulleskelf; "With deep sympathy," from Mr and Mrs Tom Jewitt, Ulleskelf; Mr and Mrs Green, Tadcaster; "With deepest sympathy," from Mr and Mrs Hord, Everton, Bantry; and Mr and Mrs John Clayton, Norwich. Mr John Pick, of Ulleskelf, was the undertaker. The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass furniture, and bore the inscription—"Henry James Clayton, fell asleep February 8th, 1914."

In the York Cup Competition Monk Fryston footballers played the Royal Garrison Artillery, and the match was drawn—one goal each.

WARRANT EXECUTED AFTER SIX YEARS.—In 1908 a warrant was issued against James Henry Senior, labourer, of Tadcaster, for deserting his wife and family, and leaving them chargeable to the poor law authorities. The prisoner was questioned the servants; they had never heard of such a thing.

"As a result of my deliberation, I decided on devoting one solid hour to the space covered by the curtains. The owner of the place was dead, the servants had been sent away, a caretaker was in charge. He had left me to make my examination alone. I determined to run the risk of a charge of damaging, and to slaughter the particular panel the curtains covered. I had already been over it inch by inch, feeling for any hidden spring—and failed. So I attacked it with a chopper, obtained from an adjacent woodshed. When the panel was reduced to so much matchwood and splinters, revealing the stone wall behind, I found a spring right enough—and I was filled with admiration for the cunning device of its concealment.

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A SACRIFICE AND A MYSTERY.

The manor house at Elmfield was occupied by John Lawrence. His description of himself was "financier." Those who had suffered at his hands called him "bloodsucker." The truth was that he was a money-lender of a particularly avaricious, grasping kind. I acted as his secretary.

The French windows of the manor house stuly opened out on the lawn at the back of the house. In the act of crossing the latter I was suddenly startled by the sound of two pistol shots which came from the room. Dashing across the grass, I rushed into the study—to find my employer lying in a heap on the floor—dead!

Sound of the shots had attracted the attention of others, too. The servants stopped in tumbling over each other in their hasts to discover me beside the dead body. The hastily-summoned police were told of that, and the high words which had passed between Lawrence and myself earlier in the day. It is the business of the police to arrest people. They arrested me.

The quarrel, of which the officers were told, had arisen from the expression of my desires to be released from Lawrence's employment.

There was no actual need for me so leave, as I did, in the custody of the officers. It would have been quite easy to clear myself by pointing out the man concealed by the curtain. There was a reason why I did not do that. A big reason. He was the father of the girl I loved. The depth of her affection for him was well known to me. If he were convicted of so horrible a crime as murder her heart would have been broken.

There is little use in setting out details of my trial and sentence—such incidents lack novelty. Let it suffice that, in the finish, I lay in the condemned cell,

Ethel Leslie—the girl I loved—visited me, and her sweet faith in me remained. Then I had a huge surprise in the shape of a second visitor. Her father obtained an order and visited the prison. And this is what he said to me:—

"Fanny tells me that you are innocent. I would trust her judgment before all others in the world. She will break her heart if—if you die. That must be stopped. You will not find her a poor girl now. I told you if the market went up I should be all right again. It went up beyond my expectations. I can dower my daughter with five-and-twenty thousand pounds without impoverishing myself. You are—you must be—shielding some one. Speak the truth, for her sake—your own sake—for my sake."

"You—you can say that!" I could scarcely shape the words. "For your sake!"

I walked up to him. Almost unconsciously I seized him by the arms and twisted him round to the light. That way I could look into his face and eyes. I was astonished by what I saw. I read there nothing but surprise at my manner—no shadow of a trace of guilt.

In the half-darkness of the lamp-lit room I had mistaken the murderer for Leslie, and he told me now he was not out of London that night. There was need for action, and Leslie at once engaged a clever detective, and I was liberated. The detective told me how he unravelled the mystery.

"I went to the manor house and spent quite four hours there before I lighted on a solution of the problem. I believed, of course, what you had said of the presence of a man who resembled Mr Leslie."

"In the half-light it was quite easy to make a mistake."

"There was not a servant in the place who was even remotely like him, or could not account for his whereabouts at the moment of the murder. I ascertained, too, that the police had, before they left, examined the room thoroughly. That was a difficult matter to reconcile with your statement of the man hiding behind the curtain. But it had to be reconciled. Thoughts of a secret panel occurred to me, and the walls were, curiously enough, oak-panelled. I questioned the servants; they had never heard of

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BREWERS' AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' TRAVELLERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The County of York Brewers' and Licensed Victuallers' Travellers' Benevolent Association celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Society's formation by holding a banquet on Friday evening at the Albion Hotel, Briggate, Leeds. Mr Hugh Williams (district manager, John Dewar and Sons, Ltd.), presided, and Mr W. M. Charlton, Cardigan Arms, Leeds (vice-president of the Leeds Licensed Victuallers' Association) occupied the vice-chair. Others present included Councillor B. Roberts, Mr A. Edmanson, (Chairman of the Leeds Board of Guardians), Mr J. Scholes (President of the Leeds Licensed Victuallers' Association), and several honorary members of the Association.

The Chairman, who was received with hearty applause, in proposing "Success to the County of York Brewers' and Licensed Victuallers' Travellers' Benevolent Association," explained that the primary object of the Association was to provide a fund from which grants should be paid to any members of the Association, who, through adverse circumstances were constrained to ask for relief. The Association had been eminently successful in its object, and they had granted relief in many deserving cases, and notwithstanding the expenditure in this direction they had accumulated a fund of over £900, which was standing to their credit to-day. This was indeed very satisfactory, but they were not at all satisfied with their membership, which was about fifty. He felt sure that if the strong financial position of the Association, and the great benefits to be derived by its members, were more widely known and more thoroughly understood there would soon be a largely increased membership, and he appealed to all his hearers to make no opportunity of influencing possible members to join the Association.

Several new honorary members were proposed and accepted during the evening. Mr G. Seigwick, Mr C. Rhodes, Mr Thorpe, and Mr Stabler provided excellent musical entertainment.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—The annual whist drive and dance in aid of the funds of Monk Fryston and District Choral Society were held at the Concert Hall on Friday evening. There was a large number present, and the gathering was most successful. Ninety-six persons took part in the whist drive, under the able direction of Mr J. Wood. The prize-winners were:—Miss Sutton (South Milford) and Mr W. Berry (Monk Fryston), firsts; and Miss Dobson (South Milford) and Mr J. Powell (South Milford), seconds. The prizes were presented to the winners by the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P. Supper was afterwards partaken of, and the wants of the people were well looked after by members of the Society and other willing helpers. Subsequently dancing took place from 10 p.m. until 2.30 a.m. Mr Lightowler's Band (Brotherton) supplied the music, and the duties of M.C. were capably discharged by Messrs J. Wise and J. Kitching. After the expenses are paid there will be a satisfactory balance.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

In proposing to extend their tramway system pensioners and other old men should not be entitled to Halton, the Leeds Corporation declined to courageously. It is a penny-wise policy.

state a date for the completion of the undertaking, and at the time of the refusal I described it as a dodge. Of course, the District Council acting together, could compel the County Council, acting together, could compel to consent to the scheme without any more quickly and give better supervision to the guarantee, and the Corporation, having seen the work, but it is doubtful that this will effect any futility of attempting to proceed without the great improvement on the highways. Had it goodwill of the authorities concerned, have very been decided at the same time to employ only wisely "climbed down." They are to give a good men at a living wage the Council would guarantee that the tramway to Halton Institute have been warranted in expecting better results. will be laid within two years after they obtain If a man has the best material to work with he the necessary power from Parliament. will soon show what can be done.

The City Corporation might use the tramway extension as an argument for the annexation of Halton, many of whose residents work in the city, but they would not get the support of the inhabitants, who can they might have obtained local assistance had they been in a position to bargain with the residents as to carrying out the tramway project. Their guarantee to the District Council effectually disposes of that. In regard to annexation, the whole circumstances have been changed, and there is hope that the outside districts will now enjoy a lengthy period of peace. The efficient administration of the county is a new argument that will have great weight, and the removal of Mr. John Burns from the Local Government Board to another "sphere of usefulness" may prove a good thing for small areas, because the Right Hon. John was rather inclined to favour the pretensions of big Corporations. The new President's opinion on this question is unknown, but he starts with a clean sheet, and I should not be surprised were he the recipient of a hint from his chief to safeguard the interests of the smaller authorities.

What a change has come over Taddester Guardians and District Council. In the old days, when it was proposed to increase the salary of an official, however deserving, there was always a strong opposition, consisting generally of farmer representatives, and they frequently succeeded in upsetting the calculations of committees. Now the recommendations of committees are accepted without much discussion. It may be that members recognise that higher salaries must now be paid, or that they are so satisfied with those who serve them that they are anxious to show appreciation of their services. Whatever the reason, the fighting spirit of the so-called economists is no more, and the meetings are somewhat tame compared with those of a dozen years ago.

Kippax, although surrounded by acres of fields, is in the unenviable position of being unable to get a recreation ground. The inhabitants are, for the most part, working folks—they have no aristocratic leanings, otherwise they might have a golf course—but they need recreation—cricket, football, bowls, etc., yet the only land they can obtain is a narrow plot in the churchyard—useful only when life's game is ended. No landowner—like the late Hon. E. L. Wood at Halton or Mr. Lane Fox at Bramham—will endow the parish with an acre or two of land, and the villagers are thus deprived of all facilities for recreation.

Now, if Kippax folks will agree to support a recreation ground scheme they will, I think, achieve their purpose. The parish meeting must first give directions to the Parish Council, and if the latter were unable to rent a field they could have a look round the parish and fix upon the best and most suitable and buy it. Perhaps the owner would not sell, but he could be compelled to. It is for the Parish Council to act first, and if they can rent or lease a field all trouble will be at an end, but if they fail they must go to the ratepayers and ask for further instructions. It is a sorry state of affairs when no landowner in the district is sufficiently sympathetic as to meet the needs of the youth of the place.

Long ago—centuries since—every town and village was supposed to have a "green," whereon archery and all manner of sports were practised, but these recreation grounds have all completely disappeared that no trace of them now is left in the majority of places. Seacroft has a valuable "green," and Crossgates has a foot or two of turf which bears a similar designation, but what of Kippax, Garforth, Milford, Sherburn, Tadcaster, and Wetherby. If such greens did exist one wonders into whose possession they have wandered, and what purpose they are now serving?

In order that they might not be charged with absolute negligence, should another outbreak of typhoid fever again occur, the Garforth Urban Council caused a large number of ashpits in the infected neighbourhood to be turned, yet they had no grounds whatever for believing that the ashpits had any connection with the disease. Indeed, it was stated at last meeting that opinion has been expressed that a "carrier" was the cause of the trouble, but the Council—not very wisely, in my view—prevented the finding out of this by declining the assistance of the county experts. It was suggested that the suspected "carrier" had left the district, and, for the sake of the residents, I hope this "bit" is a good one, for a return of typhoid of the same severe kind would do harm to the area.

In connection with the arbitration proceedings between Leeds and Tadcaster District Council it was stated, on behalf of the Corporation, I am informed, that the people had been canvassed and preferred Leeds water to the Riddal product. The idea of the Corporation is, of course, to force water upon Barwick from the main at Stanks, and to minimise the loss sustained to the rest of the parish by the withdrawal of Crossgates from the Riddal scheme. When the next hearing takes place Leeds people will have their statements corrected and brought up-to-date, because I understand the residents have expressed no desire for Leeds water.

How can efficiency be secured on the highways? In several rural areas a number of old men are employed on the roads, and their labour is cheap, but would it not be better to engage able-bodied men at a good wage? A member of a District Council stated that he has occasion to travel frequently over a certain road, and he said to a companion that he had never yet seen a roadman who had charge of a certain section working. "I will give him a shilling," he declared, "the first time he is working when I pass." The shilling has not been paid yet. In order to save expense, it would be better to put on efficient men and set them to work under proper supervision. The employment of old-age

The Tadcaster District Council have made a grant to their surveyor towards the upkeep of a motor-car, so that he may get over the roads

Following the suggestions in this journal, a meeting of farmers resident in Templenewsam, Crossgates, Seacroft, Roundhay, and Barwick Garrets will be held on Wednesday evening at Whitkirk, as our advt. columns show, to consider the question of forming a Farmers' Club. The idea is an excellent one, and agriculturists in the district have everything to gain by the establishment of such an institution, whether its purpose be for the purchasing of commodities, insurance, or generally looking after the interests of our oldest industry. It may be pointed out that in purchasing commodities through a club farmers stand to gain substantially, and the membership should be open to a wide district because the greater the purchasing power of the institution the greater will be its degree of prosperity. There should be a crowded attendance of farmers at the meeting.

Owing to the inconvenient train service, there is some talk of running a motor-bus from Allerton Bywater, Kippax, etc., to Tadcaster on Monday once a fortnight, and it is suggested that a similar service might be established between Leeds and Tadcaster. No one, however, would run vehicles without some guarantee, but a motor-bus service from Leeds would probably pay, especially in the summer-time. The hour's wait at Church Fenton is a great inconvenience to passengers travelling from Tadcaster to Leeds in the afternoon, and there is no end of grumbling about it. The N.E.R. Co. have been written to several times about giving a better service, but they have been unable to meet the wishes of travellers up to now.

Not long since Garforth and Kippax people were very anxious to obtain a tramway service between the villages and Leeds, and, although the city authority are to extend their system to Halton, it may be assumed that they will not take it further for many years. In the Pontefract and Castleford districts a motor-bus service has been established, and it has been suggested that Kippax folks might induce the Motor-Bus Co. to run 'buses to Leeds. This is a question for the local Council to consider.

In Tadcaster district complaint is made anent cycling on footpaths, and, as Supt. Slack said, the practice is one that should be put down with a firm hand. There is, however, another nuisance with which the authorities should deal. Cattle are allowed to stray on the footpaths, and frequently the deposits of filth are such as to make the paths almost impassable to pedestrians.

Automatic lighting, judging by the experiment at Crossgates, is not an unqualified success. At times as many as half-a-dozen lamps are off duty, and at the outset people were inclined to blame mischievous boys for it, but their pranks do not extend to turning the light out. The fault is with the automatic apparatus, and it is very annoying to residents to have lamps stuck up in their streets for no other purpose than ornament. Surely it should be the duty of someone to go round every night to see that the lamps are doing their duty

MISSING BICYCLES AT SWILLINGTON.

AN EXCITING CHASE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Heaton, miner, and Edward Heaton, miner, were charged with stealing bicycles valued at 30s. and £4 respectively, from the Primrose Pit, Swillington, on Monday.

James Rhodes, miner, of Methley, said he was the owner of one machine, which was worth 30s., and he had taken it to work with him on Monday. On leaving about 2.15 p.m. the machine had gone.

George Holyhead, miner, of Crossgates, spoke to being the owner of the second bicycle.

Evidence was given by a youth named Sam Warp that on Monday, shortly after mid-day, he saw the two prisoners looking at the bicycles, which were in the engine-house. He had, he said, seen them about the place the previous Thursday. Later he saw the men riding off on the machines, and he gave information to the yard foreman, Edward Colley, who gave chase.

Colley, who was complimented by the Bench on his conduct in the matter, said he rode after the prisoners on his own machine, and, overtaking them, pulled one of them off. He made them return with him until a police officer was obtained.

Herbert Heaton was sent to prison for two months with hard labour, and Edward to one month with hard labour.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton and District Education Committee was held on Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Albion Place, Leeds —Mr P. S. Marsden presiding. The other members present were Mr. B. W. Higgins, Mr. G. M. Abbey, Mr. S. Hyde, Mr. J. W. Ridyard, Mr. T. P. Allison, Mr. J. H. Tomlinson, and Mr. T. H. Mytton with the Clerk (Mr. W. H. Powell).

With regard to the old desks at Woodlesford, the Clerk read a letter from the West Riding Education Committee that it was not equitable to give the desks away either for recreation or other purposes, but to sell them for the best price obtainable.

The Clerk reported that there will be some more desks to dispose of when new ones are put in the Colton School in compliance with the suggestion of one of His Majesty's Inspectors.

It was reported that the cleaning and general looking after of the Woodlesford Council School was no better. At the last meeting of the Committee it was decided to give the caretaker another month, in order to see if any improvement was made. Both the headmaster and headmistress say there is no change, and the Committee on Tuesday night decided to give the caretaker one month's notice and to advertise for a successor.

Messrs Hopkinson were appointed to look after the repair of the pianos in the schools of the district, as the firm had carried out the contract in a satisfactory manner.

The attendance returns for the division show that for the month of January the percentage was 89.30 as against 84.99 last year. In the Oulton District the attendance was 85.69 as compared with 86.71 in 1913. This drop is accounted for by an epidemic of fever in Woodlesford and Templenewsam. At the Woodlesford Council, mixed department, the attendance was 85.83 as against 91.93, and at the infants' school, 75 as compared with 79.72 last year. Templenewsam (Halton mixed) had a percentage of 85.6 as against 84.02, and the infants' department 85.24 as against 72.86. Colton School was down, being 81.81 as against 84.68. The percentage at Oulton St. John's (mixed) was 91.46 as against 94.32, while the infants was 88.52 as against 90.91.

SELBY CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE.—Another very successful whist drive took place in the Conservative Club on Tuesday evening, a large number of ladies and gentlemen taking part. Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1, Mrs Rockett; 2, Mrs Tuck; sealed, Mrs T. Wright; consolation, Mrs Foster (after a tie with Mrs Perkins). Gents—1, Mr G. Brown; 2, Mr E. B. Jackson; sealed, Mr A. Swift (after tie with Mr Bradfield); consolation, Mr E. Rowntree. Light refreshments, chocolates for ladies, and cigarettes for gentlemen were handed round during the interval.

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.—A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at the Alpine Hall, Monk Fryston, on Friday evening. The Rev. W. El. Claxton (vicar) presided over a fairly good gathering. Mr R. F. Crosland, J.P., F.R.G.S., of Cleckheaton, attended as deputation, and he delivered an eloquent and inspiring address, in which he made a powerful appeal for support for the Society. A vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. B. Hemsworth, and seconded by Mr G. Dixon, was accorded the speaker and the Chairman. A collection was taken on behalf of the Society.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Monk Fryston Conservative Association was held in the Concert Hall on Friday evening. Mr H. S. Lyon presided. The balance-sheet for the year showed a debit balance of £2 6s. 8d. The officers appointed for the ensuing year were as follows:—President, Rev. B. Hemsworth; vice-presidents, General Baldock, Mr R. B. Parker, and Mr H. Aldersley; chairman, Mr H. S. Lyon; representative on Central Committee, Mr Jas. Sunley; secretary and registration agent, Mr John Sunley. The Secretary reported that the Association prospects for the ensuing year were exceedingly bright, as a number of persons had signified their intention of becoming members.

"RAISING THE POOL."

SHORT STORY.

By Dr. KENNEDY.

Let me tell you a little thing that happened on board an Atlantic liner, by which, I am thankful to say, I managed through my calling, to save in my humble way the happiness of what is now the happiest home, the future of two of the dearest children that ever breathed, and the breaking of two of the fondest hearts that were ever by God joined to let no man put asunder.

Well, now, it happened as I was coming home from New York, on board a well-known liner, that I made the acquaintance of a happy young couple. They had a friend. Happy people always have friends, who try and destroy that happiness. It's a curious fact, but, nevertheless where the happy people are not sensible with it, the destruction inevitably comes about. One night I was sitting with a cigar in my mouth in the smoke room, listening to the general amusing "chit chat" that goes on aboard an Atlantic liner, when I became conscious of an animated and passionate conversation going on between two young fellows near me. One was the husband of the young wife. The other was the friend.

The gist of the conversation was to the effect that the friend had loved the girl himself before the other married her, that she had discarded him for the husband, and that both the husband and wife were in his power, and that he could wreck their happiness by speaking one word when they got to Liverpool, through a telegram to the husband's father, who was on his deathbed, a very rich man, and who had one mania and that was his son should not marry while he was alive, or be left poverty stricken for the remainder of his days.

The husband, whom we shall call Bertie Land, was done; he was in this man's power. Poor devil, he had had a bad time both in the Eastern and Western States. His father had sent him money to come home, and this friend of his was Charles Danton, who was a second cousin, to whom there was a chance of the money and estates coming if he was disinherited, so Danton's plan was in every sinister way in a state to turn up trumps.

Bertie Land rose from his seat and said,

"Well, Charlie, I thought at least one thing of you, and that was, you were a man. I'm sorry to find I'm mistaken." With a nod he joined his wife on deck.

Danton smoked on in silence for some time. I leant back and watched him. After some three minutes' contemplation of my subject, I came to the conclusion that he was not only a bad man, but a subject, I have always endeavoured to uphold the right in all my undertakings, and I determined there and then to help Bertie Land, who seemed a very decent sort of a fellow.

As the smoke-room steward entered in answer to a summons I called him across, and turning to Danton, said

"Take a drink, sir."

Like all villains, he was nuts on "poison," so he said "Yes."

"Give it a name then."

And he answered "whisky."

To give him his due he was a smart looking fellow, bold and resolute, and there was no mistake about it, he meant mischief to the other boy.

The steward brought the liquor, and raising his glass he pledged me. I got "one" look at him and he was my property. I got him direct and exercised the influence over that man, as God is my judge, for a wise, true, and loyal purpose.

I said to him, "You are, Mr Danton."

He said, "Yes."

I said "Bertie Land and his wife are both in New York." Then I repeated "In New York."

He was, I must tell you, under my influence instantly, and he was perfectly cognisant of everything about him.

At my will he became my servant. Every time he looked at Mr and Mrs Land, his eyes were diverted from them. His only chance of seeing them was at meal times, but even if he looked their way he could not see them. I willed it otherwise. I monopolised his society at all times. Neither Bertie Land nor his wife could understand our friendship. The few days of passage over the "pond" passed, and Danton became my guest in Liverpool, while Mr and Mrs Land went to another hotel, he going to see his father, and comfort him on his deathbed.

Had the old man known his son had married without his consent, he would have altered his will, transferring the property to Danton. The old gentleman retained his faculties to the end.

In a few days after the funeral I went to Mr and Mrs Land, and told them the story of the smoke-room conversation, the subjecting of Danton to a state of hypnotism, and making a new meaning to the old adage that if "listeners never hear any good of themselves, they at least don't of other people," and so rendering them a service.

As for Danton, when the Lands were settled down, I brought him out of this (to me) submissive state, and left him in charge of his mother, who was very glad to see him.

As I said before, two dear children and their mother and father are always glad to see me.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS

The magistrates at Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Wm. Crosland, and Mr H. S. Childe.

The Rev. Mr Rowntree, curate of Sherburn, applied for a stage play licence for the Milgarth Rooms, Sherburn, for 24th February, and it was granted.

Joe Kellet, John Wm. Horton, and William Asquith, pit lads, of Brotherton, were all charged with playing football on the 7th inst. on the North Road, Brotherton. All pleaded guilty. Each defendant was fined 6d. and 4s. costs.

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THE GOLDEN HOPE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "Daniel Quayne," "The Harvest Moon," "When Charles the First was King," &c.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

LAURENCE WORKMAN, the inventor of a new motor for aeroplanes.

SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.

L' ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.

LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXV.

Sir John Bedford was up earlier than usual on the morning following these events, and at eight o'clock had already sat down to his breakfast and his private correspondence. There were several letters lying by his plate. He turned them over quickly, and picked out one in the bold handwriting of Monsieur Sabatier.

"My dear friend and colleague," it ran. "After delays which have been most trying and vexatious I am assured of ultimate success within a few days—possibly within forty-eight hours. It must be your part to see that no further progress is made in that other direction. I have already arranged for the coming of the representative of that Government you know of, and he will be here the day after to-morrow; so, too, our colleague the Abbé. You, of course, will be here. Our Berlin friend, I grieve to say, is still confined to his room on account of his accident, but we will rejoice his heart with our good news.—Thy comrade, PAUL."

Sir John laid this confident epistle aside, with a muttered grunt of anything but satisfaction.

"That's just like Sabatier," he said; "always cocksure of triumph, as he calls it, and always putting it off just as he's going to achieve it. I expect I must go over there to-night; but I must know what's going on here first. Wilson," he said, as his servant entered the room, "I'm expecting a man to call with a message this morning, about half-past eight. As soon as he comes bring him up here."

Then he read his remaining letters and glanced over the papers, and so occupied himself until half-past eight chimed from the clock on the mantelpiece, and the door opened and admitted Wilson and the man who had followed Miss Delomosne about the previous night.

"The person you expected, Sir John," said Wilson, and retired silently.

"Ah sit down," said Sir John. He went calmly on with his breakfast, and for some minutes showed no more sense of his visitor's presence than if he had been the chair on which he sat. And the visitor glanced at Sir John and then at Sir John's surroundings, and a strange look crossed his face. He was a tall, handsome man, with pale, clear-cut features, and there was an expression in his eyes which was strangely nervous and alert. He looked as if he were perpetually on guard, always looking for something. As for the rest of his appearance, he was very smartly dressed in a suit of blue serge, wore good gloves, hat, and boots, and looked, save for his careworn expression, like a naval officer or a traveller returned from a voyage, for his face was bronzed and tanned as if by constant contact with the weather.

Sir John finished his breakfast at last, strolled over to the smoking cabinet, selected a cigar, lighted it with great deliberation, and then deigned to look upon his visitor.

"Well?" he said, laconically.

"I went down there," the visitor replied.

"Well?"

"She came there," the visitor continued.

Sir John nodded his head, and blew away a cloud of smoke. "Oh, she did!" he said. "Very well. Now I know. Tell me all about it in your own way. Here, have a cigar—and get yourself some coffee if you will. I don't suppose you've had either lately."

The man's eyes shot a gleam of fire and his face flushed as he picked up the cigar which Sir John flung to him as he might have thrown a bone to a dog, but he made no reply. He lighted the cigar, and after a moment's hesitation poured himself out a cup of coffee.

"I went down to the address you gave me," he went on, quietly, "and I watched there from dusk onwards. She came as it began to get dark. After she had been there some little time a tall man with a military moustache visitor.

"That's he," said Sir John, nodding his head. "Go on."

"Came out," continued the visitor, "and made off hurriedly. Then a young woman arrived at the house, in company with a lame and deformed boy——"

"I know them," said the listener.

"After they had been there a few minutes the man came hurrying back. After a while she and the young woman and the lame boy came out. She went in one direction and they in another. Before she had gone far she turned round and ran after them. There was some conversation, and then all three walked to some flats close by, and went up one of the stairways. They came down again in about a quarter of an hour, and went back to the house which she had first entered. They were still some little time there; then the young woman and the lame boy came out and went away towards the flats. Two or three minutes later she and the man came out and went off together."

"Together!" exclaimed Sir John.

"Yes, to some livery stables, close by. They were in the yard there some time, and at last, when they came out, they were followed by a two-horsed waggonette. They walked down to the works, the waggonette following them. When they got there they both went into the lodge, and presently the pair opened the big gates and admitted the waggonette."

"Whereupon, of course, you couldn't see any more!" said Sir John.

"I waited—to see her come out. Before long, after their arrival, the young woman and the lame boy came and were admitted through the lodge. I had to wait quite an hour and a-half after that before seeing anything else. Then the gates opened and they all came out."

"Waggonette as well?"

"Yes. It appeared to be loaded or packed with something which was completely covered up by a tarpaulin sheet. Outside the gate the man and the lame boy got up by the driver and drove off; she and the young woman walked away to the nearest cab-stand. There she got a hansom and returned to Eaton-square."

"Confound it all, man, but where did the waggonette go?" asked Sir John.

"I had no instructions about the waggonette," said the visitor, sullenly. "You told me to keep an eye on her if she turned up there."

"You might have used your common sense, any way," growled Sir John. "And you don't you know the place where they got the waggonette."

"Oh, yes—Hargrove's Livery Stabler."

"Then you can find out easily enough where they went to," said Sir John.

"Supposing the driver's had strict orders not to tell?"

"Then you must open his mouth with some coin of the realm," said Sir John.

The man finished his coffee and looked about him uncomfortably. "It's running a great risk to be seen about there in the daytime," he said. "You know how well known I was."

"If I'm to help you to clear out for good," said Sir John, unconcernedly, "you must run a risk or two to help me. Where would you have been, I wonder, if I hadn't come across you?"

"Well, what am I to do, then?" asked the other, half sullenly.

"What you're told, and I'll get you across to France safely," answered Sir John. "Perhaps you'll meet your old friend Shepheard there—I've just found out where he is."

"Let you know where he is, and I'll do anything for you!" exclaimed the visitor.

"All in good time," said Sir John. "Now, go down to Hargrove's livery-stables again, and find out where the waggonette went. Here's some money—make as cheap a bargain as you can, but make it. And you've only to ring me up in my private room at the offices and I'll tell you what to do next."

The visitor put the loose gold which Sir John handed him into his pocket and rose to go. He looked round the room and seemed inclined to linger.

"It's no pleasant thing to pace the streets wondering if you're not going to feel a hand on your shoulder at every yard," he said, bitterly.

"I don't think you're running as much risk as all that," said Sir John. "You might be taken for a gentleman, dressed as you are."

The visitor laughed—a harsh, grating laugh. The glint of his teeth was not pleasant.

"Go and get on with your work," said Sir John. "I'm busy. And look here, Mr. Penrose, none of your histrionics. You ought to feel very grateful to me. Do what I tell you, and I'll help you across the water. And I'll tell you where Shepheard is, and then you can break his neck and get yourself guillotined for it afterwards, and there'll be an end of both of you. Now then, once more, be off!"

Penrose snarled again and went out. When he was once outside the door of Sir John's dining-room he stopped for a moment and looked back with an expression which it might have done that gentleman good to see, inasmuch as it might have warned him not to play too much with edged tools. Then he went out into the streets, and made his way in the direction of Southwark, using various methods of transit, and always apprehensive of being hailed. Passing through Southwark, Penrose, after turning a certain thought over in his mind, went into a post-office and took out a gun-licence under an assumed name and address. In a street a little further on he called at a gunmaker's and purchased a revolver and a supply of cartridges. He slipped the revolver into his hip-pocket, and felt a sense of gratification at possessing it. "I can't trust him any further than I can see him," he said to himself. "He's very likely only using me as a cat's-paw; and, any way, it'll come in handy—for Shepheard."

Then he made his way to the livery-stables; and, as luck would have it, there came into the yard just at the time he reached it what he believed to be the very waggonette he had seen leaving it the night before. The vehicle was dusty and splashed; the horses were tired; the driver was probably sleepy.

Under pretence of making some inquiry as to a conveyance, Penrose got into conversation with the driver, and soon found out that he had been on an all-night journey to Canterbury and back with the man to drink, and before long had him in a confidential mood.

"I went here," said Penrose, "I saw you set off from Armadale's works last night, and I've a particular desire to know where you went. I'll give you a sovereign in your hand if you'll tell me."

The man looked at his questioner suspiciously. "Ain't no pot a 'ee, guv'nor?" he said. "I don't want no pleece business."

"No, no!" answered Penrose. "Curiosity, that's all. I wondered why they wanted to remove anything at that time of night."

"Well, I don't know as I was asked not to speak," said the driver; "and, as a matter of fact, I wasn't. Make it a couple o' quid, guv'nor, and I'll tell you. Thank yer, guv'nor—well, what I carried in that there waggonette was one of these here flying machines. I know, 'cause I helped to load and unload it. I expect him what invented it's going flying with it—to France or the Continent, very likely."

Penrose shifted a little uneasily in his chair, and nervously shook off the ash from the end of his cigar. "Is it anything very dangerous?" he asked.

"Well, there's nothing that's really well worth doing in the way of adventure that isn't, at any rate, a little dangerous, is there?" said Sir John. "However, there's nothing very dangerous in this—to you."

"What is it?" asked Penrose, after a reflective pause.

Sir John helped himself to another liqueur, and dangled one leg over the side of his chair, as if disposing himself for a free-and-easy chat.

"Well," he said, "the driver of the waggonette told you this afternoon that what he had transported to Canterbury was an aeroplane. He was quite right—so it is. It's a biplane, not so vastly different, not so very much superior in design and execution from those we have seen since Blériot flew the English Channel, but epoch-making in another way. A case of motive power which will drive it. And that's the secret of its inventor, the young fellow whom you saw the other night."

"With—her?" asked Penrose.

"Precisely with her," answered Sir John. "The young fellow, presumably considering himself not safe at Armadale's, has transferred the scene of his labour to a barn at the Three Travellers. Eh?"

"I think I understand," said Penrose, slowly. "It's fairly if not absolutely clear," continued Sir John. "There he means to put the finishing touches to his work."

"Well?" asked Penrose.

Sir John leant forward and looked his man steadily in the face. "Those finishing touches must not be made," he said, in a low voice, and with a significant tone.

"Why?"

"Because it doesn't suit my purposes that they should be," replied Sir John.

"From a business point of view?"

"Yes—in more ways than one. The fact is," said Sir John, "a few friends and myself are hurrying on the completion of an invention of an almost precisely similar nature, and we wish—and intend—to be first in the field. And, because of this young fellow's labours must be brought to a sudden termination so that we may step in first."

Penrose made no remark on this, but sat watching and waiting.

"It seems to me," Sir John continued, "that considering your present position, your need of a helping hand, and your desire to betake yourself to another climate, you're the very man to undertake this little affair."

Penrose remained silent for a full half minute, staring straight at the man who sat opposite him with a strange, questioning look in his sinister eyes. Then he leaped to his feet with a sharp exclamation, throwing away his cigar.

"By Heaven!" he said. "I'm not going to undertake any murders! I——"

Sir John laughed sneeringly. "Murders!" he said. "My dear fellow, do you take me for a fool, to think I should suggest such unpleasant topics to any man. I don't want to find myself in the dock at the Old Bailey as accessary before the fact—not I!"

"What do you want, then?" asked Penrose, watching him suspiciously.

"Sit down and take a fresh cigar," said Sir John. "I merely want you to undertake a little task, the successful performance of which will stop this young man from perfecting his work for some little time. That's all." "Why don't you do it yourself?" asked Penrose.

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure and satisfaction," answered Sir John, "but unfortunately I am somewhat well known in Canterbury, and all the people concerned in this affair are also particularly acquainted with me. Now, you are entirely unknown, and can carry out the transaction quite satisfactorily, if you use as much—or half as much—intelligence and resource as you showed in effecting your escape from——"

"Leave that alone!" growled Penrose, with a nervous glance at the door. "Come to the point. What do you want me to do?"

Sir John rose, and going over to his desk opened a drawer and produced the square case which he had taken from his safe earlier in the evening. Holding this in his hand, he turned once more to Penrose.

"I want you," he said, slowly, "to travel down to Canterbury to-morrow morning—you can stay there for the night, and go from here—and when you arrive there to make yourself acquainted with the Three Travellers. It will not be a long time before you can obtain access to that barn, or, at any rate, to get within reasonable distance of it. If I know anything of the young man he will have surrounded himself with safeguards, so you will have to exercise considerable diplomacy. But the main thing is to find an opportunity of placing inside or in immediate proximity to the work of that harm-this!"

He lifted the stout leathern lid of the case, and revealed the small steel globe lying inside in its thick nest of cotton-wool. The light from the lamps flashed upon its highly-polished surface in a thousand coruscations.

Penrose started, and then quickly comprehended. And once more he jumped to his feet, rapping out a sharp exclamation. "A bomb!"

Sir John ran his finger over the shining sphere caressingly. "Quite correct," he said. "And a very beautiful bit of work. This steel shell is so delicate as the most delicate china, yet it contains a power sufficient to blow these rooms to pieces. I shall be sorry to part with this—I have always admired it so!"

"It's a queer thing to possess," remarked Penrose.

"I came by it in a queer way," said Sir John. "You may think you are running an enormous risk in carrying it as far as Canterbury. I, my sir, carried it from Odessa to London, and lived with it night and day. There is no danger in it," he said, lifting the steel globe from its padded nest, and holding it up to Penrose, "until you move that small knob here—from left to right. Within half an hour of that—ah!"

He gently replaced the explosive machine in its case, and put the case back in the drawer, which he then locked. "Do you understand now?" he asked.

Penrose took a turn or two about the room. "I thought there was to be no loss of life," he said.

"If there is," answered Sir John, "it will be your own fault. Study the habits of the people who use the barn, and find your opportunity when they're out. It's no part of my policy to destroy any life—I want that machine smashed up. Use your wits—you're a clear-headed man; you don't drink—your brain ought to be sharp enough. When one wants to do a thing, one's a fool if one doesn't find the opportunity of doing it—it only needs seeking."

"So I am to go in the morning?" he asked.

"Yes," answered Sir John, "and I think perhaps the best thing to do will be for me to run you down in my motor. At any rate, I'll take you as far as the station next to Canterbury, and you can go on by train. Then I'll have a run round and come back to Canterbury at night, and you can meet me at the Star Hotel and report progress. I'll take care not to be seen. Call in at the post-office in the afternoon—say three-thirty—and ask if there's a wire for Edredin."

It was about noon next day when Penrose, carrying a Gladstone bag, which Sir John's servant had fetched from his rooms, left the station at Canterbury and made his way towards the heart of the city. Following Sir John's instructions, he soon found a quiet hotel, and, leaving his bag—securely locked—there, he set out to look for the Three Travellers, which apparent hostelry he came across in less time than he had expected. He took its main features in at a glance—like a true old house, built round three sides of a cobble-paved quadrangle; there was the garden stretching away all round the sides and back of the house, and merging into a large orchard. And at the side of the orchard, standing in the very place of a small paddock, was what was, without doubt, the barn —a plaster-and-timber walled erection, roofed by old red tiles.

And at the gate the paddock was—a policeman! And further up the street, not far from the barn, was another! No one, however ingenious, would ever be able to get near that barn while—There they were all night!

Penrose walked across the quadrangle and entered the low-ceilinged parlour which Laurence had first met Charity. One of the biggest men he had ever set eyes on stood with his back, reading a newspaper with the aid of a pair of large spectacles. He looked out of the corner of his eyes, and jumped up at the sound of Penrose's footsteps, and it seemed to the latter that he was favoured with a stare of very critical inspection.

"Servant, sir," said Mr. Waple. "Fine day for a walk, sir."

"A beautiful day," replied Penrose, and asked for a glass of ale. He took a pull at this glass when it was handed him and looked round the parlour. "One gets hungry sight-seeing," he said. "I suppose I can get something here?"

"Yes, sir," answered Mr. Waple. "Coffee-room in there, sir. Cold meats and pigeon pie ready now, but I could get a chop or a hot luncheon."

"Then I'll wait until one," said Penrose, and I'll take a chop. "Anything going on?" he said, nodding through the window near which he sat at the view of the barn and knock and policemen. "Is there going to be a sale?"

Mr. Waple folded up the newspaper and put it on a shelf behind him, sandwiched between two bottles.

"No, sir," he replied. "No, there ain't no sale at present, sir, not now. It's a policeman's a private matter, sir—not public."

"Oh!" exclaimed Penrose, endeavouring to look as interested as possible. "Dear me!"

Mr. Waple drew a measure of ale for himself. "Yes, sir," he said, when he had drunk, "it's a private matter, sir. They've to keep anybody and everybody, no matter who he or she may be, from approaching that there barn or the premises. It's a tenant has completed a certain work which he's a-doing of there. On duty they are, sir, by night as well as by day. Watch dogs as never tires, sir."

"Dear me!" said Penrose. "The work must be of very great importance."

"Well, I'm sure I don't!" replied Mr. Waple, mysteriously. "So it must indeed, sir."

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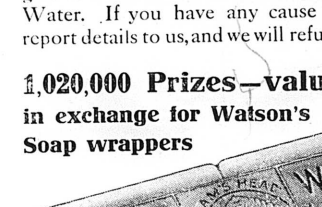
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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Will Oulton emulate Temple-newsam and form a fire brigade?

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Not a single new licence has been applied for in the Skyrack, Tadcaster, and Sherburn divisions.

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Business at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday was over in ten minutes. There were only three cases.

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A resolution protesting against Sunday fishing at Roundhay has been passed by Leeds Free Church Council.

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The suggestion that the skeletons found at Garforth have any connection with Towton seems far-fetched.

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The Earl of Harewood is President of both Ripon Division and Barkston Ash Division Conservative Associations.

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Hard lines on Kippax!. Writing of the residents, a correspondent stated that "decision of character we don't possess."

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Thirty-five years' service without a complaint is the record of Dr. Wigle, medical officer for Methley, who has just resigned.

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Golf is "booming" at Crossgates. The club doubled its membership last year, and a large increase is expected this season.

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Halton Institute possesses several of the best billiard players in the district. Why not make an effort to form a local League?

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Why not at Woodlesford? The Council of Bentley are to build miners' houses. Perhaps Hunslet District Council will follow suit.

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In Tadcaster district cyclists have taken to using the footpaths, and Supt. Slack says that a stop must be put to the practice. Look out!

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The Labourists in Rothwell district who support Mr F. Hall, M.P., had better look out. The Unionists declare that they will "make it hot" for them.

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It is remarkable how so many people make Sunday a day for "boozing." Of 200 offences in the Skyrack division last year 51 were committed on Sundays.

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So popular has boating become at Roundhay Park that the authorities propose to spend during the present year a further sum of £100 in order to increase the fleet of rowing boats there.

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A larger number of local people from Leeds than usual attended the Yorkshire Council Education Committee meeting at Linton on Monday. The hunting men could no complain of any lack of foxes.

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An Irishman, resident at Tadcaster, appealed to the magistrates to deal leniently with him and he would promise to have drink alone during the short period he had to live." "What about after?

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After being re-tolal for three-and-a-half years a Tadcaster man had a "taste," and the sequel was his discovery by the roadside in a helpless state. This lapse has cost him more than the price of the "taste."

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What do you think? One of our readers, who has an opportunity of seeing many journals, declares that the gardening column in the "Courier" is the best appearing in any paper in the North. It is practical.

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Mr Walles Fairbairn, one of the Tadcaster magistrates, speaking at a Unionist meeting the other night at Askham, said there was not a man present who would not be willing to shoulder a rifle and lay down his life to support his convictions.

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Speaking of sharp practice on the cycle track, Mr. H. Crowther, of the N.C.U., says:—"A man entered for a race at Armley, and signed a form declaring that he was a South Milford rider. As it happened one official knew every cyclist in that little village, and suspicion was aroused. As the race progressed the net was being drawn closer and closer around the man, and his friends got word of what was happening, took to their heels and escaped from the ground by getting over the wall. Instead of raking in the shekels they left all they had put on in the hands of the "bookies."

MIDDLETON

The surface workmen at Broom Pit, Middleton, have sent £4 17s. 9d. to Leeds Infirmary.

STOURTON

BILLIARDS.—The first round in this competition in aid of the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund was resumed on Friday night at Stourton and Sholebroomes, two miles from Leeds, with a game between Stourton Liberal Club and Leeds North-East Ward Conservative Institute. The Stourton team won four of the five games played, but on the aggregate scale they held an advantage of 34 points only. The scores were 416 and 460. Details (Leeds names first):—W. Chilton 78 v. J. Horsfield 100, J. S. Hopper 80 v. W. Clarkson 100, M. R. Thomas 74 v. S. Gillings 100, W. Armitage 100 v. H. Coggin 60, J. E. Waite 94 v. P. Ellis 100.

TADCASTER

Tadcaster Agricultural Society, having made a nice profit last year, is again "going strong."

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Wetherby must mend its ways. The school attendance of the town children is the worst in the rural district.

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Sherburn registers a Christianity dating back to Celtic times. Here was a church previous to Athelstan's reign.

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Prince Arthur of Connaught, who resides at Hutton Hall, Marston, has become a patron of Wetherby Steeplechases.

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A witness at the Skyrack Court on Tuesday was told by counsel to get "his moustache cut, as it was a regular word trap."

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Mr William Sykes, C.C., of Tadcaster, says that the "trade" is oppressed. Nevertheless, Boniface is cheerful enough.

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The dark nights are passing, and the railway footpath and bridge at Crossgates are not yet lighted. Procrastinating Corporation!

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The Chairman of the Skyrack Bench told a farmer on Tuesday that he should get to know "the laws of pigs." And the people laughed.

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Now that the Local Government Board has got a new President it is possible a new policy will be adopted with regard to annexation schemes.

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Kippax is giving a lead again. The ambulance brigade are to purchase a vehicle for the conveyance of injured or sick persons to Leeds Infirmary.

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Following the praise given by a newspaper to Scarcroft's pretty girls there should be no lack of suitors now. The young ladies of South Milford might well be envious.

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Who said they weren't? The County Councillor for Tadcaster division says he believes that people engaged in the "trade" are as honest and straightforward as other people.

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A man who broke a widow of a railway carriage asked another man to say at what he meant from Kippax who did it. Why foist the blame on to Kippax?

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In regard to Halton sewage scheme extension the District Council are to meet the Local Government Board engineers. Has Leeds been having a "finger in the pie."

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A Belfast man, speaking at Askham Richard, stated that the Government "were not fit to govern a workhouse." Will any of the local Guardians apply for the job?

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Not a big score! "I hear (says a writer) the pike are moving at Ulleskelf, one angler—a novice—having no fewer than four runs." He may do better in the second innings.

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Kippax has its charms! Two residents of the village were in the train the other day, and they declared they would not like to live in Leeds. "Give me Kippax," declared one.

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The Primitive Methodists of Garforth are bent on raising £200 in a year, and they expect to be able to avail themselves of Mr J. Best's offer of £25. By the recent bazaar they cleared £55.

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Quite right! Mr Lane Fox, M.P., hopes that all who have it in their power will do everything they can to make the lot of the agricultural labourer as happy as possible so as to keep the best men on the land.

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Mr John Thompson, a well-known agriculturist, says the duty of dwellers in the country is to take every opportunity to enlighten non-dwellers on rural matters. Will they accept "enlightenment" from the country?

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A farmer on Lord Harewood's estate, near Wetherby, has during the past few months lost by death sixteen cattle. Some of them dropped down dead, while others were sickly for a few days. Their deaths are attributable to tubercle pleurisy.

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It is recorded that Teresa Sempson, who died about fifty years ago, at a great age, was the last female who did penance in Saxton Church. With a white sheet thrown over her shoulders, she silently walked the aisle during part of the service, as a punishment for her misdeeds.

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For last month the attendance returns for various local schools were as follows:—Bardsey 97.07, Bacon 95.83, Tockwith Wesleyan 93.93, Sicklinghall 92.59, Bilton 92.45, Clifford Council 92.30, Long Marston 92.10, Thorner Church 91.08, Little Ribston 89.47, Thorner Council 89.13, Harewood 87.61, Clifford Roman Catholic 87.27, Kirk Deighton 86.90, East Keswick 85.96, Bramham 85.47, Tockwith Church 85.45, Spofforth 83.80, Collingham 83.05, Boston Spa 82.66, Thorparch 81.35, Wighill 80.64, Wike 78.26, Wetherby Council 76.92, and Wetherby Church 72.40.

ROTHWELL

INSTITUTE.—The members of the Mechanics' Institute are working hard in order to make the forthcoming bazaar a success, and amongst the hardest workers are the ladies. In connection with their stall they promoted a coffee supper and dance, which took place in the Church Schools on Friday night. The effort proved a success, the dance being an enjoyable feature.

(To be continued).

CORRESPONDENCE

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

MR MARTIN HARVEY'S CHALLENGE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The correspondence under above heading has, after all, not been in vain. I have at last extracted from Lieut. Boughey one or two definite statements, and can now point out to him and suggest that he is capable of deliberate misrepresentation. I think the facts I shall presume will, in the alternative, at least convince him of a more legitimate use of his superior literary satisfactory position for one whose sole occupation in the Barkston Ash Division appears to be the enlightenment of the electors on matters of public interest.

But first let me point out that the gallant officer seems half afraid of his own bogey. He says: "I make no attack on Roman Catholicism as such," and then goes on to nullify this generous admission by quoting opinions of Dr. Horton and the Rev. Joseph Hocking, who are opposed to Roman Catholicism "as such." In any case, as I have before pointed out, public opinions are of no value unless supported by evidence. It is strange that the weakness of these so-called arguments against Home Rule is not apparent to a well-trained controversialist like Lieut. Boughey. For example, he tells us that Mr Hocking writes—

"The priests control not only the worship but the life of the people. If the Irish peasant deserves freedom he emigrates to America" and so on.

Now, sir, as a Protestant, without the slightest sympathy with Roman Catholicism, as such, I would point out that if the statements are true, they are not caused by Home Rule but exist under the Union. In the opinion of many, the best remedy for such a state of affairs is Home Rule. This view is borne out by the fact that the Duke of Norfolk, and most of the Irish Catholic Peers, signed a protest against the last Home Rule Bill, which protest was based upon the fear that a "Home Rule Parliament might limit the clerical power."

Lieut. Boughey quotes a resolution passed by the Sligo branch of the A.O.H., protesting against the action of certain Protestant merchants, not apparently objects to the finance clauses of the Home Rule Bill. With a knowledge of the local circumstances, I am not altogether surprised that such a resolution should be passed. But is this any argument against Home Rule? If so, then let us set about withdrawing local government from the people of this country, for while the quoted resolution does no proof to show that anyone has suffered injustice on account of religious or political opinions in the Sligo district, it would be possible to fill your paper with instances of such persecution in this country. What does Lieut. Boughey think of the following:—

In December, 1911, at Crowle-me, a farm labourer named Cullingford summoned his employer, a farmer named Meech for an assault. During the bye-election a fellow labourer put on the Conservative colours, and Cullingford the Liberal. When Meech saw the latter ordered Cullingford to take off the colours, or he would "kick him off the place!" When the man refused he was paid off and struck on the ear, although he had been in the employ three or four and a half years. Meech denied the assault, but admitted that he dismissed Cullingford because he wore the Liberal colours and was "cheeky!" This case is a fair instance of the intolerance resulted in a conviction, fine and costs.

It is not necessary, however, to go all the way to Sowerby to find instances of persecution. The Liberal candidate in Barkston Ash at the last election was a victim of political persecution and had to leave his farm in Shropshire because his views differed from those of his landlord.

Lieut. Boughey tries to make a point against Home Rule by quoting Mr Wm. O'Brien. I must therefore assume that he is not aware of what is well-known to everybody else, viz., that Mr O'Brien attacks everything he has no himself organized. It so happens that the A.O.H. is opposed to Mr O'Brien and was responsible for the election of Captain Donelan, M.P. (a Protestant, by the way) for East Cork. This clearly explains O'Brien's attitude, but I may inform Lieut. Boughey that the statement he quotes in this connection is not in accordance with the facts. Cardinal Logue has nothing to do with the new Irish University, where, as Lieut. Boughey ought to know, several Protestant professors are engaged.

The next case put forward is the "Kingstone" case. Here, undoubtedly, boycotting has taken place. But it is not on record that the victim was a Protestantism. I have all the facts in my possession, and but for the length of this letter I should be pleased to detail them. If any of your readers are in doubt on the point, I shall be pleased to post them full particulars of the case on receiving name and address. What I should like to say, however, is this. Had I been a resident in that district I rather feel I should have joined in the boycott. In any case, whether the complaint is justified or not, it has happened under the Union, and can, therefore, be no argument against Home Rule.

Finally (and here Lieut. Boughey is hopelessly wrong), we have an attack on the Irish Local Government Act (1898). It is common knowledge (except to Lieut. Boughey) that the Act has been administered satisfactorily. No representative Unionist, whose opinion is worth having, has ever denied this. I mention Mr Gerald Balfour and Mr Geo. Wyndham in support of my contention. As Lieut. Boughey wishes your readers to believe, what he can soon prove to be false doctrine if he will enquire, viz., that Protestants cannot gain election because of their religious faith, let me point out that Sligo is overwhelmingly Catholic, but notwithstanding this it is a fact that the last time a Protestant offered himself for election he topped the poll.

Lieut. Boughey further misrepresents the situation when he tries to prejudice your readers against Catholics by saying that Protestants have no chance of gaining positions under the County Councils. He instances among other places the following—Kings County, Mayo, Roscommon, and Westmeath. Now it so happens that figures were given in the House of Lords on Thursday last by Lord Macdonnell, whose knowledge of Ireland will not be questioned. He also quoted the figures for Galway, Munster, Carlow, and Tipperary. For the guidance of Lieut. Boughey, and for the information of any other of your readers who may be equally ill-informed, I set out the percentages of Protestants and the percentages of paid posts held by Protestants in these overwhelmingly Catholic districts.

	Protestant Population.	Paid Protestant Officials.
Kings County	11	48
Mayo	2	11
Roscommon	3	26
Westmeath	9	32
Galway	6	19
Munster	10	21
Carlow	11	40
Tipperary	6	29

Now, let us look at the other side of the picture and see how those who are squirming and pretending to fear Catholic persecution act when the boot is on the other foot. In Ulster, which, by the way, has a majority for Home Rule in the House of Commons, the Protestants are very partial to the "knaves and fishes." Personally, I have very little doubt that herein lies the main reason for the Ulster Protestant's "kicking." He is afraid that under Home Rule he will be asked to take a few dose's of his own medicine.

Here are the figures for that portion of Ulster which is regarded as Protestant, the percentages in this table relating to Catholics:—

	Catholic Population.	Paid Catholic Officials.
Armagh	45	6
Tyrone	55	10
Fermanagh	55	23
Antrim	20	8

If Lieut. Boughey can dispute these figures and prove them wrong, I assure him that no one will be better pleased than myself to be corrected. If he cannot dispute them what does he mean by the statements in his last letter? The Unionists of Ireland (no doubt) Lieut. Boughey will give fair play to the minority today."

Sir, I agree. The two sets of figures given above prove it, and demonstrate conclusively that the fair play is being meted out to Catholics, and in those districts where Protestants have the power. If Lieut. Boughey really believes that Protestants are persecuted in the Catholic districts of Ireland on account of their religious faith, I will give him an opportunity of serving his party in a double sense. Here is my challenge:—

For every case of a Protestant suffering on account of his religious faith in Catholic Ireland I will produce two cases of Catholics suffering at the hands of Protestants in the North of Ireland. If I fail I will forfeit a £5 note to the funds of the Barkston Ash Conservative Association, conditionally, that it is proved Lieut. Boughey will forfeit a like amount to the Barkston Ash Liberal Association.

I apologise for occupying so much of your valuable space. The misleading suggestions necessitated a detailed reply. I must now leave the matter with your readers, who are well able to judge for themselves, unless and until Lieut. Boughey accepts my challenge.—Yours, etc.,

MARTIN HARVEY.

Peckfield Lodge, Feb. 14th, 1914.

SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM AND HOME RULE

THE UNIONIST OPPOSITION.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., speaking at a meeting at Harrogate on Saturday, said that all who concerned themselves in politics would have been much struck with what he thought was no exaggeration to call a transformation of politics in the last week. If they had had the pleasure of being in the House of Commons they would have been more conscious of this than they could be from reading only on either side of the House was at this moment agreed that the passage of the Home Rule Bill in its present form was impossible. (Hear, hear). It had been a long journey, and after all there ahead into the harbour" that they heard of a month or two ago, but rather a consid-ration of what were the least offers that Ulster could be induced to take. That was a very significant change.

Sir Edward Carson had asked the Prime Minister whether he would consider the exclusion of Ulster as inconsistent with the fundamental principles of the Bill, and the Prime Minister did not answer, so Sir Edward said he supposed they might conclude that it was inconsistent. Mr Redmond also spoke, and after all his speeches with Mr Devlin had also said about the exclusion of Ulster the speaker was surprised that he was extremely careful not to say anything that would finally close the door to negotiations.

He did not think they as Unionists could do other than say, that the exclusion of Ulster for a term of years—which he thought might possibly be the proposal—such exclusion would affect their opinion in one respect only. It would not alter what they felt about the wisdom or unwisdom of Home Rule as a policy. (Hear, hear). All it would do was to avoid the immediate danger of civil war. He thought they should make it clear that they should not have that agreement to be construed as dispensing with their entire opposition to the policy of Home Rule. (Hear, hear).

How was that going to affect the question of the Bill dealing with the Church in Wales. He thought they should make their position quite clear about that; that they should ask the opinion of the people, directly by referendum, or that the question should be left over until after the election; or, failing those two things which the Church in Wales had a clear right to demand, they as the Unionist party must make it abundantly clear, as Mr Bonar Law had done, that they as a party should hold themselves free to undo the injustice done if and when they returned to power. (Applause).

CONSERVATISM AT ASKHAM RICHARD.

A BELFAST MAN'S REMARKS.

A meeting of Conservatives was held at Askham Richard, and Mr F. Wailes Fairbairn, J.P., of Askham Richard Hall, presided. He was supported by Mrs Wailes-Fairbairn, Mr H. Payne Galloway, Mrs. Rickaby, and Miss Rickaby, Miss Simpson, Rev. A. H. C. Fargus and Mrs Fargus, Messrs Bland, Dixon, Boulter, Rennison, Hopwood, Bailey, Theakston, McBlington (hon. secretary), Lancaster, Rogers, Hodge, Gibson, Midgley, Hall, Freer, Cawood, Calvert, Gaythorpe, Palfreyman, Robbins, and others.

Mr Robert Dunwoody, of Belfast, gave an address, and said that genuine Liberals were bound to vote against Home Rule, for it was by introducing Home Rule Gladstone found he had embarked upon a distasteful movement, which broke up the Liberal party. Principles did not change. It was only men who changed. Who asked for Home Rule? When the Government could have passed the measure by an assured majority they did not do so, and the present revival of Home Rule was inspired not by the need of it, but by the need for strengthening the Government with the support of the Nationalists. (Hear, hear). Contrast the present Government with Gladstone, who was at least a gentleman. (Hear, hear). They should not necessarily disbelieve the Liberals, but the latter were perfectly free in their views being obscured only by the Liberal newspapers, in which truth was at a discount. (Laughter). The Government were not fit to govern a workhouse; they were not fit to govern their members; and certainly they were provedly unfit to govern the country. The speaker concluded by asking his hearers to do their little part in standing up for religious liberty, for the defence of minorities, whose cause was just. If Ulster had to be faced with British bayonets, then Ulster would wrap the Union Jack around them and exclaim "Then shoot at that!" (Applause).

Replying to the questions of a gentleman in the audience, the speaker denied that under Free Trade the country was doing well. There were more paupers in this country than anywhere in the world. No people of the world were more taxed on food than the English. (Hear, hear).

Mr H. Payne-Galloway moved a vote of thanks to the speaker, saying they had spent a most instructive evening. (Hear, hear).

The Rev. A. H. C. Fargus, in seconding, said that if Yorkshiremen were put to the test as Ulstermen were being, they would stand by and fight for the British flag. (Hear, hear).

Before the motion was carried, Mr Midgley, of Colton, also had a question of the speaker, cordially supported it.

WHITKIRK AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY.

PERFORMANCE OF "H.M.S. PINAFORE."

The members of Whitkirk Amateur Operatic Society, in undertaking the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore," had an admittedly formidable task, but they were encouraged by the success of previous productions, notably "The Pirates of Penzance;" and, although there must obviously be limitations to the efforts of a society with a membership drawn from a restricted area, they are thoroughly justified in their desire for progressive work. Gilbert and Sullivan's brilliant opera was perhaps regarded by some as beyond the capabilities of the members, whose most ambitious effort it was, but its performance was highly satisfactory, and the large audiences that assembled in the Parochial Hall at Halton on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights were delighted with the general work of the Society. It was evident that, although attention requires to be given to elocution and deportment, a considerable advance has been made, under the direction of Mr F. E. Kitchen, the hon. conductor, and Mr Clifford Pheavey, the coach and stage manager, and the performance was certainly the best the members have given. The Society went with a swing, and the members are to be congratulated on their success.

The chorus work is usually a feature of the Society's productions, and in "H.M.S. Pinafore" the members surpassed themselves. Mr Kitchen, were:—First Lord's Sisters, his Cousins, his Aunts—Misses F. Bryan, E. Cowell, M. Firth, T. Henson, Emily Hewitt, Elsie Hewitt, M. Harrison, E. Hague, D. Heaps, F. Hemsworth, A. Lamb, E. Simpson, K. Moss, E. Thompson, and E. Walton. Sailors—Messrs C. Batty, C. Bilsany, P. Coultas, C. Coultas, G. Farndale, H. Hemingway, H. Hobson, A. Harrison, H. Lumb, T. Shaw, W. Myers, W. Taylor, G. Henson, H. Longfield, and F. Brooks. They had the support of an excellent orchestra, consisting of Messrs A. Beaumont, F. Dickinson, Smith, Preston, B. Marshall, F. Fidler, Fresborn, J. E. Foohard, and Atkinson. Mr Bennett, the hon. chorus accompanist, who has rendered valuable service to the Society, was again at his post.

Mr W. Braithwaite (Whitkirk), as the pompous, portly Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty, was outstanding, and his interpretation of the role was one of all-round excellence. His singing and dancing, no less than his acting, met with keen appreciation, and he had to respond to calls for more. Mr W. L. Moss, as the gallant captain of the "Pinafore," had a part that suited him admirably, and he added another to his successes with the Whitkirk amateurs. Although not gifted with a strong voice, he sang his numbers pleasingly, and was frequently recalled. Mr J. Brooks (Corkoigeon) figured in the somewhat exacting role of "Ralph Rackstraw," able seaman, one of the suitors for the hand of the captain's daughter, Josephine, and he acquitted himself well, although greater freedom of movement would have given more attractiveness to the character. His singing was, of course, a distinct feature of the production, and his efforts received the thorough appreciation they deserved. Mr S. Myers as "Dick Deadeye" (false seaman), gave a clever representation. It is one of the most difficult characters to interpret in the opera, and Mr Myers' study did him very great credit, indeed. Mr J. Atkin (Crossgates) sang pleasingly as "Bill Bobstay," and Mr W. Wood, as "Bob Becket," and Mr C. Firth, as "Tom Tucker" (midshipmite), were equally successful.

Miss M. Wood, as "Josephine," the captain's daughter, had the leading part among the ladies, and she was a bagpie from first to last. Of a beautiful voice, of considerable range and power, she sang her numbers with fine taste and feeling, and her conception of the role was excellent. Without doubt, she shared the honours of the performance with Mr Braithwaite, and her admirable work throughout delighted the audience. Miss E. Wood was a charming "Little Buttercup" (a Portsmouth Bumboat woman). She used her sweet voice to advantage, and, her acting showing a keen appreciation of the part, she played another success to her credit. Mrs H. Hemingway, as "Hebe," Sir Joseph's first cousin, had not much to do, but she did what she could to her was marked by ability and careful study.

Mr Clifford Pheavey acted as stage manager, and the stage lighting arrangements were carried out by Mr A. Hepwood.

The opera was preceded by a smartly-written short play, entitled "The Reason Why," by Mr. Berry Pain. The respective roles of "He" and "She" were filled by Mr Hemingway and Mrs H. Longfield, and their clever performance of this little comedy created great amusement. Both players showed marked ability, and they were loudly applauded.

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BETWEEN CROSSGATES AND GARFORTH

STORY OF A BROKEN WINDOW.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Frank Robinson, a collector, living at Leeds, was summoned by the North-Eastern Railway Co. for interfering with the comfort of other passengers of the 7.40 p.m. train from Castleford, and with doing damage to a carriage door legfd, to the amount of 6s. 6d. Supt. Pearson prosecuted for the Co.

Edwin Allen, of Leeds, gave evidence that on Jan. 28th he joined the 8.14 p.m. train from Garforth to Leeds, entering a corridor carriage. He noticed the defendant standing at a window, and he was using bad language. After leaving Garforth the defendant came into his carriage, and, after some conversation, he asked witness if he could fight. Witness said he could not and defendant commenced sparring. He struck the witness but inflicted no serious injury. He broke the carriage window and said to the witness "You must not say anything about this. If anyone asks you who has done it you must say a man from Ripon." Witness said he could not say that and at Crossgates he informed the stationmaster.

George Albert Howe, guard in charge of the train, said defendant joined the train at Castleford and all went well until after leaving Garforth, when there was a crashing of glass, and on looking from his van he saw the defendant with his head out of the carriage window. At Marsh Lane defendant got out, but witness stopped him and asked him about the window which he had broken. Defendant, although his hands were bleeding, denied breaking the window, and, in explanation of his bleeding hands, said he had been working among glass at Castleford.

A detective officer, in the Company's service, said that when aiven at his home defendant denied breaking the window, but said he had had some drink.

The Bench imposed a fine of 10s. and costs in each case, and ordered defendant to pay the damage, 6s. 6d.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Ald. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), Colonel Gatesellgrt, and Mr J. H. Ingleby.

APPLETON FARMER'S OFFENCE.

George Popplewell, farmer, of Appleton Roebuck, was charged with cycling on a footpath at Bolton Percy on Feb. 11th.

Defendant admitted the offence, and P.S. Juniper gave evidence.

Supt. Slack said that there was too much cycling on footpaths in the district and it should be put a stop to. On every footpath in the locality there were tracks of cycles.

The Chairman: I know.

Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs.

A TADCASTER MAN'S APPEAL.

Edward McMannon, described as a labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with having been drunk and disord rly on Feb. 2nd at Tadcaster West.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

The police evidence was that defendant was lying on the side of the Leeds Road, and when he was set on his feet he could not stand. He used bad language to the constable, who took him into custody.

Defendant said that he had not tasted for about three-and-a-half years, and it did not take a great deal of drink to bowl him over. He said that if the magistrates would do their best for him he would not taste any more for the short time he had to live.

The Chairman said that he had not been up for nearly four years, and they would take that into consideration in only imposing a fine of 1s. and costs

HAZLEWOOD CASE—DISMISSED.

George S. Britton, labourer, of Hazlewood, was charged with stealing wearing apparel by John R. Cumberland. The case had been before the Court twice, and the magistrates were unable to proceed with it owing to the absence of Cumberland's son, who is now a soldier, and who was the chief witness.

When defendant's name was called he did not put in an appearance.

Supt. Slack said that there was no evidence to put before the Court. There was a letter from the person who was the chief witness.

The Chairman: Is your son coming to give evidence?

Cumberland: No.

The Chairman then read a letter from Cumberland's son, who stated that prior to enlisting he was employed as a carter on a farm at Hazlewood, near Tadcaster, and he had, he said, asked Britton to forward a box and his clothes to his father at Tadcaster.

Britton gave his version of the case at a previous Court.

The Chairman said that he did not see, in the absence of evidence, it was possible for them to go on with the case, and they, therefore, dismissed it.

EASTERN AINSTY PETTY SESSIONS

JUMPED FROM A BRIDGE ON TADCASTER ROAD.

Thos. Oliver (43), described as a fish worker, of Granville Terrace, Manchester Street, Hull, was charged at the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York on Saturday, with a't mpting to commit suicide by jumping from a railway bridge on the Tadcaster Road on December 30th last

Superintendent Slack saw the offence was committed about 1.30 p.m. on December 30th, when the man jumped from a railway bridge on the Tadcaster Road. No one appeared to have seen prisoner jump from the parapet of the bridge, but he was found later on lying on the railway and in answer to P.C. Marsh he said, "I did try to kill myself." Accused had been drinking very hard for some weeks and had become "saddened" with drink. There was no doubt that at the time of the offence accused was suffering from delirium tremens. From inquiries, it transpired that accused had previously been a good workman, but had been addicted to drink, though he had never been before the magistrates on any occasion for any offence. His (accused's) daughter-in-law, from Hull, and other friends were present in court and were willing to take charge of him, provided the magistrates would allow of such a course, and take him back to Hull. He (the superintendent) thought that would be a good way out of the case. Accused said he would not attempt to kill himself again. Drink had been, up to the present, his failing, and almost his downfall. It had been necessary to take the accused to the hospital, and it had cost the county £12 10s. for supervision. He, therefore, asked that the costs be ordered to be paid, and urged that the relatives should pay the money. It was not long ago that a man cost the county £20, and he (Superintendent Slack) afterwards recovered that amount from the relatives. The costs in this case were entirely for the accused's benefit. Accused was now starting afresh, and, being free fro i drink, could manage better. The reason why the accused had been kept in hospital was that he had been suffering from broken ribs.

Accused, in answer to the Chairman, promised that he would never touch drink again.

Accused was thereupon discharged, his sister-in-law promising to do her best to reimburse the county for looking after him.

CHARGE AGAINST A ROTHWELL FOREMAN

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL FOR £3d. WORTH OF COAL.

RAILWAY COMPANY PROSECUTE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Blake, foreman, living at Rothwell, was summoned by the East and West Yorks. Union Railway, by which he was employed, for stealing coal to the value of 3d., since the continuous missing of coal the Company had decided to prosecute. The defendant had been in the Company's service for ten years, and was a foreman. He described him as a trusted servant, and went on to say that in consequence of the systematic missing of coal notices were posted by the Company that men would be prosecuted if they took coal. Not long ago a man was dismissed for the offence, yet after he had gone coal was still missed. The defendant Blake worked at Robin Hood, and it was his custom to walk along the railway track to his home at Rothwell, and the line had been watched by a police constable, who, shortly after midnight on February 6th, saw Blake with lumps of coal under each arm. Evidently he saw the officer before the latter could get up to him, and dropped the coal on a bridge over which he passed. The officer going to the spot found two large pieces of coal which had evidently been dropped by Blake.

P.C. Womack stated that in consequence of certain complaints he was appointed to watch the sidings at Rothwell coming from Robin Hood, on February 6th. Blake was seen walking along the line to go home from his work at Robin Hood. About 12.15 a.m. on February 7th, a bright moonlight night, he saw the defendant jump down about 50 yards past when witness first caught sight of him from his hiding place behind some waggons. Witness explained that there was a railway bridge close to and that was necessary for Blake to pass this to get to his home.

Witness saw that he was carrying a lump of coal under each arm. There was no mistaking the man, as he knew him well, and he caught a glimpse of his face. He then left his hiding place and walked towards the roadway in Wood Lane just as defendant was crossing the bridge. When he got to the bridge he could get no sight of him, Blake only had some pieces of wood under one arm, and disappeared into his house. Going along the bridge witness found two large lumps of coal practically where defendant had crouched. Witness went to the house and told Blake that he had found some coal, of which he would take possession and report the matter to the Railway Company. Blake replied that he had not brought any coal; he only had wood, which he was privileged to bring.

Mr Musser (who defended): You found the coal at a place between metals where trucks of coal would be passing all day?

Witness: Yes.

Joseph Smawley, traffic inspector for the Company, said that on the Saturday morning he, in accordance with instructions, suspended Blake. He said to him "What bother is this you have got into now?" He replied "Have you got to know about it?" He said: "You were caught last night about 12.15 by the police with coal." Defendant replied "I had not the coal; it was on the bridge. I saw the police, and if they had not been there I should have taken it."

Mr Oeller intimated that this was all the evidence for the prosecution.

On behalf of the defendant, Mr Musser pleaded not guilty, and stated that as he (defendant) was the only witness he would reserve his defence.

Blake was committed for trial to the next Quarter Sessions.

Mr Musser applied for bail as his client held a responsible position in connection with the National Union of Railwaymen, being secretary of the Rothwell Head Branch.

Bail was allowed.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., IN PARLIAMENT.

THE POLICY OF "LAND BURSTING."

Speaking in the House of Commons on Tuesday night Mr Lane Fox (Barkston Ash) said that agricultural values had not been arrested all over the country, but especially in the neighbourhood of towns, by the 1909 Budget. The land taxes of the Budget made it impossible for landlords ever to raise the money for the improvement of their land in an agricultural sense. The policy of "land bursting" foreshadowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer would have equally disastrous results. For the purpose on which the Chancellor of the Exchequer seemed to proceed was that, having unsuccessfully tried to tax landlords had obtained some thousands of pounds, for which the community had given two millions—having failed by taxation, he now set out to "burst" the land system in existence. Such methods were likely to increase the value of land, and more especially as there seemed to be so much variance of opinion amongst Ministerialists as to what they were setting out to do that it was difficult to know were going to accomplish it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had made certain speeches describing rural life. It would be extremely interesting if he would make speeches similar to those speeches at Bedford, Swindon, and Holloway in the House of Commons, and one statement which he had repeated in these speeches in the country was extremely unfair. He had said more than once that for every 20s. paid from the land in wages, 25s. was paid in rent. He did not challenge the figure—it might be true—but Mr Lloyd George had deliberately refrained from saying that a considerable amount of the 25s. paid in rent was returned to the land in repairs and improvements. Those statements of that kind were the cause of much uncertainty in the country as to the stability of the credit of land. Infinite harm had been done by the report of the wages and land enquiry. The House of Commons knew that none of the members of the committee had special knowledge of agricultural matters and took the report at its real value, but the general public might not know that, and the report might prove extremely dangerous, more especially as it was to form the basis of all Liberal speeches in the country for the present. He hoped the Chancellor of the Exchequer would give them an assurance that, before further action was taken in the matter of the land legislation, an inquiry would be held which would not be so biassed as the secret committee, and which would possess the confidence of the country. (Cheers)

MARRIAGE OF LORD HOLDEN.

The marriage of Lord Holden of Alston to Miss Edith Judd, daughter of the late Mr B. S. Judd, of Richmond Hill, Leeds, took place on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, London, was a pretty but quiet ceremony.

Lord Holden, whose Yorkshire seat is Nun Appleton House, Bolton Percy, is the second peer, succeeding to the title only two years ago. He is 47 years of age, and a widower.

His father, the first peer, was Sir Angus Holden, Bart., Liberal M.P. for the Buckrose Division, and head of the great woolcombing business at Bradford and Rheims, established by his father, Sir Isaac Holden, who was Liberal M.P. for Keighley.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. Francis A. Judd, brother of the bride, and the Rev. W. H. Churchill. There were five bridesmaids—Miss Eileen McLaren and Miss Moira Shirren, nieces of the bride; Miss Phyllis Illingworth, cousin of the bridegroom; Miss Ada Hilda Lowe, and Miss Cornwallis. Mr Douglas Illingworth, a cousin, was groomsman.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr H. S. Judd, wore a dress of white satin. The corsage was ornamented with pearl, and the skirt ornamented by a silver girdle, with two tassels suspending. The court train was of satin, lined with shell pink, and rounded at the end. A shawl of antique lace lay over the shoulders.

The bridesmaids' dresses were of cream charmeuse, with net tunics having two rows of gold embroidery.

There was no reception, and shortly after the wedding Lord and Lady Holden left London for their honeymoon at Cap Martin. Lady Holden's going-away gown was of blue cloth with a shepherdess, draped up at the front and trimmed with sable. The bodice was of draped fine laces, with touches of sable on the coloured satin waistband.

ROTHWELL RAILWAY.—The annual report of the East and West Yorks. Union Railways for the year ended 31st December, 1913, shows that the traffic receipts amounted to £49,097 2s. 8d., as compared with £47,773 18s. 11d., and the expenditure £9,337 10s. 8d., as compared with £9,374 16s., leaving the net traffic receipts £9,759 12s., as against £9,399 2s. 11d., to which must be added miscellaneous receipts amounting to £169 13s. 9d. as against £328 7s. 5d., making the total net income £10,029 5s. 8d., as against £9,727 10s. 4d. The balance brought forward from last year's account was £2,635 12s. 1d.; 1912, £2,456 10s. 1d., making a total of £12,664 17s. 9d.; 1911, £12,184 7s. 5d. After the payment of charges amounting to £4,684 6s. 3d., as compared with £4,618 9s. 6d., the balance is £7,980 11s. 6d.; 1912, £6,585 10s. 11d. An interim dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum was paid on the preference stock for the half-year to 30th June, 1913. The Preference stock for the last half-year, together amounting to £5,239 19s., and leaving a balance of £2,740 12s. 6d. to be carried to next year's account. The total weight of goods and mineral traffic passing over the railway for the year was 697,764 tons, as compared with 643,943 tons carried in the year 1912, showing an increase of 53,821 tons. The tonnage and receipts for 1912 were affected by the miners' strike. The directors who retire at this meeting are Messrs Edward Saltersen and S. W. Meyer, who are eligible for re-election. The retiring auditor is Mr John Hartley Blackburn, who offers himself for re-election.

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Rothwell Courier and Times.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1914.

Within the past few years a marked change has come over the drinking habits of the people, and licensing meeting statistics, although not an absolutely reliable guide, indicate that the residents of the district are exercising greater self-control. No one will believe that the police are less vigilant than in former years, nor that they will tolerate any laxity in the management of licensed houses, and it must, therefore, be concluded that public opinion is having a salutary effect in checking excesses. Without doubt the growth of temperance principles is following the advancement of education, and, while many people definitely decline to pledge themselves to total abstinence, they recognise that if they are to get the best out of life they must adopt temperate habits. At one time drunkenness in a person of social standing was regarded as something of an "accomplishment" but so great is the change that has come over the habits of even the working-classes that the person who indulges to excess is very quickly marked as one whom society is to be avoided. That is a very welcome change, and it is having its influence on the community. Brewster Sessions figures, however, do not prove that less alcoholic drink is being consumed; indeed, there is reason to believe that the quantity used fluctuates according to the state of national trade; and this shows that for any increase recorded the working-classes, who are more acutely affected by trade conditions than any other section of the community, are primarily responsible. No doubt large sums of money which should go towards building up the family or beautifying the home are spent on what are termed luxuries, and in multitudes of cases people are worse off under good trade conditions. This is a serious reflection on one class, or a section of one class, and until they learn to profit by steady employment their energies are, to some extent, wasted. To these people the licensed "trade" itself has, as a rule, no encouragement to give; they are a class of customer whose absence is preferred to their company; and the ever-indulgent soon discover that they are not regarded as friends of the licence-holder.

One lamentable feature of the reports at licensing courts in Lancashire is the increase of drinking among women, and it must be regarded as a sign of social decadence. According to some of the reports, the women do not usually frequent public-houses; they have their needs supplied at the grocer's shop; and their drinking is done in secret, until a time comes when they are so depraved and dissolute that they care not a jot for the opinion of their neighbours and come out and flaunt their vices openly. This deterioration bodes ill for the nation. Intemperance in man is bad enough, but so long as the mother is sober and industrious there is hope for the family and the home. When, however, the wife gives way to excesses the result is disastrous for all concerned. For that very reason, drinking by women should in every way possible be discouraged. It is not necessary, when the sores have eaten so deeply into our social life, to remark upon the evils associated with intemperance among the female population, because they are apparent to all who are newspaper readers. The nation, by safeguarding her women, will only be protecting her highest interests, and an extension of the evils alluded to must eventually call forth repressive measures.

The club system, which has taken firm root in the social life of the people, has received the kindly consideration of the magistrates, and with absolute unanimity, they recommend that they should be brought under the same law as public-houses. Politicians are not always guided by principle; expediency frequently moulds their course of action, and it would be difficult to state what their attitude would be in places where the club population is strong. Nevertheless, there is need for action, because to give clubs a privileged position in our licensing system is unfair. In this particular district the clubs have been well conducted—no complaints have been forthcoming, but in many other districts institutions have been established for no other purpose than that men may have additional drinking facilities, with the result that sometimes riotous scenes occur and the clubs are struck off the register. Club members state that they are able to spend their evenings in a comfortable and interesting way without being compelled to drink, whereas were they to go to inns they would, "for the good of the house," have to consume liquor they did not want. That, of course, applies to a section. Clubs which are well conducted have nothing to fear from police inspection, and, on the other hand, institutions which exist for drinking purposes only should be wiped out. As a matter of fact, police inspection would materially strengthen the position of the club movement, because it would eliminate all the undesirable places that exist for drinking purposes only, and give to the well-conducted clubs an acknowledged position in the licensing system. The regulation of hours is very necessary, too, and if clubs had to pay a little more to the national revenue they would simply be giving a return for undoubted privileges which they enjoy.

THE SCHOOLS.—In Sherburn district the percentage of attendance last month was 90.81 against 85.68 in January, 1913. The figures for the various schools were:—Sherburn Endowed, 93.63 and 95.93; girls, 93.15 and 88.4; and infants, 88.88 and 78.09.

COUNTY COURT CASE.—On Friday at Selby County Court a claim was made by David Greenwood, the administrator and only son of Sarah Greenwood, deceased, of Church Fenton, against Jacob Whstrop, farmer, Little Fenton, for £60 10s. A counter-claim was filed for £54 for goods sold. Evidence was given that the late Mrs Greenwood died on June 4th last. The claim, which was remitted from the High Court, was made by the executor of the deceased's crops by the deceased, namely, between 1893 and 1913. The defendant had paid £8 10s. into court, leaving the amount now due £54. The counter-claim was made for goods, such as corn, peas, etc., said to have been sold to Mrs Greenwood for a number of years. After hearing several witnesses, his Honour gave a verdict for plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs. On the counter-claim his Honour also found in favour of Greenwood, but without costs, as he considered defendant was justified in submitting the claim.

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DEATHS.

BROWN.—February 17th, at the Lodge, Kirkby Wharfe, Tadcaster, aged 84 years, Richard Brown.

BROWN.—February 19th, at Brandonroyd, Shadwell, Leeds, Harriet Annie Kate, daughter of Harriet and the late Robert Harrison Brown, Wakefield.

BURROW.—February 17th, at Lynnerth, Roundhay, of cancer, Alfred Linley Burrow, brush manufacturer, Leeds.

WIGGLESWORTH.—February 16th, at 29, Grant Terrace, Roundhay, aged 71 years, Rebecca, the beloved wife of John Wiggles worth.

IN MEMORIAM.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

CHURCH BELLS.—Now that the church bells are in order it only remains for the officials to engage bellringers, but it is understood that some difficulty is being experienced in this direction.

WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—Sensational charges were the subject of investigation at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr. J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. Sagar Musgrave, Mr. C. Holliday, Mr. J. Hirst, Mr. J. R. Cross, and Mr. E. Parkin.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—At the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon a service of song, entitled "The choicest gift," was rendered by the Shaftesbury Wesleyan Choir. Mr T. Ward presided, and the connective readings were given by Mr J. Southward. A collection was taken in aid of the organ fund.

PICKWICKIANS.—The Pickwickians at the weekly meeting on Thursday night, was held somewhat late. The evening was presided over by Mr G. W. Nodding, who gave "The temporal advantage of Dodgson and Fogg" (chapter 47, "Pickwick Papers") and "Is learning or wit to be dead," by Mark Twain. Mr J. H. Rawling presided.

MATCHES.—Teams representing the dart, domino, and whist section of the Rothwell Working Men's Club (Marsh Villa) played the representatives of the Armley and Wortley Socialist Club. The Rothwell teams took both in the darts and dominoes, the scores being as follows:—Darts, Armley and Wortley 3,961, Rothwell 3,110; dominoes, Armley and Wortley 141, Rothwell 40. In the whist tournament, however, Rothwell was by 20, the scores being 43 and 17 respectively.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Wednesday played Leeds Tramways at Rothwell on Wednesday. Both sides did their share of attacking in the first half, but the Tramways proved the slightly superior, and Billiards netted. Play in the second half was rather rough, Arch and Leas (Rothwell) being sent off. This made matters somewhat easier for the visitors, whose score was further augmented by Bcrton and Drake (penalty). Result: Leeds Tramways 3 goals, Rothwell Wednesday none.

THEFT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on on Tuesday Fred Cossing, a carter, living at Rothwell, was charged with stealing harness mountings, the property of Harry Flockton, of Oulton, and valued at 7s. 6d. The prosecutor spoke to last seeing the harness mountings safe in the harness room of the stable when it was locked up on Monday last. The next morning the stable door was open and the articles were gone. Goddard had given evidence of arrest. Coning was sent to prison for two months with hard labour.

BAZAAR.—The Wesleyans are seeking to raise money for the circuit funds by a two days' bazaar, which was opened in the schoolroom on Thursday afternoon. The ladies have been busy for the last few weeks with their preparations, and an attractive assortment of goods and fancy articles was on the stalls. The opening ceremony was performed on Thursday afternoon by Mrs T. P. Wade, of Scourton Lodge. The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson presided, and said he had some vivid recollections of some remarks made within the last twenty-four hours in vigorous denunciation of the length of time usually occupied in the opening of bazaars. However, the lady who had made the remarks was to speak afterwards, and he hoped she would justify her own observations. Mr Thomlinson then introduced Mrs Wade. She represented in her history two of his old circuits, and he paid a graceful tribute to the work she had done, especially in the Hunslet circuit. Mrs Wade expressed her pleasure at being present to open the bazaar, and said she did it to show her appreciation of the work they had so much at heart. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Wade, on the proposition of Mrs Walter Hargreaves, and seconded by Mrs Wood Goldthorp, who to justify her denunciation as mentioned by Mr Thomlinson, said she had heard some people speak for over an hour, and it was very tedious, besides they had been anxious to get to work. (Laughter). The stall-holders were:—Sewing Meeting Stall—Mrs W. Hargreaves, Mrs Senior, Mrs J. Butterick, Mrs Morton, Mrs T. Young, Mrs S. Armitage, and Mrs Copley. Refreshment Stall—Mrs Palmer, Mrs Thomlinson, Mrs W. Batty, Mrs Goldthorpe, Mrs J. Ellis, and Mrs Wood. Fancy Goods Stall—Miss Stephenson, Miss Copley (Mrs Batty, Miss Batty, Miss E. Copley, Miss Elsie Morton, Miss Ethel Morton, Miss E. Senior, and Mrs Hobson. Flower Stall—The Misses Atherton, Miss Emily Smith, Miss Doris Baines, Miss Katherine Holt, Miss Eveline Barker, Miss Eveline Barraclough, Miss Winnie Stephenson, Miss Winnie Lishman, and Miss Nellie Heaton. Sweet Stall—Miss M. Armitage, Miss K. Varley, Miss L. Lee, and Miss N. Butterfield. Married People's Stall—Mrs Marshall, Mrs Rowley, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Charlesen, Mr and Mrs W. Ellis, Mrs P. Wade, and Mrs J. Abbishaw. Afternoon teas were provided by Mrs H. Armitage, Mrs T. Denton, Mrs Scholey, Mrs T. Lunn, and Mrs Arundel

ALLERTON BYWATER

The report of the Ripon Diocesan Church Building Society shows that £50 was given to Lock Lane, Allerton.

BARWICK

At Barwick School last month the number on the books was 158, and the average attendance 144. The percentage was 91.14 against 88.06.

A meeting will be held in the schools on Friday evening, February 27th, when addresses will be delivered by Mr E. H. Foster, prospective Liberal candidate for the Division, and others. See advt.

ROOKS.—A Barwick-in-Elmet farmer urges that there should be organised action to reduce the number of rooks in country districts, where they do considerable damage at sowing time. Shortly, he points out, farmers will be sowing corn, and unless drastic steps are taken to shoot the rooks, especially at nesting-time, loss will again be suffered. Several owners and farmers in his district have signified their willingness to take part in a concerted shoot, but there remain others who find rooks picturesque inhabitants of the trees around their houses, and are loth to see them destroyed. If the birds are not driven away by any great extent, he suggests that they will be more easily frightened away from a field of corn than is the case at present.

BILLIARDS.—On Friday evening a team from the Garforth Conservative Club paid a visit to Barwick, where they met the representatives of the Village Institute. Some very exciting play was witnessed, most of the games proving very close. When the scores were totalled it was found that the homesters were the winners by 44 points. Details (Barwick names first):—T. Robshaw 47 v. H. Burnley 100, E. Forbes 100 v. J. Barker 97, F. Mounsey 100 v. W. Wormald 91, K. Birch 97 v. F. Allinson 100, J. Robshaw 86 v. W. G. Jackson 100, H. Walton 88, and Fred Lumb 89 v. D. Fowler 100. Fordham 50, Victor Robshaw 100 v. E. Johnson 100, and Fred Lumb 80 v. D. Fowler 100. Totals—Barwick, 819; Garforth Conservative Club, 775.

BOWERS ALLERTON

AUTHORITY OF THE GOSPELS.—At the Men's Bible Class on Friday evening the 70 members present listened with interest to Mr A. Blakley, of Gwrmanton, who gave the first of two lectures on "The authority and probable relation of the first three Gospels." During the 150 years between the birth of Christ and the writing of the Gospels the life and sayings of Jesus made such an impression on the Jews that they were leansed by heart and so passed from one to another. The next generation, however, put it written record, and the four gospels were chosen from a large amount of fragmentary documents on the subject. The oldest and most original of the Gospels is that of St. Mark, who, although he had not personally heard Christ, followed Peter very closely, and the Gospel may be safely considered Peter's account. St. Mark was an important leader of the early Church, and one of the founders, and an earnest student of the works of Christ, and his Gospel might be considered the foundation of the other two Gospels. St Mark's account was written in Greek for the Gentiles. St. Mathew's and St. Luke's Gospels were copied largely from St. Mark's, the difference being simply one of personal bias, as several examples taken from each Gospel proved. St. Mathew, a tax collector and statistician, classified the sayings, as proved by the Sermon on the Mount, while St. Luke, a medical student and a man of sympathy, arranged them according to circumstances and gave a prominent place to Christ's sympathy with women and children. St. Luke was a friend of St. Paul and wrote also the Acts of the Apostles, and he wrote in Greek for the Gentiles. An interesting discussion followed.

CARLTON

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with home miss ons special sermons were preached at the Carlton Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday by Mr Hiram Keey, of Lofthouse. On Tuesday a public meeting was held, Mr Michael Pitts presiding. Addresses dealing with home missionary work were given by the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson, of the Rothwell Wesleyan Church, and Mr. S. Stephenson. A report, which was of a satisfactory character, was read, and during the evening the solo "Pass it on" was sung by the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson. Collections in aid of the Home Missions were taken at the services.

CROSSGATES

A meeting in connection with the Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society will be held on Saturday, March 7th. See advt.

The report of the Ripon Diocesan Church Building Society for the year shows that a grant of £50 was made to Manston Church.

At the meeting of the Crossgates Baptist Fellowship on Tuesday evening a discussion on "Should a living wage be the first charge upon a business?" will be introduced by Mr T. Cox. See advt.

CROSSGATES GOLF CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Golf Club was held in the Recreation Hall, Crossgates, on Friday evening, and there were over fifty members present. Mr Hugh Hurst (President) presided. The report and balance sheet were read in detail by the secretary (Mr Finlay). The club has a membership of 152 as compared with 78 in the previous year, and already 18 new members have been elected this season. After spending £40 out of revenue on the extension of the club-house there was a profit on the year of over £20, and, as showing the popularity of the course with visitors, it was stated that a sum of £42 had been taken in green fees. The club is in a prosperous state, and the engagement of a professional (McKechnie, of Gloucester) is a forward step. The report and balance sheet were adopted on the proposition of Mr Hurst, seconded by Mr H. Johnson. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr Hurst; captain, Mr John Simpson; hon. sec., Mr N. Llewelyn; hon. treasurer, Mr W. Finlay; committee—Messrs MacCallum, Townsend, Poyser, Thomas, Rushton, Cowling, Coates, and H. Rhodes.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.—In connection with the Literary Society on Monday evening a most interesting lecture was delivered by Mr A. Gilligan, B.Sc., F.G.S., Lecturer in Geology at Leeds University, on "Meteorites." Mr E. Hendewerth presided, and there was a good attendance. The lecture was illustrated by a number of slides, and several specimens were shown, as well as some under a powerful microscope. These bodies were regarded with veneration by the ancients, their unknown origin leaving great room for the imagination. Popularly they were known as shooting stars, and a meteoric display might be expected at periods of 33 years. Some noted falls had occurred in the British Isles, two in Yorkshire, but no record of any in Leeds was known. There was no authentic case of any personal injury sustained, but roofs o' buildings had been penetrated. The state of Arizona was the richest in specimens, and examples were dredged up by the "Challenger" during its expedition for deep sea sounding. The most plausible theory of the origin of these bodies was that they were material from comets attracted by gravitation, their incandescent appearance being due to the fusion caused by friction in falling. The speed attained was as much as 260 feet per second. Acid in the atmosphere rapidly decomposed their elements and specimens in the museums needed protection. On the motion of Mr R. H. Carr, seconded by Mr S. H. Young, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer. Mr J. E. Broadbent officiated at the lantern.

LIBERALISM.—On Friday evening a meeting of Liberals was held in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, and there was a good attendance. The first of a series of lectures on the land and housing question was delivered by Mr Marriott Morley, J.P., of the Central Land and Housing Council, who dealt mainly with the historical aspect of the land problem, and at the close he answered a number of questions which were put to him by the members of the audience. Mr W. G. Stephenson (President of the Crossgates Liberal Association), who presided, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Morley, and Mr F. Hartop having seconded, it was cordially passed.

GARFORTH

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Andrew Backhouse, a labourer, of Garforth, was summoned for having used obscene language in Main Street, Garforth, on Saturday last. P.C. Holmes gave evidence, but defendant denied using the language, and corroborative evidence was called by the police. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—On Monday evening a whist drive and dance promoted by the teachers of the infants' department, took place in the Parish rooms, and there were over 100 present. Ladies—1, Miss Dickinson; 2, Mrs Jermy; consolation, Mrs P. Barber. Gentlemen—1, Mr Teale; special, Mr Cooper; 2, Mr Herbert Thompson; consolation, Mr Robson. An enjoyable dance followed.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The attendance was up last month in all the schools in Garforth. The percentage for the district was 90.66 against 83.31 on January, 1913. The figures for the local schools were:—Garforth Council, 91.62 against 89.71; Garforth Council Infants, 88.88 and 77.14; East Garforth, 91.78 and 82.21; Garforth Parochial, on and 89.87; Garforth Parochial Infants, 84.39 and 70.79; and Garforth Roman Catholic, 85.71 and 89.47.

TWENTY-ONE CONVICTIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Heathcote, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging in Garforth on Sunday, February 10th. P.C. Beever stated that he saw the defendant stopping foot passengers on the Aberford Road. When stopped, he said he had had nothing to eat since the previous day. He had in his possession a complete tramp's outfit. There were 21 previous convictions against him, and he was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The patronage accorded this popular house of entertainment continues to be satisfactory, and the fare provided this week has been highly appreciated. The three-ver subject "The Pumpkin" is drawn as a setting for "The Fortune Hunter," one of the films described in the recent disastrous fire in Leeds, is a very fine production, the plot, scenery, acting, and photographic being of a very high quality. For this half of the week a strong programme includes another three-part picture, exclusive to this hall, entitled "Saved by Fire," a story of strong dramatic interest and interesting situations and incidents, while "Black Beauty" deals with the sagacity and intelligence of a horse. It is a subject that strongly appeals to all animal lovers. The programme for the first half of next week includes a three-part picture "The Black Ball," which unfolds a fascinating story somewhat out of the usual run, and depicts an exciting chase over the roofs of tremendously high buildings. Other dramatic subjects are "Redemption of a Soul" and "Brave Little Woman." For the second half an interesting and outstanding features are "The Blind Sculptor," "The Gallop of Death," and "Attack on the Lighter," all good close subjects of absorbing interest, while the remaining pictures and comedies complete the programmes. For times and prices see advt.

HALTON

GUN CLUB.—The Halton Gun Club had a field day on Monday at the Irwin Arms, Halton. The sweepstakes were decided, the first being divided by F. Hemingway (Bruntcliffe) and J. Elam (Leeds), both killing up. The second tourney was won by Stead (Leeds), with four kills out of five birds; the third was divided by Stead, Walker, Elam, Taylor, and Morris; the fourth was won by Stead; and the last event was divided by Elam, Hemingway, and Clarkson.

LECTURE.—Mr T. Redington, of the Leeds University, delivered a lecture on "Educational Gardens" before the members of the Templeversam Allotments Association on Thursday Mr J. W. Chadwick, who presided, gave an account of the formation of the Allotments Association and its activities. Mr Redington dealt with his subject in a racy and interesting manner, dwelling first upon some of his experiences in various parts of Yorkshire when delivering lectures on horticultural subjects. He then went on to describe in detail the conditions conducing to the formation of educational gardens. The University authorities would supply seeds, artificial manures, and fruit, and also give practical instruction. The allotments would pay for the land, purchase farmyard manure and pea rods, and undertake to do all the work according to the directions of the instructor. The produce would belong entirely to the students. Several questions were asked, and Mr Redington answered at length. Mr Redington then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and this was passed. Mr S. B. Chadwick proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer for the simple and interesting way in which he had treated his subject. Mr C. E. Goodall seconded and hoped that the Allotments Association would do something towards establishing an educational garden at Halton. The audience accorded the vote of thanks in the most hearty manner.

THE PROPOSED TRAMWAY TO HALTON.—The Leeds Corporation Bill was on Monday before Mr Gully, one of the Examiners of Standing Order Proofs. Its consideration had been put off for the contested Hunslet and Guiseley District Councils to the proposed tramway. Mr Harry Pritchard, who appeared for the Bill, said the only point now standing had reference to these consents. The Corporation themselves were the local road authority in regard to the trams in question, and he now produced the consent of the Rural District Council of Hunslet and the Urban District Council of Guiseley. The Examiner: On condition that the trams are completed within two years. Mr Pritchard: Yes. I was going to mention that period before you this; that was sufficient for outstanding orders, and that these consents were the consents of the local road authorities. But Mr Browne, who represents the West Riding County Council, contends that that Council is the road authority. It is not necessary to discuss that matter now, because we have the consent of the County Council, and I now produce it. To guard myself in the future, I am not admitting that the County Council is the road authority. The Examiner found that there had been a technical non-compliance with the standing orders owing to the production of the consents being delayed, and the matter must come before the Standing Orders Committee before the Bill can be sent for first reading.

LIBERALISM.—The annual meeting of the Templenewsam Liberal Association was held on Thursday evening at Halton, and Mr G. D. Crosthwaite (President) presided over a good attendance of members. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., K.C., the prospective candidate for the Barkston Ash Division, delivered a short address on the Government's programme. Mr Martin Harvey, President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association, also gave an instructive address on "Organization."

KIPPAX

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Collections were taken in this church on Sunday and Monday evenings in aid of home and foreign missions. Mr Wilkinson (Castleford) was the preacher on Sunday, while Monday evening's meeting was held by Mr Rev. H. W. B. Chapman (circuit minister, Castleford) and the Rev. T. B. Davenport.

MINER IN TROUBLE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Moses Hope, miner, of Kippax, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Kippax on Sunday. P.C. Aldborough stated that about 10.35 p.m. on Sunday he was on duty in High Street, Kippax, when he met Moses Hope, who was drunk and making use of bad language. He asked him to go home, but he took no notice and the officer repeated his request and told him he would be reported. Hope it was alleged, then drew a knife and ran at the officer, who closed with him, a struggle taking place with both men on the ground. Eventually the policeman succeeded in getting the knife. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

PARISH CHURCH.—Services in connection with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts were held in the church on Sunday. The Vicar was the preacher in the morning, and the Rev. F. Beaumont in the evening.—The Girls Friendly Society held a social in the Schoolroom on Monday evening, and there was a capital attendance. The supervision of the Vicar and Mrs Smith. The Vicar gave a short address on the work of the G.F.S. Refreshments were served by the following ladies:—Miss Beggan, Miss Handley, Miss Waring, Miss Byers, Miss Wright, and Miss Cawood, assisted by Mr H. Cockerham and Mr A. Eastwood. The music for dancing was supplied by Mrs Gill, and Mr Leonard Wilson acted as M.C.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The young men of the Bible Class in connection with this church had their annual soiree in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Mr J. P. Prince, who presided, gave a short address. The following programme was gone through:—Pianoforte solo, Mr H. Gummerson; recitation song, "Washing Day," Girls' Junior Class; whistling solo, Mr S. Gummerson; recital, "The Farringdown," Miss Fleming; solo, "Carmencita," Miss Crowther; whistling solo, Mr S. Gummerson; recital, "Welcome goes to Riverboro," Miss Fleming; action song, "The tall top hat," Sunday School boys; whistling solo, Mr S. Gummerson; recital, "Bevar Rabbit," Miss Fleming; solo, "Ferryman," Miss Crowther; humorous dialogue, "A husband's experiment," Bible Class. There was a fairly large audience and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

BOOKMAKER'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Newell, a bookmaker, of Kippax, was charged with following for the purpose of betting at Kippax. P.C. Gough gave evidence that about 2.40 p.m. on Saturday he was on duty in High Street, Kippax, when he noticed Newell approached by a man who gave him a slip of paper which he put into his waistcoat pocket. A moment later another man came up and gave him something. Gough went up to him and charged him with the offence, and Newell replied, "Well, I don't think you saw me take a bet since dinner time." When searched, three slips of paper relating to horseraces and to the value of £1 4s. 6d. were found, in additional to a pocket book, sporting paper, and coins to the value of £8 10s. 5½d. Newell had nothing to say and was fined £10 and costs, the Chairman remarking that they were determined to put a stop to such men.

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METHLEY

MEDICAL OFFICER RESIGNS.—At Pontefract Guardians' meeting on Saturday Dr. Wigin, medical officer for the Methley district of the Pontefract Union, on the ground of ill-health, resigned the post, which he has held since 1876. The Chairman (Mr. T. W. Nicholson) said the Board would accept the resignation with regret, as in all the 35 years Dr. Wigin had been their officer he did not remember a single complaint. It was also decided to send a letter of sympathy with Dr. Wigin in his illness.

MICKLEFIELD

At Micklefield School, mixed department, last month the percentage of attendance was 92.13 which compares for January, 1913, and at the Infants' School, 80.71 against 85.21.

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SHADWELL

On Saturday afternoon Shadwell how foot-ballers met Leeds Longfellow club, St. John's, and it was drawn, no goals being scored.

BOYS ENTERTAINED.—The boys of the Shadwell Industrial School, numbering about 200, on Tuesday witnessed a performance of "Aladdin," at the Empire Royal, Leeds, on the invitation of Mr Leidler, the proprietor, and Mr N. Hepworth, the manager. The boys had seats provided for them in the upper circle, and their enjoyment was enhanced by gifts of apples and chocolates made by Mr J. H. Stockdill, the Chairman of the Industrial Schools Sub-Committee, and by Mr and Mrs Hepworth. The Tramways Committee placed special cars at the disposal of the lads.

WHITKIRK

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk hockey players were defeated by Leeds Y.M.C.A. by five goals to three.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN.

GUARDIANS QUESTION THE WISDOM OF THE POLICY.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices on Wednesday—Mr J. Butterick presiding in the absence of the Chairman and vice-chairman. Other members present were Mrs Dickinson, Dr. Groves, Father Cody, Messrs W. Schofield, J. R. Chappell, W. A. Appleyard, J. Hodgkinson, J. Bannister, J. Gavins, T. Conyers, J. Flanagan, W. Verity, E. B. Pickersgill, W. Lunn, G. W. Peace, J. W. Verity, and W. Stead (with the Deputy Clerk (Mr F. Ward)).

It was reported that during the fortnight there had been five deaths in the Workhouse and the number of vagrants relieved was 41 as against 62 last year, an increase of 21.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee showed that the application of the superintendent and matron for increases of salaries was considered on a reference from the Board, and it was resolved that the Board be recommended to increase the salaries of Mr and Mrs Bell, from £80 and £35 to £90 and £40 per annum respectively, together with the emoluments already assigned them, subject to the usual conditions. Letters were received from the Salvation Army Emigration Offices offering to undertake the emigration of any children entrusted to them on the terms stated, and it was resolved that arrangements be made with the Salvation Army to undertake the emigration of the whole of the children.

Mr Lunn referred to the number of children who were being sent to Canada. He did not know, he said, whether the Homes Committee had satisfied themselves that it was in the best interest of the children that they were sent away. He would like to know under what circumstance they took in connection with the children. It was easy to work up children, and if they put glowing reports likely to inflame children's minds as to the way they would naturally get children to go. He was opposed to sending the best blood of the country to other lands whether they were the Colonies or not, and he sought to try to find employment elsewhere for the boys and girls in this country than send them off to Canada. He did not know whether the Board had any information as to the care and so the children after they had brought it was an important matter that they should be cared for and their future be looked after. Personally he thought it was much better for the children to be kept at home where they were well looked after.

Mr Butterick, to Mr Lunn: Do you object to the children being emigrated just because they can be better done to at home?

Mr Lunn: Yes.

Mr Butterick said that was not the experience of the Homes Committee. He agreed with some of the ideas of Mr Lunn, and at the same time there were others with which he did not agree. The committee took all the care possible to ascertain who the children were from, and they belonged the nature of their surroundings, and what the consequence was of placing them out of the country, and it was always in the best interests of the children that the committee recommended emigration in the cases of certain of them. Another thing they had the report of the association through whom the children were sent, as to the homes in which the children had been placed, the way in which they were treated, and the progress they were making in the line of business they had taken up. He could say the committee watched with a jealous care the future of the children sent out. The committee, Mr Butterick said, had no particular fancy for emigration, yet it had always been done in the interest of the child's future. Possibly it might not have always turned out so, yet they had had reports from time to time which resulted in them coming to the conclusion that in the majority of the cases it was the best thing that could have happened to the child. Some of the letters read by the superintendent and even by the committee justified their action.

Mr Conyers asked why the Homes Committee had refused to allow a girl to emigrate from away. In the past they had been sent through Mrs Birt.

Mr Butterick said perhaps Mr Chappell would reply.

Mr Chappell said in the first place the children were very often sent out because they had relatives in Canada. He instanced how a few weeks ago a girl had left one of the homes who had done very well, and in the last batch the girl's sister was one of them. Another point was that the children had very undesirable relatives, and it was in the interest of the children that they should be removed away from people who would have a bad influence over them. The committee had been under Mrs Birt, because she had given notice that the charge per child would be considerably more—£3 per child more.

Mr Lunn expressed satisfaction at the explanation.

Father Cody said the reports received as to children in Canada were most gratifying to the committee, yet he did not agree that Roman Catholic children should be sent out under the supervision of the Salvation Army. In the past they had been sent out by the Catholic Emigration Authority, and he would move an amendment that the minutes be passed with the exception of the part relating to the removal of children to Canada, which he proposed should be referred back to the Homes Committee.

Dr. Groves seconded Father Cody's amendment. People who were not Catholics, he said, would object to their children being sent out under the Catholic authority, and naturally Catholics would object to their children being sent out by the Salvation Army.

Mr Hargreaves asked why boys were not found employment here, as there were several farmers asking for boys from 13 to 16 years of age.

Mr Butterick: We have had nothing brilliant offered from farmers at home yet.

Mr Flanagan supported Father Cody.

Mr Lunn said he did not object to children being sent under the Salvation Army. They were the most musical and the most lively, and they had the best connections with the religious bodies than any other emigration association. If the ship went down they would get to the place they were striving for, and there would be no difference in that respect. (Laughter).

Father Cody: There may be the difference in the distance. (Laughter).

Mr Lunn: Perhaps some people would not want to go direct, and that would be the only difference he knew. (Laughter). He thought the committee had made a wise change.

Mr Gavins said that while he agreed with Mr Lunn he knew the parents of some of the children, and he thought it was better that they should be taken away from their environment. He knew there was a certain class of boy labour in this country, not that he was an advocate of boy labour as being cheaper, but because he realised that they were feeding in the industrial world the want of boy labour, and in the future this country would be denuded of young men who were learning a business, to carry on the industrial part of the community. He thought it advisable to pause and see if they could not get the boys put into homes where they could learn a legitimate trade and make them into craftsmen. He did not mean to drive them into a blind alley. If Father Cody would make his amendment to read that the portion relating to the two Catholic children be referred back, he would support him as he was in his rights and entitled to their play.

Mr J. W. Verity said that when he had visited the different institutions he had been asked by several of the boys if they would be sent to Canada, as they had relatives there. He had learnt that Mrs Birt had given satisfaction in looking after the children, but the Salvation Army had given a guarantee that the children of the Roman Catholic faith would not be interfered with in regard to religion either in going across or upon landing.

Mr W. Verity said he agreed with Mr Lunn that boys mixed with ratepayers' money would be better kept in the country. He had never agreed with sending children away.

Mr Chappell said the matter was fully discussed at the meeting of the Homes Committee, and the minutes recorded a unanimous decision. They had the understanding given to them that the Catholic children would be placed with Catholic people.

Father Cody asked how the Salvation Army were to know the kind of Catholic hom

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POLITICS IN BARKSTON ASH.

PUBLIC DEBATE AT WHITKIRK.

MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P., MOVES THE KING'S SPEECH.

THREE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED—MR J. A. MACKAY AND HOME RULE.

Under the auspices of the Crossgates Baptist Church Fellowship a political debate took place in the hall at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening, and there was a good attendance. County Councillor Dewhirst, of Wibsnoor, presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C., prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash, and Mr J. A. Mackay, of Harrogate, who formerly resided at Halton.

Mr Foster, in moving the King's Speech, dealt principally with the Irish question. What was the position to-day, he asked. They had three-fourths of Ireland asking for Home Rule, demanded at election after election, and they had a quarter of the people living in the North-East part of Ireland stating that if they carried Home Rule they would resist it by force. The demand for Home Rule had existed since 1801, because before that time there was a Parliament in Dublin, which was taken away by bribery of the most unblushing kind. He believed that the effect of granting Home Rule to Ireland would be that the Roman Catholics and Protestants would learn to live and work together in public life as they did in England. Religious animosities were dying out in every part of the world. The Government were willing to meet every grievance, real or imaginary, that Ulster had. In regard to the constitution of the Second Chamber, he said that the English people would have been content to put up with the House of Lords if it had done its work at all reasonably. A Second Chamber, if performing its functions properly, should be a revising chamber, and should hold the balance equally, but could anyone say the House of Lords answered that description? He referred to how it had rejected Education, Licensing, and Plural Voting Bills introduced by the Government, and said that what they intended to set up was a chamber in which the hereditary principle would be abolished and the members would be men of experience and ability, hired to exercise the power that would be given to them. In regard to housing, he said that the manner in which it had been carried out in great populous centres was a disgrace to any civilised community, and in the country it was not a matter of bad and insanitary houses, but no houses at all. The Government intended to give the agricultural labourer not only a house, but a piece of land and some security in his occupation. It always happened, he said, that when a Liberal Government was in power that the Opposition demanded a General Election. He did not know how many they were demanding at present, but they, at least, wanted elections on Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment. They were actively charged with moving for guidance, but so far from that being the case he believed the historian would wonder they had moved so slowly. (Applause).

Mr J. A. Mackay said Mr Foster had stated that since the Act of Union Ireland had expressed its desire for Home Rule through its Parliamentary representatives, but they ought to know something about the electoral system in Ireland and the small constituencies. (Hear, hear). Mr Foster had said that a fourth of Ireland did not desire Home Rule, but he was bound to remind them that Ulster paid 29 per cent. of the taxation of Ireland. He had also stated a belief that with the passing of Home Rule religious difficulties would cease, but the Ulster Party believed that they would increase. In regard to the House of Lords, he said he believed that with all its faults it contained a large number of men who held their positions by selection and not by the hereditary principle. (Hear, hear). It would be interesting to know how many had been selected by the Radical Government, how many had served a splendid apprenticeship in the House of Commons, and how many had been Councillors, aldermen, and mayors of cities. He believed that the land question was a mere vote-catching device to draw the attention of the people away from the real issues. He proposed that it would be a disaster to proceed with the Government of Ireland Bill until it had been submitted to the people. Home Rule, when it had been the question before the electorate, had been twice rejected by the people, and it certainly was not an issue at the last election. The issues were the land taxes and the people's budget—the big, beautiful budget. (Laughter). Who said Home Rule was an issue? ("Mr Asquith.") He mentioned the names of a number of Ministers who made no reference to it in their addresses, and stated that when Mr Birrell was asked at Bristol he said that Home Rule was not an issue. On the 8th December, 1910, when Mr Asquith knew he could not rule the country without the Irish vote he said the Liberal Party would grant Home Rule, and never before. Mr Redmond, a month before that, said he was going to the British Parliament with one purpose only, and that was shut out of the necessities of the English party system he was going to get Home Rule for Ireland. Did the people know anything about the Home Rule measure? Did they know that by one clause 42 Irish members were to remain at Westminster, not to represent anyone, but to vote on domestic questions, and the English Members would have no vote on theirs? The Unionist Party demanded an election because on this most important question they considered that the voice of Nonconformity, Ulster would never retract. The people knew too well that the object of the Nationalist Party was to drive them out of their civil and religious liberty. They were dealing with a people who had a history behind them and ideals before them. Their ideal was to remain in the Empire and enjoy the privileges of just government. (Applause).

The Rev. J. Miller Hamilton asked Mr Mackay if anyone could tell them an election since 1885 at which Home Rule had not been one of the principal questions. (Hear, hear). Mr Mackay stated that a fourth of Ireland was against Home Rule, but it was a fifth. Again he said that a fourth paid 29 per cent. of the taxation. What fourth? If he meant Ulster, Mr MacKay did not tell them that 17 out of the 33 Members in Ulster were in favour of Home Rule. (Applause). He had stated his belief that with the passing of Home Rule religious difficulties would increase, but his (Mr Hamilton's) opinion was that they would not increase. He mentioned that a Baptist deacon was a candidate for a County Council constituency in Dublin, and he was returned by Roman Catholic votes. His belief was that Home Rule would be the death knell of religious bigotry. If Home Rule was not granted to Ulster along with the rest of Ireland Belfast would suffer enormously from the upheaval in commercial matters.

Mr. F. Hyde (Halton), in an eloquent little speech, proposed an amendment regretting that in the King's Speech there was no mention of the Woman's Suffrage Bill. She said the women's question was not a mere sentimental, like the Irish question, but was a tragedy, in the course of which some of the best women of the country had been driven into open rebellion.

Mrs Dodgson, who seconded, said the social work of the country would not be done properly until they had more women working together.

Mr A. Chadwick (Halton), who supported Mr MacKay's amendment, said he believed it was thought by the Government that if they gave the ladies the vote they would use it in the Conservative interest. (Laughter). They would find that the Government would attempt to disfranchise or destroy all those who did not support them. (Laughter). The brewers were considered to be Tory, and the "Trade" had to be destroyed. The Church was considered to vote the same way, and its property was to be confiscated. The plural voter was supposed to vote Conservative, and he was to be destroyed. If they supported the Government that was all right and they got what they—wanted. (Laughter). In regard to Home Rule, Mr Foster had mentioned the Colonies, but if they took the most recent example it was exactly the opposite. In Ireland it was a policy of decentralization, but in South Africa they destroyed Parliaments and united them in one. The Unionist Party said they would have one Parliament in this country

Mr T. Cox (Halton) proposed an amendment regretting that the Government had not made a reduction in the cost of armaments, and made no effort to do away with the right of capture at sea in time of war. The country was spending £200,000,000 a year, or about £4 per head of the population. He said there were men growing up who were shirking on small wages and they said "Why should I pay £20 a year for security when I have nothing to secure. If the German Emperor came here and took possession he cannot give me less than I have now." (Laughter).

Mr Young (Halton) spoke in support of Mr MacKay's amendment.

Mr J. A. MacKay, in reply to Mr Hamilton, said that Mr Foster stated three-parts of Ireland wanted Home Rule, and he accepted that position. In regard to commerce, he said that every Chamber of Commerce in Ireland had passed a resolution against Home Rule. The business men of Ireland held that the trade of the country would go down. He still believed that Home Rule would increase the religious difficulties.

Mr Foster, in reply to the amendments, said that if the growth of armaments in Europe went on at the rate of the last few years it would bring revolution or war. The Government had, however, to take things as they were, and they had to maintain the supremacy of the sea and protect the trade routes. With regard to woman's suffrage, he was in favour of it, but in his fictitious character he must oppose it. (Laughter). The movement had made great strides in forty years, but he thought the ladies were impatient. (Laughter). He did not, however, think they had the support of their sex, and the sober opinion of the country was against lawlessness. Mr MacKay had referred to the number of votes by which Irish Members were returned, but they must take the population as it was, and it was one of the grievances of the country that by the legislation of the past it had been depopulated. They had, however, the enormous majority of the people asking for vote-catching device, but it was singular that the Tory Party always said that when the Liberals set out to remedy a great grievance. In the early days of the Insurance Act they said it was a vote-catching device. (Laughter). In regard to Home Rule not being before the country at last election, he quoted a speech by Lord Lansdowne, wherein he said that if he went, and Bill was heard Mr Asquith in the Albert Hall make that abundantly clear. But what was the attitude of Ulster? The people there said that election or no election they would oppose Home Rule. (Applause).

No vote was taken, and the proceedings terminated with the usual votes of thanks, proposed by Mr Diggle, seconded by Mr Hartop.

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GARFORTH GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Garforth Golf Club was held on Friday night at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, under the chairmanship of Mr C. E. Cass.

The report and accounts, which were adopted, showed that the subscriptions received amounted to £417 10s., and that the membership was as follows:—Foundation members, 303 men, 105; ladies, 58; juveniles, 10; country members, 3; honorary members, 5; total, 211.

During the year the club had two trophies presented, viz., from Colonel Gascoigne and Mr H. S. Childe. Mr T. H. Pratt has presented a small cup to the winner of the Darlington Cup, and has promised a similar trophy for the next two years to the winner of this cup. The winner of the Darlington Cup was C. P. Denby, and the Childe Cup was won by the captain, H. E. Smithson. In September last it was decided to call in Dr. Mackenzie to advise on the laying out of the course. His plan was accepted, and it is hoped to have no new greens made this winter, provided the necessary financial support is given to the club. It is hoped to change to the new course in June next.

In July last the committee authorised the issue of £1,000 debentures bearing interest at 6 per cent. per annum; of this sum only £225 was applied for, the major portion by members of the Committee. "Dr. Mackenzie," proceeded the report, "tells us our turf is the finest for golf within a radius of 20 miles from Leeds, and that the sur-set way to success is to get the course properly laid out with the least possible delay. If this is to be carried out the Committee must ask for a good proportion of the debentures to be taken up by the members. In the meantime the Committee unanimously recommend that a levy of £1 1s. be made on each male member of the club, to enable the construction of the new greens to be proceeded with without hindrance, and it is hoped that this appeal will meet with a full response." The net loss for the year was £38 14s. 3d.

Mr H. F. Smithson was re-elected captain; Mr G. H. Walker was elected vice-captain; Mr Henry Sandy, hon. secretary; and Mr C. E. Cass is the Chairman of a newly-elected Committee of twelve.

On the motion of Mr H. F. Smithson, seconded by Mr J. H. Denby, a resolution was carried approving of the subscriptions fixed by the General Committee during the last year and giving them discretionary powers to fix increased subscriptions and entrance fees until the next annual meeting. It was stated that the present subscription for men is three guineas and for ladies one-and-a-half guineas.

Mr Denby, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, expressed the opinion that Garforth was likely to prove one of the most successful golf clubs in Yorkshire.

The Chairman, replying to the vote of thanks, said the club had been exceptionally lucky in securing the services of Dr. Mackenzie as the architect of the course. Great credit was also due to Williamson, the professional, for his valuable advice, and already the alterations effected on the course had fully justified his selection by the members. (Hear, hear). Mr Cass added that it was intended to carry on the work of construction to the end of April, and for that purpose a sum of £170 10s. was necessary. He appealed to the members to show a generous spirit in responding to the guinea levy and in taking up debentures so that the club, which had a very promising future, might rapidly be placed in a sound paying position.

At the close of the meeting £100 was promised in debentures by the members present.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT

MEET AT WIGHILL PARK.

The Bramham Moor Hounds met on Friday at Wighill Park, the residence of Lord Hawke's brother, the Hon. Godfrey. The pack hunted very slowly, and with many checks, through Bilton Wood and Bickerton Springs, across Rudgate, and forward over the York road with Wetherby Road close to the Bickerton Stud Farm.

Continuing slowly through Lingerolt, the fox reached Oates Wood, and there doubling back, ran through Goose Moor and Lingerolt, and with Bickerton village on the left, recrossed the York High Road. He was then taken through Bickerton Springs and Bilton Wood, and with Nova Scotia on the right, headed east for Fairy Cross, but declining left-handed, was lost short of the York and Wetherby Road, after a tedious, dragging hunt, at a little better than walking pace, of an hour and a half.

A remarkable example of the varying scent carried by the different foxes was now instanced in a fine gallow from Marston Whin of exactly an hour. After running up to the grassy lane which leads to Bilton, hounds turned right handed and crossed the grasses to Wilstrop. Without any hesitation the fox ran the length of this covert and straight on to the railway crossing, where it gave place to a small unnamed triangular covert about half-a-mile on the Skip Bridge side of Marston Station.

Going forward over fields and Boroughbridge Road, the pack ran without any real check, only hovering once or twice, but never needing the huntsman's assistance, with Moor Monkton Church close on the right, to Red House Wood. This is a four-and-a-half-mile point, and was covered in about 23 minutes, over a capital grass line, only one ploughed field being touched. At Red House the fox ran to the south end of the covert, and there doubling back, left it very much where he entered, and ran up past the old windmill nearly to Moor Monkton Rectory. There, turning right handed, he made his way straight to Skip Bridge Whin, and got to ground, the earths being open, as this is a York and Ainsty covert.

MEET AT LINTON SPRINGS.

On Monday the Bramham Moor met at Linton, and, moving off to Woodhall, they ran to the Devonshire Covert, after a short time, through Scotchman and Sicklinghall Wood, and ran into the Stockeld Spring Wood. They ran round the cover, the fox being headed two or three times, and he just managed to get outside, where he was killed.

Going back to the Devonshire hounds found again, but the fox quickly went to ground, the hounds subsequently being stopped. They found, however, in the Pigeon Cote cover at Stockeld, and hunted over the Wetherby Road nearly to Jackson's Quarry, where reynard was lost. Another brace of foxes were on foot at Stockeld, and hounds met one of these, which was hallooed near to Deighton Spring. They raced him in view up to the drain, and he managed to get through the wire, and went on over the railway, but was headed on the Spofforth road. He made back to the railway, and went to ground in a culvert under the line. He was soon bolted, and hounds just missed catching him. He went over the railway as if for Stockeld once more, but came back over the railway, and crossed the line right in the middle of the pack, but escaped. He went on towards a little cover on the railway side, and then came back to the railway again, and into another cover. For more than half an hour an attempt was made to bolt him, but he would not come out again.

Hounds then went to Sicklinghall Wash, a certain find hitherto, but this time it was blank. Thence they went to Cocked Hat Whin, and found, the fox pointing for Stockeld, as did another that ran up towards the cover. They turned back and went on to Ingham's Gorse, where the fox crossed the road, and ran down to the Punch Bowl. Then he made off straight towards the river at Nethertby, and coming back by Clap Gate they ran on to Addthorpe, where most of the followers left them.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

BARKSTON ASH CUP—THIRD ROUND.

On Saturday afternoon the third round of the Barkston Ash Cup Competition will be played, and four matches will be decided. Wetherby have no easy task at Cawood, and they will have to put in all they know if they are to defeat the United. If Tadcaster place their best eleven in the field against Aberford they will have a good chance of success, but the Aberfordians are a good combination, and, playing at home, they will make the Calcarians go all the way. Garforth W.R. and Barwick United should furnish perhaps the most interesting game of the quarters. Between the teams a keen rivalry exists, and, although the White Rose have hitherto proved themselves the better side, the Barwick men are determined to make a strong fight for Cup honours. Garforth will, I fancy, win if they evince their best form. The other match is at Selby, where the Olympians and Holmes Mill will meet, and this should be an attractive fixture.

Feeling has been generated owing to the transfer of two players from Monk Fryston to South Milford, and, in their objection, certain Garforthians think they have been hardly used. Although I think the deposit should have been returned, because the objection was made owing to a misunderstanding, the transfers were perfectly in order, as the documentary proof showed. No club can deprive an amateur of a transfer, and in future it would facilitate matters were club secretaries to grant transfers when applied for at once.

DRIGHTON SHIELD—SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

In the Brighton Shield Competition on Saturday afternoon South Milford defeated Whitkirk by eight goals to one, but the match between Garforth W.R. and Barwick United was drawn—three goal each. Wetherby easily defeated Tadcaster by five goals to nil, and Harewood went under to Wetherby Con. by four to one.

The game between South Milford and Whitkirk was not so one-sided as the score would indicate, and, indeed, play in the second half was fairly interesting. The Milfordians, who were bigger and stronger than their opponents, were superior in every department of the game, but their principal advantage was in the defensive lines. Their play was marked by method, and they were always on the ball than Whitkirk, whose lackadaisical ways lost them opportunities of making headway. Taylor, however, played well at back, and in the half-back line Gascoigne and Wright were triers, while forward Coultas and Clough were outstanding.

Milford had nearly all the play in the first half, and Arrowsmith soon had a couple of goals on—one from a penalty, and Townend followed with a third. Tompkinson was prevented with a goal owing to the referee using his feet instead of his hands, and failing to clear, and Townend put on the fifth. Towards the close of the half Whitkirk had more of the play and netted. Then the Milfordians were to the other end, and were given two penalties—both doubtful awards—and Arrowsmith scored from both. Whitkirk were given a good chance of netting again, for in trying to clear a shot from Gascoigne the custodian fell and left the ball in front of goal. Clough had only to put it in, but he missed somehow, and the backs cleared. Milford scored their eighth goal from a header, and shortly afterwards Whitkirk were given a penalty, but Wright shot into the custodian's hands, and he cleared. Milford won by eight goals to one. The Shamrocks to be congratulated on put more vigour and method into their play, but they are a young team, and with coaching, they will improve.

Wetherby were opposed by a good Tadcaster eleven, and the match was a real triumph for the former, for they were superior in every department of the game. Within a minute Dade scored twice and Johnson once, and just before half-time Hoffman and Wells took penalty kicks, but Moverley stopped the ball on both occasions In the second half Wetherby were again in the ascendant, and Oxby and Johnson netted, the Calcarians being defeated by five to nil.

MONK FRYSTON DRAW AGAIN.

Monk Fryston replayed their match in the Riley-Smith Cup Competition with the Royal Garrison Artillery on the ground of the latter. Monk Fryston were represented by:—Hargreaves, goal; Hodgson and A. Barker, backs; Walsh, W. Barker, and Vause, half-backsfi; R. Harrison, Hester, Hunter, Gibson, and Bellamy, forwards. In the first half Harrison scored for Monk Fryston, and Hodgson unfortunately put through his own goal, making the scores equal. In the second half Monk Fryston had the best of the game, and Hester, Hunter, and Gibson netted, the Calcarians being defeated by five to nil.

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CAWOOD UNITED DEFEATED.

Cawood United played the Eble Class at Malton on Saturday afternoon. The homesters played with the wind, but Cawood defended well. Once or twice they had a fine chance to score, but Pulsey was very safe. Allison had a grand opening, hesitancy spoiling the chance. Cawood broke away in the centre, but Spence was there and play again settled near the Cawood goal. The Class forwards had many chances, but sometimow weakness in the front rank spoilt the openings. Towards half-time the Class pressed, but Cawood kicked out to save their citadel. They played so excellent game in defence, being heavier and stronger than the Class, but the homesters should have had a penalty. The interval came with no score. Cawood missed immediately after the restart, and then Grieveson ran through and beat Thompson. The Class started with nice passing. Prest took Hayking's pass and racing away, shot hard into the net, equalising the scores. The wind now lowered, and the Ebles assumed the aggressive. The forwards lined up, and Blackburn centred for Hayking to add a second goal for the Class. Still maintaining the advantage in open play the homesters went through again, but the Cawod custodian cleared. Allison, however, by a fine forcing effort, beat him a third time. Cawood went off the way from the centre, Grieveson adding a second goal for them with a good shot. Prest was repeatedly dangerous, and from his accurate centre Allison headed the best goal of the match. The Class maintained their lead by superior play, and won by four goals to two.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

In the Leeds Senior League on Saturday afternoon Rothwell White Rose overcame Methley Perseverance by four goals to nil, and Allerton Bywater had a three goals' victory over East Hunslet, who failed to score. Garforth Preston and East Ardsley played a drawn game, no goals being scored.

Rothwell White Rose strengthened their hold on the League championship on Saturday, when they defeated Methley Perseverance by four goals to nothing. The promise of a good match attracted a fairly large "gate." There was a strong wind blowing, but when Parfit kicked off against it the homesters seemed to be quite at home under the conditions, and for the greater part of the first half play was in the Methley half. After starting Parfit passed to the right wing, and Abrams was conspicuous with a brilliant sprint, but in repassing to the centre he placed his opponents in possession. A dart was made for the opposite end, and they succeeded in beating down the Rothwell backs, but Parfit, a corner was blown offside, and a free kick caused considerable relief. Once more in possession the homesters' forward line ran down the field, and Hughes put in a well-judged centre, but there was no one near to place the ball home. Abrams also overkicked, the ball rolling dead. However, a moment later Wright netted. The visitors now broke away, and Beaumont had a shot, but he kicked too high. The Rothwell still continued to press, despite the wind, while the visitors broke away on the third times without success. Abrams had hard luck with a smart shot, but Davis, the Methley custodian, played a clever game. Half-time came with Rothwell leading by one goal. Soon after the resumption Hughes made a splendid run but a corner was forced, but this was fruitless. Taylor, who had been playing a good game at half-back, netted a second goal a little later. A third was registered by Parfit, who also scored the fourth. In his attempt to save the latter the visitors' custodian threw himself full length across the goal. A fifth goal might have been recorded, but this was disallowed owing to the custodian rushing out to save, putting Hughes offside.

In the Leeds and District League Rippax Woodville had a runaway victory over St. Anthony's by 13 goals to nil, and Rothwell P.C. were beaten by Glasshoughton Colliery by four goals to one.

ROTHWELL P.C. AND THE CHARITY CUP.

Rothwell Parish Church are now in the final of the Charity Cup Competition. On Saturday they played Pontefract Garrison on the Methley Perseverance ground, and won by the odd goal in five. Pontefract are a fast team, and the play was brisk throughout. Hitchin scored for Rothwell in the first half, and in the interval Pontefract were on equal terms. In the second half both teams added another goal, Hitchin again being the scorer for the Parish Church. Within the last ten minutes J. Lunn netted the third and winning goal. For the Pontefract side the outside right and the inside left men played well. Shiers, outside left, also played a good game for Rothwell. S. Nunns, the Rothwell custodian, made his re-appearance with the team, and displayed good form.

RUGBY NOTES.

ROTHWELL WHS.

Rothwell were at home on Saturday and secured a victory over Castleford by 16 points to six. Eastwood kicked off down hill, and attacked strongly, but Rothwell gained relief from a free kick, and put in some good passing. Castleford being lucky to save their lines. Rothwell kept play in the visitors' quarters. Castleford were penalised, and Bulmer landed a goal. Bulmer missed another chance from an easy position. Wise scored a try, Bulmer improving on it. Cox scored, and Milner landed a goal. Welsh scored for Castleford, but no goal resulted. In the second half Rothwell added four points, and the visitors three.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS

BRAMHAM MOOR	
Feb. 20—11.0	Thorparch.
Feb. 21—11.0	Hope Hall
Feb. 23—11.0	Stainburn Village
Feb. 24—11.0	Biggin
Feb. 27—11.0	Bickerton Bar
Feb. 28—11.0	Hook Moor

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Monday	Feb. 20—11.0
Tuesday	Feb. 24—11.0
Friday	Feb. 27—11.0
Saturday	Feb. 28—11.0

COMPENSATION CLAIM.—In a case at Selby County Court a question arose as to the payment of compensation to the widow of the late Thomas Lyons, labourer, Osmotherley, Selby. The man met with a fatal accident during this winter while at work on a building in the course of construction on the East Riding side of the river. He fell a considerable height and was killed. There are three children, girls, the eldest being 8 years of age. His Honour said that as the sixth of 'another child was expected to July next, he would adjourn the apportionment until the November Court, when further application might be made. His Honour directed the payment of £10 out to the widow, Edith Caroline, and also to pay her 17s. 6d. per week till November. The total amount of compensation that had been paid into Court was £231 8s.

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I cannot adequately find words to express all I feel, but I assure you, sir, you have won our EVERLASTING GRATITUDE, and if at any time the efficacy of my statement should be disputed, I shall be willing to bring my child to your consulting rooms and thus give ocular demonstrations of the wonderful cure you have accomplished.

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OUR GARDENS.

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Herbaceous plants, such as phloxes, Michaelmas Daisies, and hallianthus may be lifted, divided, and replanted. If only a few new plants are required for filling gaps in the herbaceous border they may be dug out from the sides of large clumps without disturbing the parent plant. Monthretias are charming flowers and are worthy of careful cultivation. They are very prolific in the production of new bulbs, and this makes it essential that they should be lifted every third year. Select all the strongest bulbs and plant them on light rich ground. Ryson dor, Germania, Eldorado, Sunbeam, and Pottsi are good varieties.

DESTRUCTIVE BIRDS.

Sparrows are very troublesome at this time of the year. They do so much damage that one feels disposed to think they do it in a purely mischievous spirit. With what glee they attack the first yellow Crocus that appears. Young leaves of pinks and carnations suffer a similar fate. The best method of keeping them in check is to tightly stretch strong black thread over the plants they are likely to attack. This is accomplished by driving a few stakes into the ground and fastening cross pieces to them in such a way as to form a T. Secure the thread to the cross pieces at a height of about 3 inches from the ground. Other means of fixing the thread will present themselves to the mind. It is often suggested that the birds destroy the leaves and flowers in their search for water, and that if a saucer of water is placed near the spot for them they will not harm the flowers, etc. We have tried this plan and are satisfied that there is nothing in it.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS.

Weigelias, lilacs, Thorns Golden Privet, and almost all kinds of deciduous hard-wooded subjects may be planted this month. Important points to keep in mind when planting are a natural disposition of the roots, which means making a hole of such a size as to allow the roots to be laid straight out, and at the same depth as they were before being lifted, and the cutting back of all strong, fibreless roots. This should be done with a sharp knife.

Climbing plants such as clematises, honeysuckle, ivy, ampleopsis, jasminums, and rambler roses may be planted any time this month.

BEDDING PLANTS IN FRAMES.

The treatment of bedding plants in cold frames is a simple matter during early winter. Now that the days are getting longer, and the sun more powerful, different tactics must be adopted. Violas are hardy in many parts of the country and require no protection whatever. This fact implies that very little coddling is necessary even in our northern climate, where absolutely outdoor treatment will not answer. From this time onward the frames should never be closed, only when there is danger of frost. On mild days the lights should be removed altogether. Another point which should be attended to is the watering. Examine the soil and if it is approaching dryness, give it a thorough drenching. Other young stock may also require water. Calceolarias, penstemons, Marguerites, and antirrhinums are commencing to grow, and it is advisable to pinch the tops, as this tends to cause them to develop their side growths.

BEAUTY OF NICE STOCKS.

Readers who sowed stocks as recommended in this column during early autumn should examine the 3-inch pots to ascertain the condition of the roots. If they are running freely around the pot sides repotting may be attended to without delay. The strongest may be transfered to 5-inch pots, 3 parts loam and 1 part each leaf-mould, rotten manure and sand will grow them well. Pot firm and return to the cold frame. Keep close for a few days, then give air in increasing quantities until the plants may be removed altogether except during very wet weather, or when frost threatens. We wish to exercise the value of this class of stocks. They have all the good points of the ten-week varieties, and in addition will continue to bloom for 5 or 6 months. Seed may be sown now in a warm house, but the seedlings should be moved to a cold frame when they are about half an inch high. Stocks of all kinds are important of having their roots disturbed, and should be grown on in pots wherever it is possible. The autumn-sown batch, after being potted on will grow rapidly. They may usually be stood outdoor in a sheltered position about the middle of April. Early in May they should be planted into their summer quarters, and if the spring is mild and open they will commence to bloom before the wallflowers are over. The best results are obtained when they can be given a position shaded from the mid-day sun. There are few more pleasing sights than a large bed filled with well-grown stocks. Their scent in the evening is delicious. The Beauty of Nice type may be purchased in separate colours, the white one being exceptionally fine. Queen Alexandra is a pleasing pink variety and is an excellent companion piece to the white.

SWEET PEAS.

If not already done, autumn-sown sweet peas should now be potted on into larger pots. Give a rich compost and pot firmly. Seeds may be sown in pots for early flowering. Where large specimen blooms are wanted it is advisable to sow the seed singly in thumb pots. Later on they may be potted into 4-inch pots. The preparation of the ground is the most important point in their cultivation. Deep digging and a free admixture of thoroughly decayed manure will do much towards bringing success. Overcrowding will result in enfeebled growth, and a corresponding weakness in the flowers. Plants intended for indoor flowering should be encouraged to grow freely. They need a cool, light, moist position.

GENERAL WORK UNDER GLASS.

During the present month there is a lot of work requiring attention under glass. Seed sowing, pricking off seedlings, and repotting, will all require attention. As the days lengthen, pot plants will dry up oftener, and regular attention must be paid to watering. The atmosphere amongst growing plants should be moist. This encourages clean healthy growth, and helps to keep greenfly and other insects in check.

Seed may be sown of the following:—Tomato, cucumber, parsley, lettuce, and onions; dahlia, begonia, gloxinia antirrhinum, sweet peas, and other flower seed requiring a long season of growth.

Put in cuttings of lobelia, bedding geraniums, fuchsias, petunias, decorative chrysanthemums, coleus, etc.

Pot off bedding geraniums, chrysanthemums marguerites, and other rooted cuttings.

Ferns, pelargoniums and other plants that are commencing to grow may be potted on.

Vines that have been started should be kept at a temperature of about 60 to 65. Daily syringing should be practised, as it helps to keep mealy bug in check. This pest always seems to increase rapidly when syringing is suspended whilst the blossom is open. If time can be spared go regularly over the rods during spring. Dab affected part with methylated spirit and it will considerably lessen the danger of the fruit being spoiled. The ventilators should be opened when the sun commences to shine or scalding of the delicate young leaves may follow.

STOVE PLANTS.

Crotons, Dracoenas, and a variety of other decorative-foliaged plants are now commencing to grow freely. This should serve as a reminder that the time for repotting has arrived. New growth means new roots, and it is obvious that better growth will be obtained where the roots have a supply of fresh material to feed upon. The majority of stove foliage plants thrive well in a compost of equal parts fibrous loam and Kent peat, half part leaf mould, and a free addition of crushed charcoal and silver sand. If the loam lacks fibre a six-inch pot of bone meal may be added for each barrow load of compost.

GLOXINIAS.

Gloxinia bulbs that have been resting during winter should now be brought out and started into growth. Where they have been allowed to remain in the pots whilst dry, they may be started in them, but should be repotted before much growth develops. A temperature of about 60 to 65 degrees will soon start them into growth, and although a moist atmosphere suits them, they must not be watered freely until rapid growth commences. Overwatering in the early stages may result in the bulbs rotting off. They like an extremely light position, and a warm, moist atmosphere. Equal parts loam, peat, and leaf mould, \ part rotten manure, with the necessary amount of sand will grow them well.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

CULTURE OF JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES.

Thoroughly worked, deep and friable sandy land is best; but the plant succeeds in any remote and little used corner if the soil be honestly trenched in autumn and left rough through the winter. Work in a light dressing of manure when trenching. Fork over in spring, and dibble in during March medium sized tubers from 4 to 6 inches deep in rows 2\ or 3 feet asunder, the sets being placed from 12 to 15 inches apart in the line.

Hoe regularly during summer; draw up a little earth to the stems; cut them away as they die down in autumn. Keep clear of weeds. Raise a portion of the crop during November with a fork, and store it in dry sand, boxes, or clamp, ready for use in order to be dug up as required, until the end of February, when every tuber should be raised. If desired, the whole of the tubers may be raised in November and pitted like potatoes.

Not only are artichokes a pleasant change when baked, roasted, or boiled and served with milk and butter, but they are practically as nutritious as potatoes, foods containing much less waste. When the tubers commence growth they become dark and discoloured, being then only suitable for flavouring.

DISCOVERY OF SKELETONS AT GARFORTH

THREE MORE FOUND.

The interest aroused in the Garforth district recently by the discovery of two skeletons in some newly opened sand workings to the east of the village has been greatly stimulated afresh by the further discoveries of a similar kind. It will be recollected that the workmen employed in the moulding sand quarries of Messrs J. Rickard and Company were engaged upon some new workings in the vicinity of the Isabella Pit of the Garforth Colliery Company, when they unearthed the skeletons of two fully developed adults.

The skeletons, were in an excellent state of preservation, were laid in graves which had been rudely hollowed out on the top of the sand bed some distance below the surface of the ground. Certain opinion favoured the theory that the bones were relics of the Battle of Towton, although as against this view there was no evidence that the Roses and the White Roses in the haphazard way one would associate with the aftermath of a hard-fought skirmish in the struggles between the Red and the White Roses.

On the contrary, the position of the skeletons indicated that a certain amount of care had been exercised in the matter of burial, and an interesting feature of the discovery was the presence of a large boulder resting on each skull and smaller boulders on the feet. Nothing was found to indicate the origin of the skeletons, and unfortunately, after a cursory examination, they were returned, and are now hidden beneath several tons of soil and sand.

In the hope that further excavations would disclose some explanation of the graves and their contents the quarrymen kept a close look-out for other burials, and a few feet away an empty grave was uncovered. After proceeding for a few yards along the top strata of sand the men have now unearthed three more skeletons, two being those of adult persons, and one that of a child. In each instance it is clear that the sand was removed to a depth of nearly a foot before the bodies were interred, and again there is the curious feature of stones being placed upon the skulls and feet.

In the second find the digging operations first disclosed the skeleton of an adult, but side by side with this, in a small grave, were the bones of a child. In neither instance were the bones in such good preservation as in the earlier discoveries, and the quarrymen, after collecting a few of the sounder ones and placing them aside for further investigation, buried the remainder.

The third skeleton was found in a grave a few feet away and in a direct line with the other two, its presence being noted when the spade of one of the men glanced off a stone and struck the skull. For the present only the skull has been unearthed, and as it is well preserved it also has been set aside in the hope that it may serve as a guide to the history of the burials. Apart from an injury to the lower jaw, the blow by the having displaced several of the front teeth, the skull is intact, and whilst showing a normal frontal development has a remarkable posterior development. Fragments of bones, presumably those of some animal, have also been found near the graves, the fragments including a small tusk and a section of a jawbone containing several teeth.

The whole of the discoveries have been made in the limestone strata which lies to the east of Garforth, and in this connection it is interesting to note that some years ago two skeletons were discovered in the same strata in the direction of Garforth Cliff. In that case the skeletons were in a crouched position and were fairly well preserved.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one.]

IS A MIDDAY MEAL NECESSARY?

During the winter months I am a strong advocate of a midday meal. Let us consider the argument for one moment. During the late spring, summer, and early autumn the hens are astir at four or five o'clock in the morning, and seldom roost before seven in the evening, while during the period under discussion from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. is certainly their average day. A healthy bird, and one properly fed, employs this time in scratching and searching for insect life, green food, &c.; that is, food of a highly nitrogenous character; hence, it stands to reason, conditions being similar, it is impossible for our feathered friends to obtain the same supplies during winter as in summer, and consequently, for this reason alone, we must augment their rations with food of a nitrogenous nature.

But are the conditions similar? Emphatically no., There is a great diminution in insect life, and during periods of prolonged frost, it may almost be said to be non-existent, and instead of rich, succulent grasses for the birds, only coarse, withered vegetable life is at hand, and in many small runs not even this. So that not only is the period at their disposal for searching greatly curtailed, but also their supplies are materially diminished.

In Nature this is provided for. Only as the days lengthen and insect life abounds, combined with vegetable growth, do the hens lay; this does not suit our requirements, and if we desire eggs out of season, we must supply the material which Nature withholds, exactly as the florist must supply heat and artificial manures to produce blooms or fruit at Christmas time.

Accepting this argument, many people augment the morning ration; but here, as I have already shown, they defeat their own purposes, for a small meal in a light dry mash in a rapid condition ensues, activity is destroyed, and impaired health results. After many and careful experiments, the only satisfactory solution I have discovered is to give the birds a light midday feed, rich in nitrogenous matter.

MIDDAY RATION.

In advocating the use of cut green bone and cut clover for this meal, I might mention that this policy is thoroughly endorsed in the leaflets issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

In previous articles I have referred to the efficacy of cut clover as an egg-producing food, and the value of cut green bone has been diluted afresh. It is not necessary at the present to again go into the pros and cons of the use of these two foods. It is sufficient to explain exactly how the best results can be obtained, and the quantity to be employed.

It is my practice to use them alternately. For birds that are in full lay an ounce of cut green bone is not too much, though the quantity can be reduced to half an ounce for pullets. Where this is placed in troughs, and judged by its rapid disappearance is thoroughly appreciated by the birds, and forms a profitable bill-fare. On the other hand, the cut clover is not, at first, so eagerly sought after, and one would imagine is somewhat of an acquired taste, commencing with a very small quantity, say a handful to a dozen birds. Scald it with boiling water the night before it is required. Should any of the liquor remain in the morning it should be utilised to mix the morning mash. As midday fare, it is only damp, in the troughs, and the initial small quantity will be eaten up, though probably not voraciously, like the green bone. As the fowls begin to show a preference for the latter, the quantity can be increased until a good handful between two birds is not too large a ration. I might here remark that the use of cut clover has a most beneficial effect upon the birds' health, not hitherto noticed as being dilated upon by writers to the poultry press. This is probably due to the percentage of lime that is found in well-cured clover.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SURVEYOR AND A MOTOR-CAR—A GRANT.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SHERBURN.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse—Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Alds. R. Ithell (Newton), Col. Gascoigne (Lotherton), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs T. H. Prater (Parlington), W. Y. K. Young (Abertord), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., J. Nettleton and H. P. Hall (Tadcaster), E. Parkin, J. H. Watt, W. A. Dickinson (Kippax), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), R. Routledge and J. Prime (Garforth), J. H. Schofield (Ocxon), W. Simpson (Leeds), J. E. Camborne, J. G. Foster, and T. Hey (Scarthorn), J. Ladley (Kirkby Wharfe), R. Wrigley (Barwick), Lancelot Milford (Micklefield), Copley (Ryther), A. Johnson (South Milford), T. Carlton (Stutton), White (Barkston), E. Midgley (Colton), E. H. Lowe (Great Preston), Birkenshaw (Ledston), F. Phillips, W. Robinson, and W. Jones (Allerton Bywater), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), and G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), with the Clerk (Mr. G. A. Broome), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Kilner and Wood).

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been 2 admissions to the workhouse and 3 discharges, and the inmates numbered 91 in the house and 18 in the children's home, against 113 at the same date last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were to and 21 against 23 and 17 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

The House Committee had before them an application for an increase of salary from Mr Bortoft, porter, and Mrs Bortoft, assistant matron, and it was recommended that their respective salaries be increased to £30 and £27 10s.

Miss Ada Smith, assistant nurse, resigned her position, and it was accepted, she to be granted a testimonial. A successor is to be advertised for.

Tadcaster Electricity Co. wrote enclosing their account for lighting and stated that the meter did not register on two days, and they would charge the Board at the average rate.

The minutes were adopted.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The treasurer to the District Council was reported to have a balance of £5,072 in hand.

A sum of £84 13s. 4d. was spent on district roads.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that a footpath at Sherburn is to be asphalted at a cost of £6 0s. 8d.

In regard to Sherburn Cross improvement, a plan showing estimate amounting to £25 was submitted, and it was agreed that Mrs Pearson be supplied with a tracing and asked for terms for the land required.

For footpath improvements at Allerton Bywater estimates were submitted, and a subcommittee was appointed to inspect the footpaths and report.

Tadcaster East Parish Council wrote asking the Council to reconsider their decision not to pave the crossing as Mill Lane, Tadcaster. The Council decided to adhere to their decision, on the ground that the road is gradient, a paved crossing would be dangerous to horse traffic.

A letter was read from the Post Office engineer asking permission to erect telegraph poles at Sherburn and South Milford. The surveyor is to report.

A letter was read from the County Council asking the Board to undertake the maintenance of the main roads for the year.

SURVEYOR AND A MOTOR-CAR.

The Highways Committee recommended that a grant of £30 be made for one year to the surveyor towards the upkeep of a motor-car, the question to be then considered.

Mr Midgley (Colton) said that the committee thought this matter should be discussed by the Council. He asked if he could move an amendment.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr Midgley said the original application was for an increase of salary, and he moved that the application be refused. In doing that he thought he had the great majority of the ratepayers behind him. The ratepayers he represented had had a meeting, and they passed a resolution emphatically protesting against any additional grant to the surveyor, and they were of opinion that the salary he now had was an excellent one. He had not a word to say against Mr Scott's ability. He was an excellent man, but there must be a stopping-place to increases of salary. The case was fully gone into by the committee, and he thought the recommendation was carried by a majority of one, and it was the opinion of the committee that it should come before the Council. The reason why £30 was recommended was that there might be later supervision of the roads. He did not make any complaint about his work, and if an increase of salary was necessary it ought to be proved that there was an increase of work, and if there was more work to be done he was of opinion he ought to take out a steps. He could be granted clerical assistance, or he could have the assistance of an assistant surveyor or practical road foreman.

Mr Hey: I will support you.

Mr Clinch: Does Mr Scott find his own motorcar?

Mr Hey: Yes.

Mr Clinch said that a motor-car would enable the surveyor to get about better.

Mr Hey said that the committee had had a lot of discussion in regard to this matter, and he pointed out that the recommendation was for only one year. If Mr Scott did not get about the roads more quickly and give more supervision it could be re-considered at the end of the year.

Col. Gascoigne: Does he propose to do away with his horses altogether?

Mr Hey: Yes.

Mr Ingleby: What is the surveyor's present salary?

The Chairman: £150.

In answer to a question, the Chairman said that he had 237 miles of road to supervise.

Mr Wright asked if the twelve miles of roads at Crossgates and Garforth were deducted.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr Ingleby said he thought the recommendation was a wise one. In these days the surveyor wanted to be able to get about quickly. With a horse and trap he could cover only ten or fifteen miles a day, but with a motor-car he could keep in touch with the whole district. He thought it would be in the interests of the Council to pass the recommendation.

This Chairman said this was proposed as an experiment for one year, and if they found the roads better kept and expenses kept down by greater supervision it would be satisfactory. It would give Mr Scott a better opportunity of getting about the country and giving greater supervision, and, of course, they would expect him to do it.

On a division the amendment was defeated by 14 votes to 11, and the recommendation was agreed to.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was resolved to give property-owners in Robinson Street, Allerton Bywater, notice to connect with the sewer.

Tenders were submitted for the reinstatement of the old waterworks at Sherburn, and they were referred to the Sherburn representatives.

Plans for the erection of a stable at Tadcaster were approved, but plans for w.c.'s at property at Tadcaster are rejected.

An application was received from South Milford asking for water for building purposes, and the committee decided to adhere to their decision.

An application was received from Mr T. Spear, of Sherburn, for a licence to store petrol, and it was granted.

Mr Crosland and the two inspectors were appointed to attend a Housing and Town Planning Exhibition and Conference at Liverpool next month.

In regard to a complaint by the York-shire Fishery Board, a letter was received from the manager of the Tadcaster sewage works, and the Clerk was instructed to reply accordingly.

An application was made by a Sherburn resident for a cesspool to be emptied. It was decided that the work should be done, and the owner will be asked to connect with the sewer.

The minutes were approved.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A fair attendance, with an inquiry for corn for seed purposes. Wheats 32s. to 33s., oats 20s. to 22s., feeding oats 18s. 6d. to 19s. 6d., barleys 32s., medium quality 27s. to 30s., 32s. 24s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs to and 11 for 18.; butter 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 6s. per couple; potatoes 5d. per stone.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A reasonable quantity in the market, but sales quiet. Sound Up-to-Dates 50s., sand King Edwards 52s. 6d. to 55s., warp King Edwards 07s. 6d. to 70s. per ton; retail, 9d. per stone.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this marr to-day Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 120 beasts, 4 sheep, and 42 pigs. There was a good attendance of butchers and dealers, with a brisk trade all round. Best beef made up to 9s. per stone. Sheep far too small for local purposes, making fully 12d. per lb. An improved trade for pork, the best small making 8s. per stone. Stores scarce and dear. Fat bullocks realised up to £25 10s., fat heifers to £19 15s., fat cows to £23 12s. 6d., fat wobs to £28 10s. 6d., store beasts to £14, cows in milk to £16 15s., incalving cows to £21, fat hoggs to £2 15s., fat pigs to £3 13s., pork pigs to £7, and store pigs (small) to £1 18s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs ThomEnson and Son had a big entry of prime, well-finished stock, which met a firm, good trade at about late rates. The attendance of butchers and dealers was scarcely up to the average, and consequently there was a slow, dragging demand except for really choice quality, which made fully 9s. per stone; medium beasts 8s. 6d. to 8s. 6d. per stone, and cows 7s. 6d. to 8s. Hoggs and shearlings a smaller show, and they made a shade more money, from 10d. to 10\d. per lb.; ewes 9s. to 9s. 6d. per stone; lambs from 9s. to 9s. per stone. Stores sold readily from 15s. to 25s. each. Numbers sold: 126 fat beasts, 18 fat steers, stores, and calves, 121 sheep, and 97 pigs. Mr C. Hawksworth, Ulleskelf, supplied four prime bullocks, which realised £25 5s., £24 5s., £23 15s., £21 10s., and £21; Mr W. H. Welburn, of Huddleston Hall, sold three choice bullocks at £23, £20 17s. 6d., and £20 7s. 6d.; Mr Hessel Simpson, Cross Roads Farm, sold three good quality bullocks, making £21 2s. 6d., £20, and £20; Mr F. Metcalf, Towton, sold two very choice heifers at £18 15s. and £17; Mr W. Elvidge, Healaugh Park, supplied four prime bullocks, which realised £23 5s., £22 5s., £21 17s. 6d., and £19 10s.; Mr C. Bailey, Saxton, sold three grand bullocks at £24 10s., £24, £23 12s. 6d., and £17 5s.; Mr Job Riley, Saxton, sent two choice bullocks, making £23 10s., £17, and £16 10s.; Mr Settrington, Stutton, sent a grand wealthy bullock, which sold for £27 5s.; Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh Grange, sold three choice bullocks, making £21 17s. 6d., £21 12s. 6d., and £21 7s. 6d.; Mr W. Dunnington, Marston Lodge, sold two choice bullocks, which made £21 10s., and £17 12s. 6d.; the auctioneers sold nine bullocks of their own feeding, realising £20 2s. 6d., £25 17s. 6d., £24 12s. 6d., £23 17s. 6d., £23 7s. 6d., £23 5s., £20 5s., and £19 17s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Watson, Manor Farm, Wighill, sold two grand bullocks at £26 5s. and £23 15s.; Mr W. D. Waddell, Hornington, sold three nice heifers at £20 6s. 6d., £17 15s., and £18 2s. 6d.; Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, sent two nice bullocks, making £28 10s., and £28; Mr T. Robinson, Healaugh, sold three choice bullocks and heifers up to £22 7s. 6d.; Mr Platts' fat cow made £18 5s.; Mrs Sykes, Milford Grange, sold two grand bullocks at £20 15s. and £20; Mr Jno. Lardy Hawke, cow dur, £18 17s. 6d.; cow from Mr Cowthorpe made £23 10s.; cow from Mr T. Richardson, £21; from Mr Geo. Winter, two heifers in calf sold for £19 7s. 6d. and £17; a nice cow from Mr A. Hills made £17; from Mr Gaufgan, Acaster, three heifers in calf made £19, £17 15s., and £16 15s.; from Mr F. Myers, two heifers in calf, £17 and £16 5s. Prime fat hoggs from Mr F. Bramley, Sherburn-in-Elmet, made to 72s. 6d. each; from Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor, 70s. 6d.; from Mr Jas. Bramley, Huddleston, to 62s. 6d.; from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, to 58s. 6d.; from Mr Hy. Watson, Newton Kyme, to 60s.; from Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh to 62s. 6d.; from Mr H. Simpson, Cross Roads, to 54s. 6d.; from Mr J. Robinson, Bilton, to 56s.; from Mr J. Bailey, to 58s.; from Mr C. Bailey, Saxton, to 58s. 6d. Prime fat pigs from the Hon. Lady Hawke made to £9 13s. each; from Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh Grange, to £11 15s.; from Mr B. Blacker, Healaugh, to £12; from Mr C. F. Ryder, to £9 11s.; from Mr A. J. Blacker, Bolton Percy, to £8 17s.; from Mr Ibbotson, to £6 12s.; from Mr J. W. Luzenby, Boston Spa, to £7 15s. Prime pork pigs from Mr Chatterton made to 8s. 6d. each; from Messrs Dunn and Son to 8 1s. 6d.; from Mr G. Buckle, to 8 1s.; from Mr T. Settrington, to 07s.; from Mr Galtras, to 7 4s. 6d.; from Mr E. O. Simpcer, to 6 3s.; two gilts in pig from Mr J. Swall made to £7 8s.; etc. Stores from 15s. to 35s. each; etc.

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THE LADIES' COLUMN.

HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

No bed should have drapery forming a canopy to it, since such an arrangement prevents the free circulation of the air and is unhealthy for the sleeper. Should the bed be in such a position that an intolerable draught blows in from the window, a screen placed between the bed and the window will form ample protection, or a red night be fixed at right angles to the upright at the head of the bed, and from it a curtain could be hung, which could be drawn back in hot weather.

Styes show weakness of the system, which arises from an ill-balanced diet, in which fat is deficient. They are really tiny abscesses which form at the root of a hair of the eyelashes and are sometimes extremely painful. It is possible to ease the trouble by pulling out the hair, and wiping off the pus or matter which exudes; but the best treatment and the only permanent cure is the addition of an extra allowance of some form of fat to the food. Any fat will answer the purpose, but cod-liver oil is the best on account of the large amount of iodine it contains.

Many people find cod-liver oil very repulsive to the palate, although in time children get to like it very much, particularly when it is mixed with extract of malt, which masks the fishy flavour. Until children are accustomed to the oil, they take it more easily if the nose is pinched when it is offered to them. Adults, too, generally prefer the oil mixed with malt, but when it has been taken gradually much more palatable if a little salt or a few drops of lemon juice are added.

Soda, though a useful softener of water, should be used but sparingly. It should never be used in washing flooreloth or linoleum, since it softens the paint used in forming the pattern and causes it to wear away. Even in ordinary washing boards, the use of soda in the water is not advisable, since it always leaves a blackish tinge to the white wood, no matter how carefully it is rinsed. Far better results are obtained by sprinkling a little silver sand over the boards before scrubbing them, and the cost of silver sand compared with soda is really less.

Carbolic acid is a cheap and reliable disinfectant, but is powerless in the form in which it is bought. It must be diluted with at least twenty times its bulk of cold water before it can act as a disinfectant. Carbolic soap, although it contains but a small percentage of carbolic acid, is of great service in keeping a disease at bay. It should always be used when washing animals or the places in which they are kept, as it is invaluable as a preventative of fleas.

Never allow children to read or do any form of fine work unless there is a bright, steady light. Working by firelight or gas light is apt to be a strain on young eyes that they never acquire, and weak or defective vision is the result. Notice whether a child holds books and work very closely to the eyes, and if so, consult an oculist, so that the child may be fitted with suitable spectacles.

CARRIAGE OF GIRLS.

"Before I finally engage a girl," said a shrewd business man, the alert and dependable character of whose female employés gives force to his words, "I like to get a look at the way she carries herself, walking along the street when she has no idea that she is under supervision. It gives an unusually good clue to her temperament and to the way she will be likely to take hold of her work. What I look for most in the class of employees I require is best typified by the girl who has shoulders where they belong, held erect and steady as she walks, and with her arms, if they swing at all, naturally at her side. Is girls only knew it, the mere practice of walking in that self-possessed fashion would help wonderfully to brighten them up and give them a far better poise, mentally as well as physically. Why? Oh, that is very simple. You can't have clear heads and a healthy interest in your daily occupation unless you have a fair circulation of good, red blood; you can't have good, red blood, or any circulation of it worth mentioning, unless you hold your shoulders so as to give the lungs room to fill up normally, with each long, deep breath, and when the arms are held limply forward all the muscles of the chest and shoulders are so cramped that they forget how to act. So it's a rule that works both ways."

DURING DONE HERE.

If you are going to dye any material at home, dissolve a pinch of bicarbonate of soda in the water in which you mix the dye. This will ensure the colour coming the material evenly. If you cannot buy the shade you wish, it can easily be mixed. For instance, mix blue with pink to make violet, a little yellow with green to make moss colour, black with ecru for yellow smoke, etc.

WAKING-UP DON'TS.

Don't wake up worrying. Banish care from your mind. You have no idea what an important effect the first waking thoughts of your mind exert upon the whole body during the day. Don't take your breakfast alone. Even though you may not want to talk, it is a good thing to have cheerful society in the room with you. It will keep you from brooding. Don't plan things before breakfast. Many women are in the habit of laying out the day and making memoranda before they rise. Don't think seriously before breakfast. Don't quarrel until you have been awake at least two hours. Quarrelling before the morning meal is a great wrinkle-maker.

EXERCISES FOR THE FIGURE.

To strengthen and beautify the growing figure some simple exercises should be taken. In the back is not strong and upright there is a tendency towards curvature—a more common occurrence in young girls than is generally realised—very this: Lie perfectly flat on the floor—the bed or couch will not do—then the leg is lifted almost at right angles to the body, and a circle described in the air with the tip of the toe. The leg must be kept quite straight during the turn several times, the knees, of course, being held perfectly stiff. Another excellent exercise for strengthening the back and giving that hardness and strength to the abdominal muscles which will keep the waist slender and abdomen flat in later life is to lie flat on the floor, with the tips of the toes hooked under the rung of a heavy chair, or table and the body raised from the waist, with the arms folded, until a sitting posture is assumed. This exercise requires great strength, and should be indulged in very cautiously at first.

TADCASTER
IN THE OLD DAYS.—An "Octogenarian," writing to the newspapers, says:—"I travelled from Skipton to Newcastle on the top of a coach, with just one change of horses, and only fine day overhead. A most enjoyable way of travelling, and after spending the night in hospitable quarters we went up to Tyneside, on the Carlisle railway, which was then open as far as Hexham, where I spent 18 months near Stagshaw Bonk, where a great fair was held once or twice a year. I well remember a cattle dealer who farmed in my early life near Tadcaster going from York Fair in the afternoon, and riding his own horse to that place for the next day's market. His name was Mr Chas. Houghton.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week Houdini is proving as great an attraction as before, and the interest evinced in his performance shows no sign of diminishing. His chief trick is to liberate himself from a host of manacles, locks, and bolts, and to effect an escape from a formidable contrivance of his own invention described as a "Water Torture Cell." Ernest Shand brings with him a number of good songs, one of which is notable for an abundance of topical jokes including the inevitable reference to the taxicab fiend and his policy. A farcical play presented by Nat Reith and Co., entitled "Chasing Chickweed," gives the chief member of the company an opportunity of making innumerable puns. Entertainment of a similar kind is provided by Hunt and Thomas in "Father Time," a sketch which illustrates a little domestic upheaval, and incidentally points a moral. Dressed as bakers, the Lecards Brothers present a clever acrobatic turn. The Rawsons provide musical entertainment, Peter and Potts have some humorous banter, George Rae is a very agile Scotch comedian, and Francis and Alfred are smart jugglers.

An exceptionally interesting engagement has been made for Monday next at the Empire Theatre, when the famous Sir Field choir, conducted by Dr. Henry Coward, will appear for the first time in Leeds. Founded in 1872 by Dr. Henry Coward, its present conductor, the Sheffield choir rapidly advanced to a position of artistic eminence, and at the present time it is one of the very few choirs which have attained such fame that some years later Dr. Coward was asked to form a similar choir in Leeds. The two grew apace, until, in 1911, the seat of the world's success was set upon Dr. Coward's genius as a conductor by an invitation to take 200 members of his choir upon a festival tour of the Empire. During that tour Sir Edward Elgar and Dr. Charles Harriss, were among the eminent musicians who conducted their own compositions sung by the choir. Other notable attractions include Miss Beaumont Collins and Co., in a new comedy sketch, entitled "Bedfellows"; Jack Thomas, "the goblet of mirth"; Harry Herbert, comedian; Russell and Held, the popular comedy duo; Jack McKay, Scottish humorist; Rosy Reys, vocalist; Toch and Tard, burlesque comedy artistes; and Trixie Marris, comedienne.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week "You Never Know" is the title of an amusing comedy sketch, so called because it suggests a series of ridiculous and absurd events. The first scene is laid outside the Casino at Monte Carlo, where the red-headed, corpulent attendant, in the person of Herbert Darnley, undergoes an unaccountable transformation, and suddenly discovers that he is surrounded by a galaxy of admiring damsels, and a number of dashing officers in picturesque uniforms. A talented company appears in the production. Beatie and Babs, a pair of unconventional juvenile comedienes, present a bright and humorous act, "The Sagragetts." Harry Cliff, who appears in his familiar character, "The White Knight," a literally dazzling creation, takes part in an operatic novelty, and the lady who assists him is a skilled vocalist. Breezy and boisterous entertainment is provided by the Howard and Collinson Trio, who contribute a sketch "Fun in a China Shop," while Tom Harris's songs are strongly selected, but quite effective. The Westwoods are skilful trick cyclists, Jack Walsh is a successful comedian, and Dexter draws "lightning" cartoons.

At the Hippodrome next week the principal attraction will be a revue, entitled "Come Inside," and, besides the principal artistes, there will be a beauty chorus of thirty ladies, a double quartette of male voices, and a troupe of lady dancers. Others in the bill are the famous Flying Fishers, sensational and comedy aerialists; Lawley and East, in a musical comedietta; Jack Edge, "Curly," of the Waterloo Pierrots, Bridlington; Teddy Elben, vaudeville entertainer; The Stellios, acrobats; and picture.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week the capable company appearing in William Watson's pantomime "Little Jack Horner," endow the production with incessant and rollicking humour. There are many novelties which will appeal especially to juveniles, bright and sparkling ballets, and effective settings. The latest creations in the way of syncopated music are introduced, and these prove to be so infectious that the gallery soon finds itself unconsciously humming the choruses, which are smartly sung. The eleven scenes illustrate various parts of "Ye Olde Village," affording picturesque glimpses of a forest glade, an antiquated baronial castle, and a village fair. Miss Etty Waldron, who possesses a good voice, plays daintily in the title role, and the acting and dancing of Maimie Effis, in the part of Mary Daw, are also very acceptable. An amusing dame is Mr Billy Waldron, who has an irresistible way of descouring his jokes. A clever performance is also given by Mr Malcolm Cumming. Others who contribute to the entertainment are The Four Henriques, Eddie May, James Dixon, and the Sisters Sinclair.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Charles Harrington will present the emotional and domestic play "Why He Divorced Her," or "Madame de Moray's Secret."

On Wednesday Mr Charles Bush will take his benefit, and there will be only one house. Artistes from all the Leeds theatres and music halls will appear.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

Hodgson and Lowthers, in a screaming comedy sketch, "Left Luggage," are at the City Varieties this week, and audiences find their comical sketch very much to their liking. It is really funny, and is smartly acted. Burns and Bentley are also good in song and dance, and Phil Kauffman makes a popular coon. The Two Lillies, versatility dancers and vocalists, present an acceptable turn, and Dix and Dox appear in an eccentric musical act. Miss Violette, a clever male impersonator, is also appearing with success.

At the Varieties next week the programme will include Lowenwirth and Cohen, in an entirely new act; Mina Bax, the artistic dancing girl; Bert Symes, the wonderful ploughboy baritone; Lesters and a "lady," a smart juggler; Nellie Nora, in a dainty instrumental act; "Three Little Vagabonds," laughable comic film; "The Pickpocket," a dramatic film; and The Edwards, high class vocalists.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe "Chelsea 7750," a remarkable exclusive detective film, was the "star" attraction. The film was a rare combination of thrilling and sensational incidents, and showed the efforts of Detective Kirby and his daughter to round up a clever gang, and the trials they underwent before achieving their object. The scene in which Kate Kirby rings up "Chelsea 7750," and while pretending not to speak taps a message on the 'phone was a most original and powerful incident. A psychological study "The Man Outside," "A Peaceful Victory," a dramatic episode, and two screamers, "The Janitor" and "Riley's Decoys," completed the entertainment.

For the week-end another exclusive attraction, "Joan of Arc," is booked.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

The programme at the Empire this week includes a clever ventriloquist, who creates genuine merriment by his cross-talking with the dummies. The features of the picture side of the programme have been greatly enjoyed. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the films were "In the grip of the eagle's claw," a sensational kidnapping drama; "The riddle of the tin soldier," "The Rise" (comic), "How it is done," "The staff duster" (comic), and "Apple growing in Washington" (educational). For the last three days the following have been obtained:—"The Sheriff and the Rustler" (a Western drama), "Master Bob" (sensational), "Tweedledum as Jockey" (comic), "Just Kid" (Keystone comic), etc., etc. Fields and Lewis, as laughter-makers, should prove a first-rate turn.

LIBERALISM AT ABERFORD.

MR MARTIN HARVEY AND FAIR FIGHTING.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND LABOURERS' WAGES AND HOUSING.

In connection with Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association a meeting was held on Wednesday evening in the Church Schools at Aberford, and there was a large attendance. Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Association) was in the chair, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division), Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), Mr Taylor (Liberal agent), etc.

The Chairman, referring to the Home Rule question, said that they were having history hashed up again. A good many strong things had been said about the Home Rule Bill and what was going to happen if it passed. When the Bill for the disestablishment of the Irish Church was under discussion equally strong things were said, and on July 13th, 1869, the Rev. Dr. Drew stated:—

He had asked the Orangemen of Scotland whether, if the worst came to the worst, and the Orangemen of the North marched to the assistance of their brethren in Dublin, they would cross the Channel and come to their assistance, too, and he could not express the enthusiasm with which they had answered. That was a threat of war to the knife if the Bill was passed. Some of the other expressions made then were stronger than that. Mr Gladstone simply went forward, and the Bill was passed, and to-day the Church was stronger than before (Applause). All the talk about religious persecution was nonsense. It was merely a case of the Ulster men who had had so much power in their hands hitherto being afraid that if Home Rule was passed the Nationalists would put a little of the Ulster butter on their own bread. In regard to the National Insurance Act, he desired them to listen to what a Conservative leader said before it became an Act. Mr F. E. Smith said:—

He welcomed in its main features Mr Lloyd George's Bill without any reservation whatever. Its failure to become law, in some form or other, would, in his judgment, be an unparalleled misfortune to the State. No temptation born of party spirit, no desire for an Opposition advantage, would induce him to oppose the main features of the Bill for a single moment."

Lord Charles Beresford, another Tory M.P., said:—

"It is a Bill not only to relieve the poor, but to relieve the sick poor, and the case of the sick poor, in my opinion, has been a shameful case in this country for a great many years. The principle of the Bill has been approved by all shades of opinion of this House, and that principle is sound."

He pointed out that now at bye-elections the Tories were trying to score a party advantage from the Insurance Act, and he asked if it was honest. He was told that in certain districts it was considered a grievance that farm labourers had to pay as much as miners or people living in industrial centres, although their lives were regarded as being more healthy. Under the old arrangement, before the Insurance Act became law, if he was informed correctly, the Friendly Societies charged the same rate to agricultural labourers as to miners and gave the same benefits. If that was true it was no invention of Mr Lloyd George. Yet, because this evil—if it was an evil—was perpetuated in the Insurance Act, they were told it was one of the evils of the present Government. Did they think that was fair? ("No.")

Mr E. H. Foster, who had an excellent reception, said that, as they knew, an attempt was being made—and every sensible person hoped it would succeed—to settle the future government of Ireland by consent, so that the new Parliament would start with the good-will of all the people of Ireland. The Government were willing to go a long way to try and bring about this desirable state of affairs, but in any settlement there must be give and take by both sides. It was not, however, very encouraging when Sir Edward Carson, speaking in London that day, declared that the Government might in the end succeed by getting their Bill put upon the Statute Book, but the people of Ulster would render the carrying out of it impossible. Nothing under heaven would divert them from their fixed determination; describe it as they would, to resist to the end." He continued to talk in that way the Bill as it stood would go through. The Unionist Party went much further than that. They were deliberately attempting to tamper with the Army in this country. The following circular had been issued to officers in the Territorial Army:—

"I appeal to you as a patriotic Englishman who is in command of a part of the Territorial Army, and I beg most earnestly that you will do your utmost to save Irish Protestants from a very great injustice. I, therefore, ask you as a patriotic Englishman to let it be officially known that if the Government, without consulting the electors of the United Kingdom, attempts to force Ulster under a Dublin Parliament you will resign, so as to be free to help the cause of justice and patriotism. If you do this you will greatly strengthen the hands of the King and assist him in securing an appeal to the electors of the United Kingdom, and you will also save the British nation from committing an act of gross injustice to the million loyal Irish Protestants.

It did not lie with a party, who called themselves "the party of law and order," to take up such a stand when a Bill was to be passed that did not please them. (Applause).

The Government, he said, had been in power eight years, and they had survived three elections. That could not have happened if their record had not suited the people of the country. (Applause). Never let them forget they passed old age pensions. (Applause). The Tories promised to give old age pensions for ten years, but they never fulfilled their promise. Having spoiled the reconstruction of the House of Lords, he said the Government were to set up Boards who said the Government were to set up Boards who should fix a minimum wage for agricultural labourers. That was necessary because it was admitted on all hands that the wages of agricultural labourers, taking them throughout the country, were such that they could not live on them. He admitted that there were some cases where good wages were given; they were higher in districts where there was alternative employment, but where there was not that wages were below what a man could live on. In some counties they were as low as 12s. and 14s., and he asked anyone who knew anything about the cost of living and the price of commodities if it was possible for a man to bring up a family in reasonable comfort on that wage? ("No.") That being so, they said it was a most important thing that men working every day, Sunday included often, should have a wage be at the mercy of the landlord. They could live on and bring up their families. (Applause). It was common ground that there was a dearth of cottages in the country, and they had far and away the worst record in the matter of the acre, so that the labourer should not supply that need, so that the labourer should not have a house but also a piece of land to cultivate. If he, by any means, lost his job, he would not have to leave his house, and he would have time to look round for work. That would put the labourer in a position of greater independence. (Applause). As to the former, they were to give him security of tenure, and if he could show the Wages Board that he was unable to pay increased wages, it would be provided that the increase should fall on the landlord. They were also to give him further protection against game. There were other measures of social reform long overdue, and it was the determination of the Government to make this country a better and a happier England for the working-man. (Loud applause).

An enjoyable musical programme was submitted by Miss Johnson, Mr Proctor, Mr Cressey (Selby), and Mr Davidson (humorist, Leeds), who caused roars of laughter. Mr Brewins was the accompanist.

At the close Mr Sutcliffe proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr Foster, and the singers. Mr Whitehouse seconded, and this was cordially passed.

RETIREMENT OF SHERBURN POLICE INSPECTOR.

COMPLIMENTED BY MAGISTRATES.

Mr J. Fleeman, inspector of police for Upper Barkston Ash, is retiring from the force, and he carries with him the best wishes of the public of Sherburn and the district of which Mr Fleeman has been in charge, for his future happiness. Mr Fleeman has done his duty well. He joined the force on January 2nd, 1888, being constable at Settle and police constable and sergeant at Pudsey, where he was for 14 years.

On July 1st, 1903, he was promoted to be inspector at Cleckheaton, where he remained 4 years, and he was afterwards removed to Bolton-by-Bowland, and was there about 3 years. Finally he came to Sherburn, where he has been 2 years. The inspector was awarded the Police Coronation Medal for long and meritorious service, and it was presented to him, on behalf of the King, by Mr Justice Ridsdale, at the Leeds Town Hall on 26th July, 1912.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the Chairman, on behalf of the Bench, said he had a pleasant duty to perform in congratulating Inspector Fleeman on his well-earned retirement on pension. Whilst he had been in the division he had proved to be a most painstaking and excellent officer. He was sorry to lose such an able officer, and he wished him every happiness for the future.

Inspector Fleeman thanked the Chairman for his kind remarks.

At Aberford School last month there were 197 names on the register, and the average attendance was 177.

At the annual meeting of the North of England Horticultural Society in Leeds on Wednesday a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr Clayton, of Ulleskelf, was passed.

The 6.47 p.m. N.E.R. train from Leeds to Hull was considerably delayed at Gascoigne Wood on Sunday night owing to a breakdown of the engine. A fresh locomotive had to be sent from York.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Tadcaster Agricultural and Horticultural Society it was announced that on last year's show was a gain of £38 7s. 10d. It was decided to hold the 37th annual show on Wednesday, July 30th. Mr C. B. Lamb, of Inholmes, Tadcaster, was appointed president, Mr C. C. Scholefield chairman, and Mr W. H. Green vice-chairman. Messrs M. Thomlinson and Son were re-appointed secretaries.

TADCASTER CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT.—The Tadcaster Town Hall was crowded on Wednesday night on the occasion of a choral and orchestral concert by the Tadcaster Choral Society. The chorus, numbering 40 voices, was under the conductorship of the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson (vicar of Wighill), and the band was composed of members of the York Symphony Orchestra. Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," the chief item in the programme, was given a very creditable rendering. The chorus sang with spirit and freedom of expression, though the tone was at times uneven in quality. The singing of the sopranos was especially good. The tenor soloist was Mr Tom Roberts, of Castleford. The effective work of the orchestra contributed greatly to the success of the performance. The rest of the programme included partsongs by the chorus, a violin solo by Miss Guy, of York, songs by Mr Roberts, and one or two orchestral pieces. Miss Sykes acted as accompanist.

South Milford School had the best attendance of all the schools in the district last month. The percentage was 96.35 against 80 for January, 1913.

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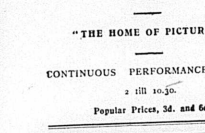
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

What is to be the outcome of the Gilchrist lectures at Garforth? The absence of facilities for what he described as "intellectual recreation" was commented on by Mr E. H. Foster, who was no doubt expressing the opinion of numerous residents, but the institute movement in Garforth has been such a failure that probably any attempt to resuscitate it would meet with disencouragement. The establishment of three clubs in the urban area has made provision for the recreation of a section of the male part of the community, and it is doubtful that room exists for another institution. If all classes of the community could be persuaded to act together something might be accomplished, but a large sum of money would be required to provide suitable premises, in which there would be facilities for social intercourse, physical and intellectual recreation, etc.

The Gilchrist lectures have been attended by very large audiences, and they have furnished evidence that a good many people are not above continuing their education, so, as a first step, I would suggest to the committee the formation of a Literary Society—a permanent institution, which would continue the work so admirably begun in connection with the Gilchrist lectures. Monetary assistance would, I believe, be forthcoming, and, if it were not possible to persuade the Gilchrist Trust, to again oblige Garforth, good lecturers could be engaged to fill the programme. This is an easy, cheap, and safe way of setting to work, and out of it a greater enterprise might arise.

An amusing story concerning the old Vicar of Manston, who was for over fifty years in the parish, was related at a bazaar at Crossgates by Mr J. W. Morkill, Chairman of the Skyrack Petty Sessions, who at one time resided at Austhorpe Lodge. One Sunday, he said, an anthem was to be given in the church, and that was rather an event, involving much thought and practise. The great moment arrived, and the organist played the opening bars, but when he tried to stop one unruly note persisted in making itself heard. The aged Vicar looked up at the organ loft, stroked his long beard, and, in sepulchural tones, said "Put in that stop." The sound from the organ however, continued, and again the Vicar said "Put in that stop." Then from behind the red curtain in the organ loft a head appeared and a voice was heard—"I've put her in, but she wain't stop buzzing."

One of the remarkable advances in connection with education since the County Council assumed control has been in the school attendance, and it is not unusual now for rural schools to register percentages of from 90 to 100. This is evidence that teachers and officials are keener and that parents are more and more realizing their obligations, because every attendance a child fails to make represents a loss to the ratepayers. Garforth division distinguished itself for the month of December, and it is some satisfaction to know that it secured first place in the West Riding.

Greater interest is apparently being shown in horticulture in the district, and I understand lectures are to be given at Aberford, whilst it is suggested that an educational garden should be established at Halton. Our gardening article should be of the greatest assistance to horticulturists, and when they desire any information they should not hesitate to write to Mr Clarke, who is a practical man, and who will give them the guidance they desire. In order to strengthen the movement shows, restricted to residents, might be held in the various parishes, and in this way keener interest might be aroused in gardening.

A somewhat unusual scene was witnessed at a Stourton school the other day, and one of the sexes was the outstanding figure in it. It is stated that a young woman invaded the school premises and demanded that her sister should be allowed to go with her. Her ladyship declined to leave the school, and, despite the display of a revolver showing her the consequences of her action, she remained defiant. Of course, such conduct is subversive of all discipline, and the Education Committee are to ask her to apologise to the head teacher. If she fails to do so she will have to take the consequences. People must understand that they have no business to remain on school premises when they are ordered to leave.

To meet the needs of absolutely necessitous cases, a sum of between £2 and £3 will be set aside by the County Council for Garforth, Kippax, Wetherby, Sherburn, Oulton, and Rothwell school districts in connection with medical inspection. It occasionally happens that when the doctor reports that a child has defective vision the parent pleads poverty as an excuse for not providing it with spectacles, or for not taking it to Leeds Infirmary, and if it is a genuine case of poverty the Care of Children Committee will meet its necessities. People have not yet realized the enormous work that is being done among the children, and I believe that if they really knew its value they would be all very anxious to co-operate.

For another year, at anyrate, the District Councils will have the duty of maintaining and repairing the main roads of the county, but they may not be asked to do it again. It is significant that the county surveyor is gathering information relative to the highway machinery and equipment possessed by Tadcaster, Wetherby, Garforth, Rothwell, and other District Councils, and this may simply be a preliminary step towards the County Council themselves trying to take over the duty of maintaining the roads. At the present time the District Councils do the work, and the County Council pay the cost. It has been suggested that changes in the distribution of grants for road maintenance from the Exchequer may have far-reaching effects, and the Road Board are credited with giving support to the County Council in their desire to take over the roads. Of course, if this were proposed the District Councils would fight, and, unless there was a great change of opinion on the County Council, their opposition would succeed.

Farmers, in view of the experience of persons residing at Whinmoor and Robin Hood, should be very careful in regard to the removal of pigs, anew, otherwise they may discover the value of the animals flittered away in fines and costs. These men, ignorant that Templenewsam was an infected area—the restrictions have now been removed—took pigs to Whitkirk without licences, and for not knowing that they were committing an offence they were fined. In order to safeguard themselves it is advisable for farmers, before removing pigs, either to an auction mart or another parish, to inquire closely as to their responsibilities, otherwise they may land themselves in trouble. In this matter the local police-man, learned in the law, will prove their friend and guide if inquiries are made of him.

Pertinent remarks anent the length of opening ceremonies at bazaars were made at Rothwell the other day, and I'm inclined to agree with the enunciation of the lady who lamented the infliction long-suffering people had to put up with. Of course, there must be a reservation. Occasionally a person has something to say really worth listening to, and it gives "tone" to the proceedings, but where talking is indulged in for talking's sake it is simply a waste of time. It is pitiful to hear a man, with absolutely no message, repeating himself again and again, or turning out piffle in a vain attempt to be humorous. Bazaar-promoters, too, are frequently bad time-keepers. They announce the opening ceremony for a certain hour, but it usually begins thirty to forty minutes after time. They have their difficulties, however, and are perhaps more to be sympathised with than condemned.

Why should not the Garforth Working-Men's Ratepayers' Association take up the question? Mr Maitland, the Coroner, expressed surprise the other day that a nice, important place like Garforth had not a district nurse, and a local medical man stated that it ought to have one. Garforth is what one might describe as a discouraging place, because not only will the residents not help themselves, but they will not accept assistance when it is offered to them. A few years ago an effort was made to form a nursing association in the village, but the working-classes declined to support it; in fact, hostility was shown to the proposal, on the ground that a nurse would interfere with the domestic arrangements of households.

Garforth, with its 4,000 inhabitants, is hopelessly behind the times without a nursing association, and the silly idea anent interference with household arrangements, probably invented by some mischievously-inclined individual, or by some one with a tight pocket, should not be allowed to prevent such a scheme from being carried out. Rothwell has a health visitor, whom every member in the place is delighted to see, and Halton, Monk Fryston, Bramham, Swillington, Clifford, and Tadcaster—to mention only a few places in the district—have district nurses, who are doing grand work for the community. This shows the hollowness of the statement that a nurse would be a mere busybody, interfering with what she had no business. My suggestion is that the Ratepayers' Association should formulate a scheme and present it to the villagers for their support.

The district has produced one working-man Member of Parliament—the late Mr Ben Pickard, who was a native of Kippax—but there are probably a few workers to whom a seat at Westminster would satisfy a great ambition. Mr William Lunn, of Rothwell, who is the ablest of the Labour men in the district, contested the Holmfirth Division at by-election, and he has been honoured with an invitation to become the Labour candidate for Wakefield, but he may prefer Holmfirth, where he made a really good show. The "merrie city" does not seem to present a passage to Parliament for a Labourist.

The perils which men employed in mines have to face every day were again in evidence at an inquest at Garforth. Two bye-workmen at Micklefield were working together in the pit, and down came some wood and "roof." One of the men escaped scathless, and the other was injured in such a way that the accident brought forth his death. Apparently every precaution was taken, and the roof was regarded as safe, yet one poor fellow has gone to his long account owing to the mishap. This shows that no matter how careful the management of a colliery may be, the miner never knows when he is to come out of the mine alive.

Will Tadcaster, Wetherby, and Hunslet Guardians try to brighten the existence of workhouse inmates by allowing them to play at "nap" or whist? Newcastle Guardians have, I notice, instructed the workhouse master to buy a number of packs of cards for the poor who are their guests, for whom great times are in store. Instead of the Hunslet Guardians having a monthly concert at the workhouse, they might substitute a whist drive, and at Christmas, at any rate, they might, as an inducement to the inmates to patronize the tables, offer cash prizes to the winners. Tadcaster and Wetherby Guardians have not expressed any views on the card question yet, but some one might mention Newcastle's innovation to them.

A sum of £12 4s. 4d. was collected at Harewood Church for Leeds medical charities as against £8 16s. 3d. last year.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE.

At the Empire this week the great attraction is the Sheffield Choir, and their singing is delightful. Dr. Coward has a genius for training choirs, and this one, composed as it is of specially selected voices, he seems to have trained to a pitch that must be approaching perfection. Attention has been paid to every possible detail, and as none of 50 odd singers apparently ever misses a single point the effect is indeed wonderful. Altogether the choir sang nine or ten items at each performance on Monday night. Those which required delicate treatment, such as "Sweet and Low" or "The Soldier's Farewell," were sung with rare refinement, the varying degrees of light and shade being observed with telling effect. Just as finely rendered were the numbers which called for more vigorous handling. "Hail, Smiling Morn," "The Dance" from Elgar's charming suite, "Bavarian Highlands," and Mackenzie's "A Frankjumer's Dog," the last-named given by the men, were all sung in an exhilarating way which captivated the audience. Perhaps one of the most effective items was a glee which has come to be regarded as the Sheffield Choir's showpiece, namely, "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower." One of the best of the other turns is provided by Jack Thomas, who gives the audience few dull moments whilst on the stage. "Bellefellows" is a sketch which is very funny in parts; but other parts are not in very good taste. Others who appear are Frivo Marris, Rosie Reys, Toch and Tard, Harry Herbert, Russell, and Held, and Jack McKay. "Full Inside," the latest London revue, will be the principal attraction at the Leeds Empire next week. This is being presented by Ernest C. Rolls, whose successful production "Step This Way" has been the sensation of London and every town visited. We hear that Mr Rolls has even gone one better with "Full Inside," and the brilliant triumph that it achieved at the Oxford music-hall (London) will without doubt be repeated in Leeds. The whole has been invented and produced by Ernest C. Rolls, and the seatin music by Max Darewski—the same collaboration as "Step This Way." The production in its entirety will be transferred from London. We are promised some magnificent scenery and lighting effects, and it is said that the chorus are the best ever gathered girls from London. The principals include Miss Renee Gratz, an artiste of rare charm and magnetic personality; Mr Alfred Da Costa, a revue-of-screed tenor with a phenomenal top voice; Mr Harry Brown, the well-known coloured comedian, needs no introduction to the Empire patrons, although he will be seen in a new role; Mr Sims Woodley, a comedian with a fund of spontaneous humour; Mr Bardie Russell, a dude full of eccentricities; and Mr Arthur Leslie, a character actor with a marvellous power of mimicry. The whole company comprises 65 people. Max Darewski, the celebrated young composer, has written some very tuneful and catchy numbers. Other excellent additions to the programme include the Musical Johnstons, xylophone experts; Ray Wallace, the clever mimic at the piano; Isa Wise, a charming comedienne; and the Naples, a smart comedy duo.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome revue succeeds revue, and there are still no indications that the public taste has become satiated by this latest form of music hall entertainment. "Come Inside," which is this week's attraction, occupies the greater part of the programme. It is a brightly presented effusion of musical comedy and pantomime in which mirth and gaiety abound. There is the extended stage which now-a-days seems inseparable from pantomime and revue alike, and on which members of the company gaily dance in close proximity to the occupants of the stalls, and for close upon an hour songs and dances follow one another at breakneck speed. Much of the success of the production is due to Miss Bessie Clifford, who has a clever partner in Mr Horace Joees, whilst Miss Minnie Leslie makes a dainty Vera Fly. Others items in the programme are the Flying Fishers, who display their daring on flying trapeze; Walter Lawley and Sadie East in musical comedietta; Jack Edge, comedian; the Snellos, and Teddy Elben.

At the Hippodrome next week Arthur Prince and Jim will on the first three days of the week present "The Jockey's Dream" and on the last three days "The Sailor Boy," while Scott and Whalley, America's premier eccentric coloured comedians, will appear in "Don't you push me no more." Others who will contribute to the programme are Lamberti, the famous musical impersonator; Alice Wyatt, the popular principal boy of the Bradford Princess Theatre pantomime; Bros. Horne, in their original comedy boxing sketch; Takese, the Japanese magician; and Coquelli, entertainer. Pictures will be shown on the bioscope.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week "Why He Divorced Her," an adaptation of Adolph D'Ennery's novel "Martyre," is being presented by Charles Harrington. It is a highly-coloured drama illustrating Parisian life, and there are some passionate scenes and sensational episodes alternating with others that are purely humorous. The Chateau de Moray forms a suitable background for the story, and the staging is a feature of the production. Mr Ernest H. Clarke portrays the devoted husband in life-like fashion, while his misjudged wife, Gabriel, is a part well played by Miss Sidney Crowe, who has a clear and well-defined enunciation. Mr Ernest Lodge represents a dashing Admiral of the French Navy, Mr J. H. Harrison appears in the interesting character of Sir Gilbert Goore, Miss Phyllis Elton infuses plenty of realism into her conception of Claudia, a typical woman of the world, sentiment is introduced by Miss Holly Haslewood as Paulette, Gabriel's child, and a good study of Madame de la March is given by Miss Florence Lovell.

Mr Charles Lockie will present a new musical play, entitled "A Blind Girl's Love," a tale of the Alps. It is described as a decidedly novelty and should be a great attraction next week.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the Varieties Messrs Lowenwirth and Cohen, the well-known Jewish comedians, have had a fine reception. They are better than they ever were before, and the new partner, Mr Joe Cohen, makes an admirable foil to Mr Lowenwirth. They are a capable couple, and with their new aeroplane act they give a much improved entertainment. The Edwords, vocalists, give a fine show, and Lestree and a "lady" give a smart juggling act. Nellie Nera, in a dainty instrumental act, is excellent, and Bert Coates, the ploughboy baritone, is much appreciated. Mina Bax, the artistic dancing girl, is also appearing.

Next week at the varieties a capital programme will be submitted, and the artistes billed to appear are Bernart Bros., in a comedy act; Sam Ives Trio, in an athletic singing and dancing speciality; Ninette, the Parisian novelty; Jack Clarke, Lancashire's lazy lad; Susie Marney, chorus and descriptive vocalist; and Four Garrick Clares, dancing experts, with a piano. Excellent pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe drama took a prominent position in the programme for the first half of the week. "A Queen's Love" and "The Anarchist" being two really fine productions. Another capital drama was entitled "A Royal Romance," whilst by way of a change "Peggy's Burglar" was a new comedy with an amusing plot. Some beautiful photos of the Trollhatton Falls, Sweden, and a fine collection of views of the Royal Palace, Venice, were valuable additions to the programme. "Pathe's Gazette" was also shown.

ROTHWELL EMPIRE.

The Empire, Rothwell, continues to enjoy the premier place among the local picture houses, the management sparing no pains in order to provide the latest and best of pictures. During the first three days of the present week a special feature was a gripping detective story "A fight for a fortune," featuring Detective Hayes, a popular figure to picture-house habitues. Other films included "The riddle of the tin soldier," a fascinating story, told in two reels, and a host of good comics. On Friday and Saturday the principal items in an interesting programme will be "The Sheriff and the Rustler," a stirring Western drama, and "Master Bob," a drama of the race-course. Other interesting subjects will be shown. Humour is also supplied by Fields and Lewis, comedy duo.

For the first three days of next week the chief attractions will be "Satan's Castle," an extraordinary drama in two reels, and "A leader of men," showing a phase in the struggle between capital and labour. Among other pictures will be an interesting travel scene entitled "Beautiful Brittany." On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the programme will include another of Selig's wonderful animal pictures under the name of "In the midst of the Jungle." A good comedy is promised in "The fascination of Maud," while several other good pictures will follow. The turn will be provided by E. C. O'Brien, the Yorkshire humorist.

At Collingham Church a sum of £9 9s. 4d. was collected for Leeds medical charities as against £6 19s. 11d. last year.

The Leeds Corporation, who own the living of Gateforth, have offered the vacant incumbency to the Rev. F. A. Gumby, of Middlebrough, formerly curate of Baton Spa, and he has accepted.

CURATE LEAVING.—The Rev. G. O. C. Ramsey, who has been curate at Collingham for some time, has accepted a curacy at Beamley Parish Church, and will have charge of the Mission Church at Hough End in that parish. He will be succeeded at Collingham by the Rev. G. H. Fewster, who is leaving the vicarage of Fountaine, Huntingdonshire.

WHIST DRIVE.—The Collingham and Linton Primrose Leaguers had a whist drive and dance on Tuesday evening. The prizes were as follow: Ladies'—1, Mrs Whitelock; 2, Miss Merry; booby, Miss Bean. Gents.—1, Mr W. Christie, Linton; 2, Mr Allaun, Linton. The M.C.'s were Mr Stoker, Dr. Waddington, and Mr P. Christie. Mrs Twidale played for dancing, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

CONSERVATISM.—The following have been elected officials of the Collingham and Linton Conservative Association:—President, Sir Nevill Gunter, Bart.; Chairman, Mr J. C. Cornock; vice-chairman, Mr T. M. Twidale; vice-presidents—Messrs J. Beaumont, F. W. Dalby, J. Dennison, G. E. H. Muggs, and John Thompson; treasurer and secretary, Mr P. Christie; auditor, Mr Young; committee—Messrs Beeforth, Booker, Clark, Danby, Dawson, Goodson, Groves, Hepworth, Herridge, Kinghorn, Scheerer, Smallwood, Twidale, Waddington, Walton, and Young. A smoking concert was held on Saturday, and Mr Cornock gave an address.

MORRIS DANCING.—A display of "old folk" and Morris dances was given in the Church Fenton Schoolroom on Monday evening, the result of a series of classes, in aid of the Leeds Infirmary. The "Old Folk" dances were very prettily, jolly and entertaining, and, along with the Morris dances, which were rendered splendidly by a number of young ladies, received the applause and appreciation which they so well merited. The music was provided by Mrs Spark (Church Fenton) and Mr J. L. Lacy (Tadcaster). The display was followed by a dance, which was kept up merrily until 2.30 a.m. A silver collection was taken at the display, and with the profits derived from the classes and dance, amounted to £6, which was sent to the Infirmary. Miss Sparks and Messrs J. W. Ambler, J. Harrison, and H. Clements fulfilled the duties of M.C.'s very efficiently.

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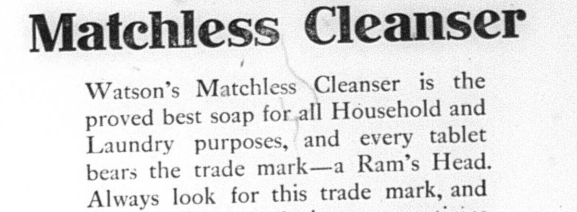
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LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXVII.

People who have spent much time in rural districts are very well aware that just as there are persons in London who could not give a name to St. Paul's or to the Bank of England if they were asked, so there are folk in Arcadia who cannot tell an inquirer the way to places with which they are familiar, or particular ... with which they have been well ... since childhood. In both these ... more must be put down to lack of curiosity. If one could but get at the state of mind of the persons concerned one would find that they neither desired nor cared to know anything or to be told anything; that, in short, the sense of curiosity was entirely lacking in their mental equipment.

There are, however, certain persons in the world in whom, if that same spirit of curiosity is roused, there immediately springs into active existence such an active desire to satisfy it that nothing but instant gratification will avail. Such a person was the little man who had acted as driver of the waggonette in which Laurence, Dickie Wraye and the skeleton airship were conveyed to the haven of refuge at the Three Travellers. It was not their journey, however, which aroused inquisitiveness in him. A few years since and he would have thrilled with excited delight at the notion of having biplane or monoplane behind him and his horse—now that these marvellous affairs had begun to fly about—the only thing approaching commonness they did not appeal to him so much. Neither was there anything very appealing in a journey by night. What did appeal to his curiosity was the fact that a man had actually paid him two golden sovereigns to hear where he had driven the waggonette and its occupants to.

It was not, however, until some hours after Penrose had left him that this feeling of inquisitiveness flowered to fulness in his mind. In consideration of the fact that he had been out all night he was awarded a holiday for the rest of that afternoon and evening, and he immediately went home and retired to bed. Rising refreshed about six o'clock, and further refreshing himself by a meal tea, he began to think over recent events, and to discuss them with his wife, to whom he had magnanimously presented one of the sovereigns.

"And, of course, I knows who the little cripplied chap what rode between me and the gentleman is," he said. "I see him many times as I been a-comin' and a-goin' out o' our yard below. Lives with his sister up staircase B, they do. I seen her too; looks like a schoolmistress or somethink o' that sort. Now, I wonder, Mria, what that there chap was so keen as to want to know where I drove 'em to that he'd spring two quid for the information? 'Cause you said it was two quid!"

"I dunno," said his wife. "The money's good, any way."

"I see to that, you bet," said the driver. "But what's he want to know for—what business was it of his?"

Then, thinking that it would be very much his own business if he went out and had an hour or so at the Jacob and Donkey, and afterwards bought something tasty for supper, he left his rooms—which were in the same dwelling where Charity and her brother lived—and set out. But he was not destined to reach his favourite house of call just then. At the corner of the street was the police-station of the district, and in accordance with custom he paused in passing to look at the board on which were exhibited the various notices, grim and gruesome, about people who were missing, or had been found, or had run away from wives and children, or were wanted. And he had scarcely looked at it when he gave a sharp whistle and elbowed his way through some small boys and girls until he was nearer—near enough to read the smaller type which lay beneath two heavy black lines in great capitals, "Wanted: Edward Penrose."

But it was not the reading—other than the amount of the reward—which interested him so much as a portrait beneath the big capitals. He gazed at this as if fascinated. Then, pushing his way to the door of the police-station, he entered and asked for an inspector.

Five minutes later the driver came out again, a man who was obviously a policeman, but in plain clothes, with him. They were in earnest conversation, and they turned in the direction of the dwellings which the driver had just left. There they entered the staircase which led to Charity's flat, and in due course knocked at her door.

Charity had only just come in from the office, and was getting her evening meal ready. The little flat felt strangely lonely without Dickie, and the sharp tap at her outer door made her start. She was more startled when she opened it and saw two men standing there.

"Beg pardon, miss—it's all right, miss," said the driver, who noticed her perturbation. "You'll remember me, miss, as how as drove your poor brother and the tall gentleman in the waggonette last night."

"Oh, yes, I remember you," replied Charity. "There's nothing wrong, is there?"

"Not as I knows of, miss; I hope not, I'm sure enough. But, you see, miss, when I got back to-day this here happened," and he went on to tell her of the paragraph on the police-station yard. "You don't happen to know why that there gent should be so very partikler about findin' out where the waggonette had gone as to give me two sov'rins for tellin' him, miss?"

"If No—oh, no!" replied Charity.

"And you don't know what this man as he has described to you?" said the detective.

"No, certainly not," she answered.

The detective drew out a copy of the bill which had attracted the driver's attention. "You don't know this man?" he asked, pointing to the portrait.

Charity looked, wondered, and shook her head.

"Well, miss," said the driver, "I'll take my solemn oath an' 'davy that's the bloke what came to me in the stable yard at one o'clock this afternoon, and give me two quid for tellin' him where I drove your poor brother and the other gent; and I'm glad I seen' as he's wanted, and there's a reward out for him, I hope, mister, as you'll see as how it gets it."

Charity was reading the bill with wondering eyes. The information which it contained—her thoughts immediately turned to Dickie. "Why should this man want to know where they had gone?" she exclaimed. "Do you think my brother will be in danger?"

"I wouldn't be frightened yet," said the detective. "It may have been a case of extraordinary resemblance—or you may have made a mistake," he added, turning to the driver, who immediately protested vehemently and made another reference to the reward.

"Well, never mind," he went on. "If you use bothering this young lady further. You come back with me, and see if you can tell us more."

"May I keep this bill?" asked Charity.

"Why, certainly, if you like," answered the detective, regarding her curiously.

"I see that this man was employed at Armadale's," she said. "I'm employed there too. This must have happened just before I went there."

"Well, if you should ever hear anything, let us know," said the detective, and went off with the driver, who seemed to be labouring under a delusion that he ought to lay hands on the reward there and then.

Charity had small appetite for her supper. What could this man—any man—mean by paying two pounds to be informed of the precise destination of the waggonette? Of course, it was part of the conspiracy against Mr. Workman; that it would involve Dickie, had been seen there of Penrose, but without arousing suspicion, and then to come to her at her leisure to question her. Charity hurried away to the Star with news. Charity hurried away on her mission, and within an hour was with Miss Delomosne at the appointed place.

"He's been there!" she said. "He was there for lunch—had lunch in the coffee-room with Mr. Workman and Dickie. And Dickie knew him! But he's gone again."

Miss Delomosne, who had engaged a private room, signalled Charity to speak in a low voice. She went near to her.

"Listen!" she said. "He's here—and so is Sir John Bedford! But they don't know I'm here, and they mustn't. Go back—and stay there until you hear from me or see me. And if you see Mr. Workman or your brother, bid them look out to-night."

(To be concluded.)

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

To mend broken glass and china, melt some resin in an old iron spoon over the fire, then apply to the pieces of china or glass. When dry, the article can be washed in hot water and the cement will not melt.

Venetian blinds which require varnishing can be made to look quite fresh if sponged over with a solution of glue size. The size should be allowed to dry on, and the blinds washed and dried before it is applied.

To remove grease spots from a carpet place a tablespoonful of ammonia in a pint of hot water; scrub the spots with this, using a hard brush. Then cover with a paste made of fuller's earth and cold water. Leave till dry, then brush off, and the spots will disappear.

Directly a chilblain appears apply the following ointment: Take a piece of camphor and a piece of lard about the same size, scrape the camphor, and put it in a pot with the lard. Melt the two ingredients together, and apply cold. This treatment would not suit broken chilblains.

To clean coffee-stained linen soak in cold water to which has been added a little borax.

But the found Miss Delomosne at home, and in a few minutes was in her room.

Miss Delomosne heard Charity's story in silence—looking hard all the while at the bill which the girl put into her hand. She did not speak for some time after Charity had told her everything.

"Did you think the driver of the waggonette really thought that the man who bribed him was identical with—this man?" she asked, pointing to the portrait.

"He declared himself positive," replied Charity. "He said there was not a doubt of it. Why should this man, this escaped convict, want to know where they had gone to be right before last? He must have meant harm."

Miss Delomosne nodded her head. "It is some new departure on Sir John Bedford's part," she said. "I can't guess what, nor think what. Has your uncle a telephone?"

"No—he hates anything like that," answered Charity. "He dislikes anyone to send him a telegram."

Miss Delomosne glanced at the clock. "Sir Herbert has gone to Maidstone for the afternoon," she said. "Come and have some lunch, and then we will go into Canterbury—I will order a motor to be ready. That will set your mind at rest, and I think—I hope we shall be able to do some good."

Two hours later they drove into Canterbury. At the outskirts of the city Miss Delomosne set Charity down. She had already given her instructions to go straight to the Three Travellers, to find out if anything had been seen there of Penrose, but without arousing suspicion, and then to come to her at her leisure in the quiet old cathedral place.

Charity hurried away on her errand, and within an hour was with Miss Delomosne and Dickie. And Dickie knew him! But he's gone again."

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Written manuscripts and letters which are undecipherable, or part so, owing to the fading ... of the ink, may be made readable if the characters are brushed over with a feather or a camel's hair brush, dipped in tincture of nutgalls. This easy process will bring out the writing as clear as if newly penned.

LIBERALISM AT CROSSGATES.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND BYE-ELECTIONS.

The Liberals of Crossgates had a very enjoyable social gathering in the Wesleyan School-room, Crossgates, on Friday evening, and there was a large attendance. Mr W. G. Smithson (President of the Men's Association) was chairman during the first part of the proceedings, and Mrs L. Dewhirst (President of the Women's Association) presided during the second part. Among those present were Mr E. H. Foster (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division), and Mrs Foster, Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Unionist Association) and Mrs Harvey, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), Captain Glover (vice-chairman of the Association), Mrs and Miss Glover, Miss Billson (London), etc.

Mr Smithson, in the course of a short address, dealt with what he described as the injustice of plural voting. Men of means bought cottages or land in different constituencies, and in this way secured votes, so that they could canvass the resid ents. Plural voting ... have now coming to an end, but he did not see why the Plural Voting Bill should not apply to bye-elections as well as to General Elections. The great and burning question had been successfully launched, and he believed that it would have great results in the interests of those whom it was intended to benefit. (Applause.)

Miss Billson gave an address on Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment. Speaking of education, she said that everyone felt that the nation would have to be better educated, because of the ... in recognising the great value of education in all departments of life, and if Britain did not make steady progress in this direction she would be out-stripped by competing nations. To attain this desired end more money would have to be spent on education, but, as the local burdens were heavy enough already, the State would have to find the funds. There was a dearth of teachers, and they must do something to induce young people to enter the profession. Considering the great work the teachers had to do in training the young, good salaries should be ...paid them; in fact, if they were to get good men and women to undertake the work more money would have to be paid. She also dealt with the land question and women's suffrage.

Mrs Dewhirst, referring to the defeat of Mr Masterman at Bethnal Green, said that it showed the need for a second ballot, so that the first two candidates could go to the poll again. (Applause).

Mr Foster, who had rousing reception, said he noticed the Tory friends were rather plumming themselves on the results of the elections in South Bucks and Bethnal Green, but they must be very thankful for small mercies if they could get any comfort from them. (Laughter). The only significance the elections had was as a fair reflection of the opinion of the country on Home Rule. The Opposition in Parliament was demanding an election on the ground that the country was opposed to Home Rule, and that if an election were held they would throw out the Government and frustrate any attempt to pass Home Rule. They should be able to show that in the by-elections there was a great revulsion of feeling on the part of the electorate, but in Southts Bucks, as essentially Conservative as any constituency, several interests were enormously strong—stronger even than they were in Barkston Ash, and they were strong enough here—and where there was a large agricultural population, and London, the Liberals increased their vote and the majority was reduced. (Applause). The Tories could not possibly get any consolation out of that. In regard to the Bethnal Green election, the inconvenience that would be caused to Mr Masterman, who had rendered great service in connection with the Insurance Act, and who was the most brilliant of all the younger men in the House of Commons, but let them consider the result in relation to Home Rule. The Liberal and Socialist vote—both candidates were in favour of Home Rule and Welsh disestablishment—must be added, and there was a substantial majority for both these Bills. (Applause). The more valuable of the by-elections were those ... regaining that position. Tories were asking for a referendum, and under it there would be no plural vote. Subject to placing their Bills on the Statute Book and the abolition of plural voting, the sooner the Government gave them an election the better. He wanted to say that they should be prepared for an election. They were hoping in the ordinary course of things that the Government would stay in power until a year next June, and carry through the Plural Voting Bill, but events might so shape themselves that they might have to ... election as an earlier date. They must, therefore, be prepared for it when it came, and secure a victory in the Barkston Ash Division. (Applause).

During the evening the following musical programme was gone through. Songs were given by Miss Glover (Collingham), Mrs J. Tattersall (Crossgates), and Mr John Atkin (Crossgates), and they were received with thorough appreciation. Mr V. Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, caused great amusement with a clever ventriloquial sketch, and he was no less successful in a humorous recitation. Mr John Bennett sang in character. Mr J. H. Walker, A.R.C.O., was an efficient accompanist.

In the course of the evening tea and coffee were served by the ladies.

Mr Batty (President of the Crossgates League of Young Liberals) proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Billson, the artistes, and the ladies who had charge of the refreshment department.

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe seconded, and it was cordially passed.

A similar compliment was paid to Mrs Dewhirst and Mr Smithson, on the call of Mr Martin Harvey.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and cheers for Mr and Mrs Foster.

DON'T SEW AT NIGHT.

Except for the business girl who will not recognise them, or who has plenty of dress money, there are always some little pieces of needlework that she thinks must be done during the leisure hours of the week. But for the sake of wearing something special or having more clothes than are absolutely necessary for her, business girls should always be urged against sitting up late at night after a hard day's work to make, alter, or finish some dress or hat. Though the worker may think so, this is not a saving, since it reduces her health and strength, and lowering her ability to do her work well during the day which is her ability to earn. No one should burn the candle at both ends.

TO MAKE STOCKINGS WEAR LONGER.

Before new stockings or socks are worn darn heels and toes one way with soft, yarn or silk to match. This will prevent them from wearing out too quickly and save a good deal of trouble. The knees of children's stockings should always be treated in this way.

WHEN WORKING ON HEAVY CLOTH.

Before working on heavy serge or cloth run the thread once through a cake of soap, unless a piece of the entire piece is near. This will enable you to work buttonholes much more easily, and the thread will not ruck up and tangle. Remember to thread the needle with the end that has been nearest to you, not the end that is broken off from the reel. This makes a good deal of difference, as thread will often knot when this precaution is not taken.

THE CLEVER HOSTESS.

When the hostess has a supervision over the entire affair without showing that she is doing so, is generally means that harmony permeates every phase of the entire proceedings, and the guests are assured of a most delightful time. At a dinner party a garrulous man will be put beside a quiet little woman who is content to listen quietly nor talk in a dreamy way and without interest on the subject, and to keep up with the current events of the times, so as to be able to discuss them intelligently. With this there must be a flow of good spirits and the feeling of ease which comes from a knowledge of society. The best way to learn how to talk is to learn how to think. Even small talk cannot be a success without much thought.

BOOTS AND SHOES

which will not polish easily should be rubbed with raw potato before applying the polish. They will then shine beautifully.

A room that is warm, with a fire at one end and a blocked chimney at the other end, will become cold and draughty as soon as you light a fire at the other end, and most probably one chimney will smoke when both fires are lighted, although neither chimney smokes when the fire is only lighted in that grate which it serves.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Will the proposed electric lighting scheme for Beeston Spa come off?

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Garforth and Rothwell must be preparing for the Urban Council elections.

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Of the course of cricketist between at Garforth only one more remains to be given.

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Templenewsam has had another fire. How did the fire brigade acquit themselves?

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Another record! The late Mr Richard Brown spent 50 years on the Grimston Park estate.

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The residents of Whinmoor should be happy now. They have been given a letter-box all to themselves.

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A family in the district have gone into a house which has been unoccupied for two years. They are all ill.

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In connection with the lecture at Garforth, it may be stated that flint arrow heads have been discovered at Adel.

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Nothing has been heard of the housing question at Tadcaster for some time. Are houses to be built by private enterprise?

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Tedious! A lady at a Rothwell bazaar said she had heard people talk for over an hour at an opening, and it was very tedious.

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Monk Fryston has already begun work for its agricultural show. It has a handsome balance of £43 to begin the year with.

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East Keswick was at one time a stronghold of Wesleyan Methodism, and at one period a good many Quakers resided in the parish.

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Aberford School having been extended, the school at Bramham is now to be enlarged. When is Barwick School to be made larger?

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With their "smokers" and meetings, the Swillington and Great Preston Conservatives are among the most active of all local politicians.

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Well done! South Milford had the highest attendance of all the schools in Garforth division last month. Sherburn must look to its laurels.

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In view of the figures recently got out, will the Corporation erect workmen's dwellings at Seacroft and Shadwell. Better build them "in the country.

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The Rev. E. C Illingworth, the curate at Selby Abbey for the past two years, has received a curacy at Malton, and removes on his new duties in May.

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Has Barwick obtained its new parish pump? That does not look like wanting water from Leeds. Will the old pump be preserved as a relic of bye-gone days?

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Will Barwick farmers determine on the destruction of rooks? It is suggested that a concerted "shoot" should be held. Why not call in the services of Halton Gun Club?

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The woman who told Garforth educationists she would send her child regularly to school because "she had not money to pay for a sanatorium" was an unconscious humorist.

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Miss Ford, of Adel, says that women used to "be educated merely to be agreeable and pleasant to the sex." Now some of them want the vote and won't be happy until they get it.'

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Adel Church, according to announcements, had the largest collection outside the city for Leeds medical charities. It was £13 7s. 2d., but it shows a decrease on last year of no less than £6 3s. 3d.

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It was stated at a meeting in Barkston Ash that the women who want the vote have not the support of their sex. Will the suffragettes now take a postcard vote of the local women? It would be interesting.

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In front of a house straw had been laid on the road, and a little girl, inquiring the reason, was told a baby had come to the occupier of the house. "My, it must have been well packed," she declared, after contemplating the straw.

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The Chairman of the Skyrack magistrates told a Rothwell bench that the receipts by Mr Theaker's ... had been sufficient to put a stop to men following his "profession." It has its attractions, and so long as men are foolish enough to back "greyhounds" the "bookie" will flourish.

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The Marguerite House for invalid children at Thorparch was presented a few years ago by Mr and Mrs A. L. Hepper, of Leeds, as a thanksoffering for the recovery of their daughter, from a severe illness. Many will regret to learn of Mrs Hepton's death at Harrogate.

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When the Roundhay golfers had their annual dinner the other night ladies were present, and Mrs W. H. Jones pleaded for the presence of ladies sometimes as members at the annual dinners and other functions of the club. The lady members of the club had proved that they could play golf in the true sporting spirit, and a dinner without the ladies was a shade worse than when they were present.

The Rev. John Napper Worsnop, rector of Hoddlesy, left £4,826.

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Al rford is now lighted from Garforth but the lighting could easily be improved.

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Silent no more! Rothwell Church bells, for it he known, are making music again.

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Congratulations! Crossgates church folks did splendidly with their sale of work.

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Wonderful! At a dance held recently in Halton district there were more gentlemen than ladies!

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Sherburn magistrates had comparatively little to do at last Court. Only one case came before them.

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When are the Kippax "fishers" to call a parish meeting anent the acquisition of a recreation ground?

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Why are the collections for Leeds Infirmary at many of the local churches reduced? It is not a good sign.

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Tadcaster is up-to-date. It has a Literary society, choral society, institute, golf, cricket, and football clubs.

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At a meeting at Whitkirk Mr R. H. Foster praised the value of debating societies. Yet there are very few in the district.

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The long-looked-for improvement at Sherburn Cross has a chance of being carried out. All depends on getting a bit of land.

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The Lune Fox, M.P., told the Harewood Conservatives the other day that "the chances of an early election are undoubtedly great."

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Over the dinner plates! Mr A. E. Brotherton, of Roundhay, Lord Mayor of Leeds, has been appointed president of Leeds Luncheon Club.

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In a late at East Keswick a scarce species of willow is to be seen, and it is said to have grown from a slip from the tree of Napoleon's tomb at St. Helena.

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Mr E. H. Foster, the Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash, is now urging his supporters to be ready for an election. Will it come before June next year?

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Tadcaster East Council are persistent. Twice they have asked the District Council to pave a crossing and twice have the latter refused. What will they do now?

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Building in the Tadcaster rural area is not brisk. A dozen houses in South Milford are "to be put up, yet in most of the villages there is a demand for good cottages.

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It has been suggested that a public library should be started in Garforth. What say the residents? The only place in the district with a library rate is Bolton Percy.

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On Saturday afternoon Mr Lune Fox, M.P., opened a bazaar at Garforth, and in the evening he addressed a Conservative meeting at Great Preston. No idle days for the M.P. now.

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The police force has its attractions! After 26 years' service the inspector at Sherburn has retired with a substantial pension. How many artisans could retire after that period of work?

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No man need apply! At Selby Guardians' meeting on Monday Miss M. Cattley, of Multon, was appointed registrar of births and deaths for the Riccall Sub-District in the place of her sister, deceased.

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At Brandsby, Shadwell, there is a spill—Holy well Lane is said to take its name from it—and, says a writer, the people of the district look on the holy well with great reverence and pay tribute to its virtues.

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Mr Ben Brisham, who was honoured by Garforth Oddfellows the other night, probably holds a record for Yorkshire. He has been foreman of the jury at nearly every inquest held in Garforth for over thirty years.

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Why not provide a recreation ground? Sherburn magistrates fined three pit lads for playing football in the street. The Crossgates boys, who have no recreation field, have taken to playing football in the streets.

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Now that there is Sunday golf at Roundhay, Crossgates, and Wetherby, and angling at Roundhay, will there be Sunday cricket in Barkston Ash this summer? Then will follow football, bowling, pigeon flying, etc. We're getting on and no mistake.

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In Rothwell district During the year 1913 the Attendance Shield was won as follows:—January, Carlton Mixed; February, Rothwell Wood Lane Infants; March, Carlton Mixed; April, Robin Hood Mixed; May, Robin Hood Mixed; June, Carlton Mixed; July, Carlton Mixed; August, Robin Hood mixed; September, Carlton Infants; October, Middleton Mixed; November, Middleton Mixed; December, Robin Hood Mixed.

STOURTON

A FATAL DRAUGHT.—A verdict to the effect that deceased died from "shock, following an accidental fall into the bath-room," and also from Eminent poisoning by misadventure," was returned at the inquest at Leeds on Monday on Squire Tallase (63), steel works labourer, of 32, Pepper Place, Hunslet. It ceased fell against the fireplace at his home and hurt his ribs. Later he was attended by Dr. Rosenberg, who supplied him with some ointment with which to rub his back. He afterwards started to had taken the ointment as medicine. He died shortly after.

EVERY WOMAN
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Mr. PAUL BLANCHARD,

GILCHRIST LECTURE AT GARFORTH

PROFESSOR SOLLAS AND ANCIENT MAN.

MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P., AND AN INSTITUTE FOR GARFORTH.

On Friday evening at the Garforth Council School the fourth of the Gilchrist Educational Trust lectures was delivered by Professor W. J. Sollas, LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., who is professor of geology and palæontology in Oxford University, his subject being "Ancient Hunters." Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.A., presided, and there was a large attendance.

The chairman said that it was very gratifying to see such a magnificent audience. It showed that in Garforth there was a strong desire for well-timed recreation, such as was afforded by the Gilchrist Trust Lectures. He was bound to say that each evening that while there were lectures there was a singular absence of facts given for us along it in the ordinary course. In Garforth there was no public library, no institute such as could stand in large villages, and no opportunities for lectures. The large gathering provided showed that the people would willingly attend high-class lectures, and that would welcome more facilities in this country. He hoped that one of the effects of the Gilchrist lectures would be the awakening in Garforth and district of a desire for such facilities for intellectual recreation. They had living amongst them public-spirited men who would be only too glad to give what assistance they could in that direction, he thought.

Professor Sollas said that the present age had been well-called the age of coal, which was used for energy, lighting, and heat. When they went back to the time of Elizabeth they left the coal age behind, because coal was only burned here and there on the doorsteps of hearths. Going back other 2000 years they came to the beginning of the English nation, and in another thousand years they reached the most important event in the history of the world—the birth of Christ. Three thousand years ago the Roman Empire was left behind, and they had the great kingdoms of Egypt and Babylonia, and going back 3000 years they came to Stone Age men. Then they had the shepherd and the farmer. Seven thousand years ago there were no farmers and shepherds, and man had to depend on the fruits of the earth—roots and berries and wild fruit and on the flesh of an occasional animal which had fallen to him in the chase. From that time backwards man was a hunter and nothing else. At one time Northern Europe was under snow and ice, and it was when the temperature became warmer that man made his appearance in this country. H- described a number of these ancient men, and said the jaw was that of an ape. What distinguished man from all other animals was his intelligence, and he soon furnished himself with a spear and flint, and his fighting jaw and fighting teeth were no longer necessary. Gradually the ape jaw disappeared, and the human countenance as it was now known came into existence. He described how each period had its own animals, and stated that with the invention of the spear man also found how to kindle a fire by means of flint. A race of men called Mousterian came into Europe, and as it became colder again they took refuge in caves, and he stated that in a cave in Wales discoveries of flint implements, charcoal, bones of animals, etc., had been made. In some of the caves in Germany the bones of man himself had been found, showing that in times of distress those people had been obliged to eat each other. In the graves of ancient men the bones of animals were seen, and it was evidence that animals had been buried along with them to provide them with food on their journey to the spiritual world. That might be taken to show that a belief then existed that the soul was not buried with the body. Another race of hunters came, and they invented the bow and arrow—an important event in the history of mankind, because they could kill animals more easily, and they were thus given a great deal more leisure. Along with this invention, they had the birth of the fine arts, and the arrow heads with their ornamentations were evidence of this. Paintings and drawings by ancient hunters in caves and on the sides of weapons were exhibited, and some of the drawings were very fine. How did these come about? Man, he said, had a desire to express himself, and the simplest way was by painting and sculpture. In caves in all parts of the world they found paintings of a red hand, and it was suggested that this had a common origin, and that the customs were taken from the old world into the new. Another strange custom was the mutilation of fingers, as shown by paintings, and it was practised by Bushmen and in India, etc. The Bushmen, who were supposed at one time to have lived in Europe, painted in caves like the ancient hunters, and he exhibited drawings of residents and sledges made in the old days, and thus he said the first carriage was invented. In conclusion, he stated that probably one party of those ancient folks went through Asia and they were now represented by the natives of Australia; another stream went through Africa, and these were the Bushmen, and a third stream went through North America, and these were the Esquimaux.

Councillor J. W. Dobson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, referred to the discovery of skeletons at East Garforth and Garforth Cliff, and said they should have had some learned men to examine the graves and give them information about them. H- stated that an institute was established in Garforth about 40 years ago, and it did a great work. Interest, however, died out, and now the premises were used for another purpose. Afterwards another institute was formed, and they had a series of Gilchrist lectures, but interest in the movement again fizzled out.

Mr Denby, who seconded, said that the lecture had been of the greatest interest. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Foster, who was an old friend of his. He did not know how he managed to find time to do so much public work. He was a County Councillor and a magistrate, and he attended many meetings in connection with other bodies, yet he found time to come and preside over that gathering.

The resolution was passed, and Professor Sollas expressed his gratitude to the audience for the keen and appreciative manner in which they had followed his remarks.

ROUNDHAY

THE LATE MR A. L. BURROW.—The funeral of the late Mr Alfred Lindley Burrow, of Lyngarth, Roundhay, head of the firm of Messrs Davis, Burrow and Sons, Whitehouse Street, Hunslet, took place at Lawnswood Cemetery on Thursday. The burial was in a newly made vault near the cemetery chapels. The service was conducted by the Rev. Ernest Jenkins, of the Roundhay Congregational Church. The family mourners comprised Mr. Davis Burrow, Miss Mary Burrow, Miss Janet Burrow, Mr and Mrs H. G. Taylor, Mr Harry Taylor (Southport), Mrs Davis Burrow, Mr C. E. Burrow, and Mr and Mrs Morrish.

A GARFORTH MAN'S DEATH.

SEQUEL TO A MICKLEFIELD ACCIDENT.

CORONER AND A DISTRICT NURSE FOR GARFORTH.

On Tuesday morning at the Conservative Club, Garforth, an inquest was held by Mr P. P. Maitland (Coroner) on the body of Robert Henry Nevins (54), colliery bye-workman, residing at Coupland Road, Garforth, who died on Sunday. He met with an accident at Micklefield Colliery about six weeks ago and had not worked since. Mr B. Braham was foreman of the jury. Mr Lancaster represented the Micklefield Coal Co.

Thomas William Shooter, Coupland Road, Garforth, said the deceased was his uncle, and prior to the accident he was a healthy man. About six weeks ago Nevins met with an accident at Peckfield Colliery, and he saw him when he was removed in an ambulance to his own home. Deceased was in a helpless condition, and when he asked him how the accident occurred he said that a "Parrish" had run out. He complained of pain across his body and at his ankles. He afterwards went into lodgings and was nursed by a widow. He was in bed about six weeks, then he got up, and walked about by the aid of a stick. He then became ill and he was in bed about a month. He saw him the day before he died, and he was then unconscious.

Mr Shooter: Did he say he had been well looked after?

Witness: Yes, he said he had been looked after all right.

Benjamin William Evans, West View, Micklefield, who is a bye-workmen at Peckfield Colliery, said that the accident occurred at 8.30 on the morning of January 6th, which he and deceased were getting some down ready for filling.

The Coroner: There had been a fall and you were clearing it away?—Yes, sir.

What happened?—The stretcher came out and some stone came down.

Had the stretcher been put up after the "fall?"—Yes.

When did the fall take place?—A long time since.

You were opening out an old road?—Yes.

How long had the roof been supported by this stretcher?—It was there before the previous afternoon.

What struck deceased?—The stretcher, wood covering, and some roof. He was knocked down, but he got up again, and came down himself.

When he came down where did he complain he was hur.?—He complained that he was hurt all over.

Was he bleeding anywhere?—No, sir.

He came down after the fall?—Yes, and then he fainted, and I sent for help.

When he came out of the fainting condition was he able to walk?—No, he was taken out on a stretcher.

You did not see any signs of danger before the accident?—No.

Dr. Sykes, I examined the stretcher and found it all right.

Dr. Sykes, of Garforth, stated he was called to deceased on January 6th, and he was then in bed. He complained that he was hurt by a fall of roof, and he complained of injury to his shoulders, abdomen, right knee, and left ankle. There were bruises on the shoulders, arms, and abdomen, but no fracture nor internal hæmorrhage. He remained in bed for a week, and then he was able to go out, although lame in consequence of the injury to the ankle. He was last attended to him he found examine him. He then informed him he found that deceased was suffering from septic pneumonia. Afterwards he complained of his left ankle, and it was swollen and inflamed, and he operated on it. There was pus present, an abscess. Later the left leg became very much swollen. The pneumonia was clearing, but he gradually became exhausted, and died from exhaustion.

The Coroner: Is there a district nurse here?

Dr. Sykes: No, but there ought to be one.

Witness stated that he made a post-mortem examination of the body, and he stated that death was due to exhaustion from septic pneumonia set up by the injuries to the shoulders and ankles.

In consequence of some remarks by the foreman, the Coroner said that in an important place like Garforth, and it was a nice place, too, they ought to have a district nurse. He asked if the man was properly nursed.

Dr. Sykes said he was nursed as well as could be under the circumstances. He did not complain of any neglect.

In regard to a district nurse, Dr. Sykes said that one would have been useful over and over again.

The Coroner: Places of less importance I go to have district nurses.

Edward Lloyd, of Micklefield, a deputy at the Peckfield Colliery, said that he examined the place on the morning on January 6th, and he considered it safe.

The Coroner asked how he accounted for the accident.

Witness: It must have been a sudden bump.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death" in accordance with the medical and other evidence.

A ROTHWELL YOUNG WOMAN'S SAD END

THE INQUEST.

An inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Eliza Tiffany (21), a young Rothwell woman, was conducted by Mr J. C. Malcolm (the Leeds City Coroner) at the Leeds Town Hall on Monday afternoon.

The deceased lived with her parents at 15, Cross Street, Rothwell, and about a month ago she was removed from her home to the Leeds Infirmary suffering from severe burns. Death took place in the institution on Friday.

The father of the deceased identified the body, and told the Coroner that the accident occurred shortly after mid-day on Friday, January 23rd. She had gone into the kitchen to see to the fire when her clothing was ignited. Witness said he saw his daughter in the Infirmary on the night of the accident, and she had told him that she had tried to put the flames out herself before calling her mother, who had only got up that day from an illness, as she (deceased) was afraid that it might give her mother a shock. However, the young woman failed to extinguish the flames, and her screams brought the neighbours. He could not say anything as to the deceased's clothing, but he believed that her apron caught fire.

Maud Abbishaw, wife of Thomas Abbishaw, 17, Cross Street, Rothwell, said she was in her house, which is next to the deceased's home, when she heard someone scream. She went to the door and saw smoke issuing from Mrs Tiffany's house. On running in she saw the deceased with her clothing in flames, and she cried out for help. Other neighbours came, and together they extinguished the flames.

The evidence of Dr. Flint, of the Leeds Infirmary, showed that the girl had been badly burnt about the face, neck, arms and chest. Death was due to septic pneumonia following on the injury to the face.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

CORRESPONDENCE.

LIEUT. BOUGHEY, R.N., AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

(To the Editor).

SIR,—I have read with interest the correspondence between Lieut. Boughey and Mr Alderman Harvey. The latter gives us a useful object-lesson on the way in which a hide-bound and not over scrupulous partisan can conduct a political controversy. He has been calling on his opponent in a most dictatorial manner to produce evidence in support of his statements. Lieut. Boughey has given him a long list of facts and instances in reply. How does Mr Harvey deal with them? Take the Sligo boycotting resolution. He says:—

"With a knowledge of the local circumstances I am not altogether surpris d that such a resolution should be passed."

Take the Kingston case, which Lieut. Boughey mentioned (Mr Kingston, by the way, is a personal friend of my own). Of this case the "Star" said:—

"Mr Redmond has a superb opportunity of showing that he and the Irish Nationalist Party are able not only to talk fair play to Protestants, but also to enforce it. The case of Mr Kingston ought to be a godsend to Home Rule and Home Rulers. It is a magnificent test case. Hitherto we have had to write about it, for we are waiting to hear the other side of the case. Today in the "Daily News," the Rev. J. O. Hannay makes it plain that there is no other side.

"There is another farmer in the parish who holds land from which a former tenant was evicted. His name is Regan. But Regan is not boycotted. Why? Because he is a Roman Catholic. That is to say, Kingston would probably not be boycotted if he were a Roman Catholic and has a "pull" in the League. . . .

What does Mr Harvey say to this case? His comment on this vile boycott is:—"Had I been a resident in the district I rather feel I should have joined in the boycott." Truly a pleasant sort of person! No wonder Lieut. Boughey declines to continue the correspondence! He is more Radical than the "Star," more Hibernian than the Ancient Order. For the sake of the Unionists of the Barkston Ash Division I trust he is not likely to introduce Nationalist methods into their midst. For his own sake if he does, I hope he will draw the line at the more violent methods of his Irish allies.—Yours, etc.,

H. S. NEALE.

33, Thornhill Square, London, N.,
February 23rd, 1914.

BRAMHAM AND CLIFFORD NURSING ASSOCIATION

ENTERTAINMENTS AT BRAMHAM.

Entertainments in aid of the Bramham and Clifford Nursing Association, and a fund for the enlargement of the Bramham Church School were given in the Parish Room at Bramham on Thursday afternoon and evening, the artistes being Charles Major and Mrs Swetenham, the Earl of St. Germans, Lord Rodney, Captain Malise Graham, Mr W. Riley-Smith, Miss Locke Elliot, Mrs Edward Lane Fox, the Misses Lane Fox and the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox), Miss Elizabeth Sutton, Miss Wood, Mr E. Compton, the Hon. Mrs Sutton, Mr Rice, and the members of the Beamham Choral Society.

The audience in the afternoon included Mr and Mrs G. R. Lane Fox, Mrs J. R. Lane Fox, Miss Lane Fox, Miss Marcia Lane Fox, Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, Lady Rosamond Foljambe, Sir Francis and Lady Bridgeman, Lady Evelyn Wickham, Lady Graham, Mrs Titus Salt, Mrs Hobler, the Misses Nussey, Lady Hawke, the Hon. Miss Hawke, Commander Hawke, Lady Dorothy Wood, Miss Gunter, Lady Beaumont, Mrs and the Misses Fielden, Mrs Andrew-Jones Mr and Mrs W. Riley-Smith, Colonel Nicholls, Colonel and Mrs Walfereaten, Miss Law, Miss Spence, Miss Mildmay, the Rev. J. P. Whitworth, Mr J. M. and Mrs Dawson, Mrs E. O. Simpson, Mr J. L. Ingham, Mrs Foster, Mr D. B. Wilson, Misses Bethell, Mrs J. T. Lee, Mr R. J. Foster, Mrs Meyrick, the Rev. E. G. and Mrs Wadeson, Mr and Mrs Markendale, Miss Durrant, Mr J. F. Hall-Worth, Mr W. T. Lipscombe, Mrs and Miss Booth, and others.

Among the audience were Lord Leven, Mr Cornwallis, and other officers of the Scots Greys, Sir John and Lady Cecil Lawson and party, Captain Holland, Mr and Mrs Wailes-Fabisch, Mr and Mrs Talbot Rice, Mrs E. A. Lycett-Green and party, Mrs Farrias, Mrs Lane Fox, Colonel and Mrs Lumley, Misses Armytage, Misses Crostwaite, Mrs Benell, Miss Jean Palmes, Mrs and Miss Argles, Mrs Digby Lawson, Sir Arthur and Mrs Watson and Miss Mana Watson, Mrs Fielding, Mrs and Miss Preston, Mrs Midgly, Mr and Mrs Crawley, Miss E. Milner, and others.

PRESENTATION TO MR B. BRAHAM, GARFORTH

ODDFELLOWS HONOUR AN ESTEEMED MEMBER.

On Saturday night the members of the Providential Lodge of Oddfellows at Garforth did honour to Mr Ben Braham, one of the best-known residents of the district. Mr Braham has been an active worker in connection with the Lodge for many years, and it was most appropriate that a number of public work, being at the present time one of the overseers of the parish, and a member of the Tadcaster Board of Guardians. The presentation took the form of a marble timepiece, as a slight recognition of Bro. Braham's long and faithful services as treasurer of the Lodge.

Bro. J. W. Westerman, who made the presentation, said he thanked the members of the Lodge for giving him the pleasure of presenting Bro. Braham with the clock, as he had been connected with him for a period of over 50 years in friendly society work. He remembered the time when the Lodge funds were at a very low ebb. A fever broke out in the village and robbed them of a number of their members and depleted the funds considerably. They, however, set to work and enrolled a lot of new members, and the Lodge prospered, the funds increasing from £400 to close on £1,400. He believed the Lodge was one of the best in Garforth, and he urged young members to attend the Lodge meetings, and take an interest in the work, and try and induce others to join. They should take Bro. Braham as an example, for he had been over 30 years in office and had only been absent on one occasion during that time. He hoped that Bro. Braham would be spared a good many years and be able to listen to the clock's tick, and when he looked on it, it would remind him of his fellow members, and the pleasant times he had spent amongst them.

Bro. Braham, in responding, said he thanked all members of the Lodge for the kindness that had been shown towards him during his long term of office. Especially did he thank the officers of the Lodge, who had always been on good terms with him and willing to do anything required of them in connection with their duties. When he joined the Lodge it was a branch of the Leeds United Order of Oddfellows, and he was appointed to one of the minor offices of the Grand Lodge and was afterwards elected to the high position of Grand Master of the Order, being presented with a beautiful gold medal. He was, he said, pleased to see the friendly spirit which existed among the members towards him on his retirement, and he again thanked them for the beautiful present. Three cheers were given for Bro. Braham.

The members of the Garforth Glee Party contributed very much to the evening's enjoyment by singing a selection of glees, etc. Messrs Goddard, Wallis, and H. C. Braham sang songs, which were well received, and Mr Arthur Burnley very ably presided at the piano.

A vote of thanks was accorded the members of the Glee Party and their friends for kindly coming forward and contributing so much towards the evening's enjoyment.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening's proceedings to a close.

A WELL-KNOWN KIRKBY WHARFE MAN.

SIXTY YEARS ON GRIMSTON PARK ESTATE.

On Saturday afternoon the funeral took place of the late Mr Richard Brown, a well-known and highly esteemed representative of agricultural work on the Grimston Park estate. Mr Brown was probably the oldest remaining link on the Home Farm at Grimston, with the time of the first Lord Londesborough as owner of the Grimston estate. So far back as the year 1857 he began his work as farm labourer, and in a very short time became foreman on the Home Farm, a position he retained with marked success under various changes, until his retirement from active work a few years ago.

He was a man of strong religious character, and while a regular attendant at the Church of England, he was a lover of the Methodist form of worship. He was also a staunch Liberal in politics, and was ever ready with a kindly sympathy to help forward the workers, young and old, under his charge. He died at the age of 84 years, having spent the whole of his life on the Grimston estate, and leaving behind a family of five daughters and two sons—all in comfortable circumstances. His wife died some years ago.

A GARFORTH MAN AND A PONY.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Stanley Wall (15), no trade boy, of Garforth, was summoned for cruelty to a mare, and his father, George Wall, gamekeeper, of Garforth, was summoned for causing the cruelty. Mr Percy Hodgson of Cruelty to Animals, prosecuted.

Evidence was given by P.C. Bevers, who said that about 7.30 p.m. on Friday, February 13th, he was in Main Street, Garforth, when he saw the younger defendant in charge of a five-year-old pony, the property of the elder defendant. He noticed that the animal cringed, as if to stop it. On moving the saddle he noticed an old sore which was suppurating. He asked him how long he had had the animal out, and he replied that it had been to Micklefield. The officer told him to take it home, and ten minutes later when with Inspector Ramsey, he saw the youth coming from the stable. The animal was again examined, and the wound was discharging blood and matter. The saddle was covered with the matter.

Mr Claud Kemp, who defended: Did you get to know how long the pony had been out?

Witness: He said it had been to Micklefield.

Inspector Ramsay gave corroborative evidence.

Inspector Stanbridge stated that on Monday, February 16th, he examined the pony and found an open sore about two inches long by one and a half across. The elder defendant said he had put some ointment upon it.

In reply to Mr Claud Kemp, witness said the sore must have been, seen when the saddle was put on by the son. It would have been gross cruelty to have had a sack under the saddle.

Mr Kemp said that so far as the boy was concerned he was ignorant that the animal was in an unfit state. If there was a guilty party it was an elder brother who had been with the pony to Micklefield, and on his return had asked the younger defendant to take the pony to the stable as he was tired. The wound in question had been caused by an accident and not by any cruelty.

The elder defendant was called, and stated that the pony met with an accident about a month ago, and in consequence of the injury he told his elder son, William Henry, that the pony must be fastened up and not allowed out. On the following day the officer examined it, a scab had formed, and he had given orders that when taken out a sack should be put under the saddle. On the day in question the pony had been to Micklefield with the lower part and a half hundredweight of greengroceries.

Mr Wharam, veterinary surgeon, said that the wound had now healed up according to his instructions. He did not, he said, consider the wound a very serious one.

At this stage the Bench decided to dismiss the case against the younger defendant.

Inspector Henry Ward stated that after the accident his father had given him instructions not to take the pony out unless a sack was placed beneath the saddle. On the day in question he had neglected to do this, and the scab had evidently been knocked off.

The Bench inflicted a fine of 5s. and costs.

MISSIONARY SALE OF WORK.—A sale of work on behalf of the Church Missionary Society and the Church Pastoral Aid Society was held on Thursday in the Standering Hall, Selby. The effort was organised by the workers of St. James's Church. The display, though on a small scale, was a very pleasing one. The stalls were superintended by Mrs Goulden, Mrs Gener, Mrs Burdett, Miss Walker, Miss M. Jackson, Mrs Voase, Mrs Wright, Mrs Reed, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Kilburn, Mrs Lodge, etc. The sale was opened by the Vicar of St. James's, the Rev. A. Conway Goulden, who made a few appropriate remarks. The attendance included Mr J. E. Ruesbeck (churchwarden), Mr R. Lodge, Mr D. Young, and Mr Harold Jackson. Afternoon teas were served. In the evening an enjoyable entertainmnt was given by members of the St. James's Senior Girls' Club.

OLD-TIME WEDDING AT HALTON.

LADIES' NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

What was described as "Ye Old Village Wedding" attracted a large audience to the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Halton, on Monday evening, when an interesting entertainment was given by ladies of the congregation. Prior to the arrival of the marriage party there was a pretty scene, children playing games, but the appearance of "gossips" put an end to the fun.

The wedding party marched in procession down the hall, and at one of the vestries a hymn was sung, and then they formed in procession again and paraded the hall to the platform, where the festivities were held. All the ladies were attired in keeping with the characters they represented, and they were as follows:—

Bride, Mrs J. A. Popplewell; bridegroom, Mrs Booth; bridesmaids, Misses Batty, Bennett, A. Taylor and Heathcote; best man, Miss Culverley; Russon, and G. Taylor; best man, Mrs Wright; bridesmaid, Miss Bell; bride's mother, Mrs A. E. Crostwaite; bride's grandma, Mrs Gaunt; bride's sister, Mrs C. A. Palmer; bridegroom's father, Mrs Holmes; bridegroom's mother, Mrs Holgate; bridegroom's grandma, Mrs Wm. Bell; sailor, Mrs W. Crosthwaite; minister, Mrs C. Bell; minister's lady, Mrs Scott; schoolmistress, Mrs Garner; pupil, Mrs H. Bell; professor, Mrs Butterskill; soldier, Mrs H. Bell; sailor boy, Miss Beaudley; country boy, Miss D. Crosthwaite; suffrag tte, Miss H. M. Fleming; policeman, Mrs J. Batty; maid, Miss Ibeson; gossips, Mesdames Holding, Kilburn, Robinson, Jewel, and Miss Townend; wedding guests, Mrs Carr, Mrs Hudson, Miss Barton; schoolgirls, M. Kilburn, M. Robinson, C. Bardekie, and O. Scarfe.

The entertainment was of a very pleasing and enjoyable character, and humour was lent to the proceedings by the antics of the suffragette, who had no receive the unwelcome attentions of the "policeman." The squire, admirably represented by Mrs W. G. Crosthwaite, was director of the festivities, and "he" gave the toast of "the bride and bridegroom" in excellent style. Of course, the bridegroom had to respond, and, in turn proposed "The bridesmaids," and the best "man" had the duty of replying for them. After the bride's father had made a speech there was music and recitations, and the programme was as follows:—Chorus, "The bells," wedding party; song, "Johnny Sands," bride's father; duet, "Noontide hurt," schoolmistress and pupil; recitation, "A day too late," Mrs Kelly; song with chorus, "Maggie," Molly (Mrs Hotham); duet, "A storm in a tea-cup," bride and bridegroom; song, "Sombre Woods," pupil; round, "Three blind mice," wedding party; glee, "Some folks," wedding party; song, "Annie Laurie," schoolmistress; duet, "You shan't play in our yard," schoolgirls; recitation, "Weshin' blankets," Molly; song, "Booher the men," Susan (Miss Ibeson); trio, "Three old maids of Lee," bridesmaids; song and chorus, "Old folks at home," groomsman; song, "Tommy Atkins," soldier; chorus, "Auld lang syne," wedding party. Several of the items were encored, and altogether the party was a very merry one. The proceeds were for the chapel organ fund.

SOCIETY THEATRICALS AT COLTON

Theatrical performances arranged by Mrs F. Sweetnham, of Colton Lodge, near Tadcaster, were given on Friday afternoon and evening at Colton in aid of the District Nurse Fund. There were large attendances at the performances.

The audience in the afternoon included Mr and Mrs Sweetnham appeared in the comedy "Rats," and both acted delightfully. The Earl of St. Germans, assisted by the Hon. H. Talbot Rice and Mr E. Compton, of the Scots Greys, appeared in a very funny motoring sketch, the Earl as Mrs 'Opper creating roars of laughter. Miss Locke Elliott and Lord Rodney danced the Tango, and were warmly applauded.

The second part of the programme was opened by Mr E. Compton singing the song "Little Girl," from "The Sunshine Girl," his "chorus" assistants being Mrs E. Lane Fox, Miss Locke Elliott, and Mrs F. Sweetenham. The item was deservedly encored.

After excellently played violin solos by Miss Olivia Burrell, the entertainment was brought to a close by the performance of Nita Fayden's one-act play "The Great Love," in which Miss Locke Elliott, the Earl of St. Germans, Mrs Sweetenham, and the Hon. H. Talbot Rice displayed their high histrionic abilities to great advantage. Major Sweetenham's stage management throughout the entertainment was most praiseworthy. At the interval Captain Graham gave some Border Ballads with fine effect.

THORPARCH DIVORCE CASE.

A WIFE'S PETITION

In the Divorce Court on Monday, before Mr Justice Bargrave Deane, Mrs. Gladys Nelly Cooper, of Thorparch, Boston Spa, was granted a decree nisi on her petition for the dissolution of her marriage with Captain Percy Cooper, on the ground of his desertion and misconduct with a young woman named Miss Florrie Brown.

Mrs Cooper, on the witness-box, stated that she was married at St. Mary's Church, Boston Spa, on the 4th of March, 1905. Her husband had treated her very cruelly. He came home drunk frequently late at night, and struck her. On one occasion he threw a bottle of beer over her. Owing to his conduct she once ran away from him and went to her parents' home.

Mr Charles White, of Tarn Road, Fulham, stated that the respondent stayed at his house with a young woman, not the petitioner. Afterwards he found out that his wife's name was Florrie Brown. A child was born to the couple.

Mr John W. Hargrave, a solicitor's assistant, of Bruce Street, Leeds, said when he served the petition upon Cooper he admitted that he "had not done right," and that he "was a bit wild" and "had to pay dearly for it." He said he had no defence.

His Lordship granted a decree nisi as stated, with costs.

ROTHWELL WORKING MAN'S CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Rothwell Working Men's Club, Oulton Lane, was held in the large room of the club on Friday night—the Rev. H. E. Wilcocke (vicar) presiding. There was a good attendance of members.

The secretary (Mr Cyril Batty) presented the annual report and balance sheet, which showed that the total receipts for the year amounted to £58 13s. 7d., and the expenditure £62 2s. 1d.—an excess over the income of £3 8s. 6d. Billiard takings showed an increase of £3 3s. 6d. over last year. The subscriptions showed an increase of £2 7s. 10d., and, thanks to the generosity of members and friends in giving refreshments and prizes, the sum of £3 3s. 3d. was realised over the result of a whist drive and dance in the Church Schools on November 1st. The items of expenditure varied very little from last year's accounts with the exception of the heavy expenses which included the sum of £6 10s. for the recovering of the full-size billiard table. A sum of £4 10s. in shares in the billiard table was still outstanding. In addition to the ordinary expenses which occur the committee must soon consider the question of the recovering of the small billiard table, the repainted painting and decorating of the old part of the club, and the provision of new linoleum for the small billiard room. To meet this extra expense and to reduce the debt, the committee and committee would have to do all in their power towards the progress and welfare of the club. A very pleasing feature was that during the year more than thirty new members were enrolled, and there was at the end of the term a membership of about 85. During the year Mr and Mrs Cromack resigned their positions as caretakers of the club after 12 years' service, and Mr and Mrs T. W. Gibson were appointed to the vacancy. In the Oulton and District Billiard League seven matches were played out of the twelve games, only one of which had been won. Games with Hopetown Reading Room and Carlton Temperance Hall (away) and Rippax (home) were still to be played. The senior team had played three matches and lost four, and had yet to play Hopetown Reading Room and Carlton Temperance Hall (away), and Oulton Institute (home).

The report and balance sheet were adopted on the motion of the Rev. H. E. Wilcocke, seconded by Mr W. Wormald.

The following were elected on the committee:—Messrs L. Asquith, H. Bennett, G. Cripps, R. Fidler, F. Gibson, E. Goodall, G. A. Scholey, Sidney Stringer, and W. Wormald.

Votes of thanks were accorded the auditors (Messrs G. A. Scholey and W. Cousins), on the call of Messrs C. Batty and S. Wormald, and to the Chairman on the proposition of Mr W. Wormald and Mr A. Evans.

MEET AT HOPE HALL.

The Bramham Moor pack on Saturday met at Hope Hall. The night before had been wild and stormy, which perhaps accounted for a scarcity of foxes. Those found were entirely without enterprise, and provided little or no sport. Woodhouse Woods was the first draw, and a fox found there broke covert on the north side, but almost at once doubled back and was lost to view. The following coverts were in succession drawn blank:—Lindrick Hills, Stubbin Moor, Barker's Plantation, and Star Wood. A fox from Belcher's Quarry, which lies midway between Compton and Collingham, cross d the Leeds and Wetherby Road, and gaining the river bank got to ground opposite Linton. The Wetherby Harge covverts were now drawn blank. Hounds put in an hour and a half's woodland hunting in Black Fen, and stuck well to their fox while he dodged about in this almost impenetrable covert, and finally he was marked to ground.

LORD MORLEY AND FEDERALISM.

Lord Morley, presiding on Tuesday night at a Rhodes Lecture on federal government at the University of London, said that political theorising was often as dull as ditch water. Every crisis had its own conjuring word. "Federalism" was now the word, and it was causing a great deal of current political controversy to become a jungle of confusion. Ready made terms led to implications, implications to inferences, inferences to dogmas, and finally to abstract logic as likely to be as impossible and irrelevant as algebra or euclid, and it had to be shown how the system of federation could be adjusted to a system in which the supremacy of Parliament was the cornerstone. The question to be decided was whether machinery could be devised for the purpose of common action between Britain with her dominions in a federal union, or whether inconvenience and embarrassments unsuspected in the hour of ideal enthusiasm, would not in time turn formal into practical union into disunion. It would be a fatal gap if, in the educational curriculum, politics were the only field in the whole expanse of thought and knowledge and intellectual contact which did not talk of moral conscience. That was either neglected or left out.

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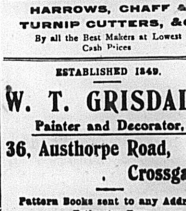
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Many people complain bitterly about the increased cost of the maintenance of highways and charge administrators with extravagance, but if they would consider the changes that have taken place in locomotion during the last decade they would undoubtedly be more tolerant in their judgment. At the present time over 400,000 motors are in use in the British Isles, nearly half of them being motor cycles, and the passage of so many of these machines over the roads must make an enormous difference in tear and wear. Of course, for the heavy cost of the highways there is a compensating advantage. A vast industry has been built up, and it is growing rapidly; in fact, 1,700 new motor vehicles come into use every week. As usual, the British manufacturer was slow in waking up to the possibilities of the trade, and the foreigner had a fine market all to himself, but eventually the British manufacturer had his eyes opened, and now the home maker is meeting foreign competition successfully in many directions, and so far as motor-cycles are concerned he can beat all comers. On the balance of imports and exports this country is over half-a-million to the good. The worth of the cars and cycles at present running in this country is £55,000,000. Last year nearly 20 millions were spent on the purchase of new motors. "Spares" and accessories cost well on to six millions; the annual tyre bill is put at 14½ millions, and the cost of fuel and lubricating oil is put at nearly 8½ millions per annum. Repairs, renewals, and "overhauls" absorb over six millions, and registration fees, licences, and insurance amount to something like three millions. Another important item is the rent of garage accommodation, which is estimated to amount yearly to 2½ millions. There are said to be about 150,000 motor-car drivers in the country, and their wages, along with the wages of other labour employed about a car are put at a little over 13½ millions. Even yet the bill is not complete, for allowance has to be made for subsidiary expenditure on motoring clothes and for travelling expenses which amount to at least several millions. A writer comes to the conclusion that taking all of the heads of the expenditure of owners of motor-cars, the benefit, directly and indirectly, to British labour aggregates £37,550,000 a year, which means that something like one million of the population are supported by the industry of motoring. Taking everything into account, it is calculated that at the present rate of increase, the gross expenditure upon all branches of motoring will, before the present year is out, reach the enormous figure of £100,000,000. Many of the motor vehicles are used for business, but it may be assumed that the great majority are for pleasure purposes, and this is another evidence of the prosperity that exists in the country.

Is the emigration of children to Canada desirable? The Hunslet Guardians had an interesting discussion on this question at their last meeting, and the concensus of opinion, gained by experience, seemed to be that the Board were justified in pursuing their policy of sending children who come into their care to the Dominion. In their cottage homes at Rothwell Haigh, let it be admitted, the Guardians have done a great work on behalf of the poor children of the Union, and the comparatively few failures apparently prove that the system of training and supervision adopted by them has been very effective, indeed. A good many of the children have been rescued from a life of vice into which dissolute parents would inevitably have led them, and they have, to their lasting good, come under the influence of the homes' system. To send these little folks, after their training was over, into situations where they could easily be found by undesirable relatives, would be very unwise, because they might become associated with the very people from whose homes they were removed, and the result would probably be disastrous. The children do not want to return to bad parents, or to relatives who would speedily utilize them for their own purposes, and they know that the best way to escape all these baneful influences is by beginning life in a land among strangers. Emigration in these cases is very desirable, and it should be encouraged, because it is obvious that children of this class have an infinitely better chance in life in Canada, far removed from home evils, than they would have were they put to work in Leeds, where relatives could get at them. Many of the children trained in the homes have done well in Canada, and in their letters they express their gratitude to the Guardians for sending them across the sea. There is, however, another class of children who do not labour under the same disabilities. Orphan boys could be apprenticed to trades at home, and girls could be fitted for domestic service, and they would find ample employment in the old country. It is frequently stated that the colonies are draining the country of its best blood and muscle—that the industrious tradesmen, inflamed by the ambition of becoming independent, are leaving these shores in increasing numbers year by year, and their places must be filled. The Leeds Board, under the scattered homes system, are doing a great work for children in the Union, and they are so trained that they can readily take their places in the great army of industrial workers—a credit to those responsible for their upbringing. These children, be it said, have a better chance than the families of many working men; they are well-fed, properly clothed, and admirably housed; they are kindly treated in every way, yet they are under discipline; and when they are sent to learn a trade they are encouraged to persevere. Everything is done to make them good citizens, and they rarely disappoint the Guardians. Would it not be a misfortune were all these children shipped out of the country? Discretion must be used by Guardians. It is not enough to say that children have done well in Canada; they might have done much better in England, which, if all tales are true, is as good as any place in the world for working-men. The national aspect of the question, too, should be considered. Would it not be better for the nation that this young life should be retained? The colonies demand our "best," and so long as it is voluntarily given no one can complain, but the old country has just as much need of the "best" for the new countries.

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God took her home—it was His will,
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates on the Bench at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. Sugar-Musgrave, Mr R.D. Kitson, Mr S. Hudson, Mr H. Lupton, and Mr E. Parkin.

G.F.S.—On Monday eight the younger girls of the Rothwell branch of the G.F.S. entertained the elder members to a "social," which was held in the Church Schools. The function was a very enjoyable one, those present indulging in games and dancing until about midnight.

BAZAAR.—As the result of the two days' bazaar held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom during the past week-end, £50 was raised for circuit funds. On Saturday afternoon there was a large gathering at the opening ceremony, which was performed by a number of young ladies associated with the "Busy Bee." In addition to the stalls there were other attractions.

SALVATION ARMY.—The officers and soldiers of the local corps of the Salvation Army are working hard in collecting funds for the "Self-Denial." The corps has a "target" of £34 to get, and in aid of the effort a concert and supper were held on Saturday night in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom. An enjoyable programme arranged by the Temperance Band was gone through.

A CHANCE.—On the 18th inst. a sub-postman at the Rothwell post office named Clinton, suddenly disappeared, and later it was found that a sum of money was missing from the safe, together with a bunch of keys, including a safe key. The police were called in to investigate, with the result that Clinton was arrested and brought up before a special court at the Leeds office of the West Riding Constabulary and remanded until Tuesday next, when he will be charged at the Skyrack Petty Sessions.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Mrs Farrar, miner, of Rothwell, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly. P.C. Bosomworth stated that about 9.15 p.m. on Thursday last he saw the defendant in Church Street, Rothwell, in a very drunken condition. He had no cap, and when asked where it was he said that the licensee of the Hare and Hounds had got it. Inquiry was made at the Hare and Hounds, the officer learned that defendant had been turned out five times. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

INVITATION TO MR LUNN.—There is to be a three-cornered fight at the next Parliamentary election in Wakefield. At a meeting of the Wakefield Labour party on Monday night the names of candidates submitted by the local Trades Union branches were voted upon, and Mr W. Lunn, of Rothwell, a member of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, was asked to stand as Labour candidate at the next election. Mr Lunn is an active member of the Rothwell Urban Council, and he was the Labour candidate in the Holmfirth Division at the last election.

PATENT LAW, compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and at Crossley Street, Halifax.—Applications—William J. Baynes, Harrogate, improvements in spring carriages; Edward Court, Wakefield, improvements in postal letter boxes, and Herbert Akroyd, Sowerby Bridge, opening envelopes. Application completed—Joseph Rafferty, Doncaster, communication and emergency escape apparatus on railway trains.

ANNIVERSARY.—Special services to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary were held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday. Sermons were preached in the morning and evening by the Rev. A. Naylor, who was brought up as a member of the Rothwell Sunday School. In the afternoon the choir rendered the service of song "The best of life" before a large congregation. Mr J. C. Harrison presided at the organ, and the connected readings were given by Miss Jopling. The choir acquitted themselves well, and solos were rendered by Mr Jesse Kilburn and Mr George Brown. On Tuesday night a public meeting was held in the chapel, and Mr H. J. Martin presided. In his address he spoke of parental control of children, and contrasted the present opportunities of to-day with those of earlier days. Addresses were given by the Rev. A. Naylor and the Rev. W. G. Sofley (resident minister). The annual report, which was presented by the Rev. W. G. Sofley, showed that during the year the existing debt on the chapel had been reduced by £53. The tea which preceded the meeting was well attended, and the officials are to be congratulated upon the fact that the effort has proved a success from all standpoints.

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WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE.—A very successful whist drive and dance were held in the Carlton Lane Schools on Saturday night, in connection with the Rothwell section of the St. John Ambulance Association. Over one hundred sat down to whist, and the winners were:—Ladies—1 Miss Goodall, 2 Mrs Barnes. Gents.—1 Mr L. Stringer, 2 Mr Barnes. The prizes were presented by Mr J. W. Ridyard, commandant of the Rothwell section. Mr B. Cromack acted as M.C. for whist, and Mr N. Elliot for the dancing, which was merrily engaged in to music supplied by Miss Annie Blackburn.

ROTHWELL RAILWAY.—Presiding at the general meeting of the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway Company, held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Thursday afternoon, Mr Zech. Yewdall (Chairman) said the result of the year's working was disappointing owing to the greatly diminished output of the pits served by the company's lines. But the traffic they had received would have paid better had the company received its equitable share of through rates. The total receipts, whereas in the case of the Great Northern and the Midland Companies they amounted to only 2.81 and 3.40 respectively. He had made comparisons with a dozen other companies, and their little company had the unfortunate distinction of paying a long way the heaviest percentage. They were hoping to effect some reduction in the future.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett, M.P., has left 100, Lancaster Gate, London, and taken Wingfield, Bournemouth.

At Allerton Bywater Wesleyan Church £1 4s. was collected for Leeds medical charities as compared with £1 4s. 0d. last year.

BOWERS ALLERTON

SALE OF WORK AND SOCIAL.—At a sale of work held in the Day School on Tuesday afternoon the stalls were well-supplied with a variety of useful articles. The following ladies presided at the stalls:—Mrs Lowther, Mrs Milnes, Mrs Firth, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Owbridge, Mrs Maunders, Mrs Milner, and Mrs Hollyhead. The proceeds from the sale were opened by the singing of a very good action song, which was highly appreciated. A social was attended by a large number in the evening, and it was thought that Mr Powell, Mr Nowell was M.C. and Mr A. Dyer officiated at the piano. The proceeds were for the Day School Fund.

"YE OLDE VILLAGE WEDDING."—In their effort to raise the necessary funds for the building of a new church the workers of the Mission Hall have again created a friendly rivalry between the ladies and gentlemen. The ladies, who are having the first turn, gave the result of weeks of their unique organising ability and strenuous work on Monday evening, the older ladies providing a substantial tea, to which upwards of 200 sat down, while the younger ladies provided a concert. Almost 300 adults crowded themselves into the Mission Hall, and, judging by their favourable comments, to improve upon the ladies' efforts one men have a more difficult task before them than ever they have attempted. The concert consisted of a very good imitation of an "Old time village wedding, performed by 43 members of the Ladies' Bible Class. The ladies representing the necessary men personalities of the wedding appeared very smart, being faultlessly dressed in tall hats, lined and had white waistcoats, gold chains, etc., and had developed a remarkable masculine appearance and manner. Judging by the gorgeous display by the lady members of the party of large flowery straw bonnets, crinolines, highly coloured shawls, with a large amount of beads, lace and other trimming, it is natural to surmise that the old ladies of the district have calmly allowed their boxes of ancient treasured garments to be freely ransacked. The bride (Mrs T. W. Longbottom) was dressed in white muslin profusely trimmed with coloured flowers and lace, while Miss B. Robinson, as "bridegroom," performed her part very creditably. The portly form of Miss Parker, with her three-cornered soft felt hat and large lace collar, made an admirable "squire," and the vicar very properly appointed chairman of the party, an office which she filled with much dignity. Miss M. Penn, in the role of best "man," exhibited a cheerful gentlemanly manner and proposed a toast to the bridesmaids in great style. Miss Fawcett, in her surplice, made an excellent "parson." The part of "Sally the housemaid" was taken by Miss Blackburn, whose excessive curtsying, love-making to Miss B. Milnes (the robust policeman), and general wittiness created much laughter. A great deal of merriment was caused by Mrs Kelly, Mary, Emma, Rachael, and Nancy, who were gossipers, each dressed in excessively trimmed dresses and bonnets. The glees, "Which is the properest bonnets. The glees, "Which is the properest day to Wed" and "The Shamrock, Thistle, and the Rose" were very well sung by the party. The song "Supposing," by Susan, was well received. Then gossiper, Mary, gave the recitation "In the usual way," and the Squire and Susan made the usual way," and the Squire and Susan made a great impression by their singing of "The Gipsy Countese." Emma, the gossiper, sang "To-morrow will do," and Nancy contributed "The rustic bridge." The bridegroom and Mrs Kelly delighted the audience by singing "Too-ra-loo-a-loo," and Miss Nora Meason, the bride's grandmother, sang "The dear home songs."

CARLTON

BAZAAR.—A bazaar in aid of the building fund of the Society's Hall was held in the Carlton Temperance Hall on Saturday and Monday. The Temperance Hall on Saturday was performed opening ceremony on Saturday was performed by Mr R. A. Murtland (Carlton Hall). Mr J. Keighley presided over the proceedings, and a vote of thanks to the opener was heartily carried on the proposition of Mr Walter Speake, seconded by Mr Richard Ellis. On Monday the bazaar was re-opened by Mrs Simon Priestley, of Carlton. Mr J. Keighley again presided, and the vote of thanks to Mrs Priestley was moved by Mr A Young, and seconded by Mr J Walker. The stall-holders were as follows:—Fancy stall—Mrs J. Dodson, Mrs R. Ellis, Mrs C. Thompson, and Mrs. H. Speake. Drapery stall—Mrs A. Newton, Mrs W. Brook, Mrs W. Speake, and Mrs J. Illingsworth. Refreshment stall—Mrs J. Field, Mrs J. Ward, Mrs A. Wright, Mrs A. Thackrah, Miss A. Ward, and Miss J. Beeton. Toy stall—Messrs M. Swift and J. Silmond. Fishing Pond—Messrs G. Turner and A. Brown. House—Miss Thompson, Miss W. Brook, and Mr G. W. Ellis. Shooting Gallery—Messrs J. W. Speight and A. Ward. Doormen—Messrs J. Brown, W. Brown, J. Speake, H. Speake, and S. Pickersgill. Doormen for concert—Messrs J. W. Speight, J. Walker, and J. Dixon. The tea room was in charge of the following ladies—Mrs J. Brown, Mrs H. Speake, Mrs A. Thackrah, Mrs J. Field, Mrs R. Ellis, and Mrs Ward. Misses Beeton, Swift, Parkin, and Brown looked after the trays. Enjoyable concerts were given each evening, and after the programme of songs, etc., had been gone through on Monday a conjuring performance was given by Mr. Ward, of Outwood. The decorations in the building were carried out by Messrs. J. Walker, R. Ellis, and S. Speake.

CROSSGATES

Mr Alf Goodall, of Crossgates, has been reappointed hon. sec. of the West Riding Centre of the N.C.U.

In connection with Crossgates Literary Society on Monday evening Mr F. R. Carlton, of Crossgates, will deliver a lecture on "Charlotte Bronte." See advt.

On Tuesday evening at the Baptist Church Fellowship a paper on "Ratos, taxes, and labour as they affect the small trader" will be given by Mr W. Clayton, of Leeds. See advt.

LIBERALISM.—On Wednesday evening a well-attended meeting of the Crossgates League of Young Liberals was held at the residence of the President, Mr J. Batty, of Halton. Mr Arthur Bennett presided, and Mr Batty read a paper on "Armaments." An interesting discussion followed. A report of a social gathering at Crossgates on Friday night is given elsewhere.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—At Crossgates Wesleyan Church the collection for the medical charities amounted to £4 2s. 3d. against £4 18s. 11d. last year, while at Crossgates Baptist Church the collection was £2 10s. 6d. At Manston Church the sum collected was £4 6s. 3d. against £2 8s. 7d., and the Sunday School infants sent 18s. 6d. Stanley Primitive Methodist Church sent 17s. against 12s. 6d. last year.

THE LATE MR J. E. WATKINS.—We regret to record the death of Mr J. E. Watkins, of Ash Villas, Stanks, one of the best-known residents of the district. Deceased, who died in a nursing home on Saturday at the age of 57 years, was a box-maker in Leeds, and he had made his home in the district for many years. He did not take any part in public life of the district, but he was interested in Guardians' work and stood as a candidate for Leeds Board for one of the city districts last election.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Monday evening a whist drive promoted by Court Crossgates of the I.O.F. was held in the Recreation Hall, and it was attended by 160 ladies and gentlemen. The M.C.'s were Bros. J. W. Powell and A. H. Whitfield. The prize-winners were:—Ladies—1 Mrs Jennings, 2 Mrs Cobb, 3 Mrs Burnley (after a tie with Mrs Sayes), 4 Mrs Sayes. Gentlemen—1 Bro. Peate, 2 Bro. Jubb, 3 Mr Viny, 4 Mr J. M. Wade. Four players had 172, and they had 10 cut for the prizes, Mr Wade having to cut with Bro. Withy five times for fourth place.

MUSICAL EVENING.—In connection with the Wesley Guild a concert was given in the Lecture Hall on Wednesday evening, and it was well-attended. The programme, which had been arranged by Mr J. H. Walker, M.C., was as follows:—Pianoforte solo, "Capricante," Miss Chadwick; song, "Because," Mr Norman Tennant; violin solo, "Finale in D" (Haydn), Mr Mitchell; recital, "Sary Emma's photo graph," Miss Green; clarionet solo, "Serenade beneath thy window," Mr F. Dickinson; song, "Somewhere a voice is calling," Miss Chadwick; song, "Minuetto" (Beethoven) and wick; violin solos, "Minuetto" (Beethoven) and "Gavotte" (first movement), Mr Mitchell; recital, "The bride's visit to the butcher," Miss Green; song, "My little grey house in the west," Mr Norman Tennant; song, "Daddy's sweetheart," Miss Chadwick; and clarionet solo, "Air Varie," Mr F. Dickinson.

BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.—At the weekly meeting of the Baptist Church Fellowship, held in the Café Chantant, Halton, on Tuesday evening there was a good attendance, and an interesting discussion took place on "Should a living wage be the first charge on a business?" Mr Greenwood presided. Mr Thomas Cox, of The Avenue, Halton, introduced the subject, and argued in favour of a living wage being a first charge. His suggestion was that wages should be fixed by Wages Board, on which employers and employees would be equally represented, and if they failed to agree the Board of Trade would step in and appoint an arbitrator, whose award would be binding on both parties. Failure to obey it would bring punishment—fine or imprisonment—on the offending party. In the discussion which followed Messrs A. Chadwick, T. K. Diggle, F. Hartop, MacFarlane, J. E. Walker, T. H. Whittaker, I. Webb, and others took part, and the principal question seemed to be the amount of the minimum wage, which Mr Cox was invited to suggest. Mr Cox said that it would be idle for him to do so, and while he mentioned 26s., the cost and conditions of living varied so much throughout the country that every case would have to be considered on its merits by the Wages Board. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Cox at the close.

FARNHAM

At Garforth Wesleyan Church £1 14s. 7d. was collected for Leeds medical charities as against £1 9s. 0d. last year.

DANCE.—On Friday evening the members of the Garforth Tennis Club had a dance in the Conservative Club, and it was attended by between 40 and 50 ladies and gentlemen. A very enjoyable time was spent.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—On Sunday afternoon a scholars' service was held in the United Methodist Free Church, and Mr J. Spurr, of Leeds, presided. Prizes were distributed to about fifty children by Mr Spurr, who gave a suitable address. Solos were sung by two scholars.

INSUFFICIENT NO EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Robert Henry Long, watchmaker, of Garforth, was summoned for riding a motor-cycle with side car attached without a rear reflector. P.C. Hogg stated that about 10.20 p.m. on Friday night the defendant rode past on a motor-cycle. There was no rear light behind the side car. When stopped defendant admitted that he knew a rear light should be attached. Defendant now denied this latter statement, and said it was done in ignorance. The side car was new to him and had been borrowed for a week. In fining him 5s. and costs, the Chairman said ignorance was no excuse.

DISMISSED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Richard Firth, a draper, of Leeds, was summoned for driving a motor-car without a rear red light attached. P.C. Bevoor stated that about 8 p.m. on February 1st he was on the Leeds and Selby road, near to Garforth Bridge, when the defendant passed him in a motor-car which had no red rear light. He stopped him and asked him if he knew he had no such light, and defendant replied that he had broken it in turning round at Kippax. Witness examined the lamp and found pieces of broken red glass in the lamp. Witness told him he would be reported. Mr Willey, who defended: I think you went so far as to say that he would hear no more about it?—Witness said he did not think so. There was a light at the rear of the car.—Mr Willey contended it was not a case of deliberately evading the law, and the case was dismissed.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A child had a narrow escape at Garforth Station on Friday afternoon. It is supposed that the little girl had been playing with whip and top on the platform, and that the top had gone on to the railway, whither the child went in search of it. The signal was off for an express from Leeds, and a platform man was startled by a child crying. Then he saw the little one trying calmly to climb on to the platform, and he at once went to its assistance and lifted it clear of danger. Half-a-minute afterwards the express passed through the station.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Excellent programmes have been highly appreciated by the numerous visitors to this comfortable little hall this week, the films displayed during the first half of the week being of exceptional interest. "The Black Ball," a three-reel picture, leads up to an exciting and tragic finish. "The Redemption of a Soul," is a somewhat pathetic story told in a beautiful colored picture, while the humorous element was supplied in three clever little pictures. For the current half of the week the features are "The Blind Sculptor," "The Gallop of Death," and "Mixed in the Lighter," subjects of different types but all high quality. The humorous items are especially clever. Next week's bill promises to be a first-class entertainment, the first half including "Re-incarnation of Karma," an Indian story of mystery and tragedy, "The Broken Oath," a thrilling domestic story, and other good subjects, whilst on the last half are two fine pictures "Power o' Conscience" and "Lieut. Daring in Room 41."

MR T. B. SMITH AND SUNDAY TRADING.—Mr T. B. Smith, of Garforth, Chairman of the Leeds and District Grocers' Association, presided at the opening ceremony of the Grocers' Exhibition in Leeds on Tuesday, and expressed gratitude to the Leeds Corporation for their arrangements for giving technical instruction to young men in the grocery trade. He also referred to Sunday trading, which, he said, was increasing not only in Leeds, but in all the cities of the country, and in many small towns and villages. Grocers, bakers, and confectioners felt this was a blot on the fair name of their trades; they were doing all they could to put down the abominable practice, and in these efforts they hoped they would have the sympathy and help of the Corporation. He did not think it was very extensive among provincial grocers, but it was done by small traders who might not be grocers in the true sense of the word, but who might perhaps be best described as shopkeepers. He was afraid the practice gave an opening for unfair and dishonest trading when inspectors were not on the alert. It might be that unless this Sunday trading was stopped the Corporation would have to appoint additional inspectors. Alderman C. H. Wilson declared the exhibition open. Alluding to Sunday trading, he said that while he had no sympathy with the practice, the difficulty was to a large extent one of law. It was unfortunate that the Christian Sunday and the Jewish Sabbath did not coincide, and until the law altered conditions were afraid there would always be a certain amount of Sunday trading. If there was any Sunday trading on the part of Christians the Corporation would keep an eye on it, and if the law was broken the offenders would suffer.

GREAT PRESTON

At Great Preston School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.55 against 68.85 for the previous year, and at Bowers Allerton School 93.82 against 87.69.

CONSERVATIVE SMOKING CONCERT.—Over 70 men spent a very enjoyable evening on Saturday in the New Inn on the invitation of the Garforth and District Conservative Unionist Association. Mr H. E. Lowe presided, and briefly introduced the singers, who had come from Leeds on the invitation of Mr L. R. Brunton. The first item was "Bobby Joe," "Oh can't your hear the steamer," and "Toddling home in the morning" were sung by Mr Rankin, who at the end of each song gave a clever exhibition of step-dancing. A number very tastefully rendered "All Nuts," "Songs in Ragtime," and "Ragtime Coon," while Mr R. Dickson, humorist, delighted the audience by singing "Save a little bit for me," "Dancing round Matilda," and "Ten little fingers." A duet, "In my harem," was given by Messrs Harker and Dickson, and Mr Brunton contributed "Oh what a day I'm having" and "I'm the doctor," while Mr W. Hunter sang "The Rose of Tralee." On the motion of Mr J. Watson, seconded by Mr J. W. Diggle, F. Hartop, G. Sweeny, S. Whitehead, and R. Wrigglesworth; tenors—Messrs P. C. Higgins, T. Hurdus, and W. Parkinson; alto—Mr J. J. Pringle; basses—Messrs J. Brown, E. Preston, E. Hallas, and R. V. Higgins; bones—Mr A. Maundrill; tambourine—Mr J. W. Morley. The latter two were especially good in their respective parts. The concert commenced with the chorus "De ole banjo." The other items were as follows:—Song, "Uncle Jube," Miss G. Storey; song, "Piccaninny mine, good night," Mr W. Parkinson; song, "Fie! Fie! Sombo" (a song dealing with local topics), Mr A. Sharpe; song, "De nervous nigger," Mr J. W. Morley; song, "Down by dat ribber," Mr A. Hollish; song, "De watermelon," Mr A. Maundrill; troupe songs, "Far away ober dere" and "Darkies aint yo' coming"; song, "De child's dream," Mr A. Palfreeman; song, "Molly O'Morgan," Mr A. Maundrill; song, "When de angels," Miss E. Jones; troupe song, "Nelly was a lady"; song, "Massa's wedding day," Mr J. J. Pringle; song, "Good Night," Mr Walker. Poole was the accompanist. Mr A. Sharp acted as interlocutor. Miss Robinson, who is a clever elocutionist, recited "The gift of Tiffereta," and "The Knight and the Lady." During the interval the vicar (the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure) gave an address, in which he referred to the coming to the parish of the Rev. Ferred to the coming to the parish of the Rev. ferred to the coming to the parish of the Rev. as curate, whom he considered was a right choice. He also called attention to the Arenibishop's finance scheme, and thanked all the churchmen and others for their loyalty to him in his illness. A vote of thanks to the workers who had helped towards the success of the evening was proposed by the Rev. H. T. Patrick son, and was heartily carried.

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AMBULANCE BRIGADE.—The members of this brigade were the promoters of a very successful social, which was held in the Council School on Saturday evening. The mothers and wives of the members were asked as in previous years kindly rendered assistance by preparing food and refreshments at their homes, and these were served to the company by the members of the brigade. Upwards of 200 people were present, and they spent a very pleasant evening in dancing. The music was supplied by Mr W. Bellerby and Mr J. Prince. Mr C. Lowe was Mr H. Eastwood and Mr W. McKone. The proceeds were for the Brigade Fund.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—At this church the choir anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, when Mr R. R. Thomas, of Leeds, was the preacher. In the afternoon the choir gave a creditable rendering of the service of song "Crossing the Bar," under the direction of Mr N. Wheatley. The narrative was read by Mr W. Cripwell, and Mr G. W. Firth played the organ accompaniments. The solo parts were sung by Mrs W. Firth (soprano) and Mr R. Firth. There were good congregations at the services. The annual public tea and social, which were held in the schoolroom on the Monday, also attracted a large number of members and friends. The usual games and amusements were engaged in, and a very pleasant time was spent. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Choir Fund.

A KIPPAX CASE.—In the Chancery Division on Wednesday, Mr Justice Warrington commenced the hearing of a special case, in which the plaintiffs were the Rev. E. Broughton Smith and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the defendants Arthur Francis Hastings Medhurst, and others. Mr Smith is the vicar of Kippax, and the defendants are persons now entitled to the Manor of Kippax. Mr H. Terrell, K.C., M.P., for the plaintiffs, said the special case was for the determination of the question whether on the true construction of an Enclosure Act of 1791, and an award made under it, the mines and minerals under the land which was awarded to the Vicar of the parish of Kippax, and the ecclesiastical commissioners, were vested in one Miles Atkinson and his successors, the vicars of the parish, whereas the defendants contended that they passed to one Granville Wm. Wheler Medhurst, his heirs and assigns, the lords for the time being of the Manor of Kippax. On Thursday his Lordship, in giving judgment, held that the minerals under the lands allotted to the Vicar, which were now glebe, passed to and were the property of the Vicar for the time being. His Lordship made a declaration to that effect, and ordered the defendants to pay the costs.

WOMEN'S SERVICE TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT.—In connection with the Parish Church on Tuesday evening a tea was provided in the Church School, about 180 attended. All the food had been supplied by the members. At the subsequent entertainment songs were given by Vincent Beeston, Elizabeth Adams, Jane Adams, and Mr E. Bickerdike, recitations by Edith Goodall and Hilda Prince, and a humorous sketch, "The Lester," was excellently given by Miss Sylvia Wright and Miss Alice Cawood. Miss Smith was an efficient accompanist. The Vicar gave a short address of welcome, and spoke of the usefulness of the fortnightly women's service in church. During the past 23 services held during the year, with an average attendance of 40, in spite of much unpropitious weather. He tendered his heartfelt thanks to all those who had helped in the success of the tea and entertainment. He urged them to become missionaries to their sisters, and so increase the work amongst the women of Kippax. The Vicar, by the aid of limelight lantern, showed a number of slides of Kippax and Kippax people as they appeared some twelve or fourteen years ago, causing much amusement. The entertainment closed with the game "The Family Coach." The women's fortnightly service was held in the church on Sunday afternoon, and the Vicar gave an address on "Retirement." There was a good attendance.

LEDSHAM

At Ledsham School last month there were 45 scholars on the register, and the average attendance was 42, giving a percentage of 93-33 against 81.48 for January last year.

OULTON

PARISH TEA.—The annual parish tea was held in the Harold Hall on Tuesday, when about 220 of the parishioners sat down to the tables, which were superintended by Miss Bell, who had the assistance of several ladies. Tea over, the tables were cleared away, and the room was prepared for the entertainment, which is always a feature of such gatherings. The programme was provided by the local minstrel troupe, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Those taking part were:—Treble—Misses E. Jones, J. Mitchell, A. Palfreeman, G. Storey, S. Whitehead, and M. Wrigglesworth; tenors—Messrs P. C. Higgins, T. Hurdus, and W. Parkinson; alto—Mr J. J. Pringle; basses—Messrs J. Brown, E. Preston, E. Hallas, and R. V. Higgins; bones—Mr A. Maundrill; tambourine—Mr J. W. Morley. The latter two were especially good in their respective parts. The concert commenced with the chorus "De ole banjo." The other items were as follows:—Song, "Uncle Jube," Miss G. Storey; song, "Piccaninny mine, good night," Mr W. Parkinson; song, "Fie! Fie! Sombo" (a song dealing with local topics), Mr A. Sharpe; song, "De nervous nigger," Mr J. W. Morley; song, "Down by dat ribber," Mr A. Hollish; song, "De watermelon," Mr A. Maundrill; troupe songs, "Far away ober dere" and "Darkies aint yo' coming"; song, "De child's dream," Mr A. Palfreeman; song, "Molly O'Morgan," Mr A. Maundrill; song, "When de angels," Miss E. Jones; troupe song, "Nelly was a lady"; song, "Massa's wedding day," Mr J. J. Pringle; song, "Good Night," Mr Walker. Poole was the accompanist. Mr A. Sharp acted as interlocutor. Miss Robinson, who is a clever elocutionist, recited "The gift of Tiffereta," and "The Knight and the Lady." During the interval the vicar (the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure) gave an address, in which he referred to the coming to the parish of the Rev. ferred to the coming to the parish of the Rev. as curate, whom he considered was a right choice. He also called attention to the Arenibishop's finance scheme, and thanked all the churchmen and others for their loyalty to him in his illness. A vote of thanks to the workers who had helped towards the success of the evening was proposed by the Rev. H. T. Patrickson, and was heartily carried.

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ROBIN HOOD

P.S.A.—There was a good attendance at the P.S.A. meeting at the United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, when an interesting address was given by Mr W. H. Blackburn, on "Wakefield, or A peep into Wakefield Prison." Miss Keech, of Outwood, sang the solos "Rock of ages" and "A Farewell." Mr J. Keighley presided.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.—During the early hours of Wednesday morning a motor-car driven by Mr Harris, of Wakefield, was travelling from Leeds to Wakefield, when it collided with a tram standard at Robin Hood. So severe was the impact that the car was wrecked and the driver and three other occupants were badly shaken.

STOURTON

BILLIARDS.—In the Non-Political Clubs' League, Stourton scored an easy victory over Highbury, the result being 1,092—930. The Stourton players were represented by Mr J. F. Smith, Mr H. Coggill, and Mr J. Horsfield made respective breaks of 43, 31, and 30.

CHOIR ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the choir of the Primitive Methodist Church held their anniversary. In the afternoon a cantata was given by the Hunslet (Wilson Street) Free Church choir. There was a good congregation, presided over by Mr J. Wilkinson. At the evening service the Stourton choir gave the service of song "An old man's comfort," and solos were sung by Miss Bosomworth, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Bryson (Rothwell), and Mr Crossley. The connective readings were given by Mr H. Collinson. Mr Metcalf conducted, and Mr Waterton was the organist.

SCHOLES

The collection at Scholes Church for Leeds medical charities realized 14s. 3d. compared with £1 14s. 7d. last year. At Scholes Wesleyan Church the collection was £1 11s. 7d. against £1 14s. 7d.

SEACROFT

At Seacroft the collection for Leeds medical charities realized £4 11s. 6d. as against £4 12s. 4d. last year.

SHADWELL

On Saturday afternoon Shadwell boys, playing in the Schools Football League, were defeated by Cowper Street Boys by a goal to nil.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—The church collections at Shadwell for the medical charities have gone down. At St. Paul's Church the amount received was £2 0s. 9d. against £3 14s. 7d., and at the Wesleyan Church 15s. against £1 7s.

SWILLINGTON

At Swillington Church the collection for Leeds medical charities realized £3 0s. 7d., compared with £5 9s. 3d. last year.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE AT SWILLINGTON.—On Monday night a tree concert, under the auspices of the Warren House Habitation of the Primrose League, was given in the Swillington School before a crowded audience. Mr H. G. Young, Hollinthorpe Farm, presided. The Garforth Glee Party, under the leadership of Mr. W. Bumley, gave delightful renderings of "Here's life and health to England's King," "Robin Adair," "As the moments roll," etc. Messrs Nobis and Pool, Swillington, sang "Watchman, what of the night?" in capital style, and the songs of the following ladies and gentlemen were highly appreciated:—Miss Harrison, Halton; Miss Ellis, Swillington; Messrs. Braham and Wallis, Garforth, and Shipton. By refusing to give to the electorate their undoubted right "to vote on Home Rule, any conflict with the people of Ulster, who were only asking to be allowed to remain peaceable citizens under the British flag, would rest entirely upon the shoulders of the Liberal Government. One of the first duties of the Unionist Party when returned to power, ought to be to amend the Insurance Act that it would cease to cripple friendly societies and give fairer treatment to agricultural labourers." A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Lieut. Boughey, the performers, and Mrs Hutton, the accompanist. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

WOODLESFORD

On Saturday afternoon Woodlesford All Saints, playing in the Church Football League, defeated Emmanuel Church by four goals to nil.

CONCERT.—The annual concert of the Woodlesford Wesleyan Sunday School was held on Saturday evening in the Council Schools. "The Hollings Quartette Party," of Middleton, were responsible for the programme, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The party consisted of Miss H. Hollings (soprano), Miss E. Hollings (contralto and elocutionist), Mr T. Hollings (tenor and violinist), and Mr T. Robinson (bass). The accompanists were Miss E. Hollings and Mr H. Lumb. The following quartettes were rendered in a very effective manner:—"Sweet is the evening hour," "Softly sleeps the moon," "Sleep, baby, sleep," and "Good Evening." The encore being "Bingo," Miss E. Hollings and Mr T. Hollings rendered the trio "Memory," which was also much appreciated.

WHITKIRK

The collection for Leeds medical charities at Whitkirk Church realized £7 8s 2d as against £7 6s 9d. last year. At Colton Wesleyan Chapel the collection was £1 5s. against 17s. 9d.

HOCKEY.—On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk hockey players had an engagement with Ripon's second eleven cancelled, managed to arrange a game with the 5th Battery Royal Field Artillery, located at the Barracks, Leeds, and resulted, for although Whitkirk won by eleven goals to three, the soldiers were triers to the finish. Whitkirk's second goal made their hundredth this season, a feat never before accomplished in the history of the club.

HON. E. L. WOOD'S VIEWS.—The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., in reply to the resolution passed by the Ripon Agricultural Association last Thursday on the subject of foot-and-mouth disease in Ireland, and the suggested joint control by the English Board of Agriculture, writes to Mr B. North, secretary of the association, under date February 23rd:—"I entirely agree with the views expressed in the resolution, and, indeed, when the Home Rule Bill was under discussion, I, amongst others, endeavoured to press the same upon the Government, but without success."

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BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of the Barkston Ash Amateur Bowling Association was held on Tuesday night at Crossgates.

The treasurer's statement showed a slight loss on the year's working, accounted for by the falling off of entries in the Individual Merit competition.

The Halton Travellers' Club was admitted to membership, making the number of clubs affiliated nine.

The Individual Merit Competition was fixed for Saturday, July 4th, divided into two sections, to be played on the Tadcaster and Garforth Working Men's Club's greens, the finals to be played on the following Monday evening on the Garforth (Grascigne Arms) Green.

Inter-Association matches were arranged with the Wakefield and District and Airedale Associations, whilst the inability of the Leeds and District Association to satisfactorily arrange dates was regretted.

Mr F. Hutchinson (Thorner) was re-elected President; and Mr Walter Green (Halton) was elected secretary in place of Mr Wilcock, who resigned.

In appreciation of the work done for the Association from its inception, Mr Wilcock was elected a life member of the Association.

Mr J. Conner (Crossgates), Mr F. Hutchinson (President), and Mr A. Morris (Halton) were thanked for gifts of medals to be allocated as prizes.

South Milford Wesleyan Church sent £2 6s. to Leeds medical charities as compared with £1 1s. 6d. last year.

Mr J. E. Cawthorn, of Sherburn, has been re-elected a vice-president of the West Riding Centre Council of the National Cyclists' Union.

RETIRES.—Mr Colley, of Shipton, retires from the West Riding Constabulary on March 31st, after 26 years' service. He joined the force in 1888, and has served at Wadworth (Doncaster), Cleckheaton, Ripley, Castleford, Pontefract, Goole, coming to the last-named place on his promotion to the rank of inspector. Before going to Skipton four years ago he was stationed at Wetherby.

WETHERBY GOLF CLUB.—The annual general meeting of the Wetherby Golf Club was held on Saturday, Dr. Hargreaves being voted to the chair. The accounts showed a reduction of the bank balance and a substantial increase in visitors' fees. The committee had also been enabled to reduce the amount owing to creditors. Since the last general meeting seven new greens had been made, and the change of five holes to the north side of the railway had given universal satisfaction. Lord Leconfield as patron, and Mr T. G. Myddelton as president, were re-elected Dr. Hargreaves was appointed captain for the ensuing year, and other officers were re-elected.

SELBY CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE.—The weekly whist drive, held at the Conservative Rooms on Monday evening, was a great success. Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C. The following were the prize-winners for the month:—Ladies—1, Mrs Wetherell, 665; 2, Mrs R. Lodge, 659; 3, Miss Riley, 652; sealed, Miss Collinson, 628; consolation, Mrs Perkins, 583. Gentlemen—1, Mr G. Brown, 662; 2, Mr Sanderson, 656; 3, Mr A. Woodliffe, 621; sealed, Mr F. Skinner, 622; consolation, Mr E. Connell, 579. Prize-winners for the week:—Ladies—1, Mrs Wetherell; 2, Mrs Kilburn; sealed, Mrs O'Neill; consolation, Miss Kay. Gentlemen—1, Mr W. Field; 2, Mr J. Sanderson; sealed, Mr H. Hill; consolation, Mr A. Chapman. Light refreshments were handed round during the interval.

SOCIETY AT SELBY.—Mr F. O. Stanford, A.M.I.C.E., Inspector of the Local Government Board, held an inquiry at Selby Town Hall on Wednesday, with reference to the application of the Selby Urban Council to borrow £370 for the erection of a workman's cottage at the Selby waterworks at Brayton. Councillor T. S. Ullathorne (Chairman of the Urban Council) and Councillor Wood (Chairman of the Waterworks Committee) were present at the inquiry. The Urban Council's new waterworks at Brayton, in the Selby rural district, were opened in 1906, and they propose to preserve known as Brayton Barf, adjacent to the works, was recently purchased by the Urban Council from Lord Londesborough, and the only existing rights they had on it were the Brambam Moor Hunt Committee. Mr J. H. Bartoft (Clerk to the Urban Council) stated that the rates were 2s. 8d. district rate, and 9s. 3d. poor rate, total rate 7s. 2d., compared with 7s. 8d. the previous year. The outstanding loans under the Sanitary Acts totalled £11,000, and, under the Waterworks Act, £29,338. The loans for gas, which were entirely paid out of the gas works revenue, were less than £10,000. The estimated population of the urban district is 10,000. A loan of £630 had been sanctioned for the purchase of Brayton Barff, an area of 75 acres. The repayment period asked for for the present loan was 30 years. The inspector was informed that in Selby the Council are building 104 workmen's dwellings. The Selby waterworks, besides giving a supply to Selby, serve also four neighbouring villages, and it is proposed to give a supply to Barlby, in the East Riding. The inspector paid a visit to view the site.

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BARKSTON ASH CONSERVATISM

HAREWOOD DISTRICT—MR LANE FOX AND AN ELECTION.

SPEECHES BY VISCOUNT LASCELLES AND MR BROOKSBANK.

The annual dinner of the Harewood Polling District Conservative and Unionist Association was held on Saturday evening at the Harewood Arms. The chair was taken by Viscount Lascelles, and others present were Mr E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman of the Barkston Ash Conservative Association), Mr J. W. Morkill, Mr Digby Lawson, the Rev. M. G. Lascelles, Mr C. Sheriston (Chairman of the Harewood Conservative Association), Mr John Thompson (Chairman of the East Keswick Conservative Association), Mr J. Parker Norfolk, etc.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., in a letter apologising for his inability to be present, said "The chances of an early election are undoubtedly great, from what has happened since Parliament met. The Government have realised the impossibility of forcing their Home Rule Bill through without the sanction of the electors behind them, and they must now either prefoundly alter or drop the Bill or appeal to the country, and the results of the by-elections leave little doubt what the outcome would be. I hope the electors of Harewood will not allow their attention to be diverted from what is happening by vague schemes of Liberal land reform, but will be ready when the election is sprung upon them to give their opinion on all the Government have done since they came into office eight years ago."

Viscount Lascelles, in the course of a speech on the Home Rule question, remarked that a great deal had been heard about the safeguards in the Home Rule Bill, but what were those safeguards? They consisted of the power of veto which the Imperial Government would possess over Mr Redmond's Government in Ireland. Mr Harcourt—and he thought they were entitled to convict the Government out of their own mouths—Mr Harcourt had said that it was perfectly impossible to exercise that veto as soon as there was representative Government in the country which one wished to exercise it. The power of veto was, therefore, a dead letter, and was not worth the paper it was written on. Could they imagine to themselves a position in Ireland such as had occurred in South Africa, for instance, a strike of great magnitude in Belfast? Mr Redmond, governing Ireland from Dublin, and possessing very little sympathy for the people of Belfast, could exercise the same powers that General Botha had exercised in South Africa, and England would be powerless. It was not right that any portion of Ireland should be placed in the hands of a man such as Mr Redmond was. (Hear, hear). The immediate crisis before the country was the fact that the Government had at last realised that they could not force their Home Rule Bill into law in its present form, but at the present moment the House of Commons was powerless to amend the Bill. The amendments must come from the House of Lords, and it was interesting to note the position of the Upper Chamber. One course open to them was to propose an amendment excluding Ulster, thereby handing the South and West of Ireland over, not to people who sympathised with those provinces, but to the secret societies behind Mr Redmond, those secret societies which had controlled the Irish section in Parliament for many years. The other alternative was that the Government would say that if the House of Lords refused to accept their amendments the Bill would go through as it stood. On the one hand there would be civil war in the North of Ireland; and on the other hand the people of the South and West of Ireland would be handed over to men who had never shown signs of tenderness in their lives. Having put that position to the House of Lords, what would be the next move of the Government? Whatever they did the House of Lords would be told that they were responsible for the situation, and the consequences all over Great Britain would be flooded with orators telling the electors that the House of Lords was responsible for the whole of the trouble, which was in reality created by nothing but the miserable of the Government that was now in office. (Hear, hear).

Mr J. W. Morkill, who proposed "Success to Barkston Ash Conservative Association," expressed his disgust and alarm at the aims and attitude of the present Government. After pandering to every section of the community which they thought had a few votes to sell, they were now playing another card. They knew perfectly well that one great stronghold of the Tory party was connected with the land, and they were going to make a great bid for the land vote. There was also the diabolical way in which Mr Lloyd George had made it his business to try and set class against class, and it behoved all good citizens to lose no opportunity of exposing the inwardness of his methods and the true meaning of his tactics.

Mr E. C. Brooksbank, who responded, pointed out that when the Parliament Act was passed Mr Asquith said that no controversial measure the House of Lords disagreed with could become law for two years after it had passed the House of Commons. That was to enable the country to voice its feelings. What was the position to-day? The Home Rule Bill had been before the country nearly two years, and there were 100,000 men drilled and armed in Ulster ready to fight and give their lives rather than that the Bill should become law. That was the answer to Mr Asquith. The position of the Church in Wales was rather overshadowed at present by the Irish question, but in that remarkable petition signed by 15,000 Welsh Nonconformists Mr Asquith had had his answer on that point also. (Hear, hear). He asked the Nonconformists of the country to come forward and help a sister Church in its need, so that the religious life of the people should not be damaged by the disestablishment law of the Welsh Church Bill.

Mr Digby Lawson proposed the toast of "The Navy and Army." Quartermaster-Sergt. Wray responding, and a vote of thanks to the speakers was accorded on the proposition of the Rev. M. G. Lascelles.

BARKSTON ASH AND THE NATIONAL SERVICE LEAGUE.

SELBY'S RESOLUTION.

In furtherance of the objects of the National Service League a meeting was held on Monday night at the Selby Olympia Institute. Dr. G. D Todd presided, and an address was delivered by Major Stansfield, York. A good number of the public attended, notwithstanding an inclement night. The company included members of the local Territorial Company, and also many employees at the Olympia Mills, who are ex-soldiers.

Dr. Todd thought that the failure of the Territorial scheme to secure adequate numbers was in a great measure due to the fact that the Territorials were looked upon more or less as a sham and not a reality. The force was not armed as it ought to be, and there was a shortage of horses. Without horses an army might be likened to a man without legs. He urged that the Territorials ought to be supplied with good guns, and armed with the latest rifle. (Applause).

Major Stansfeld delivered an address explaining the objects and proposals of the League, showing that the object in the main was to form a large body of pubiot opinion in this country which would result in an Act of Parliament being passed to make military training for home defence in the Territorial Army compulsory for every able-bodied young man in this country, without distinction of class or wealth. It was proposed that promotion should be by personal merit alone.

Replying to a question, Major Stansfeld said that the period of four to six months' training could be so arranged as not to interfere with work or business. The League did not advocate compulsory service on Continental lines, such as conscription in barracks or camp.

On the motion of Lieut. J. W. Oldfield, seconded by the Rev. E. C. Illingworth, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favour of the proposals of the League.

The meeting was followed by an instructive lantern lecture on the Balkan War.

SUBSCRIPTION BALL AT SELBY.

A subscription ball was held in the Assembly Rooms, Selby, on Friday night, when there was a large and fashionable company assembled from various parts of the county. Some very beautiful dresses were in evidence, there being a tasteful blending of colours in many instances. The ball-room and supper-room were effectively decorated. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr C. R. Jones, who was highly complimented and thanked for the able manner in which he has pioneered these dances for the past two winters. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was when Mrs L. W. V. Buscke, on behalf of the lady members, presented to Mrs Jones a handsome silver salver and a silver bon-bon dish.

The cotillion, which lasted upwards of an hour, was a delightful spectacle, and proved a great success, under the direction of Mr L. W. V. Buscke, who also generously presented favours to everyone present. Dancing commenced at 8.30, and was kept up with spirit until the early hours of Saturday morning. The ball stewards were:—Mr C. R. Jones, Mr F. Sanderson, Mr Bruce Gray, Mr West-Symes, and Mr W. T. Everatt.

Amongst those who accepted invitations were: Mr H. and Miss Anson, Mr A. and Mr C. E. Anson (Hambleton), Mr Atlay, Mr W. and Miss Armstrong (Brayton Manor), Miss Armstrong (Botany Bay), Rev. W. C. and Mrs Carter (Rythe Rectory), Mr and Mrs S. Cooke (Thorpe-Hall), Mr and Mrs P. Cheesman, Mr F. Cheesman, Miss Cheesman, Rev. W. B. Cranleshaw, Mr Alec. Mr H., and Miss Foston (Road Whaton), Mr H. Fell, Mr W. D. Foster, Mr Frank Foster, Mr and Mrs J. D. Finchett, Mrs F. Liversidge (Raskell), Mr and Mrs Bruce Gray, Mr Gardiner-Struthers, Miss Gilbertson, Mr and Mrs Mark Scott, Mr and Mrs E. Sanderson, Mr J. Sampson, Miss F. and Miss N. Solloway, Mrs and Miss Wormald (Cawood Castle), Mr R. West-Symes, Mrs Whitfield, Mr T. Wainwright, Mr C. Woods, Miss Waterhouse (Ulleskelf), Mrs Wetherell, Mr E. A. White, Mr C. Welburn (Huddleston Hall).

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

BRAMHAM MOOR.

Friday	Feb. 27—11.0	Bickerton Bar
Saturday	Feb. 28—11.0	Hook Moor
Monday	Mar. 2—12.0	Sicklinghall
Wednesday	Mar. 4—12.0	Monk Fryston
Friday	Mar. 6—12.0	Bilbrough
Saturday	Mar. 7—12.0	Led Mill

HALTON

BOXING.—In Leeds on Monday night Young Newton, Halton, and Young McGrath, Leeds, were scheduled for ten rounds. McGrath was the better boxer, but Newton was stronger and heavier, and forcing the work repeatedly had his opponent in difficulties, and McGrath retired in the fifth round.

A CHURCH BAZAAR AT GARFORTH

MR AND MRS LANE FOX PRESENT.

In connection with Garforth United Methodist Church a three days' bazaar was opened in the schoolroom on Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was described as a "unique thanksgiving opening" by the converts in the recent mission, and considerable interest was evinced in it. Mr Kilburn presided, in the absence of Mr Smales, of Kippax, who was prevented by illness from fulfilling the engagement. He said he hoped the bazaar would be a success both spiritually and financially.

The Rev. Mr Needham said he was there as a representative character to declare the bazaar open for the new converts. He had been in all sorts of positions, but had never opened a bazaar before; in fact, he had never been asked, simply because his pocket was not long enough. He was delighted with the young people who were on the platform with him, and also in the open declaration of their faith. The success of a bazaar was not always in the getting of money, but in bringing the young people to the knowledge of Christ. He had very great pleasure on behalf of the new converts in declaring the bazaar open.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman by Mr Young, and seconded by Mr Bedford, while a vote of thanks to Mr Needham was proposed by Mr Simpson, seconded by Mr Sugden, and cordially passed.

The stall-holders were as follows:—Refreshment Stall—Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Helsby, Mrs T. H. Rhodes, and Mrs Sugden. Ladies' Drapery Stall (1)—Mrs Browning, Mrs Herbert Browning, and Mrs Joseph Herrington. Ladies' Drapery Stall (2)—Mrs Ballance and Mrs Thompson. Gentlemen's Stall—Mr W. H. Simpson, Mr W. Thompson, and Mr Joseph Herrington. Sunday School Stall—Misses Thompson. Flower Stall—Misses C. Young, C. Westerman, Goodall, Ballance, E. Thompson, E. Riley, and Wilson. Toy Stall—Messrs P. Gent, W. Ballance, and T. Thompson. Entertainments—Messrs Kilburn, J. Kilburn, A. Simpson, and W. Kilburn. Doorkeepers—Messrs Bedford, Holmes, Chadwick, and Jno. Herrington. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr W. H. Sugden.

Much amusement was created by a nail driving competition for ladies and hat trimming and shuttle and battledore competitions for gentlemen, as well as weight guessing of cakes.

On Saturday afternoon the opening ceremony was performed by Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and Councillor J. W. Dobson, of Garforth, who was introduced by the Rev. Mr Wakefield, presided.

The Chairman said that they should all try and make others happy. Charity did not always mean the giving of money; it also meant the giving of a helping hand or the speaking of a kind word.

Mr Lane Fox, who was accompanied by Mrs Lane Fox, said they both had great pleasure in being present, and he thought it was his duty to be there. In these days the Government provided nearly everything, but there was one thing they could not provide and that was individual usefulness. He hoped the bazaar would be a success.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman and Mr Lane Fox.

On Monday the bazaar was re-opened by Mrs A. Longfellow, of Gledhow, and Sister Sykes, of Leeds, who was introduced by the Rev. W. H. Saturley, presided.

Sister Sykes said she was glad to come home again and see so many old faces, and she was pleased to hear of the success of the revival.

Mrs Longfellow said that whenever she met Sister Sykes she was always on an errand of mercy. She (Mrs Longfellow) was very pleased to be present; it was a very common-place expression, but it was just what she felt. It was a pleasure to be in a place so familiar, and it was a joy to be with them, and to help them even if it was only in a little way. She and Mr Longfellow wished them every success in the bazaar.

Mrs Kilburn proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies, and this was seconded by Mrs Thompson, and agreed to.

The bazaar realized a sum of £82.

WHY YOUR STOMACH HURTS

A DOCTOR'S COMMON-SENSE ADVICE.

Pain in the stomach, variously called indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, heartburn, stomach ache, etc., is usually attributed to some unnatural, abnormal, or diseased condition of the stomach itself. Nothing, however, could be further from the truth. Nineteen times out of twenty the stomach is absolutely healthy and normal, the pain and discomfort being entirely due to the acidity and fermentation of the food, which irritates and distends the stomach; although if this condition is allowed to run on, in time the constant irritation of the acid is likely to eat into the stomach walls and produce ulcers and sometimes cancer of the stomach. Medicine is useless in such a case. The acid and fermenting food must be removed by a stomach pump or an emetic, or you must neutralise the acid and stop the fermentation by taking half-a-teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia in a little water. This latter is by far the simpler and safer method. Nothing, however, could immediately neutralises the dangerous acid, and by correcting the food contents enables even a tired, weak stomach to digest almost any food without any difficulty. Physicians advise that bisurated magnesia should be kept in every home, and a little taken after each meal whenever the slightest tendency to food fermentation is shown. Be sure to obtain bisurated magnesia; as other forms of magnesia are valuable as tooth and mouth washes, but they do not give satisfactory results in stomach disorders.

ADEL LADY AND EDUCATION.—A successful conversazione in connection with the Women's Educational Guild was held on Friday evening at the Leeds Arts Club. During an interval in the proceedings an interesting address on "Women and Education" was given by Miss Isabella G. Ford, of Adel. She observed that the movement towards education among women commenced, roughly speaking, a hundred years years ago, but was not very evident. Happily this gulf is being bridged over, but only just within years later. During this comparatively short period, however, there had been, in the words of the late Mark Twain, "a most wonderful evolution." Formerly women were educated merely to be pleasant and agreeable to the opposite sex, not to be efficient human beings independently of men. Happily that state of things had passed away, and to-day women were regarded as human beings on an equality with men and possessing the same rights as men, because rights were founded on the fulfilment of duties, and few would now say that woman's duties were not as important as those of men. (Applause). Miss Ford was heartily thanked at the close of her address.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

EXCITING ESCAPADES.

The Bramham Moor Hunt met at Thorparch on Friday, and there was not a large field. Scent was never really good, but the pack were busy all day, and were seldom without a fox before them. Thorparch Whin was first drawn and held a fox. One was killed, and the other provided a slow hunt of an hour and 40 minutes. After running about Horn Bank, the fox crossed the Wetherby and Walton Road, and going through Barnett's Wood, crossed the railway. After running over the Wetherby Racecourse, he ran past Hall Orchards and over the York Road. Turning right-handed the pack crossed Sachmore Park, and again going over the York Road took their fox through Champagne Gorse and across to Hall Parks, going through that covert nearest Walton Village. Hounds hunted the fox down to Rudgate, and there swinging back to the left, ran through both the Hall Parks coverts, and he was slowly taken past Walton and with many checks worked over the railway at Spell Bank, to Thorparch Hall, where the fox got to ground, but being evicted was killed after a slow and twisting hunt. Hounds had a line from Wighill Ings, but no fox was seen to leave them. After crossing the Wigxill and Walton Road, the pack were stopped while heading for Wighill Park. As hounds were going down to draw Shire Oaks, a fox was seen in a Willow Tree near Brook Hall. Being dislodged, he ran up to Wighill Village, but doubling back he past Brook Hall, crossing the Wighill and Tadcaster Road, and was hunted over the Ings towards Thorparch. Bending to the right, he was taken over the Walton Road straight to the now demolished Walton Wood. Without entering it the fox turned to the right and pointed for Wighill Church, but swinging back was very slowly hunted, with Walton Wood on the right, across Rudgate, through Hall Parks, and was abandoned while heading for Champagne Gorse, after a dragging hunt of an hour. Walton Whin was blank. Another fox was found at Thorparch Whin, but scent, most indifferent all day, was now almost useless, and little or nothing more was done.

There were some exciting escapes from serious injury at Wighill by occupants of traps and lady cyclists on the road. Hounds had found their second fox in Wighill Ings, and horsmen were galloping down the road from Wighill Church into the village, which was filled with motor-cars and a traction engine. In the excitement a horse in a trap took fright at the traction engine and bolted. It collided with a buggy driven by Miss Smith, daughter of Mr Tom Smith, the auctioneer, and in which were also seated Mrs Busby, wife of the Vicar of Walton, Boston Spa, and another lady. This trap then collided with a trap driven by Mr Charles Farnell, Harewood village, when Farrelly was the result that the occupants of both vehicles were thrown into the road. Mr Smith's horse jumped clear of the trap, but Mr Farndale's horse fell. Several lady cyclists had narrow escapes, the runaway horse just missing them. Mrs Busby complained of slight injury, and the others who had come in the two traps were shaken.

HUNTSMAN HAS A FALL.

The Bramham Moor hounds met on Monday at Stainburn village. Drawing across the moors towards Little Almscliffe, hounds picked up a fox which was run sharply to Hawley Wood, and crossing the Washburn, was lost near Mick Gill. Just at the beginning of this hunt, Farrelly, the huntsman, had a fall on the moors, and it was some time before he could join the hounds. In the meantime, A. Hoare, the first whipper-in, had drawn Mick Gill and the Lake Plantation at Farnley, and had just found a fox which ran

OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Trees, shrubs, roses, climbers, and hardy plants generally may be planted this month providing the soil is in suitable condition. Naturally wet, heavy land may be in an unfit state for working upon, and in that case planting should be deferred until March.

The mild weather experienced during January and early February has caused roses to break into unnaturally early growth. We would warn readers against being tempted to prune the trees as present. To do this would result in the young buds lower down the stems to break into growth also, and if a late severe frost occurred this would prove disastrous.

Lawns are looking fresh and green, and should be rolled regularly to consolidate the turf. It is rather too early to commence mowing at present.

RASPBERRIES.

Under good cultivation there are few better paying crops than raspberries. The present is a good time to plant the canes, and they should be accommodated on a piece of ground that has been trenched and manured heavily some time previous to planting. Deep planting is a common error. The roots should be spread out evenly and at the same depth as they were before being lifted. No fruit should be expected the first year, in fact, it is advisable to cut last year's growth back to the ground level. This will cause the plants to grow stronger and thus form the foundation of a healthy plot. The rows may be five feet apart and the plants about three feet. Plant firmly and finish off with a mulch of half rotten manure. A few good varieties are Superlative, Hornet, and Balmforth's Seedling. Established rows should also be mulched, as this keeps the roots cool and moist in summer.

ONIONS.

Ailsa Craig, Cranston's Excelsior, and other large onions may now be sown in boxes. A temperature of about 60 degrees will cause the seed to germinate freely, and as soon as they are nicely through the soil, the boxes may be transferred to cold frames. It is advisable to sow the seed thinly and if more seedlings than are required appear, they should be thinned to the requisite number. This will be found to prove more satisfactory than pricking the seedlings into other boxes. We have often noticed that young onions are a long time recovering after once being disturbed. Onions "sets" are now largely used in preference to raising the young plants from seed. We have not tried this system but have heard it highly spoken of.

CUCUMBERS.

The first batch of plants should now be growing freely providing the necessary amount of heat is being provided. From about 70 to 75 degrees is about right at this time of the year, and a light position is essential. When the plants are about a foot high they may be planted on mounds of soil about 9 inches high and 15 inches across. Turfy loam, with a little sand and wood ashes added, will be quite rich enough for the plants at first. Roots soon make their appearance at the base of the mounds and it then becomes necessary to add a little fresh compost of a richer nature. Rotted manure, leaf mould in small quantities, and a reliable chemical manure may be added to the previous compost, and this topdressing should be repeated as often as the roots reach the sides of the mounds.

TOMATOES.

Early sown seedlings always show a tendency to make weak long-jointed growth. This, of course, is bound to weaken the constitution of the plants, and the crop suffers in consequence. To encourage the plants to make strong, firm growth, they should be grown as near the roof glass as possible, and great care should be exercised in giving water. Excessive watering at this time of the year will be found to cause the first two cells. Either the plants will die or they will get drawn and spindley. A warm, but buoyant atmosphere is good for them, but excessive atmospheric moisture will cause them to "bolt." More seed should be sown for successional crops. Really good varieties are Sunrise, Ailsa Craig, Moneymaker, Premier, Sceptre, and Sutton's Sunbeam. The latter is a free-seeding yellow variety.

SEEDLING PLANTS.

There is no more interesting way of raising young plants than the natural one, that is, from seed. Perusal of an up-to-date catalogue will discover hundreds of varieties suitable for all requirements. Flower garden, kitchen garden, hot or cool greenhouse may all be stocked with plants from seed. The present month, March, and April, are the three most important ones for seed sowing under glass. Heat and moisture must be sown at present unless a temperature ranging in the vicinity of 70 degrees can be maintained. Cooler house subjects may be sown in a temperature of 55 to 60, whilst hardy annuals may be sown where the thermometer registers 50 to 55.

ABUTILONS.

The abutilons are hard wooded perennials and are largely used for conservatory decoration. In sheltered gardens they are used during the summer months in sub-tropical bedding arrangements. Wellgrown specimens often reach a height of six feet, and bear a wealth of charming bell shaped flowers varying in colour from pure white to deep orange-scarlet. The leaves of many varieties are beautifully marbled with a deeper tint than the groundwork of the flower. The flowering period extends over six to nine months under glass, and the flowers prove useful for a considerable time when cut. Seed may be sown now in a warm house, and the seedlings should be grown in a temperature of 60 to 65 until they are a foot high. They may then be removed to a cool greenhouse and should be potted on as required. A rich compost should be used and firm potting is essential. If dwarf, bushy plants are wanted the tops should be pinched out when the plants are about nine inches high. They will then develop three or four side growths and these may be stopped again when about six inches long. Grow the plants in a light position from the first, and when they are strong enough to stand it syringe them twice a day.

ACHIMENES.

The achimenes are profuse blooming warm house plants, and are deserving of more general cultivation than they receive. They are closely allied to the popular gloxinia, but may be successfully grown in a rather lower temperature. The flowers vary considerably in size and colour. Many of them are of rich purple shades, and are exceptionally effective when grown in hanging baskets. Sow the seed now on fine loam and give a bare covering of fine sand. They will germinate rapidly if placed in a propagating frame having a bottom heat of about 70 to 75 degrees. The soil should be well soaked with tepid water before sowing the seed, and a covering of glass and paper should be given to prevent rapid evaporation. This is done to avoid the necessity of giving water before the seedlings appear. The seeds are very fine, and if it becomes necessary to give water before germination takes place many of them will get washed away. As soon as the seedlings appear the glass and paper should be gradually removed and the tiny plants must be carefully treated, or they will shrivel away and die. They must be protected from bright sun and from draughts. In the early stages of growth they may be planted about two inches apart in boxes filled with equal parts loam, peat, and leaf-mould, all of which should be passed through a fine riddle. Add sufficient sand to make the whole porous. When they are two inches high they may be potted singly into small pots, and their after treatment is simple. A temperature of 60 will grow them well, and they should be kept moist and free from insect pests. Pot on as required, and for the second and subsequent repottings a little rotten manure may be added and the compost may be used in a rougher state. After flowering the bulbs should be left and stored away for the winter. There are numerous named varieties which may be bought at about sixpence each. These are very fine and include scarlet, white, and bicoloured varieties.

GESNERAS.

The gesneras are somewhat similar in habit to the achimenes and may be treated in the same manner. The main difference is in the flower stems. These are produced in long sprays and are exceptionally beautiful. In the case of the achimenes the flowers are produced on single stems. The colours also vary, including yellow, salmon-pink, orange, crimson and rose-carmine.

CLERODENDRON FALLAX.

Clerodendron fallax is an imposing flowering stove plant easily grown from seed. The large, extremely brilliant heads of scarlet flowers are so striking as to make the popular salvias and pointsettias look foolish. The cultivation is very simple. Sow the seed now in a propagating frame and pot them singly into small pots as soon as the seedlings are large enough to handle. The warm moist atmosphere of a stove suits them to perfection, and by growing them on a shelf fairly near to the roof glass they may be kept comparatively dwarf. Pot on as the roots reach the pot sides and use a fairly rich compost. They may be flowered the first year in seven inch pots. The seed should be ripened in autumn.

NATURAL MANURES.

The best of natural manures for garden use is probably old cow-manure. It keeps its strength for years if stored under shelter, and its food elements become more and more available yearly. It also mixes with soil and leaf-mould to the best lasting action and plants seem to be able to use it readily.

Horse manure easily becomes over-heated and loses its strength, and it is too loose and dry for many purposes.

Sheep manure is excellent for the garden, and can be used either in solid or liquid form.

Pig manure is too rich and cold to use unless first composted with soil or some other suitable substances.

Manure intended for garden use should be well rotted by storing it to decay in piles three or more feet high. All decaying vegetables and refuse may also be composted with soil; and fertility can be added to the heap by throwing household slops over it. Practically anything that will decay will provide plant food, and can be added to the compost heap which should be turned often to thoroughly mix the components.

Zam-Buk

Cured Her ECZEMA.

"AFTER washing some new curtains, little pimples appeared on my arms," says Mrs. A. E. Bachrach, of 130a, St. Thomas' Road, Finsbury Park, London, N. "The skin then broke into nasty sores which covered my arms from wrists to elbows.

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"A friend then advised Zam-Buk, so I bought a box from the chemist.

"Zam-Buk *soothed the terrible irritation,* **and the sore places healed up with new skin. I am now quite cured, thanks entirely to this wonderful Zam-Buk."**

SELBY

The Selby hotel boxes during the past year have raised a record sum of £14 on behalf of the Selby Cottage Hospital.

The Drax Charity, near Selby, had an adverse balance of £2,923 at the end of the year, and £137 has been paid for bankers' charges on overdrafts.

ROUNDHAY

"SUNDAY ENJOYMENT."—Mr Leslie Owen, speaking at a public meeting in Leeds on Friday, said something had been done in the way of increasing the facilities for enjoyment on Sunday, but demand would be forward for boating at Roundhay on Sunday. Personally he had come to the conclusion that for those who were members of public authorities it was going against the legislative grain to stand against facilities for recreation on Sundays. (Hear, hear). That was his own conclusion, but if they tried to realise the position of those who were working so hard in an industrial city like Leeds, it was impossible to resist the demand of the people for reasonable recreation on Sundays. It was therefore wise for them as municipal legislators to provide for that demand.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON. (CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one.]

EVENING MEAL.

The evening meal should always be given at least an hour before sundown. I recommend the use of grain for this meal, which should be well scattered so as to give plenty of exercise to the birds before finally retiring. Please remember there is a great difference between retiring to roost and retiring. It is advisable to feed an hour before the former.

The grains generally employed in this country are wheat, barley, oats, and maize. Books have been written on the question as to which is best, but after long years of experiment I incline to using wheat as the staple food, varied occasionally by barley and oats, simply to stimulate the appetite, and in extra cold and inclement weather the substitution of maize.

This information may be gained theoretically by simply studying the analyses of the various grains; results also endorse the theory.

The principal constituents of food may for general purposes be divided into three parts—albuminoids, fats or oils, and carbohydrates. The two latter constituents are similar in effect, but are utilised by the bird's system in a different manner, their principal duties being heat-production, fat-forming, and mechanical work; but inasmuch as 1 unit of fat or oils is the equivalent of 2.29 of carbo-hydrates, in the following table of analysis I have combined them as heat and fat-formers, whilst albuminoids I have designated flesh and egg-formers.

	Flesh and Egg-producers	Heat and Fat-formers.
Wheat	13.0	69.8
Barley	10.0	72.3
Oats	12.0	69.4
Maize	10.0	73.0

Thus it is readily seen that wheat is the richest in egg-formers and practically as low as any in fat-formers, oats being a close second; but unless they are of excellent quality they should be sparingly fed, as otherwise they are liable to produce crop-bind. Barley and maize are equal in egg-forming material; both are more fat-forming than either wheat or oats, but maize is undoubtedly the worst offender in this respect.

Hence the original argument—wheat as the staple food, for variation the occasional use of barley and oats, and in very cold weather the substitution of maize on account of its richness in heat-producing material.

I have heard it remarked that oats are but little inferior in point of analysis to wheat, and even barley did not differ greatly, and as they were so much cheaper than wheat it was false economy to use the latter. Permit me to point out that the difference is nearly 8 per cent. in favour of wheat over oats, and over 20 per cent. in preference to barley as egg-formers, and, roughly, the economy is non-existent.

Because you are quoted a higher price per bushel or quarter for wheat than for oats or barley, it does not follow that it is costing you more per pen; it is the weight of the bushel of each of these grains varies. Wheat is sold at from 56lb. to 64lb. per bushel, oats fluctuate between 38lb. and 44lb., whilst barley is usually sold at 50lb. to 52lb., 60lb. to the bushel being the accepted standard for maize.

Regarding quantity, I must refer you to the remarks on that subject as applied to the morning meal. A rough guide is a handful per bird, back of the hand up for light breeds and palm of the hand upwards for heavy breeds (exceptions to the latter). Please

Rothwell Church Gathering.

ADDRESS BY THE VICAR.

MINERS AND CHURCH-GOING.

On Tuesday evening the annual parish tea for Rothwell was held in the Church Schools, and it was largely attended. The tray holders were Mrs Scurr, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs J. Dobson, Mrs Squire Dobson, Mrs Wilson, Mrs G. Armitage, and Miss A. Armitage. The tables had been prettily decorated with flowers, and the trays were Mrs Wilson, Mrs G. Armitage, Mrs H. Wormald, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Buck, Mrs K. Batty, Mrs J. Dobson, Mrs Hirst, Mrs Kilburn, Mrs Scurr, Miss Webster, Mrs Cocker, Mrs Richardson, and Mr Walter Wormald.

Following the tea a concert was given by the Priestly Players, and it was greatly enjoyed. The members of the troupe possess good voices, but the singing of Mr S. T. Tasker (bass) was especially pleasing. The following items were given:—"A madrigal," quartette; "A banjo tragedy," Mr J. W. Daft; "Plum-tones," Miss D. Smith (contralto); "All the girls are lovely," Mr W. Bennett; "A laughing chorus (concerted); "Bombardier," Mr S. Tasker; "Four adroitie men," Miss D. Wilson; "Hi-hi! Who's your lady friend," Mr J. W. Daft; "Floral dance," Mr S. Tasker; "I hear you calling me," Miss D. Smith; "My dusky maid," Mr W. Bennett; "Goodbye summer," Miss D. Wilson. Second part—"Muddled Riddles," Messrs Daft, Tasker, and Bennett; "Lazy old moon," Miss D. Smith; "Songs and sperns in ragtime," Mr W. Bennett; "So you want to be a soldier," Mr S. Tasker; "The beautiful sea" (concerted); "Singers and Talkers," Mr J. W. Daft; "Land of I dunno' where," Miss D. Wilson; "Water scenes" (mock ballet), Mr J. W. Daft; and "Barley Mow" (finale). Great credit is due to Mr J. Young for the admirable way he accompanied the songs on the piano.

During the interval the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Bence), gave an address. He well remembered, he said, the day of the last parish tea. It was a day which, he thought, took the most unhappy in his life, for he was very far away from them and from his work, and he could not help thinking over and over again of what was going on at Rothwell. So it was with great pleasure, and with a great sense of thankfulness, that he stood amongst them once again. It was his custom on such occasions to say a few words about the important events both of the past year and of the future. One of the most remarkable things that had occurred, and one on which they had to congratulate themselves very much, was the phenomenal success which had attended the seaside bazaar. Over £250 of the proceeds of the bazaar had been devoted to the church day schools building fund, and he had been told by Mr Harrison, the collector, that if the amount of the voluntary rates was paid off they would be able to claim the large and generous offer of £70 from Major Galbraith and Mr Charles Smith jointly, and so the school would be out of debt. The schools were very important, and if it had not been for the extensive alteration they would never have had the room that night. He had been congratulated by high diocesan authorities upon the splendid way in which everyone had worked. Another important thing was the repairing of the bells. They were all delighted on Saturday to hear once again the bells ring out, and it was a great satisfaction in being called to church on Sunday morning by them. The repairing of the bells had meant a considerable sum to be raised in the parish, but the response had been generous, and they were clear of debt. Another matter of finance was the church expenses.

had been anxious because there were expenses on the working of the church, and that being the case, they had always had debt. The collections in the church had averaged very well on the whole, as he found out in going carefully through them and comparing them with former years. A large number of people were in the habit of attending the church with great regularity—three times a day. Such people subscribed through the collections in a very satisfactory manner towards the church expenses. However, there might be some who, if they considered the question of church expenses, such as heating, lighting, and salaries, might subscribe more liberally. He felt that very satisfactory work had been done in the parish during the past year, and good work had also been maintained in the Day and Sunday schools. He felt with satisfaction that there was a deepness and earnestness in the spiritual life of the place. They had during the last year lost Mr Bishop. He had worked with them four and a half years, and there were many of them, like himself, who would miss Mr Bishop very much. He would all no doubt wish him every success and God speed in the new work where he had gone —his (Mr Bence's) old place, Kettering. He (Mr Bence) was going to work up the parish with one assistant curate instead of two. A certain rumour had been going round the parish that there were going to be certain changes made both in regard to the organization of the parish and the time and character of the service. That was only a rumour, and he welcomed the opportunity to be able to state that it was entirely and absolutely without foundation. The organization and character of the service would be continued as they had been in the past, and he was glad to be able to allay the doubt and anxiety that had been caused. They had Mr Wiencke with them—he had settled down in their midst and become one of them. With his help everything would go on well, as his heart and soul were in his work. He was looking forward to the time when they would find the miners of Rothwell coming in greater numbers to the church. There were large numbers of men whom he knew by name and sight and even spoke to as he walked along, and he regretted that they saw so few of them in church. They had a free and open church, and so they could welcome them into the church to go wherever they pleased. He hoped the time would come when they could do so of that welcome. Not only did they want them in the church, but they wanted them to take an interest in church work and church life.

CHURCH FENTON FOOTBALL CLUB DANCE.—There was a large gathering in the school on Friday evening, when the Church Fenton United Football Club promoted their first whist drive and dance. The school was tastefully decorated, and those present spent a most enjoyable evening. Mr S. Wade kindly presented the prizes for the whist drive, and these were won by Mrs Harrison and Mr J. White. Afterwards dancing went merrily on until 3 in the morning to music supplied by Mr J. W. Hague, of Ulleskelf (piano). An unusual feature was the fact that the gentlemen predominated. It is very gratifying to the club's energetic secretary (Mr A. Thompson) and the members who assisted so enthusiastically that this, their first effort, proved an unqualified success.

Templenewsam, Seacroft, Barwick, Shadwell Farmers.

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT FARMERS CLUB.

MEETING AT WHITKIRK.

On Wednesday night a meeting of farmers was held at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk, to consider the advisability of forming a Farmers' Club for Templenewsam, Crossgates, Swillington, Austhorpe, Barwick, and Roundhay districts. Mr J. M. Rayner, of Whinmoor, presided, and over thirty representative farmers attended. Among those present were Mr John Thompson, East Rigton, Bardsey, and Mr C. Eshelby, secretary of the Sherburn Agricultural Club.

Mr Wright, of Halton, said that he was responsible for calling the meeting. He had been connected with the Sherburn Club since its inception, and great benefits had accrued to the members in many ways, and he desired to see such an organization in that district. A letter recently appeared in the "Courier" on the subject, and he thought it was an opportune time for calling the farmers together. Agriculture was growing a more important industry, and it was very necessary that it should be organized. His idea in forming a club was that it should not be aggressive but defensive.

The Chairman said that a Farmers' Club conducted on proper lines would no doubt be a great benefit to farmers, and if they could do anything to improve their position it was their duty to do so. A club could be used for purchasing commodities for the members, and in that way a saving would be effected to them.

Mr C. Eshelby then explained the working of the club at Sherburn-in-Elmet. At the outset he emphasized the necessity of all members taking an active interest in such an organization, because if the work was left to a few the same measure of prosperity would not be obtained. Farmers, they knew, bought mixed manures and mixed foodstuffs, and they never troubled to get them analysed, but a club had an analyst, and that was a great advantage, because it practically assured these commodities being up to a recognised standard. The Sherburn Club was affiliated with the Yorkshire Union of Clubs, which was in membership with the National Union, and in that way they could bring their influence to bear on legislation affecting agriculture. They, however, did not profess to have any politics, and this was advisable, because the introduction of politics might cause friction. The Government had brought out a scheme for the improvement of live stock, and, although at Sherburn they did not think it would benefit them, in that district they might gain some advantage from milk records. When Sherburn Club was formed the turn-over in the first year was £352. In the second year £1,780, and last year £3,000. The Escrick Club, however, had a turn-over of over £12,000 a year. The club charged 3d. on the £ on all money passing through it, and 1½d. went to the secretary and 1½d. towards the club expenses. They purchased cake, manures, coal, and twine, and they carried out insurance, on which the farmers received a reduction of ten per cent. The members of a club could buy commodities on a cheaper scale, and they got full value for their money, and he gave instances of this.

Mr Appleyard (Austhorpe) asked where the money for the first goods bought would come from?

Mr Eshelby said that at Sherburn they had thirteen guarantors who had paid £5 each into the bank, and by that means the secretary was enabled to make his first payments. Of course, on the money deposited these gentlemen received 1½ per cent.

Mr Wright said that if members paid 10s. subscription it would make a club easily worked, but he thought they could manage on a subscription of 5s.

Mr Thompson said that at Wetherby they had a Chamber of Agriculture, and it had been very successful in its own way. Years ago they started a trading association, but this was entirely apart from the Chamber. Members were supplied with feeding stuffs and manures at as cheap a rate as possible, and the profits were divided among the purchasers according to the amount of goods they had purchased. To the man who bought large quantities of goods the advantage of purchasing through a club might be little, but if all combined the smaller man would receive very considerable benefit. He was satisfied if the English farmer was to hold his own he must organize, in order to protect himself from any forces that might be against him, and it was only through Farmers' Clubs and Chambers of Agriculture that farmers could express their views to have any weight. Of course, they barred politics, and they were perfectly right in barring politics generally, but whenever legislation to the detriment of farmers was proposed they must take politics into consideration, and they must do their utmost to educate the public. Farmers were looked upon as an exceedingly ignorant and antediluvian class, but he did not believe farmers required educating as much as the general mass of the public, who should be given better opportunities of knowing the difficulties under which the farmer carried on his business. In most of the associations in connection with the Yorkshire Union landowners, agents, and farmers were members, and that, to his mind, was a very great power for good, and he had never seen any harm come from it. The remark that farmers dare not open their mouths because landlords or agents were present was absolutely untrue. Five-sixths of the population lived in towns, and had no knowledge whatever of agricultural conditions. They knew that an agitation had been set on foot with a view to entirely altering the conditions that prevail in agriculture, but he did not think the proposers of the changes realized that England was possibly the best farmed country, considering its climate, under the sun. He said that the Small Holdings Act was allowed to pass through the House of Commons with very little opposition, and he was satisfied that if the views of the farmers been heard it would not have been placed on the Statute Book without considerable amendment. Men whose only crime was that they farmed too well had been thrust out of their holdings to make room for others. When they were doing that they must remember they were disturbing labourers who would be provided under the new conditions. He did not think they would get a larger number of people on the land by that Act. He urged the value of combination in order to help on legislation which was for the benefit of farmers, and to fight measures which would be to their detriment. (Applause).

The Chairman said that two-thirds of those present were members of the Leeds Cowkeepers' Association, and they wanted something distinct from that. He suggested that a club on the lines of a purchasing society should be formed.—

Mr. W. Verity (Halton) asked if it would not be better to form a Farmers' Club, and leave the question of a purchasing society until after.

The Chairman said that a purchasing society would induce men to join.

Mr Wright proposed that a Farmers' Club be formed for the district. When they got into working order they could buy or sell, or do whatever they thought was in the benefit of the members.

Mr R. Bickerdyke seconded, and the resolution was carried by an overwhelming majority, only one or two voting against it.

Mr Wright was appointed secretary pro. tem., and the annual subscription was fixed at 5s.

Mr Brown (Bradbury Farm, Halton) proposed that the name of the club be "Crossgates and District Farmers' Club."

Mr Seal (Colton) seconded, and this was adopted.

The following gentlemen were appointed officials subject to their consenting to stand:—President, Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P.; vice-presidents, Sir C. B. Lowther (Swillington Park), Mr D. B. Wilson, J.P. (Seacroft Hall), Mr J. C. Bartle (Garforth), Mr T. P. Fawcett (Barrowclough Hall), Mr C. F. Ryder (Scarcroft), Mr T. G. Mylchreest (Eltofts), Col. Gascoigne (Lotherton), Mr P. S. Marsden (Whitkirk), and Mr John Thompson (East Rigton); chairman, Mr J. Rayner (Whinmoor); committee—Messrs J. W. Pollard (Moor Allerton), Bickerdyke (Osmondthorpe), Young (Swillington), Elam (Osmondthorpe), A. Booth (Crossgates), Baxter (Newsamgreen), J. Appleyard (Austhorpe), Barraclough (Colton), W. Townend (Seacroft), M. Helm (Barwick), J. W. Carter (Whinmoor), and G. Taylor (Halton).

On the call of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Eshelby, Mr Thompson, and Mr Wright.

CORRESPONDENCE

MR E. H. FOSTER'S SPEECH AT ABERFORD.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Mr E. H. Foster at a meeting at Aberford read a circular appealing to officers in the Army not to take part in the coercion of Ulster. He did not state by whom the circular was issued nor even that it was issued by any Unionist organization, yet he goes on to make a most unworthy insinuation by saying "it did not fit in with the party who called themselves the party of law and order to take up such a stand when a Bill was to be passed that did not please them." What on the other hand, has been the attitude of the Nationalist party towards the British Army?

In Dublin on October 1st, 1899, Mr Patrick O'Brien, M.P., now one of the Nationalist party's whips, said:—

"He hoped the soldiers in Irish regiments in the service of England would, before they lined up against the Boers, remember that they were first of all Irishmen, and instead of fighting in favour of England would turn their arms in favour of the Boers."—"Freeman's Journal," Oct. 2nd, 1899.

In Tralee, on October 20th, 1901, Mr John Dillon, M.P., said:—

"He regretted to say that there were a great many Irishmen amongst the British troops, and that led him to say that there was a gentleman over there looking for recruits for the Irish guards. He hoped they would put him out of Kerry if he came. There was no use in cheering De Wet and Botha if they were not prepared to follow their example."—"Irish Daily Independent," Oct. 21st, 1901.

"England has never fought her own battles, Irish traitors have ever been the backbone of her Army and Navy.

"Stand aside and have your revenge. While out Ireland's help England will go down before Germany, as she would have gone down before the Boers had not the Irish fought her battles in South Africa."—"Irish Freedom," August, 1913.

When it is proposed to use the British Army to coerce Ulster at the bidding of gentlemen whose speeches I have quoted, it is not surprising that a good many individuals are moved to express their indignation in various ways. Mr Foster had no right to endeavour to saddle the Unionist Party with responsibilities for the circular in question.—Yours etc.,

ROBERT N. THOMPSON.

February 24th, 1914.

PUBLIC DEBATE AT WHITKIRK.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Reading the speech made by the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, and as coming from a gentleman occupying his position, one is struck by the extreme partizanship it reveals. With regard to the statement of Home Rule for Ireland being a principal question at all elections since 1885, I would remind him of the "Ulster state" policy of Lord Hugh Cecil, Mr Asquith, etc., Home Rule being one of the principal items which was then wiped off the Radical slate.

Was Home Rule even mentioned by the Radicals during the 1906 Chinese Slavery election? I don't think so. Coming to more recent time the first election of 1910, the cry one remembers was not Home Rule but "Peers v. People."

With reference to the statement that Home Rule would be the death blow of religious bigotry, this needs some explanation. Does he refer to his fellow Free Churchmen or to the Roman Catholics?

As regards the position of the Protestants of Ireland on the question of religious equality, this surely is a question upon which they are best able to judge. To prove this I give you a list of Free Church ministers in the whole of Ireland and their attitude to Home Rule. This list I have got from a business friend in Belfast and is thoroughly reliable:—Presbyterian, opposed to Home rule, 150; Home Rulers, 12; Methodists, opposed to Home Rule, 250; Home Rulers, 6. Of Baptists and Congregationalists, of whom there are under 50, almost all are opposed. This list does not include Episcopal ministers, who are practically all opposed to Home Rule.

Would Mr Hamilton willingly hand over the reins of government in England, both executive and administrative, to those of a Roman Catholic persuasion. If not, how can he thus easily throw overboard his fellow Free Churchmen in Ireland?

Mr Hamilton's next statement is "That if Home Rule is not granted to Ulster along with the rest of Ireland, Belfast would suffer enormously from the upheaval in commercial matters."

Belfast business men know their business, and can be trusted to look after it, and when one remembers that practically the whole of business Belfast is opposed to Home Rule, £150,000,000 being represented at the last meeting in Ulster Hall, we may take it that they have weighed up the whole aspect of the case from that point of view.—Yours, etc.,

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HUNTSMAN INJURED.—Peter Farrelly, huntsman to the Bramham Moor Hounds, had a nasty fall in a bog on the Moors near Stainburn on Monday, and for a time the pack were left in charge of A. Hoare, the first whip. Farrelly eventually resumed command, but the hunt was brought to a premature conclusion, he being obviously unfit to continue. His chief injury was to the face, he having some teeth knocked out.

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A CYCLING STORY.—A youth was cycling along the principal street at Wetherby when a collie dog whisked his bushy tail, and had it caught in the rear wheel of the bicycle. The youth was thrown over the handle bars, but fortunately was very little hurt. The dog tried to run away, but pulled the bicycle with him, and the back wheel had to be taken out before the dog's tail could be released.

CONCERT.—An excellent concert was held in the Grand Hall, Cawood, under the auspices of the Cawood and District Conservative and Unionist Association, when the following artistes took part:—Miss Teresa Barraclough (soprano), Leeds; Miss Nellie Atkin, A.L.C.M. (contralto), Bradford; Mr Hugh Dawson (tenor), Horton; Mr George L. Stephenson (baritone), Baildon; Mr Jack Leslie (humorist), Bradford, and Miss Ethel Topham (accompanist), Bradford. The programme was excellently arranged and highly appreciated by a large audience, the part songs especially were well rendered, and came in for much applause. Miss Barraclough was heard to great advantage in "Spring's Awakening." Mr Hugh Dawson's "Mary" with much feeling, this song being highly appreciated. Miss Atkin rendered "When you come home" in good style, and also played "Home, Sweet Home" (Thalberg), with much charm. Mr Stephenson sang "The Floral Dance" in quite an effective way. Mr Leslie was very well received in "Beauty of the Guards" and "P.C. No. 9." Miss Topham proved an able accompanist. Most of the success of the concert was due to the capable work of Miss Atkin, who had arranged the programme in very efficient style.

TADCASTER.—On Monday evening the members of the G.F.S. gave an entertainment in the Girls' Sunday Schoolroom, and there was a large audience. The programme was as follows:—Pianoforte solo, Miss Hilda Dyson; song, "Poor old Joe," Miss Doris Weaver; song, "Won't you buy my pretty flowers," Miss Priscilla Middleton; folk songs, "German peasant dance" and "Polish National dance," pianoforte duet; song, Miss Dymmy; Spanish song and dance, twelve members; song, Miss Scholefield; dialogue, "Aunt Matilda's collar"; caste—Miss Matilda Dimity, Miss Owen; Cicely (her niece), Miss Gosling; Hudson's Berths, Miss Florence Rumbold; Mary and Jane (servants), Miss Carrie Couch and Miss Elsie Bollard; and Mrs Grump (charwoman), Miss Smith; pianoforte solo, Miss Doris Weaver; song, "Meet me by moonlight alone," Miss Hilda Dyson; recitation, "Prayer and potatoes," Miss Ada Smith; rounds, "All matture smiles" and "Come, follow me," the choir; song, Miss Scholefield; part song, "Away, away, at break of day," the choir; song, Miss Gypson; dialogue, "Rooms to let"; caste—Miss Priscilla, Miss Annie Pratt; Miss Mattie (her sister), Miss Edith Freer; Sophia (their maid), Miss Ada Smith; Mrs Stokes, Miss Edith Jennings.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Within recent years a wonderful change has come over the great mining community in conduct, manners, and dress, and, as a well-known Garforthian said recently, "the miner of to-day is a gentleman compared with the 'collier of fifty years ago." Somehow a number of people, owing to ignorance no doubt, affect to despise the mining class, but prejudice dies hard. Every section has its black sheep, but I warrant the miners will compare favourably with the artisans of any community. Not many years ago I met a Rippax man in a public institution, and he told me that in the '70s he earned £5 and £6 a week. "What have you done with your money, then?" I asked. "More than half of it went in 'booze' on pay-day," he said, "but I had my fun, and I don't regret it." That spirit belongs to a bye-gone generation, and one cannot condemn the young miners of to-day adopting such an attitude. Of course, in the old days there were prudent men, and I know one a few old miners who have drawn a considerable amount, house-property, and they are now enjoying the fruits of their toil.

With all his improvement, the miner does not appear to be particularly enamoured of church-going, and in the Rothwell district the Vicar laments the apathy of the men who wins the coal. Mr Bence said that "he was looking forward to the time when they would find the miners of Rothwell coming in greater numbers to the church. There were large numbers of men whom he knew by name and sight and even spoke to as he walked along, and he regretted that they saw so few of them in church. They had a free and open church, and so they could welcome them into the church to go wherever they pleased. He hoped the time would come when they would make use of that welcome. Not only did they want them in the church, but they wanted them to take an interest in church work and church life." Why don't the miners go to church? It is advisable to find that out first. And having solved that, the Vicar could set to work to achieve his purpose. The old supposition about "compelling them to come in" still stands, doesn't it?

The miners, however, are not the only sinners—if it is a sin to give the church door a wide berth. In the old days the colliers spent Sunday in pigeon flying, cock-fighting, boxing—the Primrose Valley, Halton, was a rend zvous for pugilists—and drinking, but since they have, to a very large extent, turned from their wicked ways, other classes, who ought to be an example to the despised miner, have degenerated. Motorists and golfers—miners have not adopted these aristocratic recreations yet—are greatly in evidence on Sunday, despite the fact that they have, as a rule, plenty of leisure during the week, and it seems to me that a missionary to these men and women might do some good. It must not, however, be supposed that miners as a class have completely forsaken the church. In some villages the congregations are almost exclusively composed of miners and their families, and I know at least one village where the parson can always get a good congregation of men.

The protest by Mr T. B. Smith, of Garforth, who has the honour of being chairman of the Leeds and District Grocers' Association, against Sunday trading was opportune, and his condemnation of it as an "abominable practice" left no doubt as to his opinion about it. Apart from its unfairness—its infringement on legitimate trading—it opens out a wide field for abuse. The practice is probably not common in the villages of the district, but I know places where small shopkeepers keep an open door on Sunday, and the residents are to blame for encouraging these people. In the matter of Sunday trading, many people would like to see all pubs closed on that day, and not a few licence-holders would, I know, welcome the rest which such a concession would provide.

Country people are not always as careful as they might be with regard to their children. In different parts of the country outrages have been committed on little ones by scoundrels, and a child who is sent along a dark road a mile or two from home is always running a risk. In this district there have, fortunately, been very few attacks on children and girls—at anyrate, cases have not come before the magistrates—but it occurred to me the other night, when walking outside one of our villages, that parents were not as careful as they might be. Several toddlers, not in company, were met on this dark road, probably making their way home after going an errand, and had any evil-minded person made an attack on any one of them help would not have been at hand. The child's "Good night," in order to get an assurance that all was well, was pathetic.

The formation of a Farmers' Club for Templesexton, Crossgates, Austherpe, Oxtonthorpe, Seacroft, Barwick, Scholes, Shadwell, Swillington, and Roundhay provides an unique opportunity for farmers, by organization and co-operation, to help themselves, and if the members act as missionaries to their fellows, it should have a membership of a hundred before the year is out. Chambers of Agriculture exist at Tadcaster and Wetherby, and while these are of value for ventilating the opinions of the members, an institution like the Sherburn Farmers' Club, with its trading facilities, seems to appeal more forcibly to practical men. Farmers, like other folks, want to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the best, and the Crossgates and District Farmers' Club, if properly managed, could save a considerable sum of money in the pockets of its members every year.

The Crossgates and District Farmers' Club could be made to fulfil the dual purpose of a Chamber of Agriculture and a trading association, but to be of real value to the farmers the trading should receive prime consideration. An experienced Tadcaster farmer recently stated that to make agriculture a success farmers must depend on themselves, and there is truth in this. Farmers are not particularly fond of attending debates on agricultural subjects, as evidenced by the attendances at Chambers of Agriculture, but give them a monetary interest in a concern, and it will have a wonderful influence on them. In buying commodities they may effect a considerable saving to themselves, and members of Crossgates and District Club will be wise to work this side of the institution for all that it is worth.

Why not have a Farmers' Club for Garforth district, too? In such a combination agriculturists in Kippax, Ledston, Ledsham, Aberford, and Garforth might be expected to participate, and if a club were formed there the whole of the district on the Selby Railway side would be organised. As showing how farmers can save by combination, it was stated a club purchased twine for its members at 5s. per cwt. less than the individual could buy it for, and other things a farmer requires could be got in the same way. Merchants or manufacturers would be tumbling over each other to get orders, because they would know that they could have their money within a reasonable time, and they could afford to cut profits.

It will be remembered that at Halton the performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore," by the Whitkirk amateurs, was preceded by a smart little play, with a very simple story. It related to the disappointment of a couple at the failure of friends to attend a party, with the ultimate discovery that the husband had forgotten to post the invitations. Was the play founded on an unusual experience in Canada of Lord and Lady Minto, who had arranged a garden party. The appointed day arrived; the band came out to play; the sun shone; and Lord and Lady Minto awaited their guests. But no guests arrived. The mystery was unveiled when it occurred to the memory of a startled aide-de-camp that he had prepared the invitations, but had forgotten to post them!

The passing of the Chairman of Hunslet Board of Guardians (Mr Edward Green) will be regretted by every member. For months he had been ill, and his genial personality was missed at the meetings. He was a wonderful old man, and his vigorous energy in his seventy odd years, and he did an enormous amount of voluntary work in Hunslet. Poor law administration was, however, his special hobby, and his long years of service gave him an experience equalled only by few of the members. He was one of the men whose death is a distinct loss to the community.

Kippax is threatened with a sewage scheme which will cost about £6,000 if arrangements cannot be made with Mr Bland to reduce the amount by selling a certain piece of land, which would do away with the necessity for pumping. The Kippax members of the District Council have stoved off the evil day as long as possible, but the scheme must come, and their efforts are now directed at making it as cheap and efficient as possible. The squire, by making the concession alluded to, would confer a great advantage on his tenants, because it would mean a smaller rate, and farmers frequently complain that their burdens are a serious handicap to them in their business.

A solution will, I understand, be found for the housing problem at Tadcaster. The directors of John Smith's Brewery, who have already built a considerable amount of working-class property, are engaged in preparing a scheme which will meet present demands, and the houses will be erected on the East Tadcaster side. Many ratepayers object to public money being expended on housing schemes, owing to a fear that they will involve a rate, and it is satisfactory that in this instance private enterprise will meet the necessities of the case. The scheme has not been before the District Council yet, but I believe the plans are being prepared.

Following the refusal of the N.E.R. Co. to light the Church Fenton railway bridge, where a deplorable accident occurred recently, it now rests with the Parish Council to take action. Everybody admits that the bridge is dangerous on dark nights, and lights placed at the approaches to the road are advocated as a means of minimising risks. It seems that if anything is to be done, the Church Fenton parish meeting will have to adopt the Lighting Act, and arrange with the Railway Co. for the erection and maintenance of lamps on or near the bridge. The Act must be adopted before they incur any expense, otherwise the Parish Council would be surcharged. A few years ago Garforth Parish Council, by arrangement with the N.E.R. Co., paid for the lighting of a lamp at the approach to the station, but, as the parish had not adopted the Lighting Act, the payments were illegal, and when the Local Government Board auditor heard this out he soon put an end to the practice.

A number of parishes in Tadcaster Union—and I believe it is the number—have not paid their calls, and the overseers are to be prosecuted if the money is not forthcoming in a fortnight. At the Guardians' meeting on Monday some comment was created by a demand for the names of the parishes concerned, but they were not given. When the District Council business came up, however, the demand was repeated, and the names were made public. But what good did it do? Stronger measures are necessary. Overseers of parishes who manage to pay promptly think it is unfair to them that other overseers should be allowed to pay when they please—at anyrate, to withhold payment until they are threatened with prosecution, and I should not be surprised if they don't mend their ways, were a resolution passed to take proceedings against them at once.

The heavy cost of the roads in Tadcaster has been a cause of anxiety to the District Council for years, and their failure to obtain a grant from the County Council towards the maintenance of Station Road shows that the only practical remedy must be undertaken jointly by the N.E.R. Co., the brewery companies, and the District Council. Tadcaster is a heavy charge on the rural district. The annual cost of Station Road is put by members at between £400 and £500 a year, and it is patent that the only way to save the rates is by removing the heavy brewery traffic from the roads altogether. The N.E.R. Co. have promised a scheme for a long time, but their policy of shuffle does not bring the matter any nearer a solution, and the District Council should pester them until they take some action. If it were possible to carry the traffic direct from the breweries to the railway sidings an immense saving would be effected in road repair, and it would pay the District Council to make a substantial contribution towards the cost of the scheme.

Tadcaster District Council have compelled owners of traction engines and motor waggons for extraordinary traffic on the local roads, but they should be consistent, and charge all alike. Heavy motor lurries are now running regularly on the roads, and these do quite as much damage as other heavy vehicles. The cost of maintaining roads has grown very considerably in recent years, and it is very largely owing to the use of heavy motor vehicles. Traction engines and motor waggon owners have introduced a new class of traffic, and it is unfair of them to expect the ratepayers to pay in order that they may make more money.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEMBERS AND SANITARY CONDITION OF THE AREA.

REDUCTION IN DISTRICT RATE.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr J. B. Breed (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. W. Dobson, R. Routledge, jun., H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, T. S. Slater, W. W. Hartley, and Goodall, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Corp), and the surveyor (Mr T. Abbott).

Two of the Council's employes, whose wages were 18s., were granted an increase of 2s. per week.

Notices were ordered to be served on certain owners of property with regard to the conversion of privies into water closets.

On the motion of Mr Chappel, seconded by Mr Gascoigne, it was agreed that the owners of Garforth Colliery be written to and asked to put in a water meter as early as possible.

HIGHWAYS AND SANITARY.

At a meeting of the Highways, Sanitary, and General Purposes Committee the Clerk reported that he had received a list of sanatoria approved by the Local Government Board under the National Insurance Act, 1911.

The Clerk reported that he had received a notice from the West Riding County Council respecting the maintenance of the main roads within the district for the year 1914.

The Clerk read a letter he had received from the Local Government Board asking what steps the Council were taking or proposed to take to secure the provision of more satisfactory closet accommodation, and it was decided to inform him that the Council were gradually introducing water closets.

It was agreed that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs R. Routledge, sen., and H. Gascoigne, with the Chairman and vice-chairman be appointed to meet the surveyor, and go over the works proposed to be done on the district roads for the year.

Mr Chappel moved that the minutes be passed with the exception of the recommendation to send a letter to the Local Government Board.

In the course of the discussion, it was suggested that it was inadvisable for the Local Government Board to know about it.

Mr Chappel said it was time the Local Government Board knew. The sanitary affairs of the village were in a disgraceful condition. Men attended the meetings and spent hour after hour there. They directed a man to put property in a sanitary condition, and six months after nothing had been done. It was a waste of time.

Mr Slater: That has nothing to do with the minutes. Pass them, and then something could be said as to having things done.

Mr Gascoigne said it was a question of telling the Local Government Board they were doing a certain thing, and they were doing nothing.

Mr Chappel: It is bluffing the Local Government Board.

Mr Slater: Plenty of people try a game of bluff.

Mr Chappel: Is it business?

Mr Slater: We are doing our best to get things on.

Mr Routledge: This matter has never been raised before. If you had asked the Clerk to give the owner 14 days notice to do the work he would have done it.

Mr Chappel said it was the business of the sanitary inspector, and not of a member of the Council, to see that work was done.

The Chairman: We seem to be getting no further.

Mr Gascoigne seconded the resolution.

Mr Slater proposed that the minutes be signed, and Mr Gascoigne seconded.

Mr Gascoigne: I don't want us to send a letter until we can send something reasonable. I don't believe in bluffing anybody.

Mr Chappel's resolution was then carried.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Water Committee the water inspector reported that for the month ending 23rd February, there had been a consumption of 1,201,000 gallons, an average of 43,893 gallons per day.

A letter was read from Mr Prater asking the charge the Council would make for water supplied to the Weigh House on the Aberford and Garforth road, and it was agreed that the Clerk write Mr Prater stating they were willing to supply the water at 3s. 3d. per quarter, subject to his being responsible and obtaining the consent of the Tadcaster Rural District Council.

TENDERS FOR STONE.

As a meeting of a sub-committee the tender of Wm Minett, Ltd., for road-rolling for one year for the sum of £1 per day was recommended to the Council for acceptance, as well as the tender of the Leeds Blind Institution for brushes, etc. The tender of Edwin Verity to supply shovels and picks was accepted, and the tender of Messrs Clayton and Speight to supply sanitary pipes and gullies.

The tender of Messrs Johnson Bros, of London, to do the surface tarring on both main and district roads, and the tender of Thomas Feather, of Mirfield, to supply concrete flags were recommended to the Council for acceptance.

The tender of P. Murray and Co., of Leeds, to supply 2½ to 3 inch slag, of Messrs W. H. Newton and Co., of Leeds, to supply whinstone, and Messrs John Green and Son, of Silsden, to supply tar macadam, and of John Farrer and Son, of Thornton, to supply knotted kerbs, and 6 inch belts, were recommended to the Council for acceptance.

These were approved.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The medical officer of health, whose report was read, stated that during the month there had been nine births and three deaths. A case of tuberculosis was reported, and it was stated that several cases of mumps had occurred in the village.

Dr Pickersgill wrote that he considered there was a great improvement in the scavenging department. An inspection at East Garforth was very satisfactory.

Mr Gascoigne said that he had had to complain about the condition of certain ashpits.

RATES DECREASED.

Mr Dobson submitted the estimate of expenditure, which was put as £1,425, being equal to a rate of 1s. 8d. on the area. There were, however, certain items to come in, and he thought they could reduce the rate.

Mr Hartley: That is very satisfactory.

The Clerk said that a penny rate produced £71.

Mr Chappel: What is the present rate?

The Clerk: It is 1s. 9d.

Mr Dobson then moved that a rate of 1s. 7d. for the half-year be laid on.

Mr Gascoigne seconded, and this was adopted.

ROADS—SEWAGE WORKS.

A committee went into the question of expenditure on district roads, etc., and their report was submitted. It showed an estimated expenditure of £625 15s. for a year, and it was adopted.

Mr Gascoigne said the committee went to the sewage works, and they were convinced that something would have to be done with the land. It was "sick," and would not do as works.

Mr Dobson: It is over-fed. (Laughter).

Mr Gascoigne said the land could not be ploughed, and it would take some time to dig it.

Mr Routledge said the land had nothing to do with the treatment of the sewage. It had never been laid out for that purpose.

The Chairman: It has been turned over several times, and it is part of the process.

Mr Routledge: It goes through the septic tanks.

The Chairman: Yes, and then on to the land. We must have the land turned over.

Mr Routledge: How much land is there?

Mr Abbott: Perhaps about 3 acres.

It was agreed to advertise in the "Courier" for tenders for digging and cleaning the land.

OULTON AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE.

The following tables shows the positions of the different teams playing in the Oulton and District Billiard League.

SENIOR LEAGUE

		W.	L.	Pts.
Rothwell M. Institute	8	7	1	14
Hepetown R.R.	7	6	1	12
Oulton	8	4	4	8
Carlton Temp. Hall	6	3	3	6
Rothwell W.M.C.	7	1	6	2
Kippax	8	1	7	2

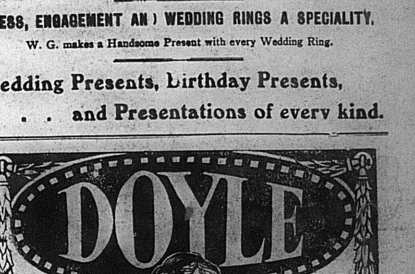
JUNIOR LEAGUE

		W.	L.	Pts.
Hopetown R.R.	6	6	0	12
Rothwell Mechanics Inst.	8	6	2	12
Rothwell W.M.C.	8	4	4	8
Oulton	8	3	5	6
Carlton	7	1	6	2
Rothwell Temp. Hall	5	1	4	2

On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Wetherby Corr. and Stockeld Park, and the latter won by three goals to two. At Wike School Church a sum of £1 9s. 7d. was collected for the medical charities against £2 7s. 3d. last year.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.—An excellent entertainment was given in the Mill Garth Rooms, Sherburn, the proceeds being devoted to the Church Hall. The first part of the programme was of a miscellaneous character, and included a sketch entitled "Washing Day," given by a party of ladies from Barkston. The second half of the entertainment was a musical sketch, entitled "Mistresses and Maids," given by the girls of the Band of Hope, to whom great praise is due for the clever manner in which the different characters were impersonated. Mrs Thompson, the Grammar School, who was responsible for the training of the girls, presided at the piano for the sketch. The concert was under the management of the Rev. C. H. Rowntree. The room was crowded, and the various items were loudly applauded.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

LAWNS

Surface dressings such as old potting soil, charcoal, ashes, sifted, should be swept in and brushed well down into the grass. Rolling must be attended to as weather permits. The mild weather does not encourage the moss or growth of any other plant much, but the mowing machine should not be overhauled and got into working order. Lawn-mowing, when done at a late date, is decidedly more than a light matter. It is one of the most essential tasks in a garden, and must not be entrusted to a young boy. Many lawns are terribly ruined annually when the machines do not run smoothly. The work should be carefully performed to a young man. If the machine is out of order, the cutting blades are not set true, it is impossible to cut the grass evenly. The point is a small matter, but one that requires care and attention. In the case of our irregular lawns on the hillside, we can only a few days pleasure repairing filling up, it will be sufficient to cut molds in the turf, loosen them underneath, and roll them back into position. Bad patches, where the grass is practically dead, should be cut out and replaced by new turves. In every case where the soils have been disturbed the roller must be freely used to secure a firm surface. Large weeds are difficult to remove with a hand-fork whilst the soil is moist.

VEGETABLES UNDER GLASS

FRENCH BEANS

Early sowings should now be getting pods, and whilst the plants are in bloom, syringing should be discontinued. It must be resumed again when sufficient pods are set, and a spider will soon attack the plants. If possible the plants should be given a position where the tops will be about a foot or 18 inches from the roof glass. This allows them the maximum amount of light without running the risk of them getting chilled. Keep the growth erect by placing small supports amongst them. Should be other sowing of Sharpe's Queen should be made, and this may be followed by Ne Plus Ultra.

CAULIFLOWERS, CABBAGE, ETC.

If not already done a sowing of these should be made at once. The seed may be sown in boxes, either in a slightly heated greenhouse or a cold frame. If sown in the greenhouse they should be moved to the frame as soon as they are had an inch high. Prick them out as soon as they are large enough to handle. They require a six-inch bed of soil, and should be put four or four inches apart in the rows. The frame may be kept fairly close for a few days after pricking them out, but after that free ventilation should be given. Vegetables of this class should be grown as hardy as possible. If a portable frame is used the hardening off process may be much simplified.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS

Many occupants of the greenhouse will now require repotting. To the beginner it is often a difficult matter to decide when his plants require repotting. There is no hard and fast rule, but it is safe to assume that evergreen plants such as ferns, Aspidistras, Ficus, Palms, Crotons, Dracenas, etc., will require attention when they show signs of commencing free-growth in the early months of the year. Root action commences about the same time as top growth, and it is obvious that if new material is to be provided it should be given when the roots are in active growth in search for food. Such plants as Zonal Pelargoniums, or Geraniums as they are commonly called, require special treatment. They assume a very leggy appearance during the winter months and should be cut back to within a few inches of the base early in the year. Prior to cutting them back they should be kept perfectly dry at the roots for a few weeks. If this is not done they will bleed badly and suffer in consequence. If they are cut back whilst quite dry the wound soon heals, and they break into new growth almost immediately. The old tops may be utilised as cuttings, and provide nice plants for autumn flowering. They should be rooted in sandy soil in pots, on a greenhouse shelf. When the old plants have made about an inch of new growth they should be shaken out of the pots and a quantity of the old soil may be removed. Repot into fresh compost and water carefully until they re-establish themselves. Geraniums require very little manure, and no leaf-mould. Grow in a cool, light position, and never over-water.

NEMESIA STRUMOSI SUTTONI

This is one of the most beautiful annuals in existence. Introduced by Messrs Sutton about twenty years ago it immediately became very popular, and during recent years the introducers have made many improvements upon the original strain. Several varieties have been selected and fixed and may be relied upon to come true to colour. Blue Gem might be described as a glorified Forget-me-not, and when grown in large masses is extremely beautiful. A bed of this variety, broken up with white Nocturnus gives a splendid effect. White Gem and Fire King are exactly complimentary varieties, whilst the mixed hybrids include a wonderful range of colour, including the above and yellow, rose-pink, orange, etc. Seed may be sown about the third week in March and should not be subjected to very warm treatment. A temperature of about 60 is suitable to germinate the seed and the after-treatment should be a few degrees lower. Prick the seedlings into frames when they are about an inch high and grow on in a cool, light position, hardening them off in the usual way. To obtain a really effective display the beds the plants must be placed fairly close together, six inches apart is about right, and the surface of the soil should be kept loose until the plants are established. They are not a deep rooting subject, and are important of dryness to the root. For this season it will be found advantageous to mulch the beds with cocoa-fibre, decayed manure, or even lawn mowings or leaf-mould, any of which will prevent rapid evaporation. They are also very effective when grown as pot plants for conservatory decoration. If they are stopped, or pinched back a few times, they may be grown into nice bushy specimens. For this purpose three plants should be grown in each pot. For the final potting a six-inch pot will accommodate three plants.

ISOLEPIS GRACILIS

This is an elegant little plant easily raised from seed. It is chiefly used as a pot plant for the edges of greenhouse and conservatory staging. It has long slender, bright green foliage which droops over and completely hides the pot. Sow now in a warm house and allow the seedlings to remain in the seed pan until they com-

QUESTIONS

TOMATOES

I have a small cold greenhouse. Sir, in fill, on two sides, instead of staging, it is walled, filled in with broken stone and about six inches of soil. It is built against a wall, a south aspect. I thought of buying a few tomato plants and trying to grow them. Is it necessary to purchase pots, or will it do to grow on the permanent staging? Of course I would get suitable soil for the purpose. If it is necessary to buy pots what size must I procure?—Novice (Horbury).

Tomatoes usually give more satisfactory returns grown in beds of soil than they do in pots. Pot plants are apt to get very dry during the warmest part of summer, and many failures occur in this way. You do not require shelves of soil. Your best plan will be to cover the present bed with old slates or flags, and provide a resting media about 12 inches wide and 12 inches deep. When the roots have too free a run, the top growth is often gross and sappy, and does not fruit freely. If the roof is a leaky one you will not get very good results against the back wall. As you have no fire heat you will not be able to make a start before the middle of May.

HYACINTH

Will you please inform me (through your paper) what method to adopt to induce the flower stems on hyacinths to grow. I have some hyacinths and tulips in vases for the forced flowers in glasses. I wish to grow them on for next year and also the tulips are in fibre. The hyacinths in the glasses are bursting into bloom but the flower stems are very short. Trusting you will kindly oblige.—"First Attempt." (Farnsworth).

Your hyacinth bulbs may have been defective when you obtained them. If so, no amount of care and attention would bring success. They should be kept away from bright sunlight until they have made a few inches of growth. As yours are commencing to bloom, it is too late to do anything with them this time. Are you quite sure you have kept them well supplied with water? The base of the bulb should be just resting on the water. Only the roots are used, showing colour they will improve as time goes on. The stem continues to grow while the flowers are opening.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

A SQUABBLE AT TADCASTER.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magisterial powers present were: Mr. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), Col. Gascoigne, Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Mr S. Brooksbank.

Mr Bramley Milnes, of the Shoulder o' Mutton Inn, Appleton Roebuck, was granted an occasional licence for a sale at Woolas Farm.

TADCASTER SQUABBLE—NEIGHBOURS DISAGREE

Frank Freer, labourer, of Tadcaster, appeared in answer to a charge of having assaulted Mrs Marion Brown on February 25th, and he pleaded not guilty.

Mrs Brown said that she lived next door to defendant. On the previous Wednesday she was in the yard talking to Mrs Cook, and defendant came out and started making trouble. She told him she would see Mr Green about the matter, and then he used bad language to her and called her a liar. She thereupon called him a bastard, and he struck her twice on the face.

Freer: Did I come to you and say my wife had told me you had been making inquiries as to who gave orders that the w.c.'s should be locked?—I never asked your wife.

Did I tell you my brother had told me you had been making inquiries as to who gave orders that the w.c.'s should be locked?—I never asked your wife.

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

RATES FOR COMING HALF YEAR.

LIGHTING OF CHURCH FENTON BRIDGE

KIPPAX, ALLERTON, PRESTON, AND SHERBURN AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse—Mr. E. O. Hardcastle, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Col. Gaskell (Huthwaite), Messrs J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), W. Simpson (Lead), J. Pick (Bilsdell), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), J. Harding and E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), J. Nettleton, W. Sykes, J. H. Lupby, J.P., and H. P. Clough (Tadcaster), J. School field (Ryton), W. P. Nicholson (Stutton-in-the-Ings), J. E. Cawthorn, T. Hey, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), J. J. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), R. Bright (Barkston), T. Midgley (Hillam), F. Myers (Hillbrough), R. H. Horner (Askham Bryan), F. Phillips, H. Sandy, W. Pearson, and W. Robinson (Allerton Bywater), E. Parkin (Aberford), W. Crossland, J.P., Councillor Mitford), J. Bailey (Kirkby Wharfe), A. Chippendale (Scholes), G. Webster (Huddlestone-cum-Lumby), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), H. M. Stancer (Towton), and H. Lowe and J. Wood, jun. (Preston), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bennett), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the assistant inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The following was reported to have a baliness or £3,241 in hand.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been one admission to the workhouse and two discharges. The number in the workhouse was 91, and in the Children's Home 18—too against 118 at the corresponding date of last year.

The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 14 and 20 against 13 and 18 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

The minutes of the Workhouse Committee showed that Miss Annie Allen (Bromley Union) had been appointed to the post of assistant nurse. The thanks of the Board were given to Mrs G. A. Bennet for gifts of tickets for a concert and books for the inmates. The usual half-yearly and yearly tenders for supplies are to be advertised for.

The Assessment Committee recommended that £75 be paid to the Clerk for his services during the year, and this was adopted.

The Hillbrough Cottage Home Committee recommended that tenders for supplies be advertised for. Thanks were given to Mrs Riley Smith for gifts of toys to the children and also to Mrs Rickaby for gifts.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr Dobson stated that the Finance Committee recommended that if the calls outstanding are not paid by next meeting the overseers be summoned.

Mr Wright: Will Mr Dobson give us the names of the parishes?

Mr Parkin: Better not have them. (Laughter).

It was reported that Mr Illingworth, of Tadcaster, the treasurer to the Board, had resigned, and the Clerk was instructed to interview the bank managers in the town and ascertain their terms.

Mr Dobson reported that the Committee had gone through the figures of expenditure, and they recommended that a rate of 9d. £d.—a reduction of a farthing as compared with the corresponding half of last year—be laid for Guardians' purposes.

The minutes were adopted.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that the footpath in Great Preston Road, Allerton Bywater, be kicked and asphalted at a cost of £38, and that work be done on the footpath in the main street, and that the street by the Council offices be drained.

Permission was given to the post office authorities to erect poles in South Milford and Lumby. Permission was given to open a road at South Milford for sewerage purposes.

The estimate of expenditure on the highways was approved subject to the rate being reduced to 9d.

In regard to Station Road, Tadcaster, certain documents were submitted as to a portion of the road being a county highway, and a letter prepared by the Clerk is to be sent to the County Council.

The names of the successful contractors for stones and stores were read.

It was decided to admit a fence and gate in Station Road, Tadcaster, and the surveyor was asked to inspect and report.

It was decided that contractors be required to put roads, after opening them, in good condition, and if they fail to do so the surveyor will do the work and charge the cost to them.

LIGHTING OF CHURCH FENTON BRIDGE.

The Highways Committee wrote asking the N.E.R. Co. to light the road approaches to the bridge over the railway at Church Fenton, and they replied that it was for the Parish Council to do the lighting. They recommended that the matter be referred to the Parish Council.

Mr Foster said it would be well to point out to them the danger caused by the alterations. He thought that if the Railway Co. put a light at the bottom of the approach to the bridge it would be cheaper than the Parish Council doing the lighting.

The Clerk then read the letter from the N.E.R. Co., as follows:—

"The road which crosses the Company's railway at the point in question is a public road, and any question of lighting the same is one to be dealt with by the lighting authority for the parish, and not by the Company. If such authority desires to erect and maintain lamps upon or adjoining the road in question I have no doubt the Company would be prepared to arrange terms with regard to this."

The recommendation of the Highways Committee was approved.

HIGHWAY RATE.

Mr Dobson said that the Finance Committee had had the two books, Sherburn and Ryther, and they recommended that a highway rate of 8½d. and a general sanitary rate of 3d. be passed.

Mr Parker proposed that the highway rate be 8d.

Mr Cleland, who seconded, said that they had already adopted the recommendation of the Highways Committee that the rate be 9d.

Mr Hey supported, and the amendment that the rate be 8d. was carried by a large majority.

Some amusement was caused by a demand for the names of the parishioners in arrears with calls to be given, and Mr Dobson gave the names, then being nine parishes.

SANITARY AND BUILDING

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans for a room at Wood-yan Chapel at Aberford Bowgate were approved.

It was decided that a new manhole cover be put down in Wetherby Road, Tadcaster.

In regard to Sherburn sewage works, tenders by Mr Thompson were accepted for removing old rails and putting down new ones, etc.

It was decided that a sewer dyke at Barkston be cleansed.

Plans by Mr S. Smith, Tadcaster, for stables at the Howden Arms, Tadcaster, were approved.

Notice was received from Leeds Corporation of intention to apply to the Local Government Board for permission to carry out a town-planning scheme which would include a part of Stutton and a part of Austhorpe.

Plans and estimates of new sewage works at Kippax, to cost £6,000, were submitted, and they were adjourned.

Mr C. F. Lightley was appointed water rate collector for Allerton Bywater and Lock Lane districts.

Tenders for supplies to Garforth Hospital are to be advertised for.

The meeting was then adjourned.

TOWN-PLANNING.

When the proposal to send the two building surveyors on a Town Planning Exhibition and Conference at Liverpool came up, Mr Midgley proposed that they do not send anybody. It would be sent be a waste of the ratepayers' money, and a waste of the inspectors' time.

Mr J. H. Ingleby said he did not agree with Mr Midgley. If they did not know what was going on in regard to these matters they never knew where they were. In the colliery districts and at Tadcaster houses would be built, and it was advisable that the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee and the inspectors should know what laws to go on in future.

The amendment was not seconded, and it was agreed that Mr Priestley, and the two building inspectors should attend the conference.

BARKSTON ASH FARM HANDS' WAGES.

ADDRESS AND DISCUSSION AT CROSSGATES

Mr Marriott Morley, J.P., who has addressed gatherings of Liberals at Wetherby and Crossgates on the land programme of the Government, spoke at a meeting at Crossgates on Friday night on the question of the minimum wage. Mr W. G. Smithson (President of the Crossgates Liberal Association) presided. Mr Morley said that it had been suggested wages might be raised by means of combination, but trades unionism, which was easily applicable in towns, was not workable in the rural districts. The farm labourer was not a free enough man to take part in trades union agitation, and it would be disastrous for him if he attempted to take a prominent part in advocating the organisation of his class. (Applause). He would raise his work and be turned out of his cottage. In Lancashire, he admitted, combination had produced some results for the farm labourers, but, generally speaking, trades unionism was not a success in the country districts. The only way, then, to give the labourer a minimum wage was to assure it to him by legal enactment, and then they put him in a position to help himself. It was important that he should have a living wage, but one of the best things would be that they would be putting him in a position of independence. They could make a man of him just as they had made a man of the town-dweller under trades unionism. Where was the minimum wage to come from? If Mr Turner said that he was unable to pay it he could appeal to the Judicial Commissioners, and they would have power to make a readjustment in the rent of his holding. The first charge on agriculture, and on any industry, must be for the worker; the second charge was for the farmer, and the landlord could have what was left by way of rent. If they proposals were carried out they would be in a position to look forward to a resuscitation in the conditions of rural life. It would not only affect the agricultural labourers, but it would be an advantage to the town-workers. (Applause).

Mr E. H. Foster also gave a short address, and a discussion was participated in by the Chairman, Messrs W. Thompson, Morgan, Batty, and others.

EXCUSES.

Excuses—Fifteen lads were charged at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday with non-playing. The defendants were seen playing at "shorker," but on the approach of the police they ran away. On being seen afterwards they gave a number of amusing replies to the police. One declared that he was only playing for sweets, and another said "I did not run because I couldn't much to lose." A third said he was standing by persuading the others to go to Sunday school. Defendants were let out with the payment of the costs, 4s. each.

SEQUEL TO A CROSSGATES FIGHT

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENTS IN COURT.

There was a sequel to a difference between two Crossgates men at the Leeds City Police Court on Monday afternoon—before the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr C. M. Atkinson)—when John Henry Moss was summoned by Henry Glover for assault.

Mr A. Willey appeared for Glover, and Moss, who was present in court with his forehead bandaged, was represented by Mr Newell.

In opening the case, Mr Willey said his client was the son-in-law of the proprietor living at Grange Road, Crossgates, and the defendant was a milk dealer. On February 21st Glover was asked by Mrs Thomas, whose husband had a business in Leeds, to drive a pony and trap. After the journey he took the pony and trap back to the stable yard, in which the defendant had a milk float. In order to put the trap into the shed, complainant had to move the defendant's milk float, which ran into a boarding, but did no damage. Suddenly defendant came out, and seized hold of his client, striking him with his fist. He also picked up a hay-fork, and ran at Glover, who had no desire to fight. In the scuffle defendant's head came in contact with the milk float, and was cut.

Glover said that the defendant then came out and, using obscene language, asked him what he was doing. He picked up a hay-fork, and ran at him and he (Glover) tried to get it from him, and eventually Moss ran off into a barber's shop.

Answering a question put by Mr Willey, witness said he "let go at him" (meaning at Moss).

Mr Newell: Did the floss, go with a bang?

Witness: No.

Did he suggest you ought to have been more careful?—No.

Witness said he could not remember defendant saying that if he did so again there would be trouble. He could not say how defendant got the wound on his head.

Asked if he noticed the blood on Moss's face, witness said he had not seen him since until that afternoon. In the barber's shop a woman asked him to leave the defendant alone.

Harry Thomas, son of the owner of the pony and trap, and who saw the affair, gave evidence. When Glover had moved the float Moss came out and said he had better be careful or if he did it again there would be trouble. Glover then took his coat off and invited Moss to his, him. Moss went into a part of the shed. Glover following, and a fight commenced. Moss got hold of Glover by the collar and brought him outside and told him he had better be going. Glover, he said, hit Moss over the eye with his fist, and the latter ran away.

The Stipendiary asked witness if he saw anything of the fork-fight, and he replied, No."

Mr Atkinson asked who appeared to get the worst of it, and witness said that Moss did. He saw nothing of the affair in the barber's shop. Richard Hudson, a boy, said he saw Moss in Marshall Street, he was holding his hand to his eye, and blood was dripping.

Mr Atkinson said the men seemed to have had the affair in a rather old-fashioned way.

Mr Newell said that his client had been badly hurt, and had to have three stitches inserted in the wound.

Mr Atkinson remarked that, according to the boy, it was Glover who made the challenge, and he had done the damage, while, on the other hand, the challenge was taken up.

Mr Newell said if it had not been for the hairdresser the fight would have gone on.

The Stipendiary elected to hear the evidence of the hairdresser, Richard Hudson. The latter said Moss ran into his shop and Glover followed. Moss had his face covered with blood, and he seemed to be badly cut. Glover tried to strike him while in the doorway, but he (witness) got hold of him and got him outside. Witness added that one man in the shop fainted.

Mr Atkinson said he would like to write off the case in the circumstances, withdraws, and he would leave it to the solicitors to arrange about Moss getting the doctor's fee. This was agreed to.

A BOY'S DEATH.

A Boy's Death.—It was stated at an inquest in Leeds on Monday, on George Harold Harper, six, son of a gardener, of Osgodby, near Selby, that whilst trespassing in a field in order to take a "near cut" home to dinner, he was kicked on the head by a foal. He sustained concussion of the brain, and died in the Leeds Infirmary. The usual verdict was returned.

DEDICATION AT MOOR ALLERTON

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The Vicar, in preaching from St. Luke vii. 14, "And He came nigh and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still," said that the purpose in a lych-gate was not only picturesque, but practical. The word lych meant dead body, and was probably the same as in Lichfield, and the lych-gate was the place where the bearers placed the body on its way to burial, after it had been possibly carried for a long distance, and before with repeated stops and slow, they placed it before God's altar, and then carried it him with his feet. He also picked up a hay-fork, and ran at Glover, who had no desire to

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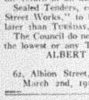
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Rothwell Courier and Times.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7th, 1914.

Every good employer recognises that loyal service deserves an adequate reward, and, whatever the labour, he would scorn to pay less than a living wage. Others buy labour as cheaply as possible, and having fulfilled the terms of their bargain, they absolve themselves from further responsibility, even should the wage—a wage, it may be, fixed by the necessities of the case—be insufficient to meet the bare wants of the worker. Judging by discussions in various parts of the country, there seems to be an identification on the part of all classes to revolt from this conception of the claims of labour upon capital, and the talk about a living wage probably foreshadows an advance in our industrial relations. Trades Unions, which have many deficiences, have managed, after years of agitation, to place the workers in many trades in a commanding position, and they are on more convincing ground for a living wage than a minimum, which becomes higher as employers make concessions. The Trade Unions may very well be left to look after their own, and employers, by the application of the principles of combination, should not be above learning something from them. What we are dealing with, bear well in mind, is a living wage-a wage which will permit of an industrious man and his family living in decency. A living wage may, of course, be a minimum wage, but, on the other hand, a minimum wage may be more than a living wage, and it is undesirable that, in applying the terms generally, care should be taken to avoid confusion. If an employer pays less than a living wage he is "sweating," and he should be dealt with as a "sweater," but, unfortunately, there is an irrational in this country to take what a living wage is. In certain industries, it is true, the State has interfered, and fixed rates of remuneration for workers, and tribunals have quite recently, in accordance with the demands of Parliament, stated what the minimum wages of miners are to be. But this is not a living wage. In New Zealand all wages are fixed by law, and it is not unlikely that in this country an effort will be made to set a certain value upon labour, so that every man who works will be assured of receiving as much as he can live upon. State interference, as we have pointed out, would not be an innovation, and, used in the interests of under-paid and sweated labour, it would be received in a righteous cause. How indignant people become on reading of the depressing conditions under which the sweated workers labour, yet not far away instances of oppressive employment exist, but they are ignorant concerning them, and they are not troubled. The "sweater" does not exist in the big cities only; he will be found in every part of the land. When the railway men came out on "strike" and paralysed the trade of the country, public sympathy was, to some extent, with them, because it was recognised, when the facts and figures were published, that certain grades of the servants were paid at rates which not considered a living wage. Since then advances have been given, and in our own district porters have had an increase of 3s. per week—a sum, however small, that makes considerable difference in the weekly family budget. More than that, it is an admission by the Railway Company that the men were inadequately paid. The railway men achieved their purpose by combination, but this principle cannot, for various reasons, be applied to all classes of workers. The worst-paid man is the least able to defend himself, let alone adopt aggressive measures for his own betterment, and, just as a blab is recently said at Manchester in regard to working women they need guidance and protection. Some employers may argue that their undertaking will not afford a higher wages bill, but that statement may be swept aside, because in the very same trade it will generally be found that men are being paid wages on which they can live. The members of a local building society decided, to their own satisfaction, that wages should be the first charge on a business, and if everybody agreed with this no worker would have less than a living wage. A voluntary movement, however, will never give satisfaction, because, whilst the just master would do his duty manfully, the selfish employer would not pay a minimum unless he were forced. Thus the good employer would be penalized in his business, because he would not compete on fair terms with the "sweater." It can only be done by compulsion. Many people are greatly concerned as to the meaning and amount of a living wage, but if the principle were adopted, no difficulty would be experienced in settling the amount. Minimum rates paid in combined trades might not have much bearing on the question, because these might provide for something more than a mere living wage, and it would be foolish to assume that because a combined trade has a certain minimum rate a living standard would be the result. This problem affects the nation in various ways, and the continuance of present conditions will be injurious both to employers and men. It could easily be proved that well-paid men bring better returns to the employer than ill-paid labour, and a Mark Tydeus farmer might probably illustrate the point he declared that one Yorkshireman was equal to three southern labourers. Better living tends to greater efficiency, and vice-versa. The question, too, affects all labour, because the supply comes from the base, as it were, and if conditions at the bottom were improved the effect would be felt throughout the whole labour market. Towndwellers would be benefically affected in that they and they would benefit physically, while the agricultural labourer, in the enjoyment of better conditions, would probably prefer to remain on the land, instead of migrating to the towns and running the risk of being unemployed. It would be impossible for any one to sell labour under a living wage, and competition among the unskilled would, to some extent, be removed. Moreover, it would have a marked effect on the rates. The great majority of paupers are drawn from two classes—the aged-poor and the under-paid, and if it were possible, owing to higher wages, to raise a better type of men and women, both classes would be affected. A living wage would not give people a chance of getting much in hand, but their position would be improved, and they would not so readily avail themselves of the help of the poor law. It is only by enabling people to help themselves that progress can be made, and it would be worth while giving the necessary helping hand.

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DEATHS.

BRAYSHAW—March 1 (suddenly) Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Thomas Brayshaw, of 114, Kirby Road, Clapham Common, London, late of Crossgates.
BRAMLEY.—February 26, at 20, Barrett Street, Hunslet, aged 44 years, William Henry (Harry) Bramley, second son of James Bramley, Gateland House, Shadwell.
FLETCHER.—At Ormond Terrace, Wakefield, February 25, Robert Portman Fletcher, formerly of Rothwell, aged 76 years. Deeply regretted by his Friends. Rothwell Haigh, John Fletcher aged 74 years.
GREEN.—March 1st, at Heydon House, Lidget Lane, Hunslet, in his 74th year, Harriet, widow of Robert Porter.
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TEMPERANCE.—The last fortnightly meeting of the Rothwell branch of the Women's Total Abstinence League, held on Thursday night in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, took the form of a musical evening, given by the Capt. and Lass. of the Rothwell Corps of the Salvation Army. There was a good attendance, and the items were much appreciated. Solos and recitations were given by the Lass., who posed in their Salvation Army uniform, and by Capt. Whitehead, Capt. Morton Kay, dearly beloved husband of Jane Annie Kay, and eldest son of the late Henry and Mary Kay, of North Street and Roundhay Road.

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LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates on the Bench at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr. J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. Stagoe Musgrave, Mr R. D. Kitson, Mr H. Lupton, Mr J. R. Cross, and Mr E. Parkin.

DEATH OF CHAIRMAN OF HUNSLET GUARDIANS.—After an illness extending over several months Mr Edward Green, Chairman of the Hunslet Board of Guardians, died on Sunday, in his seventy-fifth year. Up to about twenty years ago he carried on business as a cabinet-maker, and since he retired he had been much interested in Poor Law work, representing the West Hunslet Ward for seventeen years. He has been twice Chairman of the Board. For nearly half a century he was a well-known member of the Liberal party in Hunslet, being generally looked upon as a man of moderate views. He was twice married, and leaves a grown-up family of two sons and three daughters. One of the sons is Councillor B. Green, who is a Liberal member of the Leeds City Council, representing the West Hunslet Ward. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at Woodhouse Hill Cemetery, and the service was conducted by the cemetery chaplain. The chief mourners were Mrs Edward Green, widow; Councillor B. Green and Mrs B. Green, son and daughter-in-law; Mr Clifford Green, son; Miss Lucy and Miss Maud Green, daughters; Mr and Mrs Hoyle, son-in-law and daughter; Misses Elsie and Annie Green, granddaughters; Messrs J. E., J. W., and Robert Green, grandsons; Mrs Fred Green, sister-in-law. Included:—Aldermen Pickersgill, Councillors Hollings and Eddison, and the following members of the Hunslet Board of Guardians:—Messrs T. Thomas (vice-chairman), J. Gyvins, J. Butterick, E. B. Pickersgill, T. Bennett, J. R. Chapple, T. G. Conyers, W. Schofield, and Father T. Cody; ex-Guardians Armistead, Barrett, Bulmer, Dr. A. Hayward, Lawson, Nield, and Park; Mr F. W. Mee, Clerk to the Hunslet Board; Miss Dagnall, Mrs Rowe, Mr F. W. Spence, secretary, Mr Alfred Hunslet Clough, Mr T. Sowden, workhouse master, Rooth well Haigh; Mr James Tetley and Mr E. B Lawson, overseers; Doctors Wainman, Smith and Mason. Apart from floral emblems of membership, family wreaths were sent by members of the Hunslet Board of Guardians, the Hunslet Overseers, the Children's Home, the Clerk and assistants (on behalf of the Staff), the Master and Matron Hunslet Workhouse, and the West Hunslet Liberal Association.

ALLERTON BYWATER

At St. Mary's Church, Allerton Bywater, a sum of £1 14s. was collected for Leeds medical charities.

READY FOR ULSTER.—On Friday evening, speaking at Rawcliffe, near Goole, Mr Campbell Johnston, the Unionist candidate for the Osgoldcross Division, made reference to Home Rule, stating that the extent of his keenness should be measured by his action. At the present time his name was on the list of those who were prepared to fight for Ulster whenever their services were required. Technically, he might be legally guilty of high treason, but he considered it his moral duty, and he was prepared to do it, and pay any penalty which his action might bring upon him.

BOWERS ALLERTON

On Saturday afternoon, the Bowers Allerton had a match with St. Anthony's in the Leeds and District Football League, and Bowers Allerton was easily by five goals to nothing.

CROSSGATES

"Does the Christian Church demonstrate Christianity?" This is the title of a debate that will take place at the meeting of the Baptist Fellowship at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening. See advert.

The Leeds Corporation have given notice of their intention to apply to the Local Government Board for authority to prepare two town-planning schemes, one at Bramhope Moor, and one in the Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates district.

MR NELSON'S COLLECTION OF SHELLS.—A very many of more than usual interest took place at the Leeds University on Saturday afternoon, when Mr A. G. Lupton, Pro-Chancellor of the University, formally received, on behalf of the University, the cabinets of shells and a selection of the scientific books of the late William Nelson, of Crossgates, along with a portrait of the collector. Mr Nelson, who was a native of Leeds, was a working man, but the fact that he had no struggle hard for his livelihood did not prevent him taking an ardent interest in the study of shells. For fifty years he pursued his hobby and his collection of freshwater mollusks is regarded as the finest in England. The collection has been acquired by a committee, the chairman of which, Mr J. W. Taylor, made the formal presentation on Saturday. To the University Museum Mr Nelson's wife also presented a collection of Mr Nelson's books; and on behalf of the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland the vice-president, Mr Collier, accepted some rare shells and a replica of the portrait.

A SUCCESSFUL AVIATOR.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Stuart White, commercial traveller, of Crossgates, was summoned for riding a motor cycle and side-car without a red-rear light. P.C. Stothard stated that on Saturday, February 22nd, he was on duty in Whitkirk, when the defendant came along on a motor cycle with side-car attached, and there was no red rear light, the light having gone out. Witness stopped defendant, who took off the lamp at the back and lighted it. The lamp was an ordinary bicycle lamp, the glass of which had been covered with red paper. The officer admitted that it showed distinctly when lighted. Defendant said he had formerly used an electric lamp for the rear red light, but the globe had been smashed, and he had the night used a bicycle lamp. He asked the Bench to let him off on payment of costs, or by putting something to the poor-box, as a fine, however small, would mean the endorsement of his license, which he had possessed for ten years, and of which he was rather proud. The Chairman said that as defendant had made such a good defence, the case would be dismissed on payment of costs.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the fortnightly meeting of the Crossgates Literary Society in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall on Monday evening Mr F. R. Gaunt, the hon. sec., read a paper on "Charlotte Bronte." Mr E. Hawkesworth (the President) was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. Mr Gaunt's paper was admirably written, and it was marked by discretion and judgment. In an excellent manner he related the familiar story of the Brontes—a story which never seems to lose the interest of those who admire the talented family, and then he made a critical survey of Charlotte Bronte's works—"The Professor," "Jane Eyre," and "Villette," pointing out the characteristics of each, in conclusion reading excellent love-letters of the authoress, published not so long ago. At the close the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, in an interesting little speech on the Brontes and books written about them, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Carlton, and he raised the question as to whether or not Charlotte Bronte had exhausted her powers. Mr Morgan seconded, the Rev. B. Guyer (vicar of Whitkirk) supported, and the resolution was cordially passed.

BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP.—At the weekly meeting of the Baptist Church Fellowship at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening Mr W. Clayton, incorporated accountant, of Leeds, read a paper on "Rates, taxes, and labour as they affect the small trader." Mr F. T. Hyde, of Potter Hill, presided. Mr Clayton showed how assessments for schedule D income tax were made and collected, and discussed the question of depreciation. He suggested that the Income-tax Act should, if possible, be codified, and that a wife helped her husband continuously in his business two abatements ought to be allowed—one for the husband and one for the wife. With regard to the use of books, he stated that in his opinion many business men did not make the best use of their books, pointing out that the primary value of books was not to show the financial position but to tell a man whether his costings, etc., were correct. Mr Clayton also dealt with the credit system, and pointed out that the small trader, if he did not protect himself by combination, would ultimately be compelled to close in consequence of the competition of multiple shops and co-operative stores. With regard to co-operative stores, he said that such societies could not be made to pay Schedule D Income Tax, and he thought this, this was rather unfair seeing that they helped to relieve the rates and the State on just the same proportion as the private traders. In his opinion, if co-operative stores were to pay income tax the cost of dealing with the re-claims would be small, members would absorb considerably more than the tax collected. An interesting discussion, which followed, was taken part in by Mr Whitlow, Mr Wm. Diggle Hartop, Mr Morgan, Hardcastle, Whitaker, and others. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr Clayton on the motion of Mr. E. W. Beaumont, seconded by Mr J. E. Baker.

GARFORTH

Mr Robert Jarrad wishes to thank the four forth Prize Band, all collectors, and subscribers for the magnificent sum they responded on his behalf.—Advt.

GOLF CLUB.—In the competition for the monthly medal at Garforth Golf Links on Saturday the results were:—H. F. Smithson, 82 - 23 - 59; Wm. Smith, 104 - 44 - 60; J. Tate, 104 - 44 - 60; Smith, 106 - 22 - 84; J. Prince, 112 - 28 - 84; M. Wark, 104 - 18 - 86; J. Simpson, 116 - 28 - 88.

PIGEON'S NEST.—On Wednesday evening Garforth Silver Prize Band and Sons of the instructions of the executors of the late Mr George Bailey, offered for sale by public auction dwelling-house, at Main Street, Garforth. The property was purchased by Messrs. G. B. Marshall and Sons, of Garforth, for £245. Mr J. W. Wilson, Harrogate, was the auctioneer.

BILLIARD MATCH.—Garforth Working Men's Club played their return match with Garforth Conservative Club on Friday night, and the former won by 1,322 to 1,030. Details (Working Men's names first):—H. Hodgson 250, 1; Floyd 150, 0; Kitson 150, 1; F. Simpson 72, 1; Rockhouse (capt.) 150, 1; Jno. Bowker 150, 1; Birch 150, 1; N. Scrimshaw 78, 0; Hill (capt.) 1; Allison 142, 0; Simpson 150, 1; Tetley 115, 1; Simpson 150, 1; J. Brabon 150, 1; Wm. Yeomth 144, 0; W. Simpson 150, 1; Scrimshaw 1; E. W. Ogden 0.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Kershaw, miner, of Garforth, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Saturday night last. Police-constable Atkinson stated that on the night in question he came across Kershaw, who was making use of obscene language. He spoke to him and asked him for his name and address, but Kershaw refused to give either, and then the officer would have to lock him up if he wanted his name. He was taken into custody and on the way to the lock-up became very violent, necessitating the putting on of the handcuffs. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The pictures shown last week included a well-acted and interesting story of a soldier's love entitled "The Broken Oath." A remarkable picture was "The reincarnation of Karma." An Indian legend of years ago introducing us to the strange views and customs of the people of that land of mystery, showing a train actually on the "Iron steed," a smart American story, and "His enemy," the enemy being the man's own wife. This week comes a change in the selected programmes. See advert for times and prices.

HALTON

Halton Institute, playing in the Non-Political Clubs Billiard League, have been elected by Hedley's to play in the League.

ALLOWED TO GO.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Cartwright Holmes, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Halton on Sunday. P.C. Wetherall gave evidence of arrest, and the Bench taking into consideration the fact that Holmes had been locked up since Sunday, allowed him to go, and warned him to settle down to some work.

B.W.T.A.—The second monthly meeting for women, arranged by the Halton Branch of the B.W.T.A., was held in the Guild Room at the Wesleyan Chapel on Monday. Mrs W. S. Crosthwaite presided, and Mrs Rennard, of Shipley, gave a most interesting account of her trip to Canada and the United States in connection with the Women's Temperance Union, in Brooklyn last autumn. Miss Garner's solo "My treasure" was much appreciated. Refreshments were served at the close.

HIS EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday there were a number of cases brought up by the Waterloo Main Colliery Company for absence from employment, to show cause why they should not pay a sum of 5s. a dam for damages for absenting themselves from their work without having given notice. One excuse given was that the defendant "overslept himself." The Chairman: That seems to be a reasonable excuse (Laughter). Mr. W. Wright (for the Colliery Co.): But hardly legal. The Chairman: I said reasonable, not legal (Laughter). In all the cases brought up a fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

KIPPAX

C.E.M.S.—A meeting in connection with the C.E.M.S. was held on Tuesday evening, when a paper was given by Mr Oxbridge, of Bowers Allerton, on "Church history." An interesting discussion followed.

GOUGH'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Arthur Gough, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for indecent conduct in Chapel Road, Kippax, on Saturday, February 21st. On the evidence of P.C. Davies, he was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Dixon, engine-driver, and John Simpson, miner, both of Kippax, were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Sunday last. P.C. Hogg proved the case, and each defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

DOGGY CASE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Harry Bentley, grocer, of Kippax, was summoned for allowing his dog to stray in the street without the name of its owner appearing on the collar. P.C. Taylor proved the case, and a fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of Kippax Education Committee was held on Wednesday.—Mr E. Parker, J.P., presiding. The other members present were Mr. J. Cripaeli, Mr J. Harding, Mr A. Atack, Mr J. Farrell, and Mrs Lowther, with the clerk (Mr J. Farrell). Mr H. Radcliffe sent in a communication about the discontinuation of the dancing class at Kippax, and he asked for the use of the Council School for a social on Monday last. The application was granted. Mr Howell applied for the use of the Council School for a social, the probable date being March 20th, for the students connected with the evening classes. The application was granted. Mr B. Ledbury's application for an increase of salary for his work as caretaker of the Great Preston School, which was deferred at the last meeting, was considered, and the committee recommended an increase of £5. Mr Webb wrote asking that the recommendation of the committee be given to the application for her salary during the time she acted as matron, obtaining on the West Riding, viz., £145, and Miss Silcock also applied for her salaries to be raised to the minimum, viz., £120. It was decided to recommend an £8 advance in each case. Increase of salary to the following teachers were approved:—Miss Goodall £80 to £85; Miss Handley, £60 to £70; Miss Fox, Scott, £75 to £80; Mr Howell, £100 to £105; Miss Hudson, £70 to £75; Miss Gough £80 to £85, and Miss Gill, £40 to £45. The committee appointed Miss Rhodes and Miss Duffy as assistant teachers in the Kippax Council School.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The church anniversary was celebrated on Sunday when Mr S. Holloway, of Leeds, was the preacher. In the afternoon a meeting was held, and Mr Holloway delivered an address on "Temptation." The choir rendered special music under the direction of Mr J. Radcliffe. The solo parts were sung by Miss Halliday (soprano), Miss A. Goodall (contralto), Mr D. Smith (tenor), and Mr J. Farrant (bass). Mr J. Radcliffe conducted the choir. Item, anthem (Handel) and "Soldiers of the cross." Mr W. Haddon officiated at the organ and Mr C. Peters presided. The proceeds were £8 10s. The evening meeting of the anniversary was held on Monday, when addresses were given by the Rev. Isaac Hunt, of Methley, Rev. Hodgson, of Castleford, Rev. Hodgson, of Pontefract, and the Rev. Wm. Hall, of Normanton.

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LIBERALISM AT BARWICK-IN-ELMET.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND INSURANCE BENEFITS

FARM LABOURERS' WAGES—COTTAGES TO BE BUILT.

MR MARTIN HARVEY AND THE VOTE.

Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association a meeting was held in the Church School at Barwick on Friday evening, and there was a good attendance of electors. Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association) presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division), Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, South Milford; Captain and Mrs Glover, of Collingham, etc.

"THERE IS NO PLEASING THEM."

Mr Foster, who had a capital reception, said that during the week there had been several interesting debates in the House of Commons. The first was in regard to the modifying proposals on Home Rule which Mr Asquith intended to lay before the House, but they did not manage to draw him; in fact, they never managed to draw Mr Asquith. (Laughter). The duty of the Government was to deal with the Estimates first, and the Prime Minister told the Opposition that if they helped him in that he would at the earliest date place before the House the proposals referred to. But the Tories were difficult to deal with. If Mr Asquith, or any Liberal Minister, said that he regarded the Home Rule Bill as requiring no modification they said "We are incapable of seeing the gulf's side, and you are provoking civil war." If Mr Asquith said he was willing to modify the Bill in order to get it passed by common sense, the Tories said "He is running away, and afraid to carry the Bill through." (Laughter). There was no pleasing them.

INSURANCE—AMOUNTS PAID.

In regard to the Insurance Act, a large number of Tory speakers had been saying they objected to the Insurance Act because it was compulsory. They were in favour of insurance on a voluntary basis. By that they understood they intended the employers' contribution should be voluntary. They realised that that was not good tactics, and the other night Mr Bonar Law said that they intended it should be compulsory on the employer but that it should be voluntary for the insured person. (Laughter). He went so far as to say that if an employer gave work to a thousand hands and got two insured and got sure that he would still have to continue to pay for the one who were not insured. They could not devise any system into which that would fit at all. He pointed out that in the first year of the Insurance Act there were 26 million attendances by workers at a cost of 5½ millions; there were 14 millions of orders to benefit payments at a cost of 2½ millions, and nearly a million maternity benefits at a cost of 1½ and of 1½ millions. Applause.) It was preposterous for any one to say that the working classes had not benefited, and benefited very largely, from the Insurance Act. Tories were now urging the payment of all in work for insurance and payment of Members of Parliament, as if the all had anything to give to the Party. If anything was said about it in Berkshire Ash he asked them to question Mr Lane Fox, because he was receiving £4000 a year. (Laughter).

ELECTIONEERING AND HOME RULE.

In regard to the Irish question contest in the Leith Burghs, which was fought largely upon answering to "Home Rule," but the real significance of elections was in changing the feeling in the country in regard to Home Rule, and in Leith there was a 5% large majority in favour of the Government to get home Rule. It was rather singular to add, that in the Leith Burghs the Government had paid the penalty of recent legislation. In Scotland there was an old system of house letting from May to May, and the House Letting Act was passed, bringing the Scottish system more into line with the English system. The effect was in the greater number of removals, and it was estimated that since the present register was made up there had been 2,000 removals. If it had not been for that Act which they passed in the interests of the working classes they should easily have won by a substantial majority. (Hear, hear).

FARM HANDS' WAGES

Referring to the land proposals, he said the Government proposed to set up Wages Boards throughout the country to fix a minimum wage for agricultural labourers. (Hear, hear). Why was that necessary? For the simple reason that in many parts of the country the agricultural labourer was not getting a stage upon which he could live. (Hear, hear). In Norfolk and Oxford, where there was no alternative employment as there was, more or less, in the North, their wages were 12s. and 14s. A great majority were paid under 18s., and a large percentage under 16s. He asked anyone present if a man could keep a wife and bring up a family on such a wage. (Cries of "No."). It was a singular thing that in the days when the farmers were doing well the agricultural labourers were not well paid. In England and Wales there were fourteen agricultural labourers, and whilst doing important work—work which was by no means unskilled—surely they ought to have a wage upon which to keep body and soul together. (Loud applause). The Government intended that they should have it.

COTTAGES FOR LABOURERS

He had seen it announced that Mr Lane Fox was to build model cottages on his estate, and he was glad of it, for it showed that the Liberal campaign was bearing fruit. (Applause). He did not, however, think that the building of cottages by individual landlords would meet the case. Throughout England there was a tremendous scarcity of cottages, and they were told by agriculturists that cottages could not be built that could let at a figure to pay reasonable interest on the outlay. If they said that, they might take it that a sufficient number of cottages to meet the needs would not be erected. Then it was for the State to step in. Often were, in some cases, living miles from their work, and others were living in unsuitable and insanitary houses. In Ireland they had erected 40,000 cottages, and Sir Walter Nugent recently told him that the scheme had been a boon to the whole community. (Applause). The Government intended to bring that immense boon to England. They were going to acquire land at a reasonable price—that was one of the benefits they were to get out of the valuation—and they were to build four cottages to the acre, so that the labourer would have a piece of land to cultivate (—hear, hear)—so that he would not be living in a house belonging to his employer, and so that if he lost his work he would not be turned out of his house. His land would be something to fall back upon if he lost his job, and he would have time to look round for employment. They would, therefore, get conditions under which men would have more independence, and be what politics and religion they liked (Applause). Under the land scheme, they were to give the farmer security of tenure, and greater protection in regard to game.

THE LORDS—NEXT ELECTION

Having dealt with the reconstruction of the Second Chamber, he said the Lords were trying to make capital out of the Marconi affair, but when they tried to be vindictive they were sooner found out, and the Englishman was fair-minded and did not like it. (Applause). Lord Lansdowne would probably have preferred to have left the matter alone, but his followers insisted on the appointment of a Select Committee. For it to be one good thing more than they had selected a committee of fair men, but, unfortunately for them, fair men would not sit. (Laughter). They tried to get the Law Lords, but they were not having it—(laughter)—and even some of the fairer men in the Unionist Party were not eager to take part in this solemn inquiry. Although he did not think they were to have an election in the immediate future, yet it might be so. One could never tell what the election might cause, and he wanted them to be prepared and make up their minds as to how they were to vote. Next election was to be one of tremendous importance. In order to complete the work of the previous elections they must win again. The battle was between the aristocracy and the democracy—whether, when the people returned a Liberal majority, the House of Lords would be a responsible House or a House of Lords. All the talk about Home Rule was not the real thing that troubled the Unionist Party. The real thing was the Parliament Act, and they did not intend that the Government should pass legislation against the will of the House of Lords. It would rest with them to say whether the land programme, which meant so much for the people of Barwick, should be carried. (Loud applause).

VOLUNTARY INSURANCE A FAILURE

Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association) said, in reference to Mr Bonar Law and insurance, that he was under the impression that they had had voluntary insurance and that all parties had agreed that it was a failure. They did not manage to get the people insured, and many poor people were left out, and did not get any benefit. The Liberals not only agreed to do something, but they found the money to do it with without increasing the taxes of the poor. (Applause). When it was found necessary to put a little on tobacco the working-men paid up in a noble manner, but the Lords and Dukes squealed when they were called on to pay their share. If they could read the minds of their Tory friends he thought they would find that they would like the voluntary system applied to the minimum wage. They said they agreed the agricultural labourer should have more money, but they would not do anything to help him to get it. (Applause). He had attended a Tory meeting in Scotland, and he heard a Tory speaker actually say that the Government had increased the taxation without giving the people a fraction for it. What about old age pensions? (Applause). He did not think there were ten men in that room who would have had the vote had it not been for the Liberals. (Voice: Do you think they would be living?—(laughter). He did not know about that, but they would not be living under such comfortable conditions. (Applause). He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Foster for his address.

"AFRAID TO SHOW THEIR COLOURS."

Captain Glover, in seconding, said the Liberal Party gave them the only vote but the ballot. There were men in Barkston Ash, however, who were afraid to show their colours lest it should injure them. Labourers might have a difficulty in some cases in paying the insurance, but if they had a reasonable wage, such as it was proposed to fix, the insurance money would be very easily found. (Applause).

The resolution was cordially passed, and Mr Foster, in reply, said that there was no doubt a change was coming over the Division, especially in the agricultural parts, and if they had placed a voting stockshed before the next election they would no longer be represented by a Tory in the House of Commons. (Applause).

On the exit of Mr Foster, a similar compliment was paid to the Chairman.

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GARFORTH AND SOUTH MILFORD FOOTBALL DISPUTE.

APPEAL BY GARFORTH—A DECISION UPSET

On Tuesday night at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, the West Riding Football Appeals Board gave a decision which is to have some effect in the granting of transfers in Barkston Ash area. It will be remembered that Garforth W.R. lodged an objection to their match with South Milford standing on the ground that H. Chilton was not eligible to play for Milford, but the Barkston Ash Executive over-ruled the objection and forfeited the deposit. Against this ruling Garforth appealed, contending that the decision was contrary to the League rules, and also that the objection was on a frivolous one. Mr T. S. Slater appeared for Garforth, and Mr W. A. Osborne represented the Barkston Ash Executive. Mr Fred Waterhouse, of Leeds, presided.

Mr Slater stated that at an Executive meeting, held on January 6th, Mr Johnson (South Milford) asked Mr Osborne if he had received notice as to the transfer of H. Chilton from Monk Fryston, and Mr Osborne replied in the negative. Mr Johnson said the man had applied for his transfer and it had not been granted. He (Mr Slater) asked if he had communicated with the hon. sec., and he said he had not, whereupon he said they were out of order. The rule distinctly stated that no transfer could be granted after January 1st. Garforth W.R. went to South Milford, and Chilton played against them. It being stated the transfer had been granted, and confirmed by Mr Osborne. Garforth lodged an objection, and they wrote to Monk Fryston for information. They were told the transfer was not applied for until December 31st, and the secretary of the club could not grant it until it had gone before the committee. Mr Johnson said the application was made before December 31st, but it was delivered on that date to the secretary of Monk Fryston Club. The paper was dated December 29th, and why was it not sent until December 31st. It was also alleged that the application was not in Chilton's writing.

Mr Waterhouse: Did you contest that point before the Barkston Ash Executive?.

Mr Slater: I did not know then.

Mr Waterhouse said that they could not take that into consideration, as it had not been raised before.

Mr Osborne said that when the question was raised at the Executive meeting on January 6th he said he would write and see what he could make of it.

Mr Waterhouse: Did you take it that on January 6th the transfer was not completed?

Mr Osborne said he was told to ask whether the application had been made in time. Mr Johnson said it had been made before the end of December.

In answer to the Chairman, Mr Osborne said that, acting on precedent, he confirmed the transfer, dating it from the date application was made. On other occasions he had had it to do, not as regarded the end of the year, and he cited a case in the Templenewsam Cup Competition, where a club refused transfers to two men. He granted them on Friday, and the men played for the club they desired on Saturday. After Mr Johnson brought the matter up at the Executive meeting he wrote to the Monk Fryston secretary, and the latter went to see him at Sherburn. He brought the application with him, and that was how he knew it was dated December 29th. He told him (Mr Osborne) that the transfer was applied for on December 31st, and he thought that date was as good as the 29th.

The Board having considered the matter in private, the Chairman said they were of opinion that there was no doubt about the application being made in time for the transfer to be completed in order, and they had decided to uphold Garforth's appeal. The precedent which had been followed in granting transfers was, he said, a dangerous one. All transfers should be applied for in time so that they could without doubt come within the rules. If a club was guilty of withholding a transfer, they should hunt it up and punish it. They, of course, held that it was not a frivolous objection, and the Barkston Ash Executive's decision was over-ruled.

Mr Osborne asked if the player was eligible to play for South Milford.

The Chairman said he was not. His transfer was not properly effected.

THEFT OF COAL AT MIDDLETON.

MAGISTRATES' WARNING

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions a married woman named Amy Smith, of Hunslet, was summoned by the managers of the Middleton Colliery Company for stealing coal to the value of 1s.6pence.

Evidence was given that about 7-30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18th, the defendant was seen coming from the direction of the New Pit on the Old Wood, Middleton, carrying a sack. She was stopped, and the sack was found to contain coal. When asked where she had got it from she replied that it had been picked up on the waggon rails. The officer pointed out that the coal was dry, and the night had been wet.

The manager of the New Pit, said the coal appeared to have been picked up under the screen. Witness added that they had a number of people from Hunslet continually coming to the pit, and though they had been warned, they still came, and the Company thought the only way to stop them would be by bringing a case as an example.

The magistrates said they agreed with the action of the Company, but as the costs were heavy the case would be dismissed.

The Chairman gave warning that if others came before the court on a similar charge they would not have to expect the same treatment.

MATCHES FOR NEXT SATURDAY

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

Rothwell White Rose v. Allerton Bywater (A. Hedley).

New Worsley Gas Works v. Rothwell Parish Church (W. J. Poynter).

Methley Perseverance v. Great Preston White Rose (J. T. Lewsley).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

St. Anthony's v. Allerton Church Institute (G. H. Beight).

Kippax Woodville v. Oulton St. John's (T. Murray).

Glass Houghton Colliery v. Rothwell White Rose (G. Walker).

While hunting with the Bramham Moor Hounds on Monday Lieutenant F. P. Wye, of the 3rd Battery Royal Field Artillery, Leeds, had a nasty fall owing to his horse coming down at a ditch. As he lay on the ground he was kicked, and received injuries to his face and head. He was conveyed back to the Chapeltown Barracks in a motor car.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

MEET AT BICKERTON BAR.

The Bramham Moor Hounds met on Friday at Bickerton Bar, and a "cap" was taken for the Hunt Servants' Benevolent Fund. Owing to his accident on Monday Farrelly was still unable to carry the horn, and Hoare hunted hounds. By request, they went down to the Cowthorpe Covers to draw, and they found a brace in Hewlock Field Rush. They took one of them along by Goose Moor and Gallows Wood to Armytage Plantation, and then they ran parallel with the road to Walshford Bridge, and he appeared to have got to ground by the Nidd side.

Afterwards they went on to Wilstrop, and found in the Rush. The fox came away over the Sandy Lane, and with frequent checks they ran to Cattal Brickworks, and Cattal Bridge, going on the banks of the Nidd, and he got to ground. Another fox was halloed at Minster Haggs, and Hoare took hounds, but the fox had been gone too long. They went back to Wilstrop, which was blank, as was Marston Whin. Then they tried Hutton Thorn, where they found, and had a very nice gallop of an hour and a quarter, hounds running well.

They first went to Rufforth village, pointing for Grange Wood, and to the back of Hessay village. Then they went along the Big Drain, and turning left headed for Moreton Station on the right, over the Afterwith Lane close to the Fox Cover, pointing for Hutton Thorn. Being headed on the road he turned away left-handed, again pointing for Marston Station, which was left on the right, over the railway, and the Red House drain. Then turning to the right he was given up on the Boroughbridge Road close to Hessay Station. This concluded the day's sport.

The "cap" realised £48.

MEET AT HOOK MOOR.

On Saturday the Bramham Moor hounds met at Hook Moor. Farrelly was not out, and the first whipper-in hunted hounds. The whole of the Parlington coverts were drawn blank.

Mr C. F. Ryder's whin did not hold, but a fox was picked up close by in the plantation adjoining Wood House Farm, and running through Ryder's Whin pointed for Saw Woods, but doubled back to the whin. After some delay he was hunted towards Potterton, but entering the Becca coverts, the pack changed foxes, and after a turn of the coverts, crossed the Leeds and Tadcaster Road, close to White Well Farm.

Running sharply through Black Fen, the fox turned back at the Bramham Cross Roads end of the woodland, and was hot-after a rather unsatisfactory hunt of an hour and twenty minutes.

Mr Darcy B. Wilson's coverts on Whinmoor were next drawn, and a fox found in the new plantation provided a good gallop of 50 minutes, part of it within the boundaries of the city of Leeds.

After running through the Whinmoor coverts, the fox left on the Seacroft side, and, taking the pack past Limekiln Gate, bent left-handed, and, running to the west of Seacroft Green, went through Fox Wood, and turning to the right across the Leeds and Wetherby Road, near the foot of the Wellington Hill, and while heading for Roundhay Park, was marked to ground in a drain near Beechwood, the residence of Mr Rowland Barran, M.P. The day would have been altogether bad had it not been redeemed by the pleasant suburban hunt of the afternoon.

MEET AT SICKLINGHALL.

The day was gloriously fine, but scent far from good when the Bramham Moor hounds met on Monday at Sicklinghall. The New Gorse was blank. A fox was away from the Punch Bowls at once, and breasting Barrowby Hill, was hunted with frequent checks, with Ingham's Gorse on the left, pointing for the Haggs.

The pack were coming to a standstill when a "holloa" near Cocked Hat Whin put them going again, and ran slowly dragging on to Stockeld Park nothing more was done, Devonshire Wood and the coverts at Woodhall were blank. A fox from the West Plantations crossed to the Flamelate at Woodhall, and was abandoned. Carlston Whin and Woolah Head were next drawn without a fox. From Swindon Wood the pack ran slowly past Swindon Bowls, and were headed near Kerby. A hunt of 45 minutes, which only lacked pace to make it good began at Weston New Gorse.

Reynard was headed through Weston, and with it on the right, to Weston Hill, now ran parallel with the road to Riffa, and such was perhaps his intention, but being headed on Westrose Hill he doubled back across the railway, and was lost sight of near Church, with it now on the left, past Rougemont, and was abandoned while heading for Harewood Bridge.

HUNTING IN COLTON AND ASKHAM DISTRICT.

It was a typical March day, with a high wind and driving dust clouds, when the York and Ainsty Hounds met on Tuesday at Streethouses, midway between York and Tadcaster. It appeared possible that there was a scent when a fox from Steeton Whin jumped slowly down to the railway, but it was soon headed on the pen, as scenting conditions were bad the whole day proved to be most indifferent. At the railway the pack were delayed by a passing train, and hunted slowly and with frequent checks towards Cowthorpe Wood. Without entering it the fox bent away to the left and reached Colton Hagg, and from it was taken past Colton Lodge, and coming round to the left ran hounds out of scent at Colton village.

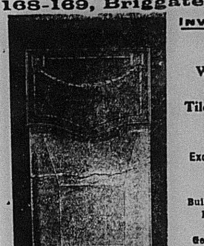
Colton Hagg was now drawn, and finding there hounds ran out towards the York high road, but turning left-handed hunted across the railway at Colton Crossroads, and through Copmanthorpe Wood back over the railway to Colton Hagg, where the fox was killed. It seemed possible that the never failing Askham Bogs were to be drawn blank, but Tadgower Road to Askham Fields, and was abandoned while pointing for Askham Richard. The spinneys at Askham Grange did not provide a fox, and hounds returned to kennels after a very moderate day's sport.

People are now debating the advisability of having Sunday boating at Roundhay, but the Corporation, to be consistent, cannot refuse to allow it, since they permit Sunday golfing. And when the footballers want a little sport their claim will have to be considered. This comes of allowing a few leisured people to do as they please on Sunday.

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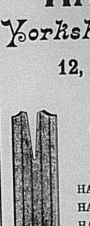
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BARKSTON ASH CUP—SEMI-FINALS.

At a meeting the Barkston Ash Cup Committee on Tuesday night at Crossgates—Mr Duffy (President) in the chair—the draw for the semi-finals of the Barkston Ash Cup was made as follows :—

Cawood v. Selby Olympia—At Selby on March 21st. Referee, Mr H. Metcalfe (Tadcaster). Linesmen, Messrs Walton (Micklefield) and Hayton (Aberford).

Garforth W.R. v. Aberford.—At Barwick on March 14th. Referee, Mr J. H. Townend (Micklefield); linesmen, Messrs Burnett (Barwick) and Meakin (Micklefield).

In the event of the latter match being drawn it will be replayed at Micklefield on March 21st.

The Selby match ends in a draw it will be re-played on the following Saturday.

DEIGHTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

Two matches were played in the Deighton Shield Competition on Saturday afternoon, Garforth White Rose, playing at home, defeated Whitkirk by five goals to nil, and Tadcaster, who had choice of ground, overcame Boston Spa by eight goals to nil.

On Saturday afternoon Harewood will play Wetherby Cor., and Monk Fryston will entertain Barwick United.

ALLERTON BYWATER WIN.

Allerton Bywater had a Senior League match with Wortley United on the Mill Green ground, Holbeck, and the honours went to the visitors. Lewis kicked off for Allerton, who at once took up the aggressive, and were put ahead by Hudson in the first five minutes. Allerton kept up the pressure, and shortly after Alexander scored a splendid goal from a fine centre by Holmes. This seemed to rouse the Wortley men, but they did not make much impression on the visitors, who seemed to take things easily up to half-time, and, although they did not score again, they had much the better of the game. Half-time score :—Allerton Bywater, 2 goals; Wortley, United, nil. In the second half Bleach and Hudson scored goals for Allerton, and Mason for Wortley. Allerton won by six goals to one.

RUGBY NOTES.

METHLEY DEFEATED.

Methley were at home to Hunslet A. in a Leeds and District League match, and the latter won easily. Hunslet started before a moderate gate. Asbell getting over in the early stages, and Bowen converting. Methley pressed but Toft brought play into the home half, and Hopwood added a second try, Bowen again converting. The Methley forwards worked well, but all to no purpose, Asbell again scoring, and Bowen converting. Methley tackled well, but lacked speed. Smith scored for Methley after a fine run. Hunslet were leading at half-time by fifteen points to two, and they won by 21 points to 5.

HALTON LADS BEATEN.

Halton Council played a League match with Bramley National at Halton. In the opening stages of the game Killerby dropped a goal from a penalty for Halton, but she points were disallowed as the player had over-stepped the mark. The visitors were able to cross over with a six points' lead, both tries being individual efforts of Fletcher. In the second half Bramley were seen at their best, running and passing being up to their usual standard. Worsnop on his hand a trio of tries to his credit. Further tries were scored by Binks and Baxter. The latter placed two goals. Bramley thus completed their fixture list without sacrificing a League point. Halton—Bramley National, 2 goals, 9 tries (31 points), Halton Council, nil.

ROTHWELL WIN.

At Rothwell on Saturday Normanton were beaten by two points in their match with Rothwell. The homesters started with four of their first team men missing, but after five minutes' play they had notched their first points. Stone scored a try, which Bulmer converted. After play in the Rothwell area Morgan added the extra points for the visitors. Later Bulmer put Rothwell again ahead, and before the interval Best had scored another try, which Bulmer converted. This gave Rothwell a lead of ten points. On the restart Normanton pressed, and one of their players was unsuccessful with a drop at goal. Obtaining possession for the homesters Wise ran down the field and Bulmer helped to put the oval beyond the visitors. Cox scoring. Bulmer's kick at goal failed. Normanton still were game, and Watson scored near to the corner flag, but Morgan made a poor display with the goal kick. Onwards to the end the visitors played strongly, but they could not get on terms. The result was:—Rothwell, 3 goals, 4 tries (18 points), Normanton, 2 goals, 4 tries (16 points).

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

When Sir John Bedford met Penrose down at the roadside station a few miles out of Canterbury he had the whole afternoon before him. He had brought his motor-car out himself, not wishing even his chauffeur to know where he was going that day, and when Penrose had gone he let his hands rest idly on the steering-wheel, and sat for some minutes considering various matters. Suddenly he set the machinery in motion.

"I'll run down as far as Dover, have some lunch there, and get into touch with Sabatier," he said to himself. "He ought to have some news by this time that should be useful to us."

Having no desire to be seen in Canterbury at that time of day, Sir John turned his car round and set off for Dover by way of Ashford and Folkestone, proceeding towards his destination in a leisurely and deliberate manner as if he had never a care in the world. Arrived at the Lord Warden, he put the car up, and, strolling off to the telegraph-office sent a lengthy message to Sabatier, asking him to reply to the hotel. Then he lunched, with good appetite and great satisfaction, and subsequently strolled on the pier outside, until a servant came after him and expected reply. He sat down on the nearest seat, and opened the flimsy envelope as coolly as if it had been a circular. He read Sabatier's message half-aloud.

"Have made such excellent progress that am in position to suggest that you come this afternoon. Bremond is here, and all is ready. Shall I go ahead, or shall we await your arrival? If you proceed at once we can give first demonstration to-morrow, when representative will arrive. Reply at once."

Sir John read and re-read this communication, folded the telegram deliberately, and as deliberately placed it in his pocket-book. After a moment's thought he lighted a cigar, and strolling back to the hotel paid his bill, then, getting into his car, went off once more to the post-office, where he despatched two wires. The first, addressed to Sabatier, ran:—

"Congratulations. Go ahead at once, and immediately wire me charge is successfully made this afternoon or evening at Star Hotel, Canterbury. Is shall come over during night and be with you as early as possible to-morrow."

The second, addressed to Edwards, Post Office, Canterbury, was as follows:

"Meet me about four-thirty to five, Star Hotel."

He hesitated over the wording of the last message, as if wishing to add some further words; then, remembering that Penrose was unknown in Canterbury, and that there was small risk of his detection there, he handed the forms and the fee over and drove off again, this time straight ahead for the old city. But coming to its outskirts, his cunning and foresight asserted themselves. He left the car at a roadside inn, and choosing some devious and little-frequented by-paths and alleys came to the hotel by a back entrance, and was safely bestowed in a private sitting-room before anyone but the landlord, who knew him well, was aware that he was in the house. Yet it was by the merest chance that he and Miss Delomosne did not meet; for she had left the hotel as he passed through the garden, and she saw him, though he did not see her, and she took her measures accordingly. First she had her motor-car safely locked up in a vacant coach-house, and put the key in her pocket; then she sent her chauffeur off to another hotel with strict injunctions to remain there until sober; then, with a firm step, she walked by way of the kitchens, and, after a word to a much-interested waiter, was as quickly hidden in a private room as Sir John was. Both delivered similar strict injunctions to this same waiter—viz., that they were not to be disturbed; that, in one case, a gentleman was expected; in the other, a lady; that, in both, the callers were to be immediately conducted to the private rooms. The waiter wondered what game of hide-and-seek this was, or if it were mere coincidence.

The room in which Miss Delomosne found herself looked out on the street, and she quickly arranged the curtains of the windows so that she could keep an eye on the people who came to the hotel by the principal entrance. She had not been watching long before she saw Penrose emerge from a side street and cross over in the direction of the hotel. She knew him at once, though she had not set eyes on him for years, and she was surprised to see how smartly attired he was, how jauntily he carried himself, how carelessly he glanced about him as he trod the street with a firm step. Could it be possible that this was the man who was a fugitive from justice, and who was even then plotting with another—more villainous even than himself—to commit some crime, at the nature of which she could only guess? He looked like a man of culture and leisure, idly strolling at his will about the streets of the old city.

"But I suppose that's all part of the game," she said, bitterly. "I wonder what it is that they are concocting!"

If she could by any chance have been present in a room a few doors away in which Sir John and Penrose were then closeted in privacy, and could have heard the conversation which they carried on in undertones, Miss Delomosne would have been speedily enlightened as to the fact that the particular concoction brewing was of some particularly deadly nature, though she would not have grasped all its detailed wickedness.

"Well?" said Sir John, when the door was closed.

Penrose drew off his gloves with great deliberation, sat down, and drew his chair nearer to Sir John's. "I don't see how it's going to be done," he said. "I've looked carefully round, and to me it seems impossible."

Sir John's straight, thin lips sneered. "Impossible's a word I don't know much of, Mr. Edwards," he said. "Make yourself clearer."

Penrose went to a writing-table, and picking up pen, ink, and paper returned to the table at which Sir John sat, and began to sketch out a rough plan. "Perhaps little will make things clear," he said. "And perhaps you'll be able to tell me, after seeing for how the thing's to be done. Now, here's the Three Travellers—an old building stretching round three sides of a quadrangle. This is the paddock, with the fourth open side of the quadrangle. In the paddock stands the barn in which they're at work."

"Well, looks easy enough to get at," said Sir John, inspecting the diagram.

"Easy enough," said Penrose, "if it were not for the fact that it's being patrolled day and night by police."

"Police! A thorough patrol!"

"Thorough."

Sir John knitted his brows and fingered his chin. "Can't be here," he said, after a pause. "What's the size of this paddock?"

"About sixty yards by forty."

"And the size of the barn?"

"Forty yards by thirty."

"That means that the hedges, or railings—which are they?—are at all points within ten yards of the walls of the barn?"

"Yes. And they're hedgerow. Hawthorn—fairly thick," answered Penrose.

"Then we've got 'em," said Sir John, triumphantly. "Is there any cover, wood, coppice, thicket about from which you could steal out when it's dark and crawl down behind the hedge? Because that you could lay the steel globe in the hedgerow bottom after timing it."

"There's a coppice at that corner," answered Penrose, indicating a certain point. "And it can be reached from a lane which passes here."

"Then that's all right," said Sir John. "You, with your knowledge of taking cover, can easily get into that coppice after dark to-night and work your way down to within ten yards of the barn. I told you I didn't believe in impossibilities."

"You didn't tell me the thing would be effective at ten yards' distance," said Penrose.

"It would be sufficiently effective at twenty yards' distance," said Sir John, drily. "By the bye, where is the thing?"

"In the bag, at the station."

"Don't fetch it until twilight," said Sir John. "There, that's all. Sit down—I'm going to order some tea. We must stay here."

It was then that the two were together that Charity visited Miss Delomosne, delivered her message, and went away again. When she had gone Miss Delomosne once more began to puzzle her brains as to what she could do to put the unscrupulous people whom she instinctively felt was coming. After some thought she rang the bell, and writing out a telegram asked the waiter to send it to the post-office by a trustworthy messenger.

This telegram was addressed to Miss Delomosne's own solicitor in London—a man whom she could trust to follow her instructions quickly and implicitly. What she said in it would have aroused some perturbation in the minds of the two men in the adjacent room.

"Please go immediately to New Scotland Yard and ask them to send experienced and skilful detective to me here at once on most urgent business. — LILIAN DELOMOSNE, Star Hotel, Canterbury."

She realised when that was done that there was now nothing for it but to await the further development of whatever it was that was going on. She sat there alone, keeping strict watch from the window upon the street beneath, anxious to know if either Penrose or Sir John left the hotel; but at the end of an hour she had seen nothing of either of them. As the afternoon drew to a close she rang the bell and ordered tea; when it came she drank it standing at the window. The twilight came on, and the dusk after it, so far nothing had happened. A thought occurred to her; she gently opened her door, and after listening for a moment in the well-lighted corridor, listening at each door as she passed it. At the fourth she heard voices; listening more intently, she recognised them as those of the two men as to whose movements she was so anxiously curious. From a certain jingle of plate and glass she judged that they were dining, and, fearful lest the waiter should suddenly emerge and find her there, she went back to her own room. But now that she had ascertained their whereabouts she knew that she could keep them under observation by leaving her own slightly open, and she took up her post there and watched steadily.

It was almost dark when the door of that other room opened and Penrose emerged, closely followed by Sir John, and went away in the direction of the stairs. She hurried to the window to see if she could see anything of them in the street below, but even the street lamps had not been lit in the street below, and she fancied she saw him, a tall figure striding away at the opposite side. And again she was nothing to do but wait.

It was with a sense of great relief that at last she heard Penrose's footsteps in the corridor, and then the old waiter's voice bidding somebody to come that way. She hurriedly turned up the light, which she had purposely kept down; another moment and a tall, keen-eyed, hard-featured man, who might have been a professional cricketer or a gymnastic tutor in mufti, was bowing before her and inspecting her with curiosity.

"Inspector Skarratt, from New Scotland Yard, madam," he said. "I came by the first express I could get after Mr. Dawson called on us."

"I am much obliged to you," said Miss Delomosne. "Please sit down. I am in great perplexity. Inspector Skarratt—perhaps I had better tell you everything as clearly as I can. If I do not make myself clear, stop me and question me."

Inspector Skarratt was noted as a first-rate listener. He sat watching Miss Delomosne intently, and it was only once or twice that he interrupted her to put a short, pointed question.

Miss Delomosne told him all she knew, and if Sir John Bedford had only overheard her he would have left the hotel and gone for his car with as little delay as possible.

But Sir John, all alone now that Penrose had departed on his nefarious mission, was smoking a cigar and awaiting the expected telegram from Sabatier. He was beginning to grow impatient about it, when the waiter appeared with the familiar buff envelope.

"Bring some whisky and soda up here, will you?" said Sir John, as he took the telegram. He sat down and opened it in his usual leisurely way when the man had gone out of the room, and his eye glanced its first words over half-carelessly. Then he sprang to his feet with an oath, and holding the message to the light read it through:

"Regret report terrible accident. Charge of engine immediately succeeded by terrific explosion, probably by mistake in mixing chemicals. Sabatier killed on spot; Bremond fatally injured, but still alive; laboratory blown to pieces. Will wire later or early tomorrow.—LEPEL, Secretary."

Sir John folded the telegram up, placed it in his pocket-book, and, sitting down again, stared hard at the fire. Whether he heard him or not he took no notice of the waiter when he came in with the whisky and the syphon of soda, nor did he help himself to a drink when the waiter had departed. He sat there chewing an unlighted cigar, and still staring at the flames, for a long time—so long that the hands of the clock had marked an hour and a half's advance since Penrose left the room. He was so motionless that he might have been dead or asleep but for the light in his eyes. And he neither moved nor spoke when a light tap came at the door, which presently opened gently, and was as gently closed again.

"Good evening, Sir John!"

Sir John turned up and round—slowly. For all his seeming inattention to the things of the moment he had heard that tap at the door. He expected to see Penrose; instead he found himself looking at Inspector Skarratt. He looked—and said nothing.

"You'll excuse my unceremonious entrance, Sir John," said the inspector. "I just want a few words with you."

"Well, say them," said Sir John.

"You came to our place lately with reference to the escape of Edward Penrose, Sir John?"

"Well, what then?"

"I've come to believe that you have some knowledge of his present whereabouts," continued inspector Skarratt. "In fact, I know that he has been in your company in this hotel and in this very room this evening.

Sir John turned to the table and poured out a glass of whisky. He helped himself to soda, and drank before he replied. "You seem to have good eyesight, Inspector," he said.

Inspector Skarratt made no immediate answer. He allowed a moment to elapse, then he said, quietly: "You're making a great mistake, Sir John. From what I can learn—and see—you're helping Penrose to escape, you know——"

"I know that you red-tape fellows imagine a good deal," exclaimed Sir John. "If you want Penrose, find him for yourselves—take him for yourselves—and be hanged to him and you!"

A quick, hurried step in the corridor outside—nearer—still nearer. Inspector Skarratt sprang—leaped backward beyond the further side of the door. Another instant and Penrose was in the room, facing Sir John. His face was grey, and he panted for breath as if he had been running.

"It's done! It's done!" he cried. "I managed it——"

He saw Sir John's eyes looking over his shoulder, and he slewed round like a streak of lightning to see Inspector Skarratt; and as he saw him he uttered one sharp exclamation—half scream, half yell—"Treason!" and his hand went round to his hip and the revolver was out. In that brief second he had but one thought—one belief—that Sir John had betrayed him, and Sir John threw up a hand and then fell heavily across the hearthrug.

"Put that revolver down!" said Inspector Skarratt.

But Penrose was backing towards the window, covering the detective with his revolver. Suddenly he uttered a curious sound—half laughter—and before Inspector Skarratt could realise what he was about to do he turned the revolver upon himself, and a second later fell across a sofa which stood behind Him.

And then came hurrying feet, and the sound of many voices in fear and astonishment, and the room filled with people, and foremost amongst them was Miss Delomosne

(To be continued).

His Fix—At Selby on Monday. Fred Lobley, labourer, Thorpe, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs for having been drunk and disorderly in Brook Street, Selby, early on Sunday morning. It was stated that the man knocked at doors and opened yard gates.

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Fruit tarts have a nasty habit of bubbling over and making a mess in the oven, even though a small hole be made in the top of the crust. This is no doubt due to the hole closing, as it frequently does when the pastry puffs up and the steam cannot escape. To obviate this difficulty, insert a short piece of uncooked macaroni in the hole, and the juice will not boil over. Of course, the macaroni should be withdrawn before the tart is served.

Women and Clothes.

Most people will agree that when dressed at their best they feel at their best, and certainly no woman will deny that clothes have an effect upon the mind of their wearer. There are many who go so far as to aver that colour in clothes has also a good deal to do with the peace of mind (or otherwise) of their wearer, and I think we all agree that it is far more pleasant to have around us people who spend a little time and thought over the cult of their clothes.

Uses for Remnants.

After the summer sales we often find ourselves in the possession of odd remnants, in the way of short lengths of ribbon, lace, silk, and muslin, which should be made up in spare moments into some of those many dainty little accessories which were the more fashionable than they are this season. If we are fortunate enough to have any small pieces of real lace among our cherished possessions, we shall find them very useful on these occasions, as they can always be introduced on scarves, collars, and jabots, and they will give an air of distinction to the simplest kind of evekwear in net or muslin.

A Cough Hint.

Everyone who is afflicted with a bad cough is sure to get a paroxysm of coughing when going from a warm room into a colder atmosphere. A simple means of prevention when changing the air is to close the mouth firmly, and for some minutes breathe entirely through the nostrils. This warms the air before it enters the lungs, and at least decreases discomfort when eventually cold air enters the mouth. The next best precautionary measure is to wear a respirator; but some persons feel a sense of suffocation when the respirator is worn over the mouth, and not a few think it unsightly, and discard it for that reason.

Washing Better Than Darning.

It may seem extravagance of cleanliness to rinse out a pair of stockings, whenever they are taken off, but, after all, washing stockings is less work than darning them. A pair of stockings kept clean will last a long time without a hole or a break, even if of cheap quality, while if worn till dirty and sent to the laundry, they come back with holes that necessitate much long and trying needlework again and life is too short to waste one's eyesight making foot coverings by hand. This applies to most clothes, though in a less degree. Keep them clean—avoid the hard scrubbing that wears out the cloth, and you save much of the bother of mending.

The Mouth Tells Tales.

The most telltale feature of the face is the mouth. Eyes and noses and heads are part of our hereditary; mouths are our own. The lips are exceedingly mobile, and retains in their constant expression the one which remains long-set and comes most frequently to their owner. A short, narrow mouth shows coldness, littleness, and meanness. A short, full mouth shows fondness for pleasure and luxury. A large, loose mouth shows silliness and sensuality. A large mouth with firm lips shows generosity and sincerity. Thin lips, particularly a thin upper lip, shows morbidity, and pessimism. If the upper lip curls a little and is thin, the subject is cynical. A pendulous upper lip shows morbidity and pessimism. Lightly held lips show self-consciousness and bad temper.

Women.

Women are adaptable enough when it comes to clothes. They will let themselves out or pinch themselves in, be boned as for a straitjacket or take to girdles, be concave or convex, hipless or hipped, befrilled or slinky, shuffle their flesh and their organs from one point of anatomy to another, plaster the hair or wear transparencies—do, does or does not meet the latest flicker of fashion. So why not turn this adaptability to account temperamentally? It will make life easier to live not only for yourself, but for those who must live with you. The girl who thinks nothing too much trouble to keep in fashion, will often not take time to adjust herself to family rules, dispositions, or views. Half the family troubles are due to lack of adaptability. There are varied tastes and natures among brothers and sisters, parents and children. Does the average girl recognise these differences and adjust herself to them?

A TERRIBLE DILEMMA.

SHORT STORY.

By T. Kennedy.

It was my intention night to be giving a show at Gravesend. The "theatre" was full to overflowing, and everything had gone off in the grand delight of a huge audience. My manager had gone on ahead to catch the last train to London, as will as my secretary. Something stronger than my own reason prompted me to stop that night in the little shipping town—one of those promptings that all human beings are prone to, those promptings that are unasked and unanswerable; and so it was that when the hall was empty and all the people had gone away, I found myself emerging from the stage door into the darkness on my way to the telegraph office to send my wife a wire to say I'd put up at the Old Ship Hotel for the night.

It was dark as pitch, and a drizzling rain came down as I buttoned up my coat and trudged through the darkness. Sounds of revelry came from little public-houses as I passed them, and weird figures shadowed themselves on the blinds. The river was black, and the swaying headlights of the vessels in the "roads" cast a lurid, ghastly reflection on the oily looking water. A sharp gust of wind caught me broadside on as I turned the corner of a road, while the lamp under which I stood struggled fitfully against the breeze. Where was I? I had lost my way. There was no one about to ask it; all was murky, misty, and mysterious. I had fallen to pondering as one does when walking, and got mixed up in the alleys and byeways that intersect a seafaring town.

I paused a moment what to do, when I heard the splash of oars near me. I was within a few paces of a wharfe. A voice said—

"Here, Bess, make her fast. That's it. Bear a hand, Sam."

"Aye, aye," came the reply, and a head oil-skinned, appeared, followed by the form of a strong, ruffianly-looking man.

Mechanically I crept into the shadow, and then a brawny sailor-looking woman clambered on the quay, followed by a man, evidently the first speaker, bearing over his shoulder the limp form of a fair-haired young man, dripping with water. They came towards me.

"Bomb, Jack," said the woman, "Let's see if the cross is clear." And looking round, she quickly lifted a trap near the little house where I was standing and which looked like a shop.

In an instant the sailor stepped down and man after man followed, bearing the body as he would a baby in his arms.

As he descended, Sam followed, and, striking a match, he threw the light on the boy's face.

"By God, old man, you fetched him a hard knock with the boat hook that time."

"Yes," answered the man addressed. "You don't know these swells as I do. They're fight bulli, and fight like the devil. Out goes his light to-night and by to-morrow morning he'll be sweeping round Sheerness on his way to the briny."

The trap closed with a bang, and once more I was alone. I lay down on the trap with my ear to a chink and listened. The conversation was far from edifying. Climbing of glasses told they were about to carouse. Then followed a conversation which ran in this strain—

"Nice handful, Jack, Bess. How would you like him for a loving mate, eh? Now then, don't look at Him like that. Keep those soft glances for me, you she devil.

"All right, Jack," responded the woman, "You are so confounded jealous. Spare your blows," then followed the sound of a conciliatory kiss on the woman's part and a satisfactorily grunt from the brute on whom she bestowed her endearments.

"Stow that," said Sam. "While I run my hands over the 'toff' and see what swag he has on him. Here, Bess, take this."

"Crikey," she said, "taint it a good 'un; still ticks, worth a hundred guineas. What a bunter."

Then followed a pause. They were evidently stripping the youth, for Bess said—

"There's his clothes with the others. Here, Jack, you take the watch. Shan't have to cut his fingers off as we did the others to get the rings; they come off easy enough; and blood's ugly; it tells. Are you ready, Sam."

"Yes," came the answer.

"Then gee the boat ready. See the coast is clear. Get him aboard, well into the middle of the stream. Then overboard with him to Kingdom Come."

The trap lifted and I walked away a few steps, and as the man came up and closed it, I walked up to him and asked him the way to the hotel. His eye lit up as he saw my diamond pin, which I use for show purposes and is worth £300, and as he was fascinated by the diamond, so he was by my eye, and in less time than it takes to tell, he was my property.

I took him over to the corner, and said—

"Now, don't move or open your mouth, for you can't do either."

I had retraced my steps when the trap lifted and Jack came up. He saw a stranger and went for me, the trap falling with a bang. He caught me by the right shoulder. I am a powerful man and a wrestler, though I don't look it. I lifted him off his feet with the ease of a baby and laid him on his back, at the same time bringing all the force of mesmerism in my system to bear on him, making him lie where he was at my will.

Then I had to deal with the woman, and I am ashamed to say I used force, in this way. I quickly took my coat off and as she came up I crept behind her and in an instant I had it over her head, and tightly bound, so she could not scream. Then I took the belt off the prostrate man on the ground and buckled her arms to her side. In a voice of command I said—

"Move one step and I'll throw you into the river." Lessing over the water's edge I called "Police," and rejoiced I was I can tell you to hear the splash of the Thames river policemen's oars.

I got my prisoners in the boat, they yielding to my will and taking their places like lambs. The woman we had some difficulty with, but she soon cuved in.

Their victim, who was so near his doom, was a young English per who had gone ashore on a "spree!" from an outward bound vessel sailing with the early tide, and had fallen in with the woman, who was a decoy.

The terrible trio had been at this work for years, and in their den was found valuable clothes, and documents relating to many who had been missing and sorrowed for by their friends. These lovely members of criminal society are now undergoing life terms of penal servitude, while their victim of the last trip often sends me invitations to shoot and fish with him. But, bless you, my time is precious, and the gift that God has given I am bound to Him to utilise in doing good to others with.

District Brevities.

Already! A fine specimen of a wasp was found at Follifoot on Friday.

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Has Rothwell abandoned the idea of having a lake wherein the miners may enjoy a dip.

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Two cases constituted the "sheet" at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday. Four magistrates attended.

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It is stated that Mr Lane Fox, M.P., intends to build several pairs of model cottages on his estate.

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A defendant at Wetherby Police Court, alluding to a police witness, described him as the defendant.

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Permission has been given to the Anglers' Amalgamation to plant aquatic plants at Roundhay Park.

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Is anything being done to meet the demand for working-class cottages at Oulton-with-Woodlesford?

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What a chance the ladies missed! At a dance at Church Fenton the other night the gentlemen were in the majority.

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From Rothwell we have received a letter criticising a retiring Councillor, but it is not our policy to take sides with individuals.

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One Templenewsam farmer sturdily opposed the formation of a farmers' club for the district. Why did he attend the meeting?

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Hard Knes! A party of anglers, we are told, gave Ryther a trial, but a blank day was the result, not a fin being taken.

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Tadcaster, Selby, and Crossgates seem to have more amusements—dances, whist drives, etc.—than other places in the district.

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Over 330 applications were received for the position of manager at the Selby Public Baths. These have been reduced to three.

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Surely the Gilchrist lectures at Garforth will have some result. The formation of a Literary or Debating Society should follow.

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True! "Almost all the evils of the present day arise from a lack of discipline and self-control," writes the Vicar of Seacroft.

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"In the ordinary life of the nation," says the Vicar of Seacroft, "and in our religious life we stally need more order and self-control."

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Rather expensive! This is no doubt what the Lofthouse pony driver thought when he was fined 30s. for an offence involving a pensy!

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He made fun for many! George Nicholson, the humorist, who was well-known in local villages, is dead. He was in his sixtieth year.

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The Yorkshire Fishery Board report they have made a grant of 250 trout to Mr R. S. Kirkbright, Stanks sewage works, Crossgates.

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Sherburn has lost one of its most prominent residents in Mr T Spvar, who had been associated with the ancient place for many years. He was an octogenarian.

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Allerton Bywater is now receiving a fair amount of attention from the District Council, and various footpath improvements are to be carried out.

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Letters of apology for absence were read from Mr Lane Fox, M.P., and the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., at the annual dinner of Leeds Junior Conservative Association.

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At a meeting at Crossgates a speaker asked, "Why fix only a living wage for agricultural labourers. Give them 5s. over. I like more than a living wage."

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Crossgates and Roundhay town-planning scheme is to go ahead. The Corporation intend to town-plan a whole district, and it is a wise step.

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The old order returneth! A minstrel troupe has been established at Oulton, Sherburn and Rothwell have pierrot troupes, and they can make a good show.

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The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. H. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr W. N. Chessman, Mr W. Heap, and Mr T. S. Ullathorne.

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The Garforthian who was told by the Chairman of the Skyrack Bench that Pigsarage is no excuse," might have been inclined to retort that that was an old tale.

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Why have the collections for the medical charities at so many local churches gone down? Are there fewer people going to church, or are they becoming less generous?

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Barkston Ash politicians have had a good innings during the last few weeks. It shows that in the Division a much keener interest is being shown in public questions.

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It is suggested that if Leeds Corporation intend to build cottages they should undertake a building scheme at Shadwell, Scarcroft, or Stanks. Give the workers plenty of fresh air. An extension of the tramway would follow.

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Selby has now an estimated population of 10,000, but if there were more houses another thousand would soon be added. Garforth is the next largeset place in Barkston Ash, with 4,000.

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Morris dancing, which was introduced at Manston several years ago, has had a successful innings at Church Fenton. Nevertheless, it is impossible to give it any more than a passing popularity.

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The present session of Crossgates Literary Society has been one of the most successful in its history. Why not have weekly, instead of fortnightly, meetings next session? A good debate or two would be acceptable.

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It is rather singular that two "old-time weddings" should have taken place last week in the district—at Bowers Allerton and Halton. This is a new form of entertainment, and will probably enjoy a temporary popularity.

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Another record. An octogenarian—Mrs John Barnon—has passed away at Wetherby. She had lived in the town for seventy years. The "passing" suburban population of Crossgates could not understand such conservatism.

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The Mission Hall at Bowers Allerton has served its day and generation well, and it is now proposed to build a new one. And the Bowers folks will do it. In connection with the Hall there is one of the best Adult Bible Classes in the district.

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A well-known Barkston Ash miner told a meeting that he had to turn his children out of the house before he could get a wash. Some of the houses in Barkston Ash are in a disgraceful state, but in Rothwell area people have been known to keep rabbits in baths.

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"Is didn't work? One of the Guardians' guests in the vagrant wards at Tadcaster declined to do anything for his board and lodgings, and he told a magistrate he objected on principle to bend his back to toil, stating that he did not like Saint-George's methods. He is now "doing time."

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Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, says that he not only wants to see the labourer with a home and garden but he wants to see a pigstye, with a pig in it, at the bottom of the garden. "You know, the pig is the gentleman who pays the rent of the house," he added. Why not a cow, and a few hens, too?

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Still another new church! For several years the Allerton Bywater Wesleyans have been working hard to raise funds for the building of a new church. They have now so much in hand that they feel themselves justified in going on with the scheme, and the plans for the building have been approved.

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Tommy Atkins on evil days! A man who had served 16 years in the army, and had two or three medals had to seek the shelter of the vagrant wards at Tadcaster. Despite the discipline to which he had been accustomed, he resolutely declined to perform his task work, and the magistrates had the unwelcome duty of sending him down for seven days.

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At a Berwick meeting the Chairman was Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, and he explained, amidst laughter, that he was not one of the persons residing at Crossgates described as "tin dukes." He was one of themselves, and whenever he could help the working-man it was his greatest pleasure to do so. The Barwicker who invented the title "tin dukes" has much to answer for.

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Guardians' dilemma! A labourer in the Wetherby Union has deserted his wife and three children, who have become chargeable to the union. It has been ascertained that the man has obtained employment through the Distressed Gentlemen Bureau, but the giving of pecuniary assistance to the whereabouts of any people employed through them is penalised. Wetherby guardians are to communicate with the Board of Trade.

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Let Sunday golfers at Garforth, Crossgates, Wetherby, and Roundhay make a note of it. Says a writer:—"The day is not our own, it is the Lord's day. They live without God and without hope in the world." The breaking of this law is only an indication of the mind of man, and it will break others, only let him have the opportunity, until the whole of God's laws be ignores, and he becomes an outlaw unto God—a rebel."

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night, the Chairman (Mr J. Hirst) presiding. Other members present were Messrs G. W. Blakey (vice-chairman), S. R. Chadwick, T. P. Wade, S. Dobson, J. B. Hindle, T. Kirkby, J. Armitage, W. Lunn, R. McCullough, T. Ellis, and J. Horner, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer (Dr H. Stevenson), the surveyor (Mr Southwart), and the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse).

A letter was read from Mr J. W. Vollans, who has represented the Stourton Ward for several years, tendering his resignation as a member of the Council, owing to the illhealth of his wife and members of the family.

The resignation was accepted with regret, the Chairman, Mr Chadwick, Mr Lunn, and Mr Wade each voicing tributes to the work of Mr Vollans.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Highways Committee showed that Saturday, the 14th March, at 2 o'clock, was provisionally fixed for inspection of roads. It was resolved that plans, estimates, specifications and apportionments together with the printed resolution and notices be submitted by the Surveyor on Monday night for private street works in seven streets on the south of Carlton Lane. It was also resolved that tar-spraying and calcium chloride be used on the by-roads to the same extent as last year, and that Wadsworth's tender for water cart (£38) be accepted if flushing attachment be included. The surveyor was instructed to forward to the County Council an application for tar-spraying of the Leeds and Wakefield Roads from the top of Lofthouse Hill to Middleton Lane, and on the Pontefract Road from Thwaite Gate through Stourton. It was resolved, that application be made to the County Council for flagging the footpath from Town End, Lofthouse, to Milner Lane, and from Haigh Park Road to the Midland Railway Bridge. The labour contracts were let as follows:—Day work—Bulmer, Nos. 1 and 4; John Cooper, 7; Joseph Cooper, 3; R. Fox and Sons, 2 and 5; R. Marshall, 6; Clayton Ogden, 8; E. Smith, 5 and 9. Stone leading—Bulmer, 1, 10, 3, and 32; R. Fox and Sons, 2, 20, 4, 40, 8, 80, and 10; R. Marshall, 7, and 70. H. Smith, 5, and 50. The surveyor was instructed to get a tender for 11 and 110.

The minutes were passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Finance Committee showed that the estimates for the year were considered, and it was decided to give notice for a rate to be laid at the last meeting of the Council in March. It was resolved that cheques be drawn on the treasurer amounting to £471 13s. 7d.

In moving the adoption of the minutes, Mr Wade said he was pleased to report that the income exceeded the expenditure.

Mr Lunn seconded, and said he did not believe the Council were in a state of bankruptcy, as some people would have it.

The Chairman said he would like to suggest that all the members be supplied with copies of the estimates at the next meeting, so that they could see what they were discussing.

The minutes were passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Sanitary Committee showed that a letter from the Local Government Board of 12th December re joint cemetery was considered, and it was resolved that an independent Joint Board be constituted. The Committee considered the report of the sanitary inspector of the 2nd February on the closet accommodation in the district, and on the conversion of privies into water closets with the list of the owners who have not complied with the statutory notices for further closet accommodation. The inspector was instructed to bring up the outstanding cases where closet accommodation was more than two houses to one closet for consideration at the next meeting. The solicitor reported on the draft agreement for sewage works and easements and the committee took objection to alterations in the draft made on behalf of the owners.

It was resolved that the owners who have not complied with notices under section 15 of the Housing and Town Planning Act be served with 28 days peremptory notice. It was also resolved that the Local Government Board be asked to schedule the manufacture and distillation of fat oleine and stearine as an offensive trade. Mr Hartley attended the Committee objecting to some paving to Mrs Fearnside's property at Lofthouse, and the inspector was asked to visit the property again and report.

The nightsoil contracts were let as follows:—District No. 1, Fox; 2, Barraclough; 3 and 4, Bulmer; 5, Smith; 6, Cook; 8, J. Dobson; 9, Cook; 10, Hartley; 11, F. Horner; 12, Grainger. Cesspool emptying—District Nos. 1 and 4, Bulmer; 3 and 5, Smith.

It was resolved that a closing order be made by the Council in respect of dwelling house at High Park Farm occupied by Chas. Charlesworth and the final and statutory notices be served in accordance with the list signed by the inspector, and dated 30th January, 1914. The inspector was instructed to prepare a list of yards and back streets that required paving for the next meeting. The sanitary expenditure of the present year and estimates for the coming year were presented.

HEALTH VISITOR

In moving the minutes, Mr Chadwick referred to a recent conference held in Wakefield. He said he had learned from the Chairman of that conference that they were willing to pay half the Health visitor's fee up to £50, and no beyond. He had, he said, asked who was to pay the second of the nurses, and a member replied that so far as schools were concerned the Education Committee would have evaded it.

Mr Lunn said if school children were to come under the health visitor then another nurse ought to be appointed to assist, and the district be so divided that each have an equal portion to cover.

Mr Chadwick said he had carefully inquired into the matter, and the nurse had been questioned, and she had said that she felt she could be able to look after the whole of the district. If, however, the work was found to be too hard then an additional nurse would be obtained. He was against both nurses being in the employ of one district, and he proposed—that if another nurse be required, to get on inferior one. If they had anyone at all they wanted a fully-qualified nurse. (Hear, hear).

A COMPLAINT

Mr Kirkby raised a point in reference to the cleaning out of ashpits in the district, and suggested that where ashpits had to be emptied on to the footpath they should put the refuse straight into carts instead of leaving it on the footpath until the following day. He instanced how where he lived, on the last occasion of the cleaning out of the ashpits the men had come round about eleven o'clock at night and left the refuse on the footpath until about eight or nine o'clock the following morning. In the meantime the miners leaving the early morning shift had stumbled over the heaps.

Mr Chadwick said he thought it was a long standing arrangement that under such circumstances lights be left lighted throughout the night.

Mr Moorhouse (the sanitary inspector) explained that in the case referred to by Mr Kirkby a fresh man had gone round.

The minutes were approved.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

The medical officer presented his report which showed that during the four weeks from Jan. 27th to February 23, there had been twenty-four cases of scarlet fever notified and four cases of diphtheria. Of these twenty-eight, twenty had been removed to the hospital. During the same period there had been twenty-one births registered—ten males and eleven females. Of twenty-one deaths, nine had occurred in the workhouse.

The Chairman asked if there had been any fresh cases of infectious disease, and Dr Stevenson replied that there had been none for the past eight or nine days until that day.

Mr Lunn asked the doctor if he had had any complaint of nasty smells from the Carlton district, arising from drains and manholes.

The medical officer said it was some seven months ago since he had had any complaint from Carlton.

Mr Lunn said he had had a complaint brought to him only as recently as Sunday, and it was said Commercial Street was as bad as ever.

The Chairman asked, as they had had so much dry weather, if it would not be advisable to flush the drains.

Mr Horner asked if people were not liable to catch infectious diseases from open manholes.

Dr Stevenson said it would be very difficult to trace a case of infectious disease due to open manholes.

WATER COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Water Committee showed that the consumption of water in the district for the month ending February 6th was as follows:—Rothwell 172,000 gallons as against 184,000 gallons in the same period of last year; Thorpe, 91,000 gallons as against 70,000 gallons; and Stourton 50,000 gallons as compared with 51,000 gallons. During the month the Midland Railway Co. had consumed 101,000 as against 112,000 last year.

The inspector reported that the water pressure at Spilley Lane junction with West Lane was 58lbs. It was also resolved that the water charges be amended to enable the Council to charge Almond's consumers either according to the revised scale or by meter if the Council so elect.

The minutes were passed.

VARIOUS

The minutes of the Lamps and Gas Committee showed that during the month the consumption of gas was as follows:—Rothwell gas 290,200 cubic feet, and Leeds gas 50,600 cubic feet.

The Clerk read a letter from the Board of Trade in reference to the Wakefield Light Railway Co, stating that the time for completing the lines had been extended until March 19th, 1915.

A letter was read from the Leeds Town Clerk stating that the Watch Committee of Leeds do not charge an annual retaining fee for the service of the fire brigade in the outlying districts, but the Committee reserved the right to decline to attend any such fires.

Mr William Stephenson, of Scholes, left estate valued at £3,431.

Mr William Haigh, Fairlea, The Drive, Roundhay, left £3,185.

CHARITIES.—The collection at the church for the medical charities is down. At St. John's Church, Roundhay, the sum sent was £18 11s. 4d., as compared with £28 5s. last year, and at Roundhay Ladywood Wesleyan Chapel £4 12s. against £3 19s.

BOXING.—On Monday at Leeds, a ten rounds contest for £5 a side, and the club purse was entered upon by Young Miller, Leeds, and Jack Myers, Roundhay. The lads were well matched, and a really good bout went all the distance, but at the close Myers, who had forced the work all through, had a comfortable margin of points in his favour, and received the verdict.

COLLISION.—While the tug Lancelot was towing boats up the river Ouse to the Olympia Mills, Selby, on Saturday, the rear vessel, a billy-boy, came into collision with the Selby toll bridge. The bowsprit struck the swing portion of the bridge, knocking away two rails and a post of the parapet. The gap made in the parapet had to be protected by the fixing up of temporary rails. The vessel itself was not damaged.

HOCKEY.—On Saturday afternoon the Sherburn team had an engagement with the Leeds Y.M.C.A. second eleven at Leeds, and, after a one-sided game, the visitors were soundly beaten by 9 goals to nil. Unfortunately for Sherburn only seven men put in an appearance, and had it not been for the sturdy defence of C. Cawthorne, who played a sterling game, the score would have been much higher. It is hoped that in future away matches the members will turn up better or soon the fine record already established this season will be spoilt.

DEATH.—We regret to record the death of Mr Thos. Speer, of Ashfield Terrace, a well-known and highly respected inhabitant of Sherburn-in-Elmet. Mr Speer, who was in his 80th year, was for many years the Chairman of the Parish Council, and took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the village. The deceased gentleman was a grocer by trade, and he was also postmaster. On Saturday the remains were interred at All Saints' Church, and there was a very large attendance at the funeral. Mr Speer was twice married, and he leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

NEW BOATS LAUNCHED.—Two steam fishing boats were launched by Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., at the Selby Shipyard on Saturday. A steel screw drifter, 115ft. by 21ft. 6in. by 11ft. moulded, built for Mr R. Sutton, of Great Yarmouth, was the first launched, and was named "English Rose" by Mrs R. Sutton. The second vessel put over was a steel screw trawler, measuring 131ft. 4in. by 22ft. 6in. by 13ft. moulded, and constructed for the Cargill Steam Trawling Co., Ltd., Hull. This boat was named "Prince Palatine" by Miss K. E. Cargill, of Hull. The usual toasts were given at the builders' offices.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC DEBATE AT WHITKIRK

To the Editor.

SIR,—The recent public debate at Whitkirk on the King's Speech was purely educational in spirit and purpose. My own part in it was the giving of a clear, definite statement on the aspects of Home Rule which had been left out by the speakers preceding me. It was, therefore, a surprise to me to read in the letter of Mr Arthur Lee in the current issue of the "Skyrack Courier" that my remarks revealed "extreme partizanship." As the debate was educational, and not merely political, I think it should have been left with the meeting. But Mr Lee's letter is a challenge and an appeal to a wider constituency.

That every election (General or bye-election) since 1885 has been a Home Rule election is now matter of history. The Unionist Party, as such, came into being in 1886. Every Unionist voting since that has understood and always considered that his vote has been one against Home Rule. Every Liberal may be credited with equal intelligence when he considered that his vote was in favour of Home Rule.

As I have lived and have been a keen observer of the issues before the country since 1885, I could easily name many side-track issues which have influenced elections. But the great issues have been dominant through all these years. It is, indeed, too absurd to speak of the "clean slate" policy which was limited to Lord Rosebery himself, for which no vote was ever cast in a polling booth or at Parliament, and whose only effect was to wipe off Lord Rosebery from the slate of political power. He indeed remains as the great creator of the Empire, the joy and delight of all men who love fine speech, but his "clean slate" policy began and died with himself.

The figures given by Mr Lee are interesting. I will supplement them, and always from official sources. Ireland has 103 members in the British Parliament, 85 are Home Rulers and 18 are Unionists. Home Rule has thus an unparalleled majority in the history of world-wide politics, as more than four-fifths of the representation of Ireland are pledged to it.

Coming to Ulster and treating that province by itself, we find that of its 33 representatives 17 are Home Rulers and 16 Unionists—again a clear majority for Home Rule.

Lacking a little more closely at the history of these 33 Ulster constituencies, we find that 14 have always voted for Home Rule, 10 have always voted for Unionism, and 9 have wavered from time to time in their allegiance to either cause.

The census of Ireland gives the religions of its people. There are only two counties in Ireland where the population is predominantly Protestant, viz., Antrim and Down. In two other counties there is as follows:—Armagh 54.7 and Londonderry 54.2 percentage Protestants.

It has escaped the notice of Mr Lee that Clause III. of the Home Rule Bill of 1912 prohibits the Irish Parliament from making laws to establish or endow any religion, prohibit the free exercise thereof, or give a preference, privilege or advantage, or impose any disability or disadvantage, on account of religious belief or religious status, or religious belief or religious ceremony a condition of the validity of any marriage.

It has also escaped the notice of Mr Lee that the taxable value of the four provinces is as follows:—Leinster, £4 8s. 9d. per head of the population; Ulster, £3 9s. 8d.; Munster, £3 4s. 8d.; Connaught, £2 5s. 1d.

I think that it has further escaped the notice of Mr Lee that Ireland has 39 counties and county boroughs, and that in the order of rateable valuation per head Belfast stands twelfth, Down fifteenth, Antrim twentieth, and Armagh twenty-first.

There are certain factors in historic development which students of history, like myself, delight in understanding as the true forecast of the future. One is that a people become less bigoted both in religion and in politics as they realise the interests they possess in common. Home Rule in Ireland will have this effect. I could give personal evidence of this tendency received by myself in visits to Ireland in recent years, and in every case the evidence was of Protestants and men in business and in public life.

The Ulster problem is a difficult one but is not incapable of solution. We have Statesmen who understand it from personal knowledge, and who are animated by the sentiment of justice and possess the historic outlook. Some of us who know Irishmen and Ireland, and love the land and the people, believe a way out will be found which will ultimately lead to the well-being of Ireland as a whole, and the strengthening of our Empire.—Yours, etc.

J. MILLER HAMILTON.

Letters by Mr Martin Harvey and Mr F. W. Sutcliffe are published on another page.—Ed., S.C.

The Selby Flower Show and Gala involved a loss last year of £13. Another exhibition will be held on July 18th.

Mr Wansboro Poles, F.R.C.O., of Selby, organist of the Wesleyan Church, Selby, left on Wednesday, for South Africa to take up an appointment at East London.

PROPERTY SALE.—Messrs Bentley and Sons, Knottingley, held a sale of Selby cottage property at the George Hotel, Selby, on Tuesday afternoon. Four freehold cottages, with gardens, in Millgate, with a gross annual rental of £46, were purchased for £385 by Mr Henry Foster, butcher, Gowthorpe Street, Selby.

NATIONAL RESERVISTS.—A meeting to organise the Selby Company of the National Reserve, which is commanded by Dr G. D. Todd, was held at Selby Drill Hall on Monday night. The Company numbers about 70, but additional men are being enrolled. The local organisers are Sergeant Greenhand and Mr W. Farley.

SEACROFT WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—A coffee supper and entertainment were held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, when a company of over a hundred assembled. The proceeds, about £2 5s., were in aid of the fund which is being raised to clear the debt on the Beckett Street Wesleyan Chapel. An enjoyable programme was sustained by Misses Ruston and Goodall, Mrs Shillito (Leeds), and Messrs G. Roberts and N. Benson. Misses R. Roberts and E. A. Dawson were efficient accompanists. Mr Dawson gave a short address on the object of the evening's gathering. On the motion of Mr E. Hunter a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes for their services.

SELBY CONSERVATIVES WEEKLY WHIST DRIVE.—Another very successful whist drive took place at the Conservative Club on Tuesday evening, So ladies and gentlemen taking part. Mr R. Sledman, of Selby, resigned. The new medical officer is at present assistant medical officer for Greenwich.

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A grant of £2 10s. has been made to the Tadcaster Angling and Preservation Association for coarse fish stocking by the Yorkshire Fishery Board.

Miss B. Harrison, the Manor House, Oxton, and Miss Bromel, Westgate House, Tadcaster, have been appointed members of the Committee of the R.S.P.C.A. in Tadcaster.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICER.—The Joint Committee of the Tadcaster, Selby, Riccall, and Goole Rural Councils and Selby Urban District Council on Tuesday appointed, at a salary of £500 per annum, Dr. W. B. Hill, of Greenwich, medical officer of health in succession to Dr Stedman, of Selby, resigned. The new medical officer is at present assistant medical officer for Greenwich.

Mrs Jane Gertrude Muscro't, of Sholebroke View, Leeds, widow of the Rev. J. W. Muscroft, formerly vicar of Thorner, left £2,561.

Through the kindness of Mr Wynn-Miller and the directors of the Leeds Grand Theatre, the girls of the Thorparch Industrial School had an opportunity of seeing the very successful pantomime at the Grand Theatre on Tuesday afternoon. Councillor Stockdill provided the girls with refreshments.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Sherburn footballers were at home to Selby Y.M. Institute, a promising junior team. The visitors had much the better of the play, and ran out winners by three goals to one. The match was set apart for the benefit of G. Palfreeman, one of Sherburn's best forwards, who was injured in January whilst playing against Cawood in the Barkston Ash Cup Competition.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Awkward situations sometimes arise when two gentlemen of the same name and belonging to different political parties are returned to the House of Commons. Mr Fred Hall, M.P. for Normanton Division—the gentleman who represents Rothwell, Stourton, Oulton, and Woodlesford folks—has been giving his experiences of Parliamentary life, and the fact that there is a Conservative M.P. named Mr Fred Hall apparently causes him not a little anxiety. One of the difficulties is that they sometimes get each other's letters, and one for the Normanton M.P. containing money was once received by his namesake. The Conservative Mr Fred Hall, however, appears to be something of a humorist, for the Normanton Division representative says that he once delivered a speech which appeared in Hansard as having been made by his namesake, who had passed the proof! Surely there should be some difference between the speeches of Labour and Conservative representatives.

Before Garforth got urban powers certain of the public men persuaded themselves that they would save a considerable sum of money on the roads, but they made a very serious miscalculation. The cost of the roads has been very much greater than they anticipated, and it is causing them some anxiety. To keep the roads in a thoroughly efficient state money must be spent, and the Council must make up their minds to do it. Their system of supervision has, in my opinion, been wrong from the first, and the "penny-wise" policy was never known to do the ratepayers good. Of course, the district rate is not a very high one—for the next half-year it will be 1s. 7d.—and the Rothwell Urban Council, who have a much greater experience, do their work on a rate of 3s. per annum.

In sending men to public bodies ratepayers should consider their fitness for the work. Frequently popular residents are returned without any regard to their general ability, and when they are full-blown Councillors they must wonder what title they have to the honour. Every class should be represented, because the interests of matters being considered from all points of view, but the essential thing is to return men who are really capable of doing the administrative work.

Ratepayers occasionally wonder where the money they contribute by way of rates goes, and they do not always get enlightenment. In every local Union there is a considerable number of pauper lunatics, housed in one or other of the county asylums, and the ratepayers have to pay for their maintenance. These people are not like paupers in a workhouse, because the majority of them have little enjoyment of life, and the number who return to the world cured is comparatively small, yet each of them costs 11s. 8d. per week. The maintenance rate for lunatics has steadily risen in recent years, and ratepayers may well ask if a cheaper system of keeping these unfortunate people could not be devised.

An improved train service is to be given Boston Spa residents, consequent, I suppose, on the appeal to the N.E.R. Co. for improved travelling facilities. The alterations will come into operation on April 1st. The 9.13 a.m. Thursdays only train, and the 12.18 and 5.20 p.m. trains, from Leeds to Wetherby will be continued to Thorpearch, filling intervals in the service between the 8.0 and 9.50 a.m. trains, the 9.50 a.m. and 1.28 p.m. trains, and the 4.35 and 5.30 p.m. trains from Leeds, the 5.20 p.m. giving an express service to Thorparch. In the opposite direction the 10.10 a.m., 1.23 and 6.20 p.m. trains from Wetherby to Leeds will be started at Thorparch at 10.3 a.m., 1.15 and 6.13 p.m. respectively, filling intervals in the service between the 8.18 a.m. and 12.16 p.m. trains, the 12.16 and 4.28 p.m. trains, and the 4.4 and 7.7 p.m. trains from Thorparch.

Hitherto the County Council have been opposed to the imposition of speed regulations on motor-cars in the area, although pressed by many local authorities, including Tadcaster District Council, to make a speed limit, but they are now reconsidering their position. Many of our local villages are on important roads—Tadcaster, Sherburn, South Milford, Aberford, etc.—and for the protection of the residents it is essential that something should be done in the matter. It may involve more work for the police, but they will manage it.

Sherburn petty sessional district could not produce a single case—not even a doggy case—for the magistrates to deal with at last Court, and Chairman (Rev. B. Hemsworth), in honour of a maiden sessions, was presented with a pair of white gloves. The absence of crime in the district is very gratifying, but there is every indication that people are behaving better than ever. It is not long since white gloves were presented at both Tadcaster and Wetherby, and it now remains for the Skyrack and Selby divisions to follow suit.

Now that the course of Gilchrist lectures at Garforth is over it would be interesting to know which of the five lectures was most popular. Much, of course, depends on one's reading and one's bent, but, judged from the practical standpoint, I should not hesitate in voting for Dr Hill's instructive address on the senses. Second I would place Father Cortle's lecture on "The formation of the sun and stars," while the best lecturers were Dr Hill and Mr S. C. Kaines Smith. Beautiful language fell in torrents, as it were, from Mr Smith's lips, and his description of both nature and ancient warfare were really fine.

Mr Kaines Smith, in choosing ancient Greece as an example, argued convincingly that art was a reflection of the natural life, and it will be remembered how Professor Sollas stated that ancient man revealed himself and his life by means of paintings on the walls of caves. According to Mr Kaines Smith, Britons have a greater appreciation of colour than any nation in the world, and it may be true, but the existence of so many industrial villages—hideous blots on the landscape—requires some explanation. Everything has been sacrificed to the industrialism of the coal age. Britons have a nasty habit of abusing the climate, and, let it be confessed, it is a sign of ignorance. England—blessed land in many ways—has a greater variety of colour than any country in the world, we are told, and it is due entirely to our wonderful climate—again the finest in the world. When it rains, or snows, or blows let us, then, utter no querulous complaints, as if we knew how to order things better than the Creator, but accept our blessings and be grateful for them. Mr Kaines Smith has brought enlightenment.

Certain Barleston Ash farmers are greatly perturbed over the housing and remuneration of agricultural labourers, and one gentleman—a well-disposed and well-meaning farmer who does well to his hands—expresses the opinion that any interference with the present system of bargaining between capital and labour will destroy the good feeling that exists between masters and men. It must not be assumed, however, that good feeling exists in all cases—there are good and bad masters just as there are good and bad servants—but no system will, I believe, change the excellent relations that exist between good farmers and their servants. Why should it? Many of these men are, to my own knowledge, paying the minimum wage demanded by the Workers' Union, and they have nothing to fear; the farmers whose outlook may not be so pleasing are those who do not reward their servants in a similar way.

Individual bargaining, however, is bound to go, sooner or later, as every student of economics believes. In the towns collective bargaining is the order of the day, and, although many masters would like to return to the old order of things, they accept the conditions as part of present-day industrialism. Even unskilled labour where combination is possible, is worked in the same way, and by and bye the principle will be applied to labour in the rural district. How many people years ago imagined that unskilled labour could be organised? It may be a good or bad thing, just as one views it, but for the great mass of workers individual bargaining will eventually come to an end. Of course, as farmers have organised themselves into clubs and Chambers of Agriculture, I cannot see that they can very well complain if labourers organize, too.

In promoting their town-planning scheme for Crossgates district, the Leeds Corporation have included portions of Scholes and Austhorpe, and the District Council approve of this, under certain conditions. The policy of the Corporation is a good one, and the District Council, in order to protect their interests and ensure of the land being laid out to the best advantage, cannot do better than co-opt Austhorpe and the area of land lying between Stanks and Scholes. Development in that quarter is almost certain to take place, and if the N.E.R. Co. would put down a station at Stanks Bridge house-building schemes would soon be launched. It must be recognised that for certain classes of property Crossgates is "built-up"—no more land is available at present—and there will have to be an outlet somewhere.

The controversy over the maintenance of Station Road, Tadcaster, between the County Council and the District Council is not ended yet. The contention that the road from Boston Spa Road to Selby Road is a county highway seems a reasonable one, and proof that it believe, been submitted to the County Council, who recently declared they would not accept liability in connection with this particular highway. The District Council are, of course, trying to get rid of a part of the heavy charge Station Road is upon them, but it is singular that this question was not raised years since. If it is ultimately found the portion of road is repairable by the County Council the District Council will discover themselves in the position of having spent a large amount of money on other people's property. However, it is not settled yet, but I am not optimistic as to the claims of the District Council, after the correspondence that has already taken place. The best plan is to take the heavy traffic off the roads altogether, and the N.E.R. Co. and others can do it, and so relieve the ratepayers' burdens somewhat.

In Osgoldcross Division, in which Kippax, Allerton Bywater, Ledsham, Ledstone, etc., are situated, an interesting political situation has been brought about by the expressed determination of the Labour Party to run a candidate at next election. A well-known resident in the Division told me that the Labourites would not start, but much has happened since he gave this information, and time will reveal whether or not his opinion is right. Sir Joseph Compton Rickett at present represents the Division, and his Unionist rival will be Mr Campbell Johnstone, who will prove a doughty opponent. The name of the Labour candidate has not been revealed yet, but—if he does appear—he will likely be one of the seven men put forward by the Miners' Association.

The collection at East Keswick Church for Leeds medical charities was £3 8s. 2d. against £2 14s. last year.

On Saturday afternoon a hockey match was played between Rounday and Sheffield, and this the latter won by six goals to two.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week "Step This Way," which makes a return visit, is one of the brightest and most attractive of the many revues which have of late made their appearance. The company performing it is well equipped in the matter of individual talent, and this, combined with a happy choice and variety in the various numbers, affords adequate safeguards against dullness and other drawbacks. Not the least noteworthy feature of the piece is its humour, and in this department Mr George Clarke, in the part of the Dude, is responsible for plenty of hearty laughter. Dainty dresses, clever dancing, and pleasing musical items are other attractions of the piece. Amongst the ordinary turns on the bill are the Craggs, whose acrobatic dance, "Terpsichoris," is as funny as ever. The amazing "talls" of the comic recruit, are as clever as they are amusing. Christine Roy, of "The Eternal Waltz" fame, sings with charm both of voice and manner, and Harry Webber proves himself an accomplished mimic. The Jerry Twins complete an admirable bill.

George Mozart, in his new entertainment, "Following the Road," will be one of the leading features of the programme for the coming week at the Leeds Empire. In his burlesque saddles Mozart is truly inimitable, while his musical oddities are so fine that they need not be enlarged upon. Another very interesting engagement is that of the famous London artistes, Maie Ash and Fred Allandale, in a musical comedy interlude "The Soldier and the Girl." Other star attractions for Monday next include the popular chorus singer Florrie Forde, in her latest numbers; the Four Holloways, in their remarkable performance consisting of acrobatic and trick cycling on the tight wire; the famous McNaughtons in fresh outbursts of brotherly affection; Stewart and Morgan, high-class vocalises; Sam Kelly, Scotch comedian—only different; O'Hanlon and Rivkin, vocalists, and novelty dancers.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week one of the attractions is a comedy pantomime "Unsealed Orders," which is produced by the Six Brothers Luck. There is not much plot, but there is plenty amount of vigorous fun, and the sketch promises to be a successful one. Wolseley Charles and Louis Ribili's company, numbering thirteen in all, give a breezy vaudeville entitled "Nicely, thanks." The members of the company are attired in the first part as pierrots and pierettes, and some very tuneful numbers they give. In the second part of their turn they give an impression of a village choral society, and this part of the show is very amusing. Miss Jessie Broughton, a fine contralto, and Mr Dennis Creedon, a clever violinist and tenor singer, give a delightful musical entertainment. Verno and Voyce, the well-known singing comedians, have some new business, and the Bert Hennaway have some good patter. Miss Eileen Desmond, who has lately been appearing at the Theatre Royal pantomime, sings "My Hero" song from "The Chocolate Soldier" with much success. Lyal and Bert, comedy acrobats, are also on the bill.

Next week at the Hippodrome one of the principal attractions will be Joe Peterman's company, including the inimitable comedian, Jimmy Learmouth, in "The Hairdresser," in which Miss Ruby Ralland and George Ricketts will play leading parts. It is a society episode and it will be played in four scenes. Others in the bill are Daisy Wood, the popular pantomime favourite; Gilbert Payne, a quaint comedian; Sam Walsh, the actor at the piano; Celesta, the clever lady; Fred Gray and Nellie Graham, in "The musical bell boy"; Reg Bolton, assisted by Dorothy Belmore, in "The guvnor's out"; Watson and Barker, in duets and dances; and Renee de Bauga, in "Visions of art."

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week "The Maid of the Mill," a new and intensely interesting drama, from the pen of Mr E. Vivian Edmonds, is a great attraction. Ned Ackroyd, son of pious and God-fearing parents, is wrongfully convicted of robbing his father, a wealthy miller, in consequence of which the latter disinherits him. He escapes from Portland, after serving two years, and flees to Canada, where he amasses wealth, and returns after eighteen years to prove his innocence and punish his accusers. At the same time he finds his illegitimate daughter, working in the mills, constantly taunted through her misfortune, but his scheme of vengeance turns out triumphant. The author himself is successful as the despised son, and Miss Mary Austin plays the title role with equal success. Mr Erwin C. Edwards is also good as the stern father, along with Miss Winnie Tempest in the part of his wife.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mrs Frank Bottomley and her celebrated Repertoire Company will appear in "Sapho." On Friday night, by special desire, "Between two men" will be produced.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

At the City Varieties a sketch dealing with the old story of Charles II and his love for Nell Gwynne has been produced, and it is one of the best sketches of its kind seen on the halls. It is produced by Mr Albert Wyndham, who takes the part of Charles Stuart; and Nell Gwynne is portrayed by Miss Mona Shepard, who charms the audience with her forceful acting. Victor Crawford plays the "Royal" pantomime, presents "The Smarties—a study in Pink and Black"; and others who appear are Jennie Reeve, male impersonator; Rapido, vocal impressionist; Syd and Myra, in a musical product; and the Holsons novelty comedians and dancers.

At the Varieties next week a Scotch domestic comedy sketch, entitled "The washing-house key," will be played by Miss Mollie Lindsey and company, the scene being laid in a tenement house in Glasgow. Others billed to appear are Olive Plant, in character songs; Norton and Doon, in "The Wrong Wright"; Fred Musson, comedian; Lightning Vinettos, comedy jugglers; Elton and Elma, in their "original triple-bar act," and Variescope pictures.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe there was a programme of all-round excellence during the first half of the week. Perhaps the best of the dramatic films was "The war correspondent," a two-part production, whilst an old favourite appeared in a splendid comic picture entitled "Foolshead loses a needle." Another good drama was "The upward way," and a film depicting the life of the tiger cat was full of interest. To-night and Saturday "The bridge of shadows" will be shown.

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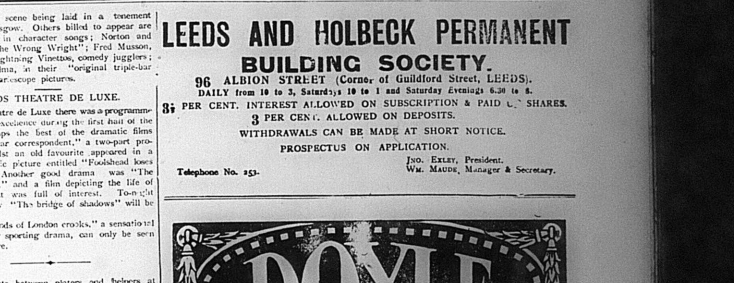
The dispute between platers and helpers at Selby Shipyard came to an end yesterday morning.

WHAT IT MEANS.—On Wednesday at a meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians, it was stated that the decision of the West Riding Asylums Board to increase the maintenance charge for lunatics from 10s. 6d. to 11s. 8d. per week would cost the Board an additional £3,000 or £4,000 a year. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

ARE THEY COMING STARS?—A deputation from the Leeds City club has arranged to visit Selby to see Acklam and Carter, members of the Olympia Football Club, play in a local match. Acklam, a member of the junior eleven, has recently played with the first team as goal-keeper, and won high praise. Carter is one of the Olympia backs.

MR THOMPSON'S VIEWS.—Mr John Thompson, of East Rigton (President of Wetherby Chamber of Agriculture), speaking at the Leeds Meat Traders' Association dinner on Wednesday night, said the present was an age of panic legislation, and the attentions of the powers that be were turned too much on the farmer, to his disadvantage and that of the country generally. The latest statistics revealed the alarming fact that there had been an enormous reduction in the live and large trade, our prices cannot be approached for a similar quality of goods. stock of the country, namely, fifty thousand cattle, a million sheep, and half-a-million pigs. Many reasons were advanced as causes, but he attributed a great amount of the reduction to the doubt and uncertainty in the minds of those who occupied the land, and of stock owners, produced by past and present legislation. Agriculturists did not want the attentions of the Government, they were far better off alone, and the many wild-cat schemes hawled from half the political platforms to-day had a most serious effect on agriculture.

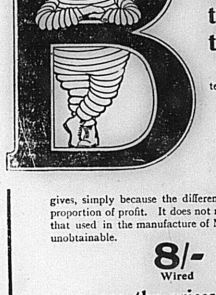
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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

Beds and borders occupied by spring-flowering plants should be kept scrupulously tidy. Nothing detracts so much from the charms of the flower garden as untidiness. Trim the grass edging, and remove weeds, fallen leaves, and any other litter that may be present. The surface soil should be frequently stirred, as this both improves the appearance and keeps the soil in good condition. It is rather early yet to commence regular mowing of the lawns, but if the grass is rough or tufty, it will improve the appearance to run the lawn-mower over it. This should be done on a perfectly dry day, or more harm than good will be done.

HARDY ANNUALS

It is too early to sow hardy annuals, but the sites where they are intended to be grown should be forked over, with the object of giving the soil a chance to dry before the seed is sown. A fine tilth is necessary for the successful culture of annuals, and any extra labour that is put in with the digging fork will be rewarded by better results later on.

St. Brigid Anemones are beautiful flowers, and it is unfortunate that they do not seem to like a town garden. Occasionally we hear of them doing well in such a garden, and readers who are disposed to grow them will have better chances of success if they prepare a bed specially for them. They like a rich, open soil, and this may be provided by using plenty of thoroughly decayed manure, with some sand and leaf mould added. It is an excellent plan to place a couple of inches of mixed leaf-mould and sand under the corms when planting. This encourages root action and increases the likelihood of success. Ranunculus are pretty compact on plants and may receive the same treatment.

Birds are proving trouble some this year amongst the primroses. We have noticed a quantity of flower buds that have been nipped off. The black thread system may be successfully adopted as a preventative. Stretch the thread tightly over the plants and secure it to small stakes stuck into the ground about a yard apart.

TRANSPLANTING

Hardy perennials such as Delphiniums, Hollyhocks, etc., are commencing to grow earlier than usual this year, and intending planters of this class of plant should get the work completed without delay. Whilst transplanting a quantity of year old seedlings the other day we noticed that several inches of new root had already been made. It is obvious that the plants would suffer if the work of tran-planting was much longer delayed.

DIELYTRA SPECTABILIS

This plant is usually regarded as being only suitable for growing in pots for indoor decoration. As a matter of fact it is a hardy subject, and may even be grown in shady places outdoors, but a place sheltered from cold winds will suit it best. It is an ideal plant for naturalising amongst British ferns, and when in bloom in such a position its flowers are shown off to the best advantage. Plants that have been forced may be put in a cold frame to harden off, and may then be planted outdoors in a position where they can be allowed to remain undisturbed for several years.

Primroses, Polyanthus, Auriculas, Forgot-me-nots, Arabis, and Aubrelias may also be planted now, and Lily of the Valley beds should be top dressed with a thin covering of decayed manure.

EARLY CHRYSANTHEMUMS

It is not generally recognised that the summer-flowering varieties of chrysanthemums are almost hardy, or in other words, that they may be grown year after year without being taken indoor during winter. It is advisable to place some strawy manure around them in autumn, to prevent them being severely frozen. When new growth commences in spring, the manure should be removed, and the ground around them lightly forked over. If an increased number of plants is required they may be lifted and divided when the new growth is about six inches high. Each shoot will be found to have made some root, and single pieces will develop into nice plants during the growing season. The early-flowering pompones are worthy of more general cultivation. They are dwarf, and in most cases very free-flowering. Two of the oldest, yet two of the best, are Anastasia and Piercey's Seedling. Other good ones are Precocite and its crimson sport, Blushing Bride and Bronze Bride, Little Bob, Frederick Pele, Golden Beauty, Mignon Lyon, Orange Pet, Mr Selley, and Alice Butcher. There are countless varieties of the larger flowered class, but for garden decoration there are enoe note to beat the Masse section. Of these Horace Murtin, Ralph Curtis, Rabbie Burns, Geo. Howness, Ethel, Mrs Baird, Mrs Barkey, Well's Mosse, and Masse Improved are all well worth growing.

NASTUKTIUMS

These flowers seem to be neglected by many gardeners who are apparently unacquainted with their great and special value as cut flowers. It is questionable if any flower makes so rich and gay an effect in bowls and vases, while the brightness of the colours lights up the dingiest rooms. Dwarf Nasturtiums make, of course, a fine second-row plant for the flower-border, and tall sorts climb rapidly, and are often invaluable for hiding unsightly things.

To ensure the longest period of blossoming sow late in March or early in April in pots, and plant out at the beginning of May. Speaking generally, dwarf Nasturtiums flower most freely in gather poor soil, but for quick growth of the tall sorts a rich ground is needful.

The seeds may be sown out of doors in the open ground during April, but the plan we have previously recommended gives the best and most pleasing results.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

PARSNIPS

Parsnips may be safely sown now. The best results are obtained when the ground is specially prepared for them. No manure need be used when digging the ground. Dig deeply, and break it up thoroughly. When sowing the seed make a hole with a screwbar and fill it up with rich loam, woodashes, sand, and powdered, dry cow-manure. Sow 3 or 4 seeds on this and when the seedlings are about three inches high, reduce them to one. The holes should be made in rows a foot apart, and nine inches of space should be left from hole to hole in the rows. The Student and Elcombes Improved are excellent varieties.

A sowing of Round, or Summer Spinach may also be made. Deep, rich soil gives the best results.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Cuttings of decorative varieties may still be inserted, and in many instances will overtake those that were put in two or three months ago. Rooted cuttings should be potted off very soon now they commence to make root. If the roots are allowed to get entangled it is impossible to s-parate them without damaging them. The following are a few decorative varieties which should certainly be included as every collection: —Source d'or, December Gold, David Ingamells, Felton's Favourite, Parsons White, Market Red, Soleil d'Octobre, Mrs J. Thompson, H. W. Thorp, Madame R. Oberthur, W. Turner, Niveus, Baldock's Crimson, Mrs Roots, Mrs R. Luxford, Doris Raeburn, Dean's Favourite, Framfield Yellow, Framfield Early White, and Negoya. All decorative varieties should be stopped when six inches high. This will cause them to produce three or more strong side growths, which should in turn be stopped when they are six inches long. No further stopping will be required. In due course the plants will make a natural break and grow away to the flowering period. Splendid dwarf decorative plants may be grown from cuttings rooted in April. Insert the cutting about the third week in the month, and pot them into three-inch pots when rooted. They should be stopped once when about six inches high, and may be allowed to grow naturally afterwards. They may be successfully bloomed in six-inch pots and are extremely useful for house decoration, or for fronting groups of larger plants. A few of the best varieties for this purpose may be found amongst the following:—Kathleen Thompson, Coprice du Printemps, Framfield Early White (a gem), Yellow Cap, Source d'or, Félton's Favourite, Romance, Le Pactole, Soc. de Petite Amie, Mrs. Roots, Doris Raeburn, and Western King (late). Many of the single varieties may be grown in the same way, and if bushy specimens are wanted, 3 or 4 plants may be grown in each pot. If several plants are grown in a pot, they may be stopped a fortnight after potting off, and again when the side growths are four inches long. When potting into the flowering pots, the soil should be rammed very firmly with a blunt stick, and copious supplies of of liquid food must be given during the growing season. Good singles for this purpose are Sylvia, Slade, Coddie, Mason, Alzinchum Yellow, Lady Richardson, any of the Pagram family, Florrie King, Sussex Yellow, Rouped Beauty, Snowflake, Ideality, Kitty Bourne, and Buttercup.

STARTING DAHLIA TUBERS

Dahlia Tubers should now be brought out of their winter quarters and placed in a temperature of about 60 degees to start them into growth. Place them in boxes and scatter some fine soil amongst them, taking care to leave the crowns uncovered. They should be placed near the light, or they will soon "draw." A number of young shoots will soon form around the crown, and when these are about four inches long they should be cut away with a small portion of the old crown attached. They will root in small pots filled with equal parts sand and loam. Preserve them from draughts and spray overhead daily.

QUESTION

RAMBLER ROSES

I have two rose trees, "Crimson Rambler" and "Dorothy Perkins," planted last season in tubs, to grow up a porch, but they show no signs of life yet. The soil is fairly good. Do you advise giving them manure, or what is best to be done?—"Novice."

If your trees have made no progress, it is very probable that they are dead. If the bark is fresh and green they may break into growth, but they are very late. Cover the soil within an inch or two of nearly fresh horse manure. This is the best top-dressing we know of. Roses of this class, intended for growing in tubs, should be reared in pots. Possibly your best plan would be to grow with pot-grown plants.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(CONTINUED).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

GRIT

Recently much discussion has taken place as to the functions of grit. Several elaborate reasons have been given for its use, and I am of opinion that scientific research will add to our knowledge in the near future. At present, however, there is only one point on which we are all agreed, and that is the necessity of grit to aid in the digestion of food.

A fowl has no teeth, and grit becomes imperative for mastication. The late Mr Alexander Comyns aptly illustrates a fowl without grit as follows:—"A fowl which is deprived of grit is in the same position as regards digestion of its food as a toothless old man who has not even a knife and fork with which to cut his food into minute particles."

The food is swallowed by the bird and passes to the crop, eventually reaching the gizzard; here mastication takes place, and providing the proper material is to hand (grit) this action is very complete.

It has been noticed that shortness of supply has led to liver trouble; entire deprivation would cause ailments innumerable.

I grant you that many farmers boast they never give fowls grit, but in the many cases I have investigated I have always found the birds had free range, and consequently were able to seek their own supply. For penned birds it is essential.

It should be given in a box or other receptacle, a liberal supply should always be present, and the birds allowed to help themselves as Nature requires. A capital contrivance is on the market in the shape of an automatic grit and shell box. It is fixed to the side of the house, filled, and then is self-supplying until exhausted. This naturally is economical from the labour aspect as well as preventing waste of material. The manufacturers are the Alfen Poultry Co., Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

The cheapest material for grit is flint broken to the size of peas. It can be purchased at about 5s. per cwt., carriage paid. Many poultry-farmers purchase their own crusher at a cost of 15s. to a sovereign. My experience is that it is a bad investment. With hard work it is not possible to crack a hundredweight per diem, then there is the trouble of procuring the raw material, and as it can be purchased so cheaply one's time can be far better occupied in attention to the birds.

SHELL

Probably birds with free range can perform their natural duty of producing eggs without crushed oyster shell being placed at their disposal, as they are enabled to secure a certain percentage of shell-forming material from the elements of their vegetable food. As already pointed out, clover is particularly rich at time; but to-day there are probably more fowls in this country penned than at liberty, and for them it is necessary to supply crushed oyster shell for the formation of egg shells. From personal observation I might add that even where the birds enjoy their liberty a box of oyster shells is an advantage, as it tends to strengthen the egg shell, thus minimising the risk of breakage during transit.

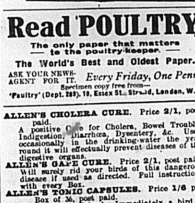
RESUME

Intelligent appreciation of the matter contained in these two chapters will bring you to the time when collection of eggs becomes a necessity. I am not inferring that any divergence from the system advocated will produce failure, though I am certainly of opinion the more closely these suggestions are followed the better will be your results. Many failures occur through trying to follow simultaneously many theories. Decide on a system that appeals to you as a practical and commonsense one, give that a fair trial, and do not be led away from its main issue.

Daily you can read of experiments that appear successful. I advise you, unless your purse is a very long one, to abstain from them; but when the experiments have definitely proved the success of new theories, reap all the advantage you can by utilising them.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts., will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order.)



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HUNTING TRAGEDY NEAR MICKLEFIELD.

MOOR ALLERTON GENTLEMAN'S FATAL FALL

THE INQUEST—WETHERBY RESIDENT'S EVIDENCE.

On Saturday afternoon a tragic incident marked the meet with the Bramham Moor hounds in the Micklefield district, Mr J. Bower Brooke, of Nashbrooke, Moor Allerton, being thrown from his horse and instantly killed. The meet was at Ford Mill. A blank day had been experienced until about half-past three in the afternoon, when hounds found in the Ringhu Wood. Mr Brooke, who was a remarkably hard rider to hounds for one of his years—he was 62—had changed from his favourite mare to a chestnut horse about half-an-hour before. As was his wont, he followed hounds with great keenness, and after traversing a ploughed field at a good pace drew sharply to the right upon reaching a plantation adjoining the highway. His horse over-reached itself, one of the animal's hind hoofs caught the hoof of the right fore-leg, almost tearing away the shoe, and Mr Brooke was thrown. He alighted on his head, and the horse fell on its rider. Those riding near saw the horse roll clear, and Mr Brooke raised himself for a moment to fall back lifeless. Mr Harold Nickols, who was riding alongside, and who witnessed the occurrence, at once rendered what assistance he could. Others were soon on the spot, including Dr Constable Hayes, of Leeds, who attended to the fallen rider. Dr Abbott, of Aberford, was also summoned, but all proved useless, the unfortunate gentleman being already dead. The Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton), who was present at the hunt, fetched his motor-car from Aberford, and, with the assistance of two other gentlemen, conveyed the body to Mr Brooke's residence at Moor Allerton. A large section of the field was ahead at the time of the accident, and hounds had run the fox to earth when Lord Hawke rode up to acquaint the members with the sad news. A most profound impression was created, and Mr Lane Fox at once ordered hounds home.

Mr Brooke, who was one of the oldest, as well as a most popular supporter of the hunt, had a somewhat similar accident about a month ago, when he sustained slight concussion. A genial man of quiet disposition, and considerable personal charm, Mr Brooke was the eldest son of the late Mr William Brooke, glass-bottle manufacturer, of Leeds. He was educated at Grendon Viearage, Northamptonshire, and afterwards at Hailleybury College. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1873, and for many years was in partnership with one of his brothers, Mr J. A. Brooke, upon whose retirement the practice was continued by Mr Brooke. His second name of Bower was derived from the well-known Leeds family of that name, and he was the grandson of the late Mr Joshua Bower, a colliery proprietor, of Hunslet. At one time Mr Brooke acted as Deputy Coroner for Leeds, but relinquished that office several years ago. Hunting was his chief, indeed almost his only hobby. He was a very enthusiastic follower of the Bramham Moor Hounds, and could be seen in the field nearly every week during the season. He was also a member of the Hunt Committee. A staunch Churchman, Mr Brooke took a keen interest in the Moortown Church, of which he was a trustee, and acted as a churchwarden until his death. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of the late Mr Richard Dobson, of Middleton Grange.

The inquest was held at the deceased gentleman's residence at Moor Allerton on Monday by the City Coroner (Mr Malcolm).

Before evidence was called the Coroner said they would be aware of the nature of the inquiry they were about to enter upon. It was a very sad one, so far as many of them were concerned, and particularly for Mr Brooke's relatives. Mr Brooke was well-known. He was personally known to himself (the Coroner) and all his profession, and a more estimable man could not be found in the district. He had always been one of the most amicable and fraternal members of the legal profession in the city. For a long time the deceased was an assistant to him (the Coroner), and had only given up that work in order to be free for other engagements in the city.

Mr E. O. Simpson, on behalf of the legal profession in Leeds, paid a warm tribute to the deceased, and expressed deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives. Mr Brooke, he said, possessed in a very singular degree the gift of a most engaging disposition, and everybody, both in the profession and in the world of sport in which he took so deep an interest, honoured and respected him. A kinder heart never beat.

Mr Leopold St. Brooke identified the body, and stated that the deceased, his brother, was 62 years of age. Mr Brooke was accustomed to the saddle. It was his one great hobby, and he had hunted ever since he was a boy.

Mr Harold Nickols, of Wetherby, describing the accident, said that the sportsmen had just gone through a gate, and the hounds were running hard. The deceased was galloping when witness saw his horse stumble. It looked at first as though the horse had either got its foot in a rabbit hole or crossed its feet, and the horse fell on top of him. When the horse regained its feet Mr Brooke raised himself, but fell over on to his face. He was undoubtedly dead when witness got up to him. Witness did all he could for the deceased, but of course to no purpose. Since the accident witness had seen the horse, and had found that it had over-reached itself. In other words, the hind foot had caught its off forefoot, and had locked the two hoofs together. This was clearly proved because the right off shoe of the animal was bent. Mr Brooke was thrown straight on to his head.

Mr E. O. Simpson, who saw the deceased a few minutes before the accident occurred, gave evidence corroborating that of the witness. He arrived on the scene directly after Mr Brooke had been thrown, but he was quite dead then. Witness sent a message to Dr Hayes, who was also hunting, and that gentleman returned immediately to the scene of the accident. He tried artificial respiration, but it was no use.

Dr George Constable Hayes, of Leeds, spoke to examining the body after the accident, and described the deceased's injuries as hemorrhage at the base of the brain. This was borne out by the statement that the deceased had once "shimself" after the accident, which he could not have done had his skull been fractured, as was thought at first to have been the cause of death.

The Coroner said it was clearly a case of accidental death, due to a fall in the hunting field, which resulted in hemorrhage at the base of the brain.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned.

A vote of condolence was passed with the bereaved relatives.

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MIDDLETON

A sum of £19 4s., given by the workmen employed at No. 1 and 2 pits of the Middleton Collieries, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary, per Messrs W. Lunn and W. Lumb.

OSGOLDCROSS DIVISION FIGHT.

THREE-CORNERED CONTEST PROMISED

INTERESTING TO KIPPAX, ALLERTON, AND LEDSTON ELECTORS.

The annual meeting of the Conservative and Unionist Association for the Osgoldcross Division was held on Thursday at Pontefract. Mr F. S. Hubbard, chairman, presided over a good attendance.

Mr Hopkins presented the balance-sheet, showing that the income for the year had been £387, and the expenditure £412, leaving (with an adverse balance last year) a sum of £75 due to the bank.

Mr Hubbard presented a satisfactory report on the year's work, in which reference was made to the prospect of a three-cornered fight at the next election. The Labour party, which had professed hitherto to be supporters of the Government, were now ranged in direct opposition to it, and with Mr Campbell Johnston as the Unionist candidate he would say that whoever might fall in the coming battle it would not be the Unionist champions. (Hear, hear). Mr Hubbard also reminded the meeting that he had been selected to contest the Leigh Division of Lancashire, and in those circumstances it would be for the Association to say if they should select the chairmanship of Osgoldcross, seeing that he would have to be absent during the fight.

Mr E. T. Clark, moving the adoption of the report, said the Executive had considered the matter of the chairmanship, and, if agreeable to the Association, they had decided to ask Mr Hubbard to continue in the office. (Hear, hear). It would be a pity to break the continuity. During the contest no doubt one or two undersmall s could be found to carry on the work.

The report was adopted.

Mr F. M. Ibbs then moved the re-election of Mr Hubbard, of whose organising capacity and enthusiasm he spoke in high terms. He enforced a plea, already made by Mr Clarke, for more liberal support, adding that the greatest enemies of Unionism were not the Liberals and Labour men—they were only misguided opponents—(laughter)—but those idle Unionists who never gave time, money, or thought to the cause, and did nothing but grumble, sometimes being too lazy even to do that. (Laughter and applause). If the next fight was to be won it would be by the help and co-operation of all the members of the party, and he hoped his words on this subject would be taken to heart by those for whom they were intended.

The resolution to re-elect Mr Hatchard was enthusiastically adopted.

Lord St. Oswald was re-elected president, with many kind expressions in recognition of his services. Mr Granville C. H. Wheler, M.P., Mr J. G. Lyon, Col. J. R. Shaw, and Mr E. T. Clark were elected vice-presidents; and Major Anne was re-appointed hon. treasurer.

In calling upon Mr Campbell Johnston to speak, Mr Hatchard said he should watch the contest in Osgoldcross with great interest, believing that their candidate would then reap the reward of all the exertions he had made during the past three years. (Hear, hear).

Mr Campbell Johnston then addressed the meeting. He said they were met that day under a new situation, one they had not experienced before. As far as they could see they were certain of having a three-cornered fight. It was ridiculous to his mind to claim, as their opponents did claim, that the Radical and Labour parties could work together, because in the words of Mr Lloyd George, they combined all the forces of progress. There never was greater bunkum spoken, for it was absolutely untrue to fact. Why? Because there was nowadays a new spirit of progress animating the Unionist party, a leaven of democracy which was growing stronger day by day, and he claimed to represent that leaven of democracy. He was perfectly certain that the Unionist party combined the best qualities of both the Radical and Labour parties. The Radical party, on the one hand, had shown a wobbling policy in times of crises, and had refused to preserve the forces of law and order. To his mind the Labour party in the House of Commons was one to which every party than the table he was standing near was like a camel, for it was impregnated with a spirit of Syndicalism and Socialism. (Applause). On the other hand, the Unionist party was the best to give Labour their charter by rendering trades unions legal. (Applause). Therefore, they had on their shoulders a heritage of carrying on their policy to its logical conclusion, to take regard to the modern position of commerce. There was a tendency today for it to amalgamate into big trusts. Labour individually could not fight these trusts, and the party was bound to support the combination of big trades unions which could fight them by means of collective bargaining. But, while the party was holding the scales of justice equally between capital and labour, they were bound to study the best interests of the community as a whole, and when there was a crisis they were bound to see that the forces of law and order were acted upon. He claimed that the Unionist party represented the true interests of working men, and it was the bounden duty of all working men in the Unionist party to vote for a Labour candidate because he was a Labour candidate, but to stick to his own party; for if only they preserved their own convictions he had no fear as to the result. The speaker enumerated the planks of his platform as Tariff Reform, land, and housing policy for the working classes, an amendment of the Insurance Act, a strong social policy of progress of labour in the country as well as in the towns, and the thorough reform of our poor law. He was also in strong opposition to "that cursed Welsh Disestablishment" and "that confounded Home Rule." (Applause).

SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

RATES—SALARIES

A meeting of Selby Rural District Council was held on Monday—Mr H. Anson (Hambleton) presiding.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that they were not prepared to sanction permanently the appointment of Mr R. Braithwaite as inspector of nuisances for the rural district of Selby at the salary of £170 per annum.

The Chairman pointed out that the appointment was made annually.

The joint committee reported that they had appointed Dr Bertram Hill as medical officer for the districts of Selby, Cawood, and Tadcaster at a salary of £300 per annum.

A letter was received from the Housing and Town Planning Council stating that they would hold a conference in Hull on May 21st and 22nd next to consider the practical administration of the Act, more especially as applied to cottage buildings in rural areas.

Mr Armstrong thought that Selby should be represented, and moved that the chairman be appointed to represent them.

The Chairman did not think they in Selby would require many houses at present. The outlying districts, however, might.

Mr Baxter seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Local Government Board wrote stating that under the revised list of sanatoria, under the National Insurance Act, the one at Gateforth had been approved.

The Clerk: It is only a matter of form.

The Finance Committee recommended that a call of 2d. in the £ be made on the overseers for each parish for highway purposes, and 2d. in the £ for sanitary purposes for the next half-year. This was the same as the previous half-years.

On the motion of Mr Everatt, seconded by Mr Abel, the recommendation was adopted.

Mr M. Milner, collector for the water rate, at the suggestion of the Finance Committee, attended the Board meeting in support of his application for an increase of salary. Mr Milner stated that he had made an application for an increase of £5 per annum.

Mr Golton thought that an increase of £5 per annum was sufficient. Mr Milner was the biggest collector under the water scheme, and did not always get the money upon his first call. He moved that an increase of £3 per annum be granted.

This was seconded by Mr Dixon, and carried.

The Chairman stated that the Committee appointed to meet the representatives of the West Riding County Council and Goole with reference to the proposed erection of a new bridge over the river Aire recommended that the Selby Rural Council contribute £3,500 towards its erection at Carlton, provided the Goole Rural Council contributed a like amount, and that the West Riding County Council contribute the remainder, including the costs of litigation, etc.

The Clerk stated that the estimated cost of the proposed bridge would be £16,000.

Mr Everatt moved that the Selby Rural Council contribute £3,500 towards the cost of the erection of the bridge.

Mr Fentiman said they (the Selby Rural District Council) would have to assist the West Riding Council in paying their £11,000.

Mr Baxter seconded the motion, which was carried.

GILCHRIST LECTURE AT GARFORTH.

ART AND THE NATIONAL LIFE.

"Art and national life—ancient and modern" was the title of the last of the series of Gilchrist lectures at Garforth, and it was delivered by Mr S. C. Kaines Smith, M.A., before a very large audience in the Council School on Friday evening. Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., presided. The lecturer, who was not without humour, has a fine, racy style, and he was soon on good terms with the audience. Some people he said, were art with a capital A, and they talked about it as if it was a thing that belonged exclusively to them, Art, however, was not worth anything unless it was part of their life, and everyone could understand it if they took the trouble to do so. Everyone had a share in the making of art. Their minds were formed and shaped by their surroundings, climate, and general feeling of the community, and that was why art was an historical thing. He mentioned that when at Steeton, near Silsden, he lived in a house, which had the name of Garforth all over it. It was probably built by a man called Garforth, so named because he came from Garforth, so they would see the place had made a little bit of history. History was not a thing that was put in school-books, but was made up of actions by human beings. That was why history and art were living things. A great deal of history was never written, and men had left fragments of civilization behind them which aroused their imagination. He then exhibited on the screen views of Stonehenge and the Roman Wall, stating that the Roman soldiers brought not only civilization, but a place in the greatest empire in the world to Britain. After the withdrawal of the Romans the country passed the vicissitudes of the Saxons, and the people looked to the great feudal lords for protection, and to the church for instruction and art. The monks were not only the educational and sanitary authorities of the time, but they were the moving spirits in art, and this was shown by the beautiful churches, illuminated books, embroidery, etc.

Everyone of them had some idea of beauty. Some of them might be wrong in their ideas, but England in the mass had a great appreciation of beauty, and that was the result of the conditions under which they lived. They were not only affected by the political and social life, but also by the geographical and climatic conditions. No nation in the world understood colour as they did, and there was no other country with such a procession of colour as revealed by the seasons. They had wind, mist, rain, and snow, but if they had not these they would not have the colour. York Minster, one of the greatest monuments to Christianity the world had ever produced, they were not interested in minutely; the idea they got from it was the beauty of mass, height, and movement. They understood beauty in terms of colour. The Greeks had narrow ideas until they came into contact with other peoples, and then they had a national art. He then, in dramatic style, told the story of the struggle of Ancient Greece against the Persian hosts, and how the national life of the nation found its expression in art, and wonderful herbal balms of the ancient Gladiators.

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HALTON LADS IN TROUBLE.

STORY OF A MISSING FERRET

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Albert Jackson (14), an apprentice, and Robert Allinson (14), errand boy, both of Halton, were charged in the Children's Court with stealing a box containing a ferret valued at 2s/6d., the property of Harry Bulmer, a miner, of Halton.

Giving evidence, Bulmer said he occupied an allotment garden at Halton, which contained a shed. On Sunday at dinner time he saw the ferret quite safe after feeding it. Next day about 4 p.m. he went to the hut and found someone had broken open a window, taking inside he found that the box containing the ferret had gone.

One of the boys stated that he had been sheltering in a refuse shed when he heard a scratching noise and a few moments later he saw a ferret. He had a friend, and they arranged to get it in the evening. They tried to sell it, offering it unknowingly to Bulmer. The latter, however, did not at that time know he had lost his ferret.

Ben Nicholson, miner, of Halton, stated that late on Sunday evening he visited Jackson's house as he had heard that they had a ferret for sale. He purchased it, and did not hear about a ferret being stolen until the following day. He subsequently gave it to Bulmer.

Sergeant Haigh spoke to examining the hut, and said there was a window which could have been opened by a man, but there were some marks on boards outside the window as if someone had climbed up to the window. He visited the boys' homes and asked their parents to send the boys to his house.

Both boys were bound under the Probation Act in the sum of £5, the parents to pay costs.

FARM FIRE AT BURN.

SPARKS FROM A PASSING ENGINE.

A fire broke out shortly before noon on Friday at the stackyard of Mr John Webster, Hagg Beck Farm, Burn, Selby.

The outbreak was attributed to sparks from a passing railway engine, which set fire to a stack under a Dutch barn.

A high wind was blowing, and fears were entertained that the whole of the stacks and a portion of the farm buildings would become involved.

A message was sent to Selby for the Fire Brigade, but owing to horses not being available some delay occurred. The fire engine was ultimately driven to Burn by one of the Urban Council's cart horses.

No hops were entertained of saving the stack and barn that had caught fire.

The Brigade by vigorous efforts, saved stacks in the vicinity of the burning stack. The wheat stack which first caught fire, a portion of a clover stack, and the Dutch barn were destroyed, the damage being estimated at £270.

The gale that was blowing made the work of the brigade and those who were assisting very difficult. A good supply of water was obtained from a pond close by.

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A WOODLESFORD COUPLE SEPARATED.

AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Gosney, quarryman, of Woodlesford, was summoned by his wife, Harriet Ann Gosney, for desertion. Mr Norman Elliott appeared on behalf of the defendant.

The complainant stated that she had been married twenty-six years. Her husband had been very jealous of her ever since. When he got drunk he treated her shamefully, and he was cruel. He left her about seven months ago.

Asked by the Chairman as to how it had started, complainant said it had commenced with him throwing a pot. She had had many a black eye through him. When he left he took his clothes. Since leaving he had given her on four occasions four shillings, and also three instalments of three shillings.

Cross-examined by Mr Elliott, Mrs Gosney said she was living as housekeeper to a man in Beecroft Yard, but she denied that she had locked her husband outside of the house on September last. It was on account of her children that she had taken proceedings. When he first removed to Beecroft Yard a man named Birkin lived there, and at the present time her children were living there. She denied that she was living with Birkin as his wife, but was paid a weekly wage by him.

At this stage the Chairman (Mr J. W. Morkill) asked Mr Elliott if he could prove his statements.

Mr Elliott replied that he would call evidence.

In further cross-examination, Mrs Gosney said she was not asking for anything for herself but for her children. She would not live with her husband again, as she was afraid of her life.

William Gosney (24), son of the complainant, said his father and mother had never lived happily.

Asked by Mr Elliott what the "rows" were about, witness said he expected it had been through jealousy.

Mr Elliott: Why has your father been jealous?

Witness: Don't ask me, because I do not know.

Mr Elliott: Has your mother not been in the habit of going to Mr Birkin's house?

Witness: Yes, to work.

Mr Elliott: At about ten o'clock at night?

Witness: Perhaps to finish her work.

The defendant said he had lived at Woodlesford all his married life, and they had lived fairly comfortably prior to going to live in Beecroft Yard. A few months before leaving his wife, he had gone to Aldershot on account of his health. On his return home his wife met him at the Station, and told him she had removed to Beecroft Yard. Afterwards he noticed that she kept going into Birkin's. In September last he was locked out by his wife, and had to be let in by the lodger. The next day he took his clothes and went. If he could have the furniture he would take the children.

Richard Ferguson, who said he had lodged with the Gosneys for seven or eight months, said that Gosney had always appeared a quiet man. He corroborated the story about the defendant being locked out of the house.

Sarah Ann Gosney, daughter, said she had seen her father strike her mother, but it was always when her mother started. It was, she added, always her mother who started the bother.

Abraham Armitage, of Rothwell, said that he had worked beside the defendant for some time. He had known the man Birkin about six weeks. A week or two ago he saw Mrs Gosney and Birkin in a public-house at Rothwell, and they were together.

After retiring the Bench granted a separation order, with four shillings a week.

LORD HAREWOOD AND NURSING ASSOCIATIONS.

MEETING AT HAREWOOD HOUSE.

At Harewood House on Saturday afternoon the annual meeting of the West Riding Nursing Association was held—the Earl of Harewood presiding. Mrs Meysey Thompson read the third annual report, and stated that the demand for nurses was rapidly increasing.

Lord Harewood, in moving the adoption of the report, said in other counties nursing associations had received valuable aid from County Councils, but in the West Riding no aid of that sort had been given. He thought as time went on, and the Association was found to be doing good work, the County Council might be induced to give some aid such as was forth-coming in other counties. They required more money to carry on the work. He hoped the Association would work hand in hand with the Territorial Association, which was prospering exceedingly in the way of nurses. Mrs Sheepshanks informed him that a gentleman was willing to give a subscription of £100 if another £400 could be raised.

Mrs Lascelles seconded the resolution, which was carried.

On the motion of the Rev. M. Lascelles, seconded by the Countess of Harewood, the Executive Committee and honorary officers were re-elected, and on the motion of Mrs Hugh Lupton, seconded by Mrs Bruce, a vote of thanks was accorded the honorary medical officers and honorary solicitor.

Miss Hughes, General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, gave an address on the work of the association. The West Riding County Council was to be congratulated on having formulated one of the best schemes for co-operation with the voluntary nursing associations that had yet been devised. The district nurse could carry out the duties of health visitor, and give advice in regard to the prevention of tuberculosis and other matters better than any one else, and why should there be another official coming along to trouble the working man's wife? She thought a State service of nurses at the present time was impossible. There was a very great scarcity of nurses, and women were not entering the nursing profession as they did. It was becoming increasingly difficult to get the right class of woman.

On the motion of Mr W. Sheepshanks, seconded by the Rev. W. H. Draper, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Earl and Countess of Harewood and to Miss Hughes.

Lord Harewood, responding, said the Association was £40 on the wrong side at the end of 1912, and now the deficit was about £100. He asked every one to do their best to get new subscribers. About £1,200 a year would put the Association, on its present footing, on the right side.

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk hockey players were defeated by York by three goals to one.

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At last Garforth Council meeting there was a slight "breeze," but it did no damage.

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Newsham is going ahead with its church hall scheme, and the building will be provided before long.

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There were no cases necessitating the attendance of Justices at the occasional police-court at Selby on Monday.

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A club of motor-cyclists and drivers of light cars has been formed of Boston Spa, and will be affiliated to the A.C.U.

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Booming Boston Spa! The N.E.R. Co. have wisely decided to give an improved train service between Leeds and Thorparch.

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Farmers in Yorkshire are, we are told, doing their best to reduce the number of wood pigeons. What about the Barwick rooks?

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Rothwell colliery owner honoured! The next sheriff for Yorkshire will be Mr C. E. Charlesworth, Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough.

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Tut, tut! A member of Garforth Council says that the sanitary condition of the area is disgraceful. Why didn't he kick up a row before, then?

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At a Northern Counties Athletic Association meeting in Leeds on Monday permission was given to hold sports at Allerton Bywater on July 25th.

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Local women have apparently no desire to take part in public work. Hunslet Board of Guardians has one lady member, Tadcaster one, and Wetherby none.

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It is not true that, as a sign of the times, the farmers of Barleston Ash are to form a golf circle. They are too busy making money to bother about trivialities.

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Accidents will occur! A Kippax man, charged with using obscene language, told the Castleford magistrates that the roughty words slipped out by accident. It was unfortunate.

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A man apparently suffering from loss of memory was found on Thursday night lying in a garden in Mansfield Terrace, Crossgates, and was taken to the Beckett Street Workhouse, Leeds.

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In certain circumstances Rothwell will probably employ a second health visitor, yet Garforth has not the enterprise to employ a district nurse. A penny rate would meet the cost of a health visitor.

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The annual meeting of the Barleston Ash Division Liberal Association is to be held at Halton next month. It is expected that Mr Spencer Hughes ("Sub Rosa") will give an address.

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What do the Skyrac magistrates think about it? At the Quarter Sessions on Monday Frederick Blake (40), foreman shunter, indicted for stealing coal, value 6d., at Rothwell, was acquitted.

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Barleston Ash cannot compete! A hen covered with a growth of fine fur about 5in. long in lieu of feathers was acquired in a shipment of poultry purchased by a farmer at Wescott, Missouri.

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The Rothwell prayer does not meet with the approval of the bibliophiles on the Hunslet Board of Guardians, and they have asked the opinion of the Bishop of Ripon on it. Guardians get some funny things to do.

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At Garforth on Friday a lecturer declared that our climate is the finest in the world, although he did not think an audience he addressed the previous night agreed with him, seeing that they got a soaking in coming to the meeting.

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Hard lines! That was what a member of Selby Board of Guardians said when the exporter at the workhouse applied for the return of the superannuation deductions from his salary and was told he could not have the money.

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Promising for agricola! Major Dent, of Ribston Park, Wetherby, says that agriculture is not a decaying industry. It is a very live industry, and will go forward if it is given a fair chance. This is good news for the labourers!

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Mr W. H. Banks, of Woodlands, Pudsey, has bought Appleton House and adjoining estate, at Bolton Percy, from the executors of the late Lord Holden, and intends to reside there. Appleton House was built as a residence for the present Lord Holden during his father's lifetime.

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Mr Bowers Brooke, who was killed near Micklefield on Saturday, had had several accidents before. On one occasion he was riding a horse which had previously been kicked by another animal. He was galloping at full stretch when suddenly his horse's leg broke, with a snap which was heard for a considerable distance. About a month ago he had a fall similar to that which has caused his death, and he sustained slight concussion. He had no recollection of that accident. Yet some folks think hunting has not a spice of danger in it.

The rateable value of Osmondthorpe is £10,604, an increase on the year of £631.

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It was stated in a Stourton case that defendant's family had held a licence for 35 years without complaint.

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Will Tadcaster District Council follow suit? Garforth Urban Council have given employes an increase of 2s. per week.

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According to Mr John Thompson, the worst cottage property in Wetherby district belongs to people like retired tradesmen.

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It is not improbable that a health visitor will be appointed for Garforth district by the County Council to look after the school children.

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Mr T. Thomas, of Middleton, who has just been elected chairman of Hunslet Board of Guardians, will probably be Chairman for next year.

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Edmund Bushney, who was rector of Bolton Percy about the beginning of the 19th century, made considerable gifts to the library of York Minster.

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The local magistrates at the West Riding Quarter Sessions at Wakefield on Monday were Mr H. S. Childe (Potterton Hall) and Mr E. Parkin (Kippax).

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Bitter times! A farmer in the Tadcaster district has purchased an estate for over £10,000. Good luck to him. He appears to think land is a good investment.

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The Micklefield Coal Co., having purchased a large acreage of coal in Newthorpe district from Lord Londesborough, developments may be expected in that direction.

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It is stated that Parliament is to be asked to allow women to be Guardians. Do any of our local women want a job? Why don't they try the Board of Guardians first?

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Putting it on Eve again! A Rothwell man, charged with using strong language, told a constable that his wife was "uncontrollable." The humour of it! What about his unruly tongue.

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A huge tree about 60 feet in length was blown down at Gledhow in a field belonging to Lord Airedale, and as a result some fencing, a gas post, big pole, and an arc lamp, were smashed.

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"Leeds Board of Guardians are costing the ratepayers this year £7,000 less than in the year before," says an evening paper. Yes, the Guardians say they get no remuneration for their services.

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Local suffragettes will have noticed that at two or three women's entertainments in the district the suffragette has been caricatured. Evidently local women don't bother their heads about the vote.

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Pluck! The Conservatives in the Normanton Division, of which Rothwell is a part, are ready for next election, and they intend to give Mr Fred Hall, M.P., who has always had big majorities, a good fight.

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Although there is any amount of work in hand at the Selby Shipyard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, there has been trouble this week between the labourers and the platers, and a number of men were off work.

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Was she a suffragette? "I prepared his meals and put them before him," said the wife, "but he did not say 'Thank you.'" "I know no law," returned the magistrate, "which says your husband must say 'Thank you.'"

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Towzer must behave, or he will be executed! There are many complaints in the Wetherby and Tadcaster districts of sheep-worrying by dogs. Sheep were worried at Wetherby on Friday morning, and one dog was shot by a farmer.

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The retirement from Rothwell Urban Council of Mr Wellans, who at one time was Chairman, is regretted by the members. He was a good representative of St. Aston, and kept the claims of the "Selby," as it was termed, well in the fore.

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At Roundhay Park there is a beautiful display of bloom in the large greenhouse known as the Conservation House, in the Canal Gardens. The show of primulæ is as fine as anything of its kind ever seen at the Park. The bulbs, especially the narcissus, are also at their best.

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Annexation of outside districts! "I think," says Mr W. B. Binder, Clerk to Hunslet Rural District Council, "that Local Government Board ought to enunciate the principle by which their policy will be guided. It is all important to the West Riding in its present stage of industrial development."

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A farce! From Hagg Beck Farm, Burn, came a call to the Selby Fire Brigade. The engine, however, would not get horses to pull the engine, and the services of a donkey having been offered, they were declined—probably without thanks. After forty minutes' wait a dust-cart horse was got and hitched up to the engine. Off they started, the old horse pulling the engine and the firemen pushing, and they arrived at the fire after 1½ hours' delay.

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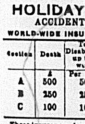
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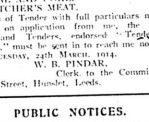
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THE HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR HALF-YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1913.

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at commencement		1288 7 6	General Expenses:—		
Overseers' Contributions:—			Salaries	333 1 4	
Middleton—General	646 0 0		Establishment Charges	187 15 1	
Special	180 0 0		Legal Expenses	15 15 2	
	826 0 0		Fees for Lists of Births and Deaths	9 16 10	
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford—			Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890-1909	9 16 5	
General	738 0 0		Housing Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909, Part II.	8 18 9	
Special	620 0 0		Disinfecting Expenses	19 0 9	
	1358 0 0		Street Watering and Scavenging	7 16 0	
Temple-newsam—General	664 0 0		Travelling Expenses	9 5 10	
Special	480 0 0		Special Expenses	21 2 9	
	1184 0 0		Election Expenses	31 15 1	
Thorp Stapleton—					615 2 2
General	14 0 0		Highway Expenses:—		
Special	2 0 0		Loan Instalments & Interest	17 17 11	
	16 0 0		Main Roads	883 0 8	
Water Revenue Account			Ordinary Repairs	793 16 10	
Rents and Charges	988 19 11		Salaries and Establishment Charges	10 15 6	
Meter Rents	36 13 6				1763 11 5
Connections	1 19 6		Special Expenses:—		
	1027 3 11		Loans (Instalments and Interest)	194 12 6	
Tadcaster R.D.C.—			Main Roads	169 0 6	
Water in bulk	10 15 6		Sewerage Works	368 12 5	
Leeds City Council—			Sewerage Disposal	85 0 7	
Water in bulk	194 12 6		Water Works	170 18 11	
West Riding C.C.—			Private Street Works	177 16 6	
Main Roads	169 0 6		Public Lighting	459 12 5	
Agricultural Rates Grant	60 10 6		Sewerage	237 3 1	
Rank Interest	13 5 6		Water Works	214 2 1	
Rents of Property	25 18 8		Private Street Works	459 12 5	
Templenewsam Sewage Farm	5 0 0		Public Lighting	237 3 1	
Private Street Works—			Sewerage	214 2 1	
Frontagers	666 16 6		Fire Brigade	6 18 0	
Sundries	8 19 6				1902 13 6
			Leeds Corporation—		
			Water Supply		917 3 7
			Ardsley U.D.C.—		
			Water Supply		92 16 8
			Rothwell, &c., Joint Hospital Committee—		
			Revenue	275 0 0	
			Wakefield, &c., Joint Hospital Committee—Precept		37 14 8
			Rothwell, &c., Joint Hospital Committee—Patients' Expenses		126 13 3
			Rothwell U.D.C.—		
			Sewage Disposal	245 7 7	
			Balance at end of Half-Year	1537 5 4	
	£7563 7 11			£7563 7 11	

Dated this 10th day of March, 1914. W. B. PINDAR, Clerk.

Prudential Assurance Company, Limited.

Chief Office: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Sixty-Fifth Annual Meeting, held on 5th March, 1914.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 71,250, assuring the sum of £6,849,724, and producing a new annual premium income of £425,717. In a Government Inter-Departmental Report recently presented to Parliament, particular attention is drawn to the advantage of payment in cash by a representative of the Society. The Report continues:—"The fact that a personal visit accompanies the payment imposes some restraint on any temptation to claim benefit improperly. The risk of the benefit falling into wrong hands is reduced to a minimum."

In the Ordinary Branch a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 16s. per cent. on the original sums assured has again been added to all participating policies in force at the end of the year 1876.

In the Industrial branch a bonus addition will be made to the sums assured on all policies of over five years' duration which become claims by death or the maturity of endowment from the 6th of March, 1914, to the 4th of March, 1915, both dates inclusive, as follows:—and

	BONUS ADDITION TO SUMS ASSURED.
PREMIUMS PAID FOR.	
5 years and less than 10 years	£5 per cent.
10 ,, ,, ,, 15 ,,	£10 ,,
15 ,, ,, ,, 20 ,,	£15 ,,
20 ,, ,, ,, 25 ,,	£20 ,,
25 ,, ,, ,, 30 ,,	£25 ,,
30 ,, ,, ,, 35 ,,	£30 ,,
35 ,, ,, ,, 40 ,,	£35 ,,
40 ,, ,, ,, 45 ,,	£40 ,,
45 ,, ,, ,, 50 ,,	£45 ,,
50 ,, ,, ,, 55 ,,	£50 ,,
55 ,, ,, ,, 60 ,,	£55 ,,
60 ,, ,, ,,	£60 ,,

The rate of bonus declared for the last year has thus been maintained, and an increased bonus of 4s per cent. will be added to the sums assured on policies which premiums have been paid for 35 and less than 40 years, 45 and less than 50 years, and 55 and less than 60 years.

The sale Prudential Approved Societies formed under the National Insurance Act, 1911 have done important work during the year, and the membership continues to increase. Payment of sickness and maternity benefits commenced on the 12th January, 1913, and during the year a sum of £1,401,250 was distributed to members in a Government Inter-Departmental Report recently presented to Parliament, particular attention is drawn to the advantage of payment in cash by a representative of the Society. The Report continues:—"The fact that a personal visit accompanies the payment imposes some restraint on any temptation to claim benefit improperly. The risk of the benefit falling into wrong hands is reduced to a minimum.

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Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1913.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Shareholders' capital ...	1,000,000 0 0	
Life Assurance fund Ordinary Branch ...	45,693,479 19 5	
Sickness Insurance fund ...	10,119 12 3	
Life Assurance fund—Industrial Branch ...	38,901,678 14 2	
	84,605,278 5 10	
Investments Reserve Funds ...	1,000,000 0 0	
Claims under life policies intimated and in course of payment ...	158,273 15 6	
Annuities due and unpaid ...	2,908 6 8	
Balance of bonus under life policies reserved for distribution ...	226,942 8 6	
	£86,993,002 16 6	

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom ...	8,853,062 18 7	
Mortgages on property out of the United Kingdom ...	nil.	
Loans on parochial and other public rates ...	13,986,705 11 9	
Loans on Life interests ...	1,117,287 0 11	
Loans on Reversions ...	95,278 4 0	
Loans on Stocks and Shares ...	78,383 3 0	
Loans on Company's policies within their surrender values	2,382,841 14 8	
Loans on Personal security ...	nil.	
Loans to Educational institutions secured on income, &c.	45,883 0 2	
Investments:—		
Deposit with the High Court (£24,400 2½ per cent. Consolidated stock) ...	17,868 0 0	
Carried forward ...	£27,172,011 1 7	

ASSETS—continued.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ...	27,172,011 1 7	
Investments (continued):—		
British Government securities	1,743,934 14 3	
Bank of England Stock ...	143,117 2 10	
Municipal and County securities, United Kingdom ...	1,674,443 6 3	
Indian and Colonial Government securities ...	4,710,807 17 7	
Colonial municipal securities	1,236,745 15 11	
Indian and Colonial municipal securities ...	3,413,166 0 4	
Foreign Government securities ...	1,322,467 16 0	
Foreign provincial securities	681,843 12 4	
Foreign municipal securities	3,507,309 3 6	
Railway and other debenture and debenture stocks and guild and other bonds	19,748,404 11 8	
Home and Foreign ...		
Railway and other preference and guaranteed stocks and shares ...	3,186,909 13 1	
Railway and other ordinary stocks and shares ...	2,801,315 16 0	
Rent charges ...	455,793 18 6	
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties ...	4,777,685 1 0	
Leasehold ground rents ...	8,696 18 0	
House property ...	4,034,804 18 11	
Life interests ...	24,628 14 6	
Reversions ...	1,611,216 19 8	
Agents' balances ...	6,040 7 7	
Outstanding premiums ...	597,137 7 7	
Outstanding interests and rents	80,682 2 8	
Interest, dividends, and rents accrued and payable	528,165 6 7	
Bills receivable ...	Nil.	
Cash:—		
On deposit ...	20,000 0 0	
In hand and on current accounts ...	469,444 14 4	
	£86,993,002 16 6	

The values of the Stock Exchange securities are determined, under the regulations of the Company, by the Directors. These values have been compared with the middle market prices on 31st December, 1913, due allowance being made for accrued interest, and the difference is more than provided for by the Investments Reserve Funds.

We certify that in our belief the Assets set forth in the Balance Sheet are in the aggregate fully of the value stated therein; the Investments Reserve Funds taken into account, No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

A. C. THOMPSON, *General Manager.* J. W. STABLE, *Joint Secretaries.* THOS. C. DEWEY, *Chairman.*
J. BURN, *Actuary.* J. SMART, W. H. NICHOLAS, *Secretaries.* H. IRVING BOSWELL, *Directors.*

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants as stated below we have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion such accounts are correct and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and shown by the books of the Company. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable.

PHILIP SECRETAN } *Auditors.*
W. H. NICHOLAS }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1913, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1913.
DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & Co., *Chartered Accountants.*

17th *February*, 1914.

At

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Meetings and public entertainments cannot be attended to unless intimation is sent before hand and addressed to the Editor.

Communications intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No notice will be taken of anonymous letters, and rejected communications cannot be returned.

Notice of Births and Deaths are charged 1s. each prepaid. They must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender.

Notices of marriages are charged at the rate of 2s. 6d. each

In Memoriam " Notices 1s. each, and 6d. extra for all matter up to four lines.

DEATHS.

BRECKON.—March 9th, at 8, Hilderthorpe Terrace, Garforth, aged 40, Thomas Breckon.

BRUNTON.—March 5th, at Wetherby, in his 53rd year, Thomas C. C. Brunton, youngest son of the late Thomas Brunton.

CRAFT.—March 5th, 1914, at Towton, Tadcaster, aged 62, Annie, beloved wife of John Thomas Craft.

CROWTHER.—March 7th, at Linehom Farm, Eccup, Alice, beloved wife of William Crowther.

KIRKMAN.—March 5th, Robert, aged 62, beloved husband of Sarah Kirkman, The Mill, Monk Fryston.

LYNN.—March 5th, at 11, Valley Terrace, Shadwell, Joseph E. Lynn.

LEE.—March 10th, at Temple View, Lofthouse, Thomas Lee, aged 81.

ROGERS.—March 8th, at Pylmore, Ilkley, in her 82nd year, Sarah Jane, widow of the late Joseph Rodgers, Laurel Villa, Moortown.

RAMSDEN.—March 6th, at Oxton Hall, Tadcaster, Selina Frances, third daughter of the late Henry James and the Hon. Mrs Henry Ramsden, of Oxton Hall, Tadcaster.

SNOW.—March 6th, at Horse Fair, Wetherby, aged 86 years, Harriet, widow of the late Dowson Snow.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWN.—In loving memory of my dear father, Joseph Brown, of Aberford, who died March 8th, 1913.

696 —From John.

COLLINSON.—In loving memory of James Collinson, of Halton, who died March 15th, 1911.

—From wife and family.

DAINES.—In loving memory of our dear daughter Annie, who died March 12th, 1913, in her 14th year.

"One year has gone, our hearts still sore;
As time rolls on we miss her more."

—From father and mother.

KILBURN.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, James Kilburn, of Garforth, who died March 13th, 1912.

" Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

—From wife and family.

PARKER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Miriam Parker, of Saxton, who died March 13th, 1911.

696 —From Ettie.

WHITTAKER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Emma Whittaker, of Kippax, who died March 9th, 1910.

" Time will pass and years will roll,
Whatever be our lot;
But as long as life and memory last
You will never be forgot."

—From her daughter, Emmeline.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

LEEDS WEST RIDING SESSIONS.

The magistrates on the Bench at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J W Morkill (in the chair), Mr R. D. Kitson, Cbl, Mr Sagar Margetson, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr C. Holliday, Mr S. Hudson, Mr J. Hirst, and Mr E. Parkin.

ROTHWELL W.M. CLUB—A card handicap took place amongst the members of the Rothwell Working Men's Club (Marsh Villa) on Saturday night. There were thirty four entries, and at the conclusion the first and special prize was awarded Mr S. Sissons, the second prize being won by Mr J. Taylor.

Patent Fat compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossby Street, Halifax. Applications—John Rushworth and Sons, Rawdon, improvements in window sash fasteners; D. W. Freeman, Finningley, near Doncaster, an improved combined spanner and pipe wrench. Patent completed—Lloyd H. Teale, Leeds, improvements in domestic fireplaces.

THE POST OFFICE THEFT CASE.—On Monday at the Quarter Sessions at Wakefield Fred Clinton (34), labourer, was indicted for having stolen £26, the money of Harry Summers, the postmaster at Rothwell. From December 19th to 18 February prisoner was employed at Rothwell as a postman, and on the latter date he took the money from a safe and absconded. Prisoner, who pleaded guilty, was sent to prison for six months.

ABRAHAM'S EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Abraham Armitage, labourer, of Rothwell, was summoned for making use of obscene language at Rothwell on Friday, February 27th. P.C. Abbott stated that about 9.50 p.m. he was in Gilbett Lane, Rothwell, when he heard the defendant, who was in his house, 8, Gilbett Lane, shouting at the top of his voice, and using obscene language. The door was open and the shouting could have been heard about twenty yards away. There were several people about at the time listening. Witness went to the house, and spoke to him about his conduct, and he replied that his wife was uncontrollable, and asked the officer why he did not speak to her. Defendant pleaded guilty, under provocation, and was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

CONCERT—On Thursday night a party of ladies, members of the Rothwell branch of the Women's Total Abstinence League, gave a concert to the inmates of the Hunslet Workhouse at Rothwell Haigh. The old folks thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the party. Mr Varley presided, and Mrs T. Burnham was the pianoforte accompanist. The following programme was gone through:—"Song of the gipsies," choir; song, "Dear little Shamrock," Mrs Jessop; recitation, Mrs Bristowe; song, "Home, sweet home," Mrs. Southwart; chorus, "We rock away," choir; song, "Sing, sweet bird," Miss Boyes; dialogue, "Slippery places," four ladies; duet, "List to the convent bells," Mrs Townsley and Miss Sidebottom; song, "The better land," Mrs Ineson; reading, Mrs Fox; chorus, "Come back to Erin," choir; song, "When there's love at home," Mrs Hampshire; chorus, "Excelsior," choir; trio, "The tide of life," Mrs Southwart, Misses Boyes and Barthram; dialogue, Mrs Bristowe, Mrs H Blackburn, Mrs R. Whitehead, and Mrs Ely; "Instrumental band," choir; chorus, "Homeward bound," choir.

P.M. CHURCH.—An interesting address was given at the P.S.A. service held in the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon by Mr H. Collinson (Stourton). Solos were given by Miss Cropper, of Leeds.

ELECTIONS.—It is announced in connection with the local elections that Mr William Denton will contest the South Ward as the champion of the small property owners, and Mr William Robinson is suggested as a Labour nominee for the Ward.

SALVATION ARMY.—The "Self-Denial Week," which commenced on Saturday last has meant a busy time for the Captain and Lieut. of the Rothwell Corps of the Salvation Army. The "target" aimed at was £34, and the officers have by their efforts raised about £26. The general ingathering will take place at Leeds on Tuesday night.

PICKWICK SOCIETY.—Pickwickian enthusiasm waxed warm at last Saturday's meeting of the local Pickwickian Society, in celebration of the jubilee, or 50th meeting of the Society. Mr G. W. Nodding read the 50th chapter of "Pickwick Papers," which relates "How Mr Pickwick sped upon his mission." Mr Percy Kemshell gave another of W. W. Jacobs' readings, entitled "An elaborate elopement."

FIRE.—A gale blew in Rothwell throughout the whole of Friday, and was in a degree responsible for a small fire which occurred. Shortly before noon a spark from a chimney in Sydney Street was blown by the wind on to the wooden spouting of the roof of a house opposite, and occupied by a miner named John Thomas Day. The spark was fanned into flames involving the wooden spouting. Rothwell officers were notified of the outbreak, and some of the staff were quickly on the scene, and the fire was very soon extinguished.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The married people of the Rothwell Wesleyan Church are chargous of purchasing a small instrument suitable for weeknight services, and presenting it to the church, and with this object in view a sacred cantata, entitled "The Home at Bethany," was rendered on Sunday afternoon by an augmented choir. The principals were Miss Boyes (Stourton), soprano; Miss K. Varley, contralto; Mr E. Knee (Lofthouse), tenor; and Mr R. Firth, bass. Mr G. H. Clarkson was the organist, and a small orchestra rendered valuable assistance. Mr T. Burnham conducted. Mr F. T. Hagley, the chairman was the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson.

BENEFIT CONCERT—A concert promoted by the Rothwell Lodge of the R.A.O.B., was held in the Rothwell Empire on Sunday night for the benefit of Bro. Stead. There was a fairly large audience, and a lengthy programme was gone through. Enjoyable selections were rendered by the Rothwell Orchestral Society, under the direction of Mr A. Adamson, who also acted as accompanist. The singing of Mrs A. Adamson, who was in fine voice, was greatly appreciated. Her contributions were "The Lord is my Shepherd" and "Abide with me." Miss Elstob was also well received in "O rest in the Lord" and "A dream of Paradise." A duet was given by Miss K. Ellis and Mr Garnett, the latter giving "The Nazarene" and "Son of my soul." Mr Smithson, who was suffering from a cold, sang "Babylon" and "The Bells of Aberdovey." The old bachelor's story" in the second part.

Football—Rothwell Wednesday re-played their semi-final tie in the Leeds and District Half-Holiday League competition with the Parkside Wednesday of Rothwell on Wednesday afternoon. Play rather favoured the Parksiders in the first half, but a forward rush enabled Heaton to score from 25 yards range. The team had a penalty kick soon after, but Bulmer was unsuccessful. Parkside rallied strongly, and R. Bickerdyke equalised just before the interval. The second half proved interesting, and after 70 minutes' play Ellis headed Rothwell's second goal. The Hunslet men then broke away and netted, but the point was disallowed. Rothwell were awarded the ties of Burberry, who received marching orders, and their goal was frequently endangered in the closing stages, when Parkside forced a succession of corners, but failed to increase their tally. Result:—Rothwell Wednesday 2 goals, Leeds Parkside Wednesday 1 goal.

TEMPERANCE—In connection with the Rothwell Temperance Rotation Scheme, which has proved a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. There was a large gathering, presided over by Mrs T. Young, who is a member of the Primitive Methodist minister of the Rothwell circuit, and who was instrumental in forming the Rothwell branch of the Union, gave an interesting address on her experiences in travelling about the country and the evils she had seen caused by the drinking habits of the people. She appealed to the audience not to throw down cudgels until they had made a temperance Rothwell and banished intoxicating drink from the place. Madame Norkus, of London, who made a capital impression as a temperance lecturer, followed in the wave around the subject of Nehemiah and the people who built a wall around Jerusalem, some strong arguments against drinking and drunkenness from the personal, social, and national point of view. Whilst stating that their organization was non-political, she appealed to those in the audience to do all they could to drive the drink-demon from the town which would render the obtaining of drink more difficult than was the case to-day. Madame Norkus expressed her appreciation of the choice in the Children's Society of rescuing persons from public houses, but deplored the fact that parents allowed their children to play in the streets while they themselves were in the bars. In the course of conclusion she said he hoped to live to see England a sober nation. A vote of thanks to the speakers was heartily carried, on the proposition of Mr W. Lunn, seconded by Mrs T. Barthram. During the evening a glee "We rock away" was given by the choir.

ALLERTON BYWATER.

On Saturday afternoon Allerton C.I. had a Leeds and District Football League match with St. Anthony's, and the Allertonians won by two goals to nil.

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SALVATION ARMY CONCERT.—In the Mission Hall on Wednesday evening the Castleford Corps of the Salvation Army, led by Adjutant Morgan, proved themselves able entertainers, and very well pleased the large number who had gathered to hear them. Mr Walter Blackburn presided, and said that not only could the Army beg well, but they could and did use well whatever money was entrusted to them. It all went towards overcoming the evil of poverty. The first item was a rousing march by the band, and Miss Richardson followed with a violin solo. A glee "Happy, glad and free," was given by the assembled company, and a cornet solo was rendered by Mr Butler, and Sister Tonks proved herself a good reciter by giving "Smiting the rock," while "Beautiful light" was sung by Sister Gaither. The songsters followed with the glee "Mighty to save." Miss Richardson then gave another violin solo, after which the band played a march. Mrs Hall sang a solo and Mrs Tonks gave "Two walks," Mr A Colley followed with a cornet solo, and the songsters gave the glee "The lot of the righteous," the band concluding with a march. The Adjutant expressed thanks for the use of the Hall, and to those who had helped to the giving of £2 2s. 0d. to the Self-Denial Fund.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—The annual concert held for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the members of the Men's Friday Night Bible Class, who had attended the class at least 45 times out of a possible 50, was held on Saturday night in the Mission Hall Shadwell. The good number present was well entertained by the Rosa Glee Party. The first item was a pianoforte solo by Miss Wrigglesworth (Hollinhurst), who also acted as accompanist. "Earth was made for man's delight" was sung as a quartette by members of the party. Miss Davis (Ripon) tastefully sang "Oh dry those tears," and Mr Wrigglesworth (Hollinhurst) gave "The trumpeter," while Mr F. G. Dyer supplied an excellent violin solo, which was followed by Miss Wrigglesworth's song "Tired hands." Mr J. Robinson, the hon. sec., reported that 98 names were now on the register, and 55 members were presented with prizes, 17 not having missed a meeting. The class had been addressed by many men of note including M.A.'s, B.Sc.'s, ministers of the Church of England and many Nonconformist ministers, who all spoke highly of the enthusiasm and value of the class. There was a library connected with the class, and it proved of interest to the members. The weekly collection had been disposed of as follows:—Library £1 6s. 6d.; speakers' expenses, 14s.; charity, £5 os. 8d.; and missionary work, £2 17s. Mr J. W. Blackburn, who presided, said the Bible Class was working a powerful influence for spiritual and educational good in the locality. The members had had their photograph taken, and the photo had been published in the "Sunday Companion," and he had been shown that photo to the most unlikely places. The Bible Class was not a flash in the pan, it was now 13 years of age, and was firmly established. Mr Blackburn then presented the prizes. The seventeen who had never missed, received a special prize in addition to a free prize, and they were greeted with hearty cheers. On behalf of the class, Mr Blackburn presented Mr Walter Blackburn with a prize as a token of respect from the members, he being the founder and leader of the class. Subsequently the quartette "Reaper and royal queen" was given, and Miss Etherington then recited "Our folks." Mr Targett rendered "For you alone." After which "Ode to the Banks of Allan Water" (quartette) was sung. Miss Davis (soprano) sang "Oh that summer smile for aye," and Mr Wrigglesworth (tenor) contributed "The Bells of Aberdovey." A violin solo was played by Mr F. G. Dyer, and Miss Etherington gave the recitation "A play-ical mistake." Misses Davis and Wrigglesworth sang the duet "Sweet and low to me." A pleasant evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

ACCIDENTS IN MINES.—At the Bible Class on Friday night Mr Ben Turner (M.P.) addressed a large and profit to a lecture given by Mr D. B. Margan, B.Sc., of Leeds University, on "Accidents in Mines." Mr W. S. Blackburn (colliery manager) who presided, described the chief causes of the 150 accidents (reportable to the inspector) which occurred at the Rothwell collieries during 1913. Frequently he was injured by walking between their horse and the tub, and this was unnecessary. Invisible slips in the roof were a fruitful source of accident to coal getters and others, and more timber was used. Very stringent timbering rules were in force and some thought when they had carried them out they had done sufficient, but the frequent accidents from this cause showed that more timber and more timber needed to be set. What was needed was that each workman should be his own inspector. Mr Morgan commenced by describing by means of lantern slides how "slips" or "weight breaks" were produced in the roof of the coal seam. Then by a series of experiments with several delicate instruments he proved the necessity of watching the barometer, as a sudden fall of the mercury was a sure sign that more gas would find its way into the dry current. The explosion was caused by the coal dust, which accumulates so largely in the crevices and on the ledges of the roadways of the mine, and the various means of dealing with it by stone dusting, as practised by Mr Morgan, the dust by sprays of water from pipes laid along the roadways and patent water-cars was one method. While this method served all right in the case of dry dust, water made more than the roof and sides loosened them, and this created another danger. The vacuum cleaner drew into a tub the accumulated dust, which afterwards was mixed together. This was another method but was not very popular. The stone dust plan seemed to be the most practical method of dealing with this source of danger. Mr Morgan then explained that in applying this method zones or lengths of roadways in each ventilated district of the mine were well cleaned and stone dust was scattered on all the ledges, floor, roof, and sides. In the event of an explosion taking place the blast got to the stone dusted zone and raised a cloud of stone dust, which was a non-combustible, and extinguished the flame, and thus the explosion died for want of support. A good number of slides were shown, being photographs of the experiments at Altofts, proving the practicability of the stone dust method of dealing with colliery explosions. Mr A. Simpson, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said it had been an ideal lecture for the class, the educational authorities supplied all the technical knowledge necessary for the prospective mine official, and then complained that pupils would not help themselves to it. He would remind them that a very small minority of mine-workers could ever hope to attain an official position. What was needed was the distribution of knowledge suitable to the ordinary workmen. Mr G Laing seconded, and observed that the many accidents in mines constituted a heavy burden on the community, and Mr Morgan could do a better work for his generation than by studying and instructing the mining community in the art of preventing accidents in mines.

CROSSGATES

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Monday evening the annual meeting of the Literary Society will take pace in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall at 7.30, and it will be followed by a lecture on "The romance of ancient glass making," by Mr F. Swann. See advert.

SWEET PEA SOCIETY.—The members of Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society held the first of their friendly gatherings on Saturday evening at Abbott's Cafe. Several important cultural matters relating to sweet peas and roses were discussed to the mutual benefit of all present. A third meeting will be held in May.

LIBERALISM.—Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association Mr Harriott Morley, J.P., delivered the third of a series of addresses on the Government's land policy in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall on Friday evening. Mr W. G. Smithson (President of the Crossgates Liberal Association) presided in the chair, and there was a good attendance. Mr Morley's address was excellently devoted to the housing part of the land policy.

ANNIVERSARY.—In connection with Crossgates Baptist Church the pastor's anniversary was celebrated on Monday evening, when a social gathering was held at Whitkirk. There was a good attendance, and tea was provided by the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton and Mrs Hamilton. An Illustrated lecture on "The Forth Bridge" was delivered by Mr Hamilton, and afterwards an enjoyable entertainment was given. Songs were sung by Miss Diggle, Mrs Ivy Easton, and Mrs Greenwood, and recitations were contributed by Mrs Diggle, Miss Ivy Goodall, and Mr Thomas. Refreshments were served to the company during an interval.

DEBATE.—At the Baptist Church Fellowship meeting, held in the Lecture Hall at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening, a debate took place on "Does the Church demonstrate Christianity?" Mr F. R. Carlton, of Crossgates, presided, and there was a good attendance, long remembered. Mr J. Webb, of Manston, opened the discussion, reading a lengthy paper, in which he argued for the negative side of the question, although he made it clear that he did not assert that Christianity was a failure. He held that the Church should possess the power of healing as in the days of old, and his paper figured largely in the subsequent discussion, which was taken part in by Mr Diggle, Mr Jackson, Mr Cox, Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, Mr E. C. White, Mr Morgan, Mr J. E. Walker, and Mr T. Harrop. The debate was keen and interesting, but on vote was taken. At the close Mr Webb received a vote of thanks, passed on the call of the Rev. J. M. Hamilton, seconded by Mr F. T. Hagley. The next meeting on Tuesday evening Mr Mac-Farlane will give a lecture on "An evening with Burns."

CARLTON

At Carlton Primitive Methodist Chapel a sum of 9s. was collected for Leeds medical charities against 8s. last year.

GARFORTH

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges receipt of £30 from the Garforth Medical Charities Committee, per Mr F. Pratt.

On Wednesday evening the members of Garforth Temperance Hall took a whist drive and dance in the Co-operative Hall, and it was a most enjoyable entertainment.

The Rev. Joseph Needham, of the Lady Lane United Methodist Circuit, Leeds, has accepted an invitation to be the superintendent minister of the Riddings Circuit, Alfreton, in succession to the Rev James Slack. He is well-known to Garforth U.M. Church members.

LAMMGRAVE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Tom Emmott and Percy Caygill, labourers, of Garforth, were summoned for having used abusive language in Garforth about 10.15 p.m. on Friday, February 27th. P.C. Dixon proved the case, and a fine of 5s. and costs each was imposed.

COMPENSATION CASE.—His Honour Judge Benson decided an interesting point in compensation law at the Leeds County Court on Tuesday, when he ruled that, in allotting compensation to a parent for the loss of a son, he was entitled to take into account the prospective advantages which the son would have been entitled during the next three years. The deceased, Sydney Smith, of Garforth, would, Mr R. A. Sheppard contended, on his 21st birthday, have had the automatic increases each year he remained with the Garforth Colliery Company, in whose employ Pit he was killed. Damages £245 had been paid into court. His Honour made an award for £241, and costs on Scale B.

ROMANCE OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE.—This was the title of a lecture delivered on Tuesday evening before members of the Leeds Photographic Society by Mr J. W. Thompson, of Garforth. With the aid of an interesting series of lantern views of various architectural features of abbeys, cathedrals, and churches, he traced the development of the work of the Early Gothic builders, explained the principles on which they proceeded, and dealt in turn with the evolution of the arch and the roof, the window, the porch, and so forth. He showed, for example, how the Cistercians, with all their limitations, their lack of stone appliances and money, were inspired by lofty ideals to make the most truly beautiful, and how they secured a wonderful equipoise by the thrust of the ribbed arch, the counter-thrust of the flying buttress, and the bonding of the wall by arcading. Then, contrasting the sublimity of this craftsmanship with what he termed monstrosities of the succeeding period, he had something to say about the personal interest taken by the craftsmen themselves, who at times banded themselves together in guilds not to raise wages but to keep up the standard of their work. It was, he suggested, when monetary considerations began to run influence that the craftsmanship began to deteriorate.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Visitors to the Picture House during the first half of the week have been treated to a view of one of the finest wild animal pictures ever produced. In the midst of the Jungle" is a striking example of what the film producers can do towards making us acquainted with the wonders of the world, bringing to our doors that which we would not otherwise see, most ends of the earth, and supplying us with a knowledge that could in no other way be so completely gained. We are shown the home life of the elephant, the lion and tigers in their native haunts, a terrific fight between a hyena and leopard, and an escape from death at the jaws of a crocodile, which is very exciting. Another feature of which is "The Burning Train," a two-part drama, full of incident and exciting situations, extraordinary, though quite possible, including a most realistic train fire. The first portion of the bill is made up of really up-to-pictures, the comic element being extremely well catered for. For next week the programmes promise equally interesting fare, "The Sheriff and the Bustler" by the same producers as "In the midst of the Jungle" being described as "one of the finest Western pictures ever produced." This will be screened during the first half of the week, along with another of the famous "Keystone" absurdities "Love and Rubbish." During the last half of the week a detective story "The Rajah's Diamond Rose" holds pride of place, and is accompanied by a two-part comedy, entitled "Why Girls Leave Home." For times and prices see advert.

HALTON

The collection at Halton Chapel for Leeds medical charities was £1 8s. against £1 19s. 6d. last year.

In a Billiard match between Halton Institute and Woodhouse Recreation, the latter won by 600 to 822. Mr E. Green (Halton) made breaks of 44 and 33.

On Monday evening a special meeting of the Crossgates Liberal Association was held, which was largely attended, and was addressed by Mrs Greenwood (Halton), and Mrs Haste Carr (Halton).

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Wesleyan Chapel for Leeds medical charities was £1 0s. 1d. against £1 2s. 6d. last year.

In connection with the G.F.S. a meeting was held on Monday night, and the Vicar delivered an address on "Germ life," illustrated by the aid of the microscope.

THE CHURCH.—On Thursday evening a lantern service was given in the Parish Church. This was the second of a series dealing with "Men who crucified Christ," and the special character on Thursday was "Pilate."

WOMEN'S SERVICES.—On Sunday afternoon a women's service was held at the Parish Church, and there was a good attendance. The Vicar gave an instructive address on "Silent forces." —On Monday, at a mothers' meeting, the Vicar spoke to the members on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

"BY ACCIDENT."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday David Booth, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language in High Street, Kippax, about 8.30 p.m. on February 28th. The defendant said the language slipped out quite by accident, as he was not in the habit of making use of it. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

MISSIONARY MEETING.—On Tuesday evening a missionary meeting in connection with the church was held, and a most instructive address on "Canada" was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Westcott, organising secretary for the S.P.G. for the Northern Province. The lecture was illustrated by a number of excellent lime light views, the lanternist being Mr W. C. B. Smith.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—The prize distribution to the Sunday School children of the Primitive Methodist Church took place on Sunday afternoon, when 95 of the children who had obtained the required number of marks for attendance were presented with suitable books by Mr Jones, Prince and Mr J. Nicholson. Special services were held in the morning and evening, and sermons were preached by Mr Ely (of Leeds).

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Carlton Temperance Hall lost to Kippax on Saturday night by four points. The scores were Carlton 550, Kippax 554. Details of the matches were:—J. Fox 100 v Eastwood 99, C Brown 100 v Laird 82, R Ellis 90 v Tiffany 100, R Beeton 100 v Wheatley 79, W Pope 93 v Turnpenny 100, and G Beeton 45 v. Pickard 100. R. Beeton made an unfinished break of 22.

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening—Mr S. R. Silvervood presiding. Those present besides him were Mr J. Cripwell, Mr W. A. Dickinson, Mr J. W. Mackenzie, Mr F. Wheatley, Mr D. Mackintosh, Mr R. Johnson, and Mr J. Hewitt. Complaints anent the scavenging on the south side of the village were considered along with complaints as to blocked drains at the bottom of Mount Pleasant and Parker's Yard, and it was decided to write the authorities as to these matters. The question of a recreation ground for the village was also considered, and it was stated in connection with the powers in relation to this matter is being made by the council, assisted by the Medical Charities Committee. This canvass not being completed the result could not be ascertained. The matter will constitute the subject of special meeting, which was fixed for the 19th of March. The Council decided to present the Rev. Dr. Westcott with a purse of gold on leaving. It was stated that no offer had been received for the fire engine.

MOOR ALLERTON

FUNERAL OF MR J. B. BROOKE.—Amid many manifestations of the esteem in which he was held by a wide circle of friends throughout Yorkshire the remains of the late Mr J. Bower Brooke, of Sunbrooke, Moor Allerton, solicitor, who met his death as the result of an accident which befell him on the Great North Road on Saturday, were interred on Wednesday afternoon in Moor Allerton Church. Prior to the interment a choral service was held at Moor Allerton Church conducted by the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Dr Bickersteth), assisted by the Vicar of Moor Allerton (the Rev. G. Birchenough). The service was largely attended, included among the mourners being many representative of the late Mr Brooke's profession and members of the Brambam Moor Hunt. The hymns "Peace, Perfect Peace" and "Now the labourer's task is o'er" were sung. The chief mourners were —Mrs J. B. Brooke (widow), Mr and Mrs Wm. Brooke, Mr and Mrs J. A. Brooke, the Rev. H. Brooke and Mr W. H. Brooke (sons), Mrs Bower Brooke, Mrs Hodgkin, Mr T. T. Bower, Mr Joshua Bower, and Miss Bower, Mr J. A. Bower, Mr J. R. Bower, Jun., Mr E. W. Bower, Mr J. B. Bolland, Mr and Mrs W Bolland, the Rev. A. and Mrs Bolland, the Rev. C. F. Bolland, Mr J. M. Dobson, Mrs and Miss Dobson, Mr Lindley, and among those present at the church and at the graveside were the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton), Mr George R. Lane Fox, M.P., Mr Darcy Beuse (Wetherby), Mr C. Brook, Mr C. F. Ryder, Mr Thos. Piercy, Dr. T. R. Taylor (Methley), Mr H. Nickols, Dr. A. A. Mackenzie (Moor Allerton), Mr F. Ryder, Mr R. M. Currer Briggs, Mr H. Fenner, Mr T. H. Nussey, and the Misses Nussey (Thorner), Mrs Whitehead, Mr Reginald Parker, and Miss Dorothy Parker (Milford Hall), Mr Bielby (Woolbersome), etc. Carriages were sent by the Misses Nussey (Thorner), Mr C. F. Ryder, Miss Ryder, and Mrs J. Le Thorparch). Included among the many hand some floral tributes were wreaths from Lord Faber, Lady Hepton, and Miss Dorothy Hepton, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leeds, and Mr and Mrs G. R. Lane Fox, Mr and Mrs T. G. Mylchreest (Thorner), etc.

MICKLEFIELD

The collection at Micklefield Wesleyan Chapel for Leeds medical charities was £1 10s. 6d. against £1 18s. last year.

LIBERALISM.—On Tuesday evening a social gathering was held in the Institute, at Micklefield, and there was a very large attendance. Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association) presided, and he was supported by Mrs Harvey, Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash), Mrs Foster, and Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association). An enjoyable programme of songs was gone through, and addresses were given by Mr Foster and the Chairman on the political situation. Tea and coffee were served to the company, and after the concert dancing was engaged in. The gathering was a great success.

OULTON

On Friday the Rev. Henry Thomas Pattinson was licensed by the Bishop of Knaresborough to the curacy of Oulton.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—At the last fortnightly meeting of the Oulton Literary and Debating Society an address on the "History of legal procedure" was given by Mr W. M. D. Mackey, F.I.C. The speaker sketched how in the days before the introduction of money, when people bartered goods, men were punished for such offences as the theft of cattle. Thus he traced the course of law until the present day tribunals. The address proved especially interesting, while the interest was greatly enhanced by the presence of Mr Mackey's father, a former curate of Oulton, who presided over the meeting.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John William Mirfin, labourer, of Oulton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on that Thursday. P.C. Beevor stated that about 5.50 p.m. on Thursday he was on the Leeds and Selby Road at Garforth, and saw the prisoner, who was in a drunken condition, shouting and using about and making use of bad language. He refused to go home when spoken to, and had to be taken into custody. Mirfin was sent to prison for one month.

THE LATE MR F. BRADLEY.—There was a sympathetic gathering in the Oulton Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon when the remains of Mr Fred Bradley, a well-known teacher in the Sunday School, were laid to rest. The deceased, who was nineteen years of age, was well liked and respected both by the teachers and the scholars. Prior to the interment, a short service was held in the church, the Rev. H. T. Pattinson (curate) officiating. As the coffin was borne into the church on a bier drawn by the Sunday school superintendent (Mr A. Sharpe) and the male teachers, "O rest in the Lord" was played by the organist, Mr Walter Poole. At the conclusion of the short service the "Dead March" in "Saul" was played. The choir were also in attendance. There were several beautiful floral tributes, including a wreath from the Sunday School, and another from the members of the football club to which he belonged.

ROBIN HOOD

U.M. CHURCH.—On Wednesday night the ladies of the United Methodist Church repeated "Ye Old Village Wedding," as given at the previous week. Several additions were introduced, and the effort was again a success. Praiseworthy work was performed by Miss Smalley as accompanist.

P.S.A.—On Sunday there was a good attendance at the weekly P.S.A. meeting at the United Methodist Church. Mr M. Hirst presided, and an instructive address on "A change in life" was given by Mr C. B. Jowett, of Army. The singing of Miss Glover (Rykill), on the solos "The flight of ages" and "The holy city" was greatly enjoyed.

STOURTON

CONSERVATISM.—A meeting of the East Hunslet Ladies' Conservative and Unionist Association was held on Monday night at the rooms of the Association, Gelsburn Stree t, Hunslet. Mr H. Armitage occupied the chair, and a number of addresses were delivered on the present political situation. The principal speaker was Mrs Greenville, of Manchester, and other speakers were Mrs E. Groves, Mr Tomlinson, Mr F. Williams, Mr Sutcliffe, Mr Bateson, Mr J. T. Taylor, Mr Shepherd, Mrs Strange, and Mr J. S. Taylor (hon. secretary).

ROUNDHAY WOMEN LIBERALS.—A joint meeting of the Roundhay Women's Liberal Association and the Barkston Ash Divisional Women's Liberal Association was held on Thursday in the Congregational Schoolroom, Shaftesbury Avenue, Roundhay. Mrs Dewhirst (Whinmoor) presided, and amongst those present were Miss Morton (hon secretary), Mrs Ernest H. Foster (Horsforth), Mrs Glover (Boston Spa), Mrs Martin Harvey (Micklefield), Miss Roberts, and Mrs A. E. Hartley (Roundhay). Miss M. Illingworth (president of the Yorkshire Council of the Women's Liberal Association) delivered an address on "Women in Local Government," and a resolution was adopted calling upon the Government to amend the Local Government Act so as to enable married women to sit upon all local governing bodies.

On Saturday afternoon Church Fenton had a football match with Boston Spa, and the game was drawn—no goal each.

A sum of £4 os. 6d. was collected at the Boston Spa Congregational Church for Leeds medical charities against £2 12s. 9d. last year.

The West Riding Small Holdings Committee have agreed to purchase from Lord Londesborough two fields at Selby, containing 6¼ acres, for £264 17s. They have also agreed to take on a fourteen years' lease from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners a piece held at Carlton, for 30s. an acre, subject to a drainage rate of 28s. a year.

HIS OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Alex Kendrew, carter, of Bramham, was summoned for driving a vehicle at night time without showing a red rear light. P.C. Broughton proved the case, and said defendant had only a ordinary lamp attached to the shafts. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

FORMERLY OF CHURCH FENTON.—A very pleasing function took place on Monday night at the White Horse Hotel, Poppleton, when Mr W. H. Whittaker, stationmaster at Poppleton, who is shortly to take up a similar appointment at Guiseley, was presented with a mahogany bureau subscribed for by the villagers of Upper and Nether Poppleton, and a silver-mounted walking stick, the gift of the passenger staff at Poppleton. Mr Whittaker has had a long experience in railway work. He joined the N.E.R at York in the waggon department as a clerk in 1869, and was transferred to the passenger department two years later. He was then transferred to Church Fenton as a telegraph clerk, and thence to Bridlington and served as an assistant booking clerk. He was then engaged as a passenger clerk at Malton, and booking clerk at Goole. In order to gain further experience in railway work he served on the Lancashire and Yorkshire at Goole Docks as a goods clerk. He next went to Wakefield, and after serving there a short period was again transferred to York, in 1895. Whilst at York he worked in all sections of the goods department, and was, in 1904, appointed stationmaster at Poppleton.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT ELECTION

There was a good attendance at the annual dinner and meeting of the Normanton Division Conservative Association, held on Friday night, at the Great Bull Hotel, Wakefield, and the proceedings throughout were enthusiastic.

At the meeting but a few members spoke, as he was expected by the prospective candidate, Mr Cecil Lister-Kaye, Messrs H. C. B. Wilson, Mr. Cecil Lister-Kaye, Messrs H. C. B. Wilson, G. Bolton, F. M. Rea (Yorkshire representative), Richmond Lidsey, Gerald Beaumont, H. Beaumont, John Horsfield, T. H. Wordsworth, John Cumberbirch, J. Muirhead, John Horsfall and F. H. Wright.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said it was hoped to have in a short time active associations in those districts where the new electoral law had not already been put into operation. The outstanding feature of the meeting was the fact that they were able to present to it their prospective candidate. The Executive had felt for several years that if they could only get Mr Lister-Kaye to allow himself to be nominated they could bring about a better result than hitherto. The next general election would be a most important one, and they considered the Normanton Division, as well as every other division in Great Britain, ought to be fought. The election could not be much longer delayed, and it behoved them all to be ready. He hoped sincerely that when the Unionists came back to power, as they would, sooner or later, they would see to it that a really efficient Second Chamber would be set up, with power to refer measures to the judgment of the country when necessary. (Applause). The Normanton Division was now in a much more hopeful condition than for some years past. They had a first-class local candidate, whose heart was in the cause, and he would exhort them to work hard for his return when the election arrived. (Applause).

Mr H. C. B. Wilson, in seconding, said that he was convinced that they should show those who called about the hopelessness of their constituency what could be done in the Normanton Division. (Applause).

The report was unanimously adopted.

Mr G. Beaumont (hon. treasurer) submitted the balance-sheet, which showed a small balance. He remarked that the Association did not receive the assistance it ought to do, and he trusted the ensuing year would show a great improvement.

On the motion of Mr Horsfield, seconded by Mr Horsfall, the financial statement was passed.

The retiring officers were thanked, on the proposition of Mr H. Beaumont, seconded by Mr F. H. Wright, and supported by Mr Box, the first-named observing that he was glad the seat was to be contested, as at the last election the borough of Normanton had suffered through Mr Hall having a walk-over.

The retiring President, Mr Lister-Kaye, was heartily re-elected on the proposition of Mr Beaumont and Mr Beardall; Mr G. Beaumont and Mr Gerrard respectively.

Mr Lister-Kaye, in a subsequent address, pictured the advice of the country as verging upon civil war. In the Prime Minister of England had been a more creditable hunt, and in such a they looked for a man with greater qualifications than those which Mr Asquith obviously possessed, because with was upon his advice that the King acted. They required a man at the head of the Government, a man of absolute integrity and of honour, and he (the speaker) felt that Mr Asquith had forfeited that by his failure to carry out his pledge to reform the House of Lords, which he characterised as "a debt of honour." Under Mr Lloyd George the national expenditure had grown by leaps and bounds, and at the same time the Chancellor of the Exchequer had been sowing discord and discontent wherever he had gone, setting class against class, and also endeavouring to get votes for his party by holding out fallacious promises of more golden fruit for the wrestling classes as a solution of the Irish question. He said there was only one solution of the difficulty—an appeal, which Unionists asked for, to the country, so that the people could see that the Unionist party had done its duty, not only with the view of preventing a terrible disaster, but of obviating the commission of a huge crime. (Applause).

CONCERNING A STOURTON PROSECUTION.

NOVEL POINT LICENSING LAWS.

Before the Leeds Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr C. M. Atkinson) on Friday, Emma Spencer, the holder of an off-licence in Prospect Terrace, Stourton, and her son, Frederick Spencer, were charged with offences under the Licensing Act of 1910, with regard to the sale of intoxicating drink. Mr G. Knowles prosecuted for the police, and Mr R. C. Davis represented the defendants.

The evidence went to show that late on the night of the 14th ult. Inspector Gaile and other officer saw the male defendant with a horse and wherry in Iveridge Grove, Thwaite Gate, delivering bottles of beer and stout. When questioned hereabouts the bottles were not landed on the premises, they marked as being consigned to any particular person, his explanation being that this custom was to take orders one week and deliver them the next, when he received payment.

Inspector Gaile said that when he questioned one woman at whose house bottles were being delivered she said the male defendant had called every week for the last three weeks. There was no label on the bottles, one may mark on the boxes on the wherry.

In the course of some legal argument, an interesting point was raised by the Stipendiary Magistrate, who asked whether, assuming there was a sale on the defendant's licensed premises, the subsequent delivery of the goods would be illegal.

Mr Davies submitted that the delivery would not be illegal, the sale having, in his view, been completed at the licensed shop.

The Magistrate: There must be the sale of a specific article on the licensed premises, must there not? There must be appropriation on the licensed premises?

Mr Davis argued that if a person gave an order at the licensed premises appropriation was quite sufficient if the goods were put into a cart and sent out for delivery.

The magistrate remarked that it he had been told that years ago he should have believed the argument, but he thought cases had been decided the other way. According to the Legislature, if the goods now were put into watertight compartments it was all right, and the goods might be delivered at three o'clock in the morning, assuming they were put into one package and directed to "Mrs Jones" or "Mrs Smith." But if a person did not indicate which package was for "Mrs Jones" and which for "Mrs Smith" it was all wrong, and the offender might be sent to *gaol*.

Mr Davis, in defence, said he would be able to prove that the order was given on the dividend's licensed premises, and argued that if such an order was given and accepted this was a completed contract. Secondly, he contended that the packages of beer and stout were actually all stated in separate boxes. He contended that just was sufficient appropriation in law. The defendant's family, Mr Davis said, had held a residence for 35 years without complaint.

The Magistrate said not think it mattered where the order was given, but there must be specific appropriation. (To Mr Knowles): You want to stop the practice, I suppose?

Mr Knowles: That is so. He wished to draw attention to the fact that at the end of the day there was a very large quantity of unsold bottles of beer—something like nine dozens.

The Magistrate: That is one of the facts which induced me to press Mr Davis.

Mr James Frederick Spencer, guilty of selling on Sunday last, and said it seemed plain enough unlawful act, and said it seemed plain enough unlawful act, and said it seemed plain enough that the error arose from his own action. He had understood that Mrs Spencer had held the licence for a number of years without complaint, and it would be unfortunate if his act on the part of her son were to result in her being fined. He was sorry he had been so unwise as he might be if a conviction were recorded. The sum would be fined £5 and costs, and Mrs Spencer would have to pay costs, no conviction being recorded.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

HUNTING AT BILBROUGH IN A GALE.

A more inauspicious day could not be imagined than Friday, when the Bramham Moor hounds met at Bilbrough, the residence of Mr Guy Fairfax. A veritable tornado of wind raged all day. Funerally was hunting bounds for the first time since his accident. The field could not get into the Park to join Farrelly and the hounds on account of a huge elm tree, which the gale had uprooted, blocking the way, so they had to go round by the village or the lane leading down to the whin. Those out included Lord and Lady Wenlock, Prince Arthur of Connaught, Mr. R. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, Mr. C. R. Lane Fox, M.F.H., and the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox, Sir Edward Lane Fox, and Mrs Brooke-Hunt, Mr and Mrs Miles Dawson, Miss Gunter, Bank, Mr and Mrs Miles Dawson, Miss Gunter, Mr Lamb (Inbolmes), Mrs Nichols, Mr Guy Fairfax, the Misses Leetham, Mr Wailes Fairfax, Mr Liddley, Mr Tom Smith, Mr A. G. Wilson, Mr Frank Myers, Mr C. Wilstrop, Mr Hd. Parker, Mr Pead, Mr King, Mr Midgley, Mr Thompson, Miss Pagett, Mr J. Fielden, Mr and Mrs Wickham Boynton, Mr and Miss Wheatley, Mr Cundall, Mr R. Armitson, Master R. Armitson, Mr Fred Bussey, and others.

Bilbrough Whin was first drawn, and they found the bob-brush fox, so he had shifted his quarters from Askham Whin. He left no scent behind him, for Farrelly could not hunt the line a yard over the ploughs. Going out for Catterton, they worked round to Ainsty Cliff. Here they changed their fox, going away on the line of a very fine fox down to near Colton village, of a very fine fox down to near Colton village, but got on to the Stretton Wood. Afterwards they got away over the same line by Stretton, crossed the Tadcaster road to Bilbrough Whin, and ran to Ainsty Cliff. Getting away with Bilbrough on the left they crossed the road by Street House, and went over Mr Frank Myers's land down to within one field of Colton Whin, and they worked the line on to Colton village. It they worked the line on to Colton village. It had been a most creditable hunt, and in such a gale hounds worried to perfection; in fact, it was a great treat to see the Bramham hounds work the line under the most trying difficulties.

Going by the village straight for Stretton Old Hall they ran to ground under a tree, reynard having made himself secure by getting up inside, so hounds could not get at him, after one hour and fifteen minutes' hunt. They went to Stretton, and found, and ran back to Bilbrough Whin, which was passed close to the left, and then they went over the Tadcaster road to within one field of Askham Wood, and threw up. Hounds then went to Collier Hagg, hoping for better sport on the grass, but they did not find it, so Mr Lane Fox very wisely said "home."

HUNTING IN MICKLEFIELD DISTRICT.

The Bramham Moor Hounds on Saturday met at Lead Mill, Huddleston Wood, Micklefield Wood, Gosdike and the Boot and Shoe Coverts were all blank, as also were the Ledstone Coverts and Newsfield Whin. A fast twenty-five minutes began at Ringhay.

After a turn at the cover the fox left it towards Micklefield, and crossing the Great North Road, between Micklefield and Hook Moor, turned left-handed in the rear of Old Micklefield, and then taken across the Ridge Road, and forward through the Shurton coverts, across the Leeds and York Railway, to the sand quarries near Garforth Cliff, where the fox got to ground.

Hounds were moving off to draw the Shurton coverts when the melancholy and distressing news was brought that Mr J. Bower Brooke had been thrown from his horse and killed. The pack at once returned to kennels. The news came as an appalling shock to every one out hunting. Mr Bower Brooke was a keen hunting man, and was followed by the Bramham Moor hounds as long as most members can remember. Despite being short-sighted, he was a bold and fearless rider, no country was too big, and no day too long for him.

ECZEMA CURED—MORLEY CASE.

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FARMERS AND LABOURERS' WAGES—HOUSING

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND RURAL PROBLEMS

INTERESTING HOUSING SCHEME.

The annual meeting of the Wetherby and District Chamber of Agriculture was held at the Town Hall, Wetherby, on Friday night—Mr J. Crossley presiding over a good attendance. Among the others present were Messrs J Thompson, G. P. Wright, H. Simpson, J. Popplewell, J. T. Allen, R. F. Foorby, B. Dilley, T. Dawson, J. Nelson (secretary), W. Walker, son, J. H. Thompson, E. Spink, Holgate, W. Wilson, H. Whitehouse, E. Spink, Holgate, E. Hardcastle, and others.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING.

The Secretary reported that in the course of the year there had been several new members added, and he expected several more would be added shortly.

The financial statement showed that the saving on the year had been £12, the balance in hand being £102 5s. 9d. as against £90 6s. 3d. last year.

The Chairman moved that Mr Thompson be appointed chairman of the Chamber. He had done a great deal of work for the chamber, particularly in the position of secretary until two years ago.

Mr Allan seconded. He thought Mr Thompson would be a most suitable chairman.

Mr Thompson returned thanks. He regretted they had not been able to get a landowner to accept the position, as he thought it was a good custom that a landowner and a tenant farmer should be alternately asked to take the post.

Mr Thompson moved that the heartiest thanks of the Chamber be given to Mr Crossley for his services as chairman in the past year, and this was heartily accorded.

Mr Allan was unanimously re-elected to the position of treasurer, Mr J. H. Thompson was re-elected secretary, and Mr Crossley was re-elected auditor.

Messrs J. H. Thorpe, Barwick, H. Grange, Barwick, and Walker were elected members of the Chamber.

LABOURERS' WAGES

A discussion on the Land Inquiry Committee and its recommendations was initiated by Mr Thompson, the new President, who said that the land inquiry, of which they had heard so much, had produced some very remarkable facts and figures. They had heard a good deal about the national factory of the pheasant—(laughter)—a good deal about the habits of the deer, and at the same time a good deal about the landlord, the tenant, and the labourer. The landlord was painted in terrible colours in many cases, and the tenant was supposed to be in such a position that he dared not farm his land in case he was turned out, while the labourer was depicted as a serf who dared not call his soul his own. As a result of the inquiry, there were various proposals. If the proposed Ministry of Land were to absorb the present Board of Agriculture, he thought it would be a very undesirable state of things. (Hear, hear). There were to be a minimum wage, and no encouragement to houses and cottages. He was afraid that hasty legislation of the land fore-shadowed would not be for the benefit of any class concerned in the land. The results of Land Courts, to his mind, would be that the man who farmed his land exceedingly well would run the risk of having his rent raised, and a Land Court, which was composed of intelligent and practical men the man who farmed it badly might have his rent reduced. As a large employer of labour, he had always felt that if a former wanted good workers he to be done there must be a good feeling between the man who paid the wages and he who received them. In that district he thought there were very few (Hear, hear). It seemed to him that a minimum wage, for farmers might argue that if they could not pay less than £1 they would not pay more. He believed that the majority of farmers would help the opinion that interference with the right of bargaining as between landlord and tenant, and between tenant and the man who followed the plough, would be to the detriment of all classes, and the industry they followed and loved. (Applause).

A resolution passed by the Central Chamber urging the appointment of a Royal Commission was read, and it was moved by Mr Thompson that support be given to it. Mr Thompson also added that as the Chairman of the Housing and Town Planning Committee of the Wetherby Town Council he had examined the cottages in the district, and had found that the worst of these were owned by individuals such as retired tradesmen, who derived little support from the rents.

Mr Dolby seconded.

HOUSING QUESTION

The Chairman (Mr Crossley) supported the motion. He thought a lot of harm would result from the proposals. The labourer was thought to be well looked after, but he really thought that the labourer would have more than gain if the Land Inquiry were carried into force.

Mr Holgate said he thought the main problem before the country was the cottage problem, and he did not think they would get very far with the question short of solution. The labourer was bound to be worse off under an Act of Parliament; agriculture was an industry which stood out distinctly in cases of the kind, and that was necessary. The cry of the day was back to the land, but the trend of legislation was to drive them off the land. It was only upsetting the good feeling that existed at the present time between tenant farmer, and labourer, and once they upset that good feeling they might as well throw up the whole thing.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner of the Chamber followed the meeting, and was held in the Angel Hotel. Mr Crossley presided over a large attendance, and among those supporting him were Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., Major Dent, Mr C. F. Ryder (Scarcroft), Mr J. Thompson, Mr R. H. Gill, Mr C. F. Meyrick, Mr J. F. Holdsworth, and others.

The Chairman submitted the usual toasts, which were duly pledged.

Major Dent proposed the toast of "Agriculture." In relation to the Land Inquiry Committee's investigations, he said that the majority of those connected with the land desired, before any drastic legislation was brought forward dealing with the land, that there should be a careful and impartial inquiry. (Hear, hear). One of the things most needed in agriculture was that more capital should be put into it. He did not see how that capital was to be obtained, because at the present time there was no inducement for the outside capitalist; the profits were small and risky. So much hard words had been spoken about landowners of late that he thought it was necessary they should reveal the true state of affairs. Instancing his own position, Major Dent said that in 1875, when agriculture was at the top of the boom, his father inherited the estates which he (the speaker) now owned. Four years later there began the terrible depression which lasted for 20 years. Since 1875 the gross income from his estates—the rent roll—had been reduced by £10,000 had been put into the land as fresh capital, in the way of additions, renewals, improvements, and alterations. It could not be expected that anybody with that experience, and knowing that during that time the burdens on the land in this and every direction had been considerably more than doubled, would rush fighting hardly to carry out fresh improvements, and put a heavy rent charge on the estate. (Hear, hear).

Mr C. F. Ryder responded, and referred to the interest the Government were taking in land just now. He thought they would find that the Government would only manage to give them eighteen-pence for the half-crown they got—(laughter)—the remainder going on the red tape and officialism that was seemingly necessary. He thought it would be better if (laughter). He thought farmers realised the importance of having Chambers like that, and he only wished the membership was much larger. As in many people members of them as possible. For, without in any way talking politics, it was plain to everybody that at the present moment agriculture was in danger, if not of attack, at any rate of criticism by people who did not know very much of what they were talking about, and the more they combined the better would it be for the future of agriculture and for themselves. He thought all farmers realised the importance of having Chambers like that, and he only wished the membership was much larger. As in the House of Commons that afternoon there was considered an Agricultural Holdings Act which he hoped had by that time passed its second reading. The mind for that amending Act was that owing to the constant sales of estates farmers were being put to terrible inconveniences, and when such a sale took place and the farmer was given notice, he had no power to claim compensation. That was practically universally recognised to be unfair, and the Bill he referred to was to remedy that. Of course the need for the sale of these estates was the general feeling of unrest and of insecurity. Recent forms of legislation had raised this feeling, particularly among the class of owners whom he thought they most desired to retain, the large estate owner, for on these estates agriculture was most prosperous in the country. These men felt that no longer was land a safe investment. The whole idea of security was that from that sprang the prosperity of the industry. At the present moment politicians were wooing agriculture, and if they were sharp enough they ought to be able to get something; enough they ought to be able to get something; (Laughter). All politicians were anxious to show their interest in agriculture, though some of them were indiscreet enough to disclose how little they really knew about it. The question of the housing accommodation was miserable, and the man who seemed to be most prosperous was the landlord. (Laughter). What was really felt in England was the want of the young agricultural labourer on the land; they all knew how difficult it was to get young men to carry out the skilled processes of agriculture. The whole problem was very difficult to solve, but he believed they could all do something towards the solution by making the lives of the men in their employ more happy. In the present conditions it would be foolish to neglect the opportunity of attending to themselves their employees so as to secure their continued service and the consequent prosperity. He believed that one way to make the land more popular was to improve the conditions of housing, but the difficulty was to build houses which could be let at an economic rental. He was building six houses, for which the scheme he had borrowed money on the most reasonable terms. The result of this was that there would be a charge upon his estate for the next 40 years of £58 4s., a sum which did not cover the cost of repairs. To this the cottages at the rental which could be paid by the ordinary agricultural labourer—at not more than 2s. per week—there would be a total rental of £78 a year, as compared with a charge of £58 4s., exclusive of repairs, and the risk, of having empty cottages. It was obvious that unless he could charge 4s. per week he would not to say profitable, could not be "a paying" concern, but would actually be a loss. Agriculture, he said, was an industry which was bound to suffer from ignorance of legislation, was wanted was knowledge, and they as farmers, and as a chamber, could do much in providing that. (Applause).

The Chairman replied to the toast. The great of "the visitors" was proposed by Mr Thompson, and responded to by Mr Gill, Knaresborough. Songs were sung by Messrs Gill, Walters, and G. P. Wright.

FOOTBALL JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH CUP—SEMI-FINAL.

On Saturday afternoon at Barwick the Garforth and Hetherton teams will meet in the semi-final for the Barkston Ash Challenge Cup, and there should be a big crowd on the ground. Garforth have won every honour in the division bar the Challenge Cup, and they are making a strong bid for it this season. Aberford, who won the Junior Cup last season, have not such a record as their opponents, but they are not to be underrated on that ground, and they intend to play Garforth for all they are worth. My opinion is that if Garforth can reproduce their best form they will enter the final, but they have not been very consistent this season, and Aberford have a chance.

TADCASTER VICTORIOUS.

On Saturday afternoon in the York and District League Tadcaster were at home to Thirsk. The home team playing a fast game had much the better of the first half, and Swithenbank and S. Birdsall scored for them. The second half opened in favour of Thirsk, Bateson scoring from a centre by Acres, and the latter afterwards equalised in some play following a corner. In a scrimmage at the Thirsk end, however, S. Birdsall again put his side ahead. Result:—Tadcaster 3 goals, Thirsk 2 goals.

DEIGHTON SHIELD COMPETITION.

Wetherby Cor., who think they have a chance of winning their division in the Deighton Shield Competition, played Hardwood on Saturday afternoon, and Wetherby won a hard game by three goals to two.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE—LOCAL RESULTS.

On Saturday afternoon Great Preston went down before Methley Perseverance, who scored four goals to one. Allerton Bywater did well to hold a strong team at Rothwell, no goal being scored, and Waterloo Main Colliery (Templetownsam) distinguished themselves by beating Wortley United by a goal to nil. Rothwell F.C. went under to New Worthey Gas Works by four to nil.

Rather desultory play characterised the first half of the match between Waterloo Main and Wortley United at the Waterloo ground, at Thorpes Farm, Leeds. Mason started the game for the visitors, and Wortley were the first to show danger. Play then settled down for a time, but the Waterloo left winger, sent down one or two good shots that came near scoring, and Bowden and Smales also worked hard in the Main ranks, but the efforts of the home forwards lacked sting. In the few attacks on the home goal made by the Wortley men, the visitors showed better combination than their opponents and Mason, Townsend, and Thompson initiated a few movements that seriously endangered the home goal. Kitson, Dodsworth, and Lane showed capital shots, but no goal was resulted. Half-time:—Waterloo Main Colliery, nil; Wortley United, nil. In the second half McNiff dribbled up the field and scored for Waterloo Main.

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Rothwell White Rose were at home to Allerton Bywater, and the game resulted in a goalless draw. There was a fair number of spectators present when Wood commenced for the visitors. Both teams showed a decided keenness, and tend to end play marked the early stages of the game. Some exciting play was witnessed in the Allerton half, but the Rothwell forwards seemed altogether unable to find the net. A succession of corners was forced, but these were badly placed, and the homesters derived little benefit from them. The homesters were similarly unfortunate in the second half. In the many attempts of the home forwards to reach the ball being baffled against the cross-bar. Allerton were ever on the alert, and proved themselves to be slightly the stronger. The side were a bigger set and were very fast. Wood scored, and much to the two backs, Dawson and Ripley, who rendered effective service. The last five minutes proved somewhat an anxious time for the homesters, but Heaton, in goal, kept Allerton at bay.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT CUP.

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RUGBY NOTES

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Small show of grain, and prices inclined to be firm. Wheats 32s. to 33s 6d, oats 19s. to 20s, seed oats 22s. to 24s, beans 29s., barley 27s to 33s., for seed 32s to 34s per qr.; rye 8d. per stone.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11 and 12 for 1s.; butter 1s 2d. to 1s 3d per lb.; chickens 5s. to 6s per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—No change in prices, trade being reported slow. Sand Up-to-Dates 4s. to 5s., and King Edwards 5s 6d to 5s 8, warp King Edwards 6s to 7os per ton. Retail 9d. per stone.

CATTLE.

WHITSIDE AUCTION MART, Monday.—Excellent supplies of cattle, and a large attendance. Dairy cows, except for the best, met a rather dragging trade. Best, £22 to £25; 12s 6d; useful and medium kinds, £18 12s 6d to £21 10s; rougher sorts, to £17 7s. 6d; present calvers, to £25; April calvers, to £17 12s 6d. A good show of fat beasts, and prices ruled in favour of sellers. Choice bullocks and heifers, 8d. with the ruling price 7½d to 7¾d; cows, 6d to 6¾d. per lb. Owing to the short supply sheep were dear; small 4s. sheartling, 10½d; heavier kinds, 9¾d.; ewes, to 8d.; clipped hoggs, to 9d. per lb. Pork pigs made to 8s. 6d. per stone; large fat pigs, to 8s. per stone; eight bacon hogs sold at 27s.; stronger kinds, to £12 10s. each. Breeding calves fetched £1 3s. to £2 18s. each. Numbers sold—82 newly calven and calving cows, 120 fat beasts, 94 sheep, 87 pigs, and 4 calves.

SELBY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 180 beasts, 8 sheep, and 54 pigs. There was a good attendance of butchers and dealers. Best beef sold readily up to 9s. per stone; a good trade for store beasts, and a quiet trade for cows in milk and in calf. Dawson and Ripley, who rendered effective service. The last five minutes proved somewhat an anxious time for the homesters, but Heaton, in goal, kept Allerton at bay.

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Bilton, sold a choice bullock and heifer at £18 17s 6d and £17 15s; Thos. S Barker, of Linton, supplied a heifer that fetched £19 10s; Mr Jno. Robinson, of Bilton, had a good bull, which made £23 12s 6d, and a bullock which brought £21 15s; Mr J. Spencer, of Scarcroft, had two heifers, making £19 and £17 5s.; Mr H. Hardcastle, of Ryton, had a useful heifer, which made £21 5s.; Mr J. Groves, of Deighton, had a good heifer, making £21 5s. 6d.; Mr R. Barrett, of Bilton, had four bullocks, making to £18 17s. 6d.; Mr W. Lister, of Walton, had three good bullocks which made £24, £21 12s. 6d., and £20; Messrs W. Atkinson, of Deighton, had two very pipe bullocks, making £22 2s 6d, and £22; Messrs Douthwaite Bros, of Mossy Carrs, had two pipe bullocks, making £24 10s and £21 5s; Mr R. Feerby, of Stockeld, had two good beasts, making £20 15s. and £19 2s. 6d.; three very choice beasts from Mr S. Swinbank, of Healdby, made £21 15s., £21 and £19 15s.; Mr J. H. Elwidge, of Walton, had three bullocks, making £23, £20 and £19 17s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Hook, Bickerton Grange, had six beasts, made £23 12s 6d., 6d. and £19 17s. 6d., and Mr J. H. Hook, Bickerton Grange, had six beasts, made £23 12s 6d., £22, £22 2s. 6d., £20, £16 17s. 6d., and £16 15s.; three very pipe bullocks from Mr J. W. Watson, Whitehill Manor, made £25 12s. 6d. and £24; two bullocks from Mr A. Kendall, made £23 and £21 5s; Mr F. Holdsworth, of Clifford Moor, had three bullocks, which made £22 17s. 6d., £21 17s. 6d. and £21 5s.; Mr Wm. Freeman had two bullocks, making £23 and £21 2s. 6d.; Mr W. Walker, of Linton had five heifers, making to £19 each; four bullocks fed by the Auctioneers made £27 10s., £26 2s. 6d., £25 15s., and £23 17s. 6d.; Messrs Wilson and Hall-Dawson beggs from Mr R. Machin, Cattal Grange, made to 66s. each; Mr L. Palfreeman, of Goldsborough, had seven pens, making to 65s. 6d.; Messrs Wm. Holdsworth, of Clifford Moor, sent some pitch made to 61s 6d each; Mr J. H Hoole, of Bickerton Grange, sent three pens, making up to 59s. each; Mr T. Walker, of North Deighton, had three eight pens, making to 58s. 6d. each; Mr J. Bielby had some choice Down-hoggs, making to 59s each; Mr S. Elwidge, of Headley, sent some very ripe hoggs, making to 55s. each; from Mr J. Robinson, Bilton, made to 52s each; from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, made to 49s 6d. each; from Mrs Otter, Hunsingore, to 49s each; from Mr J. Thompson, of East Rigton, made to 55s. 6d. each; from Mr R. O. Pick, Bickerton, made to 54s. each; from Mr S. Barker, to 54s 6d each; from Mr E Spink, of Deighton, made to 53s. 6d. each; from Mr B. Hutchinson, to 47s. 6d. each; from Mr Hardcastle, to 53s. 6d. each, etc. Numbers sold—84 beasts and 321 sheep.

Mr Bower Brooke, of Moor Allerton, was, says the Harold Nickol, "quite one of the institutions of the Bramham Moor Hunt, and never missed a day with the hounds when he could possibly go. His death must have been instantaneous. He died in his full prime of very death, I should imagine, he might have wished for."

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THE GOLDEN HOPE.

By J. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "Daniel Quayne," "The Harvest Moon," "When Charles the First was King," &c.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

LAURENCE WORKMAN, the inventor of a new motor for aeroplanes.

SIR JOHN BEDFORD, a partner in the Armadale engineering firm.

L' ABBE BREMOND, a close friend of Sir John's.

LILIAN DELOMOSNE, ward of Sir Herbert Armadale.

CHARITY WRAYE, a typist in Sir John Bedford's office.

CHAPTER XXIX.

"Inspector Skarratt had been present at too many tragedies and catastrophies in his time to lose his head, and his strong will and vigorous personality asserted themselves at once.

"Out of the room, everyone!" he commanded, at the same time motioning to the landlord and Miss Delomosne to stay. "You, waiter, downstairs quickly, for doctors and the nearest police—quick, now, outside!" He hurtled servants, guests, and waiters before him like a flock of sheep, and turned the key on them. "He's quite dead," he went on, indicating Sir John Bedford's body with a nod of his head as he turned to the landlord and Miss Delomosne, "but the other man isn't. Here, help me to lift him on to the sofa, landlord—Miss Delomosne, give me a spoonful of that spirit."

Penrose was breathing heavily; under the inspector's ministrations he revived, and presently his eyes opened. "He'll not be long," murmured Skarratt, as he saw the glaze in them. "A few minutes more."

The dying man moaned and turned his head—his eyes twisted round to the light and fell on the faces bending over him. They glanced, with returning intelligence, from the landlord to Skarratt, from Skarratt to Miss Delomosne. And at sight of her a strange expression came over them and the whitening face in which they were set. He made an effort to rise—to speak.

"Lilian!" he whispered. "Lilian!"

Inspector Skarratt was too well trained to betray surprise. He drew the landlord aside, and motioned Miss Delomosne to bend closer to the pallid face. She dropped on her knees at the side of the couch and laid her hands on Penrose's arms. His eyes thanked her.

"Lilian—listen!" he panted out in whispers. "Dying now—forgive—but listen. Lilian—run, run! Three Travellers—listen. Lilian—explosive—steel globe—in hedge bottom—right-hand side of barn—twenty yards from road—will go off in twenty minutes—less —run—save their lives—no more sin on my soul—run, run, Lilian—find—throw it away in field—ah!'"

"He's gone!" said Inspector Skarratt, striding forward. "What's that he was saying, Miss Delomosne?"

But Miss Delomosne made no answer. She was in a dream, a frenzy. She made one leap at the door, sought, found the key—and was rushing down the stairs and across the hall like a mad thing that must fly and fly. She was out of the house, across the lighted street, at a street corner, staring around her before she realised anything. She seized upon the nearest passer-by with a grip that made him wince.

"The Three Travellers—the way—quick—quick!" she hissed in his ear.

The man pointed along the street, edging away from her the while. "Straight down—straight down—right at the end!" he said, and stood staring at her as she darted away from him. "Mad as a hatter!" he said. "Well, of all the—" And he moved off, rubbing his arm.

But she ran on, her heart beating to suffocation, the blood throbbing in her temples, her whole being surging and pulsating in agonised fear. Their lives—her life—Laurence's life! O Heaven—for more time—more time!

It was dark now, and the lights grew less in number, and the road less smooth to her feet, and overhead the trees assumed threatening and awful shapes against the cavernous sky. Supposing this was not the right way! Twenty minutes, he said, twenty minutes! Oh—for more time!

Suddenly, at a turn in the road, the quaintly-shaped, dimly-lighted windows of the old inn gleamed before her. And there, at her left hand, was the barn, and there, at the open paddock gate, stood a policeman who had just lighted a lantern. Through the crevices of the barn walls came shafts and flecks of light; within the barn a hammer was ringing on metal.

She was on the policeman, and had torn the lantern out of his hand and had dashed into the paddock before the astonished man could realise what had happened. She was yards away up the hedgerow side, searching, searching, ere he had sufficiently recovered his presence of mind to follow her.

"Come back there!" he shouted, starting in pursuit. "Come back!"

But she had found the steel globe, and snatched it out of the weeds and grass in the ditch. She threw the lantern aside and, clasping the deadly thing to her bosom, ran towards the further darkness. The policeman on guard at the end of the barn, startled by the shouts of his fellow-officer, flashed his light on her, made for her—she dodged round him like a hare, and ran on. Her breath was coming in short, sharp sobs—her heart seemed to be held in a vice—she was quivering, shaking from head to foot. She ran on—staggering, but running

Something black, huge, shapeless, rose up against the dim sky and its tiny sprinkling of stars. A wood! She paused in her headlong flight, summoned all her remaining strength, and dashed the steel globe as far as she could against the black mass in front. Then she turned, tried to run back, tottered a few yards, and fell headlong as the second policeman flashed his lamp upon her.

A blinding flash—a sickening, thunderous roar—a tearing and rending of timber—a lifting of the ground—and all was swept away as she went down into a seething maelstrom of black waters.

They were all round her now—so many people—so much light—so much hurried talking. She opened her eyes, and found herself in Laurence's arms, his face, anxious and drawn, close to hers. And instinctively she put out a hand and laid it on his.

"You are safe!" she whispered.

She felt his arm tighten round her; and as her eyes closed again she felt that, in the presence of all those wondering folk, he bent closer and pressed his lips to her in a kiss that spoke to both of them.

Two yards away Charity saw that kiss, and caught crippled Dickie up in her arms. "Oh, Dickie," she said, "if I'd lost you—if I'd lost you! Thank Heaven, I've got you yet!"

And then everybody was full of excitement, all wanting to know what it was that had really happened. Passers-by came crowding in from the roadside, and Mr. Waple, and such customers as had been in the Three Travellers at the time of the explosion, hurried across full of fear for the airship; and the constables suddenly remembered that when Laurence and Dickie sprave had rushed out of the barn the doors had been left open, and remedied him of it. But Laurence, who had contrived to get a few words of explanation from Lilian Delomosne, turned a stern face on them and the excited crowd which made a ring around him and her.

"There is no danger now, my friends," he said. "Thanks to this lady, who has literally saved our lives and my invention, the latter is safe. You will all see in the newspapers what a dastardly conspiracy there has been against me. Let me tell you that two men are dead in Canterbury hospital, that two others were killed in France this afternoon—killed, I am assured in my own mind, because they learned that I had discovered the new motive power which I have discovered, and had not. A few days more, and I and the world shall see my machine—and see and hear of wonders such as you have never known. And now let me take this lady home, where she can recover from this trying experience."

Therewith he led her across the road to Mr. Waple's hospitable doors and into the private parlour, and what he said to her there may be gathered from the fact that the day which witnessed the triumph of the aeroplane also chronicled the news of the engagement of its inventor to Sir Herbert Armadale's ward.

For the airship, which Laurence got his prospective bride to christen, and to which she gave the name of the Golden Hope, achieved an astounding success, making its first voyage from Canterbury to London and thence to Edinburgh in the fastest time on record, and without a stop.

Laurence Workman is already a rich man. He and his wife are figures in society, and they have already forgotten and forgiven the enemies who might have ruined him. But they have not forgotten old friends, and Charity Wraye is head of the clerical department of Workman's, Limited, and Dickie is Laurence's right-hand man.

[THE END.]

CONSERVATISM AT GARFORTH.

ADDRESS BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

On Saturday night at the Conservative Club, Garforth, a smoking concert was held, and Mr. Jos. Dobson presided (in the absence, owing to ill-health, of Mr. Robert Routledge). Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., and Mr H. S. Childe, of Potterton Hall, had been invited to attend, but they sent apologies for absence.

Mr Lane Fox, M.P., was present, and, in the course of the evening, he made a speech on the political situation. Dealing with the Irish question, he said that the difficulties the Government had got themselves into were largely their own creation. The Government were told from the start that if they tried to force through the Home Rule Bill against the will of a large portion of the Irish people they would not succeed, but, instead of conciliating those people, they pursued the stupid path Mr Redmond had prescribed for them, and had run up against a blank wall. On Monday they were to have a statement on the subject from Mr Asquith, but he (Mr Lane Fox) thought it extremely unlikely that any proposition he made would settle the difficulty, because, if the proposals he made seemed to be too favourable to Ulster and those who were opposed to Home Rule, it was extremely improbable that the Nationalist leaders would be allowed to accept them, while on the other hand, if they did not go far to meet the opposition of Ulster, it was perfectly obvious the Ulster men would not accept them, and it was surely beyond the power of the Government to coerce Ulster by sending an armed force. This could not be done; no Government was strong enough to do it. If no settlement was arrived at, he did not see how the Government could get over their difficulties without having, as they ought to have had before, a general election. And if such an event did occur he hoped that in Barkston Ash, at any rate, they would win the same old victory. (Applause).

Radicals, he said, would talk about the federal system as represented in our Colonies, and pretend that Ireland was merely going to be put into the position of a subordinate Government in the new organisation; but that was not a fair statement. If Ireland were going to be put into the position of some subordinate Governments, like, say, Natal, under the South African Constitution, things would be different, but here we had an unmitigated attempt at separation, the result of a miserable and ineffective compromise. The Bill could not be a final or a satisfactory solution of the Irish difficulty.

When they spoke of Federalism, they meant the case of a Parliament at one centre and a number of subordinate Parliaments in others. But that could not be the case with the proposed Irish Parliament, because there were many things in the Bill which were absolutely inconsistent with it. Ireland was to have a separate Post Office, and the power to raise Customs duties against goods coming in from this country—a power which had never been given to any subordinate Parliament. Ireland was to have power to appoint, and to turn off, her Judges. These were some of the things which could not possibly work.

In addition to driving such a very hard bargain, the Irish had forced Mr Asquith to concede them a position under which they would not have to pay a single penny towards the great national services of the Army, the Navy, or the Foreign Office, while they would at the same time have power to send 42 representatives to our own Parliament to interfere with our affairs. If an election did occur, the Government knew it must be prepared to have it on the Home Rule issue only. They knew the electors would have in mind their threat against the Welsh Church, Mr Lloyd George's pernicious finances, and the same gentleman's land taxes.

OUT OF HIS RECKONING.

SHORT STORY.

The man put a heavy travelling bag on the rack of the first-class carriage, dropped himself into the opposite corner with a sigh, and looked out, in complete disregard of the only other occupant of the compartment, and sat down with the solid satisfaction of one who could not only set apart from the vulgar crowd in a first-class carriage, but could very well afford it into the bargain.

"When I was nineteen," he would tell anyone willing to listen, "I made up my mind what I would do, how I would do it, what I was to gain by doing it. I made out my rule of life, you understand—and stuck to it. I've done it—done it well—and I've won. I've made myself what I meant to make myself—what I am." He would pass this thin lips together and nod, and the onlooker would see him as he had made himself—a small, plumpish, square-jawed, eminently prosperous, youngish man who looked a little like Napoleon, and possibly the onlooker was impressed.

In any case James Oesterley was impressed. The magnificent and unswerving course of his career filled him with an immense contentment.

Especially at this hour did he feel this rich emotion. This hour, or one of those several hours to which this particular one was due in point of time, was the climax and the pinnacle of his plans and his career. He had built his life up to this, and it was to be the crowning of his unswerving determination. He looked at his watch as he reflected this point.

"Yes," he said, speaking half to himself, "yes, in five hours—say five and a half—I shall have done it. I shall be engaged to marry the woman I have always meant to marry." He snapped his watch back to his pocket, and beamed on the hurtling landscape.

It was at that moment the other occupant of the carriage (it was, of course, a "smoker") took a short, veteran briarwood pipe from his mouth, leant sideways and across the length of the compartment, and said—

"Hullo, Jimmy Oesterley!"

"Hey, Jack Faulder!" and he stood up to meet the handclasp of the tall, rather loosely-strung man who came across the carriage Faulder wrulig his hand with a free warmth.

"Hadn't forgotten me, then?" he said. "I wouldn't forget you myself, anywhere." He nodded brightly and happily, and Oesterley could well believe it.

Faulder was, he considered, the sort of man who would remember anyone, even on the most inconvenient occasions. Faulder thought a good heart and a breezy manner were worth a couple of bucks of baggy trousers and seedy coats. Oesterley congratulated himself upon the comparative isolation of their present circumstance. He pictured the appearance of Faulder in the proximity of the Stock Exchange in that dilapidated tweed costume—and shuddered at his escape.

It was rather stunning to meet Faulder like this, and at this time, because Faulder had been, in the old days—seven years back—something of a bugbear. He had annoyed him a great deal. His mode of life had been so irrational when compared with the reasoned sanity of his own. Faulder had been the idle where he had been the industrious apprentice—a fellow hugely content to loaf about scribbling things for papers, going to plays and picture galleries, and muzzling himself over books. Generally, that is, looking for enjoyment rather than for the hard solid scheme of work that he, James Oesterley, considered to be the necessary groundwork of success. He had always decided that by steady and cerebral industry, always giving your thoughts to pleasures or desires apart, he would achieve the pinnacle of affluence and success, while Jack Faulder remained pottering along in his dilatory groove, with never a surplus fiver to blow himself.

Faulder noted the glance that took in the dilapidation of his clothes.

"It's all right," he laughed—he was always a laugher—"I'm not here under false pretences—travelling first with a third-class ticket. I've a free pass for this journey. I've been doing an interview for a local paper, and the pass was thrown in."

"Ah! still scribbling?" said Oesterley, sitting back and regarding the other with the complaisance of his seven thousand a year.

"Certainly," answered Faulder, "still scribbling."

"Not a very paying game," suggested Oesterley, with his eyes on Faulder's old tweed.

"Not in coin, perhaps," Faulder's clear grey eyes twinkled; "but it satisfies. It is also very jolly."

"Jolly," grunted Oesterley, "of course, jolly. That's your main idea in life."

"He's not at all a bad one," laughed the journalist.

"It's a short-sighted one," snapped Oesterley. "I suppose you're not very well off?"

"Not hugely well off, I'll admit. But I've enough—and I'm very happy, and that, surely, suffices?"

"Quite enough for the day, oh yes. But one has to consider more than the day," said Oesterley, a little pompously. "I've always done that—and here I am."

"Yes," said Faulder, not hugely enlightened, "there you are."

"There I am," continued Oesterley, ignoring the interruption, "and it's rather curious that we should meet on this particular day. Here I am, not only at the top of a very solid success, but also with my withering fears of failure in it, but on my way to consummate my success. I've worked hard, seven solid years in fact, with a definite aim in view, and now I have attained that aim. I am on my way to receive the crown that my forethought, my unswerving determination has earned. I am on my way to obtain, not a casual "snoogle-to-theday" happiness, but an abiding and life-long happiness."

Faulder chuckled. He may have been dilatory, but he was certainly no fool, and saw at once what part Oesterley had cast for him in his scheme of life. The idea of his being the idle apprentice rather tickled him, but being a kind, as well as a big-hearted man, he shoved no resentment, and answered good-humouredly—

"This is very good news, Oesterley. I'm sure you deserve it all. And I must congratulate you, too, for surely it is a woman—"

"Yes, it is a woman, of course," answered Oesterley, a little heavily. Faulder's intuition had startled him. "The pinnacle point of one's life is always a woman, is it not?"

"Yes, it is," said Faulder, and his voice was soft and very tender; his eyes were dreamy and he was possibly thinking of the woman in his life. Oesterley looked at him, and rather winced at the light in his face. It was rather obviously sentimental, he considered, and the one thing he knew of Faulder was that he was not sentimental. He had no room for it in his composition. He broke in harshly because there was something in the tall man's face that at once disturbed him and annoyed him.

"Yes, that is so. That's the rounding off, as it were, of one's career. The calm nation—the finishing touch. She crowns one's efforts, so to speak. That's my idea of it. One works hards, follows out one's plans, arrives at success, and cuts a decent figure in the world, and then one marries. That gives the final dignity to one's work. Gives it distinction and relief. That's how I have felt during all the years of work, that when I had done what I had done, what I had meant to do, when I had made all the hard cash I had meant to make, I would come back and marry the woman of my choice. I have always meant to marry . . . and that's what I am about to do." His air was very superior and very final. Faulder gasped at its cold-blooded atmosphere.

"And the girl!" he cried, "Seven years is a long time."

Oesterley waved his hards.

"Oh, that's all right. She's all right." He looked a little nettled at the other's suggestion. "Girls understand these things, and they know a man's career must come first. They're sensible. They see it's much better to wait and marry a man who can afford to give them all the luxury and comfort that I can give, than marry a man who can only give them just a bare competence, and a bare living, like——"

"Like myself," said Faulder, who, as has been said, was no fool. "Well, anyhow, you are supremely lucky to get this girl to agree to wait for you. Not many girls would have——"

"Agree—agree!" snapped Oesterley. "She's not agreed. What d'ye mean?"

Faulder opened his eyes in astonishment.

"Do you mean to say that she did not promise——"

"Promise, no, of course not, why should she? Why, man, I haven't spoken to her yet. Why should I? I'd have only been hampering myself. Why, man, I've not seen her beyond from her for the whole of the seven years?"

"Good Lord—and you expect she's still waiting?"

"Of course," said Oesterley pompously. "Of course, why not? One doesn't have to be ridiculous and spoon to learn these things. Of course, she's waiting. I know. I understand women."

"But seven years?"

"Seventy years if you like. I know 'em, women. I'm as sure of Enid Rathie as I am of myself."

"Who?" burst out Faulder, with an amazed face.

"Enid Rathie, of course, it's Enid. You know Enid Rathie, there's only one in the town. What have you got against her, anyhow?"

"Only this," said Jack Faulder, looking steadily into the industrious apprentice's eyes, "Enid Rathie has loved me for eight years—and for the last three of them, she's loved me—as my wife!"

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER

Gingerbread made with oatmeal instead of flour is a very good and useful aperient for children, and not objectionable.

If people had any idea how much infection they can carry about in their hair, they would wash it more often and would take care to keep it free from dust.

Keep sprained joint absolutely at rest, and if very swollen, let it be raised. Never allow a sprained leg to hang down. Apply cold compresses, and if the swelling does not quickly abate, send for the doctor.

When soot falls upon the carpet or rug, never attempt to sweep it up at once, for the result is sure to be a disfiguring mark. Cover it thickly with well-dried salt, which will enable you to sweep it up cleanly, so that not the slightest smear will be left.

Children who suffer from headaches should have their eyes tested by an oculist, for a common cause of headache in children is eye strain, brought on by shortness of vision, which can easily be rectified by the use of properly prescribed spectacles.

To fill cracks in a floor that is to be painted, cover flour and water, and stir into this while hot, newspapers that have been torn in strips and moistened; add paper until a thick pulp is formed, stirring thoroughly, and put in the cracks like putty.

A common and dangerous accident is brought about by unintentionally swallowing some boiling liquid. Send for doctor at once; in the meantime, keep patient very warm and apply sponges, wrung out of hot water, to the outside of the throat, and if possible, give patient small pieces of ice to suck pending the doctor's arrival.

"What is woman?" asked the speaker at a public meeting. "Woman," replied a man in the audience—a married man—"is an animated being, with the power of speech abnormally developed, and entirely surrounded by a dress that buttons up the back."

A clerk showed forty patterns of ginghams to a man whose wife had sent him to buy some for a dress, and asked him which he liked best. "My wife said she didn't want anything like that," The clerk put the last piece back on the shelf. "Sir," he said, "you don't want gingham. What you want is a divorce."

To Preserve Rugs and Mats.

Hand-made rugs and mats are apt to break out at the ends, it seems to me a defect in those foreign articles, and one which might easily be remedied in the making, but we can prevent it ourselves by lining them when new, with Hessian or other strong material, or even by lacing the ends underneath with carpet binding, and overcasting them neatly with thread between the fringe. When purchasing stair-carpet, an extra length should always be allowed at the bottom, so that when they begin to wear on the edges, they could be moved upwards a little. This precaution will enable them to wear much longer.

Economy in Candles.

"I heard of an economical hint about candles the other day, and it struck me that many of us would be glad to know of it," says Vera. "One generally has to use candles in country bedrooms. You simply give your candles a coat of white varnish and let them harden for a few weeks before using. You see, the varnish makes a hard coat which holds in the grease as it melts and every atom is used instead of running down and spluttering about. It also tends towards giving a better light."

Fire in Bedroom.

It is said that half the terrible colds, influenza, and touches of rheumatism are brought on by the common practice of going out of a warm room, leaving a nice fire, having a "good warm," the last thing, and then deliberately walking up to a cold-sheeted bedchamber. No wonder we lie doubled-up. It is enough to make one's teeth chatter only to think of it. Take advice and have a fire lighted in your bedroom an hour before going into it. This will not only prevent colds, etc., but will ventilate the room, and enable you to breathe fresh air all night. You will get up as light as a lark, instead of waking with a wish for another snooze.

How to Do It.

White feather boas are often looked upon as an expensive luxury because of the cost of constant cleaning, but it is the simplest matter to wash these at home! Make a nice lather, either with any good soap power, place the boa in this, and pull and squeeze through the hands until all the dirt is extracted. Rinse in other water, place in a towel and squeeze as dry as possible, hang near a fire, shake constantly, and it will be beautifully white and fluffy. It is not advisable to try home cleaning of a boa which requires curling, as this really needs a skilled hand, though it is possible to do it with a paper knife.

Nervous Children.

A word about nervous children. Never scold them nor "make fun" of them. They suffer enough without your threats or sarcasm. Pretend not to see their awkwardness when in company nor their grimaces when alone. There are thousands of children who give way to their nerves. Talk to them about these cases little fellows, that should be their servants, not their masters. Never whip them. The man or woman who whips a nervous child is on a level with brutes that have no reason. Encourage them. Help them. Be patient with them. They are the making of our future successful men and women, for they will work hard at what they like. Study up your nervous little boy and then be indulgent towards the expense of your nervous children.

COPMANTHORPE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of the Copmanthorpe Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Copmanthorpe, on Monday evening. Amongst those present were Mr W. Leng (chairman), Mr Arthur Hall (vice-chairman), and Messrs Kendall, Forth, Wright, Interest in agriculture and horticulture and the district in general.

Mr Leng, in responding on behalf of himself and the vice-chairman, said he considered it behoved them always to do their very best for the good of the society, but he wished to point out that without the assistance of such a good humoured and hard-working committee, they would not have been able to have had such a successful show as they had last year, and in previous years, and the good name of the society during Show would continue to prosper as in the past. He was sure that he and Mr Hall would always do everything in their power to forward the interests and welfare of the society. In closing his remarks, the Chairman said how pleased he was to see representatives of the York and Ainsty Hunt present at the dinner, and also Mr Barkwith, as representing their esteemed president, Mr Lycett Green.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Mr Herbert Kendall—Mr Cumpston, in replying, said it was a pleasure for him and his friends to do all they could for the good of the society, and he could assure them that they had now got a master who would always be pleased to see his best for the Copmanthorpe Show.

Mr Leng proposed the health of Mr Dykes, the hon. secretary.—Mr Dykes gave an interesting review of the past work of the society during the past year, and said he had much pleasure in referring to the fact that Mr Lycett Green had very kindly promised to see that the show got another cup for the hunter class. Mr Green having won the cup previously presented for competition.

During the evening a musical programme was gone through. The songs rendered by Mr Francis were much appreciated. Mr Walter Rockliffe was in fine voice, and greatly amused the audience with his quaint songs. Mr Rockliffe contributed humorous pieces, and Mr G. P. Ayson played the accompaniments. The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

TRAMS TO HALTON—TREE PLANTING.

SUGGESTED CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUND AT WHITKIRK.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Halton, on Friday evening—Mr J. M. Armistead (President) in the chair.

Mr Atkinson reported that there had been no meeting of the new trustees for the Noncon-formist portion of the Whitkirk cemetery, as the deeds, etc., had not yet been completed, but as soon as that was done he would see the question of the laying on of water to the cemetery was brought forward.

Mr Young referred to the question of the extension of the Leeds city tramway as far as the Halton Institute, and said he was pleased to see that the Hunslet District Council had been able to insist upon their terms that the extension should be completed within two years of the powers being obtained. That, he thought, was a great thing in their favour.

Mr Martin referred to the question of the planting of trees on the roads in the district, and said he thought it would be a good thing if something in this way could be done.

Mr Atkinson replied that the Parish Council could not collect, the Parish Council had no power to expend any money in this manner.

Mr Kelly, who presided at the meeting, moved five Acts which the Parish Council had not adopted, and it would be necessary for them to adopt some of these before any money could be spent in the district. In one case, he thought nothing would be done until the District Council's town planning scheme was completed.

Mr Atkinson asked if the scheme as suggested was to be adhered to, and said, if so, any houses built below the sewage beds would have to have the sewage pumped up.

Mr Young said that when a Local Authority got power they could say when and where the building should be done, and how the land should be drained to it. It was a very bad state of affairs into a discussion on the plans, and thought the Local Authority's engineer would have made all the necessary provision for this in his plans.

Mr Gill referred to the question of the state of the footpath in Green Lane between the houses in Whitkirk and the houses in Halton, and said the attention of the Local Authority should be directed to it. He was in favour of a path and in some places the hedge overhung the footpath to such an extent that it was impossible to walk on it. He proposed that the District Council's attention be drawn to the condition of the footpath in Green Lane between Halton and Whitkirk.

Mr Rippon seconded, and this was carried.

Mr Cousins spoke of the need for some backed seats for the recreation ground at Halton.

Mr Young said the Parish Council had this matter in hand.

Mr White referred to the question of a field for the children of Whitkirk to play in, and said he thought something should be done. At present the children had no place to play in, and he thought this should not be so when they lived in the country.

Mr Young said he had a lot of sympathy with Mr White on the question.

Mr MacLeod said he thought it was a question the Association might take up, and he was in favour of something should be done regarding it.

Mr Young said he thought it would be better before going any further if they saw Mr Marsden on the question, as he was a member who had thought about it, and if there was any land available which could be got for the purpose. He proposed that a deputation, composed of Mr Armistead, Mr Young, Mr Martin, Mr MacLeod, and Mr Whitkirson, should wait on Mr Marsden on the question.

Mr Booth seconded, and this was carried.

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Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit was held on Wednesday night in the Carlton Wesleyan Sunday School. The meeting was preceded by an excellent tea, provided by the Carlton ladies, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson presided over the meeting, and among those present were the Rev. M. Phillipson, A. Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C., and Mr M. Bibby (circuit stewards).

The numerical returns showed on the roll 481 members—an increase of eight on the year. The junior membership was 134—an increase of ten.

Mr Hargreaves gave the financial report, which showed that the ordinary income was £1097 3s. 0d., while the special gifts towards the circuit deficiency amount to £30 12s., making a total of £143 15s. 0d. The balance due to the stewards was £117 18s. 8d. It was expected that there are still a few special gifts to come in, so that at the next quarterly meeting the balance sheet will probably show a balance on the right side.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson was passed for his services during the past year, and appreciative speeches were made by Messrs Hargreaves, Bibby, Garrett, Batterick, Stevenson, and Marland. Mr Thomlinson suitably responded, and accepted the invitation to remain another year.

The Rev. J. Jin Wilson, of Bishop Auckland, was officially invited to serve the circuit at the conference in succession to the Rev. M. Phillipson.

The stewards expressed their intention of attending the synod to be held at Otley, and Mr W. H. Sutton was unanimously elected as delegate. It was decided, in the event of any of the above gentlemen being unable to attend, that Messrs A. Marshall, G. W. Dennis, and T. A. Young act as substitutes.

The arrangements for the visit of the Cookers one to Leeds were considered, and homes were arranged for the twelve minkers who will be allocated to this circuit.

The Rev. M. Phillipson presented a favourable report regarding the foreign missionary accounts.

On the invitation of Mr and Mrs Walter Hargreaves, the quarterly meeting will be entertained at Carlton House on June 17th.

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Summing up all the foregoing facts, we see that the Prudential is stronger than ever and in a better position than ever as regards the future. The past bonuses are easily maintained this year and in view of the increased interest yield nothing is more likely than bigger bonuses and more profitable policies to the public in years to come. It is very gratifying to note these results, and to be able to assure the public that its confidence in the Company was never more (says the "Insurance Mail") completely justified. We know of no office where the future bonus prospects are brighter and certainly there is no office more worthy of the patronage of the public both on the grounds of fair dealing and generosity.

Local Representative—Mr E. Tedesalle, Red Hill, Castleford (superintendent); Mr G. W. Gale, Quarry Hill, Oulton (assistant superintendent); Mr H. Moeland, High Street, Rippax (assistant superintendent); Mr D. A. Bowling, 17, Manby Street, Castleford (assistant superintendent); Mr H. Kaye, 20, Medley Street, Castleford (assistant superintendent); and Mr T. Bellwood, 32, Church Lane, Normanton (assistant superintendent). Local agents—Messrs J. Barker, 1, Springfield Terrace, Rothwell; H. Brown, 4, Granville Terrace, Rothwell Haigh; J. W. Craine, Elmwood Terrace, Oulton; Mrs L. Feldbrooke, 28, Quarry Hill, Oulton; S. Morton, Armitage Terrace, Rothwell; J. Gibson, Cross Street, Rothwell; J. Newton, Marsh Street, Rothwell; and H. R. Stringer, 3, Wright's Buildings, Commercial Street, Rothwell.

On Saturday afternoon Wetherby had a football match with Stockold Park, and the latter were defeated by four goals to one.

On Wednesday at a dog show at Wakefield Miss Gunter, of Wetherby, secured two third prizes with her fox terrier. She also secured a third prize in the Scotch terrier class.

Waggon Demolished.—While the storm was at its height on Friday at Gascoigne Wood Junction the wind blew away an empty coal waggon, which was braked, from its position, and travelled for a fair speed it crashed into six other waggons, some of which were laden with coal. The waggons were derailed, two being thrown bodily over on to the road with their contents.

Motor Mishap at Wetherby.—Mr Joseph William Hall, photographer, Gathorne Avenue, Roundhay Road, Leeds, sustained injury to the head and a fracture of the left forearm in a collision with a motor-car near the Workhouse, Wetherby, on Monday afternoon. Mr Hall was driving a motor-cycle, which was damaged, and Sydney Scofield, Hill, Otley, driver of the motor-car, has been charged with having driven recklessly and not stopping. Mr Hall said he was proceeding in the direction of Leeds when he observed the car coming towards him. He could not identify the driver. Two lady occupants of the car as well as the chauffeur, escaped injury. After being attended to by Dr Hargreaves, Mr Hall was removed to the Leeds Infirmary.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE TRAM TO OULTON

A FIRE BRIGADE FOR OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leeds Street, Hunslet, on Thursday afternoon. Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs D. Hargreaves, G. Armitage, P. S. Measham, and W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer (Dr J. Buckl), the sanitary inspectors (Messrs W. Whitehead and F. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

The Clerk read a letter from the Board of Trade stating that they had refused the application of the Wakefield and District Light Railway Company to discontinue the proposed tramway to Oulton, and that they had extend the time for completion until March 19th, 1916.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Leeds City Council renewing the objection already made by the Council as to the inclusion of the Templenewsam's wages worker in the Roundhay, Harehills, and Crossgates town-planning scheme.

A letter was read from Mr H. Sheldon, licensee of the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford, complaining that according to the report in the "Courier" of the last meeting of the Council, it appeared in regard to the fire at Mr Moss's shop that Mr Moss wanted to get into communication with the Leeds Fire Brigade, and went to the Midland Hotel, which is a public call office, but owing to its being past ten o'clock the licensee does not open the door. This he wished to contradict. The facts of the case were, he wrote, as follows:—"I was in bed and was aroused by a knocking at the door, and I had to get up and open the door to have a conversation with the police and others, but no request was made from Mr Moss for me to telephone for the fire brigade."

The question of a proposed fire brigade for Oulton-with-Woodlesford was again discussed.

The Clerk described the appliances which belong to Templenewsam, and said the affair cost about £86. It consisted of a cart containing 3 lengths of hose, standpipe, nozzles, and ladders, and whenever an outbreak of fire was reported till the brigade had to do was to run off with the cart, and so have all the necessary tackle with them. At Woodlesford they might, however, do with less hose, say about 300 yards. The upkeep would mean about £8 or £9 each year. If they depend upon the Leeds Brigade they would have to pay at least £15 for a turnout.

Questioned as to the water pressure, the Clerk said that as Templenewsam they could send a strong jet over any house in the district.

Mr Hargreaves said he did not think that at Oulton and Woodlesford they could get great pressure, especially on the outskirts of the district.

Mr Armitage said such might be the case during the day time but at night time the pressure would be satisfactory. He suggested the lengths of hose be obtained.

The Clerk said hose p.p. would be practically no good unless they had trained men to deal with it, and run it out.

The Chairman asked how it would be for Oulton and Woodlesford to borrow the appliances from Templenewsam, so that the water pressure could be tested.

Mr Armitage contended that if they were to have trained men they would have to make it worth their while, or when they were wanted they would either be at Leeds or elsewhere.

Mr Verity remarked that at Templenewsam the men who formed the brigade were free agents.

It was finally decided to obtain lengths of hose, stand pipes, nozzles, ladders, and life lines, and the Clerk is to get quotations.

Dr Buck presented his report for the past four weeks, and it showed that there had been thirteen births in the district and ten deaths, while four cases of scarlet fever had been notified. The doctor stated that with the exception of one case they were practically free from scarlet fever.

Mr Hargreaves asked if Swillington was in the Hunslet district, as he had heard of an outbreak of scarlet fever there.

Dr Buck replied that Swillington was not in their area but in Tadcaster rural area.

Inspector Costham, of Dewsbury, has been transferred to the Selby Police Division, where he will have charge of the Upper Division of Lower Barkston Ash area at Sherburn.

Sold the Magistrate's Ferrets.—On Saturday at Selby George Penistone, Albert Penistone, and William Addy, all of Knottingley, were charged with stealing three ferrets, the property of Mr Charles Weddall, the well-known West Riding magistrate, of Carlton, near Selby, on February 26th. Prisoners, who admitted their guilt, had been engaged rabbit catching by prosecutor, and were given ferrets which they sold at Doncaster. The Penistones were fined 20s. and Addy 10s. and costs.

A Tadcaster Farmer's Purchase.—Messrs R. M. English and Sons, auctioneers, Pocklington, offered for sale at the Royal Station Hotel, York, on Friday afternoon, the Grimthorpe estate, which is situated about three miles from Pocklington station and sixteen from York. The estate comprises the residence known as Grimthorpe Manor House, together with three good cottages, and an excellent modern farmstead and about 548 acres 2 roods 4 perches of land, which include high-class pasture and arable wold land and sporting plantation. The house is surrounded by gardens and lawns, and stands on an eminence commanding an unbroken view of exquisite country and woodland scenery. The sale was very largely attended and some keen bidding was the outcome. The property was eventually sold to Mr George Edward Tetley, farmer, Cliffe Moor Grange, Tadcaster, who made the highest bid, namely, £10,450.

Rural Remark by a Drunken Driver.—"Where does the Selby Gaol for cells are too many hairys by half as the country," was the remark attributed to Edwin Easterby, farm servant, Spofforth, who at the Wetherby police court yesterday was charged with having been drunk in charge of a horse and cart and with driving furiously. Evidence was given by four witnesses to the effect that defendant was driving both cart and horse furiously in the lane just outside Spofforth while drunk. In Spofforth village the cart ran over a child, happily with not very serious results, and a second child was only pulled out of the way in time to avoid a similar fate. It was after the defendant had run over the child, aged four years, that he was alleged to have made use of the remark mentioned above. Defendant stated that he had never been drunk in his life, and that all the intoxicants he had had on the day of the accident were two glasses of beer and two whiskies. For the two offences he was fined £3 and £1 12s. 6d. costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you please allow me a little of your space to call the attention of the ratepayers who elect the Hunslet Rural District Council to the work of that body. I think it is very unfair of the Council to increase the salary of the Clerk £30 a year, and refuse to increase the wages of £30 a year, and refuse to increase the wages of the lamplighters from 17s. to 21s. respectively. I have discussed the question of the Clerk's salary with scores of ratepayers in this district, and they all, both large and small, agree with me that £230 is far too large a salary for the position of Clerk to the District Council, which is only a part time occupation.

It is my intention to move a vote of censure upon the Hunslet Rural District Council at the annual parish meeting to be held at Woodlesford on Tuesday next, and I hope we shall have a crowded attendance. The Council must have been afraid of the public knowing the facts of the case, or else they would not have gone into committee, and so have kept the matter out of the "Courier." In my opinion the Council is too small in numbers.—Yours, etc.,

Thomas H. Killshaw.

32, Church Street, Woodlesford.

WHITKIRK RURIDECANAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Whitkirk Ruri-Decanal Council was held in the Church Institute, Leeds, on Tuesday night, when a paper on "Church Reform—the Church's attitude towards Parliament" was read by Mr E. Dalton, the Church defence lecturer for the Northern Province.

The Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, Rural Dean (Vicar of Woodlesford, presided, and the representatives present were Messrs J. A. Owbridge (Great Preston), F. W. Shaw (Methley), G. Wragby (Scarcroft), W. Hartnell (Roundhay), J. Watson (Whitkirk), J. Roberts (Scarcroft), J. L. Howe (Lofthouse), J. Watson (Swillington), and J. J. Pringle (Oulton), with the hon. secretary A. B. Jessop (Barwick).

In introducing Mr Dalton, the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, said the Church and Parliament had been always united very closely together. He supposed Parliament had had the greatest possible help from the Church in numberless ways. The lowest object of the Church was to turn out good citizens, and every good citizen turned out was a gain for Parliament. The present attitude towards the Church had not changed during the last few centuries. Whether the union would be altered or broken it remained to be seen. At the present time he thought it would be a great mistake if the Church was severed from the State.

Mr Dalton, in the course of his paper, pointed out that as Church defenders the political parties in the Commons had been unsatisfactory. There, four, Churchmen must seek to be free from as much Parliamentary influence as possible. The first question then they had to tackle—was whether the Church of England was to speak with an ecclesiastical voice. If so, who was to be made the organ of speech? Was there no governing body who possessed power and to whom they could look with confidence for the voice of the Church. The voice must be one of reality. The Convocation was defective in many points. He had nothing, he said, against Convocation, as he could give many instances of the useful work it had done and was doing, but they must admit that it was not fully representative. Church people could not address Parliament, and it was for them to wait until they could present a body of their representatives, and take more united action and make more definite demands.

Following the paper a few brief remarks were addressed by Messrs Hartnell, Owbridge, Watson and Jessop.

Mr Watson, taking up a point referring to the work of Church Councils, asked if the Councils were obligatory.

The Chairman remarked that the forming of such Councils was quite optional.

Mr Dalton was thanked for his paper by the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin.

At the Quarter Sessions at Wakefield on Tuesday Charles Bateson (32), labourer, charged with embezzlement of £3 8s., the money of his employer, John William Southern, Tadcaster, was acquitted, being found not guilty.

The Closing of Selby Twine Mills.—The closing of Portholme Twine Mills at Selby, which takes place at the end of this month, affects altogether about 200 hands, some of whom are finding employment at other works. There is some hope, however, that a new firm may purchase the premises. The loss of the industry follows upon the company's amalgamation some months ago with Barkston, and they must have a less profitable branch, it is being relinquished.

Selby Conservatives Weekly Whist Drive.—The whist drive of the Conservative Club on Tuesday evening was a success, 76 ladies and gentlemen taking part. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies:—1, Mrs Bradford; 2, Mrs Hanson (after a tie with Mrs Weaver); 3, Mrs Perkins (after a tie with Mrs O'Neill); consolation, Mrs Pickering. Gentlemen:—1, Mr H. Hall; 2, Mr A. Hugill; sealed, Mr R. Cawood; consolation, Mr F. Thurlow. Light refreshments were handed round during the interval.

Airship Construction.—The statement by the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr Churchill) in the House of Commons that a contract had been signed by Messrs Armstrong for three large semi-rigid airships of Italian design, one of them to be built by Messrs Armstrong in this country, supplies some confirmation of the details given a short time ago as to the aircraft to be built at Selby by the famous Elswick firm. A large shed will be erected for the purpose of aircraft construction is to be built on the firm's Barlow site at Selby, and a commencement will be made with the work this spring.

Testimonial.—A meeting was held on Thursday evening at the Cherbarn in connection with the proposed testimonial to Inspector John Fleeman, who has been stationed at Sherburn for the past few years, and who has lately retired on pension after 28 years' service in the police force. During his stay at Sherburn Mr Fleeman won the respect of all, and he is greatly respected in all parts of the division. A strong committee was formed, the following gentlemen were appointed to receive subscriptions:—Mr A. B. Holgreaves (Church Fenton), Messrs W. A. Osborne and W. S. Thompson (Sherburn), Mr Jas. Powell (South Milford), Messrs G. Wanless and T. E. Foster (Monk Fryston), Mr J. Powell, jun. (Fairburn), Mr Hey (Biggin), Mr T. Richardson (Saxton), and Mr H. Firn (Lotwerton). Mr A. B. Holgreaves (Church Fenton) was elected treasurer of the fund.

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A Wetherby County Court Case.

DISPUTED SALE OF A HORSE.

MRS MEYRICK'S PURCHASE

At York County Court on Tuesday, before His Honour Judge F. G. Tempier, Alexander Farquharson Durkie, of Mill of Muiris, Dundee, farmer, was the plaintiff in a case which had been remitted from the High Court. Plaintiff claimed the sum of £80, the price of a horse sold by him to Rowland Francis Meyrick and Eleanor Meyrick, of Hall Orchards, Wetherby, on May 23rd, 1913. There was a counter-claim for £12 17s. 6d., for the difference in the price realised for the sale of the horse, stabling, etc., and veterinary fee. Mr Harry Wray, of Hull, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr N. Crombie, of York, for the defendants.

Mr Wray, in opening the case, said plaintiff was not a professional horse dealer, but a Justice of the Peace and a County Councillor. The horse in dispute was, in the first instance, described as sound and quiet. A letter of May 22nd by Mrs Meyrick to the plaintiff said that her husband would buy the horse at £80, and he would be pleased to have it "vetted" first. That, he suggested, constituted a bargain. The horse was duly delivered to the defendant's home. When despatched it was in perfectly sound condition.

Mr Crombie said his case was that the horse was not sound, and suffered from malformation of the hocks. It was represented as sound, and he therefore alleged breach of warranty.

Mrs Meyrick stated that she arranged to purchase the animal from Mr Durkie on the representation that it was clean, sound, and quiet. Immediately the horse arrived it was examined by a veterinary surgeon. Her husband did not like the animal, and it was returned as unsound and suffering from "curb" bone. The agreement when the horse was purchased was that it should be sound and quite fit for hunting purposes, for which it was required.

By Mr Wray: Witness said she purchased the animal. Her husband was opposed to her buying the horse. Subsequently she wrote stating that her husband would buy the horse for £80, at the same time asking for it to be "vetted." She further asked if it was sound. She could not now state that when she first saw the horse it was unsound. Professor Hunting could not say how long before "curby" last certainly there was one. Although at first she wrote stating that she was disgusted, she yet expressed her wish to see it again.

In answer to his Honour, Mr Wray said his client did not sell the horse on a warranty.

Mrs Myrick's evidence was corroborated by three veterinary surgeons from Leeds, Messrs G. E. Bowman, A. W. Mason, and Samuel Wharram; and by Mr Meyrick, all of whom spoke to the animal having a "curb" when seen and examined by them, and which, in their opinion, must have been of considerable standing, and could not have been "sprung" on the railway journey or whilst in Mrs Meyrick's possession.

Plaintiff said he bred the horse in question; it was by Akbar, a super-premium horse. During the time the horse was in his possession it had never been treated by fully hocks. He himself was a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and had lectured at Aberdeen University. The animal was good when it left his place at Dundee, and when he saw it again at York he was certain that it had been "treated." There was no malformation of either hocks. It had highly developed bones, which would give it more strength.

By Mr Crombie: When he bought the horse hock he found out the state of the hocks, and was certain it had been "treated." Professor Hunting had not told him that the animal was unsound. Professor Hunting had since died. "Sound and quiet" was a proper description of the animal. There were many forms of malformation.

Alexander Frederick Durkie, surveyor, son of the plaintiff, said he had ridden the horse in question. Witness knew the horse from birth. It had never had a "curb" whilst in his father's possession, and had never been blistered. The horse had always been healthy.

Andrew Spreull, senior, partner of Messrs Spreull and Sons, veterinary surgeons, dealt with the history of the horse in question. He submitted it to a very close and searching examination, and gave a certificate that it was perfectly sound. At that time there was not a "curb" on either hocks, nor was there any sign of the hocks having been treated. At the time of his examination there was no fulness or malformation of the hocks. The bones were largely developed. Witness saw the horse after its re-sale, and the condition of the hocks then was due to it having been in the railway truck. The large bone of the hock had a tendency to strengthen the legs, rather than to weaken them. Witness asserted that in answer to a letter since the examination he stated that the hocks were sickle shaped.

John Dargent, coachman to Mrs Ogilvie, sister to Mrs Meyrick, said the horse was quite in good condition when he saw it in August.

Thomas Matthew Ingles, of Forfarshire, veterinary surgeon to the Board of Agriculture, said that on March 2nd he had examined the horse in question. He found both hocks sound. His opinion was that "once a curb always a curb." The bones were prominent, but this was not malformation. It was a common thing to be found in blood horses, and did not affect the soundness of the animal.

John James Ridley, M.R.C.V.S., veterinary surgeon to the East Riding Yeomanry, and James J. Dean, veterinary surgeon, Bishop Auckland, gave similar evidence to the last witness.

Mr Harry Wray, in addressing his Honour, contended that the horse was fit and well when it was delivered. This was borne out by the certificate of soundness that was obtained prior to its despatch. He would not suggest for one moment that anything wrong had been wilfully done to the animal.

His Honour, in giving his decision, said it was one of those cases in which there had been a misunderstanding between the parties, and one on which it was very difficult to decide. It would have been better if Mr Wray had had a jury. It was, he thought, unfortunate that the case should have been imposed upon him (the Judge). It should have been tried in Dundee. With respect to the witnesses on either side, he said there was a direct conflict of evidence. After carefully reviewing the evidence, he found for the defendants on the claim and on the counter claim, with special costs.

Mothers' Union.—A meeting in connection with the Monk Fryston branch of the Mothers' Union was held in the Concert Hall on Monday, when an address was given by Miss Sharp, of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society. Mrs Hemsworth presided over a fairly good gathering. Tea was subsequently partaken of.

The Late Mr Kirkman.—The death took place on Thursday evening of Mr Robert Kirkman, farmer and miller, of Monk Fryston, who had been in failing health for some time. Deceased was in his 63rd year, and was a native of South Milford. He leaves a widow and three sons to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at Monk Fryston Cemetery on Sunday in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The following were the chief mourners:—Mrs Kirkman (widow), Mr and Mrs F. Kirkman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Thos. Kirkman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs B. Kirkman (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Johnson (Thornton Dale), Mr and Mrs F. Fawcett (York), Mrs Williams and Mrs A. Fawcett (Leeds). The service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke (vicar of Monk Fryston).

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

When the tramway schemes were promoted in the district a few years ago it was thought that all the colliery villages would be linked up with Leeds and Castleford, but it will apparently be a long time ithe itself. before such a scheme is carried out. It was imagined that a line would be laid from Castleford to Garforth, tapping Allerton Bywater, Preston, Bowers Allerton, and Kippax, and that this would be linked up with a line through Swillington and Oulton to Rothwell. It may come off some day, and by that time Leeds Corporation will likely be prepared to extend their tram line to Garforth Bridge.

It was, of course, definitely arranged that the Wakefield Tramway Co. should serve the Oulton district, but as soon as they completed their Rothwell line they tried to get rid of further obligations. The Board of Trade are, however, holding them to their scheme, but, having regard to the manner in which they have tried to shuffle out of their obligations, there appears to be little prospect of the Wakefield Co. making the line.

About a month ago, when Hunslet District Council reported that the Local Government Board desired to consult them with respect to sanctioning a loan for Halton sewage works, it was suggested in this journal that Leeds Corporation had been interfering, and the shot was not wide of the mark. The Corporation apparently hope to annex Templenewsam, and they, naturally, do not wish to see a large loan sanctioned, because the city ratepayers would have to pay for it.

This is an old game, and the Corporation are quite hands at it. It will be remembered that they interfered with Crossgates and the granting of a loan for the carrying out of the Kiddal scheme, and my only regret is that the proposal was not carried out by the District Council, because the Corporation would have had nearly every farthing of it to pay, following the annexation of Crossgates. As it is, I fancy they will have a tidy sum to hand over to the District Council.

Hunslet District Council do not intend to allow their area to be annexed, and they have already protested against the Halton sewage scheme—that is part of the game—being included in the Crossgates town-planning scheme. That is an impudent proposal, and it will, I hope, meet with the defeat it deserves. Leeds, with small local authorities the Corporation, I suppose, expect to wear them down, but when Leeds makes another thieving raid it will find a stronger opposition than ever. A City Corporation, who add to thieving thousands of pounds yearly into the gutter, are surely no efficient substitute for a local Council.

Ambulance workers connected with the Aberfordia League honoured Dr. Pickersgill, of Sherburn, the other night, and in doing so they honoured themselves. Throughout the North of England Dr. Pickersgill's name is familiar to ambulance workers, and he has done more than any one in the district to popularise and extend the movement. Long before the Aberfordia League was heard of, he was a force in the movement, and his work among railway men, for competition among whom he presented a trophy at York, is bearing fruit to this day. It is not often that a medical man troubles himself so much about the instruction of others, and he has the goodwill and gratitude of hosts of ambulance students.

One result of the Housing and Town Planning Act has been the institution of a house-to-house inspection in Tadcaster rural area. Of course, it's impossible to cover all the parishes in one year, but the work goes steadily on, and the record for the last twelve months is interesting. Closing orders were made in respect of six dwellings, in 103 cases houses or surroundings had sanitary defects, 28 houses were excessively damp, 11 had insufficient light and ventilation, 4 were in a filthy condition, 52 had defective drainage, and 16 had backyards in bad condition.

The birth-rate in Tadcaster rural area is going the wrong way with a vengeance. At one time it used to be well over 30, but since it became fashionable to have smaller families and fewer responsibilities, the rate has steadily fallen, and in 1913 it was 24.6, or 2 per thousand less than that of any previous year. Kippax and Allerton Bywater, with rates of 29.4 and 29.6 respectively, had the best returns.

The town of Tadcaster had the distinction of having the lowest infantile mortality, being 77 against 124 for the whole district. Kippax, however, stands well with 106, so it would seem that great care has been exercised in regard to child life in these places. On the other hand, Allerton Bywater had the unenviable distinction of having the highest death-rate among infants, being 216.

It is evident that all is not well at Allerton Bywater, and the medical officer remarks that this parish "with its bad condition of streets and rows of privy middens, compares very unfavourably with other parts of the district." In a contemporary a comparison is made between Leeds and Sheffield, and it is remarked that "the experience of Sheffield is that a remarkable decrease in infantile mortality follows where back streets and courtyards are properly paved or asphalted." Improvements must be carried out at Allerton Bywater.

The Rector of Bilbrough put forward a novel contention at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday. He was summoned for non-payment of rates, and while admitting his liability, he stated that it was unfair his tithe should be taxed cheery mannerisms and clever burlesques are a for the benefit of the land, and the tithe apparently comes from land, and the farmer pays rates on it, so that is one tax, and then the clergyman has to pay a rate on the

Kippax claims to be a health resort, and, while it is not asserted that the residents manage to cheat Father Time, they dodge the Scythe Man so long that he is probably wearied of the hunt here he bags his game. Tadcaster rural district had a death-rate of 12.9—the lowest recorded—but Kippax went much better than that, and came out top with 9.8—probably the lowest figures ever got for a large parish in the area.

It is somewhat singular that Tadcaster, with the lowest infantile mortality in the Union, had the second highest death-rate, viz., 14.2, while Allerton Bywater was even worse with 17. It is difficult to account for the high figure in Tadcaster, but it is evident that while the Calcarians are looking well after their bairns, they are not exercising that care over themselves that is desirable

What will Sherburn do now? Owing to the Leeds to Doncaster water scheme having been dropped, the Tadcaster District Council will have to find other means of supplying Sherburn with water, and the County Council are pressing them to do something. A good local scheme would meet the necessities of the case, but it seems impossible to convince the Council that they have better water in the area running to waste than could be fetched from outside the district.

For a number of years the parish meeting was held at Barwick, but so little interest had the ratepayers in it that they declined to recognise it, and it was accordingly transferred to Scholes, where a number of ratepayers could always be depended upon to turn up and ventilate any grievance they had. Now it has been decided to revert to the old arrangement, and it is rather surprising, seeing the people of Barwick have in the past practically ignored the meeting.

Perhaps the education authority will take the hint! At Bowers Allerton a speaker stated that instruction in mining was provided in the villages, but it was suitable for the official class only, and as only a small proportion of miners could hope to be officials, what was really wanted was instruction for workingmen. The suggestion is a good one, but it is doubtful that many men would seek to profit by such education.

For several years the question of the acquisition of a recreation ground for Kippax has been before the public, but every attempt to secure a few acres of land has been defeated. The squire, for some reason, is not inclined to meet the desires of the residents, and other landowners have not been sufficiently generous to offer to rent or sell a field. In order to ascertain the opinion of the ratepayers a canvass of the village is being made, and if it is favourable I presume the parish meeting will instruct the Council to prepare and carry out a scheme.

Owing to the great increase in motor traffic on the roads the provision of playgrounds has become more and more important. In nearly every local village the children, for want of a better place, are compelled to play in the streets, and they are faced by two dangers. Motor traffic is one, and the execution of law and order is the other. Street games are illegal, and a good many boys have been prosecuted locally for playing in the streets.

Mothers in Tadcaster rural area should note the fact that the infantile death-rate was above the average, being 124 against 109 for the whole country, and this is, in a measure, attributed to the prevalence of diarrhœa, which caused 23 infant deaths. Nearly a double score of these deaths could have been prevented by careful feeding.

On Saturday Shadwell lads had a football match with Harehills boys, and it was drawn—a good each.

Mrs Rosalie Mary Barran, of Shadwell Grange, wife of Mr Henry Barran, of Messrs John Barran and Sons, wholesale clothiers, of Leeds, left £13,089.

Stourton—On Saturday afternoon Roundhay hockey players defeated Cleckheaton by four goals to two. In a lacrosse match Roundhay overcame Moorland O.B. by 27 goals to three.

The Beanshaw Moor Hunt have not held point-to-point races for some years, but they will be held this year on Tuesday next, in the neighbourhood of Harewood Bridge. There will be four races, including one for the Royal Scots Greys.

SELBY WIDOW'S SAD WEATH.—At an inquest at Selby on Saturday afternoon Mary Boyle (68), a widow, who was severely injured through her clothing taking fire while she was cooking her son's breakfast, Dr. Scantell said the woman's daughter, who was ill in bed, risked her own life in order to save her mother. The woman was shockingly injured. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

SELBY CONSERVATIVE WEEKLY WHIST DRIVE.—Another very successful whist drive took place in the Club on Tuesday evening. So ladies and gentlemen taking part. Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1 Mrs B. Cartwright, 2 Miss G. H. Braithwaite; 3 Mrs. Whiteley; consolation, Mrs Maddox (after tie with Mrs Murrell). Gents—1, Mr W. Stabler; 2, J. M. Bramrose; 3 Mr W. Thornton (after tie with Mr Harvey); consolation, Mr E. G. Jackson. Light refreshments were handed round during the interval.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week George Mozart's feature, and he causes great amusement, first by "taking off" several types of theatre goers and then by burlesquing a problem play. His characterisations are faithful enough to be readily recognisable, and ludicrous enough to justify the raison d'etre of Mozart's art. A most laughable feature of his performance is his ingenious caricature of a picture drama entitled "Hunted Down." An excellent performance is given by Florrie Forde, whose reputation as a great chorus singer is likely to be enhanced with the trio of songs she is offering. Even at the first "house" on Monday night she persuaded her audience to join heartily in the refrains and ask for more, and that of course is the real test. The McNaughtons contribute an amusing flow of cross-patter, and other good turns are those of the Four Holloways (expert trick cyclists), and Mabel Ada and Fred Allendale ("the soldier and the girl.").

"Fifteen years ago, or even more. George Lashwood had no rival as a light comedian." This was the opinion of all the best judges of music-hall talent. Vaudeville has seen many changes in popular taste since then, and many stars have come and gone, but Mr Lashwood, who will be at the Leeds Empire on Monday next, occupies the same lofty pinnacle to-day as surely as ever. He is making a great hit at the present time with a number describing how the famous burlesque company, entitled "The Grotesques," presented by Mr Philip Braham. "The Grotesques" burlesque everything from record comedy to melodrama and tragedy, and further, they have the credit of being absolutely original and up-to-date, even so far as to present an entertainment which might possibly be called revue.

Others in a strong list of entertainers are Howard and Harris, featuring "The Tramp and the Soubrette"; Thora, in an entirely new and novel ventriloquial entertainment; Edith Fink, a dainty comedienne; Lewis Douglas, eccentric comedian and dancer; Victor and Louis, cyclists; the Delevines, in their latest skit, "An Interrupted Serenade"; and Little Ganty, "the little lump of fun."

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

If on no other ground than the excellence of the performance given by the artists who have just completed their pantomime contracts in Leeds, the programme at the Leeds Hippodrome this week would be of unusual merit. The fact that Miss Daisy Wood, Mr Reg. Bolton, and Mr Sam Wallah are among the performers will be sufficient recommendation, but there is, too, another excellent turn by Jimmy Learmouth and the company with whom he appears. This comedian has delighted Leeds audiences on several previous occasions. This time he appears in a new sketch into which he introduces quite as much fun as he put into the others. He has lost none of the mannerisms which mean so much in his show, and there is not a moment of dullness while he is on the stage. Among others on the bill are Gilbert Payne (comedian), Watson and Barker (duettists), Fred Gray and Nellie Graham (in "The Musical Bell Boy"), and Renee de Banga (in art scenas).

At the Hippodrome next week one of the outstanding attractions will be "Scenes from Wild Australia." Carlton, the comic juggler, will appear in "Hypnotism," and the Cuban Wonder, Maximo, the inebriate on the slack wire, will give an interesting turn. The Gleesons and Houlihan promise something good in the music and dancing line, introducing Bertha Gleeson, described as the champion lady dancer of America. Others who will contribute to the entertainment are Mary Moran, in her character works, emotions and saulies from life; Spessel Bros. and Mack, in "An American Quick Lunch"; the Oakes Comedy Duo, and Hippodrome pictures.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Though there have been many divergences of opinion as to the advisability of producing the much-discussed "Sapho" at the Queen's Theatre this week, it must be confessed that little is seen in performances which even the most modest could take exception. Daudet's famous novel, as is well-known, is a powerful love romance, and if its individuality is to be preserved the book must be followed fairly closely. The incidents of the main story in this version are certainly less objectionable than some of the few humorous "fill-ups" which are intended as a relief to the pathetic element. Mrs Frank Bateman plays the title-role superbly; while Mr Fred W. Goddard is almost as successful in the part of Jean Guessin. They are well supported by a capable all-round company.

To-night (Friday) "Between Two Men" is to be staged, with Miss Bateman as Mrs Wakefield, and Mr Goddard in the part of the Rev. Geo. Wright.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mr Charles Watson Mill's Repertory Co., including a number of well-known artistes, will appear. On Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday the great morality play "A Warning to Women" will be submitted; on Wednesday and Thursday, "The Love of the Princess"; and on Friday night "For Love and the King."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the Varieties this week a popular attraction is a sketch, "The Washing House Key," which tops the bill, and is produced by Miss Mollie Lindsay and Company. The scene is laid in a tenement house in Glasgow, and comical situations press close upon one another's heels. Elton and Elma are amusing in their triple-bar act, and the Lightning Vinettos, comedy jugglers, contribute to the evening's fun. Miss Olive Plant possesses a fine voice, and others appearing with success are Norton and Dean, and Fred Musson, a local comedian, with one or two good songs.

Next week at the Varieties the principal attraction will be the picture showing the great fight at the Palladium, London, between Bombardier Wells and Bandsman Blake. Agda and Co. will figure in a continental novelty comedy act, and other turns promised are Goodall and Knox, burlesque comedians; Nora Martyn, descriptive soprano vocalist; Harold Heath, vocalist and eccentric dancer; and Bunny and Tafft, in an original comedy and instrumental scena; the pictures "The Race" and "Big Ben of the Sierras" will also be depicted by the Variescope.

THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Leeds Theatre de Luxe the star attraction for all this week, except Saturday, is "In the Hands of London Crooks," the great all-British sporting drama, replete with incident, and although the theme of a young man's trials in bad hands and his ultimate vindication is not new it has never before been so effectively portrayed. The musical accompaniment is worthy of special mention. "Small Town Act," "Schewers," with John Burny, "Brummer's Narrow Escape," and Pathe's Gazette are equally entertaining in a lighter vein.

On Saturday an entirely new programme will be shown.

LEEDS GRAND THEATRE.

Miss Lilish McCarthy and Mr Granville Barker's company in "The Great Adventure," by Arnold Bennett, is to visit the Grand Theatre next week. The play comes direct from the Kingsway Theatre, where it is now, and has been running for nearly a year. So great is the interest that it is likely to go on indefinitely. The story of "The Great Adventure" has been taken from the author's famous novel "Buried Alive." It deals with a master and his valet. The valet is ill, the master goes to the doctor—"in his shirt sleeves," as he says. From this simple little act, mistakes and complications arise. Every situation is handled by the author in an exceedingly original and humorous way. Each scene is a surprise, and the dialogue is brilliantly witty throughout.

CENSURE ON HUNSLET DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE CLERK'S SALARY.

The action of the Hunslet Rural District Council in raising the salary of the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar) by £30 was the subject of discussion at the annual parish meeting at Woodlesford on Tuesday night.

Mr T. H. Killingbeck proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting is of the opinion that the Hunslet Rural District Council is very extravagant with regard to the salary of its Clerk." He protested, he said, against such extravagances. Those who had from time to time read the minutes of the Hunslet Rural District Council noticed that the lower paid employees had been applying for an increase of their wages—the lamplighters and the roadmen. What they first got. They found that the applications of the lamplighters had been refused, while the roadmen had had their wages slightly increased; but the Clerk, a well-paid official for a part time office, with two other positions, making it more remunerative, had received an advance of over 10s. per week. They also found the Council went into committee on the matter, and the Clerk was offered £20. He refused it, and the matter was again discussed, and he had received an advance of £30. They as ratepayers should not be treated in this manner. He had no objection to it. He had talked to many people on the matter and found that even members of the Parish Council did not know of it. Further, he was of the opinion the Council was too small. He thought it abominable. (Applause).

Mr F. Owen asked what the Clerk had done to have the extra £30? Were they as ratepayers getting value for their money?

The resolution was seconded by Mr A. Smith, and carried without a dissentient.

A meet of the Bramham Moor Hounds took place on Saturday morning in the historic grounds of Cawood Castle, near Selby, and there was a large gathering. A most enjoyable run followed.

ST PATRICK'S DAY AT SELBY.—The infants of St. Mary's Catholic Schools gave a cantata "Who shall be Queen?" at the Selby Public Baths on Tuesday night. In addition there was a programme of miscellaneous items by the school children and older girls of the congregation. Large audience attended and made a profuse display of green in honour of St. Patrick's Day. The programme, which was very enjoyable, concluded with the entertaining dramatic sketch "The Rehearsal." The accompanists were Mrs Whitfield and Messrs Knox, Campbell, and Jones. A dance followed the concert.

A BURN MAY'S PROPERTY.—John Davies (20), pony driver, was indicted at Leeds Assizes on a charge of setting fire to a stack of corn, the property of William Hardwood, of Burn, at Chapel Haddlesey, on February 6th. He had been committed from the Selby Petty Sessions. The jury found accused guilty. The Judge (to accused): I should like to know why you did this, because it would help me. Accused, who appeared either stubborn or unconcerned by the proceedings, only nodded his head in reply. The Judge: But if you don't want to tell me, you need not. Do you wish to say anything to me as to why you did it? Accused preserved silence, and the Judge called for the Prison Governor, who was, however, absent from Court. The Judge ordered accused to stand down until the Governor returned. Later on accused was sentenced to three years' detention under the Borstal system.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Slugs and snails are proving very troublesome this year. They are very partial to the delicate young growths of delphiniums, peonies, and other herbaceous perennials just breaking through the soil. There are many excellent remedies, mostly soil fumigants. Handpicking is the most reliable method of dealing with them. They usually commence operations immediately darkness sets in, and a simple means of trapping them is to place small boxes of bran in large numbers to the borders, and by the aid of a good lamp they may easily be detected. They are partial to meal worms, and such methods are advised where by they may be reduced, the trouble will increase.

GLADIOLI.

The bright red GLADIOLI Brenchleyensis is known to almost everyone interested in flowers, and is extremely popular. The children and big gardener alike delight in its showy spikes of gay flowers which are not so well known, but are equally worthy of attention. They give a variety of shades and colours, and their cultivation is very simple. All the gladioli family like a warm, sheltered position, and the soil should be light and open. Heavy soils may be improved by freely adding sand when digging. Bulb mould also has a tendency to lighten the soil. Plenty of manure should be placed in the trenches when digging, as the flower spike requires plenty of food to build it up to the splendid proportions which the strong corms possess. When planting double the amount of bulb mould to the top of the old ones will be weak and unsatisfactory if liberal supplies of food are not available. It is quite safe to plant the corms at the end of March, and each one should be placed on a small heap of sand. The best effect is obtained by massing them in separate colours. When this is done they should be placed about 6 to 8 inches apart. In small borders they should be planted quite 4 inches below the surface. During a dry summer it is imperative that regular attention be given to watering, and any little extra attention in the shape of liquid feeding will be amply repaid by the production of finer flower spikes. There are numerous choice named varieties, some of them so cheap as to come within the reach of all.

VEGETABLES.

PEAS.

A sowing of early peas may now be made on a warm border. On light soils the seed may be sown in drills in the ordinary way, but on heavy land it is an advantage to sow it on the surface, and draw the soil over it from each side. Sow rather thickly for early cropping. The following are good early varieties:—The Pilot, Early Bountiful, English Wonder, Peter, Early Bountiful, English Wonder, William First, and Sherwood. It is advisable to dress the seed with red lead before sowing. Moisten the seed with paraffin, place in a suitable box, and sprinkle with lead, and shake vigorously.

A USEFUL BRUSSELS SPROUT.

There are numerous varieties of Brussels sprouts, many of which have been grown with success for years. The Wroxton, Dalkeith, Aigburth, Wools Colossal, and Stanton's Exhibition are all good standard varieties, but none of them can compare with the variety known as the Darlington Sprout. This was introduced by a Darlington firm of seedsmen a few years ago, and has proved useful alike for table and exhibition purposes. It grows to a medium height and is densely covered with firm, large sprouts. Seed may be sown in boxes in a cool house or cold frame. Prick off whilst the seedlings are quite small. Grow as easily as possible, consistent with the exclusion of frost, and plant out about the third or fourth week in May according to the state of the soil and the weather. We have previously alluded to the preparation of the soil for sprouts. Newly manured ground will cause the plants to grow strongly, and during the summer months they give promise of a large crop. Unfortunately, appearances often prove deceptive, and it is so in this case. The strongest plants usually fail to "button" properly, and form dense masses of "rosettes" instead of sprouts. Last year's celery patch, or ground that was heavily manured for potatoes, will grow excellent sprouts without further additions of manure. Dig deeply, and break the ground up well. Plant firm, and about a yard apart.

POTATOES.

The earliest varieties should now be sprouting freely. If not already done, they should be stood upright in boxes, with the eyes uppermost. March is usually given as the best time for planting, but on heavy soils, and in cold districts, it is advisable to delay the planting of main crop varieties until April. For the earliest crop Myatt's Ashleaf, Sharp's Victor, and Eclipse are good. Plant in rows 2 feet apart, and a foot from each other in the rows. The later and stronger growing varieties require 2½ inches from row to row and about 18 inches apart in the row. Good maincrop varieties are The Factor, Northern Up-to-date, Duchess of Cornwall, and British Queen.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

A GOOD SINGLE PETUNIA.

Messrs Sutton have a single violet coloured Petunia which we can recommend either for pot culture or bedding out in the open. Apparently it is easily raised from seed, and remains in flower for a considerable period. The rich violet flowers are large and firm, and under give-and-take treatment the plants attain a huge size. Seed may be sown now in a warm house, and the seedlings should be potted into small pots when large enough to handle. Grow on as required until 7 or 8-inch pots are reached, using a compost of three parts fibrous loam, one part rotten manure, and sufficient sand to make the whole porous. Add a few times to cause the plants to grow bushy.

CROTONS.

Crotons require a high temperature and plenty of moisture, and a fair amount of sunshine to develop the rich colours of the foliage. Croton leaves are much in demand in the floral trade, being largely used for backing up the flowers in wreaths and other floral designs. The potting compost should consist of fibrous loam, leaf mould, a little well rotted manure, and sand. A sprinkling of basic slag may be added if available. The temperature during the winter months should not fall below 60°, and may rise to 70 degrees. A humid atmosphere is essential to success, and during spring, summer, and autumn over head spraying, damping down of floors, walls, and staging, and a constant supply of water in the evaporating troughs will all tend towards keeping the plants in good health. Cuttings root freely in a compost of sand and leaf mould providing they can be plunged in a bottom heat of 80 to 90°. Tarp and red spider are rather troublesome, but may be kept in check by fumigation and an occasional sponging with fir tree oil.

DRACOENAS.

The coloured-leaved dracoenas are very popular fashionable plants and are largely used for table decoration. They are propagated in various ways. A tall plant with a naked stem will produce plenty of propagating material. The top may be rooted in sandy soil. The stems may be cut into lengths of about 3 inches, laid on a bed of cocoanut fibre, and covered to the depth of about half an inch. From the base of the stem a number of eyes or "buds" as they are termed in garden parlance, usually develop. These may be detached and plunged in the propagating frame, which should be supplied with bottom heat in addition to the usual stove temperature. From the buried stems a number of young shoots will spring up, and these should be allowed to remain until they form roots of their own. They may then be potted into small pots and should be returned to the propagating frame until the roots commence to work in the soil. For this potting equal parts loam, peat, sand, and leaf-mould may be used. This may be obtained through a fine sieve. When large enough put on, using fresh pots. For this potting double the amount of loam and add a sprinkling of bone-meal and crushed charcoal.

FERNS.

Ferns are very popular as greenhouse and table plants, and nearly all do nicely in a mixture of fibrous turf, loam, and sand, provided ample drainage is given. Peat, leafmould and sphagnum moss have more to do with success in growing ferns than has any particular compost of soils, though clay soils should be avoided. Abundant drainage material in the bottom of the pot prevents the effects of over-watering; but the soil must not be allowed to become waterlogged. All ferns need protection from direct sunshine and from winds, and do best in a moist atmosphere.

Many wild native ferns do nicely if moved from their natural habit to the garden, and there set in a shady, moist position. Such plants should be dressed with leaf-mould in autumn.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A few inquiries still for seed oats. Wheat 32s. to 33s. 6d., secondary 31s. to 32s. per qr. of 56 stones; oats 19s. to 20s., seed 21s. to 22s. to 24s. per qr. of 336 stones; barley 29s. to 32s., medium quality 26s. to 29s., feeding barley 24s. per qr. of 32 stones; rye 24s. to 25s. per qr. of 56 stones.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Hams 12s. 6d. to 13s. per lb.; eggs 12 for 1s.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Small supply. Demand fairly good, with an advance in prices. Good up-to-dates 60s. to 65s., seed King Edwards 55s. 6d. to 57s. 6d., warp King Edwards 75s. to 80s. per ton, retail 3d. to 4d. per stone.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this auction mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 133 beasts, 34 sheep, and 38 pigs. There was a good attendance of butchers and dealers, with a quick trade for best quality beef up to 8s. 2d. per stone; a fair trade for cows in milk and in-calvers. Sheep and pigs at late rates. Prices:—Fat bullocks realised up to £31 5s., fat heifers to £21 12s. 6d., fat cows to £21 12s. 6d., fat bulls to £24 15s., store beasts to £13, cows in milk to £24, in-calving cows to £18 17s. 6d., hoggs in wool to £4 5s., fat pigs to £6, pork pigs to £6 17s. 6d., and store pigs to £2 12s. each.

GARFORTH, Monday.—Mr William Ash sold 135 head of prime stock from noted feeders in the district, and a large number of butchers were present. There was a good demand for all classes of stock, and the prices for fat beasts made 8d. per lb., good beef 7½d. to 7¾d., and fat cows 6½d. per lb.; some very good sheep were penned, small weights making 10½d. per lb., and others 9½d. to 10d., and pork pigs made 8s. 6d. per stone, and small stores to 21s. each. Mr Gilliam, Micklefield, sent two bullocks which realized £23 and £22 5s.; Mr K. Wilson, Scarcroft Hall, supplied two choice beasts which made £22 12s. 6d., £21, £20 17s. 6d., and £20 15s.; the Exors. of Mr W. E. Connell, Micklefield, had a bullock at £22; Mr Stephenson, Garforth, supplied two which made £21, and Mr Hy. Perkin, Beeza Farm, sold a choice bullock at £22 5s. Mr Hy. Rovis, Thorner, sold two well-finished young beasts at £20 10s. each; Mr T. H. Bramley, Micklefield, had a young gyal cow at £16 17s. 6d.; Mr E. Crowther, Garforth, sold two gyal cows at £15 and £14 10s.; a small choice heifer from Mr T. H. Sykes, Wetherby Grange, made £15 15s., and a newly calven cow sold at £22 2s. 6d. Present calving cows made up to £17 15s. Mrs. Emily Bramley, Micklefield, sold three pens of gimmer lambs at 72s., 66s., and 62s. each; Mr T. H. Leake's hoggs made 65s., 64s., and 58s. each; Mr Jas. Bramley, Huddleston Hall, sent some fat hoggs, making up to 62s. 6d.; Mr Robert Wilson, Scarcroft Hall, had several pens of ripe hoggs, making up to 57s. each; choice hoggs from Mr N. Nickols, Lofstone, made 54s.; and fit ewes Down hoggs from Messrs Welburn and Son, Huddleston Hall, made up to 50s. 6d.; half-bred shearlings and hoggs from Mr J. W. Brady, Thorpe Hall, realized 48s. 6d. to 49s. 6d. Pig sales from Mr E. Braithwaite, Thorner, made up to 76s., and Mr W. P. Nicholson, Starton Grange, up to 87s.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Sue had forward a large show of prime fat beasts, sheep, and pigs, and the attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average. The trade for best was keen throughout the sale, best beef making 8d. and to 9d. per stone, secondary from 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d., and cow and heavy beasts from 8s. to 8s. 3d. Sheep met a good trade, hoggs in wool making up to 61s. per lb.; clipped sheep about 8d. per lb. Pork and bacon pigs from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Store pigs very dear and good to sell from 16s. 6d. to 35s. each. Numbers sold: 131 beasts and calves, 138 sheep, and 74 pigs. Veal calves from 9d. to 10½d. Mr G. E. Wright, High Moor Farm, topped the sale with five splendid bullocks, making £20 2s. 6d., £25 17s. 6d., £25 15s., £25 10s., and £23 12s. 6d. Messrs Wellburn and Sons, Huddleston Hall, three good bullocks, £27 12s. 6d., £24 17s. 6d., and £24 7s. 6d.; Mr C. Hawkeswell, Syningthwaite, sent four grand bullocks, realizing £25 5s., £22 12s. 6d., £22 7s. 6d., and £21 2s. 6d.; Mr W. Belby, Wetherspune, sold two good bullocks at £20 5s. and £25 15s.; Mr W. E. Bussey, Rythey, sent a pair of choice bullocks making £21, £20 10s., £20 10s., £20 2s. 6d., £20, £19 7s. 6d., £17 2s. 6d., and £15 10s.; Mr Hessell Simpson, Cross Roods, sold three choice bullocks at £24 12s. 6d., £22, and £17 15s.; Mr J. Smart, Hidhowsil, sent two good bullocks which made £23 10s. each; Mrs. Nattress, Towton Farm, supplied two grand bullocks, which sold to £24 and £20; Mr Stockill, Stocker, sent in a pair of fluff, making £23 15s.; Mr A. Hudson, Cockford Farm, a choice bull, making £22 5s.; Mr R. Fox, Bank, Hedlingh Manor, two good bullocks, £22 10s. 6d., and £20 10s.; Mr A. Maxwell Smart, Scarthingwell Hall, had a grand bullock, £21 18s.; Mr F. Jackson, Hedlingh Grange Farm, three good bullocks, £22 7s. 6d., £21 10s., and £21; Mr A. Watson, How Bridge Farm, two grand bullocks, £22 2s. 6d. and £22; Mr Smith, of Acaster Selby, fat bullock, £20; Mr F. Metcalfe, Towton, three choice bullocks, £21 7s. 6d., £19 17s. 6d., and £18; Mr E. Jackson, Catterton, two smart bullocks, £20 each; Mr Jno. Harrison, Church Fenton, two fine bullocks, £21 and £18 12s. 6d.; a very grand bullock of the auctioneers' own feeding, £27 7s. 6d., £24 17s. 6d., £20 15s., £24 5s., £21 7s. 6d., £21, £19 12s. 6d., and £17 10s.; Mr Wm. Cattersall, Cattersall, had bullocks, £24 17s. 6d. and £23 2s. 6d.; Mr G. Dunwell, Wighill Grange, fat bullock, £23 12s. 6d.; Mr Gawgian, Acaster, two cows in milk, £21 10s. each; Mr J. Smart, Hazlewood, newly calven cow, £20; Mr W. Thomlinson, Wighill, heifer in calf, £17; Mr A. Kendall, the auctioneers, £16 10s. each. Mr E. Brandis, forty-six of choice hoggs to sue, each; Mr H. Watson, to 66s.; Mr H. Simpson, to 57s. 6d.; Mr E. Jackson, Hedlingh, to 61s.; Mr Barton, to 57s. 6d.; Mr W. H. Thackeray, Bramham, to 58s. 6d.; Mr L. Simpson, Newton Kyme, to 52s. 6d.; Mr J. Bailey, to 54s.; Mr C. Bailey, Saxton, to 63s.; Messrs W. H. Welburn and Son, to 60s.; Mr S. Elvidge, to 55s. each. Baron gyes from Mr Hall's made to £20 12s. 6d.; Mr T. B. Watson, Catterton, to £20 10s.; Mr J. Pick, to £8; Mrs Wetmore, land, Wighill, to £7 4s.; Mrs Sykes, to £6 10s.; Cattle to £7 5s. Pork pigs from Mr Bregden, Tetnus, each; from Easedike, to £6 5s.; Mr Short, to 57s. 6d.; Mr Parker, to 58s. 6d.; Mr W. Sykes, to 58s.; Mr Winter, to 60s.; Messrs W. Dunn and Son, to 69s.; Mr Gronow, to 78s.; Mr E. O. Simpson, to 70s.; Mr L. Simpson, to 78s. Store pigs from Messrs Welburn and Son, each; Mr Briggs, to 48s.; Mr Moffat, to 45s. 6d.; Mr Helm, to 36s. 6d.; Mr J. Bailey, to 33s. 6d.; Mr Barton, to 26s. 6d.; Mr Thompson, to 22s. each.

UNCLAIMED MONEY

INTERESTING CHAPEL ALLERTON CASE.

The solicitors of the Leeds, Skipton and Morley Savings Bank has furnished the following particulars of an interesting case of a dormant deposit which has just been dealt with.

In 1876 (so runs the story) a small sum of money was lodged in the bank in trust for the "Chapel Town Cholera Fund," and the account continued to be worked until 1849, the balance then standing to the credit of the fund being £10 17s. 6d. Subsequently £20 was advertised with a view of making the money bring in still handing proof of own rights.

The Vicar and churchwardens of the parish of Chapel Allerton, having heard of the matter, made application for the money to be handed over to them for the benefit of the Chapel Allerton District Nursing Society—an institution which is devoted to the relief of all the sick and ailments of the neighbourhood, irrespective of religious distinctions, and with the assistance and support of the Committee of the Bank, succeeded in establishing their claim to the satisfaction of the Chief Clerk, who has decided by how to determine to whom savings bank deposits shall be repaid when any uncertainty exists.

This fund will, therefore, after lying for many years forgotten and unused (but by no means unfruitful), be applied to an object very similar to that for which it was originally intended, and this is but one of many instances of the care taken by the Leeds, Skipton and Morley Savings Bank to ensure the proper return of moneys entrusted to its safe keeping, however long ought to any additional recommendation to those who are seeking a means of investing their savings in a manner which combines absolute security with a fair rate of interest and ready means of withdrawal, all of which advantages are offered by the Bank.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

A NOTE OF WARNING.

I have frequently met with cases of utter failure through carelessness in the collection, packing, and preservation of eggs. Frequently for ill-success the birds are blamed, or aspersions cast upon climatic conditions, when investigation would show the carelessness on the part of the attendant was the cause of the failure.

COLLECTION OF EGGS.

I strongly advocate that eggs intended for incubation should be collected twice per diem. This practice is enforced by many during the summer weather, so as to prevent broody hens sitting, including before collection. If they are only collected once daily this frequently happens, rendering them useless for hatching, and destroying one's reputation if marketed for edible purposes. Frost, however, is so destructive to fertility that I am as keen on the second collection in winter months as during more genial weather.

EFFECTS OF FROST AND COLD ON EGGS.

The germs of eggs subjected to frost is invariably destroyed. This fact is known to nearly every poultry-keeper; but what is not so generally known and which is of equal importance, is the fact that the germs of eggs subjected to any temperature between 40 deg. Fahr. is either so weakened as to produce dead in shell or totally destroyed, according to the duration of the exposure.

SELECTION OF EGGS TO BE INCUBATED.

Having collected our eggs, there is a percentage of them which can be immediately rejected as unsuitable or hatching purposes; all abnormally large and small eggs, misshapen, thin-shelled, and dirty eggs should be put aside for other purposes, as they are unlikely to be satisfactory for our present needs. In other words, select only those for setting which are well shaped, smooth, and strong in shell. At this point it is advisable to remember that the egg-shell is porous, and if the porosity is destroyed, it is impossible for the germ to be developed and finally hatched. Consequently, it is incumbent to carefully remove any dirt that may have accumulated on the shell. Of unfitness in the nests, however, makes this of rare occurrence.

PRESERVATION OF EGGS TO BE INCUBATED.

Having selected our eggs, they may be stored in an ordinary rack, or a bed of bran, or wooden trays, in any suitable store-room, provided the temperature does not fall below 40 deg., and for preference does not rise about 60 deg. It is a common mind that eggs should be gently turned two or three times a week, and undoubtedly it is beneficial. At the same time, if the eggs are put aside to be used several months the sooner they are used for this purpose the better will be the result. I am not disputing that eggs have to be stored for weeks and then hatched. I only claim the good results under these conditions are the exceptions which prove the rule; and, further, that the fresher your eggs when placed in the incubator, the better will be your results, with a confidence level equal. I am sure that the most hard-pressed controversialist will not attempt to argue about. More latitude as regards time can be extended when the hen is to be employed, or the same time the rule just given also applied to them as well as to the incubator. At a later point I shall again touch on this subject, as it is one of the arguments which convinces me that it is better to have a number of mid-rate-sized incubators than a lesser number of machines of greater capacity.

I have been asked several times this season to state how long eggs can be kept before setting. No practical benefit is to be gained, in my opinion, by laying down a hard and fast rule, Remember the ideal when artificial means are employed is to use new-laid eggs entirely. This, however, is rarely practicable, but the less you depart from the ideal the better should be your results. Personally, I like eggs as fresh as the incubator over a week old, and do not like setting them when over four days old. When hens are employed the poultry-keeper is no longer master of the situation; thus in the matured pullet when her ladyship deigns to become broody we can set our eggs till then we must wait her pleasure.

(To be continued).

[Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through the columns free of charge, if accompanied by a postal order, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order.]

A MORLEY CASE OF TUBERCULOUS GLANDS CURED.

57, Commercial Street,
Morley,
Nr. Leeds, 10th July, 1913.

Mr Crossawaite,

Dear Sir,—

I beg to write you a line to express our thankfulness for the spl ndid cure you have made of our son.

We had almost given up in despair the idea that his face would ever be right again, but thanks to your treatment, during the time he has been under your care, we could see week by week a gradual improvement, and now the cure is complete—beyond all expectation.

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Yours truly,
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BARKSTON ASH LIBERALISM

MEETING AT WETHERBY.

SPEECH BY MR E. SHORTT, K.C., M.P.

Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association a public meeting was held in the Town Hall at Wetherby on Tuesday evening, and an address was delivered by Mr Edward Shortt, K.C., M.P., for Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr J. Pearson, of Wetherby, presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (president of the Liberal Association for the Division), Mrs Foster, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, Captain Glover, Mr Alder, Mr Ellis, Mr Hudson, and other gentlemen.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

Mr Shortt said that if any Government ever deserved the confidence of the country it was the present Government. They had been in power since 1906, and what was their record? They found a heavy National Debt as the result of the South African War, and they had paid, or would pay off by the end of the year, something approaching £100,000,000 of that debt. In addition, they had relieved local taxes to the extent of £5,000,000 per annum, and they had met extra expenditure for the Army and Navy, the cost of old-age pensions, labour exchanges, and National Insurance. Let them contrast the position of the child of the labourer with what it was when the Liberal Government came into power. The first thing that happened was the maternity benefit to the mother (applause), and that kept the mother in health while she was responsible for the infant's health. Then it became a young child, and by means of the Children's Charter it was protected right to the age when it began to work. The young man was insured right up to the age of 70, and if he belonged to certain trades—ship-building, engineering, etc.—he was insured against unemployment as well. Then when he came to old age if he had not been sufficiently fortunate to save enough money to live upon, instead of going to the workhouse, he drew an old age pension. (Applause). There were thousands of old people in the country to-day who would be suffering the degradation of the workhouse if it were not for the old age pension. The labouring man and the labouring man's child were better off to-day than they were when the Government came into power. In this country they had a certain feeling of independence, and their self-respect was touched if they felt they were dependent on charity, but the old-age pension was not charity. Every man who had done his duty as a soldier of industry took his pension as a right, with the same feeling as the old soldiers and sailors took their pensions from the Army and Navy. (Applause).

WORKING OF THE INSURANCE ACT.

So far as the Insurance Act was concerned he should be the last to suggest that it was without fault or flaw. It was by far the greatest constructive experiment that any country had tried. The German insurance scheme was nothing compared with it. They carried it out, and what they said from the beginning was that faults it must have, but they would never find them them out by theoretical discussion but by working it in practice. What was the result? He gave certain complaints that had been made to the Government, and said that in the cases he had examined the fault was not with the Act or the regulations, but with the people who would not insist upon those rights which it was to carry it out during their duty. (Applause). If people would insist upon the Act being carried out on per cent of the cases would disappear to-morrow. How many people were insured who would never have been insured but for the Act? Between ten and eleven millions. He believed that those who lived 20 years would hear the Insurance Act blessed as the finest piece of legislation that they had seen.

DISESTABLISHMENT—PLURAL VOTING.

He said Home Rule had been before the country at two elections, and Welsh Disestablishment and Plural Voting at three elections. He quoted Mr Lamington as stating that Mr Asquith had made it perfectly clear that the first use of the Parliament Act would be to pass Home Rule. (Hear, hear). He was a member of the Church of England, the son of a clergyman, and he held that disestablishment would be the salvation of the Church of England. Once they could make their own laws—once they had home rule in the Church—they would strengthen their position and revive their work. What he said was "Give us our freedom." (Applause). As for plural voting, could any sensible man suppose that it was a true principle of democracy that one man should have ten votes and another man only one? It had worked against them in past years, and the Liberal and Tories had been able to fight them with loaded dice, but they were going to unload the dice. (Applause).

HOME RULE QUESTION.

He stated that in this country there were some people who considered that there was grave danger in Home Rule, and they had not lost all their distrust in the Irish people, thinking that if they were given the control of the Irish Channel would become a centre of danger to the Empire. It was astonishing to him that any such feeling should exist. When they dealt with the troubled state of Ireland prior to 1886, and said that since then the country had got more contented and peop-rous. There was only one reason for that. The great generous-minded people appreciated the fact that at last one of the great English parties had awakened to the justice of their cause—had recognised the national spirit of Ireland, and sent that spirit to the people of the Empire that that spirit should be allowed free play. (Applause). If they were back to 1910, when an attempt was made by conference to settle the question of the House of Lords, what was the question taken up by leading Unionists? They wanted to obtain better terms from the Liberals for the House of Lords, and they did it by offering to them better terms on the question of Home Rule. Would any Tory say that their leaders, prepared to do that in 1910, really thought that what they were doing would injure the Empire? Would any Tory say that their leaders consenting to Home Rule were consenting to something so very bad that it would justify civil war? Of course, he would not.

"SMASH THE PARLIAMENT ACT."

Their great leader, Mr Asquith—(applause)—had gone much further than many of them cared; they disliked the exclusion of Ulster for even six years, but they were prepared to follow him in that if the fundamental principle of the Bill was not interfered with. Their opponents, instead of recognizing that they were trying to meet them, threw up their hands and cl-ared "Now, you are beaten." It was irritating to see people going on like hooligans. (Laughter). He did not believe the Tories had the faintest intention of accepting anything they suggested. They did not care about Ulster and Home Rule, they had no fear for the safety of Ulster. Protestants, or Unionists than in 1910, but they were determined, if they could, to smash the Parliament Act, and the Liberals were determined that they should do no such thing. (Applause). If wicked men preached civil war for a matter which they knew did not justify it, and preached the principle that anything they did not like, no matter what the law of the land might say, they were entitled to use force against it, Mr Asquith might rest satisfied that every Liberal and Labour member would give him full support in any measures he might adopt. (Applause). Supposing the Conservatives were back in power and they brought in a measure to alter the picketing provisions of the Trades Disputes Act, and the Trade Unions said that "Lord Londonderry, Sir Edward Carson, the Duke of Abercorn, and the rich men of Ulster used their wealth to foster civil war, and provided arms, and we are going to use our trade union funds for the same purpose," what would be the answer? They would not have an answer.

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After they had done Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, and Plural Voting through, the great question they would have to solve would be the land question. It had two aspects—the urban and rural, and they were by no means parted a party who could not do anything for both. Low wages in country districts did them more than anything to bring down wages in urban areas, and the drawing of people from the country into the towns did more than anything to create over-crowding and slums. There were half-a-million fewer workers on the land than there were 30 years ago. In this country 4,000,000 employed on-and-a-half-millions, Germany employed ten millions, and France nine millions in agriculture, and it was no good saying it was due to Tariff Reform and Protection in the one case they could compare this country with lands more like our own—Denmark, the Netherlands, and Belgium. For every 1,000 acres of land used for agricultural purposes in this country, 40 people were employed, Denmark employed 70, the Netherlands 120, and Belgium 166. Why was it? They had as good land and the climate was as good for the purposes of agriculture. It was the iniquitous land system—not the landlords as men—that placed this country at such a disadvantage in agriculture. When a man bought land, in many cases, he not only paid for the value of the land, but also for other things—social position, amenities of sport, etc., which had a value to buyer and seller, but had no value to the community. None of them could get more to eat because a man got a big social position by buying land, or because some one had some well-stocked coverts. When they came to the real value of the land they had to eliminate these things. In this country £25,000,000 was paid for labour, £34,000,000 for rent, and £3,000,000 for tithe. That was not a fair division. They could not do without land and it was limited in quantity, and they must exercise some control over it to ensure that the community as a whole got the best value out of it. He would deal with the proposals to fix a minimum wage for labourers, to provide cottages and land for them, and to give security of tenure to farmers and adequate compensation in cases of disturbance. That constituency was represented by a gentleman against whom no one had a word to say—(applause)—he was honest and sincere in doing his best for the constituency, but if Mr Foster were elected they would have a gentleman against whom no one could say a word, and he would be equally industrious, honest, and sincere in looking after the interests of the constituency. If the present Member supported Conservatives were back in power and they brought in a measure to alter the picketing provisions of the Trades Disputes Act, and the Trade Unions said that "Lord Londonderry, Sir Edward Carson, the Duke of Abercorn, and the rich men of Ulster used their wealth to foster civil war, and provided arms, and we are going to use our trade union funds for the same purpose," what would be the answer? They would not have an answer.

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

TENDERS FOR WORKHOUSE AND HOME.

TEAM LABOUR CONTRACTS.

MILFORD, SHERBURN, KIPPAX, AND ALLERTON AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse—Mr T. H. Prater (Parlington) presiding. The other members present were Col. Cockburn (Hillthorpe), Messrs. R. Wright (Ryecwick), W. Simpson (Lead), H. M. Stoker (Towton), J. H. Hogg by, J.P., W. Sykes, H. P. Clough, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), E. Midgley (Colton), E. Myers (Holbrough), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), W. Birkinshaw (Ledsham), A. Chippindale (Scholes), T. Hey, J. E. Coulthwaite, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), W. F. Nicholson (Sutton Grange), J. Harding and J. Heaith (Kippax), J. W. Dobson (Newsholme), W. Hudson (Bolton Percy), E. H. Lowe and J. Wadsworth (Ryecon), H. Brabant and H. Green (Garforth), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), J. Peck (Ulleskelf), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton), W. Jackson (Acaster Selby), T. Phillips and Capt. Allerton Bywater), and W. Cresland, J.P., and A. Jonnson (South Milford), with the Clerk (Mr. G. A. Brown).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £4,016 in hand.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been three admissions to the house, four discharges, and one death, and the numbers numbered 80 so the workhouse and 18 in the children's home—up against 113 at the corresponding date of last year.

The finance committee's during the two weeks were 28 and 24 against 20 and 23 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

The Finance Committee reported that the tolls for Bilbrough, Kirkby Wharfe, Ledsham, Towton, and Ulleskelf had not been paid, and that proceedings would be taken.

It was, however, stated that the toll for Towton had been paid.

The Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Wilcock, of the London City and Midland Bank, Tadcaster, be appointed treasurer to the Board, and this was adopted.

The chairmen of the Home and Relief Committees were appointed delegates to a conference to be held in Leeds on April 7th.

The following tenders were accepted for supplies to the workhouse:—Meat, Mr. Schofield (Tadcaster); groceries, Mr Holliday (Tadcaster); coal, Micklefield Coal Company; flour, Messrs Rishworth, Ingleby, and Lofthouse; boots, Mr W. Crossley; brushes, Leeds Blind School; drapery, Mr Batty (Garforth); butter, eggs, and bacon, Mr Holliday; drugs, Mr Hull (Tadcaster); milk, Mr Spurling; clothing, Nettleton Bros. (Leeds); and coffins, Mr Grocock.

The following tenders were accepted for supplies to the cottage home at Bilbrough:—Meat, Mr H. S. Bean; groceries, cheese, bacon, and butter, Mr J. Holliday; milk and potatoes, Mr J. Fairclough; flour, Messrs Rishworth, Ingleby, and Lofthouse; coal, Micklefield Coal Co.; clothing and boots, Nettleton Bros.; drapery, Mr Batty; brushes, Leeds Blind Sch.ol.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the District Council the officials present were the surveyor (Mr Scott) and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood). The treasurer was reported to have a bal nce of £6,183 in hand.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that a complaint concerning a gate and fence in Stutton Lane, Tadcaster, standing out was considered, and the Clerk was instructed to write Mr Corcoran that the matter was receiving the attention of the Council.

In regard to the water trough at Colton Lane end, a letter was received from the Water Committee asking as to who was to pay for the water, and it was referred back to the Water Committee, who could communicate with the owner of the trough.

Permission was given to Garforth Gas Co. to open the road in Barwick Lane.

In regard to the proposed improvement at Sherburn Hollins, plans and specifications were submitted, and the Clerk was instructed to write to Mrs Pearson and ask for terms for the land required. The surveyor was also asked to prepare an estimate of the cost.

A letter was read from Allerton Bywater Council asking that the road at Bickerdyke Terrace should be widened, and it was adjourned.

TEAM LABOUR.

The tenders for team labour were accepted as follows:—Mr Flood, Ledsham, and Parkington—Mr J. W. Addy; Acaster Selby, Mr H. Pracious; Allerton Bywater—Mr W. Prince; Appleton Roebuck—Mr W. Marsh; Askham Bryan—Mr W. Lee; Barkston—Mr H. Hudson; Barwick and Scholes—Mr A. Reid; Bilbrough—Mr W. H. Bean; Bolton Percy—Mr W. Marsh; Church Fenton—Mr J. Binns; Colton—Mr G. H. Harper; Grimston—Mr J Spurling; Healaugh and Catterton—Mr J. Gray; Huddleston-cum-Lumby —Mr G. Long; Kippax—Mr E. Bickerdyke; Kirkby-cum-Wharfe—Mr G. Ashburn; Ledsham —Mr S. H. Watson; Ledston—Mr W. Prince; Micklefield—Mr S. H. Watson; Newthorpe—Mr S. H. Watson; Saxton Kyme—Mr F. Harrison; Oxton and East Tadcaster—Mr J. Gray; Preston—Mr E. Bickerdyke; Ryther—Mr J. Worrington; Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell—Mr H. Hudson; Sherburn—Mr C. Longfield; South Milford—Mr J. Sissons; Stutton—Mr J. Gray; Sutton Grange—Mr E. Dixon; Hazlewood—Mr W. E. Lawn; Stutton—Mr J. Spurling; Swillington—Mr E. Dixon; West Tadcaster—Mr J. Gray; Towton and Bolton Hall—Mr T. Varey.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans for two washhouses to be built at Tadcast r were passed. Mr Cox was to be written to in regard to having a portion of a hedge at Allerton Bywater cleansed.

Complaint was made about the deposits of rubbish and paper on land at Schools and Allerton Bywater, and the persons concerned are to be written to and asked to remove the nuisance.

Complaint was made about a nuisance by deposits of rubbish in a backyard at Kippax, and the owners is to be written to. Notice was ordered to be served on a property owner at Church Laine, Kippax, to provide a sink at a house.

A letter was read from Mr Potter asking permission to supply water to a house at Sturton from Garforth, and it was granted.

It was resolved that new manholes be constructed in Common Lane, South Milford, and in one it will be charged to the N.E.R. Co.

A letter was read from the County Council asking as to what was being done in regard to a fresh supplies for Sherburn and South Milford. It was resolved to reply that owing to the Leeds scheme having been dropped they would have to reconsider the question of a supply for Sherburn. With regard to the South Milford supply it was decided to reply that they had had an extension of the present scheme under consideration.

Plans for alterations to a shop front in Kirkgate, Tadcaster, by Messrs John Smith's Co., were passed, and plans for alterations at Fairfield were adjourned.

Plans by Mr S. Smith (Tadcaster) for alterations to a garage were approved.

A letter was received stating that the Joint Committee had appointed Dr. Hall, of Greenhill, medical officer for the Tadcaster rural area at a salary of £300.

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB.

CO-OPERATIVE TRADING SOCIETY FORMED.

"SHOOT" IN TEMPLENEWSAM, BARWICK, AND ABERFORD.

A meeting of Crossgates and District Farmers' Club—an organization formed to serve the interests of agriculturists in Templenewsam, Osmondthorpe, Crossgates, Austhorpe, Scholes, Barwick, Scarcroft, Roundhay, Swillington, etc.—was held at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk, on Monday evening—Mr J. M. Rayner, of Whinmoor (Chairman), presiding.

It was stated that Mr Wright (Halton) had been appointed secretary, Mr Walter Townend (Scarcroft) treasurer, and Mr Fairley (Leeds) analyst.

Letters were received from Mr T. P. Fawcett, of Barrowby Hall, and Mr P. S. Marsden of Whitkirk, who had been appointed vice-presidents, stating that they would be pleased to assist the club in any way they could.

The Chairman said the object for which the meeting was convened was to settle the principle on which the trading section of the club should be established. A good many farmers had asked him what benefit they were likely to get from joining the club, and he could point out various ways in which they would benefit. Since labour became scarce and dearer they had had to rely more and more on agricultural machinery, and if the Club had implements on the co-operative basis a good saving to the members would be effected. Farmers were unjustly treated in regard to railway rates, and they should try to get the Club's goods sent to them on the basis on which the trading section should be placed, he said that twelve members of Sherburn Club paid £5 each into the bank and that was the only thing they had to work upon. It had been suggested they should have a society run on co-operative lines, by which each member would have to take a share, so that each one would have a financial interest in it. If they did that they would have to affiliate with the Agricultural Organization Society, which was a strong body in London, and the Club would have to be registered as a trading society. Shares of £1 each would be issued, and 5s. or 10s. would be paid up as required.

Mr Skirrow, of the Wharfedale Farmers' Trading Association, said that they could not adopt a better system—the co-operative system—than they had. The Agricultural Organization Society had been at work establishing trading societies in various parts of the country for a long time, and they had over 300 societies at work now. The Government had stepped in to help the Organization Society, and was prepared to make a grant to it equal to the subscriptions got from other sources, so that it was in a very strong position. They would be willing to send an organizer down to explain the principles on which these societies were worked, and he advised them to ask for the services of such an individual. Explaining the working of a trading society, he said that the first claim on the profits was 5 per cent. on the paid-up capital and no more. Then 5 per cent. went to the paid workers (secretary, etc.), and the remainder was paid over back to the members according to the amount they had purchased. The Wharfedale Society was started three years ago, and the first year's business was very good—better than the first year, and, after meeting all expenses, they had a profit of £133 3s. 6d. In the second year the sum was £5,760 13s. 0d., and the profit £74 17s. 6d. In the third year £9,073 0s. 8d., and £143 8s., the total profits for the three years being £401 1s. 6d., which had been distributed among the purchasers. They had had their critics and grumblers at first had set on the fence, but they were now coming in. In making arrangements for the purchasing of feeding stuffs he said they would no doubt have difficulty in getting all members to act in sympathy with a trading association, but farmers paid for what they got, and surely they could place their orders where they liked. If they formed a society and were loyal to each other nothing could prevent their success. He then stated some of the operations of the Wharfedale Society and the effect of pure food on animals. Farmers were, he said, too apt to look at the price of commodities and not at the result, but a cheap thing could be very dear. He then stated the profit on the insurances effected by the Association, showing that a nice revenue could be got in that direction. Two things were necessary to make a trading society a success—loyalty and unselfishness, and if they were true to each other it would be a blessing to them all. (Applause).

Mr Appleyard (Austhorpe) inquired where the profits came from.

Mr Skirrow said they came from discounts, commissions, etc.

Mr Appleyard: And your supply consumers at cost price?

Mr Skirrow: Yes.

Mr Wright asked if the Wharfedale Association did anything in regard to farmers' interests generally.

Mr Skirrow said they had a Chamber of Agriculture, where they discussed matters of interest to farmers. The trading association was a specialized thing, and they were starting another branch in connection with a live stock improvement scheme, and applying for a horse and a bull to the authorities. The time was coming when farmers would have to combine to look after their own interests, and when they found anything proposed for their benefit they should support it, apart from the question of who brought it in, and if it was against their interests they should oppose it.

Mr Appleyard then proposed that a trading society be formed on co-operative lines, to be affiliated with the Agricultural Organization Society.

Mr Baxter (Newsom Grove) seconded.

Mr Wright, in putting the last finding of the meeting, proposed that a society be formed on the lines of the Sherburn and Beeston Clubs, where, he thought, the principle of trading was simpler.

Mr Skirrow said that they would find the co-operative system was not intricate.

Mr W. Townend seconded the amendment.

On a vote the resolution to form a trading society on co-operative lines was carried.

Mr Sykes (Barwick) then brought forward the question of reducing the number of wood pigeons. He said that in the Beeston district wood pigeons were doing a great deal of damage, and he had written to several landowners asking for their help in reducing their number, and he had received replies.

Mr F. J. Land, Beeza Hall, Aberford, wrote:—Thank you for your letter referring to the nuisance of wood pigeons and the desirability of even moderately reducing their number. Will you kindly inform me what part the other landowners in this district are willing to take in the proposed organized shooting of them.

Mr John Townend, agent for Mr D. B. Wilson, of Scarcroft, wrote:—Mr Wilson thinks that as we have a very few acres down on this estate, it would be hardly worth while to have such a shoot as you suggest.

Mr T. H. Prater, agent for the Parlington estate, wrote:—The best time to shoot the rooks is when the young ones are appearing on the edge of the nest, and that is what we do here in accordance with our usual custom. The Lingcrts report that there are very few wood pigeons, indeed, but if many are noticed I will arrange a day's shooting and try and work it on the same day as you have yours.

Mr Sykes said that there were also a lot of crows in the district, and he thought that an organized "shoot" would be of benefit to farmers.

Mr Baxter said there were a good many wood pigeons on the Templenewsam estate.

Mr Brown proposed that the secretary write to the landowners in the district and ask their permission to organize a "shoot" of wood-pigeons and rooks.

Mr Bickerdyke seconded, and this was agreed to.

On the call of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Skirrow for his address.

ABERFORDA AMBULANCE LEAGUE.

PRESENTATION TO DR. PICKERSGILL, SHERBURN, AT GARORTH.

In connection with the Aberforda Ambulance League an interesting gathering took place on Wednesday night, and it was attended by about sixty ladies from Monk Fryston, Hillerton, Tadcaster, Barwick, Whitkirk, Scarcroft, Garforth, etc.

Councillor Robert Routledge, jun., of Garforth, who has done so much for the movement in the district, presided, and he was supported by Mrs Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall (President of the League), and Dr. Pickersgill, of Sherburn, who is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of ambulance work in the North and is widely-known in Yorkshire as one of the leading judges at ambulance competitions.

The Chairman said that one of the objects of the gathering was to present Dr. Pickersgill with a case of cutlery, carvers, and dessert spoons from the ambulance workers, as a slight recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the movement. As they knew, he was one of the few medical men in the district who had given them the benefit of his knowledge and skill at lectures, and he had devoted a great deal of time to ambulance work. He hoped that Dr. Pickersgill would be spared for many years to give them his assistance and to enjoy the testimonial which Mrs Gascoigne would present to him.

Mrs Gascoigne, who had a very hearty reception, said that it had given her great pleasure to attend that gathering, and to make the presentation. Dr. Picker-gill had shown a very keen interest in ambulance work, and he had been very self-sacrificing in order to advance it. He had travelled a great many miles to give lectures, and the workers were very grateful to him for what he had done. She then spoke of the value of ambulance training to all classes, and urged the members to maintain that enthusiasm and efficiency which had characterized their work. She then presented Dr. Pickersgill with the case of cutlery, etc., as an appreciation of his services from the workers.

Dr. Pickersgill, in reply, expressed his thanks for the gift. He did not know, he said, that he deserved such a handsome testimonial, but that recognition of what he had done was very pleasing to him. It had been a pleasure to him to give the lectures, which were a welcome change from his ordinary professional work.

An excellent musical programme was gone through. Miss Cooper (Garforth), who was the accompanist, played a pianoforte solo in an excellent manner, and songs were given by Mrs Corky (Monk Fryston), Miss Green (Barkston), Miss Dunning (Church Fenton), and others.

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VOCATION OF FATHERHOOD.

The Rev. W. H. Draper, Rector of Adel, read a paper on "The vocation of fatherhood—duties, privileges, powers, and to influence" at a conference of the Parents' National Educational Union at Darlington. Fathers, he said, ought to regard themselves as an earthly Providence. Their duty was to look ahead with foresight, intelligence, love, with something of the Creator's eye, and to fashion largely and greatly for their children's needs. To fulfil that duty they must take a share in providing a good education, clear of politics, highly enriched with art, and infused with a strong marching spirit of religion. He believed greatly in the designing mother. Real quarrels were not with designing mothers, but sometimes with their designs. All improvements in horticulture, in stock, in all the arts and sciences were the result of some people designing something. When he saw a designing mother he said, "More power to her elbow," and there would be great improvements in their designs. He (Mr. Draper) could see the designing father. (Laughter). Instead of children being turned adrift to make any kind of friendships, parents should take the difficult responsibility largely on their own shoulders and so would effect great improvements in this important direction. The father's duty was to exercise control and to have real, moral, mental, and physical qualities in their families as they grew up. Mothers should have the same standard. A child came to a certain age, however, when fathers must cease to control them and begin to trust them.

Mr J. E. Hodgkin observed that influence was a greater power than control.

Mrs Howard Glover said there were matters such as politics where two-sided arguments could be adduced, and where the parent should exercise less influence.

A BILBROUGH CLERGYMAN AND TITHE.

ARGUES THAT IT IS TWICE TAXED.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the Rev. Basil M. Rowland was summoned by the overseers of Bilbrough for the non-payment of rates.

Mr Rhodes, of Bilbrough, stated that Mr Rowland owed £1 7s. 10d. rates on his house and buildings and £7 19s. on tithe—a total of £9 6s. 10d.

Tim Clark asked Mr Rowland if he admitted the money was owing.

Mr Rowland said he did, but he desired to make a statement. The Bilbrough tithe was paid twice a year—in January and July, and it was paid to him by Mr Fairfax out of the rental of farms. All these were taxed by the Guardians of the Poor, and he was asked to pay on the money already taxed upon. He claimed that tithe taxation was a double tax. This question, he said, was to come before the House of Lords, and an effort was to be made to do away with the taxation of the clergy, especially the poorer clergy. His net income was £160, and the taxation on the tithe, after the agricultural rates grant, came to about £15. That amount had already been levied upon. Mr Rhodes had paid in his rent.

The Clerk: Mr Rhodes does not pay the tax.

Mr Rowland: Yes, Mr Fairfax pays me out of the rent which has already been taxed.

The Clerk: Mr Fairfax is liable to you for the tithe. Of course, he may get it out of rents.

Mr Rowland: I don't think the magistrates would like to be worried for a long time about this, but I thought it my duty to point it out. We shall hear more about it.

The Clerk said the magistrates had nothing to do but to make an order.

Mr Rowland: I am taxed on unearned increment. I shall not get payment until July next.

An order was made for the amount claimed.

THE LATE MISS S. F. RAMSDEN, OXTON HALL

FUNERAL AT BOLTON PERCY.

The funeral of the late Miss Selina Frances Ramsden, third daughter of the late Mr Henry James and the Hon. Mrs. Henry Ramsden, of Oxton Hall, Tadcaster, whose death occurred after a long illness, took place on Friday at Bolton Percy.

The deceased had attained her 80th year. The late Miss Ramsden, along with her elder sister, who still survives her, was a most generous nature, and did a great deal of good work in connection with St. Mary's Church. Her father many years ago owned and resided at Oxton Hall, which afterwards passed into the family of the Misses Harris. In more recent years, however, the Hall was repurchased by Captain (now Major) Ramsden, brother-in-law and the Misses Ramsden took up their residence at the Hall. Deceased was a sister of the late Sir John Ramsden, and aunt of Mr R. H. Ramsden, J.P., of Beeston Hall, Leeds, and Spa. The service at Bolton Percy Church was conducted by the Bishop of Beverley, assisted by the Rev. J. Rowland Jones. The hymns, "Jesu, lover of my soul" and "On the resurrection morning," were beautifully sung by the Tadcaster Church Choir, accompanied by the organist, Mr Herbert.

Among those present were Colonel W. F. Ramsden, Captain F. W. Ramsden, Major C. T. Ramsden, Captain H. Ramsden, Captain T. V. Ramsden, Mr and Mrs R. H. Ramsden, Mr T. F. Ramsden, Mr Hatchard, Mr Hope-Barton, Colonel and Mrs Gascoigne, Captain the Hon. Stanhope Hawke, Mr and Mrs E. C. Brocklebank, Mr Ingleby, Miss Emery, Miss Maxwell Stuart, Mr Crosthwaite, etc.

Wreaths were sent by Mrs Ramsden, Sir John W. Ramsden, Captain and Lady Maud Ramsden, Mr and Mrs R. H. Ramsden, Colonel and Mrs Ramsden, Captain and Mrs H. Ramsden, Mr and Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Ramsden, Charles and Cynthia, Mowra, and Enid; Mrs Thomas Fielden and the Misses Fielden, Miss Maxwell Stuart, the Bishop of Beverley, and family, Miss Harrison and Miss R. Harrison; Miss Mason, Miss Walker, and Mr Simmonds; from Ellen, Mary, Alley, Kate, Edith, Sarah; Alfred, Edward, and Agnes Shockley; Girls' Friendly Society of Tadcaster; the conductor and members of the Tadcaster Ladies' Choir; the outside staff at Oxton Hall; all the children on the estate; Mr and Mrs Wheler, Countess of Mexborough and family, Constance and Frank Fulford, Mr and Mrs C. B. Lamb, Lily, Norman and Mary Peel, Miss and Miss Isabelle Wilkinson, Elizabeth and Aleathea Saville, Mr. and Mrs. Brocklebank, and Miss York, Captain and Mrs T. V. Ramsden, Mrs Pennington, Mr and Mrs Frank Hatchard; four G.F.S. girls—G. Bradford, Amy and Florence Holman, and Florence James.

WETHERBY AND THE WELSH CHURCH BILL.

A PROTEST MEETING.

MAJOR DENT AND DISENDOWMENT.

A well-attended meeting was held in the Town Hall, Wetherby, on Friday evening for the purpose of protesting against the proposed disestablishment and disendowment of the Church of England in Wales, and a resolution of protest was unanimously carried, copies of which are to be forwarded to the Prime Minister, Mr Bonar Law, and the local Members of Parliament, Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P.

Major Dent, of Ribston Hall, presided, and was supported on the platform by Mr J. P. Law, J.P. (Wetherby), Mr R. J. Foster, J.P. (Stockeld Hall), Mr W. T. Lupcomb (Bramham), Mr W. B. Bridgeman Simpson (Park Hill, Wetherby), Mr A. Brett (Wetherby), churchmen; Mr J. R. Smith and Mr G. T. Allan (Wetherby), Wesleyans.

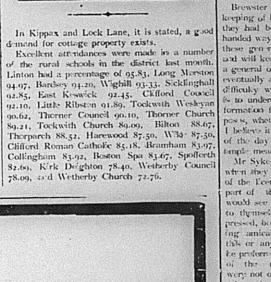
Amongst the audience were representatives from all the local places of worship, including the Rev. W. Pearson, M.A. (vicar of Spofforth), the Rev. A. G. Lockett (curate of Wetherby), the Rev. C. O'Brien Newnham (rector of Coxwold), the Rev. C. H. Durnat, M.A. (vicar of Wetherby), the Rev. J. Dingle Cocks (Wesleyan minister, Weth rby), Mr John Thompson (East Rigton), Mrs., Miss, and Mr O. Durrant, Mr R. F. Meyrick, Mr H. Crossley, Mr J. J. Allan, Mr A. S. Allan, Mrs Geldart (Kirk Deighton), Mr P. Christie (Collingham), Mr F. Kitchen (Primitive Methodist), Miss Law, Mr T. Thornton, Mr A. H. Noble, Miss Newton, Mr S. W. Padfield, and others.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Mr G. Lane Fox, M.P., the Rev. Canon Geldart, Mr A. Stoughton Harris, Mr G. A. Ward Jackson, and Mr G. Gunter. Mr Lane Fox wrote that he had no desire to take away from any Major but would far more desire to help the scanty funds of religious bodies in the country. He was glad, he went on, that the Welsh Nonconformists as well as the Church of England were protesting against the Bill, which might soon be applied to any other Church in any other part of the kingdom.

Mr David B. Davies, a former Welsh Nonconformist minister, who addressed a similar meeting at Wetherby two years ago, gave an address.

Major Dent explained that the meeting was got up by a committee of laymen—it was not a meeting got up by the clergy for Church defence —but of laymen exclusive of any particular denomination interested in the matter by a desire of seeing what was best for the religious life of the country. The Bill against which they were protesting dealt with the disestablishment and disendowment of that portion of the Church of England which is in Wales, but few people, he believed, really knew the unreasonableness of the disendowment of the Church of England meant, or what the result of such disestablishment would be. He did not think the framers of the Bill even realised what the effect of the Bill would be. Many clauses had been inserted to safeguard the general public from the effects of dis-establishment, but he was afraid that if ever the Bill became law there would be a very great deal for the lawyers to do in unravelling the situation set up by the Bill. Why should one particular portion of the Church of England be attacked and not the other? The promoters said it was because the people generally in Wales, as evidenced by a majority of the Members of Parliament they had returned, desired such a Bill! That argument might equally apply to the West Riding of Yorkshire, for a majority of their Members would be in favour of a Bill for Disestablishment. Therefore that was not entirely a valid argument. They were also told that the Church in Wales was an alien Church. All in means foreign. If the Church of England in Wales was a foreign Church, still much more so was any other church of any denomination, because the Church of England in Wales had been in existence for many centuries longer than any other church. The Church of England was not the only church in Wales, but the promoters of the Bill had always opposed anything in the nature of a religious census so as to ascertain the real strength of the Church of England or any other denomination in Wales. But one thing was certain. The Church of England had a larger number of communicants and one-single Church in the whole of Wales. The promoters admitted that disestablishment was of no use to them without disendowment, and they proposed under the Bill to take away from the Church of England, since concessions had been made, something like 14s. or 15s. in the £ of her endowments to hand it from religious and hand it over to secular purposes. Such were the purposes for which it might be used that it might even be used for sewerage schemes. (Laughter). When they thought of the state of the world, and this country, surely the present was not the time to take money from religious to secular purposes. (Applause). No one of the people would rather pay tithe to the Church than the County Council, but a great deal support had been obtained for the Bill by leading people to believe that they would have tithe to pay. As Christian people they ought to protest most emphatically against the alienation of any religious funds for secular purposes. Mr Bridgeman Simpson proposed the following resolution:—"That this meeting organised by a committee of lay Churchmen and Nonconformists in Wetherby, irrespective of political opinion on other great questions, publicly protests against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill of 1912, in that (first) it repudiates all public recognition of religion by the State, and (secondly) it takes away funds definitely given for the maintenance of religion, and applies such funds purely to secular purposes, notwithstanding the fact that such funds have been consistently applied to religious purposes for the last 250 years at least."

The proposition was seconded by Mr J. P. Heap, and carried unanimously.



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BOOK-KEEPING BY LICENCE-HOLDERS.

ALLEGED PUNISHMENT FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT.

The nineteenth annual banquet of the Selby and District Licensed Victuallers' Association was held at the Georg Hotel, Selby, on Friday night, when a large company sat down. Mr Wm. Sykes, C.C., chairman and managing director of Messrs John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery Company, Ltd., presided, and the attendance included Mr C. H. Marsh, Mr Claude Kemp, Mr E. Walker (Tadcaster), Mr P. Deighton, Mr Richard Lodge, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R. G. Lane Fox, M.P., Colonel Hawdon, and others.

Mr G. Smithwood, in notifying apologies, read the following letter from Councillor Mark Scott:—"Since I have held the post of Chairman to the Magistrates' Licensing Committee, I have felt that I must decline the pleasure of accepting your complimentary invitation. I was very glad that our police superintendent in his annual report of a fortnight ago was able to state a very marked decrease in drunkenness. I am afraid, however, that I could not, as licensed victuallers to do all they can to "decrease the decrease." If I may use such an expression. I believe generally and broadly speaking such is their desire." (Hear, hear).

A CLEAN SHEET.

The Chairman submitted the toast of the evening, "The Selby and District Licensed Victuallers' Association." He said it was a pleasure to him to propose this toast, and to associate the whole-sale trade with the retail trade. The retail trade, as represented by the Selby Association, was doing excellent service in connection with its organization. It had been in existence seven years, and it was in a healthy and satisfactory condition; and in addition to that he was able to say what many districts could not say, that in the past year it had not absolutely closed a single house through the courts of this district. It was a very satisfactory position to be able to say that in connection with the trade of this district there had not been a conviction or case in the courts during the past year. (Applause). The licensed victualler was confronted with many difficulties. Selby was advancing commercially, a fact which had brought to the district an increased population, and it was highly creditable to the licensed victuallers to have such a clean sheet as they had at that date, and he hoped that they would go on prospering, and that the aviation scheme which was to be started would increase its prosperity and popularity.

EQUAL TO A CRIME.

The figures submitted at the Selby Brewster Sessions showed a decrease of 34 persons convicted of drunkenness. He observed that over 50 per cent. of them were outsiders—Selby was not responsible for them. Generally speaking the Brewster Sessions reports had been creditable to the trade, and he thought even those who were much opposed to them would give them credit for trying their level best to carry out the law as it stood, and endeavouring to maintain a decent class of houses. The licensed houses for the betterment of the people. In an old market town like Selby there might be houses which were not exactly of the up-to-date stamp, but it naturally followed that facilities should be granted to improve the houses and make the accommodation suitable for a growing population. He thought the licensing bench, with its up-to-date house gave the licensee was the better able to look after the business. In some districts, though he did not think it was so in Selby, there was a disposition on the bench to a crime to ask for an improvement to a house. He did not think that should be, as it was not to the advantage of a place, to the community, or the party who owned the property.

BOOK-KEEPING BY LICENCE HOLDERS.

Brewster Sessions chairmen had asked for the recommendation of licensed victuallers as to how they had been so much hit, almost in a backhanded way, that they were rather nervous about these general requisitions. I believe many do and other bodies, and he had used the expression that a general order on the question must mean that eventually access is wanted to those books. The difficulty we have in connection with the trade is to understand whether the getting of this information from the books is for reasonable purposes, whether it is reasonably fair to our trade. I believe it is more a matter for the Government than the police statistics, which they have ample means of doing.

Mr Sykes went on to say that it is a tribute to the way they got on together that on the chairman of the licensing bench, it should receive on the part of the trade every consideration. They would see whether they could not without injury to themselves try and meet the wishes expressed, because they found no difficulty in working amicably with the licensing authorities in this or any other matter. For his own choice he preferred to try to reasonably meet the wishes of the magistrates. Alluding to those who were not of the same way of thinking as themselves, the Chairman said it was quite right, and legitimate in connection with anything—with eating, drinking, or other things. All the trade needed to do was to conduct their business on reasonable and fair lines. (Hear, hear).

TAXATION OF THE TRADE.

At the present time they were contributing to the Government's revenue to a greater extent than they ought to do, and he did not think the Government gave them fair consideration. The retail licensed trade was practically collecting about 26 per cent. of the total revenue of the country. In addition there was the expenditure charges, and in many cases it had been a very severe tax; but the chief tax and burden had been the occupiers' liability, which had been put on by the 1910 Finance Act. The sum this year was £1,747,642, being an increase of £1,000 against the year 1908-9, brought about by the Finance Act; and it was an item that hoped like remaining on the licensed trade. It seemed to him a vindictive burden put on the trade for their supporting the Conservative party of the last election. (Hear, hear).

Councillor G. Ainley (hon. secretary), in responding, said the local association had an increasing number of members who were taking a great interest in the association, and that held a good balance in hand.

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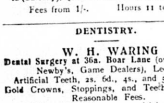
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st, 1914.

Will the removal of Mr John Burns from the presidency of the Local Government Board have any influence on the policy relating to borough extensions? Although the schemes promoted by Leeds and Bradford were dropped, it has not brought about a feeling of security in the West Riding, and people have begun to discuss the question in the cities. Mr James Walker, of Mirfield, speaking the other night at the Bradford Liberal Club, stated that "the Local Government Board was killing local patriotism and seriously upsetting good government" in order to satisfy the sense of pride of a few avaricious boroughs who called in not only every ordinary influence but every political influence to weigh the scales against the number of smaller but quite as well managed—even better managed—communities." It is natural that gentlemen representing cities in Parliament should endeavour to advance the interests of their constituencies, but by doing so it is doubtful that they are helping themselves in any way. How many ratepayers in Leeds are anxious for the extension of the city boundaries? Independent opinion, it will be found, is against it, because, looking at it from a purely selfish standpoint, people recognise that outside districts cannot generally be administered during the period of preferential rating for the amount received from the places annexed. Moreover, many believe that no good purpose is served by annexation schemes and a few acres more or less do not constitute a city's greatness. Mr Walker stated that the extension policy is destroying local patriotism, and this is a very important factor in local self-government. Leeds ratepayers have comparatively little interest in the government of the city, and this is proved by the fact that only about half of them—keen party politicians the majority of them—vote at the municipal elections, while at the triennial elections for the Leeds Board of Guardians the percentage of people who go to the poll is even smaller. In the outside districts, however, percentages of 70, 80, and 90 are not unusual, and, however much the city ruler may gibe at the "parochial spirit," it is essentially the one element that is absent, and the one thing that is needed in city elections, because the "parochial spirit" in this case is no mean, selfish feeling, but the expression of a local patriotism. In the outside districts it is easy for the elected representatives of the people to exercise an influence in every department of public work, and they are rightly held responsible for the government of the area, but in cities it is absolutely impossible for voluntary workers to efficiently supervise the administration, which must be controlled by officials. Some people may not believe this, but one illustration should serve to convince them. For years apparently Leeds has been throwing thousands of pounds away annually, owing to the fact that their staff of officials and workmen was too large by several hundreds! Such a thing could not happen in a rural area, or even in a business concern, however large, but because the representatives of the ratepayers in a city cannot, owing to the magnitude of the concern, control the various departments whilst waste goes on year after year. It is often been urged that greater efficiency is obtained in cities, but after the revelations in Leeds no one will supply make such an assertion again. By taking away their local self-government, the Local Government Board is destroying all public spirit and local patriotism in the villages, and, in addition, it is leading to an eventual increase in the burdens for which they are in no wise responsible. However it may be viewed, the policy stands condemned, and if any more extension schemes are launched in the West Riding they will assuredly meet with a stronger and more determined opposition.

Human ingenuity will probably never provide an unsinkable ship, but, taught by the lessons which almost every disaster conveys, our shipbuilders will eventually get a vessel as near perfection as possible. It is only by failure that success is gained, and mistakes and oversights serve the purposes of progress. Size and speed are fully recognised by every maritime country, and shipbuilders are now doing all that the human brain can devise in order to increase the tonnage of ocean-going vessels, preserving at the same time all that tends to safety and speed. When the Titanic disaster occurred many people used it as an argument against the use of big ships, but the builders regarded it as an object lesson in the use of methods and appliances which would preclude the possibility of such a disaster again. It is a far cry from the days when the North Atlantic steamship service was established to the launching of the Britannic, which is assumed to be the best vessel, regarded from the point of view of safety, speed, and comfort, ever launched in this country. The first ship in this service belonged to Quebec, and its first voyage was made from Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1833. The first Cunard liner was the Persia (1830), an iron paddle steamer. Two years afterwards the Great Eastern, equipped with paddles and propeller, began to run between Britain and America. She was the first ship to exceed 5,000 tons, and when we consider that the Britannic is just exactly ten times that size, the great development of the last sixty years becomes apparent. Watertight compartments were introduced in 1879, and triple-expansion engines in 1886. The time for the voyage was reduced to less than 6½ days by the Hamburg-Amerika liner Furst Bismarck. The whole history of the North Atlantic steamship is the story of records established only to be broken. The Olympic was considered almost a miracle, but the Imperator came along with additional tonnage, and now the Britannic, the latest triumph of the ship-builder, is a vessel of 50,000 tons, 900 feet in length. From keel to truck the Britannic will be as perfect as the human brain, the highest skill, and the most powerful appliances can make a vessel. The double bottom extending the whole length of the vessel, the massive beams and close framing, the large shell plates, the steel decks, the double skin and watertight bulkheads, combine to make a structure of exceptional strength and rigidity. There will be accommodation for over 2,500 passengers in all, besides a crew of 950. This is a population nearly equal to that of Garforth or Tadcaster. Seven of the ten decks in the ship are devoted to the passengers, and all classes have been provided for in a way that will ensure both comfort and luxury. However far-seeing and ingenious our shipbuilders may be accidents will occur occasionally, and all they can do is turn out ships as safe as human brains can make them.

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DEATHS.

BARBER.—March 15th, at Briggate, Garforth, aged 75, Mary, dearly beloved wife of George Barber.

FARTHWELL.—March 13th, at 40, Perseverance Street, Stourton, Jane Ann, the beloved wife of William Fretwell, aged 82 years.

OSBORNE.—On March 17th, at No. 52, Bridle Path Cottages, Seacroft, Edwin (Ned) Osborne, aged 55, the dearly beloved husband of Mary Osborne.

ROBINSON.—March 13th, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. H. Pickard, Rose Villa, Garforth, Hannah, wife of the late Harry Sinclair Rinder, of Manor House, Salem.

IN MEMORIAM.

BARKER—In affectionate memory of Annie Elizabeth, wife of George Barker, Rothwell, who died March 15th, 1909.

HORNER.—In loving memory of our dear son Walter, who "crossed the bar" March 17th, 1907.
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There is no bourne to being, and no permanence in death;
Time flows in an eternal sea,
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From Fred and children.

JACKSON—In loving memory of Henry Jackson, Peckfield, who died March 16th, 1912, aged 29 years.
From father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

NICHOLSON—In loving memory of a dear son and brother, James Nicholson, who died March 15th, 1913.
"No one knows how much we miss him,
Friends may think the wound has healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That's within our hearts concealed."
From father, sisters, and brothers.

SIMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear husband, George Simpson, of Kippax, who died March, 21st, 1905.
"My sickness I with patience bore,
Hoping the Lord would me restore;
But He it was who thought it best,
To take me to my heavenly rest."
WALLIS—In loving memory of Jesse Wallis, who departed this life, March 21st, 1912.
"A few more years, the day will come,
We'll meet no more to sever;
But in our everlasting home,
United be for ever."
From his wife and family.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Mr G. W. Batty, draper, of "The Beehive," Garforth, and "The Beehive," Rothwell, is the successful tenderer for drapery, etc., for the Tadcaster Union for the ensuing half-year.—Advt.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates on the Bench at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr J. B. Breed, Mr S. Hudson, and Mr J. Parker.

WIFE MALTREATMENT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Priestley, miner, of Rothwell, was charged with not paying wife maintenance arrears to the extent of £4 17s. Priestley said he could not pay the amount, but he was willing to provide a home if his wife would live with him. This the woman refused to do, and Priestley had to go to prison for two months.

EDUCATION.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Carter, grocer, of Rothwell, was summoned for not sending his child to school. It was stated that when summoned to attend a meeting of the Education Committee he failed to do so. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.—James Pell, a woodman, of Rothwell, was summoned for a similar offence, and was fined 5s. and costs.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—A successful tea and concert, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the forthcoming bazaar funds, was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom on Saturday. The tea was provided by the teachers of the Sunday School, who also gave their services in waiting at the tables. At the subsequent concert a lengthy and enjoyable programme was gone through. Mr J. W. Wainwright, of Ouzlewell Green, presided. The items were provided by Mr Albert Dixon's concert party from Leeds, including a clever boy singer, Master Saddler, who delighted all with his songs. The effort realised £3 10s. 11d.

ROTHWELL AND THE CUP.—A fresh team will have the custody of the Leeds and District Half-Holiday Cup this year. In the replayed competition on Saturday, Rothwell were beaten by defeating Leeds Parkside Wednesday by two goals to one. Thus the "Roddillites," whose first round in League football this is, enter the final, in which they will be opposed by Leeds City Tramways. The final tie has been fixed to be played on the 22nd prox. The Half-Holiday trophy has not yet been held twice by one team, having been carried off in turn by the 3rd Brigade Royal Horse Artillery, Leeds Parkside Wednesday, and Leeds Kirkgate Tradesmen, the last-named of whom dismissed Leeds by four runs, ways

The body of Thomas Watson, aged thirty-four, engine-fitter, who has been missing from his home at Thorpe, since February 14th, was taken from the River Foss at York on Wednesday afternoon.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior division of the Oulton and District Billiard League, Rothwell Working Man's Club defeated Kippax by 4 points, the aggregate scores being 586 and 438 respectively. The individual scores were (Rothwell names first):—J. Banks 100 v. C. Eastwood 81, G. Pickersgill 80 v. E. Tiffany 100, H. Ely 100 v. Land 77, W. Dobson 100 v. Farrpenny 84, J. Hargreaves 100 v. Prince 93, and F. Stringer 100 v. E. Wheatley 93.

CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.—By defeating Alfred Allison in the semi-final on Saturday afternoon, Rothwell White Rose are now in the struggle with Rothwell Parish Church for possession of the Charity Cup. The game was played at Oulton, and was not without its rough interludes. Losing the toss, Parfitt started for the White Rose, who opened out with a fine movement, which was stopped by Hall, the full back, who initiated a smart run down the right wing. However, his career was cut short by Ripley, who passed to Holmes, and the latter was passed outwards to Parfitt, Wrigley, and Hughes, who centred for Abrams to score. This was after about five minutes' play. Following the game was of a give and take character, until Webb, the Alfalfa' left wing man, became dangerous, but Heaton, the Rothwell custodian, was able to clear in time, and was slightly hurt in doing so. He was, however, able to resume after a few minutes lapse. Shortly before the interval a clever run was pieced by Hughes and Wrigley, but they were kept well in check by the opposing backs. At the interval the score was one goal to nothing in favour of Rothwell. On the resumption Alfalfa changed their tactics. Dawson was switched, but the offender was promptly given marching orders. Nothing of an outstanding nature occurred to mark the remainder of the game until about the last quarter, when Tiffany, scoring for Rothwell gave to Hughes, who passed in turn to Parfitt, the latter scoring a second goal. Abrams was afterwards brought down by Webb, and a penalty was promptly awarded, and Ripley scored. Alfalfa now came down on the left wing, and in a melee in the goal mouth scored. Another goal followed, the result being a win for Rothwell White Rose by three goals to two.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Parish Church played a very disappointing game on Saturday afternoon, when they faced the representatives of East Ardsley on the Rothwell ground. They were the first the visitors, who were decidedly the better team, showed determination, a factor which was noticeably lacking in the homesters. Ardsley were very smart in their footwork, and several brilliant runs down the field were witnessed. In a combined rush a well-centred shot from the left wing man ended in a goal within the first five minutes of play. For a long time Rothwell were never really dangerous; once when luck seemed in their favour Hitchin headed in, and the ball just skimmed over the cross-bar. Two fruitless corners followed. From the second the visitors broke away, but nothing came of the effort. A few minutes before the interval saw Rothwell inside the Ardsley half, but the opposing custodian stuck well to his charge and saved two hot shots in good style. Neither side scored in the second half, but Pickersgill missed a penalty by inches. Towards the close of the game Nunns, the Rothwell goalkeeper, made a mistake which nearly cost his side another goal. Rushing out to save, he missed the ball, leaving the man forwards in possession, and the situation was saved by the ball striking the cross-bar. The game resulted in a win for East Ardsley by one goal to nothing. To succeed the Parish Church will have to show better form on Saturday, when they play Methley Perseverance in the semi-final for the Leeds and District Cup.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon Allerton Bywater had a Senior Football League match with great Preston W.R., and the Allertonians won by three goals to one.

BOWERS ALLERTON

Bowers Allerton footballers had a match with Glasshoughton on Saturday afternoon, and the latter won by six goals to one.

CONCERT.—In the Mission Schoolroom on Saturday evening a good concert was enjoyed by the large number present. Mr H. Senior, of Leeds, a firm friend of the Young Men's Bible Class, and on whose invitation the singers had come, stated that the artists were all members of one family. Miss Gladys Bray, the Chairman said, had only recently won first prize in a singing competition in London. The programme was as follows:—Duet, "Merrie England"; song "Two Love Lyrics," by Mrs Gaunt (soprano); pianoforte duet, Miss G. Bray and Mr. W. S. Bray; song, "A Garden of Sunshine," by B. Bray (tenor); vocal duet, "Irish Ballad" song," Miss Bray and Mrs Gaunt; song, "Oh, promise me," Mr W. S. Bray (baritone); song, "A spray of Roses," Miss Gladys Bray (contralto); duet, "Tenor and Baritone," by Messrs Bray; song, "My Dreams," Mr Bray; song, "When you come home," Miss Bray; song, solo, "Polish dance," Mr W. S. Bray; song, "Over the hills," Mrs Gaunt; duet, "Maying," Mr and Mrs Bray; song, "The bosun, the coaster, and me," Mr W. S. Bray; song, "Abide with me," Miss Bray; quartette, "Allan Water"; quartette, "Old King Cole." On the motion of Mr W. S. Blackburn, seconded by Mr W. Blackburn, a vote of thanks was heartily given to the artists, and to Mr Bullock for the loan of the piano. The proceeds are for the forthcoming bazaar.

CARLTON

ENTERTAINMENT.—A successful entertainment was given in the Carlton Wesleyan Sunday School on Saturday night by the young ladies of the Junior Wesleyan Church. The whole programme was devoted to a representation of "Ye old village wedding," which was admirably given. There was a large company present, and the net funds of the church should benefit to no small extent.

BILLIARDS.—On Saturday both teams, representing Carlton Temperance Hall in the Oulton and District Billiard League, had matches with Hopetown Reading Room. The seniors were away and lost by 126 points, the scores being H.petown 595, while Carlton's aggregate was 469. The individual scores were (Hopetown names first):—H. Button 64 v. R. Ellis 100, C. Bedford 100 v. Beeton 48, Webster 100 v. W. Pape 93, Button 100 v. E. Brown 94, Rumsey 100 v. G. Rumsey 74, and Lilley 100 v. I. Fox 38. The junior team lost by 206 points, the aggregate scores being Hopetown 590, Carlton 384. The individual efforts were as follows (Hopetown names first):—J. Illingworth 100 v. F. Shaw 90, Dennis Dixon 61 v. T. Bloomer 100, A. Wright 32 v. R. Booth 100, A. Heard 69 v. A. Gregory 100, J. Dobson 30 v. W. Beaton 100, and Geo. Priestley 97 v. J. Passmore 100.

CROSSGATES

On Monday County Councillor Dewhirst, of Whitkmoor Lodge, underwent an operation at Sir Berkeley Moynihan's nursing home in Leeds. The operation was successfully carried out, and Mr Dewhirst is going on as well as can be expected.

LIBERALISM.—On Friday evening at the Wesleyan Lecture Hall the last of the series of lectures on the land and housing policy of the Government was delivered by Mr. Marriott Morley, J.P. There was a fair attendance of Liberals, and Mr W. G. Smithson (President of the Crossgates Liberal Association) presided. A keen discussion followed the lecture.

LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening, in connection with the Baptist Church Fellowship a lecture, entitled "An evening with Burns," was delivered by Mr L. Mellor, Manchester, of the Avenue, Halton, in the Lecture Hall at Whitkirk, before a good gathering of members. Mr Bailey, of Crossgates, presided. The lecturer dealt with the subject from three main points of view—the literary, social, and religious, and showed that Burns, although not the only Scottish national poet up to the period in which he lived, at that time filled a need, as the strains of Scottish poetry had almost dried up, owing to the social, political, and religious struggles immediately prior to his birth. The poet's early life and education were touched upon, and his influence on the social and religious conditions of Scotland was emphasized by the lecturer, who spoke of Burns championing the cause of the downtrodden, honest poor, and taking the side of the more liberal-minded "New Lichts" in the bitter religious controversy which was exciting the Kirk of Scotland in his day, by means of the scathing, satirical verse of which he was a master. The genius of the poet as a composer of love songs was dwelt upon, and his love for the lasses traced from a very early period in his short, turbulent, but interesting life. The lecture was illustrated by songs and recitations given by Mrs Milton, Mrs Burras, Mr Milton, and the lecturer, and the pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss McFarlane. Messrs Rodgers, Diggle, Batty, Milton, and Gordon took part in an interesting discussion which followed. At the meeting on Tuesday evening a lecture will be delivered by Mr F. R. Pearson, B.A.—See advt.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of Crossgates Literary Society was held on Monday evening in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, and Mr E. Hawkesworth presided. The hon. secretary reported an increase of 49 members over the previous year, and gave a review of the pleasant evenings, occupied by 7 lantern lectures and 3 without illustrations. The treasurer then presented his financial statement, showing the various items of expenditure. On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr Armistead, both these reports were adopted. The election of officials for the coming session then proceeded with, Mr E. Hawkesworth being unanimously re-elected president. The vice-presidents nominated and elected subject to their approval were:—Dr. Ashmore, Mr. J. Armistead, Dr. Bean, Rev. E. Bell, Mr. I. J. Dewhirst, C.C., Rev. B. Guyer, Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, Dr. Hayearth, Rev. H. H. Malleson, Mr P. S. Marsden, Mr Tindale Rippon, Mr F. W. Suteliffe, Mr Walter Thompson, and the President of the Wesleyan Institute. The Executive Committee elected were:—Messrs C. Appleton, G. W. Beaumont, T. K. Diggle, C. D. Fidgett, A. Morgan, J. Owrid, J. H. Pickles, W. W. Stott, T. Webster, E. C. White, and S. H. Young. J. H. Walker and Mr F. R. Carlton were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively. Votes of thanks to the retiring officials and the lanternists were cordially passed. It was resolved to organise an excursion to Haworth for a Saturday afternoon in May or June next for members and friends. Following the annual meeting Mr F. Swann, Leeds, gave a most interesting lecture on "The Romance of Ancient Glass Making," illustrated by a number of specimens. The lecturer was thoroughly acquainted with his subject, and spoke of the discovery of glass manufacture 1,600 B.C., referring to the proficiency in the art by the Ancient Phœnicians and Egyptians, and later by the Venetians. On the motion of Mr Carlton, seconded by Mr Walker, and supported by Mr Hawkesworth, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, and Mr Swann suitably replied.

GARFORTH

Mr G. W. Batty, draper, of "The Beehive," Garforth, and "The Beehive," Rothwell, is the successful tenderer for drapery, etc., for the Tadcaster Union for the ensuing half-year.—Advt.

NO SALE.—At Garforth on Thursday night Messrs Oliver, Appleton, and Kitchen, of Leeds (instructed by Messrs Nelson, Eddisons, and Lupton, solicitors, Leeds), offered six lots of freehold property in Hilderthorpe Terrace and Beech Grove Avenue, Garforth, for sale by public auction, but not one lot was sold.

ADMITTED BEING "TIGHT."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Isaac Sayers, shaver, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Monday, March 9th. P.C. Bevan stated that defendant was so drunk he thought it advisable to take him home to his lodgings. Sayers said he admitted being "tight." The Chairman: "You can't stand it."—Defendant: "Oh, yes, I can stand." (Laughter). A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

THE CHURCH.—The monthly service for men was held at Oulton St. John's Church on Sunday afternoon, when the address was given by the Rev. T. E. R. Willord, rector of Garforth. Rising his address upon "According to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3. 11, he asked what was the eternal purpose which God had placed with them. It was for them, he said, to live their life not only for this world, but for all which was to come.

B.W.T.A. MEETING.—A meeting of the Garforth branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held on Monday in the Parish Methodist Church, and there was a good attendance. Mrs Coudwell presided, and Mrs Haste Carr, of Halton, was the speaker. She gave a most interesting and helpful address, the keynote of which was patience—patience in God, in the work, and in future results, while she gave them three thoughts to remember—sowing the seed, the seed slowly growing, and the harvest, and she urged the members not to expect too swift and great results, but work patiently and steadily on, each doing what she could to forward the cause, and the results would come. Temperance Picture was distributed, and nine new members were gained.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Saturday evening a good company gathered in this schoolroom, on the occasion of the annual concert and prize distribution to the Sunday School scholars. An excellent programme was provided, including action songs, drills, etc., by the scholars, under the direction of Miss A. Hancock and Miss M. J. Goodall; duets by Mr and Mrs P. Pickersgill; and songs by Mr Pickersgill. Miss E. B. Breed acted as accompanist. A humorous sketch, entitled "Votes for Women," was given by five of the older scholars. A short address on the value of the Sunday School was delivered by the Rev. J. P. Osborne. Mrs. J. Hemsworth presided, and the prizes were presented to the successful scholars by Mrs F. Richardson. The proceeds were in aid of the Sunday School funds.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At this popular place of entertainment capital programmes have delighted large audiences this week. The principal attractions for to-night and Saturday are "The Rajah's Diamond Rose," which shows how a clever rogue is outwitted by a girl, and "Why Girls Leave Home," a two-part Edison comedy. On the first three days of next week a very fine film will be exhibited. It is entitled "Victory or Death," and it is full of sensational incident, showing aeroplane flights, motor-car races, and a burning liner at sea. Other films promised with a man who loses his memory, is sure to please everybody. Other pictures to be shown are "The Fatal Taxi-cab," "Fickle Phil," "Calamity Anne's Trip," (specially good), and "Reigonds outwitted" (drama). For times and prices see advt.

HALTON

Mr W. B. Pindar, of Halton, Clerk to the Hunsler Rural District Council, has been elected a member of the Town Planning Institute.

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk Church Mission were defeated in the Church Football League match by Rodley St. Andrew's by three goals to two.

WITHDRAWN.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, when the name of John Wm. Gale, who was summoned by his wife, Annie Gale, of Halton, for assistant cruelty, was called, the woman applied to the magistrates for a withdrawal of the summons, as they were going to live together again. The magistrates allowed the case to be done on condition that the husband paid the costs of the summons.

BOXING.—A long and interesting programme of boxing was decided in the presence of a crowded audience at the Central Athletic Club, Leeds, on Saturday night. The first pair to enter the ring were John Carroll (Leeds) and Kid Newton (Halton), who met to box ten rounds. Carroll had a great advantage in height and reach, but the lad from Halton Newton got his men to a standstill in the first round Newton got his opponent in trouble and the referee intervened and declared him to be the winner.

BILLIARD LEAGUE.—The concluding games in the Non-Political Clubs' League were played this week. Highbury won an exciting game against British Workmen's by the odd point. Stourton St. Andrew's easily beat Halton, the margin of 322 dividing them at the close. Lower Wortley easily accounted for Meanwood, winning by 359 points. The best breaks were:—Mr J. Horsfield (Stourton), 52; Mr H. Coggill (Stourton), 33; Mr C. Dunbar (Highbury), 35; Mr C. Waddington (British Workmen), 33. British Workmen's and Stourton tie for first place, and a deciding match will be played on Tuesday. Stourton and British Workmen's have each lost two out of the last four matches played, whilst Tramways, who tie with Woodhouse for third place, lost their first five matches, and won 14 out of the last 15.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Woodville had a football match with Rothwell W.R., and the Woodville won easily by nine goals to one.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Charles Biscombe, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Kippax about 9.50 p.m. on Saturday, March 7th. He was taken home by a friend, after being spoken to by P.C. Ainsworth. Defendant was fined 20s. and costs.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Jesse Palfreyman, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used bad language in Kippax on Saturday, March 7th. P.C. Gough said that about 11.10 p.m. on the night in question he saw the defendant, and he was making use of bad language. Fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting of the G.F.S. was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, when the Vicar (Rev. R. D. Smith) gave an address on germ life and some common diseases. There was a good attendance. The Lenten services were continued on Thursday evening, when "The men who crucified Christ" again formed the basis of an eloquent discourse by the Vicar, the special subject being "The Multitude." The lantern illustrations, taken from the works of the best modern painters, were excellent.

PRESENTATION.—An interesting ceremony was place on Saturday evening at the White Swan Inn, on the occasion of a birthday celebration. Mr George Fisher, in whose honour the function was promoted, was the recipient of a number of presents, which were given as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow workmen employed at the Ledstone Lade Pit, near Kippax. Mr Fisher suitably acknowledged the kindness shown to him. Goodwill was practised more in pit life than was generally supposed, and he thanked them heartily for their gifts.

METHLEY

The Pontefract Guardians have appointed Dr. J. W. Taylor, of Methley, medical officer for that parish in succession to Dr. Wiggin, who has resigned.

The Pontefract Board of Guardians have decided to entertain their Chairman, Mr. J. W. Bentley, to a complimentary dinner, as a recognition of his services as Chairman for over 20 years.

AFTER THIRTY YEARS.—At Leeds on Monday a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the inquest on William Todd, fifty-three, a collier, of Hodgson Yard, Hunslet, who died on Saturday from injuries he received on the previous Tuesday by fall of roof whilst employed at the Saville Pit, Methley, three and a half years ago.

GULTON

GOLF CLUB.—In the March medal competition the scores were:—Long, 88, 4; 84; A. P. Bolland, 94, 9, 85; Miss G. Armitage, 113, 24, 89; W. Glover, 114, 24, 90; Thos. Swan, 105, 16, 92; R. K. Swales, 101, 8, 93.

A MENDICANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Alfred Jordan, locksmith, of no fixed abode, who was charged with begging from door to door at Stourton on Friday, was sent to prison for seven days.

P.S.A.—There was a good attendance at the weekly P.S.A. meeting at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by Mr Brierley, of Beeston Hill. Mr J. Collinson presided, and Mr Waterton was the organist.

FOOTBALL.—Our Saturday afternoon East Hunslet and New Wortley Gas Works had a League match at Stourton, and in the first half the game was well-contested. Somerton scored for the visitors, and Hinsley netted for the home team. In the second half Brooksbank and Broughton netted for New Wortley, who won by three goals to one.

STOURTON DEFEATED.—Stourton Liberal Club and Pudsey Conservative Club met in the second round of the charity competition at Hixon and Sons' Shearcrons, Park Street, Leeds, on Wednesday night. Pudsey won four of the five games, and on the aggregate totals proved successful by 109 points. The scores were 475 and 336. Details (Stourton names first):—J. Horsfield 66 v. J. B. Hylands 100, C. Clarkson 42 v. J. W. Hinchliffe 100, S. Gillings 100 v. J. W. Gaunt 75, H. Coggill 83 v. A. Mitchell 100, and S. Ellis 85 v. P. Hoyle 100.

WOMEN'S LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Lily Kinch and Elizabeth Rosindale, both of Stourton, were summoned for having made use of obscene language. P.C. Wright stated that about 11 a.m. on March 8th he was on duty in Atkinson Street, Stourton, when he heard the defendants use the language complained of. Both defendants denied making use of the language, and said the bother arose through another woman. They called a witness on their behalf. The magistrates were satisfied with the officer's evidence, and fined Kinch 5s. and costs and Rosindale 2s. 6d. and costs.

WHAT HAPPENED AT STOURTON?—It is regrettable to say a contemporary to hear of as ugly a demonstration as which took place at Stourton, when the East Hunslet Club were replaying their tie with Beeston Hill Parish Church. It is reported that they were met with the Garforthian head on the road, after which the conduct of the home players and spectators became very unruly. A couple of players were sent off, one of whom, after the game, made his way to the visitors' dressing-room, and there, it is alleged, committed an assault upon a member of the Beeston team. The local and the county associations are made it known that they were prepared to give their support to the assaulted player, should he take police-court proceedings, but it is stated the aggrieved individual is refraining from taking such proceedings.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—In aid of the funds of the forthcoming bazaar a successful concert was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom on Saturday night, when a lengthy programme was submitted by the choir of the Woodhouse Hill Primitive Methodist Church. There was a large company present, presided over by Mr J. Collinson. The following were the items:—Glee, "Softly fall the shadows of evening," choir; song, "I am so spiritual when I read," Mr. H. Nicholson; song, "Up an' roll, folk," Miss D. Stead; quartette, "Bravo, Profundo," Misses Mears and Foster and Messrs Mears and Myers; recitation, "The madness hat," Miss Stead; Brewery song, "A long time gone for the wood," Mr B. Myers; glee, "The laughing chorus," choir song, Mrs Prince; duet (banjo and violin), Messrs Peers; recitation, "A husband's experiment"; glee, "Moonlight," choir; song, Mrs Prince; duet, "The Rivals," Misses Mears and Myers; song, Miss D. Stead; glee, "Call John," choir; recital, Miss Jessie Brown; song, "The night I fought Jack Johnson," Mr H. Nicholson; song, "The land of I dunno where," Miss H. Frost; glee, "In the hour of twilight," choir; and "Auld lang syne," choir and "The contented plumber." The young men of the Stourton Chapel, who were responsible for the obtaining of the artistes, are to be congratulated upon the successful result.

WOODLESFORD

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Pritchard, engineman, of Woodlesford, was summoned for having made use of abusive language. P.C. Bennett stated that on Wednesday, March 4th, he was in Beconsfield Yard, by Woodlesford, when he heard the defendant, who was quarrelling, make use of bad language. It was stated that the defendant was brought home ill had been in bed for a week. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of the Oulton Education Committee was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday night, Mr G. M. Abbey presiding. Other members present were Messrs B. Wood Higgins, S. H. Young, J. H. Tomlinson, J. W. Ridyard, T. H. Myson, H. E. Catton, and J. P. Allison, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell). With regard to the old desks at Woodlesford, the Clerk reported that he had received an offer from Mr Parkin, secretary of the Woodlesford Cricket Club, of £1, and it was decided as there was no other to accept the offer. It was reported that there were fourteen applications for the post of caretaker of the Woodlesford Council School. The most suitable applicants were selected to appear before a committee composed of the Woodlesford members.

The attendance returns for February showed a percentage for the district of 89.19 as compared with 85.28 last year. Oulton St. John's mixed department had the highest percentage in the district, 93.39 against 91.28 in the previous February. The infants' department was 85.12 as against 74.24. Woodlesford Council mixed department showed a percentage of 90.98 for the month as compared with 91.10, and the infants' department 87.5 as against 86.21. The returns were considered satisfactory.

WHITKIRK

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk hockey players went under to the R.H.A. by four goals to three.

A FORMER VICAR.—The Bishop of New Guinea, Right Rev. Gerald Sharp, who preached at York Minster on Sunday evening, was born in Cheshire on October 27th, 1865. He is the youngest son of Thomas Boult Sharp, Victoria Park, Manchester, and Bessie, daughter of James Liffle, of Arcourts Old Hall, Manchester, and was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge; ordained, 1889; curate of Aston-juxta-Tarporley, Cheshire, 1889-1893; Holy Innocents', Hammersmith, 1893-98; Vicar of Whitkirk, Yorks., 1898-1900. In the latter year he was appointed Bishop of New Guinea. His residence is at Samarai and Dogura, Bartle Bay, British New Guinea.

On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster had a football match with Wetherby Cor., and the Cal-cats won by five goals to nil.

The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were:—Col. Gascoigne (in the chair), Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Mr S. Brooksbank.

Fred Bliss, labourer, Selby, was summoned at Selby on Monday for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Wistow, and was fined 1s. and costs.

HOUSING.—The Wetherby Rural District Council have ordered two houses at Wetherby to be closed as being unfit for habitation, and they have also demolished two cottages at Tockwith. The medical officer has been instructed to inspect a house at Wetherby and one at Spofforth.

WETHERBY GOLF CLUB.—In the monthly medal competition at Wetherby on Saturday the results were:—H. Armitage, 88, 13, 75; W. Graydon, 87, 11, 76; Rev. G. S. Charlewood, 91, 14, 77; W. N. Chrisdie, 88, 9, 79; G. Fourt, 97, 18, 79; S. Fobigg, 97, 18, 79; S. F. Parkinson, 89, 9, 80; R. Smithson, 101, 18, 83; C. E. Foulds, 103, 20, 83; T. Bath, 103, 18, 85; H. Whitaker, 109, 24, 85; S. Pickard, 112, 24, 88; J. Hudson, 112, 24, 88; H. Heap, 110, 22, 88.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A ROTHWELL PRAYER.

PREPARING FOR A COAL STRIKE.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr T. Thomas) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Dickinson, Rev. T. Cody, Dr. E. Groves, Messrs H. Schofield, J. Bennett, J. Butterick, T. G. Cowyers, W. Verity, E. B. Pickersgill, W. A. Appleyard, W. Lunn, W. Stead, J. Gawiss, Peace, Hemingway, and J. W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Ikin). The workhouse master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been one death in the workhouse, and that 31 vagrants had been relieved as against 60 for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 10.

A ROTHWELL PRAYER.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee showed that the committee had under consideration the letter from the Local Government Board with reference to the proposed emigration of certain children to Canada, together with the copy letter from Father Cody accompanying same, with reference to two Roman Catholic children. It was proposed by Mr Chappell, and seconded by Mr Schofield, that pursuant to the Board's authority, the Clerk be instructed to inform the whole of the facts before the Local Government Board, and ask for their reconsideration of the matter in the light thereof. An amendment was proposed by Mr Butterick, and seconded by Mr J. W. Verity, to substitute after "authority" the words "that the Roman Catholic children be emigrated through the Catholic Emigration Association instead of the Salvation Army." Messrs Butterick, Verity, and Cody voted in favour of the amendment, and Messrs Schofield, Stead, Appleyard, and Chappell against, and it was carried. The original motion was put and carried.

A letter was received from the chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon acknowledging the Guardians' letter respecting the prayer thought to some of the Homes' Children in the Rothwell Church Sunday School, and stating that the Bishop of Knaresborough, who is acting during the illness of the Bishop of Ripon, is giving the matter his attention, and has written the Vicar of Rothwell on the matter. It was resolved that the best thanks of the committee be given to Mr Mee (the Clerk), for his kindness in presenting a copy to the Children's Encyclopædia in eight volumes for the use of the children in the Homes.

In answer to Father Cody, the Clerk stated that he had not yet received a reply from the Local Government Board to his further letter.

The minutes were passed, Father Cody voting against.

WORKHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Workhouse Committee showed that a report was received from the subcommittee appointed to consider the subject of excess inmates in certain wards of the workhouse in which they made the following recommendations:—

(1). That it be left to the medical officer to arrange for two suitable cases from the lunatic wards to be sent to the asylum;

(2). That the Clerk be instructed to make the best arrangements possible for the transfer of the excess cases in the male infirmary to the Bramley Union; and

(3). That the Board be recommended to consider the whole question of the sufficiency of accommodation in the institution.

It was resolved that the above recommendations of the sub-committee be approved and adopted, and that they be thanked for their services.

The Clerk reported the completion of arrangements for the special training of selected probationer nurses in surgical and maternity nursing.

It was resolved that the superintendent nurse be instructed to obtain the approval of the committee at the commencement of each year, a plan of the proposed arrangement for nurses to be absent on training at outside institutions.

A letter was received from the Leeds Private Hospital Co., Ltd., agreeing that it will be most convenient that the probationer nurses should commence their period of training with them on the first of the month, and that they will expect one to go on the 1st proximo. It was resolved that the plan for this year be arranged so as to permit of one to go to Denison Hall on the 1st April as proposed.

The minutes were passed.

PREPARING FOR A STRIKE.

The Clerk asked for the instructions of the Board as to the supply of coal during the threatened strike. The workhouse master wished to avoid any difficulty so far as he could, and the contractor had communicated with the Glass Houghton Colliery Co., and they had replied that they could not guarantee to send trucks off unless they knew by four o'clock that afternoon. The master had suggested getting in a five weeks' supply.

Father Cody moved that a five weeks' supply be obtained.

Mr Lunn said he would move an amendment that the matter be referred to the House Committee.

Mr Butterick seconded, remarking that there would be no strike.

The amendment was lost upon a vote being taken, and one proposed by Mr Schofield that a sufficient quantity for two and a half weeks be obtained was carried.

COMPLAINTS BY INMATES.

When the recommendations of the committee considering the institutional regulations came up for discussion, Mr Lunn referred to a regulation which defined that inmates of the workhouse desirous of making a complaint should go to the workhouse master, who would bring it before the House Committee. He contended that if the inmates were allowed to make their complaints to the Guardians as they went round, they would probably hear more than would be the case if the complaints be made through the master. He moved that there should be inserted the regulation that complaints be made to the Board.

Mr Schofield seconded Mr Lunn's motion, as he considered that it was a very difficult thing for people in the position of inmates to come before the master when the master was present throughout the proceedings.

Mr Butterick asked if Mr Lunn meant that anyone desirous of making a complaint could have it to members of the Board not on the premises.

The Clerk said that the regulation set forth that when complaints were made to the master he should at once enter them in a register specially kept for the purpose and which should be presented at each meeting of the House Committee.

Mr Appleyard said he was of the opinion that there was a likelihood of the Guardians never hearing of complaints if it was compulsory that they should be made through the master, as the inmates would not care to make representations to the master.

Dr. Groves said if complaints were made to the Guardians in going round the institution then the Guardians would be doing their duty in bringing the complaints to the master.

Mrs Dickenson said she did not agree with the regulation. If inmates wanted to complain they should be allowed to complain to the Guardians if they wished to do so.

Mr Butterick said the resolution meant that when the inmates were allowed out they would present their complaints to individual Guardians. He had had several in that way, and no doubt would have several more. If he received such complaints then it would be his duty, according to the resolution, to bring the complaint, if there was anything in it, to the notice of the workhouse master. That he never had done, and never would do. He would send it to the House Committee. (Hear, hear).

The Clerk said the point was that any complaint made should be entered in a specially kept register by the master.

It was finally decided that the regulation be made to read that complaints are to be made to any Guardian, the Clerk, or master, who would forthwith make the entry in the register kept for the purpose, and to bring it before the meeting of the House Committee.

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A STACK FIRE AT HALTON.

A BOY'S CONFESSION.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Victor Lunn (13), an errand boy, living at Leeds, was charged in the Children's Court with having set fire to a stack of hay belonging to Richard Ricketyke, Thorn Farm, Halton.

Richard Ricketyke stated that about 4.45 on Sunday he was informed by a man named Dickinson that a stack belonging to him, which stood in a field on the Moor Road, was on fire. He also heard that four boys were associated with the fire. He found on going to the field that the stack was well alight. It was a half-ton stack. He valued the stack at £65, which was covered by insurance.

Walter Dickinson, of Halton, said that about 4.35 on Sunday afternoon he saw a boy stack on fire, and a moment later witnessed four boys running away. He gave chase and caught them, the boy Lunn admitting that he had set fire to the stack.

Sergeant Haigh said that he received news of the fire about 5 p.m. The stack was about 20 tons, and was burning all round. The boys were brought to him, and Lunn made a statement in writing, saying "I set the stack on fire with a piece of match I found in my pocket. I tried to put it out but could not. We all tried to put it out."

When formally charged, he said "I did it. We were crossing the field for a near cut."

Asked if he had anything to say, the boy said it was done by accident. He took a match and lit a piece of hay, not thinking it would set fire to the stack.

A clergyman spoke as to the boy's good character, and said he did not think he would do it maliciously.

The Chairman said they would like to give the boy a good thrashing but he was too old. They considered it stupidity on the part of the boy to do such an action. He asked the father if he had meted out any punishment to him, and he was told he had not.

The case was dismissed, the father to pay the costs.

REMINISCENCES OF TADCASTER

OLDEST POLICE PENSIONER IN THE COUNTRY.

A PARSON OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

A wonderful old man, Mr Samuel Stead, who is a native of Tadcaster, is spending the eventide of his life in the company of the frequenters of a village inn. In the genial charge of his daughter, Mrs Tindall, who is the hostess of a stick-and-spoon inn at Osmotherley, a picturesque old quaint village close to the renowned Mount Grace Priory, and on the verge of the Cleveland and Grace Priory, and on the verge of the Cleveland Hills, and consequently of the York paper had an interesting conversation with Mr Stead, whose sight is practically gone, but this deficiency has evidently quickened his other senses. Mr Stead stated that his parents farmed at "Long Moor," Tadcaster, and his father paid £1,000 on taking the farm over. When very young Mr Stead was carried to school by a servant. This school was kept by a masterly woman, and there was but one classroom. There was a constant hubbub of voices, as the scholars were grouped into various classes according to their ability, and three distinct lessons were sometimes going on at once. She was a good teacher, Mr Stead remarked, for when he was tired she would take her young scholar upon her knee, and croon him to sleep. Between the ages of 12 and 14 he attended the Grammar School at Tadcaster, which was then kept by the late Mr Geo. Hutchinson. The vicar of Tadcaster, the Rev. Mr Rhodes, was subsequently the principal of the school, Mr Stead explained, and he was a most hard-working man. On Sundays Mr Rhodes preached in the church at Tadcaster, saddled a horse and rode to Walton, near Wetherby, and conducted service there in the afternoon, then rode back in time to take evensong at Tadcaster. Upon the death of Mr Rhodes the school was taken over by Mr Wm. Cocker Bellhouse.

On leaving school when 14 years old, Mr Stead stated that he went to the "plough" basides on the farm, and assisted his father generally. He gave some interesting information on agriculture in those days, stating that they had no cutters, binders, nor threshing machines. The whole of the grain and hay had to be reaped by the scythe or sickle, and the grain was threshed by means of the flail. Mr Stead's father kept an old man all the year round to do nothing but the thrashing, women folk were allowed to go round the fields gleaning, and they often picked up as much as would keep their families in flour for the year.

Reference to the gleaners recalled to him a poem which he had learned in his younger days, and he recited it. It was entitled the "Farmer and the Traveller." There must have been close upon a thousand words in the poem, but Mr Stead gave it without a hitch and in a clear and resonant voice. "I got that off 50 years ago," he observed, so that he would be about 60 years of age when he committed it to memory.

For cutting the men were paid 1s. 6d. per acre, and the women who helped were paid 1s. per day. To housekeepers it might be of interest to know that flour was from 2s. 9d. to 3s. 6d. per stone, but Mr Stead remembered it rising to 4s. 6d. and 5s. per stone during the Crimean war, after which it dropped to 1s. 6d. per stone.

For some time Mr Stead was footman to Mr Addinall, and in connection with this employer's name he recalled how he came to hear the news of the death of King William IV. in 1837. He had been riding from Wetherby to Bramham Moor when Mr Addinall overtook them, and said: "Have you heard that the King is dead?" "No," was the answer. "Well, 'tis true," said Mr Addinall. "he died this morning." Mr Stead was then 14 years old.

Just before this time, however, he remembered seeing Princess Victoria (niece of King William IV., and subsequently Queen) while her Royal Highness was the guest of Lord Harewood and going to patronise the York Festival. He saw her at the White House, where a stop was made. Stead was with his mother, and close to the carriage from which the young Princess stepped. The Duchess of Kent was on the right side of the Princess, and young Stead standing by the Princess on the left felt the child's pride put his young hand on the waist of the Princess and lightly stroked the Royal frock "right down." "It was a great day that in Tadcaster," remarked Mr Stead, "and I was one of the proudest, although my mother reproved me for what I did."

One of the songs sung at the Festival was "Auld Robin Gray," and it was very well-known at the time, said Mr Stead. "I remember the words yet," he said, as he recited the verses.

His father, Mr Stead mentioned, used to drive the mail coach from Tadcaster to Leeds. The road was not enclosed by hedges then, but was marked by stone heaps. Up to the age of 26 he continued as an agricultural, and then, on February 20th, 1850, he entered the Leeds Police Force, but a sad accident he met with whilst on duty cut short his career as a police constable. He was stationed at the Duke Street police office, and on Christmas Day, 1855, he, along with some eleven brother constables, was ordered to put down a disturbance in the city, caused by a party of Irishmen. There were about 600 of them, remarked Mr Stead, who seemed to regard the affair as quite a common occurrence. At the collision with the police in Saxton Lane, Stead received a brick-bat on the forehead, just above the left eyebrow. It caused a terrible wound, cutting the artery and piercing the right arm and cutting the muscles of the hand. After several weeks of suffering Stead recovered, but he was of no further use as a constable, and from then to the present day he has been in receipt of a pension from the Leeds Watch Committee. He claims to be the oldest pensioner policeman in the kingdom.

Mr Stead was married in 1852, and had a family of five daughters and a son. His wife is now dead, but he has two daughters and a son living.

A FORMER WHITKIRK CLERGYMAN AND MISSIONS

BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA AND HIS PEOPLE.

The Bishop of New Guinea, the Right Rev. Gerald Sharp, is in England at present on a visit to his friends, and he occupied the pulpit at York Minster on Sunday evening, when he spoke to a large congregation.

In Lent, he said, there was a great deal said about giving up luxuries and extras, and about not doing this and that. That was all right, but there was a fear that they might forget that these were only a means to an end. They must not be merely negative, contented with doing nothing bad, but surely they wanted to go on and do something positive and to insist on doing something good. They talked about struggling against their besetting sin, but they must also seek to acquire the contrary virtue. It was not good shots, drove the ball into Gent's hands. The custodian made a faulty clearance, and the ball was sent to Laidlaw, who equalised with a capital shot. At the interval both sides had a goal.

On the restart Garforth started a pretty heading movement, and Stead sent the ball one to Bellamy, who, with a good shot, scored the third goal with a fine shot. Maintaining the pressure, Balfance again shot in, and Wilson failing to clear, Stead had no difficulty in netting. Aberford were now a beaten team, and the Garforthians simply played with them. The fourth goal, got from a corner, was probably the best of the match, being netted by Bellamy with a long shot. Afterwards Balfance should have had another, but Howson, who was off-side, pluckily in and robbed him of the leather. After Stead had banged the ball against the cross-bar, he returned and beat the custodian a fifth time, and Gibson scored the sixth from a corner. The seventh was scored by Worsley against his side from a corner, while the eighth was also netted from a corner. Pickersgill scored out to Howson, and he shot into the centre. Stead receiving and doing the needful. Stead headed to the ninth from a corner. Howson, who had played well, tried a shot, but his custodian saved, he went to the centre position, but it looked as if he was to be denied the privilege. Just on time, however, after he had headed the leather past the goalkeeper, he got the ball, and registered the tenth goal. The Garforthians won by ten goals to one.

Aberford's display in the second half was a great disappointment. They promised well, although their forward work was lacking in combination, and so long as they kept the Garforthians off the ball they were safe. But when Laidlaw and Inman were conspicuous throughout, and the backs got through a lot of hard work.

After the interval, however, the side simply went to pieces, and it was surely a case of withdrawing forwards to take part in the defence. Garforth, it must be confessed, did not show up very well in the first half, but they were distinctly superior to their rivals in the second half, when they scored from the from gave a fine exhibition of combined play. Birch, for once in a way, was not so prominent, but Ballance surpassed himself. Pickersgill played a good game, and received valuable assistance from Pickersgill. The halves completely mastered the Aberford forwards, who rarely got away, and the backs gave a good display. Settle, the match, owing to Aberford's breakdown in the second half, was a keen disappointment, but Garforth were worth the goals they got, and were greatly superior to their opponents. Garforth will meet Gilder Cawood or Selby Olympia in the final.

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL CUP

GARFORTH DEFEAT ABERFORD AT BARWICK.

The first of the semi-finals for the Barkston Ash Challenge Cup was played at Barwick on Saturday afternoon, the competing teams being Aberford and Garforth White Rose. The weather was showery, but there was a fairly good "gate," a sum of between £4 and £5 being taken. Mr J. H. Townend (Micklefield) was the referee, and the teams lined up as follows:—Aberford:—Goal, Wilson; backs, Thorp and Hayton; halfbacks, A. Dodds, Parkinson, and Illingworth; forwards, Inman, Kilburn, C. Dodds, Worsley and Laidlaw. Garforth:—Goal, Gent; backs, Ballmer and Atack; half-backs, Prime, H. Pickersgill, and Gibson; forwards, Ballance, Birch, Stead, Howson, and A. Pickersgill.

Garforth started the game against the wind, and both sides played with great energy, if with little combination. The first incident of interest was a promising attack on the Garforth citadel. Kilburn got away with the leather, and there was every prospect of a score, for the backs were beaten, when two of the Aberford men, who were off-side, spoilt Kilburn and Co. The goal was, of course, disallowed. Garforth retaliated, and Ballance was frequently prominent with clever play, but nothing came of it. Inman made a dashing run for Aberford, and, after beating Ballmer, he drove the leather into Gent's hands. Laidlaw then took up the running, his tricky play causing the Garforthians anxiety. Eventually Inman served a corner, and the leather was splendidly placed. Laidlaw secured and sent it hard for the net, but luckily Gent's feet were in the way, and the ball was cleared.

Garforth afterwards had a spell of attacking, and Ballance served a corner. The ball came out to Ballmer, and he banged it in, Stead pluckily rushing into the net. For a time Aberford were inactive, Laidlaw being the only player prominent, but towards the close of the half they roused themselves, and Inman, who made some

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SHERBURN, LEDSHAM, AND SCHOLES WATER SUPPLIES.

In his annual report on the public health and sanitary condition of Tadcaster rural district for the last year, Dr. Bernard Stedman puts the population of the area at 18,000. He states:—

There were 194 births recorded, equivalent to a birth-rate of 21.6 per thousand. This is almost 2 per thousand less than that of any previous year. The average rate for the last five years was 23.8, and before that was consistently over 24. It is in the Aberford sub-district that the rate has fallen chiefly. Thirty-three births were illegitimate. The rate for England and Wales in 1913 was 24.5. The birth-rate in the sub-districts were as follows:—Aberford, 20.3; Tadcaster, 22; and Sherburn, 21.

DEATHS AND DEATH-RATE.

There were 336 deaths registered in the district, of which 9 were non-residents; 37 persons belonging to the district died elsewhere. This total of 364 deaths of residents is at the rate of 12.0 per thousand, and is the lowest recorded for this district. If corrected by the factor supplied by the Registrar-General in order to make the rate comparable with that of the whole country, it falls to 12.6. That for England and Wales was 13.4, and for the country areas 12.4. The number of deaths from phthisis, pneumonia, and bronchitis shows an increase, but those from diarrhœa in infants have risen considerably. Eleven were registered from whooping-cough. The death-rate in the Aberford district was 12.9; Tadcaster, 13.2; and Sherburn 11.9. Eighty-six were infants under one year of age, of which 10 were illegitimate, the infantile mortality (rate per 1,000 births) being 124. This is above the average, and entirely due to the prevalence of diarrhœa last summer, which caused 23 infant deaths. Nearly one-third of the illegitimate children died before attaining the age of one year. The infant mortality for the whole country was 109.

	Birth-rate	Death-rate	Infantile Mortality
Whole District	21.6	12.0	124
Aberford Sub-District	20.3	12.9	135
Tadcaster ,,	22.0	13.2	79
Sherburn ,,	21.0	11.9	148
Allerton Parva ,,	29.6	17.7	216
Kippax ,,	29.4	9.8	106
Tadcaster ,,	27.6	14.2	77

From the above table it will be seen that the parish of Allerton Bywater, with its bad condition of streets and rows of privy middens, compares very unfavourably with other parts of the district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES—ALLERTON AND GARFORTH.

162 notifications were received, 23 being typhoid fever, 13 diphtheria, 29 phthisis, 11 other forms of tuberculosis, 7 erysipelas, 1 puerperal, 1 cerebro-spinal fever, and 78 scarlet.

Of the cases of typhoid eight were members of one family in Allerton Bywater. Six commenced during the last few days of September, and the others from the middle to the latter. These were the doubt infected from the earlier cases. The source of infection was not traced.

Two cases came from the Garforth urban district, and ran an outbreak existed. Four men had the complaint in November and December. All worked at one of the collieries, and there was good reason to believe that they caught the disease from the pit.

Every effort is made to get typhoid cases from working-class homes into hospital, and during the year 19 cases were removed. The other cases were of a comparatively unsatisfactory and the risk of spreading infection considerable. This fact seems now to be well-known, and we find patients generally only too eager to avail themselves of treatment at the hospital. The results during the last few years have been gratifying, considering the many severe and dangerous cases that have occurred. The late Aberford's breakdown was the second half, was a keen disappointment, but Garforth were worth the goals they got, and were greatly superior to their opponents. Garforth will meet Gilder Cawood or Selby Olympia in the final.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

HUNTING IN WETHERBY DISTRICT.

On Friday the Bramham Moor Hunt met at Walton, and a good day's sport began at Hall Parks. A fox crossed the railway at Scarcroft Road, and visited Thorp Arch Hall and then through Thorparch Whin, and was taken over the Walton and Wetherby Road to Barnett's Wood and alongside the railway for some distance towards Wetherby. Then he crossed the line, crossed the railway and the York and Wetherby Road, and was hunted on with some checks across Lodge Lane, with the Doctor's Plantations on the right, up to the Boroughbridge Road, but after crossing it, he doubled back, and was very slowly taken with Armitage Plantation on the left to Wilton Garth, and there abandoned after a hunt of one hour and fifteen minutes.

Finding at once at Bickerton Spring, the pack ran at top pace, and bearing to the left crossed the Wetherby and York Road. This again, in the Hollins Field Rash, and, again bearing to the left, crossed Rudgate, and got to ground just short of Bickerton Grange Stud Farm. Hounds ran excellently well for the first 30 minutes of a gallop, travelling for the most part from Marston Hall Farm. The fox taken was principally over plough, but so good was scent that grounds crossed it with the greatest dash and confidence. Going over the Tockwith and Boroughbridge Road, the fox, leaving White Syke Whin wide on the left, ran straight and fast to Wilstrop. Nine times out of ten a fox would have entered this cover, but this one did not touch it, and leaving it close on the right, ran nearly down to Skewkirk Bridge, and, sticking to the turns and twists of the River Nidd, passed Hall Farm, and leaving the river crossed Rudgate to Bessy Wood. Up to this the pack had travelled at a good pace for thirty minutes.

The fox now ran through Spring Wood and Hesketh Field Rash, and, again making for the river banks, ran slowly alongside them to Cowthorpe, and passing the famous oak, bore away to the left up to Goose Moor, hounds being run to view at the Willow Garth. The Duck Pond Wood was blank. A fox from Champagne Gorse headed out for Wighill, but at Rudgate turned to the right, and crossing the Boggart House Drain pointed for the Wetherby Race course. Just short of it he bent back to the right, and going through Hadfields Plantation crossed the York Road to the Duck Pond Wood, and being taken on to the Willow Garth was abandoned.

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HOUSING AT TADCASTER.

Last year I reported upon the scarcity of houses in Tadcaster, and stated that a number were scarcely fit for habitation. No action was taken until after the receipt of a letter from the Local Government Board in September, asking what had been done. A special committee was then formed to consider the question, and after several meetings decided that the number of cottages was sufficient to satisfy the demand, and that those of which I had complained were being, or already had been, repaired. I was then asked to make a special report on the whole subject, and to give details of those dwellings which I had mentioned as scarcely fit for habitation. This was presented to the District Council in October, and was as follows:—

"I have recently made further inspection of the housing conditions in the town, and although improvement has been made in many of those recently purchased by one of the brewery companies in Chapel Street, I am of opinion that the number of houses is still short of that required to accommodate the working-classes.

"A number still exist with only one room downstairs and one bedroom. These have not through ventilation, place for storage of food, are generally dilapidated, and more or less damp. It was especially these houses to which I referred as being scarcely fit for habitation. They would serve if repaired for an old person or couple, but are unfit for a family. Such houses are found in Robin Hood's Yard, Dawson's Yard, and Ladypits. Similar, but still more dilapidated, are those in Redcliffe Yard, but at present only three out of thirteen are occupied. Those in Bolland's Yard have only one bedroom, but are in better condition than the above.

"In Rosemary Row during the last 18 months the houses in the lower end have been thoroughly repaired, and are now good cottages. Those higher up are dilapidated; some are damp, with defective sanitary conveniences and bad condition of backyards. These have one fair-sized bedroom in front and a small room or space at the top of the stairs behind, which is badly lighted and ventilated. They are only suitable for small families.

"Many of the houses mentioned are overcrowded. I give a few instances:—

One-bedroomed house, 14ft. 6in. by 15ft. by 7ft. 2in. (1,413 cubic feet), occupied by husband, wife, son aged 27, daughter aged 24, and two children aged 5 and 3.

One-bedroomed house, 10ft. by 11ft. by 6ft. (660 cubic feet), occupied by husband, wife, and 4 children.

One-bedroomed house, 13ft. by 12ft. by 6ft. 9in. (1,053 cubic feet), occupied by husband, wife, and 4 children.

Two-bedroomed house—in the front room 16ft. by 11ft. by 7ft. (1,232 cubic feet), sleep husband, wife, and 7 children.

Two-bedroomed house, 1,056 cubic feet in the two rooms), occupied by husband, wife and 7 children (two over 12 years of age).

Two-bedroomed house (1,386 cubic feet in the two rooms), occupied by husband, wife, and 7 children (two over 12).

"Complaints are constantly made that persons cannot get a larger house, and if present there do not appear to be any available. Those which have been erected during the last few years have been occupied as soon as completed.

"I have prepared a list of houses, and should be glad if a committee of this Council would visit some, or all, of them."

In my last annual report I mentioned a house in Leeds Road, Kippax, for which a closing order had been made in November. The place was rendered fit for habitation, and certificate for occupation given in January.

Helena Street, Kippax, and Robinson and Victoria Streets, in Allerton, would have been better dealt with in the above manner than allowing the owners to do the work themselves. The two former already require further attention.

HOUSING AT TADCASTER.

Although cottage building is going on fairly rapidly in Kippax and the Leeds Lane district of Allerton Bywater parish, tenants are readily found for their occupation. During 1913 thirty-five new houses were erected, thirty being in the above-named parishes.

BOWERS ALLERTON AND NEWTON.

In accordance with the requirements of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, these were inspected during the year. Four were in such a state as to be unfit for habitation—two at Bowers Allerton and two at Newton. The former are cottage dwellings, and are those of dilapidation and dampness. Closing orders were made in June, and one is at present unoccupied. In the other case application is to be made to the justices for a notice to the tenant to quit. Those at Newton were in a similar state of decay, and have been empty since October, the result of closing orders made in July. Demolition orders for all the above will shortly be considered by the Council. Notices to this effect have already been given to the owners. These four cottages were let as parts of two farms, but for years have been sub-let to colliers, doubtless on account of the higher rent than could be paid by farm labourers.

One-hundred-and-three of the houses inspected were found to have defects, either in the house itself or surroundings. Fifty-six notices were served for their remedy. As a result, dampness has been removed in 16; more light and ventilation provided in 13; the drainage improved in 30; defective sanitary conveniences in 43. Sixteen backyards have been paved. Twenty-six houses have been provided with sinks, and one, for which a copper and other had been made, was demolished voluntarily.

MILK—TUBERCULOSIS.

There are now 110 registered cowkeepers in the district, occupying 140 sheds. Those have been inspected, and are kept in a very fair condition—a great improvement upon that of ten years ago.

By the provisions of the Tuberculosis Order, which came into operation in May, important powers are given to local authorities for the protection of meat and milk against tuberculosis. Any suspected cases of tuberculosis of the udder in cattle, or tuberculosis with emaciation, must be notified to the police. If, after examination by the veterinary inspector, the case is found to be one of the above, notice is given to the Sanitary Authority and the animal slaughtered. Compensation is paid to the owner by the local authority, and the carcase disposed of by them. In all cases of advanced tuberculosis it is destroyed. Nine cases were so notified during the year.

Twenty inspections were made of the factories and sixty-four of the workshops. Four notices were served for want of cleanliness, and complied with. In one for defective sanitary conveniences the requirements have not yet been carried out. There are six bakehouses and 50 other workshops at present on the register. Four outworkers are employed in tailoring.

DRAINAGE—KIPPAX, ALLERTON, AMERFORD.

The drainage of St. John's Hill, Aberford, has not yet been carried out, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a suitable outlet for the proposed sewers.

At Allerton Bywater 210 yards of six inch sewer have been laid in Robinson Street, and the old sewer converted into a surface water drain. This will save a certain amount of pumping at the outfall works. Other streets will be dealt with in due course.

The sewage of Kippax at present drains to three outfall works, which, owing to active building operations, have become inadequate, and caused complaints from the West Riding Rivers Board. Plans have now been prepared for a comprehensive scheme, dealing with the whole of the sewage for the parish of Brigshaw Lane. The sewage from Leeds Road and Preston Lane will require pumping. The method of treatment suggested is detritus tanks, settling cisterns, contact beds, sludging filters, and humus tanks. This scheme ought to include 19 houses (now draining to a cesspool) known as Waddington Row, in Great Preston township.

The works at Ledstone consisted of a covered septic tank and three contact beds, but owing to want of proper attention they became inadequate. The district Council have now taken them over and had them re-modelled. Two of the beds are provided with automatic double tippers and perforated trays, the third being used as a contact bed only.

The new sewers in Lock Lane have now been laid, the old ones remaining as surface water drains. They drain to a pumping station, where the sewage is to be screened before being lifted by two electrically driven pumps on to the Allerton Bywater works. These will be enlarged by the addition of one settling tank and two contact beds. The connections to the sewers will be made as soon as electric power is available at the pumping station.

The necessary power under the Private Streets Works Act having been obtain for Lock Lane, the Council appointed a surveyor to carry out the work in taking over the streets. Plans, specifications, and apportionments have been approved by the Council, and the work is to be carried out when connections to the new sewers have been made.

The farm cottage at Scarthingwell which I reported as unfit for habitation in December, 1912, was repaired and re-occupied in April.

Closing orders were made for the two houses in Holmfield Lane, Kippax, reported last year. They have since been thoroughly repaired; also the one-roomed cottage in Finkle Hill, Sherburn. These are now occupied.

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By the provisions of the Tuberculosis Order, which came into operation in May, important powers are given to local authorities for the protection of meat and milk against tuberculosis. Any suspected cases of tuberculosis of the udder in cattle, or tuberculosis with emaciation, must be notified to the police. If, after examination by the veterinary inspector, the case is found to be one of the above, notice is given to the Sanitary Authority and the animal slaughtered. Compensation is paid to the owner by the local authority, and the carcase disposed of by them. In all cases of advanced tuberculosis it is destroyed. Nine cases were so notified during the year.

Twenty inspections were made of the factories and sixty-four of the workshops. Four notices were served for want of cleanliness, and complied with. In one for defective sanitary conveniences the requirements have not yet been carried out. There are six bakehouses and 50 other workshops at present on the register. Four outworkers are employed in tailoring.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE.

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Mascot," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

CHAPTER I.

"And now, Annie, some of those dear little Scotch roses from the garden. You will find them along the hedge in the kitchen garden. Run and fetch them, please, Annie, and bring me some pink and some white. See that you get a very, *very* nice bunch."

"Eh, but Miss Pamela, you look beautiful as you be," said the somewhat rough-looking elderly woman who was hovering round her young mistress, gazing at her with open admiration in her eyes.

Pamela stamped one of her pretty feet. The colour rushed into her cheeks, and her eyes, always big and dark and intense in their expression, flashed fire just at that moment. Then she went up to the woman, and put her hand on her shoulder.

"Please, Annie; it's for him, you know."

"Eh, eh!" said the woman. Enlightenment seemed to come into her face. She went downstairs. Pamela Lennox stood and watched her as she crossed the wide lawn and disappeared into the kitchen garden at the back.

Pamela was all in white. Her dress was of the simplest, and yet anyone who knew the intricacies of a girl's dress would have guessed at once that its very simplicity showed it to be the work of a first-rate dressmaker—in short, the work of an artist. The dressmaker, on this occasion, was Pamela herself. She was proud of her designs. She liked to dress, not according to fashion, but according to that which pleased the eye. And now, with her dark hair swept softly back from her broad, low forehead, the colour coming and going in her cheeks, with her slender young figure drawn up to its full height, she looked as fair a representation of youth and love and joyousness as the heart of man could desire.

Pamela was eighteen years of age. Annie, her maid, who had been with her since her birth, was between forty and fifty. To all the rest of the world Annie Kitchener was a stern, reserved, unpleasant woman; but she understood Pamela, and Pamela understood her. She lived for Pamela, doing everything for the girl, waiting upon her day and night, reading her secrets just as though they were an open book, and planning out her future with a keenness of desire which she had never expended on her own in the long ago days when she was young.

She soon returned with the roses. "Here they are, Miss Pamela. They're the very best I could get. Shall I pin 'em in for you, or will you do it yourself?"

"Thank you, Annie, I'll manage them. And now go and rest, there's a dear old thing."

"And what shouldn't I be hanging about when *he* comes?" said Annie.

"I will bring him to you by-and-bye, Annie. You go and sit in the old nursery, and I'll bring him. Get your work and sit there, and some time to-night he and I will arrive together and talk to you. We'll talk of old times—it will be fun."

Annie's wrinkled old face brightened. "That will be fine, Miss Pamela," she said; "and if I know you're coming I'll make the room as cosy and span as room can be. Now then, I'm off."

She lingered a minute, however, before she went, glancing at the girl in her white dress. When she closed the door behind her she said, under her breath: "Heaven bless and keep my darling! There ain't no one like her in all this wide world."

Meanwhile, Pamela had fastened the roses into her belt. She had put on a large white muslin hat, which gave the finishing touch to her simple toilette, and then she went out into the garden.

There was not in the whole of the lovely county of Surrey a more beautiful place than Connop Grange, and Paul Colthurst, the owner of this place, evidently thought so as he stood in his garden now and waited for Pamela to appear.

"Well, my dear?" he said.

She ran swiftly up to him, and slipped her hand through his arm. "It is so funny, dad!" she said. "Do you know that for the first time since I can remember it dawns upon me that you are not my father at all."

"Don't talk of that, child," was his answer. But his manner had been as a daughter to me ever since I married your mother and left them—ever since I first saw you, dear. You were only a baby when your mother and I married, and Peter——"

"How old was Peter then?" asked the girl.

"Peter was five years old—nearly six."

"I was eighteen my last birthday," said Pamela, "and Peter is nearly five years older, but I feel as if we were the same age. I have always looked upon him as a brother, and I have looked upon you as a father."

"Well, dear, I am not your father, and Peter is not your brother, but——"

"Oh, you both dwell in my heart," she answered, kissing him, "and it is splendid to feel that Peter is coming back—that he has taken his degree with such grand honours at Oxford, and that he will live here for the summer. And later on our relationship. I must call you dad; what do you think will happen to Peter in the future?"

"I hope," said Mr. Colthurst, speaking in a slow and somewhat deliberate voice, "that Peter will give himself up to a practical life. It is unnecessary for him to work for money, because to-and-bye he will be the owner of Connop Grange. He will be a rich man, and I am myself in a position to give him plenty of money for all his present needs."

Pamela's bright eyes grew a little brighter. Suddenly she said: "I want to say something."

"Yes, my dear; what is it?"

"Before mother comes out——"

"Yes, dear?"

The girl looked full it to his face. It was a stern face, formed on strong lines. There was not a scrap of weakness about it. The lips were firm, the chin good, the eyes bold and direct in their glance.

Paul Colthurst was not an old man, as age is counted in our present day. His carriage was very erect; he had a great deal of what is called personality. Pamela knew well that in any crowd Paul Colthurst would be singled out for special observation. He would be remarked upon, not because he was the owner of Connop Grange, but because he was himself. Pamela was a girl who closely observed character, and she had noticed this fact in Paul from her earliest intercourse with him, from the time when she, as a little child, used to go about with him and her mother. Even at the big foreign hotels Colthurst was looked at, was commented upon. People hunted up the visitors' book in order to find out his name; and yet he was no one in particular—only just an upright, honourable English gentleman.

"Peter was his only son. He was his son by a former marriage, just as Pamela was his second wife's daughter by a former marriage, Peter and Pamela had grown up more or less together. Peter was unlike his father. He had not one single attribute in common with the older man. But there was nothing weak about him. He was of a different build, that was all. He seemed to have come of a different race. He was less of an Englishman and more of a foreigner. His eyes were very dark and deep, and had that sort of velvety blackness about them which is generally an heritage of southern suns. He had delicate features and well-formed features, and a well-formed figure, a perfect figure—in all respects he was a young man to draw a girl's heart to himself. Nevertheless, he was not in the least like the older man.

"He will be here," said Paul Colthurst, taking out his watch and glancing at it as he spoke, "in an hour at the latest. Pam, when did you see Peter last?"

"Not since he left," said Pamela, "for I was away. I was with the Jenkinses at Rome. As a matter of fact, I haven't seen Peter for a year. I suppose he is changed?"

"I don't believe you will find him so."

"I hope I shall," answered the girl. "At his time of life a year ought to mean growth. I want Peter to grow. Do you really think, dad, that it is good for a young man like our Peter to have nothing to do?"

Paul turned and glanced at her. "All men, whether rich or poor, ought to live the life," he answered, "and the life means fulness, each one occupied, each ability strained to the utmost, each faculty brought into play. Any other sort of life means deterioration of character."

"I agree with you," said the girl. She clasped her hands tightly together. "The man who wastes life," she continued, "is not worth looking at, not worth talking to. Peter must not join that ghastly lot of human beings."

"Pamela, you must encourage him; you must rouse his ambition. He can easily be elected for Parliament. He can get a seat in the House. When there, he must speak; he must be an orator; he must be the support of his party. By-and-bye, he may even get into the Cabinet. Oh! my child, the man who has money, who has enough power not to have to earn it, can lead a splendid life—a life full and completely occupied."

"That is possible," replied Pamela. "All the same," she added, speaking slowly, "the poor man has the best chance."

"My darling child, what do you mean?"

"It's the impetus, dad. He needs impetus. He gets it if he is poor. It's very difficult to give it to him if he is rich. Do you know," she added, and she turned now and fixed her beautiful eyes on his face, "I almost hate rich people."

Paul's smile was indulgent. It was the sort of smile that the old bestow upon the young. He presently took up a number of his dainty gown, held it between his finger and thumb, and then dropped it.

"If you were poor, Pamela——"

"Yes?" she said, her eyes sparkling.

"You could not dress as you do now."

"I am talking of Peter now, not myself," she answered, with great eagerness; "but, as you have alluded to me, I don't think for a moment it would kill me to be poor. I believe that my life would be much more interesting. As to dress—well, of course, I do love beautiful dress; but I could make something very like this, only not quite so good; cashmere instead of silk; imitation lace instead of real. Oh! you darling, you'd never see the difference. I certainly would feel just as happy in my cashmere and imitation lace dress. The fact is, dad, riches make life frightfully monotonous."

They were walking now up and down the rose walk. They were going slowly. Here for many generations roses of every sort and description bloomed and grew in lavish profusion. The favourite rose of all in this long, narrow walk was the Maiden's Blush. It in any crowd Paul Colthurst would be singled out for special observation. He would be remarked upon, not because he was the owner of Connop Grange, but because he was himself. Pamela was a girl who closely observed character, and she had noticed this fact in Paul from her earliest intercourse with him, from the time when she, as a little child, used to go about with him and her mother. Even at the big foreign hotels Colthurst was looked at, was commented upon. People hunted up the visitors' book in order to find out his name; and yet he was no one in particular—only just an upright, honourable English gentleman.

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Connop Grange. The lake was a quarter of a mile in length, and in her early days Pamela used to spend hours here amusing herself pulling the great white water-lilies, and allowing Peter to row her about. She had been somewhat of a tyrant to Peter in those long ago times, but now she was no longer a tyrant. Something had happened during his last visit a year ago which had caused a new sensation to visit her heart. They had been out in the boat together, when suddenly she made a discovery. She bent forward eagerly as if fleshed with her mind.

"Why, Pete!" she exclaimed.

"Yes, Pam, what is it? Won't you steer? We'll get into all those weeds if you are not careful."

With a skilful movement of the helm she soon got the boat into the centre of the lake.

"I've just found out," she said, with a gay laugh, "that we're no relation at all. Why, we could, if we liked, be even sweethearts. How funny!" She laughed heavily.

Peter made no reply, but when she had ceased to laugh he looked full into her eyes, and she saw something in his which caused her to blush and turn away. He was a little shy and even awkward with her during the rest of the day, but did not pursue the subject of their discourse any further. As they were going up to the house she slipped her hand through his arm, and said:

"Peter, boy, you are not angry, are you?"

"Angry?" he answered. "No."

Nevertheless, she wondered if he was. She wondered if she had said an unmaidenly thing. The thought of the speech, which had escaped without any consideration from her lips, came back to her again and again. She wanted to unveil her mother about it, but Mrs. Colthurst, although devoted to Pamela, was not the sort of person to confide in. To all the rest of the world, even to her husband, Mrs. Colthurst was stiff and reserved. She adored Pamela. She would have died for her child. As for all other people, she was more or less indifferent to them.

Pamela remembered that during the year that had gone by neither she nor Peter had exchanged even one letter. He sent her messages through his father, but that was all. And now he was coming back, it was absurd of her to be so pleased, when she had a lot of lovers and was the darling, the adored, of every boy in the place.

The sound of an approaching motor-car caused her to start and walk rapidly in the direction of the house. The car was coming down the avenue. A young man was driving it. When he saw Pamela he drew up abruptly, said something to the chauffeur, got out, and ran rapidly to her side.

"Here I am, Pam! I am Peter. I am full-fledged. I have taken my degree, and a good one too. I can look all the world in the face, and you most of all. Oh, I say, Pam!"

His eyes were full of delight. The light in his eyes was reflected in hers. She felt her heart beat. She felt that she was growing just a trifle giddy. She sank back against a chair which was placed by accident almost in her way.

"What is the matter?" said Peter.

"I haven't seen you for a year," was her reply.

"And I haven't seen you for a year."

He bent down close to her. She turned her eyes away.

"What is the matter with you?" he said. "You are——"

He looked towards the house. There was no one in sight. The great, broad, comfortable, irregular old pile might have been destitute of inhabitants, as far as his young eyes could perceive. He looked to right and to left of him. Then, with a sudden impulse, in an instant he had fallen on one knee and taken her hand.

"Oh, darling," he said. "Thank Heaven we are not brother and sister, no—nor even cousins. Pamela, I will ask out boldly, for if you don't want to think of it I know you will as boldly say so. Will you be my wife, little Pam? Will you?"

At that she gave way to sweep her arms round his neck and lay her head on his breast.

(To be continued).

A MOORTOWN SLANDER ACTION.

SCHOOLMASTER GETS £5 DAMAGES.

WHAT THE JURY THOUGHT.

At Leeds Assizes on Monday Thomas Fletcher, headmaster of the Council School, Moortown, sued Stanley Dale, builder and contractor, and Ada Airey, for an alleged slander. Mr E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., and Mr H. S. Cuthbert were for the plaintiff, and Mr Coutts Trotter appeared in defence.

According to the facts stated in counsel's opening, the slander arose out of what took place about noon on June 30th, when the plaintiff was teaching a geography class in Standard IIc., the defendant's child, Mabel, being one of the children. She was sitting with another girl at a desk in the second row, and was very much interested. Three times he called her to attention, and asked her to come out, but she took not the slightest notice. At last he took her by the arm and brought her out. There was no violence, and the child did not complain of being hurt. Subsequently the mother defendant wrote to the school asking for information as to what had taken place to cause Mabel to have her hair pulled out. Miss Mawson, the class teacher, who was in the room at the time the incident occurred, replied, and said that Mabel was talking, and refused to obey the defendant's letter, but that she knew Mabel had been very inattentive, and that she had found the child difficult to teach. On July 30th Mrs Airey called at the school, and said that the plaintiff had pulled the girl's hair out and bruised her knee. Later Mrs Airey told some one in the village that the plaintiff had struck the defendants in the district, and he had threatened to lose his profession as a teacher in consequence.

The plaintiff, in the course of his evidence, said that on the day in question the defendant's child was inattentive. He was suffering from rheumatism, and he took the class for her. It contained thirty or forty children, and they sat at dual desks. Mabel was talking and playing with her hair, and after he had spoken to her three times he took her by the arm, and placed her near the wall, two yards away from defendant. He did not hurt her in the least, and she never complained. When the class was dismissed the little girl went off, "skipping and frisking about" with the other children. He complained to Mr Airey that his wife had been saying untrue things in the village about his treatment of the child, he replied that it was "the way of a woman," and said he could not explain it in any other way. He further said that the child's knee was bruised.

Cross-examined by Mr Coutts Trotter (for the defence), the plaintiff said he had not noticed that the child had a nervous affection. She did not knock her knee when he took her out of the desk. She cried a little, and perhaps that was because of the disgrace of being brought out.

Several witnesses spoke as to the statements made to them by Mrs Airey.

The child, Mabel Airey, was called for the defence. She said she was stroking her hair back when Mr Fletcher told her to come out, and as she didn't he pulled her out by the shoulder. As she was getting out her knee was bruised against the brass of the desk. She stood out on injury to the knee, and on examination witness found a bruise the size of an egg. As to the pulling of the child's hair, she never complained of that, because it was another child and not her daughter who told her it had happened.

Dr. Scarborough, of Chapel Allerton, stated that he saw the child some days afterwards, and she had a discolouration above the knee-cap, about the size of a five shilling piece. The child was suffering in a mild form from "St. Vitus' dance."

The other defendant stated that he wrote to the plaintiff on the subject, but Mr Fletcher did not answer his letter. When he heard that Mr Fletcher had "shown up" his child before the class he went to see him. Mr Fletcher denied that he had said the child was a liar, but to the other questions as to whether he had held her up to reproach before the whole school, and told her to sit by her "ill-hale friend," he would not answer.

Mr Coutts Trotter, addressing the jury, submitted that Mr Fletcher had treated a sensitive child with wholly unr easonable roughness, and that his conduct on July 4th, when he made his the object of scorn and derision before the other children, was unjustifiable and cruel.

The jury, consulting for a few minutes in the box, found for the plaintiff, awarding £5 damages.

His Lordship said he thought they might have given him a little more.

The Foreman: We left it all through that it was a very frivolous case, and a waste of our time. We also thought that it should have been arranged during the luncheon interval on an ample apology.

His Lordship: I wish it had been.

Mr Atkinson: On behalf of my client let me say I have been always willing to arrange it.

His Lordship (to the jury): Well, never mind about the money; you want to clear his character, I suppose?

The Foreman: Yes, my Lord.

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Last year in Tadcaster area, with a population of about 28,000, there were 364 deaths.

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A well-known institution at Clifford—St. John's substitution for deaf and dumb—is to be extended.

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Where were they? At Tadcaster Guardians' meeting on Monday there was a small attendance of members.

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Tadcaster magistrates had only three cases—two were summonses for rates—to deal with at the Court on Monday.

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An Aberford reader suggests that the clearing of the street lamp glasses might produce an improvement in the lighting.

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Why had the Wetherby Schools the worst attendance of all the schools in the education area last month? Wetherby must wake up!

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Compared with ten years ago there is a great improvement in the cow-sheds in Tadcaster rural area. There are now 110 registered cow-keepers.

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The Rector of Adel says he believes in the "do-going mother," and he wishes to see the "do-going father." Now, then, males, why give the women a monopoly?

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It is stated that at Barwick wood pigeons and rooks cause destruction to crops, and an organized "shoot" for the district is proposed. The landowners are being consulted.

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Tut, tut! County Councillor Sykes, addressing the representatives of the "roads" at Selby, said that in some districts it was almost equal to a crime to ask for an improvement to a house!

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The arbitration proceedings as to the price Leeds Corporation shall pay Tadcaster District Council for the loss of Crossgates have been completed. The award may be expected in a short time.

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Farmers in Templenewsam, Osmondthorpe, Austhorpe, Barwick, and Crossgates have formed a co-operative trading association. Their principal business will be to purchase commodities for themselves.

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In connection with the Bramham Moor Hunt point-to-point races will take place in the neighbourhood of Harewood Bridge this month. One of the races will be for farmers. What a chance for the hustling jockey.

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Farmers sometimes sigh for a return of the "good old days," when corn was cut with the scythe and thrashed with the flail. Would they really like to turn back? An old Calcarian gives some interesting reminiscences elsewhere.

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Next to godliness! The Wetherby Rural District Council have ordered a notice to be served upon a lady to have her house thoroughly cleaned and to refrain from keeping animals in the house under conditions such as to cause a nuisance.

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Complaint has been made anent the strong language used by some spectators at a football match at Barwick on Saturday. One Gateforthian seemed to be specially surrounding the feelings of others. Where was the village constable?

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Bowers Algerton is proud of its Men's Friday Night Bible Class, with its membership of about 100. It is the only institution of its kind in the district, and why should it not be copied? Would the young men of Garforth, Sherburn, Tadcaster, and Wetherby fall in?

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Nothing wonderful! In colliery villages in the Doncaster district bedrooms, it is said, are being used in three shifts of eight hours each. It is not so long ago that a medical man stated he knew cases in Barkston Ash villages where bedrooms were used on the two-shift system. The bed was always warm!

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Hard lines! Kippax has not managed to get a purchaser for its fire engine. Try Garforth with it.

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Very low reserve! An inn and two houses at Boroughbridge, belonging to a Tadcaster firm, have been sold for £200.

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Fifty per cent.! Two local cases tried at the Quarter Sessions were dismissed, and in two cases convictions were recorded.

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In Tadcaster rural district last year there were 604 births, of which 33 were illegitimate. So of these children died, and to were illegitimate.

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The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr. W. N. Cheesman, Mr. H. H. Pulleine, and Mr. Harris Anson.

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Working-men are getting on! One individual, who likes to back his fancy, was found at Barwick on Saturday to exclaim "A sixpenny bet is not worth thinking about!"

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Seeing that Oulton and Woodlesford are establishing a fire brigade might they not oblige Kippax by purchasing a fire engine for which the village on the hill has no use?

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Ladies are ambitious! One of the fair sex wants to see Rothwell teetotal—a tall order!—and she urges the Temperance workers to labour on until they manage to drive drink from the place.

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Water wanted! Spofforth is in need of a water supply but Wetherby Rural Council have declined to accept the terms of Harrogate Corporation to provide for the needs of the village.

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Lucky! Mr Frank Slater, divisional clerk at Selby to the West Riding Education Committee, has won a prize of £5 per week for twelve months (£260) in a weekly periodical competition.

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In certain parts of the district the bottoms of the fences are filled with dirty paper, and the hedgerows are ornamented with the same material. Why is not all the paper gathered in a heap and fired?

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In his annual report the medical officer reiterates the opinion that there is a shortage of houses at Tadcaster. This will probably be remedied when the directors of John Smith's Brewery Co. carry out their building scheme.

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The Bramham Moor Hunt met on Monday at Harrogate for the first time in three years, and the event caused great interest in the town, a large crowd assembling on the Stray. Mr G. Lane Fox, M.P. (the Master), was in charge, and among others present were Mrs. Lane Fox and Mr E. Lane Fox.

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A landowner—Lord Mowbray and Stourton—who is interested in Rothwell, recently declined to allow farmers to kill wood pigeons on his estate at Allerton. His lordship holds that nature, if left alone, will right herself, but obviously the same might be said of foxes, hares, pheasants, and other wild creatures that are regularly thinned out by sportsmen.

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Alderman E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman of Tadcaster District Council) was foreman of the Grand Jury at Leeds Assizes. Other gentlemen on the jury were Hon. R. D. Kitson (Roundhay Grange), Mr H. Barran (Shadwell Grange), Mr J. M. Dawson (Wighill), Mr T. H. Hey (Sherburn), Mr J. L. Ingham (Ribston Hall), Mr J. P. Law (Wetherby), Mr Walker Fairbairn (Askham Grange), Mr H. L. Lyon (Hillam Hall), and Mr W. Riley-Smith (Tadcaster).

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Mr G. H. Walker, of Garforth, vouches for the following story in this week's "World of Golf" as having occurred at the Garforth Golf Club. One of the members had become a proud father, and playing in the medal competition, returned a card five under bogey, which was the winning card. A fellow member, having seen the birth announcement in the paper, congratulated the latter. The latter, thinking he referred to the medal round, replied, "Yes. It is the best round I have done for many a day."

ACTION AGAINST A ROUNDHAY MAN.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF.

James William Sanderson, of Middle Parks Farm, Ripon, farmer, sued John Scholes, Oak Lea, Park Vilkas, Roundhay, gentleman, at Ripon County Court on Saturday, for £30 balance of the price of sheaving he to the defendant. Defendant had given notice that he refused upon the following grounds of defence: "That Section 4 of the Statute of Frauds (29, Charles II., C. 3) has not been complied with." Mr Harold Newell, instructed by Messrs Heddon and Heddon, was for the plaintiff, and Mr T. Scholes, of Leeds, was for the defence.

Mr Newell stated that the plaintiff farmed some 400 acres of land at Middle Parkes Farm, near Ripon. In the year 1912 he let his shooting rights to the defendant for £60, and the following year he again let the shooting rights to defendant for £60—£30 to be paid down and £30 at the end of the season. Defendant shot the farm from September 1st to December 2nd, on which day, because a man whom the plaintiff had taken into his employ was snaring rabbits and had half-a-dozen rabbits in his possession, defendant refused to pay the £30 owing. As his Honour would know when these small shoots were let the farmer always kept the control of the rabbits in his care, and on this occasion the man had been engaged to snare the rabbits as they were doing damage to the spring wheat.

Mr Scholes, for the defence, said there was an agreement, and the terms of the agreement were important. The difficulty was that plaintiff agreed to let Mr Scholes have the shooting, and not to take any ground game or rabbits, and that was the reason why the £30 was not to be paid until the end of the season.

Plaintiff was called, and corroborated Mr Newell's opening statement, and the defendant stated his side of the case. He added that he made his own conditions as to the shooting, and that the plaintiff should not touch the rabbits.

His Honour said Mr Scholes need not labour the case, as he could see pretty clearly that the taking of a sack of rabbits would justify defendant withholding the rent. He did not think there was any defence, even assuming all that had been said was correct. Defendant was perfectly aware that plaintiff was taking rabbits in 1912, and he took no exception to that in taking the shooting in 1913. If he had then said that he did not wish him to take any more rabbits catching, as in the previous year, and that he desired to shoot all the rabbits himself, that might have been different, but when he sold he took it on the same terms as what was there to prevent plaintiff thinking he was fully entitled to take a few rabbits? There might have been an action against him for trespass, but he should doubt even that. He gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £30 with costs.

THE LADIES' COLUMN

SORE THROAT.

Simple remedies appear to be most effectual. Salt and water is used by many as a gargle, but a little alum and honey dissolved in sage tea is better. Apply cold cloths wrung out of hot water and applied to the neck, changing as often as they become too cool, has great efficacy for removing inflammation. It should be kept up for a number of hours during the evening in the usually most convenient time for applying this remedy.

A HEALTH FOOD.

Honey is a medicament which can be used for various purposes. Dyspeptics, on a special treatment consisting in a strict food regimen, should use it as a dessert in place of cakes, fruits, and nuts such as are forbidden. It says the *Family Doctor*, has still one more advantage, which is that it acts as a mild laxative, and thus is a valuable adjuvant for habitual constipation, which gives rise to many disorders. Without doubt it is to this double action that honey owes its reputation. As a narcotic it may be recommended for sleeplessness. Two spoonfuls of honey in a glass of water will soon produce sleep all night. It is probable that honey in such cases serves to displace indigestible food, which, retained in the stomach, irritates the nightly rest. This is not all. Honey mixed with water serves as an excellent diuretic, and therefore useful for any one agreeable to the taste, either swallowed by accident or on purpose, for hours after a meal of fish or shellfish, and the ancient Gauls thought such a beverage was a drink of the gods and termed it hydromel.

COOKING BACON AND HAM.

Bacon and ham should be placed in a cold frying-pan, and be heated through very slowly. This prevents the rashers from curling up, and gives the slices a chance of being equally cooked. Grilled bacon is generally considered better for invalids and dyspeptics, as the surplus fat is drained away. Bacon fat which has been drained from grilled or fried rashers is a wholesome substitute for butter, and is greatly appreciated by children.

HOUSEKEEPING WRINKLES.

White marks made on polished tables by hot plates and dishes can be entirely removed by brushing the patches with spirits of nitre, rubbing them immediately afterwards with sweet oil.

Picture frames can be readily regilded at home by applying a mixture consisting of one ounce of gold bronze powder, one ounce of gold size, and half a gill of turpentine. Mix these ingredients well together, and keep stirring it while using it. Apply it to the frame with a camel hair brush.

When boiling eggs, to obtain the heaviest, also test the fruit by seeing if, when pressed with the thumb, it yields with a slight cracking sound. The best way to store apples is to place them among dry hay in a perfectly dry place.

Home-made bread is easily prepared, and is much less expensive than the shop variety. Get a pound of "flour" from the pork butcher; it will cost about fivepence. Cut it in pieces, and put in a jar. Place this jar in a larger one, half-filled with water. Put them in a slow oven, so that the fat will melt gradually. One pound of "flare" yields nearly a pound of lard.

If a little ammonia is put in the water used for cleaning mirrors and windows, the glass is quickly and perfectly polished.

Boots can be waterproofed by being left to stand for several hours in linseed oil. They should be wiped well when taken out.

According to a wholesale furniture dealer the best way to clean the backs of oak and other alcohol and two-thirds sweet oil. Apply it with a soft cloth, and rub with another cloth. Grained wood should be washed with cold tea.

NICE DISHES.

FILLETS OF MUTTON.—Cut the under-fillet entire from a loin of mutton, divide it across in two parts, and cut off the thick end of bone as near level from the top. Lard the fillets with small strips of bacon, and season with pepper and salt, and broil carefully over a clear fire; glaze, and arrange them in a circle on the dish; pour good clear gravy round, and serve. Cutlets are prepared as follows, in the centre: Cut slices of potato a quarter of an inch thick, trim them to about one and a-half inch wide, then cut into strips a quarter of an inch thick; fry by immersing them in hot fat, drain on a dish. Strain, and thicken the gravy, season with pepper, salt, and a suspicion of powdered mace, pour over, and serve. Garnish with slices of lemon, and strew a little chopped parsley over the meat.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TEACHERS' SALARIES—WHAT A CORRESPONDENT SAYS.

POSITION IN THE WEST RIDING.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—A serious difficulty in efficiently staffing the primary schools of the country has long been presaged. The Right Hon. J. A. Pease, Minister for Education, speaking in the House of Commons, declared some time ago, "In 1906-7 the number of pupil teachers and bursars was 8,740. In the year 1912-13 the number was only 4,370. In 1902 the Board of Education regarded 14,000 as about the gross inflow that ought to come from the country, and the very fact that they had only 4,370 showed the proportion of the position."

The day of absolute dearth has not yet, but many Education Authorities are finding a serious shortage in the market. Among these is the Education Committee of the West Riding County Council. Many of their schools have for many months been carried on without their usual teaching staff, and a list issued from their office recently showed that there were no fewer than 178 vacancies offered to aspirants desirous of entering their service.

The seriousness of this condition is intensified by the fact that the only methods of improving the education given in our national primary schools (the sole education which the great mass of the potential citizens of the country are likely for many years to obtain) can only be brought about by an increase in the number of qualified teachers employed, and the reduction of the classes to numbers which will allow of really efficient educational methods being pursued.

That the West Riding Authority recognize the danger of allowing matters to drift is shown by their attempt to induce entrants to come into the profession in increasing numbers, by the institution of 100 Intending Teacher Scholarships per annum.

The scholarships are open to scholars between the ages of 13 and 14 attending public elementary schools within the West Riding area and cover:—(1) Free tuition at secondary schools (including charges for games and use of books); (2) travelling expenses where the distance between home and school is more than two miles; and (3) maintenance allowance as follows:—1st year, boys £6, girls £5; 2nd year, boys £6, girls £4; and 3rd year, boys £8, girls £6.

The Education Committee would find great difficulty in justifying the position that either child or parent could decide whether the aspirant has any vocational ability or enthusiasm for the teaching profession at such an early age as 13. Exact vocational training or any attempt to map out a child's career with exactness should be deferred to a much later age.

The maintenance allowances can scarcely be described as munificent, amounting as they do to an average sum of 2s. 6d. weekly in the case of the boys and 1s. 9d. for a girl. Still, 'in these days when the question is so often cynically put, "What shall we do with our daughters?" and almost every parent is in a quandary as to what trade or profession will offer a reasonable reward in the years to come for his son's labours and abilities, the offer should be viewed with suspicion. What other trade or profession finds it necessary to offer a bonus to entrants? Is not such a bonus tacit admission that the ultimate reward is so unattractive that parents fight shy of such a career for a child of parts?

It is the evident intention of the West Riding Authority that intending Teacher Scholarships shall be chiefly occupied by the children of the working-classes, for the parent must apply in "forms pauperis," declaring that his child "requires assistance in order to render attendance at a secondary school financially possible." *Just such parents should unwittingly allow their offspring to be led into a profession with whose outlook and reward they may on reaching adult age be most bitterly disappointed, a brief sketch of the financial conditions of service under the West Riding County Council is here outlined.*

After three years' attendance at a secondary school as an intending teacher attending two courses offer themselves. The youth or maiden of 16 may (a) become a bursar, continuing education at the secondary school with a maintenance allowance of £10 for a boy or £8 for a girl, or (b) elect to become a pupil teacher, engaged partly in practical teaching and partly in attendance at a secondary school, for a period of two years, receiving meanwhile the following as remuneration:—Boys, 1st year, £14, 2nd year, £21; girls, 1st year, £10, 2nd year, £17.

Having passed the necessary qualifying examination the aspirant will now be qualified as an uncertificated teacher, for whose services the West Riding Authority offer a salary of £55, rising in 5 years to £70 or £1 7s. per week for men, or for women (as in initial salary), rising in the same period to £60, or 23s. weekly.

Should the pedagogic apprentice desire to make further professional advance a period of home study extending over a period of at least two years will enable the aiding teachers' examination to be attempted.

The difficulty of success may be gauged by the following figures from the report of the Board of Education (1909-10) on the final certificate examination:

Year.	Entered.	Passed.	Percentage of Failures.
1907	8473	5168	37·5
1908	5197	2122	59·2
1909	6186	2350	62·3
1910	6663	2011	69·8

Should success attend the student's efforts, he or she is still debarred from appointment as a head teacher, and can only hope for one of the following financial reward:—For men £75, rising in 6 years to £120, or £2 6s. weekly, and for women £65 rising in 5 years to £90, or 34s. weekly.

In order to obtain full professional qualification 2 years' residence in a training college is now required. This will entail an expenditure, towards which the Authority offer no assistance, of £150 with the most rigid economy, or more probably, of £200 or over. This the parent must be prepared to disburse. If his child is not to be a mere educational hewer of wood and drawer of water. On leaving college at the age of 20 or 21, the newly fledged pedagogue may accept service as a trained certificated class teacher, starting, if a man, at £85 per annum, and rising in 6 years to a maximum of £130, or £2 10s. weekly, while women rise in 5 years from £75 to £100 or £1 18s. 6d. a week.

In order that yearly increases may be obtained, the teacher's work must be above reproach, the slightest adverse criticism by the numerous inspectors and assessors who visit the schools being considered sufficient to cause refusal of advance.

What about the plums of the profession? These are head teacherships, and little over 1 per cent. of the qualified staff receive such appointments annually, and these must necessarily be unattainable by the majority and can scarcely be expected till the ripe age of 40 is over reached. The average salaries of head teachers in West Riding schools during year ending 31st March, 1912, were, according to a recently issued parliamentary white paper, for men £149, and for women £110.

It is proverbially impolite to look a gift horse in the mouth, yet the parent to whom the impending heir of financial assistance during the preliminary training as a teacher is offered, may reasonably be advised to consider whether it is wise to enter his child where the rewards of long training, strict probity of character, and strenuous service for the good of the community offer such relatively poor financial reward.—Yours, etc.,

PEDAGOGUE.

KIPPAX AND ITS AFFAIRS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The news contained in your last week's issue as to the steps that are being taken to ascertain the wishes of the ratepayers in regard to a recreation ground for Kippax seems to point to a solution of this problem in the near future. The provision of a playing field for the children is of paramount importance and should be the concern of every ratepayer. A canvass of the village should reveal the attitude of the villagers in regard to the matter. The question of a recreation ground for Kippax children required to be attacked with more vigour and with greater earnestness, and this is evidently being done.

The parish meeting which is to be held shortly will provide an excellent opportunity for an expression on opinion on this and other questions which still have to find solution.

The need of a fire engine and a fire brigade was brought prominently before our minds a little while ago, when a stack or stacks were burnt down, and a cottage might have been, and we had to go elsewhere for apparatus to deal with these fires. Such occurrences might never happen again, but who can tell? The parish meeting should talk these matters over, and after due consideration the meeting will, I think, deem it advisable not to sell the fire engine, but to keep it ready for efficient service when occasion requires.—Yours, etc.,

A RATEPAYER.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ELECTION—NOMINATIONS.

The nominations for the Rothwell Urban District Council were received on Thursday, and the following is the list of candidates:—

North Ward—*Joseph Hargreaves Corden, colliery manager, Possessorance Villa, Rothwell Haigh.

South Ward—*James Broadbent Hindle, auctioneer, Spring Bank, Carlton Lane, Rothwell, and Wilfred Robinson, bootmaker and repairer, Woodland Crescent, Rothwell Haigh.

Stourton Ward (ordinary vacancy)—*Thomas Ellis, miner, Board Street, Stourton.

Carlton Ward—*George Armitage, stone merchant and quarry-owner, Westfield, Rothwell; Walter Speake, miner, B. Charlesworth's Row, Carlton.

Lofthouse-with-Thorpe—*Squire Robert Chadwick, mining engineer, Haigh View, Rothwell Haigh.

Stourton Ward (bye-election)—Walter Wade, Stourton House, Wakefield Road, Stourton.

* Shows retiring members.

As will be seen from above there will, in the event of no withdrawals, be two bye-lections—one in the South Ward and the other in the Carlton Ward.

The vacancy in the Stourton Ward caused by the resignation of Mr J. W. Vollons has been filled by Mr Walter Wade, who has been returned unopposed.

The election will take place on Saturday, April 4th.

BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA VISITS WHITKIRK

RECEPTION AT HALTON.

On Monday evening a meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Halton, to welcome the Bishop of New Guinea, the Right Rev. Gerald Sharp, to his old parish. The Vicar (Rev. B. Guyer) and Mr T. Piercy had kindly provided refreshments, and about 300 of the parishioners and friends gathered to meet their old pastor and friend.

The Vicar said that he had no need to introduce the Bishop, as from the signs of welcome he had witnessed he did not think there was any introduction needed.

The Bishop, who was heartily cheered, said he was very glad to be back in the old parish. It seemed so long since he had left them that many of the elderly people were now grey-headed, nearly 100 years old, but was agreeably disappointed, as most of the elder people were much the same in appearance as when he went away, but he noticed a difference in the young boys and girls, who had grown into men and women. He expected that some of those present would have been expecting to see him changed into a decrepit old man, but he was thankful to say that was not so. With the exception of his knee he was quite well. He said he was quite happy in his beloved New Guinea, and the work was a great pleasure to him and deeply interesting; in fact, he would be pleased to go back, and if he was offered the position of the Archbishop of Canterbury (which was very unlikely), he would rather go back to New Guinea.

Speaking of his home in new Guinea, he said the climate was very hot, and even in the coldest weather they had it was almost impossible to get cool. The food they got to eat was all from tins—tinned meat, tinned milk, and tinned vegetables, and they had no mutton, and no beef. There were no railways, no roads, no bicycles, and no travelling could be done at all except by water. He was about 5 months out of the 12 on the water, and before he got his bishopric it took him a long time to get from one place to another. The house he lived in was built of wood, and the walls were made of cocoa fibre and leaves, through which it was quite easy to push one's fingers. There were holes in the wall to let in air. One would think these holes would also let in the rain, but that was not so, as there was a twelve foot verandah all round the house. The roof was of iron, and there was a large tank at each corner which held a thousand gallons of water, and that was the way to which they got their water. Sometimes there was no rain for 3 years.

It was surprising the sacrifices the people made, after their conversion, to get to church, some having to walk six or eight miles there and back to attend communion. He instanced one woman who had to cross a creek which was infested by crocodiles, and on one occasion she had her dog with her, and it was eaten up by crocodiles as she herself was crossing. The natives were able to carry on a conversation and were good companions. The teaching in the schools was very little behind that of this country; he was surprised at the quickness of the children in answering questions in mental arithmetic—questions which would have puzzled him to answer. It was very generally believed that the natives were all cannibals, but since the introduction of the mission work about 20 years ago that had changed very much indeed. He thought they could not find among the natives any person over thirty years of age who had not tasted human flesh, but, on the other hand, he did not think they could find any who had got to 16 years of age who had tasted it. He had 25 lay readers, who received £20 a year for their services and were quite content to remain there and work. He described a journey to a church 48 miles away, and said it had to be made in a whale boat, which it took ten men to row. It was very hard work they managed to progress at the rate of 1 mile an hour, so it took 4 days, working 12 hours a day, to travel the 48 miles.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CHARITY.

WOODLESFORD AND A RECREATION GROUND.

The annual meeting of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council was held in the Woodlesford Council School on Tuesday night, Mr W. Poole presiding. There was a good attendance.

A discussion arose out of a question upon the minutes of the last annual meeting as to the charities awarded apprentices in the district. Mr T. H. Killingbeck asked the Clerk for the reply of the trustees to the following letter which had been forwarded to them after the last annual meeting:—"This meeting suggests that apprentices in all trades in which it is not customary to have legal indenture be eligible for an amount from the bounty." The Clerk read the reply from the chairman of the trustees, which stated that an order had been issued by the chairman to the trustees, and they were acting upon it.

This reply, said Mr Killingbeck, was most unsatisfactory. They found even pupil teachers receiving a sum from the charity.

Mr Parkin said that at a meeting held at Rothwell some years ago it was decided that pupil teachers as well as young girls in business should rank as apprentices.

A list of those in receipt of the charity was read, there being twenty-seven names, and Mr Killingbeck said he knew of some of those whose names appeared in the list who were not legally bound. Many firms in Leeds did not at the present time bind their apprentices, and it was simply a question of those who got to the trustees first with the best tale. (Laughter). The old system of binding apprentice was fast dying out.

Mr H. Parkin said if Mr Killingbeck would give him the names privately of those who were not legally bound, he would bring the matter up at the next meeting of the trustees. An order had been issued that no apprentice should be entitled to the charity unless he was indentured.

Mr Killingbeck said he would put the following resolution:—"That this meeting requests the Parish Council to approach the Charity Commissioners to get a definite ruling on the question of apprentices, and as to whether the Trustees are carrying out the orders or not."

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Woodlesford is one of the growing places of the district, and were the population it employs resident within its boundaries a large number of houses would have to be built. Nothing has been done to meet the demand for dwellings, although Messrs Briggs are to build a number of houses, and it was singular that the question was not raised at the parish meeting. But the ratepayers were engaged in the discussion of so many questions that I suppose they over-looked this particular one.

What the Woodlesford ratepayers have done, however, has been to take the preliminary steps in the promotion of a scheme calculated to safeguard the young life of the district. They are apparently determined to have a recreation ground, and it is really astonishing that in these days a country place cannot get a few acres of land for this purpose without going to a great deal of trouble. The parish fathers should see that the playground they acquire is central, otherwise its value will be minimised.

When a large number of men and women are gathered together it would be astonishing did not grievances arise occasionally, and the Hunslet Guardians have had under discussion the momentous question as to who shall receive complaints from the inmates of their establishment at Rothwell Haigh. Hitherto they have been made to the master, but there may be a reluctance on the part of some of the members of the large family to go to him with grievances, and it has been decided that in future they may give the Guardians their confidence. This is a step in the right direction, but care should be taken not to encourage chronic grumblers or the persons who are never happy unless they are unhappy.

Tadcaster, Wetherby, Selby, and Hunslet Board of Guardians must make a note of it. The Local Government Board has notified the poor law authorities that the old-age pensions of persons entering the workhouse must not be appropriated for the cost of maintenance, but must be repaid to the Treasury. Certain Boards of Guardians desired to annex the 5s. per week, but the pension was never intended to pay for the maintenance of paupers, and the Guardians will now be silent. On the other hand, septuagenarians entered workhouses, and, after living at the ratepayers' expense for a while, they went out and drew their pensions, and had a high time. That will now be stopped.

Nothing, however, should be done to encourage old people entitled to the pension to avail themselves of relief. In the Hunslet Union some time ago figures were published showing an unsatisfactory state of things. People cannot be compelled to apply for pensions, but they should be encouraged to do so, and no poor law scale should be framed in such a way as to compete with the pension. It may be admitted that the persons who do not avail themselves of the industrial soldier's reward, as it has been termed, do not deserve to be classed with the respectable poor, because they are utterly lacking in independence and self-respect

Roundhay, Seacroft, Shadwell, and Crossgates, having the advantage of a preferential rate, are perhaps not profoundly interested in the administrative affairs of Leeds, but the ratepayers must take cognizance of the wasteful expenditure which, the Council admit, has been going on in the city. A demand has, I notice, been made for the resignation of the whole Council, and it would not be a bad plan to make a clean sweep of men who have publicly announced that their work was inefficient. It would not be easy, however, to convince the aldermen that the affairs of Leeds could be administered without them.

Evidently the report of the Committee of Five has been discussed all over the country, and some startling comments have appeared in the newspapers. A journal, published in a city many miles from Leeds, states:—"What is really wanted is to get the right class of men into the Council, men who are capable, fearless, and vigilant, who will not play the part of time-servers and trucklers to demagogic influences. Such men can be found. They ought to come forward and work, instead of, as is often the case, hanging back and playing the part of outside critics." This, too, seems a suggestion that the "old gang" should be swept out.

Will a water supply be provided for Scholes this year? Last summer, the medical officer states, there was a "water famine" in the place, and he suggests the laying of a main from Stanks to supply the village. Water is certainly needed, and after the arbitration proceedings are settled, the District Council will be free to proceed with some scheme or other. Scholes people, however, are not by any means unanimous about the introduction of a public scheme, and more than one member of Barwick Council has got into trouble for advocating such a thing. Probably the residents in the outlying parts of the ward are under objection to paying for any deficiency that might arise on a scheme, but Barwick would have to assist, too. If a scheme could be got to supply the whole parish it would be preferable, but the needs of Scholes must, in any event, be met.

Housing conditions in Tadcaster are probably worse than in any place in the Union, and the medical officer's report will come as an eye-opener to the public. In old towns a number of old, damp dwellings are usually found—the sad legacy from an unprogressive age—but in time must come for them to be demolished, in order to make room for more sanitary and convenient houses. Tadcaster has its share of these out-of-date dwellings, and they must either be improved or knocked down.

In one-bedroomed houses at Tadcaster it is not unusual to find families of six—not a very desirable state of affairs, but if the people were turned out they would have nowhere to go, and it would be a cruel injustice to put them into the street. Nevertheless, the conditions are a danger to health and should be remedied at the earliest possible date. I understand that the directors of John Smith's Brewery, who have erected a large number of houses already, intend building cottages at East Tadcaster to meet the need, and when their scheme is completed the District Council will have no difficulty in dealing with the property which is "scarcely fit for habitation."

Frequently the inadvisability of allowing property-owners in Tadcaster and Garforth areas to tinker with private streets, instead of having them made-up under the Private Street Works Act, has been pointed out in this column, but so-called sympathy with the poor property-owner has invariably led to the postponement of the work being properly done. Of course, the policy is a foolish one from the point of view of both the property-owner and the ratepayer, and it is easy to furnish evidence in support of this

Garforth, after giving the property-owners a chance to repair the streets, has put into force the provisions of the Private Street Works Act, and Tadcaster District Council have adopted a similar course in regard to the streets at Lock Lane. This is the most economical and efficient method of dealing with streets, because the property-owner has only one payment to make, and the ratepayer gets a good road to walk on, whereas the other plan is neither cheap nor satisfactory. The medical officer of health for Tadcaster rural area states:—

Helena Street, Kippax, and Robinson and Victoria Streets, in Allerton Bywater, would have been better dealt with under the Private Street Works Act instead of allowing the owners to do the work themselves. The two former already require further attention.

Perhaps this will be a lesson to Tadcaster District Council.

Allerton Bywater ratepayers should demand better streets, because the present conditions are a danger to the public health. The township had an infantile mortality of 216 per 1,000 births last year, as compared with 124 for the Tadcaster district and 109 for the whole country, and the general death-rate was 17 against 12.9 for the area. Continuing, the medical officer remarks "that the parish of Allerton Bywater, with its bad condition of streets and rows of privy middens, compares very unfavourably with other parts of the district." The way to improvement is obvious.

Honours to Garforth district! In the month of November the Garforth school district had the highest attendance of all the districts in the West Riding, and in January it secured second position. The figures for the West Riding for February are not published yet, but the percentage of attendance in Garforth district is so high that one expects it to be at the top again.

Nine schools in Aberford, Barwick, Scholes, and Garforth comprise the district, and seven of the schools had a percentage of over 90. Scholes secured premier honours with 96.88, and it had the remarkable record of having every child on the register, with one exception, in attendance during the whole of February. Kippax district had a percentage of 91.74, and Sherburn district 91.60, South Milford having the fine figures of 96.80. Every attendance recorded means money, and by sending their children regularly to school the ratepayers are helping themselves.

The general meeting of the Aberford Conservative Association was held at the Swan Hotel on Friday. A good number of new members were enrolled.

CRICKET CLUB.—The members of the Monk Fryston Cricket Club are entering upon a new era, as it were, and the coming season promises to be an interesting one for all concerned. During the winter the genial and esteemed President (the Rev. B. Hemsworth, J.P.) has laid out at considerable expense a new ground in a field adjoining the Park, and constructed a pavilion, sunk a well for water, and provided water basins, etc. For many years the club has stuck almost at one level, but the popular President desires to see the club amongst the foremost in the district. He presided over a good gathering of members at the annual meeting held at the Institute on Tuesday evening, and in his address he told the members he wished the Cricket Club to be as prominent as the Choral Society, the Agriculture Show and Sports Society, and the Nursing Association. Mr J. Foster, joint-secretary with Mr T. E. Foster, presented the report, which showed a balance of 10s. 2d. It was decided to alter the name of the club to "Monk Fryston Park Cricket Club." The President was re-elected, and also the patrons and vice-presidents. Mr T. E. Foster was elected hon. sec., with Mr J. Foster assistant sec. The latter was chosen as captain, and Mr Jos. Long vice-captain. Mr H. Furniss was re-elected hon. treasurer and the following committee were chosen:—Messrs R. Ward (Chairman), J. Beaumont (vice-chairman), W. Long, R. Foster, R. Pickering, A. Dickenson, T. Atkinson, H. Laycock, C. Hester, and F. Waines. A good list of fixtures has been arranged with the following clubs:—Hillam Hall, Eccleston Hall, Carleton, Wentbridge, York N.E.R., Boston Spa and Thorparch, Whitwood, Swillington Park, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Castleford A, and Castleford Wesleyans. The opening match will be played at home with Hillam Hall on May 9th. At the close of the proceedings the President was cordially thanked on the motion of Mr G. Young, seconded by Mr J. Long, who expressed in high terms the members' thankfulness for Mr Hemsworth's generosity. The rev. gentleman suitably responded.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace one of the principal items is given by George Lashwood. His songs, new and old, all "get there," and his cordial reception on Monday night was not more than he merited. Another turn of merit is that given by The Grotesques, whose burlesque of a village concert is distinctly good. Vivian Foster, as the presiding Vicar, is capital fun. Others in the bill are:—Little Gamry, of comical manner; Howard and Harris, in their familiar business, "The Tramp and the Soubrette"; Thora, in his ventriloquial act; Victor and Louis, comedians; Lewis Douglas, comedian and dancer; Edith Fink, comedienne; and the Delvinos, in a skit entitled, "An Interrupted Serenade."

The principal attraction at the Leeds Empire for Monday next is, to quote the programme matter, "a mixture of mirth, music and song, to be taken twice nightly," entitled "Just My Luck" and presented by Mr Henry Dallas. It has been written (and will be produced) by George Lesaeq, with music by H. Sullivan-Rivaler, and lyrics by Messrs George Lesaeq, Hugh Robinson, and E. Le Breton Martin. A very fine cast has been secured for this production, the principal characters being taken by Messrs John Le Hay, Alec Johnstone, Gilbert Childs, and the Misses Babs Wilson, Gwen Linley, Eileen North, Gladys Anderson, and Isla Raine. The scene is laid in the lounge and hall of the Hotel Metropole, Beyting, and the action takes place during Christmas Eve, Christmas morning, and Christmas night. A comedy skit, entitled "The Electric Car Conductor," to be presented by Ernest Krake and Co.; 8 Lancashire Lads, in a vocal and dancing act; Sidney James, the versatile comedian; Little Zola, another popular comedian; and a new series of pictures on the bioscope complete the programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week Carlton, the card manipulator and comic juggler, gives one of the leading turns. In his latest act he takes the part of a hypnotist who makes people do all manner of queer things and shows their mental gifts according to his stronger will. Several of the performers who appeared locally some time ago in "Wild Australia," are now making a tour of the halls and give scenes from Wild Australia. Mdlle. Bonita performs with her snakes, and several members of this company go through buck-jumping feats and show how the lasso and the snack-whip are manipulated. Miss Mary Moran, new character artiste, receives a fine ovation. Her studies and creations from life are perfectly natural and she has a happy gift of humour. Spessel Brothers and Mack, in "An American Quick Lunch," combine broad comedy with some clever acrobatic feats, and Bertha Gibeonus (assisted by Fred Houlihan at the piano) show some very difficult dancing steps. Miss Gleesons is the champion lady dancer of America, and her turn is one of the cleverest and prettiest on the halls. The Eight Varsity Girls in revels from revues trip the light fantastic toe merrily, and show off some exceedingly pretty dresses. The Dukes Duo are also appearing.

Next week at the Hippodrome the leading place will be held by Ella Retford, described as the modern girl. Josephine La Barte, in her delightful songs at the piano, and Ernest H. Mills, lightning art humorist, will appear, as well as the Four Royal Scots, in their novel vocal and instrumental act; Ralli's and Wilson Trio, in their absurdity "The crazy ragmen"; W. F. Reno, a cycle comedian; Junora and Partner, in their latest novelty act; and Lily Langtry, the electric spark. Hippodrome pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Leeds Queen's Theatre on Monday the play "A Warning to Women" was the attraction. It deals with the ambitions of a young and clever doctor, whose sole object in life is to obtain vengeance upon mankind through the unfortunate history of his birth, but to gain his ambition he defies, through hypnotic influence and the use of morphia, a young and handsome country girl on the very day of her wedding, to join with him in the gaiety of city life. Nothing could have been finer than Mr Mill's impersonation of the villainous doctor, and equally successful was Miss Maud Powell's acting in the role of his victim. The same play is to be produced on Saturday; on Wednesday and Thursday "The Love of a Princess" was staged; while on Friday night "For Love and the King" is down for presentation.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Herbert Shelley's Star Co. will appear in "A Mill Girl's Wedding," which has been received everywhere with enthusiasm.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week the great attraction is an animated picture showing the great fight at the London Palladium between Bombardier Wells and Bandsman Blake. It is a most wonderful picture, and as it was taken with special lighting arrangements it shows every incident with great clearness. Agda and Co. present a Continental novelty act, which goes well. Nora Marvyn is a charming descriptive soprano vocalist, with a couple of good songs. Bunny and Katt, in a comedy and instrumental scena are good, and Harold Heath is a capital vocalist and a fine eccentric dancer. Goodall and Knox, burlesque comedians, have a comedy style, and the pictures are up to the usual high standard.

Next week at the Varieties the principal item in a first rate bill will be "The 12th Man," presented by Messrs Wilson and Crook. The piece shows a tug-of-war between prosecution and defence, how circumstantial evidence fails, and how a man's life in a dramatic trial is saved by a miracle. Fred Ward, assisted by his little lady Selina, will introduce their latest burlesque coon scena. Eddy Le Hay and Florence Irene, the juggling eccentrics will also provide a humorous act. Others appearing in the bill are Zenora, a clever equilibrist; Myra Grey, the original Yorkshire nightingale, and Jack W. Rooke, comedian, together with the pictures on the Variescope.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe during the first half of this week the principal attraction was a thrilling African picture entitled, "Amid Raging Beasts." The film bristled with exciting incidents, wild animals of every description playing an important part in the production. Another capital drama was entitled "The Trail of Snake Band," whilst "Binks Elevates the Stage" and "A Muddy Romance" were a couple of "screams." A series of photos depicting the varied beauties of three French health resorts was very interesting, and "The Magic Fountain Pen," was something new in cinematography. The "star" picture to-day and Saturday will be "Fighters of the Plains."

A SEACROFT TEACHER'S TRAGIC DEATH

THE INQUEST IN LEEDS.

Mr George Edwin Taylor, of Seacroft, an assistant master at the St. Matthew's elementary school, in Camp Road, Leeds, expired suddenly in the school on Tuesday. He entered the building as the scholars were reassembling for the afternoon, and having signed on, walked about fifteen yards across the room and then collapsed. Other teachers came to his help, and Mr Thompson, the head master, sent for Dr. Gordon, but death had occurred before the doctor's arrival. The tragic occurrence made a painful impression on the staff and scholars, amongst whom Mr Taylor was very much liked. He was fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

Mr Taylor, who was well-known in the district, served his apprenticeship at the old school at Crossgates. In Seacroft he took a keen interest in various institutions, and he was organist at the Wesleyan Church.

The inquest was held yesterday afternoon before the Leeds City Coroner (Mr J. C. Malcolm) at the Leeds Town Hall.

A brother of the deceased, Mr John Taylor, identified the body, and said he could not account for such a sudden death.

The headmaster of the St. Matthew's School, Mr Percy Thompson, stated that the deceased was an assistant master at the school, and he had known him for many years. Witness explained that it was the duty of a teacher to be at school at 1.20 p.m. and sign the log according to the time of his arrival. On Tuesday afternoon Mr Taylor arrived at the school at 1.20, and signing the log book, which was lying on the desk, walked off a few yards behind a partition. He had just disappeared out of sight when witness heard one of the other teachers shout "Mr Thompson." He (witness) rushed to the spot and saw a teacher holding Mr Taylor in her arms. He got hold of him, and deceased made a noise. He was laid down, and Dr. Gordon was called in, and on examination he found that death had taken place.

Witness said that, as a rule, deceased had his lunch in the town, but that day he had, in addition, made some purchases for his home. When he arrived at school he was flushed and looked as if he had been hurrying, although he never made any complaint.

Dr. Gordon spoke to finding Mr Taylor dead. There was a small abrasion on the forehead, no doubt caused by the fall. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhage.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

A dish of fine mushrooms was gathered in Raby Park, Wetherby, the other day.

A verdict of death from heart disease was returned at an inquest at Tadcaster on Tuesday on Robert Peel (51), a tramping labourer, who expired suddenly at a lodging-house on Monday.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster had a match with Harewood, and the Cockerites won by four goals to one. In a match between Tadcaster Grammar School and Tadcaster Primrose the former won by five goals to one.

LADY ELECTRICIAN.—Some time ago the County Council granted Thorner a second representative on Wetherby Board of Guardians and District Council, and the only nomination received was that of Miss Hilda Mary Vasey, of Bramley Grange, and she was declared elected.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance for Sherburn school district last month was 91.60 against 88.74 for February of last year. The figures for the local schools were:—Sherburn Endowed, 93.57 against 95.1; Sherburn Girls' School, 93.56 and 99.71; and Sherburn Infants' School, 87.13 and 84.76.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr and Mrs John Baxter, of Ribston, Wetherby, have just celebrated their golden wedding. They are aged respectively 71 and 69 years of age, and were married at South Muir, Forfar. They have had a family of ten children, of whom four daughters and three sons survive, and they have 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

TADCASTER.—A meeting in connection with the National Service League held in the Girls' Schoolroom, Kirkgate, on Monday evening. Mr W. Sykes presided, and he was supported by Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, Mr C. B. Lamb, and Dr. J. P. Southard. Major Stansfield, York, delivered an address, which was followed by a lantern lecture descriptive of the Balkan War.

MOTOR-CAR IN FLAMES.—A remarkable mishap, involving the destruction of a motor-car by fire, occurred just outside Tadcaster, on the road to Leeds on Wednesday. Mr J. E. Northrop, of Chellow Dene House, Bradford, was motoring with friends when the car skidded and overturned, rolling down a bank by the roadside. It burst into flames and was almost completely destroyed. The chauffeur, whose name is Wilson, was the most seriously injured. All the others escaped with bruises.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for
Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.
By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

At this time of the year the fast lengthening days and increased sun power suggest the necessity of speeding up outdoor gardening operations. A few warm, sunny days soon tempt one to commence sowing seed of hardy annuals. The enthusiasm which prompts one to hurry on with these little duties is very commendable, but unfortunately rarely meets with the reward it seems to merit. As a general rule flower seeds sown in April will bloom earlier and give all-round better results than those sown in March. Although patience must be the watchword in regard to seed-sowing, there are innumerable other duties requiring attention. Cleanliness should be the first consideration, and now that spring flowers are making their appearance, it must be remembered that clean and tidy surroundings greatly enhance the beauty of all kinds of flowering plants. The surface soil amongst spring-flowering plants should be frequently stirred with a small hoe or rake. Grass verges should be kept trim and neat, and where failures have occurred in the beds and borders the vacant places should be filled with fresh plants. Dwarf subjects such as arabis, aubretias, or even London Pride, may be used to carpet beds filled with bulbs. They not only improve the appearance, but do much towards preventing the bulb flowers getting splashed with soil during wet weather.

Hardy climbers in variety may now be pruned. An exception is the clematis montana. This blooms on the long stems produced the previous year. If it gets overgrown it may be cut back after flowering.

CLIMBING ROSES.

Climbing roses are occupying sheltered positions may now be pruned. When trained on a south wall they get full benefit of the sun, and if pruned early will bloom at a correspondingly early date. The pruning of this class of rose is a simple matter. Remove all dead wood and very weak shoots first, then reduce last year's strong growths to two-thirds their length. After flowering they may be pruned well back to encourage the production of strong wood for next year's flowering.

Rambler roses of the Dorothy Perkins type may still be planted. If pot grown plants are available they should be planted in preference to those from the open ground. The tremendous amount of growth produced by this class of rose correctly implies its requirements in regard to the production of ample cool root-run and nourishment. So far as pruning is concerned severe measures are best with newly-planted trees. They should be cut back to within six inches of the ground in April. This means that no flowers will be obtained the first year. The flowers are produced on the previous year's growths. By cutting these away, the trees are enabled to concentrate their energies upon building up strong growth, and any little sacrifice that is made the first year will be more than compensated for the following year by the clouds of blossoms which will follow.

LAWNS.

Continue to make free use of the roller wherever the turf is in suitable condition. There is no better way of obtaining a close, fine growth than by consolidating the turf in this way. Bare patches may be repaired by sowing lawn seeds at once. Dress the seed with red load before sowing.

PRIMULA MALACOIDES.

This charming little plant is worthy of a place in every garden where pot plants are grown. It is easily raised from seed and has a remarkably long flowering season. The small, star-like flowers are produced in great profusion, and are of a pale lilac shade. Sow the seed now on a light compost, and in a warm house. As soon as the seedlings may be conveniently handled, they may be pricked into boxes of fibrous loam and sand. When two inches high they may be transferred to 3-inch pots, and later to the 5-inch size. For the final potting a compost of 3 parts fibrous loam, 1 part leaf mould, with a sprinkling of wood ashes or charcoal, sand, and bone meal will satisfy them. During the summer months they may be stood in a cold frame, and should be shaded from bright sun. Overhead spraying is beneficial to them until they commence to flower. A white variety of malacoides is advertised, but from what we have heard of it we hesitate to recommend its cultivation. It is said that very few of the seedlings produce white flowers. We have it under trial this year and will report upon it in due course. During the early stages of growth this plant requires a warm, moist atmosphere. The temperature of a vinery suits it very well, and the partial shade provided by the vines is also conducive to its welfare. About mid-September the plants will again require a little fire heat and must be removed from the cold frames or the foliage will damp off wholesale.

RE-POTTING BEDDING GERANIUMS.

Year-old plants of bedding geraniums that were lifted last autumn and potted into small pots, will require potting again this spring. Soil in which chrysanthemums have been grown will answer the purpose quite as well as fresh loam. Four to five inches is the size of the pots usually required, depending of course upon the size of the plants. Many of the plants will have developed a number of young shoots, and these should be reduced to three or four on each plant. The surplus growths may be used as cuttings, and will root freely if placed in sandy soil in a warm greenhouse. Water carefully until roots form.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

By the time these notes appear it will be quite safe to stand rooted chrysanthemums in the cold frame. It will be necessary to keep a sharp look out for frost, and if there appears to be danger of that coming the frame must be safely matted up. Sun heat is getting more powerful every day and this entails closer vigilance in regard to giving air. To allow the frames to remain closed, with the sun shining directly upon them, would result in the temperature running up from 20 to 40 degrees. It is obvious that if this is allowed to occur many times the plants will soon commence to develop soft, soppy growth, and long-jointed stems. The chrysanthemum frame should be supplied with a thermometer, and this should be kept under observation as much as possible during the daytime. If it registers much above 40, a little air should be given. About midday, if the sun is shining brightly, the plants will probably droop. If this occurs they may be sprayed overhead with clear soot-water. More air will be required as the sun's power increases. Direct draughts must be carefully avoided. East winds at this time of the year are almost as destructive as a severe frost. A little intelligent manipulation of the lights will overcome the difficulty. If it is necessary to give air when the wind is blowing, all that is needed is to tilt the lights at the side opposite to that from which the wind is blowing. The earliest rooted plants will now be ready for transferring to six-inch pots. Repotting should be attended to before the roots form a mass at the bottom of the 3-inch pots. Plants that are allowed to get root-bound in the small pots invariably suffer when transferred to the larger size. A suitable compost for this potting may be made up as follows:—Four parts fibrous loam (cut early this year, if available), 1 part rotten manure, 1 part leaf mould, 1 part crushed old mortar, 1 part wood ashes, and a six-inch pottiful of bone meal to each barrow load of compost. Clean soil is rather drier, but a good substitute may be found in some fine, old engine ashes. Either of the latter may be used at the discretion of the operator. Generally speaking, very little sand would be required, as the leaf mould, wood ashes, and mortar rubble would all help to lighten the soil. The loam, leaf mould, and manure should be chopped, not riddled. Give a thorough mixing and stack for a few days before using. Before commencing to repot, go carefully over the plants and pick out any that are quite watering. These should be well soaked and stood on one side to drain, before being potted. To repot a chrysanthemum whilst it is dry is to invite failure. The six-inch pots should be made quite clean inside before being used. If used while dirty it will prove a difficult matter to turn the plants out without sacrificing a quantity of roots when the time for final potting comes round. Place about an inch of drainage at the bottom of the pots, and cover this with a little of the fibrous part of the compost. Pot slightly deeper than before and ram this soil firm, but take care to avoid damaging the roots with the ramming stick. Return the plants to the frames and ventilate very carefully for a few days. The question of pinching or stopping chrysanthemums is a very complicated one where exhibition blooms are required for a specified date. Any reader who is in doubt about dates for stopping may rely upon us doing our best to help him if he will forward a list of the varieties in question. Decorative varieties are usually stopped when six inches high, and again when the side growths are six inches long. So stopping should be done for a week before, and a week after potting. Green and bloody fly usually gets troublesome about this time, and immediately any are noticed prompt measures should be taken to clear them out. The surest way is to fumigate twice or three times at intervals of three days. An occasional overhead spraying with a good insecticide will usually keep them fairly well in check. Clear soot-water is also good for the purpose and has the advantage of being very cheap.

A recruiting sergeant who was instructed by the War Office to wait on residents in Bishop Stortford, who had applied for the Army pamphlet and invite them to join the ranks, found that they included a veteran pensioner of eighty-four, a lady shop assistant, and a boy of eight.

Early on Saturday morning the dead body of Thomas Henderson, a riveter, was found on the railway near North Shields. The man's boots were found some distance away, as if he had taken them off before his death. He was a widower, aged 63 years, and had been out of work for some time.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(Continued).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR HATCHING.

The season for hatching depends on your requirements, whether you are rearing chickens for table purposes, or whether you are desirous of obtaining birds for egg-production.

TABLE POULTRY.

To secure the best market prices, spring chickens are necessary. These must be marketed between March and the end of May. At eighteen weeks old, with ordinary careful mothering they are fit for killing, so that hatching operations should commence in October, or November at latest, and be continued till the end of January. After this many consider it unprofitable to proceed further, owing to the fall in prices. At one time I accepted this view theoretically, but experience has proved its fallacy. To commence hatching operations in October, and continue throughout the winter, necessitates artificial incubation, which in turn involves considerable outlay of capital, while more money is required to fit up the fattening establishment.

Surely it stands to reason that it is unprofitable to utilise the plant for a few months only simply because the birds are purchased during the remainder of the year. Mark you, if profits disappeared entirely it would indeed be folly, but, although I have sold many hundreds of chickens at all seasons of the year, I have always found a ready market for them at a distinctly remunerative price. Slackness during the late summer and early autumn months will soon make havoc with winter and spring profits, so that I counsel those who make fattening their special branch of the poultry industry to continue their hatching operations until they have a sufficiency to execute all orders they can obtain throughout the year.

LAYING FOWLS.

An entirely new aspect is now presented for our consideration. Eggs command the best price from October till the New Year, consequently our aim must be to obtain an abundance of eggs during that period. If chicks are hatched very early in the season, say January and February, June month will find them laying, but a little later they will moult, and, with very few exceptions, will not lay again until the spring of the following year, when eggs are low in price. Again, a late-hatched chick—that is, May and June—rarely commences to lay before the following year; they mature more slowly than the early-hatched bird. Having investigated the results of very early and very late birds, and found neither advisable, we may confidently accept the happy medium as the most profitable.

Here, however, further consideration must be given. The heavier breeds take longer to mature than the lighter, so that they must be hatched first.

Personally I like to have all the heavier breeds, such as Wyandottes, Rocks, Orpingtons, Brahmas, etc., hatched during March month; the Eighter breeds, such as Leghorns, Campines, Ancones, etc., at the end of March, throughout April, with extension of time, if necessary, far into May. Then, with proper attention and careful dietary, these birds should be laying early in October, handsomely repaying their owner for the labour and care bestowed upon them.

LOCATION OF NEST.

It has been asserted that a stolen nest always produces the best results; this is occasionally true, but is the exception rather than the rule. Again, if a large number of chickens are required, it is not practicable. Stables, greenhouses, coach-houses, in turn have all been advocated, and all found more or less satisfactory. Really all that is necessary is a quiet, warm, but well-ventilated room, darkened for preference.

(To be continued).

[Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending fowls for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order.]



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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A small attendance of farmers and dealers, and only a limited supply of grain, which met with a quiet market. Best wheats made from 32s. 6d. to 33s. 6d. per qr., and inferior samples from 31s. to 32s. per qr. Fine sample of oats for seed purposes realised up to 24s. per qr.; while commoner sorts made from 19s. to 21s. per qr. Best barleys up to 30s., and common kinds from 27s. to 29s. per qr. Rye 21s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Butter 1s. 2d. per lb.; eggs 13 for 1s.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Not a great quantity of potatoes on sale, and prices show an upward tendency, the increase being about 5s. per ton. Sound Up-to-dates made from 90s. to 95s. 6d. per ton, and King Edwards from 95s. to 100s., and Magnum Bonums from 75s. to 80s. per ton; Ashleaf 2s. 6d. per hamper, or 7d. per stone.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At their weekly sale of live stock Messrs. Richardson and Son disposed of 190 beasts, 4 sheep, and 24 pigs. There was a good all-round and a quieter trade; best beef making up to 8d. per lb., secondary sorts from 7d. to 7¾d. A sheep shortage of sheep, which were not sufficient for local requirements. Pigs and sheep at late quotations. Fat bullocks made up to £20 15s., bullocks to £14 2s. 6d., cows to £20, store cattle £14, cows in calf to £22 7s. 6d., cows in milk £12 £18 7s. 6d., fat sheep £2 4s. 6d.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—An excellent supply of stock, and buyers were well represented. Ninety-three dairy cattle were on offer, trade opening slowly, but improved later, and a fair clearance was effected. Best models calven cows £21 2s. 6d. to £24 7s. 6d., useful and medium ditto £18 7s. 6d. to £20 15s., present calvers to £21 2s. 6d., April and May calvers to £23 5s., twenty months old, store beasts to £9 5s. One hundred and ten fat cattle were offered, including some choice lots, and the demand was brisk, the best making 8d., good beef 7¾d. to 7¾d., good cows to 7d., and rougher ditto 6½d. per lb. Not a large supply of sheep, and prices rules similar to the last sale; small choice weight hoggets to 104/., heavier weights to 97/., clipped hoggets to 85/., ewes to 8d. per lb. Pigs main scarce and dear, small porkers fetching 8s. 9d., and large fat pigs to 8s. 3d. per stone (14 lb.), eight weeks' old stores to 34s., stronger kinds to 50s. Cattle number sold:—293 cattle, 122 sheep, 84 pigs, and 2 calves.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs. Thomlinson and Son had forward a capital show of prime fat beasts and sheep. The attendance of butchers and dealers was up to the average, and a good trade was maintained throughout the sale, prime quality beef making up to 9d. per lb., and secondary quality from 8s. 9d. to 8s. 9d. The trade for sheep was in favour of the buyers, only the choicest lots making up to 9d. per lb.; heavy sheep from 8¾d. to 9¾d., and clipped sheep to 8d. per lb. Mr. R. Dobson, Bilton Grange, topped the sale with a prime bullock, which made £31 12s. 6d., and another £22 15s.; two very ripe bullocks from the Exors. of Mr. J. J. Thwaites, Tockwith, made £30 5s. and £27 7s. 6d.; Mrs. Otter, Hunsingore, again sent some grand quality bullocks, making £30 7s. 6d. and £24 10s.; Mr. L. Jefferson, Tockwith, had six wealthy bullocks made £30 17s. 6d., £27 7s. 6d., £27 5s., £27 10s., £24 10s., and £25; Mr. W. L. Kendall, Cowthorpe, had two good bullocks made £27 7s. 6d. and £25 10s.; prime fat heasts from Mr Watson, Hazlewood, made £21 5s., £21 17s. 6d., £20 10s., £19 15s., etc.; from Mr G. Jenkinson, Braimham £21 2s. 6d.; from Mr Arnold, Tockwith, to £20 15s.; Mr Sturdy, Bilton, £21 17s. 6d., £21 10s., £19 15s., and £18 15s.; Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, had six ripe bullocks made £28 12s. 6d., £24 2s. 6d., £23 10s., £23 5s., £22 15s., and £20 15s.; Mr R. B. Burrell, Kirk Deighton, to £20 2s. 6d.; nine grand ripe bullocks from Mr F. Bilsen, Ingmanthorpe, made £24 10s., £23 15s., £23 12s. 6d., £23 2s. 6d., £23 2s. 6d., £23, £22, etc.; from Mr R. Pick, Bickerton, four bullocks, making £23 2s. 6d., £21 10s. 6d., £20 15s., and £20 2s. 6d.; from Mr. Dunnington Bilbrton, two ripe bullocks made £23 17s. 6d. and £23 2s. 6d.; from Mr B. Dunnington, Bilton, made to £22 10s.; from Mr W. Hall, Cowthorpe, to £21 15s.; from Mr Doubtwaite, Ruddings Farm, made to £23 2s. 6d., £20 2s. 6d., and £21 5s.; from Mr Buckle to £17 10s.; from Mr R. Welby, Cattal, to £23 17s. 6d.; a grand heifer from Mr L. Mason, Tockwith, made to £28 10s.; three ripe bullocks from Mr H. Elvidge, Walton, made £23, £22 12s. 6d., and £19 5s.; two heifers from Mr E. Joy, Thorpe, made £20 and £18 2s. 6d.; from Mr E. Jenkinson, Bramham, to £20 7s. 6d.; from Mr Spencley, Thorparch, made £23 7s. 6d. and £16 17s. 6d.; from Mr Ryton, Bramham, to £20 15s.; from Mr J. Thompson, Ryton, made £25 2s. 6d. and £24 17s. 6d.; five from Mr R. F. Fearby, Stockeld, made £20 15s., £20 10s., £19 12s. 6d., etc.; from Mr W. Dunnington Elbrton Lodge, to £24 15s. and £23 10s.; from Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, made £23 17s. 6d. and £24 12s. 6d.; from Mr J. Watson, Linton Spring, made £22 2s. 6d. and £22 10s.; from Mr W. W. Atkinson, Kirk Deighton Grange, made to £24 5s. and £23 15s.; two grand home-bred bullocks from Mr S. Barker, Linton, made £23 15s., £23 10s.; Mr Hodgson-Beeston Lodge, to £24 15s. and £23 10s.; from Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, made £23 17s. 6d. and £24 12s. 6d.; from Mr J. Watson, Linton Spring, made £22 2s. 6d. and £22 10s.; from Mr W. W. Atkinson, Kirk Deighton Grange, made to £24 5s. and £23 15s.; two grand home-bred bullocks from Mr S. Barker, Linton, made £23 15s., £23 10s.; Mr Hodgson-Beeston Lodge, to £24 15s. and £23 10s.; from Mr J. Dearlove, Walton, made £23 17s. 6d. and £24 12s. 6d.; from Mr J. Watson, Linton Spring, made £22 2s. 6d. and £22 10s.; from Mrs Otter, Hunsingore, made to £28 10s.; from Mr R. Bell, Bramham, £21 5s. 6d.; Mr Holmes, Linton, to 63s. 6d.; Mr H. Simpson, to 54s.; Mr Maw, 64s.; Mr S. Elvidge, to 51s.; Mr W. H. Thickenway, to 55s.; Mr R. Machin, to 58s. 6d.; Mr J. Bielby, to 56s.; Mr Hodsden-Beeston, to 58s. 6d.; Mr E. Spink, to 56s. 6d.; Mr W. Walker, to 55s. 6d.; Mr Carlton, to 55s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Hoole, to 56s.; etc. Numbers sold: 112 beasts and 311 sheep.

Rothwell parents have not apparently tumbled to the fact that every time a child is late it loses an attendance.

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A WONDERFUL AEROPLANE.

In "The Air King's Treasure" (Cassell and Co.), Messrs. Grahame-White and Harry Harper have given us a novel in which the flying machine is a great factor. They have a machine which flies round the world, and the story is told by the authors. Apparently there are its details, as described by the authors: "Every time you were born, I fell in love. I was at that time a complete egoist, a very perfect specimen, with unlimited selfishness of all crustaceans who live on the defensive, and wear their bones outside. Then you were born, and when I was a year or two younger than I was, just about Miss Georges age. Miss Georges reminds me of herself when she was a little girl. All this long time I was content with my work—it absorbed me, and I had a great friend. And he fell in love with her too. And I announced her, and withdrew in his favour. I went away without speaking.

"I thought I was sitting nobly. He said there was no one like me. Thoreau had done the same, and I worshipped Thoreau in my youth, and had been to see him in his last smaller, set of skids, springs, and wheels.

The landing-carriage raised the body of the machine quite 20ft. above the floor. Sir Ralph noticed that the point of the bow projected some little distance in front of the wings. On the upper side of the body, just between the front edge of the planes, was a low, semi-circular dome, or coming-cover, which was raised a little above the level of the hull. Small, thick, plate-glass windows, set round this dome, were evidently devised to give its occupants a view upon every hand. Just below the dome, fitted to the outside of the vessel's hull, was a powerful searchlight, designed to be moved at will from within the dome. The two sweeping wings of the machine were, Sir Ralph now noted, set at a very slight upturned dihedral angle, and came up flush against the sides of the hull.

"See," said Longley, pointing as he spoke. "you will note that towards the end of the wing furthest away from the body of the aeroplane, the metal ribs—which go across and are fixed from front to back—are made so that they spread out rearwards from a joint fitted at the front edge of the plane."

"Like a fan," interposed Dale.

"That's right," agreed Longley. Then he added: "As we see the wing now, the greatest surface is exposed. That is to say, it is ready for lifting purposes. When you want to alter the wing smaller there's a lever within reach of the machine which causes this fan-like extremity of the wing to fold inwards. Each rib, you see, slides neatly over the other.

"Yes," answered Sir Ralph; "I understand. But how do you work it when you're in flight?"

"That is easy to explain," replied Longley. "When you're leaving the ground, or when you want to fly at slow speed, the full extent of the wing-surface is exposed, as we see it now. But when you're travelling at a good height, and flying speed is required, you gradually 'reef' the wings in the way I have mentioned. Then, when your wing-spread has reached its minimum, your speed is at its maximum. Is that clear?"

CONCERNING WOMEN.

"Every woman is as old as Eve."

"I adore to be young, and I adore to be old. But, oh, middle-age is a tragedy for a woman."

"Girls are the most extraordinary dashed things in the world."—"A Train to Catch a Dream." By Dion Clayton Calthrop (Hodder and Stoughton).

A LITTLE LOVE STORY.

In Miss Mary Cholmondeley's novel, "Notwithstanding" (John Murray), a touching little love story is related by one of her characters—Mr. Stirling, the novelist. He tells the story to another character in this way:

"Twenty-five years ago, Miss Manvers, before here are its details, as described by the authors: you were born, I fell in love. I was at that time a complete egoist, a very perfect specimen, with unlimited selfishness of all crustaceans who live on the defensive, and wear their bones outside. Then you were born, and when I was a year or two younger than I was, just about Miss Georges age. Miss Georges reminds me of herself when she was a little girl. All this long time I was content with my work—it absorbed me, and I had a great friend. And he fell in love with her too. And I announced her, and withdrew in his favour. I went away without speaking.

"I thought I was sitting nobly. He said there was no one like me. Thoreau had done the same, and I worshipped Thoreau in my youth, and had been to see him in his last illness. I was sustained in my heartache by feeling I was doing a heroic action. It never struck me that I was doing it at her expense. I went abroad, and after a time she married my friend. Some years later I heard he was dying of a terrible disease in the throat, and I went to see him. She nursed him with absolute devotion, but she would not allow me to speak with him. I put it down to a kind of jealousy. And after his death I tried to see her, but again she put difficulties in the way.

"At last I asked her to marry me, and she confessed me, 'Because you had deserted her to nurse with,' said Janey. No; she was not like that. Because she was dying of the same disease as her husband. She had contracted it from him. That was why she had never let me be much with him, or afterwards with her. When I knew, I had nothing to risk if, but she was not. She had her rules, and from them she never departed. She let me go with her in the garden, and to the shore, and she was carried out to her long chair so that I might be with her. She told me it was her husband's presence of her life. I found that from the first she had loved me, and she loved me to the last.

"She never reproached me for leaving her. She was a simple person. I told her I knew that it was a very dear friend, and she thought it very noble of me, and said it was just what she should have done if she had been a man. And she slipped quietly out of life, keeping her ideal of me to the last."

A SELBY MAN'S ATTEMPT.—Joseph Cummings,

blacksmith's striker, employed at Messrs. Selby shipyard, was charged with attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor on March 7th. Superintending Stafford stated that the man had been employed by the firm, and had attended work regularly, and the foreman at the shipyard said he would take care of him as well as he could. Cummings had been staying at a lodging-house in Wren Lane, and in the early morning a fellow lodger found that he had inflicted a wound on his throat. The man was taken to the hospital, where two men had to be employed to look after him, the cost to the county being £8. Cummings promised to keep from drink, and was discharged, arrangements being made for him to pay the costs.

BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA AT WHITKIRK

HOW CHRISTIANITY HAS TRANSFORMED THE PEOPLE.

KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH.

The Bishop of New Guinea (the Right Rev. Gerald Sharp), who was for eleven years vicar of Whitkirk, was on a visit to his old parish last week-end, and on Sunday he was the special preacher at the ancient church at Whitkirk. In the morning there was a crowded congregation, and the service was conducted by the Rev. Brett Garner (vicar).

"Thy Kingdom Come" was the Bishop's text, and he said this petition was answered when the brotherhood was converted and when nominal Christians became real Christians. It was being fulfilled all over the world, but it would not finally be fulfilled until the end of time. The Lord once said that the Kingdom of God cometh not with observation, and the real progress of the Kingdom was often unnoticed, whilst the things that obscured not the eye and ear, so that many people were apt to think there was a lot of wrong in it (laughter). In a country like New Guinea (he went on) they had to keep native people and white people apart, and when they got a native to accept Christianity, and when after some years' work they saved in, there were no faithful communicants and no others were being prepared for baptism. In a third place which was particularly savage and which was the only place in which the Governor of New Guinea was set upon and robbed, Christianity had been accepted and a large number were to be baptised in a few days. They had been under preparation for three years, and now the beginning of Christianity would be seen in that place.

In the early days of the mission when the first bishop went there, he was able to confirm one girl, and in the four years he (the speaker) had been there he had confirmed over 1,000. The Church was now a spiritual force in that land, and was making a marked difference, as every white person who entered New Guinea had to confess. They had very great opportunities, because the education of the children was put by the Government into the hands of the Church, and the clergy were able to teach them religion with all let or hindrance. At their mission stations they had schools, and there the children were taught not only the religion of Jesus Christ but the ordinary subjects taught in the Council Schools at home. All the medical and nursing work, too, along 300 miles of coast was in their hands. He thought it was tragic that people who were so able to appreciate Christianity and respond to education should have left for above until nearly the end of the nineteenth century without having been given the opportunities they now enjoyed.

They found how much the natives rejoiced in the religion of the Lord, and he stated, in illustration, that he went to hold a confirmation at a large village, and as he drew near about 150 of the elder men out of the place rushed into the sea up to the necks and not only drew the boat ashore but carried it to the house where he was to stay. Why did they do that? Not because they cared for him personally. They gave him that welcome because he was the bishop of that religion they loved and appreciated, and they knew that he was going to do a great thing. In another village some of the people on Good Friday sat on the ground most of the day, and when the children ran about and made a noise, they were rebuked by their elders in the words, "Be quiet, for this day the Lord Jesus Christ died." People in this country who said that the natives of New Guinea were better left alone, dominated by their evil spirits, and with out new knowledge of the one Spirit that was able to help them and give them joy, were committing a crime only to lunatics. They went there and found a people with a simple capacity for belief, they had no hostile religion such as Mohammedanism to break down, for the natives had no religion except a belief in evil spirits.

It was largely owing to the Church Councils in the middle of the day, and often find, during the time of preparation for baptism or confirmation, several people, mostly men, saying their prayers to God. Here these people required their sympathy and help. Their help was needed, for, although Australia supported nine and more the New Guinea Mission, had they not had help from England they would rather be involved in debt or their work would have to be curtailed. Had it not been for the contributions coming from England a year by year they would not, he in such a good position today. In conclusion, he said that some people had asked him if he was happy in New Guinea, and he said "Yes." Others had asked "Would you rather be back here?" He answered that he would not, not that he did not appreciate the kindness he received from them during the eleven happy years he was at Whitkirk. The people of that parish and the church must always have a warm corner in his heart, and he always looked on the place with love and gratitude. He, however, was happy in his work and did not want to return to Whitkirk, because it was a glorious, triumphant, and captivating thing to see the Kingdom of God on earth springing into existence and going forward by bounds and bands, as it was doing in New Guinea.

In the evening Whitkirk Church was again crowded, and the Bishop devoted his remarks to mission work. The collections were for the New Guinea Mission.

MOTOR CARS, AND A TRIP ROUND THE WORLD, AT NO COST.

In these days of vigorous advertising, many ingenious ideas have been exploited, but surely nothing has been more striking than the lavish generosity of Messrs. Joseph Watson and Sons, of Leeds, the makers of "Watson's Matchless Cleanser." This firm is just bringing to a close a competition which must have attracted attention in every part of the country. The prize-giving is based wholly upon the number of "Matchless Cleanser," "Nubolic," and "Sparkla" wrappers which are sent in, and the prizes themselves are of such extraordinary value, and so numerous, as to excite wonder and admiration. No fewer than four motor-cars will be given away, and some lucky person will obtain a free-class five tour of the world (value £2,000). But Messrs Watson's generosity does not stop there. Other prizes include a dozen pianos and organs, 15 Chesterfield lounges, 150 vacuum cleaners, and literally hundreds of thousands of acceptable and valuable household requirements. A unique feature of the competition is that a prize is guaranteed to every competitor who sends wrappers according to the rules, and every prize is guaranteed the value stated. Readers should particularly note that the last day for sending in wrappers is March 31st.

BARKSTON ASH FARMERS AND LAND REFORM.

MR JOHN THOMPSON CONDEMNS LIBERAL PROPOSALS.

MR C. F. RYDER AND HOUSING.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs, held on Thursday for Chairman (Mr J. S. Booth, of Pontefract) proposed: "That this Union urge upon the Government the desirability of the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into what changes, if any, are required in the best interests of all concerned in agriculture." In doing so he said the question was a very wide one, and it had been taken up by inexperienced men, who knew very little about agriculture, and who proposed anything and everything that came first to their fingers. If a Royal Commission there was a practical man, agreed on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's suggestion, and if the proposal which was subsequently to the meeting was taken up by all agricultural organisations he thought it would help this very socialistic movement in hand. Nearly all land taxes were made to bring taxation to the land, and he was pleased to see that they did not find these land changes the only land of adversity. (Hear, hear). They were generally connected of men who had made their pile in commerce who wanted all they could possibly get out of the land and out of the land. That sort of landlord wanted to keep the game that was on the farm, but he (the speaker) felt that a farmer paid the rent he should have all that was on the farm. He had in his mind a case of a farm of 100 acres, and in of these acres game consumed every year. Why should not the landlord be rated on the scaring of the tenant's land with his game? (Hear, hear). He would also bring into line the question of a farmer fencing against rabbits and hares.

Major Stapylton seconded.

Mr Thompson (East Rigton) said it seemed to him a deplorable thing that a question so important as the land should become the happy hunting ground for the trothy mouthings of every windy demagogue, who promised a new heaven and a new earth, and everything else. Ever since he had been able to take an interest in agriculture there had been a cry raised. There had been many cries, but the latest cry he thought was the most dangerous one, and was just forward by one political party alone. (Hear, hear). The question of rural housing had been referred to. If the promoters of the land inquiries really took an interest in the housing of the people of the country, did they not think that before they attacked the peasant cottages they should have turned their attention to the slums of the large town? (Hear, hear). He believed if they would come out at Marsh Lane Station in Leeds and go round that district they would find houses that would put to shame any cottage in a village.

The Chairman: Th Government had the votes of these people, though. This is a vote-catching expedition. (Hear, hear).

Mr Thompson, proceeding, referred to security of tenure and the land courts, and in connection with the latter said he did not think any farmer in the country would put his fortunes to the test by going to one of these courts. He was satisfied that nothing could be gained by the establishment of land courts—at any rate there would be nothing gained by farmers. There would be people who would gain, but these would merely add to the enormous army of officials that had been created in the last few years, and that were being added to every day. He wondered what was really the matter with agriculture. They were told that an enormous amount of land had gone out of cultivation, and he thought it was obvious that this was the price they had to pay for Free Trade. (Hear, hear). There was no juggling with the land laws that would ever bring that land back to cultivation; only the price of prices or products on the land could do it. (Hear, hear). He thought it would be a bad day for agriculture when they had these violent changes forced upon them.

Mr C. F. Ryder (Scarcroft) also referred to the housing question, and said he had met cottages in Suffolk and Cambridge, for which he would gladly pay 5s. per week as yearly rent. On the question of the minimum wage it said that things would not stop there. The next thing that would be wanted would be security of employment. Were they satisfied up on legislation they never knew where it would end.

Mr Byass (Pocklington) said that if a Royal Commission could do any good he would support it. The matters to which they had referred had all been brought out in the land inquiry report. The men who had given evidence before the committee had been practical men, and no Royal Commission on the face of the earth could bring better or more faithful evidence than had been brought.

Mr Johnson: They would bring information more above board than these.

Mr Byass: I am not so sure of that.

Mr Johnson: But I am.

Mr Byass: Some men would not give evidence before that committee because they knew they would be marked men. (Cries of "No, no.") "Allow me to have my opinion," proceeded Mr Byass. They got so much of the other side, but they never heard about this side of the question. He did not agree with all that was in the Land inquiry report. For instance, he did not agree to the minimum wage question, but he came to look at the matter fairly and squarely.

Mr Thompson said Mr Byass did not seem to appreciate the difference between a Royal Commission and the Land inquiry. The land inquiry was a back-stairs inquiry, instituted by a packed party, and carried out in a manner absolutely unexampled. (Hear, hear). A Royal Commission would be composed of a public man, with a knowledge of the subject, and their names would be given.

The resolution was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.

A ROUNDHAY LADY'S DEATH

THE INQUEST.

A fatal accident to Mrs Mary Birdsall, aged 50, a widow, of Jean Brodrill, retired merchant, 4, Norwood, Old Park Road, Roundhay, was investigated by the West Riding Coroner (Mr P. C. Maitland) at the Mansion, Roundhay Park, on Tuesday afternoon.

The accident occurred at the junction of Harehills Road and Park Road with Roundhay Road. Mrs Birdsall was following her husband on to a tramcar about to proceed to Roundhay, when a motor-car belonging to Dr. W. A. H. Waite, of Richmond Hill, in passing round the tramcar and into Park Road, knocked her down. Mrs Birdsall was pinned underneath.

Mr W. Tempest appeared at the inquest to represent Mr Birdsall; Mr A. Willey was for Dr. Waite's chauffeur, Sydney Scott; and Mr C. Scriven for Dr. Waite.

Mr Birdsall said that on March 6th, about one o'clock in the afternoon, he boarded a tramcar. On turning round he saw that his wife was in the road approaching the footboard of the tram, when the motor came along and ran into her. She was taken home in the motor-car, and died on Monday. Her sight and hearing were good.

William Wheelhouse, grocer, of 255, Roundhay Road, said he saw the accident through his shop window, which was near the spot. He notice Mrs Birdsall step off the footpath opposite the centre of the tram and turn towards the footboard, and for a moment or two the high wind forced her to a standstill. At the same time he noticed the motor-car sweeping round from Harehills Road towards the near side of the tramcar, "and," added the witness, "it seemed to be approaching too quickly under the circumstances."

The Coroner: Do you think when you saw the car 20 yards away from the tram that the driver could see the lady?

The Witness: In my opinion, he should have done. He added that before striking her the motor appeared to slacken a little.

The Coroner: I think now a room for motor-cars to pass trams on the wide spaces on the off-side of the road?

Mr Willey: It is not allowed by the by-laws; all traffic must come on the near side of the tramcars.

The Coroner: Notwithstanding that it is very nerve-racking eight feet from the car line to the causeway?

Mr Willey: Yes.

Mr Tempest: It is very difficult to know what the requirements are with regard to Roundhay Road.

Detective Officer Kirk Handford, of the Leeds Police Force, said the rule for passing tramcars was different to that for passing any other vehicles. They must be passed on the near side because they could not deviate from their track. The officer added that the junction where the accident occurred was very dangerous.

The conductor of the tramcar, George Herbert Nicholson, in reply to Mr Willey, said the lady had only stepped on pass off the footpath when the car struck her. He did not think the driver had any chance of pulling up or avoiding her.

Dr. Waite said his chauffeur, Sydney Scott, who was driving the car, said they did not see the deceased until they got within four or five yards of her. She was then on the pavement and walking along with her head down. When the car was within a yard of her she stepped off the causeway right in front of the motor. It was impossible to avoid striking her, but the driver pulled up in a little over a yard. The car's speed was not more than six miles an hour.

Mr Willey remarked that Mr Wheelhouse might have thought Mrs Birdsall was hurrying with the wind on the road, whereas she was on the causeway.

The Coroner agreed, and said the jury must consider whether the chauffeur was driving recklessly, or with sufficient care to avoid an accident under ordinary circumstances.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and exonerated the driver from all blame. "We think," the foreman added, "he was driving at a very moderate speed when the accident happened."

CHARGE AGAINST A THORNER FARMER

PUPPY-WALKING AND ITS DRAWBACKS.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Philip Campbell, farmer, of Thorner, was summoned for a dog being at large and not under proper control during the night time. Mr A. Willey (Scholes) prosecuted.

P.C. Ferguson stated that about 8.25 p.m. on March 10th he found a foxhound puppy loose in the road of nine and ten months straying in Carr Lane, Thorner. He took charge of it, and on the following day told the defendant that the dog was at the police station. The officer stated that on March 4th he called upon the defendant and asked him to keep the dog under proper control.

Mr Willey: You know perfectly well that this dog is one of two which he was walking out for Mr Lane Fox, M.P.?

Witness: Yes.

Mr Willey explained that when this class of dog was walked, it was known perfectly well that they were allowed every freedom, and it was not a rule to "keep them in a leash and a big collar." Neither was it the custom in that district to register foxhound puppies. He asked that the case should be dismissed.

After retiring the Bench decided to consider it as an off-ence, while recognising the fact that it was not the custom to register this class of dog.

The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

A THORPE MAN'S DEATH.

FOUND DROWNED.

An inquest was held at York Law Courts on the body of Thomas Watson (34), an engine fitter, of Thorpe, near Robin Hood, which was recovered from the Foss Lock at Yearsley.

Arthur Watson, to, Oakley Street, Thorpe, labourer, identified the body as that of his brother, who had lived at the same address, and was a locomotive fitter on the Great Northern Railway, and unmarried. Their parents were dead. Witness last saw his brother alive at the house on Feb. 14th. His brother was going to York on a visit to his cousin. Nothing was heard of him until last Friday, when witness, himself on a visit to York, heard that his brother had been to York and visited a cousin, whom he found away, only the children being present. His brother did not stop. He had other cousins living at York. Witness knew of nothing to trouble his brother, but he had not been so well as usual for the last six months. His brother had been accustomed to taking a drop of drink, and witness thought that the fact that his brother had been teetotal for four or five months accounted for the poor health. Another thing was that his brother had to do indoor work after having been accustomed to outdoor work.

Florence Watson, sister of the deceased, of the same address at Thorpe, said she saw him before he left home on the Saturday, when he was in bright spirits. He intended to stay in York until the Sunday night. Witness never saw him again. He had been "five weeks' suspense to the family. She thought he must have been treated badly at York. He was one of the last in the world who would take his own life. He must have suffered starvation rather than that. He held 17s. to £1 on him when he left home. His prospects were bright. Witness reported his disappearance to the police the Wednesday after he left home.

Beatrice Watson (13), said she lived at 71, Newbiggin Street, York, and her father was cousin to the deceased. On February 14th deceased called at the house; her parents were not at home, and she asked him to walk in and sit down, but deceased said he would not stop. Deceased was very sober, and seemed to have had a drop of drink.

A young lady named Leah King, 10, Regent's Square, St. Maurice's Road, York, said the deceased was a friend of hers. She saw him on Saturday, February 14th, when he called at her house between 8 o'clock and half-past. He was slightly intoxicated and would not come into the house. He remained for about a quarter of an hour, and enquired after his cousin from Thorpe.

The deceased had been going along Groves Lane in the direction of Newbiggin Street.

P.C. Holgate said he took charge of the body of the deceased. He assisted to convey it to the mortuary, the body being fully dressed with the exception of the hat. Witness found on the body £1 os. 2d., two watches, and two chains (produced). Both the watches were stopped at 20 minutes to 11. There was also a photograph and a ticket for a whole drive and dance, and two half return railway tickets.

Dr. Reynolds, police surgeon, said that he examined the body and, as far as he could see, death was due to drowning.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

MOTOR SMASH NEAR HAREWOOD

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

An alarming motor accident, resulting in serious injury to several Leeds people, occurred on the Leeds and Harrogate Road, between Pannal and Harewood, on Friday night. It appears that a car containing three ladies and two gentlemen was returning from Harrogate to Leeds shortly after eight o'clock, when the driver mistook a turning at the road and ran into a stone wall, the occupants of the car being thrown out.

The accident occurred near Battersike Bar, and cars arriving at this spot the driver of the car mistook for the main road a lane which leads to Swarcliffe Bank Farm. He swerved to his right to take the entrance to the lane, with the result that he crashed through a substantial stone wall into an orchard. Fragments of the wall were sent flying in all directions, and after knocking down a fruit tree the car came to a standstill. The car was badly damaged, and the impact was so great as to throw all five occupants out.

The driver, Mr William Sawsding, of Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds, escaped with a severe shaking, as also did one of the lady passengers, but the others were less fortunate. Mrs Jefferies, of 21, Louis Street, Chapeltown Road, sustained a broken collar bone, and Mrs Dyson, of the same address, was found to be suffering from a fractured pelvis. The other gentleman, Mr Ernest Dixon, 25, Cardigan Avenue, had an arm broken.

Assistance was rendered by motor cyclists, who arrived upon the scene shortly after the accident, and the injured people were attended to by Dr. A. M. Wilson, of Walton Head, Pannal. Later in the evening the motor ambulance of the Harrogate Volunteer Fire Salvage Corps conveyed the injured to their homes.

MINERS' STRIKE AT LOFTHOUSE

THE MEN'S GRIEVANCES.

Work at Lofthouse Colliery was suspended on Tuesday owing to a strike among the hookers and screeners, who ceased work in the morning without giving notice. Their only grievance relates to the time allowed them for "snap," which they contend is inadequate. This question, along with others affecting the conditions of working, was dealt with jointly by representatives of the owners' association and the men's organisations some little time ago, and an agreement embodying the terms and conditions decided upon was recently ratified and put into operation. The action taken by the men is an unmistakable intimation that they refuse to subscribe to the terms of the agreement.

Pickets were stationed at the colliery on Tuesday morning, and as the men went to work they were turned back. In all, about 1,200 men and boys are affected.

The management intimated their willingness to allow the men ten minutes' extra time for their meals without prejudice to the agreement, pending the consideration and settlement of the point at issue, in order to keep the pit working, but the men declined to accept the offer.

During the course of the afternoon a deputation from the men had an interview with the management of the colliery, when the offer mentioned was renewed. The men stipulated for double the time for meals fixed under the agreement, and this the management refused to concede, because of the principle involved.

The notorious prisoner Hopf was executed on Monday at Frankfort. Hopf, who was about 50 years of age, was a chemist. He was charged with five murders, but three only were confined to seven. Among his victims were his three wives (whose lives he had insured), and one of his children. It is believed that his mother also was one of his victims.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES

Going ahead! Selby is to have a new art school.

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At the Skyrack Court on Tuesday there were very few cases from the district.

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Land at Barwick seems to be a saleable commodity, despite the croaking of pessimists.

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Garforth district has 1,163 school children, Kippax district 1,550, and Swarcliffe district 1,060.

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How is the Scout movement in Barkston Ash proceeding? Not so much has been heard of it this winter.

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In these days of education! The only two witnesses at an inquest at Tadcaster on Tuesday were unable to write.

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A man, arrested for begging at Stourton, had come out of prison on the day of the offence. He is again one of H.M. guests.

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A good many Barkston Ash Liberals were at the meetings addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at Huddersfield on Saturday.

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One of the busiest clergymen in the district is the Vicar of Kippax, and the residents of the village should greatly profit by his activities.

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Barkston Ash and food supplies! On Monday at Whitkirk Mart 411 animals were sold, at Wetherby 423 (311 sheep), and at Selby 1[illegible].

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School window smashing seems to be good sport for Stourton lads. They will find it a rather expensive one. Let them stick to marbles.

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Another danger in the mint! It is suggested by the medical officer for Tadcaster rural area that two men contracted typhoid down a coal pit.

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Saxton School had the worst attendance of all the schools in Garforth division last month, but it is only fair to state that the attendance was affected by sickness.

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The success or failure of Crossgates and District Farmers' Club will depend entirely on the farmers themselves. If they are loyal they may help themselves a great deal.

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There is little trouble nowadays in the district about non-attendance at school, and this is a good sign. Even in the district about half-a-dozen families give all the bother that there is.

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Dog-owners in the district should look carefully after their animals. Complaints have been received of Toxzer disease among the collectors, Wetherby, and Peckfield. The unmannerly cur!

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A lesson to the bigger ones! The children under five years attending Rothwell Wood Lane School had a percentage of attendance of 97.14 last month. This was the best attendance in the district.

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Garforth must wake up! The evening classes are very small, although the attendance is good, and it is astonishing that so few boys and girls avail themselves of the educational facilities provided.

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Changed days in Garforth surely! Only five gentlemen were nominated for three vacancies on the Council. At one time there would have been as many as thirty nominations. The novelty has gone!

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What did she mean? A women appeared before a local education committee and alleged that the attendance officer said he would "make her do the high jump." Of course, the committee did not believe her.

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What do the B.W.T.A. members say? A Thorpe man stated at an inquest on his brother, who had indulged in a drop, that he had not been well for some time, and he attributed this to his having turned a teetotaller.

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Mr Frank Myers, of Ilkbrough, who is a member of Tadcaster District Council, has been appointed a member of the committee of the Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland branch of the Agricultural Organization Society.

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Garforth is getting a bad name! Nine-teen residents were summoned by the overseers, and twenty-five by the Urban Council on Tuesday for non-payment of rates. They will have the Court costs in addition to the rates to pay now.

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Certain people at Rothwell are, it is stated, not very early risers. A candidate for municipal honours was once asked if he was in favour of lodgers being provided for the working-classes with which they could get up in the morning. Does Rothwell want lodgers?

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Mr J. Pearson, the Chairman at a Wetherby Liberal meeting, who at one time resided at Crossgates, was very funny, and probably his Conservative friends will not agree with him. He said that the "Tory Party seemed to have no policy except that of a General Election. In 1910 they wanted a General Election on the Parliament Act. They got two, but unfortunately for the Conservatives they both went the wrong way. Now they wanted an election on the Home Rule Bill. If it went their way it would be all right, but if it did not it had not to count."

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A big order! Tadcaster wants new roads and new houses.

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The inhabitants of Oulton want to know the origin of the name of the place.

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How long? Complaint is again made regarding the dirty condition of Tadcaster streets.

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At Tadcaster last year there were 744 loads of night-soil and 140 loads of rubbish removed, and at Sherburn 604 and 42.

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The improved train service to Thorp Arch will come into operation next month. Will it lead to the development of Boston Spa?

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How is it done? A man, found sleeping in an outhouse on a farm at Rothwell, was charged at the Skyrack Court with "sleeping out."

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As a Thorner farmer discovered, puppy-walking is not without its drawbacks. Perhaps the Brumbium Moor Hunt will compensate him.

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Good! Mr Thompson, of East Rigton, talked at a meeting of farmers at York about "the frothy mouthings of every windy demagogue."

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People who follow hunting will soon have to take to cricket or golf. The York and Ainsty season is closed, and the Brumbium Moor are to follow suit.

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No chance for the bow-wows! Wetherby Agricultural Show Committee have decided not to have a dog section at their annual show. It is not going to the "dogs."

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What will Mr Lloyd George say? The massively beneficial has been worked wonders in Tadcaster rural area, for there was a serious decline in the birth-rate last year.

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The York Wesley circuit meeting unanimously confirmed the invitation of the Rev. W. C. Pobjoy, of Selby, to become superintendent in place of the Rev. E. Martin, who goes to Derby.

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Splendid! The percentage of attendance for the Garforth division—the districts of Kippax, Sherburn, Oulton, and Garforth—was 94.1 last March as compared with 89.04 in February last year.

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How is it? Templemeadam has only 473 attending the local elementary schools, whereas Oulton-with-Woodlesford, with a somewhat similar population, has no fewer than 721.

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Garforth is going the wrong way. The school population is decreasing. Last month there were 978 children on the books of the schools in the urban area, and at Kippax the number was 873.

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Did they forget at Tadcaster? Selby Urban Council at their last meeting passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Stedman, who has just resigned the position of medical officer to the Tadcaster and Selby Councils.

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Barkston Ash scores again! Built at Selby at a cost of £15,000, the largest trawler in the world is now being fitted out. She is named the Marne, of 614 tons gross, with a crew of 48, and will be fitted with wireless.

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The local members present at the last meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs were Mr John Thompson, East Rigton (Chairman of Wetherby Chamber), Mr F. Myers (Ilkbrough), and Mr C. F. Ryder (Scarcroft).

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The Bishop of New Guinea (Right Rev. Gerald Sharp) has been on a visit to Whitkirk, his old parish, and he has had a very cordial welcome. He will be remembered as having been one of the most popular clergymen in the district.

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Crossgates Literary Society has completed its season's work, and the members have reason to be pleased with the progress made. A lecture on the Brontes was given, and the members are to have an excursion to the Bronte country this summer.

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"Parents must mend their ways." The medical officer for Tadcaster rural area, writing of scarlet fever, stated that "although efficient isolation in their own homes is often difficult, many parents make little attempt to keep the infected children apart from the others."

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The school holidays in the Wetherby district are to be as follows: from noon on Thursday, April 9th, to Monday, April 20th, with the exception of the Bardsey school, which will close on the 8th prox. instead of the 9th. Whitsuntide —From Friday, May 29th, to Monday, June 8th.

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The order of the bath! A Board of Guardians has ordered that every pauper shall have a bath once a month, and he or she will have the right to demand water which has not been previously used. What a concession! What will be done at Tadcaster, Wetherby, and Selby?

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Mr John Burns, M.P., who has promised to lay the foundation stone of artisan cottages now being built by the Selby Urban Council, is being asked by that authority to name a date on which he will be able to pay a visit to Selby for the purpose. The Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., Secretary to the Treasury, has promised to visit Selby soon to address a gr at Liberal gathering there.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, MARCH 28th, 1914.

Miners are apparently a very healthy class, and there is more chance of their enjoying the old age pensions than people employed in many other trades generally thought to be more healthy occupations. In the district—at Kippax, Great Preston, and elsewhere—a good number of folks, engaged in mining for many years, have lived far beyond the allotted span, but the fact has received little notice. Mining is a very dangerous calling, and when a man enters a colliery he has no surety that he will come out alive, but notwithstanding the numerous fatalities that overtake miners in and about collieries, the rate of mortality is materially lower than that of any other large industry, bar agriculture. If the men employed on the land have small wages they have compensating advantages in good health and long life, but the well-paid miner does not come so far behind them in the matter of length of days. Miners have, of course, been accused of indulging in all manner of excesses, which cannot tend to health but, as a matter of fact, the death-rate is lower than the average mortality rate among males. It would appear, then, that the miner takes as great care of himself as other men—if statistics prove anything he exercises greater care—and it is folly to attribute to a class the sins of a few. The superintendent of statistics in the office of the Registrar General states that while the risk of fatal accident among coal miners is much greater than among other males, their risk of death by disease is much lower, being 16.6 per cent. less than all occupied males, and 23.2 per cent less than that of all males. These are remarkable figures. Miners suffer more than the average mortality from bronchitis, but, on the other hand, they show a marked immunity from consumption. Cases of this disease, of course, occur—reports from the district prove that—but as compared with other classes of workers they are fortunate in escaping serious ravages by the "white plague." From diseases of the nervous system their mortality is 18 per cent. lower; heart disease 10 per cent. lower, and from diseases of the liver 10 per cent. lower than among all males. In a mining community, therefore, the death-rate should not be a high one, but the conditions under which many of the men are compelled to live are often a menace to health. Many of the villages might be accurately described as "blots upon the landscape"—a disgrace to the people who laid them out, and it is really a surprise that more illness does not occur. Happily, local authorities are now moving, and, in the creation of new villages they exercise a control which will be for the general good.

Many people in this country condemn the large expenditure of money by churches on foreign missions, and assert that the money would be utilized to better purpose in bringing about the conversion of the heathen at home. England, as a professedly Christian country, permits conditions of life which are admittedly a disgrace to any nation, but may the continuance of these not be due to the apathy or selfishness of the very people who are against spending a penny in bringing the natives of foreign lands to a knowledge of true religion? If it is good for "the heathen at home" it must be equally good for the heathen abroad. The detractors of foreign missions, in their show of interest for the benighted in this country, do not define who are the "heathen" people, but they presumably mean the denizens of the slums of large towns and cities, although there may be more real Christianity in that quarter than amongst the very people who are so eager to stop missionary endeavour abroad. Preaching at Whitkirk on Sunday the Bishop of New Guinea said these people were comparable to lunatics. In the great country in which he has been at work for the last four years, along with other missionaries, cannibalism was practised until recent years, and the natives, when not otherwise employed, were engaged in raiding each other's villages and slaughtering as many people as they could. The introduction of Christianity has brought about a transformation in the life of the people, yet men in this country would stop the funds which enable such a beneficent work to be accomplished. They fail to realize that the churches would be false to the charge left them were they to neglect the carrying of the divine message to the uttermost parts of the earth, but they are really not concerned about that; what they lament is alleged waste of money that goes to the maintenance of missions. The betterment of a race, or the winning of a people from savagery to Christianity, does not appeal to men who are what may be styled commercially-minded, and in the sacrifices of missionaries they see nothing but foolishness. They may very well be left to their own selfish notions. In New Guinea the missionaries are working on virgin soil, as it were, and they have no opposing religion to combat or overcome, so their task, after they have won the confidence of the natives, is not such a difficult one. Whilst the missionaries are spreading Christianity, they are at the same time educating the boys and girls, and the next generation of men and women in that quarter of the globe will be very different from the present generation. Large parts of the country are unexplored, and it is practically undeveloped, and the people are being trained for a work which must bring greater prosperity and happiness to them. It has, of course, been argued that the natives living in a savage state get more enjoyment out of life than after they come under civilizing influences, but surely work—even hard work—is preferable to the debased life that existed before. The missionary prepares the way for the trader, and, instead of trade following the flag, it follows the Bible. From a mercenary point of view, therefore, missions have a value. But if men were not actuated by a higher motive than that of gain the conditions in uncivilized countries would be rendered more horrible than they were before, because evidence is not lacking of what outrages commerce has committed upon native peoples. The Christian missionary has no self-seeking object in view when he enters the dark territories of the earth, and any work which has for its purpose the uplifting of our fellow-mortals is deserving both of encouragement and support.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Meetings and public entertainments cannot be attended to unless information is sent beforehand and addressed to the Editor.
Communications intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No notice will be taken of anonymous letters, and rejected communications cannot be returned.
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Notices of marriages are charged at the rate of 2s. 6d. each
In Memoriam" Notices 1s. each, and 6d. extra for all matter up to four lines.

DEATHS.

BIRDSELL.—March 23rd (the result of an accident), at Northcote, Roundhay, in her 71st year, Mary, the beloved wife of John Birdsell.

BLACKBURN.—March 20th, at Aire Villas, Astley, Woodlesford, aged 18 years, Cyril, the dearly beloved son of Walter and Amy Blackburn.

GATHERCOLE.—March 24th, 1914, at Aberford, aged 66 years, Elizabeth Gathercole, widow of the late William Gathercole, of Aberford.

JUPSON.—March 21st, at Killingbeck Sanatorium, aged 34, Thomas, the dearly-beloved husband of Amy Judson, and eldest son of the late John Judson, of Rothwell.

LOCK.—March 24th, at Aberford, aged 73 years, Nathan, the beloved husband of Sarah Lock.

MORTIMER.—March 22nd (suddenly), at the Leeds Infirmary, William Mortimer, late of Stutton, aged 35.

NICKOLS.—March 21st, aged 78, Emily, widow of the late John Nickols, of Smeaton House, Swillington.

SIMPSON.—March 23rd, at 5, Thomas Street, Selby, aged 60 years, John, the beloved husband of S. A. Simpson.

SMITH.—March 24th, at 11, New Street, Kippax, aged 59 years, Jane Smith, the beloved wife of George Hy. Smith.

THROUP.—March 23rd, at 53, Thwaite Gate, Stourton, aged 73 years, Mary Ann, widow of Henry Throup, senr., butcher.

WALTON—March 24th, at 3, Laurel Terrace, Stanks, Crossgates, Alice Walton, aged 56.

IN MEMORIAM.

WOODS.—In loving memory of Eva Woods, Aberford, who died March 29th, 1913, aged 4 years and 5 months.
"One year has passed since that sad day,
When one we loved was called away;
God took her home, it was His will,
But in our hearts we love her still."
From uncles and aunts.

Mr George Barber and family wish to thank all friends for kind sympathy shown during their sad bereavement.

The family of the late Frederick Cyril Blackburn desire to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy which they have received in their recent bereavement.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

RABBIT COURSING.—At the City Grounds, Wakefield, on Monday, a rabbit coursing match, the best of seven courses, for £20, took place between Blackburn's Mag, Rothwell, and Hoegreaves' Beauty, Stanley. Beauty, who was the favourite, the betting being 2s. to 20s., won by four courses to her opponent's three.

"SLEEPING OUT."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Buttle, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with sleeping out. He was fined 10s. or 7 days.

P.C. Abbott stated that about 4.20 a.m. on the day in question he was, in the company of P.C. Leahy, examining property at Rothwell Haigh, when he found the prisoner sleeping in an outhouse belonging to a farm. When aroused and asked what he was doing there, he replied "I have no money and am bound to sleep somewhere." He was taken to the Park Street Police Station, Leeds, and searched, but no money was found in his possession. Prisoner was committed to prison for one month with hard labour.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. T. M. Sugge-Musgrave, Mr F. H. Lupton, Mr J. R. Cross, Mr J. B. Breed, Mr S. Hudson, and Mr E. Parkin.

FOOTBALL.—In the Kirkgate tradesmen played Rothwell Wesleyites at Hunslet on Wednesday afternoon. The tradesmen had to defend at the outset, and Arch scored for the visitors. The home team pressed, and one of their opponents gave them the equaliser by sending the ball into his own net. After the interval Kirkgate played up better, and Jubb-and Spencer each scored. Result:—Leeds Kirkgate Tradesmen 3 goals, Rothwell Wednesday 1 goal.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS.—Mr George Armitage has withdrawn his name as a candidate for the Carlton Ward, thus leaving Mr Walter Speaker, who was put up by the Labour Party, the opposition. Both retired, and entered upon the poll contest which will take place on the election day (Saturday, April 4th) will be in the South Ward, where Mr J. B. Hinde, the retiring member, is being opposed by Mr Wilfred Robinson, the nominee of the Labour Party.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Rothwell Wesleyan Church celebrated its anniversary on Sunday, when a sermon was preached in the morning and evening. In the afternoon the Rev. E. Lloyd, now of Batley, who preached a number of times to large congregations in the morning and evening. In the afternoon the cantata "The promise of Jesus" was rendered by the Lofthouse Wesleyan Choir. Mr J. B. Hinde presided. Mr T. Hampson conducted the singing, and Mr G. H. Hall was the organist. The collections throughout the day were in aid of the trust funds.

TEMPERANCE.—An "at home" promoted by the members of the Rothwell branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union was held in the Wesley Sunday Schoolroom on Thursday evening, with Mr and Mrs T. Young as host and hostess. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable programme was rendered. This consisted of songs as follows:—Chorus, "Come back to Erin," choir; song, "Dear Little Shamrock," Mrs L. Iveson; reading, "Under the Limelight," Mrs Hall; song (old tableau), "The Better Land," Mrs L. Iveson; dialogue, "Slippery Places," four ladies; recitation, "The Dean's Brother," Mrs Townsley; chorus, "Excelsior," choir; recitation, "The Alarm Clock," Mrs Hetson; song (and tableau), "Love at Home," Mrs Hampshire"; and chorus (humorous), "Instrumental Band," choir. During the interval refreshments, provided by the members, were handed round. The proceeds, including the donation by Mr and Mrs Young of £1, amounted to £3.

ALLERTON BYWATER

FOURTEEN YEARS' COMPENSATION.—At an inquest at the Pontefract Workhouse, on Wednesday, on the body of Thomas Morrey, aged forty-eight, miner, formerly of Wetherby Street, Castleford, it was said that in October, 1900, whilst working in the Allerton Bywater Colliery, Morrey was struck on the head by a piece of "muck," and was off work several since, but had lived on a compensation allowance of 15s. a week. Dr. Osmond said the accident had no relation to the cause of death, and the jury returned a verdict that death was due to natural causes.

SIR J. COMPTON RICKETT, M.P.—The Rev. W. J. Hopper, United Methodist minister, of Boston, preaching on Sunday evening at the Cresswell Chapel, Spalding, entered a protest against Sir J. Compton-Rickett, M.P., occupying the position of President of the Free Churches (to which he has been nominated for next year), on the ground that he was reported to be a big shareholder in armament companies. Mr Hopper intimated his intention—if the nomination proved to be true—of entering a personal protest to the National Free Church Council. They might as well, he said, have a brewer as president of a temperance society.

BARWICK

On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Barwick R.S. and Boston Spa, and Barwick won by four goals to nil.

THE SCHOOLS.—At Barwick School the percentage of attendance last month was 92.85 as compared with 88.3c in February last year. At Scholes School the percentage was the best in the Garforth division, being 96.88 as compared with 91.43. There were 32 children on the books and the average attendance was 31.

BOWERS ALLERTON

The attendance at Bowers Allerton School last month was excellent, the percentage being 94.18 against 87.90 in February last year.

THE LATE MR. F. C. BLACKBURN.—After an illness of about four months the death took place on Friday afternoon of Mr Frederick Cyril Blackburn, second son of Mr and Mrs Walter Blackburn, Scott Hall Villas, Astley. Though only in his 19th year the high esteem in which the deceased was held was well proved at the funeral, which took place on Monday afternoon, the cortege including the large procession representing the various interests in life. The cortege was headed by the Mission Hall Ladies' Bible Class, followed by the Men's Bible Class, and many deputations from the local collieries followed, while the Castleford Sunday School, in which the deceased was at one time a devoted student, was also represented. Representatives from many of the churches in the district also attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bergheim (rector), assisted by the Rev. H. W. B. Chapman, United Methodist Church minister, of Castleford. The hymn "There is a home eternal" was feelingly sung by the Mission Hall choir at the graveside. The chief mourners were Mr and Mrs Walter Blackburn, Mr J. P. Blackburn (brother), Miss Blackburn (sister), Mr J. W. Blackburn (grandfather), Mr W. S. Blackburn (uncle), Mr and Mr H. Peck (uncle and aunt), Mr H. H. Blackburn and Masters Blackburn, Thorner (uncle and cousins), Mr and Mr H. Jackson (aunt and uncle), and Mr H. Greenhill (cousin). Also present were Mr and Miss Curtis (Castleford), Mr A. Wright (Ackworth), Mr and Mrs Buther (Burnsley), Mr and Mrs A. Parker, and Mr and Mrs J. Robinson. Wreaths were sent by the following:—Dad and Mam, Mr and Mrs J. W. Blackburn (Astley), Mr and Mrs Peck and family (Roundhay), Mr and Mrs W. S. and Miss Blackburn, Mr and Mrs H. H. Blackburn and family (Thorner), Mr and Mrs H. Jackson (Thoithorpe), Mr and Mrs J. E. Jackson (Bridlington), Mr and Mrs Hubert Peck, Mr and Mrs Garthwaite (Darlington), Mr and Mrs Garthwaite (Darlington), Mr and Mrs Curtis and family (Castleford), Mr and Mrs Walter Drake (Castleford), Mr and Mrs Burlington (Methley), Miss M. E. Ward (Hollinhurst), Miss Nellie and Master Charlie Brown (Allerton Bywater), and Cyril's shopmates, while three were sent from the Mission Hall—from the Ladies' Bible Class, the Men's Sunday Class, and Men's Friday Night Bible Class.

CROSSGATES

The many friends of County Councillor Boothriest, who is under the care of Sir Berkeley Moynihan, will be glad to learn that he is making steady progress.

LIBERALISM.—On Wednesday evening at the Wesleyan Schoolroom a meeting of the three Liberal Associations in Crossgates was held to make nominations for official positions on the Division Association, the annual meeting of which takes place at Halton next month. Mr W. G. Smithson (President of Crossgates Liberal Association) was in the chair, and the following nominations were agreed to:—President, Mr Martin Harvey; chairman, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe; vice-chairman, Captain Glover; hon. treasurer, County Councillor Denbiriet; hon. sec., Mr R. G. Macpherson; representatives of Crossgates Association committee, President and hon. sec. On the motion of Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, seconded by Mr P. Hartop, the following resolution was passed and ordered to be sent to the Prime Minister:—"This united meeting of the Crossgates and Seacroft Liberal Association expresses its unfaltering faith in the wisdom and judgment of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet at this critical juncture, but also expresses the hope that they will not be intimidated, deterred, or deflected from the object of their legislation by any combination of Army officers or other organisations, save only the voices of the duly elected representatives of the British people."

BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP—LECTURE.—At the weekly meeting of the Baptist Church Fellowship held in the Lecture Hall, Whitkirk, on Tuesday night—Mr M. Elliott, of Crossgates, presiding—an excellent lecture on "Machiavelli" was delivered by Mr J. R. Pearson, B.A., of Crossgates. He said that Machiavelli was born at Florence in 1469, and he was the son of a jurist. He was in 1498 appointed Secretary to the Florentine Government—a post which he held until his exile in 1512, and in this capacity he paid many visits to various countries in Europe. Being a keen student of men and things, he doubtless obtained during these embassies that intimate knowledge of human nature which shines through every page of his writings. He was pre-eminently the child of his age. The end of the fifteenth century witnessed the rise of strong national monarchies everywhere in Europe, except Italy, where anarchy and disintegration were rife. The lack of patriotic spirit amongst the Italians greatly troubled Machiavelli, and "The Prince"—his most famous work—was an impassioned plea for the advent of a national deliverer. He was an ardent patriot and the real forerunner of Mazzini and Garibaldi. He longed to see his country a stable and well-respecting State, and to that end, if it could be attained, he was prepared to endorse measures which were obviously at variance with the elementary principles of morality. It was in that sense that he was so often charged with immorality, though he was rather unmoral than immoral. He did not deny the excellence of the moral virtues, but he did deny their efficacy in the establishment and extension of dominion, which must always be regarded as the main end of the Statesman. Machiavelli might be regarded as the real founder of modern political science, and he was the first thinker to make a distinction between politics and ethics. For him the question was not as to how the ideal man would act under circumstances, but how a man acted under such conditions as actually existed. The influence of Machiavelli throughout the whole of modern history had been great. Frederick the Great openly avowed him with their lips, had followed him with their hearts, and the constant placing of policy before principle was a standing tribute to Machiavelli's diagnosis of the human heart. He, however, neglected the divine element in human nature as an operating force in the world of politics, and history proved that there were many times when it preferred to follow the right rather than expediency. The beat men of all times were against Machiavelli, but that should not blind people to the services which he rendered in the study of political thought. An interesting discussion followed, and it was taken part in by Messrs Hartop, Rodgers, Cox, and Walker. On the motion of Mr Anderson, seconded by Mr F. Hyde, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer. On Tuesday next Mr Clegg, of Headingley, will give an address on "What Norman Angellism stands for."

CARLTON

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Oulton Institute were defeated by Scholes Temperance 668 to 641. Ten points at Oulton on Saturday night. The aggregate scores were Carlton 550, Oulton 441. Details (Carlton names first):—R. Beston 54, F. Rockliffe 100, R. Smith 100, J. G. Wilkinson 16, W. Page 95, V. S. Lockwood 100, J. Illingworth 100 v. T. Caine 82, G. Ramsden 100 v. R. W. Whitworth 91, and E. Brown 100 v. G. Berry 39.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the junior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Rodwell Working Man's Club defeated Carlton Temperance Hall by 124 points. Rothwell on Saturday night. The aggregate scores were Rothwell 533, and Carlton 409. Details (Rothwell names first):—H. V. Sidebottom 100 v. G. Priestley 47, T. Wood 100 v. D. Dixon 55, J. Hooks 53 v. D. Dobson 100, W. Dobson 74 v. J. Wrigglesworth 100, L. Thurwell 100 v. E. Schofy 36, and H. Bennett 100 v. C. Turner 71.

CRICKET CLUB.—The members of the Carlton Cricket Club are looking forward to a successful season, and to augment the funds a tea and concert were held in the Wesleyan Sunday School on Tuesday evening. A large company sat down to a sumptuous tea, which was followed by a successful concert. A number of talented artistes had been secured, and the concert was greatly enjoyed. Those contributing to the programme were the Carlton Temperance Prize Band Quartette Party, Miss Elsie Higgins (soprano), Mr J. W. Rowley (tenor), Mr F. Hall (humorist), Mr A. Gascoigne (descriptionist), Cleckheaton, Mr F. Gawthorpe, F.R.C.O., was the accompanist.

FAIRBURN

In the Totalisator sweep on the Lincoln Handicap the first three prizes have been won by Mrs J. Atkinson, Hill Top Farm, Fairburn.

FRYSTON

On Saturday afternoon a football match was played between Fryston Colliery and Norland, and the former won by five goals to nil.

A serious accident befalls George Wilkinson (6d), of Chapel Lane, Castleford. Whilst he was working in a sand-quarry at Fryston the roof fell in and seriously injured him about the body. He was removed to Leeds Infirmary.

FOOTBALL.—A meeting of the Cup Committee of the West Riding County Football Association was held on Tuesday night at the Grand Central Hotel, Leeds. Mr J. Connor presiding. It was arranged that the final for the West Riding Cup Competition should be played at Keighley on April 11th. Sergt. Hammond (Bradford) was appointed referee, and Messrs P. Whitley (Otley) and R. V. Gee (Keighley) linesmen.

GARFORTH

URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION.—Five candidates were nominated for three vacancies on Garforth Urban Council, and on Tuesday there were no withdrawals. The following gentlemen will, therefore, go to the poll:—Mr E. R. Archer gentleman; Mr J. B. Breed, flag and banner manufacturer; Mr D. Gascoigne, checkweighman; Mr Robert Routledge, mining engineer; and Mr W. Yeandle, miner.

RATES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday nineteen Garforthians were summoned by the Garforth overseers for non-payment of the poor rate. In all the cases orders were made. Orders were also made against twenty-five others who were summoned by the Garforth Urban District Council for non-payment of the district rate.

GILCHRIST LECTURES.—A meeting of the committee appointed to carry out the Gilchrist lectures was held at the Education Offices on Thursday night—Mr H. J. Denby presiding. It was reported that 449 syllabuses had been applied for, 56 of which were for shilling tickets, and 14 one shilling tickets had been sold, and there was a balance of over £c in hand. A discussion ensued in regard to promoting lectures for next winter, and a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question and report.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—In the Garforth district the school attendance was very high, viz., 92.35 compared with 86.45 in February last year, and for the local schools the percentages were:—Garforth Council, mixed, 90.39 against 91.43; Garforth Council, infants, 90.17 and 83.28; Garforth, 95.89 and 88.16; Garforth Parochial, mixed, 93.28 and 88.16; Garforth Parochial, infants, 86.81 and 77.88; and Garforth Roman Catholic, 88.38 and 79.49. It was pointed out that every school with the exception of one, had an improved attendance.

DARTS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Sharpe, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly in Garforth on Saturday, March 14th. P.C. Benner stated that about 10.30 p.m. on the night in question he was in the Main Road, Garforth, where he saw the defendant, who was in a drunken condition and making use of obscene language to some women. As defendant had a number of convictions against him, and did not appear in Court to answer the summons, he was fined 20s.s and costs.

INQUEST.—On Monday at an inquest conducted by Mr J. C. Malcolm, the Leeds Coroner, on the body of Thomas Charles Sparrow (34), the Parade, Garforth, described as a head horse feeder at a colliery, it was stated that in October last Sparrow assisted in the killing and dressing of examination of two horses which were found to have been suffering from glanders. At the time the deceased had a split finger nail. It was suggested that his death might have been caused by glanders. Dr. Wilkins, of the Leeds Infirmary, said, in his opinion, death was caused by ordinary septic poisoning. The jury, after a long retirement, asked for evidence as to how the man sustained the injury to his finger nail, and the Coroner adjourned the inquest for a week to enable further inquiries to be made.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At Garforth's popular place of amusement this week attractive programmes have been submitted to very appreciative "houses." The excellent drama of "Victory or Death" proved a great draw in itself, and early part of the week, and for Tuesday and Saturday "A Ray of God's Sunshine" (a pretty and pathetic drama of love and reformation) will be screened. Other fine films presented are "The Lost Millionaire" (a powerful detective story) and "The fatal taxi-cab" (comedy). For the first three nights of next week the Lubin Film Co.'s great production of "Ben the Earth" (a realistic description of the earthquake at San Francisco, showing the upheaval of whole streets of houses, has been secured. Other excellent pictures will be submitted. In connection with the great interest now being displayed in the "noble art," patrons of the house will have brought before them on Monday, Friday, and Saturday the vivid description of the great glove fight between Kid Lewis, feather-weight champion of Europe, and Paul Til, the famous French lightweight, for the featherweight championship of Europe, at the Premierland, London. Another great film will be "Bred in the Bone," a powerful and exciting drama of the Wild West, by the well-known Film 101 Company. For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

The percentage of attendance at Great Preston School last month was 86.74 compared with 68.28 for February last year. This was the lowest attendance in the Kippax district.

PREFERMENT.—The living of Price's Marston, Warwickshire, has been offered by Earl Spencer to a former curate-in-charge of Great Preston, to the Rev. J. H. Woodman, M.A., who has accepted the same. Price's Marston is a country parish comprising about 3,000 acres, with a beautiful church, built early last century by Sir Leonard, with a fine peal of bells, and the village is very pleasantly situated. There is a nice vicarage, with garden and orchard, and the value of the living is £220 gross, and £200 net. The population is a little under 300 souls. Mr Woodman is at present curate-in-charge of Wychbold, a large country parish in Worcestershire.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.—The annual parish meeting of Great and Little Preston was held on Wednesday in the Bowers Allerton Sunday Schools. The vicar (the Rev. Canon Mr W. Schools. The vicar (the Rev. Canon Mr W. S. Blackburn (in the chair), Messrs A. Parker, W. Longbottom, J. Stockwell, B. Evans, R. Wardle, and A. Simpson, with Mr W. Blackburn (Clerk). The accounts for the past year were given through, and these proved that beginning the year with a balance hand of £5 5s. 10d., necessary books, printed notices, postage, stamps, and school expenses had been responsible for the expenditure of £2 3s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £3 1s. 5d. The letting of lands for grazing purposes was then carried out, after which a vote of sympathy was unanimously extended to Mr W. Blackburn in his recent bereavement, on the motion of Councillor A. Parker, seconded by Councillor A. Parker.

HALTON

On Saturday a football match was played between Whitkirk C.M. and Leeds St. Saviour's in the Church League, and it was drawn—one goal each.

ATTENDANCE.—At Halton School (mixed) last month the percentage of attendance was 88.31 as compared with 84.45 in February last year, and in the infants' school 87.60 against 77.34. The figures for Colton School were: 87.60 and 87.50.

HON. E. L. WOOD, M.P., AND HOME RULE.—Speaking in the House of Commons on Wednesday the Hon. E. L. Wood said the great danger in the country had a feeling that both parties in the Irish controversy had fatally mismanaged and bungled it during the last two years. Primary responsibility, of course, rested with the Government, and why should they cost come into the arena and set to work with the Opposition in order to secure a national settlement which would not be partisan, being national? What was their chance of being permanent? If the Chancellor of the Exchequer would use his arts in this direction he would do a much better day's work for the country than by making such speeches as he delivered last week at Huddersfield.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon, in the Leeds and District Football League, Kippax Woodville played Rothwell P.C., and the Woodville won by three goals to nil.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—At the Wesley Guild meeting on Tuesday evening a paper was given by the circuit minister (Rev. H. W. Wilkinson on "Wanted a Man." There was a good attendance of members.

THE SCHOOLS.—At the Kippax schools last month the attendance was excellent. In the boys' school the percentage was 93.23 against 91.99 for the corresponding month of last year, the girls' school 93.22 and 89.22, and the infants' school 87.88 and 85.05.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—An "at home" was held in this church on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the minister (Rev. H. W. B. Chapman) who was present, and gave an address on the work of the Church. Mr J. Stewart presided. Songs were contributed by Miss Holliday, Miss H. Cockell, Miss Kilburn, Miss E. Smith, Mr D. Smith, and Mr J. Farrant. The accompanist was Mr W. Halliday. Refreshments were served to the guests during the evening.

EVENING CLASSES.—The students who have attended the evening classes during the past winter and a few friends were entertained by their teachers. Mr Howell and Mr R. Veitch, at a social held in the Council School on Friday evening. A feature of the evening's proceedings was the presentation by the students of a hall-stand to Mr Howell, and a walking stick to Mr R. Veitch as a token of appreciation of their services. Games and other amusements were engaged in.

CYCLING.—A West Riding Club League, consisting of the following half-dozen clubs, has been formed:—Castleford Wellington, Crofton C. and C., Kippax Road, Altertheppe, Stanley Wheelers, and Yeadon Clifton. These have combined to have all their fixtures printed in one book, and thus reduce the cost of same. Combined runs have been arranged for Easterside, Selby being the meeting place on Good Friday, and Boston Spa on Easter Monday. These resorts appear to be favourite ones, and a prize is offered to the rider who records the most visits between Easterside and October 1st at each place. One good feature at these inter-rube is the provision of a hot dinner at a moderate charge at both venues.

PASSIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—A special effort was made by the members of the Primitive Methodist Church to augment the finances of the sewing basket on Sunday, and the Rev. A. H. Fitzwood, (Circuit minister) (Castleford), preached morning and evening to good congregations. A public tea, given by Mr and Mrs J. W. Smith, was provided in the schoolroom by Mrs Ward (contralto), Miss Parker, Astley (elocutionist), and Mr N. Wheatley (humorist). The humorous sketch "Dr. Dionsham," was given by Mr Ward, Castleford, and the humorous sketch "The contented plumber" was contributed by Rippax Wesleyan friends. Mr Chas. Bellwood, of Bowers Allerton, presided, and the accompanist was Mr T. Booth. Mr H. Gummerson was an efficient pianist. The proceeds of tea and entertainment amounted to £7 2s. 10d.

LOFTHOUSE

On Saturday afternoon a hockey match was played between Lofthouse Glenfield and Leeds Y.M.C.A., and it was drawn—two goals each.

Mr Harold Blackburn, the aviator, accompanied by Dr. Russell as passenger, flew from Lofthouse Park to Harrogate, on Sunday, and alighted on the Stray. Later he made flights over the town.

LEDSHAM

At Ledsham School last month the percentage of attendance was 89.36 against 86.27 in February last year.

LEDSTON

William Haley (20) was found not guilty at Leeds Assizes on Monday, of an offence against a girl of 15 at Ledston in November, and discharged.

OULTON

The following are the results of the semi-finals for the Oulton Institute Billiards Challenge Cup:—J. Clemitt (scratch) 250 v. W. Jopling (rec. 30) 163, and G. Wilkinson (rec. 50) 250 v. J. Nuttall (scratch) 225.

BILLIARDS.—A billiard match was played at Oulton on Tuesday night between Oulton Institute and Castleford Liberal Club, the former being defeated by 458 points. The aggregate scores were Castleford Liberal Club 1,195, Oulton Institute 741. Details (Castleford names first):—H. Waster 103 v. C. W. Penfold 200, T. Caine 99 v. S. Gover 200, W. Jopling 141 v. T. Dollick 200, S. Lockwood 99 v. W. Allerton 200, J. Pollard 200 v. W. Hodge 200, and G. Wilkinson 200 v. F. Batty 199.

HISTORY OF OULTON.—Much interest was taken in the paper read by Mr R. V. Higgins on "Some history of Oulton," at the fortnightly meeting of the Oulton Literary and Debating Society held in the Oulton Institute on Thursday evening. There was a record gathering, which was presided over by Mr Fred Nettleton. Mr Higgins's paper showed that much time had been spent in a careful search for material dealing in any way with the history of Oulton, and it is not unlikely after the information contained that the public will be in eager search for clues that may help to show the origin of the place. Mr Higgins discountenanced the argument that Oulton owed its name to mythical relative to Ulysses, but it may be interesting to note, form the crest of the Cholerleys. It was argued that the probable origin of the name came from the fact that the Saxon word "Ulta" (meaning a forest) from, Oulton was inhabited by a better class portion of the community; thus the derivation—Oulton. Mr Higgins was duly paid a vote of praise to which he replied, and who wrote an interesting history of Rothwell.

MICKLEFIELD

The workpeople at Micklefield Colliery have sent £34 9s. 4d. to Leeds Infirmary.

THE SCHOOLS.—At Micklefield School last month the attendance was very good. In the infants' department the percentage was 92.28 against 90.68 in February last year, and the figures for the infants' department were 88.81 and 88.51.

ROUNDHAY

A hockey match was played between Roundhay and Leeds on Saturday afternoon, and Leeds won by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

At the Leeds County Court, on Friday, a receiving order was made, on a creditor's petition, against Henry John Hawthorne, of 7, Greek Street, and Cookeostone; Lidgett Park Road, Roundhay, solicitor.

A PICTURE.—The Leeds Camera Club's exhibition of specimens of the photographic art which was commenced on Saturday at the Leeds Institute, was continued on Monday afternoon and evening. The winner of the special silver plaque was Mr George Fletcher, who exhibited a fine picture of gleaninas in a Roundhay Park greensbouse.

A MOTOR ACCIDENT.—A serious motor-car accident occurred on Sunday at Severn Stoke, near Worcester, as the result of which a lady, named Mrs Brook, of Glenwood, Park View Crescent, Street Lane, Roundhay, lies in the Worcester Infirmary with a fractured skull. Mr and Mrs Brook and Mrs Tasker, also of Park View Crescent, were returning home from Torquay, and when passing through the village of Severn Stoke the steering gear suddenly broke and the car mounted the bank and turned completely over. The chauffeur, Mr Brook, and Mrs Tasker were thrown out, but escaped unhurt. Mrs Brook, it was evident, was badly injured. Dr. Hefferman was fetched at once, and he drove the injured lady in his own car to the Worcester Infirmary, where she was found to be suffering from a fractured skull.

ROBIN HOOD

P.S.A.—At the P.S.A. service held on Sunday afternoon in the United Methodist Church, an address on "Indifference" was given by Mr W. Wright (Leeds). The solos "How lovely are Thy dwellings" and "The desert of redemption" were rendered by Miss Kate Ellis (Rothwell). There was a good attendance presided over by Mr J. Keighley.

SEACROFT

PRESENTATION.—In connection with the attendance section, a social evening was held in the schoolroom on Thursday. Alderman D. B. Wilson presented a silver watch to Mr Robert Lazenby, (gth) who has been with the workers, as a slight recognition of the services he has rendered to them. Afterwards a short programme of music was gone through, the artistes being the Misses Green, Green, and Ryder, and Mr Harold Carpenter.

STOURTON

The address at the P.S.A. service held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, was given by Mr Thomas Hall, of Woodhouse Hill. There was a good attendance.

A MENDICANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a labourer named James Huddlestone, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging in Stourton on March 17th, and was sentenced to two months with hard labour. Prisoner stated that he only came out of prison on the day he was arrested at Stourton.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Proctor, teamster, of Hunslet, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at Stourton on Monday, March 9th, at 11.30 p.m. P.C. Boyes stated that on the night in question he was on the Pontefract Road, Stourton, when he saw the defendant driving along in a cart which had no light. He stopped the defendant, who said the light had gone out, but he had another candle in his pocket. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

CONCERT.—A concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Sunday School on Saturday night in aid of the Sunday School staff at the forthcoming bazaar. There was a very large audience. An enjoyable programme was submitted by a party from the Hunslet Carr Methodist New Connexion Church, and a humorous sketch by Mr Ward and Mr Wheatley (Burmantofts Congregational Church. Mr Lyndon, of Stourton, presided, and at the close a vote of thanks to the entertainers was passed on the call of Mr Brook, seconded by Mr H. Collinson.

SHADWELL

LIBERALISM.—On Friday evening, under the auspices of the Liberal Association, a public meeting was held in the Temperance Rooms, and Mr North presided, being supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Hemsley Division), Mr Mayfield, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), Mr Garner, and Mr W. J. Taylor (Liberal agent). Addresses on current politics were delivered by Mr Foster and Mr Walker, and they were thanked at the close, on the call of Mr Garner.

SWILLINGTON

Excellent returns were made by the Swillington schools last month. At the Common School the percentage was 95.06 against 75.31 for February last year, and at the Parochial School the figures were 94.40 and 73.47.

WHITKIRK

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ROUNDHAY

A hockey match was played between Roundhay and Leeds on Saturday afternoon, and Leeds won by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

At the Leeds County Court, on Friday, a receiving order was made, on a creditor's petition, against Henry John Hawthorne, of 7, Greek Street, and Cookeostone; Lidgett Park Road, Roundhay, solicitor.

A PICTURE.—The Leeds Camera Club's exhibition of specimens of the photographic art which was commenced on Saturday at the Leeds Institute, was continued on Monday afternoon and evening. The winner of the special silver plaque was Mr George Fletcher, who exhibited a fine picture of gleaninas in a Roundhay Park greensbouse.

A MOTOR ACCIDENT.—A serious motor-car accident occurred on Sunday at Severn Stoke, near Worcester, as the result of which a lady, named Mrs Brook, of Glenwood, Park View Crescent, Street Lane, Roundhay, lies in the Worcester Infirmary with a fractured skull. Mr and Mrs Brook and Mrs Tasker, also of Park View Crescent, were returning home from Torquay, and when passing through the village of Severn Stoke the steering gear suddenly broke and the car mounted the bank and turned completely over. The chauffeur, Mr Brook, and Mrs Tasker were thrown out, but escaped unhurt. Mrs Brook, it was evident, was badly injured. Dr. Hefferman was fetched at once, and he drove the injured lady in his own car to the Worcester Infirmary, where she was found to be suffering from a fractured skull.

ROBIN HOOD

P.S.A.—At the P.S.A. service held on Sunday afternoon in the United Methodist Church, an address on "Indifference" was given by Mr W. Wright (Leeds). The solos "How lovely are Thy dwellings" and "The desert of redemption" were rendered by Miss Kate Ellis (Rothwell). There was a good attendance presided over by Mr J. Keighley.

SEACROFT

PRESENTATION.—In connection with the attendance section, a social evening was held in the schoolroom on Thursday. Alderman D. B. Wilson presented a silver watch to Mr Robert Lazenby, (gth) who has been with the workers, as a slight recognition of the services he has rendered to them. Afterwards a short programme of music was gone through, the artistes being the Misses Green, Green, and Ryder, and Mr Harold Carpenter.

STOURTON

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IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Proctor, teamster, of Hunslet, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at Stourton on Monday, March 9th, at 11.30 p.m. P.C. Boyes stated that on the night in question he was on the Pontefract Road, Stourton, when he saw the defendant driving along in a cart which had no light. He stopped the defendant, who said the light had gone out, but he had another candle in his pocket. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

CONCERT.—A concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Sunday School on Saturday night in aid of the Sunday School staff at the forthcoming bazaar. There was a very large audience. An enjoyable programme was submitted by a party from the Hunslet Carr Methodist New Connexion Church, and a humorous sketch by Mr Ward and Mr Wheatley (Burmantofts Congregational Church. Mr Lyndon, of Stourton, presided, and at the close a vote of thanks to the entertainers was passed on the call of Mr Brook, seconded by Mr H. Collinson.

SHADWELL

LIBERALISM.—On Friday evening, under the auspices of the Liberal Association, a public meeting was held in the Temperance Rooms, and Mr North presided, being supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Hemsley Division), Mr Mayfield, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), Mr Garner, and Mr W. J. Taylor (Liberal agent). Addresses on current politics were delivered by Mr Foster and Mr Walker, and they were thanked at the close, on the call of Mr Garner.

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FARMERS' "SHOOT."

A largely-attended meeting of the members of Wetherby Chamber of Agriculture was held at Wetherby yesterday afternoon—Mr John Thompson (President) in the chair.

It was decided to hold a wood-pigeons "shoot" over the area covered by the Chamber on Saturday afternoon, most of the landlords having given their permission.

Landlords, farmers, and gamekeepers are requested to assist in the shoot by shooting the birds there until dusk. The Committee trust that there will be no interference with game, but that all will unite in trying to get rid of wood pigeons which are doing so much harm to farmers' interests.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

BARKSTON ASH CUP—FINALISTS.

On Saturday afternoon the second of the semi-finals in the Barkston Ash Cup Competition was played between Cawood and Selby Olympia, and the Olympians were defeated by three goals to two. The Cawood team will, therefore, meet Garforth W.R. on April 11th (should be the strong vigorous game they will provide excellent opposition for the White Rose). Cawood, it will be remembered, defeated Wetherby. The final will be played on April 11th.

The match between Cawood United and Selby Olympia was played on the Selby Bowling Green. The ground was in a slippery condition, resulting in rather erratic shooting at goal. In the first half play was very fast, the teams appearing very evenly matched. In the second half, having been given against Olympia for a foul, Percy James, half-back, took the kick and landed the ball well into the goal-mouth, from which position it was forced into the net. The second half was more eventful, each side scoring twice. Result:—Cawood United 3 goals, Selby Olympia 2 goals. There was a good gate, and about £7 10s. was taken.

A meeting of the Cup Committee was held on Tuesday night at South Milford, and it was decided that the final between Cawood United and Garforth W.R. on April 11th should be played on the Bowling Green at Selby, with Mr Bickan (York) as referee, and Messrs Walton and Townend as linesmen. In the event of the match being drawn the re-play will take place at Sherburn on the 18th. After the match the trophy and medals will be presented to the winners by the President of the Association.

DEIGHTON SHIELD—FIRST.

With the exception of two or three matches the fixture list in the Deighton Shield Competition has been completed. The season has not been an interesting one, there being too many Saturdays without matches, and it is unfortunate there are so few clubs now playing in the district, because that curtails the fixture list. A feature of the season has been the promising work of Aberford and Barwick, and these teams will, I hope, keep their colours flying. Garforth W.R. and South Milford, in one division, and Wetherby, in the other, have been outstanding, and there is no doubt they are all good teams.

If was a pity the close of the season was marred by the dispute between Garforth and South Milford, because it has left some unpleasantness, which might easily have been avoided. The decision of the Appeals Board was undoubtedly unexpected, especially by the Barkston Ash Executive, but it has been given, and it is evident that a revision of procedure in the granting of transfers in Barkston Ash will have to be made.

Wetherby, who have won their division, will appear in the final, and their opponents will be either Garforth or South Milford. In view of the decision of the Appeals Board, there was some talk of the match between these teams being allowed to be played, but I understand that objection will be taken. It is contended that South Milford, having infringed rule 9 of the League regulations, "should have two points deducted from its score and may be fined, and the match replayed at the discretion of the Executive." South Milford have, I understand, asked the Appeals Board for a re-hearing of the case, and nothing will be done by the Barkston Ash Executive until the outcome of the appeal is known.

WATERLOO MAIN DEFEATED AT ROTHWELL.

On Saturday at Rothwell, Waterloo Main Colliery were beaten by Rothwell White Rose by four goals to one. The visitors started against the wind and were quick to attack, but a good run by Rothwell put them on the defensive. Their custodian was called upon to save and made some brilliant efforts, but he was baffled by Wrigley, who put in a fine shot. The Waterloo afterwards made a promising attack, but could not pierce the defence of Dawson and Ripley. Securing the leather, Taylor passed to Abrams, who centred to Parfitt, and he scored. Once again Waterloo appeared dangerous, and Wrigley, in trying to clear, gave a penalty, from which Hanoock scored. On the restart Parfitt commenced for Rothwell, the forward line combining in a strong attack. From a weak attempt by the visitors' custodian to save, Hughes scored a third goal for the homesters. From a penalty against the visitors, Dawson added a fourth.

LEEDS CUP—ROTHWELL P.C.V. METHLEY P.

The semi-final for the Leeds and District Cup between Rothwell Parish Church and Methley Perseverance attracted a large "gate" at Oulton on Saturday afternoon, and the match resulted in a draw of two goals each. Methley were prime favourites from the start, and matters certainly did look black for Rothwell in the second half, when they were without a single goal, while their opponents had netted two. However, the Churchmen put up a good fight, and scored twice within the last half-hour, and the Methley eleven should have learned a thing or two which should stand them in good stead when they meet again in the replay, which takes place a week on Saturday. Hitchin started for Rothwell against the breeze. The opposing forwards were very quick, but Stringer and Bulmer (full backs) had to be reckoned with, and defied all attempts to break down their defence. A narrow escape was witnessed when Stringer rushed to meet the ball, and he and the Methley man kicking at the same time, the leather went up in the air and passed just over the bar. From a corner kick the ball was headed by first one and then the other until it was sent straight for the net; but Nunns fisted it out. The leather was caught on the rebound and was promptly "booted" back, and struck the cross-bar. A break-away by Rothwell brought them well within the goal area, and several shots were put in. Parker, however, was equal to the occasion and cleared well. Rothwell were unable to score. The ball was kicked about until a scrum, in which the Methley men got them a splendid opportunity for a dash down the field. A neat centre pass was given, and an anxious moment was caused the "Rodillers" in a scrimmage in which Bowman scored without any difficulty. Very little of note occurred in the brief period to the interval.

On the restart Methley seemed bent on making themselves secure, and they played with great energy. Many shots were sent in, and a few went wide, while the rest were cleared in easy manner by Nunns. During the first few minutes of this half the ball was seldom out of the Rothwell area, and Bowman was successful in scoring another goal, Nunns being sent sprawling in an effort to save. It was now Rothwell's time, and they worked themselves well up the field, but each time the full backs, Jennings and Teale, returned the ball. Indeed, both men displayed remarkable footwork. At the other end, too, Stringer and Bulmer showed a sterling defence. A neat shot from Shires, and the ball was safe home, with Parker beaten. Rothwell, in the closing stages, did all the attacking, and Methley (and especially Jennings and his partner) resorted to kicking the ball at every opportunity out of the field of play. This, however, proved their own undoing, and in the last minute Teale sent the leather into touch. From the throw-out a melee ensued in the good area and Hurst netted.

RUGBY NOTES.

HALTON LADS DEFEATED.

The semi-final for the Goldthorpe Cup was played on the Headingley ground, the contending teams between Halton Council School and Bramley National School. Bramley started, and after good footwork by the forwards, Binks and Fletcher made an opening for Worsnop, who scored at the corner. In very quick time Baxter side stepped, and ran through. He was also unsuccessful in goal. A brilliant round of passing by the Leeds champions saw Worsnop outdistance all and score behind the posts. Lockwood placed the goal. A sharp short pass by Binks enabled Fletcher to score, Baxter goaling. The right wing was now worked by the "Goats." Ellingham scoring an unconverted try. Lockwood, a forward, joined in the next passing round and scored. He also kicked the goal. Stephenson was the next, and Baxter again succeeded with the place kick. Before half-time Worsnop, after a good run, scored, Baxter adding the major points. On resuming, smart passing exchanges by the "Church" lads saw Worsnop add five prior straight off the reel. His speed and dodging could not be overcome. Lockwood converted two, and Baxter one. Binks, after his unselfish work at scrum, half, received his due reward, smartly tripping round the scrum, near the line. Close on time Fletcher ran in, and Baxter goaled. The score was a record for the "Goats." Result:—Bramley National, 10 goals 13 tries, 65 points; Halton Council, nil.

YORK AND AINSTY SEASON CLOSED.

This York and Ainsty pack concluded a very good season's sport on Monday at Hawk Hills. They have hunted, including cutting, 124 days, have killed 20 brace of foxes, and marked 30 brace to ground. "The season has been an exceptionally open one, hounds not having been idle on more than half-a-dozen days. The sport has been generally divided over the whole country, but that hunted on Thursdays has produced many excellent gallops.

On Monday the pack found in the Home Wood at Hawk Hills, and, leaving the covert at the Folly end, the fox pointed for Huby, but, swinging left-handed, and leaving Stillington just on the right, he passed to the right of Croyle, ran straight to Spellow in Lord Middleton's country, and leading out on a ring was finally marked to ground at the Helmsley Road, after a good hunt of an hour and twenty minutes. The Croyle Covert was drawn blank. The Folly at Hawk Hills held a fox which quitted the covert for Huby, and turning to the left pointed for Stillington, but not reaching that village, turned right-handed, and gaining the Farlington Low Covert was abandoned after a hunt of forty minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

BRAMHAM MOOR.

Friday	Mar. 27—12.0	Deighton Bar
Saturday	Mar 28—12.0	Biggin
Monday	Mar. 30—12.0	Almscliffe
Tuesday	Mar 31—12.0	Cross Roads, Bramham Moor (to finish the season)

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BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT RACES.

MEETING NEAR HAREWOOD.

MANY MISHAPS.

It is in the teeth of years since the Bramham Moor Hunt held point-to-point races, and the resuscitation on Tuesday, near Harewood Bridge, was a very successful and well-attended gathering, but unfortunately half way through there was a complete breakdown in the weather, and after the second race rain commenced to fall. It subsequently increased in volume and the day became decidedly cheerless, the anti-scathing kilts being set at a background of leaden grey. The Tight also became cold, and those who braved the elements and were forced to be out in the open got nothing but a dreadning for their pains, as little could be seen of the races until a couple of fields from home. It was a great pity, because all could have been mapped out, all grass, over splendid hunting country, which required galloping. The start was near Raygmont Carr, and round by the celebrated fox covert, Sandshoe White, the Harrogate and Leeds road being crossed before the opening field, which adjoined it, was reached. Amongst those present were Prince Arthur of Connaught, Lord Lascelles, Lord Furness, M.F.H., and Lady Furness, Hon. E. Lascelles, Mrs. G. Lane Fox, Mr E. Lane Fox (deputy M.F.H.), and Mrs E. Lane Fox, Lady Evelyn Collins, Colonel Nicholls, Colonel C. Bulkeley Johnson, C.B., Major and Mrs Swetenham, Earl of St. Germans, Lord Rodney, Sir G. Baillie, Colonel Langdale, Mr and Mrs T. L. Wickham-Boynton, Hon. Mrs. Hustler, Mr C. B. Lamb, Mr and Mrs Arnold Foster, Mr and Mrs J. M. Dawson, Mr Thompson (Esrick), Mr A. H. Hutton Mayerd, Mr G. Gunter and Miss Gunter, Mr R. J. and Miss Foster, Mr and Mrs J. Wormald, Mr Evelyn Milnes Gaskell, Mr and Mrs Richard Nickols, Mr and Mrs Harold Nickols, Mr and Mrs Mills, Mr J. Snowden, Mrs Lee, Miss Ramsden, Mrs Jenner, Mr Coghlan, Captain Cliff, Mrs Law, Mr C. Sherston, Captain S. J. Hardy, Captain E. J. Hardy, Captain Long, Captain McCrombie, Mr G. St. Lawrence, Mr L. H. S. Boothby, Mr G. J. R. Cooper, Mr W. Callander, Mr W. S. Cornwallis, Mr J. G. Crabbe, Mr R. T. Stanyforth, Mr Compton, Mr A. Michael Lupton, Mr and Mrs R. F. Meyrick, Mr A. W. Mallinson, Mr W. H. Farrand, Mr W. Hepton, Captain Maine, Mr C. H. Helmsley, Mr R. Low, Mr H. C. R. Homfray, Captain Neville, Captain Forsyth, etc.

The card comprised four events, and they all furnished capital races. The Spoil Cup, which opened the programme, brought out thirteen runners, the race going, as expected, to Lord St. Germans, who won with Gabot, the horse he was successful with at Bedale on Saturday last. Mr W. S. Cornwallis gave him a good race with Black Prince VI., the grey leading for most of the journey, and was only beaten a couple of fields from home. Spitfire was a bad third. Mr G. St. Lawrence had a bad fall, and a nasty cut across his forehead as a consequence. He was taken to Harewood and medically treated. The accident, happily, was not serious. Captain McCrombie also came to grief, and had a cut over his left eye. The motor-cars on the road, drawn up in a long line, interfered with the race considerably, and the riders got mixed up with them.

There were fourteen runners for the Bramham Moor Hunt Subscribers' Race, the winner being Mr. C. Foster with Ladybird. He was a lucky winner, because his brother, when leading him, fell at the last fence, and the horse, Verney, was so badly stalked that he had to be destroyed. Skylark, who broke a blood vessel, was pulled up, and Plumstead refused at the water. Peggy finished second, and Lord Hawke's Moonlight was third.

The Farmers' Race supplied the best finish of the afternoon. There were ten runners, and half of them were in the picture until a mile from home, when Foxcatcher was leading from Silcrest VII. with Old Sport in close attendance. The trio ran home in close company, Foxcatcher scoring a popular success by four lengths. The race was for a cup presented by the officers of the Royal Scots Greys, and it was gratifyingly received by the rider in the Scots Greys' tunic after the race by Lady Evelyn Collins. Young Sutton was afterwards presented to Prince Arthur, who shook hands with him, and also with his father, and congratulated them upon their success.

The Open Race came last, and for this Mrs Wickham Boynton's Owbridge and Saturday Night were the fancied candidates. They were odds-on Owbridge last year had beaten Mr Kenyon's horse at the Hon. Vane's point-to-point near Scarborough. Nothing could be seen of the race until close home, as it was raining in torrents from a blackened sky. A couple of fields from the finish the pair were seen to be in front, and they raced home together, Mr Wickham-Boynton winning another costly by a length. Lengths, simply fell and broke his back, but Mr R. Lord, the rider, was not hurt.

The officials were:—Stewards: Colonel C. Bulkeley Johnson, C.B., Major Swetenham, Mr G. Shirecliffe, Mr R. J. Foster, Mr E. Lane Fox, and Mr J. Wormald; Judge: Lord Lascelles; Clerk of the Course: Mr. F. Meyrick. Handicapper: Mr. T. Stanyforth.

The Spoil Cup (Royal Scots Greys' Race). Lord St. German's The Gabot Owner 1
Mr W. S. Cornwallis's Black Prince VI. Owner 2

Mr L. H. S. Boothby's Spitfire Owner 3

Won by two lengths; a bad third.

The Bramham Moor Hunt Subscribers' Race.—A Sweepstakes of £2 each four subscribed, and £2 extra for starters, for horses the property since Jan. 1st, 1914, of subscribers of not less than £12 to the Bramham Moor Hunt funds, and regularly hunted with the hounds.

Mr C. Foster's Ladybird	Owner 1
Mr W. Hepton's Peggy	Owner 2
Lord Hawke's Moonlight	Owner 3
Mr R. T. Stanyforth's	
Col. T. Nickalls's Jim Crow Capt. Forsyth	o
Major F. Swinnerton's Plumstead	Owner o
Mr A. Michael Lupton's Amazon	Owner o
Mr A. W. Mallinson's Lobello	Owner o
Mr R. Nickols's Gone Away	Owner o
Mr Harold Nickols, jun's, Skylark	Owner o
Mr W. H. Farrand's Bruce	
Mr C. H. Helmsley's	o
Mr G. R. Foster's Verney	Owner o
Mr G. G. Gunter's Diana	Owner o
Mr J. Wormall's Maroon	Owner o
Mrs R. F. Meyrick's Fine Bird Capt. Maine	o

Won by twenty lengths; a bad third.

Bramham Moor Hunt Farmers' Race.—A race for horses the property since Jan. 1st, 1914, of bona-fide tenant farmers in the Bramham Moor Hunt, or N.C.O.'s or men of the Yorkshire Hussars; to be ridden by persons qualified to enter, or their sons; catch weights: over 11 stone. Winner to receive cup presented by the officers of the Royal Scots Greys, second £5, third £2.

Mr J. W. Sutton's Foxcatcher H. Sutton	1
Messrs T. and H. Ward's Silence VII. J. Knapton	2
Messrs W. H. Wellburn and Sons' Old Sport H. Wellburn	3
Mr W. Holmes's Sir Charles	Owner o
Mr F. W. Dolby's Petri	Owner o
Messrs W. H. Wellburn and Sons' Sykes	o
Messrs W. H. Wellburn and Sons' Pale Ale W. Wellburn	o
Mr T. Midlorie's Newland Lad	Owner o
Mr J. Revie's Duchess	Owner o
Mr Chas. Norfolk's Mint Sauce H. Denton	o

Won by four lengths; same distance separated second and third.

Open Race.—A sweepstakes of £1 for each horse entered, and £1 extra for starters, for horses the property of subscribers to any of the following packs:—Bramham Moor, York and Ainsty, Badsworth, Bedale, Hurworth, Holderness, and Lord Middleton's.

Mrs T. L. Wickham Boynton's Owbridge	
Mr T. L. Wickham-Boynton	1
Mr G. Kenyon's Saturday Night	
Mr H. Sutton	2
Sir G. Baillie's Chanter	Owner 3

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

MEET AT THORPARCH.

The Bramham Moor hounds met at Thorparch on Friday. The Bramham and Horn Banks were drawn blank. Finding at Spoil Bank, near Thorparch Station, hounds crossed the Walton Road, and ran, heading to the right, across the railway, to the river bank. The fox turned alongside the river, and reaching the railway bridge, dubbed back to the river bank, and was killed.

Wighill Ings held the next fox, which headed up towards Wighill Church, and, leaving it on the left, ran down to Shire Oaks. Skirting the covert, he bent to the right, and was making back towards the Ings, when he turned to the left, and was taken past Healaugh Manor, and over Wighill and Tadcaster Road. The pack now hunting an improved pace, took their fox, with Shire Oaks wide on the left, pointing for Catterton village; but just short of Spink's Plantation, they turned left-handed, and ran up to Healaugh Manor Farm.

After a check there they bent away into Shire Oaks, and from it hunted slowly out to Catterton village, marking their fox to ground when abreast of Spink's Plantation, after a hunt of 45 minutes.

The pack trotted straight off to Hall Parles, and, finding at once, crossing the grassy lane leading to Walton, and hunted forward over the Walton and Wetherby Road and the railway to Thoparch Whin, pushing their fox through it, killed him at the boundary wall of the Park. Hadfield's Plantation was blank. Hounds found next in Champoyne Gorse, but the fox was lost almost at once in a blinding hail and rain storm. The Duck Pond Wood and Ingmanthorpe Willow Garth being blank, the day's sport ended.

HUNTING IN SAXTON AND MICKLEFIELD DISTRICTS.

The Bramham Moor hounds on Saturday met at Towton. Renshaw Wood was blank. A fox was picked up in the open near Saxton Carr, and the pack getting away very close to him ran fast, with Saxton village on the right, up to Oldgate Lane. Here the fox swung to the right, and ran by Cold Hill to Ringhay, and without delay, leaving Daniel Hartley's Wood on the left, went through Micklefield Wood and forward across the Leeds and York Railway into Castle Hills.

The fox tried to get to ground in the old quarries, but failing to do so he doubled back over the railway, and made his way to Old Micklefield, where he turned right-handed between Hawk Hartley's and Micklefield Woods, and reached Huddleston Wood. Up to this hounds had run extremely well, and at a good pace, for forty minutes. The fox, after running the length of the wood, left it at the Quarry end, and crossing the lane between Huddleston Hall and the railway, pointed for Cold Hill, but short of it turned left-handed into Ringhay, and ran very closely hunted through Huddleston and Micklefield Woods, and on across the railway to Castle Hills.

Recrossing the railway once more, the fox was taken parallel with the line, and north of it, back to Huddleston Wood, where he was abandoned after a hunt of, in all, three hours and ten minutes, slow and twisting, with the exception of the first forty minutes. Saxton Carr and Lumsdon coverts were blank, and hounds returned to kennels without finding again.

MEET AT RIBSTON.

The Bramham Moor Hounds met on Monday at Ribston Village, and drew Scalebar and Birkham Wood blank. The Arbour and Plompton Rocks were also drawn without finding, but crossing the Harrogate and Wetherby Road, a fox was in waiting in the bracken-covered hill beyond it.

The quarry crossed the Crimple, and headed up towards Follfoot Village, turned to the left, and was hunted, with frequent checks, up to the railway. Now turning to the right-handed, he ran down almost to Spofforth before turning alongside the Crimple, and being brought slowly back alongside it to where he was found. Here he bowled away at full, but the fox jumping up on the fallows near Plompton Rocks gained the covert, and was marked to ground. A fox was killed in Brahom Wood, and another from it was taken to Abraham's Whin and abandoned.

Rudding Park not holding a fox, the pack than drew the covert on the Crimple Tunnel, and, finding there, ran fast with Rudding Park on the right and Follfoot Village, through the Plompton Coverts to Birkham Wood, and from it hunted at reduced pace over Forest Moor, and crossing the Harrogate and Wetherby Road to Ribton Grange, went slowly on to Crimple, and worked their fox up to Rudding Park, and across it back to the starting point at the Tunnel Top, where scent failed, after a run of 65 minutes, which redeemed the day.

TRAMMER'S OFFENCE.—William Henry Warren (48), a pony trammer, employed at the Lofthouse Colliery was charged at Wakefield on Friday with driving a pony underground in the coal mine. Mr J. R. Green, who appeared for the colliery company, said the defendant had been warned many times never to take more than two tubes attached to his pony. The lad took no notice of the warnings, and on Friday, March 6th, he took five full tubs attached to his pony. The animal was over-run, and some of the tubs went on top of it. The prisoner had to be got out in order to extricate the animal, and it was a mercy it was not killed. Warren was also charged with attempting to obtain 6d. by fraudulent pretences on March 9th. Defendant had nothing to say on the first charge, but denied the second. In the first case he was fined £2 9s. 6d., including costs, or one month's imprisonment, and in the second case he was ordered to pay 40s., or one month in default, the sentences to run consecutively.

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THE PIGS DID IT.

Here is an amusing episode described by Weedon Grossmith in "From Studio to Stage" (John Lane):

Walter Webb had in the farmyard a large old barn, which was converted into a theatre. These entertainments were got up for the benefit of the tenants on the estate, who, I must say, formed a highly appreciative audience. I remember, on one occasion the laughter became so great when I was on the stage that I became greatly embarrassed, as I could scarcely account for it. I had never heard more laughter in a theatre, and I couldn't help thinking to myself if I ever went on the stage and caused such roars of laughter, how successful I should be. The laughter became so great at last that Mr. Webb rose in the audience and addressed them. He said: "I know they are difficult it is to restrain our mirth when Mr. Grossmith is on the stage, but if we don't check our laughter the performance won't be over till midnight." A burly farmer rose from his seat and replied: "Excuse me, Muster Webb, it hain't Mr. Grossmith we be laughing at, but someone have left the barn door open at the back, and all the pigs have got in, and they be almost a-pushing of us off our seats." Then, under the direction of our host, the whole audience rose and chivied the pigs out. But it sadly stopped the action of the play, and the laughter was certainly not so excessive.

REAL BODILY REST.

Bodily rest can only be got by having the muscles completely relaxed. The ordinary sitting position in a chair is not sufficient, as the lower extremities are still more or less rigid, says Dr. Musgrove. The chair should be an easy one, with an extension or a footstool to support the lower limbs just a trifle below the level of the body. A better rest can be had, however, by lying full length on a couch or bed with the arms and legs sprawling in the manner adopted by the tramp when he takes a sleep by the wayside. This attitude assures ease if not elegance. And it does more than relax the limbs, for it gives repose to the heart as well. When the body is in this position the heart beats more slowly than when we are standing, walking, or even sitting.

Mr. H. C. Meysey-Thompson, nephew of Lord Knaresborough, has intimated his intention of becoming prospective Conservative candidate for the Morley division, now represented by Mr. Gerald France, Liberal.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Masco:," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

CHAPTER II.

The day of an engagement is a great day, and so Pamela Lennox found it. There was the wonder of the whole thing. There was the sleepless dress that narrow brooklet which divides girlhood from womanhood. There was the touch of a man's lips on hers. There was the look in a man's eyes which proclaimed to herself and to all the world that she belonged to him better, far worse, for richer, for poorer. He had whispered the words in her ear.

"Pam, I am quite rich, and I know my dad will approve, and there is nothing to hinder our being married at once. We will be married at once, and we will go away together and see the big world. Oh, it is a glorious thing, Pam, to have plenty of money. It smoothes out all the wrinkles of life."

"And yet," she answered, smiling back at him, "just before you came I was saying to the dad that I almost wished that I were poor."

"It doesn't matter in the least," said the young man, "whether you are rich or poor if I am rich—or I shall be rich. This is a glorious day for me."

"We will keep it to ourselves just for the present, won't we?" said the girl.

Peter looked serious. "No," he answered; "I don't think that would be fair. You can tell your mother after dinner, and when I am alone with my father I will speak to him. It's a long way from dinner yet, and I will go into the house and bring out some tea for us to have together on the lawn. I am very thirsty, too, after we can talk and be quite by ourselves."

The evening of that day came all too soon—at least, so Pamela thought. Old Annie was waiting to help her darling into her dinner dress. She was looking a little reproachful.

"Miss Pamela, you quite forgot that you promised to bring Mr. Peter round to see me."

"I will bring him some time to-morrow, Annie."

Annie looked full up at the young, joyful face, and her lips half opened. The girl put her hands across them.

"Not yet, please; presently you will know."

The old woman nodded in a satisfied manner.

"And what do you wear to-night, Miss Pam?"

"Anything white and simple—oh! it doesn't matter."

She was soon dressed, and ran downstairs.

Mrs. Colthurst was a great contrast to her daughter. Pamela had inherited none of her mother's characteristics. She was, in fact, as unlike her mother as Peter Coltharst was unlike his father. Mrs. Coltharst was a somewhat stout, small, fair woman—the sort of woman who has always a great deal to do and never has time for anything, who is eaten up with jealousy, who is, in short, small minded. Pamela tried to consider her mother the first person in all the world, but she knew that, in order to keep up the delusion, she must walk through her life with her eyes shut.

Mrs. Coltharst now glanced at the girl with anxious eyes. Pamela stooped and kissed her.

"Why weren't you in as usual to tea, Pam?"

"Because, mums darling, Pete and I had a picnic tea all to ourselves in the wood."

Dinner was announced, and they went into the dining-room. As soon as the ladies had withdrawn, Peter sprang to his feet, came up to his father, and took his hand.

"Well," he said, in an excited voice, "I suppose you have guessed?"

Paul's clear-cut, strong face turned crimson. She started to his feet, and stood by the young man. "Guessed? What, my boy?" he asked, and his tone was a little tremulous.

"Just this, sir. I fell in love with her when I was at home last summer. During the year that has gone by I could think of no one else. When I saw her to-day my whole heart went out to her. She is the one woman in all I am ever one man. We are engaged, dad, and we want to marry as soon as ever we can manage it."

"Peter!" said his father. He took the young man's hand.

"Dad, are you glad or sorry? You know, I'd give all the world for you. You know that next to Pamela there is no one in my life who can possibly take your place. Are you glad or sorry?"

"Glad—more than glad. Why, this is splendid! Peter, my dear Peter——"

"Yes?"

"I can't enough thank Providence."

"Is that really so? Are you really so glad to see me married young—and to Pamela, of all people?"

"Of all people," said Paul Coltharst. "There are very few Pamelas in the world. She is a downright splendid girl. Now I will tell you the truth, Peter. When this property came to many years ago, when you were only a little child, there was a condition attached."

The young man was standing with his back to the fireplace. He was tall and extremely good-looking—one of the flowers of the youth of England.

"Yes?" he said, quietly.

"The man who left me this property, my old cousin, Walter Coltharst, made a condition."

"What was that?"

"That the condition was what has happened to-day."

"Father, what do you mean?"

"Pamela was an infant at the time. She was a daughter of Walter Coltharst's niece. He wanted you to marry her when you came to a marriageable age. I was sure, therefore, my son, that even if you had not loved her it would have been my duty to have urged you to think of this marriage. It is very seldom that a marriage arranged long years ago should come about so happily—that it should turn out to be the marriage that you want. I can scarcely believe my own senses when I think about it. You want to marry her, your stepmother wants her to marry you, and you want to marry each other. Peter, Providence is very good."

Peter was silent.

"What is the matter, my dear boy?"

"Of course, I am delighted, dad," he said, after a pause, "only I wish somehow——"

"What, my son?"

"That the old man had not thought of it years and years ago. I think that each man ought to choose his own wife."

"Peter, you chose her, knowing nothing about this. I never breathed it to you."

"It was well you didn't, dad. Had you done so, say, two years back, perhaps even one year back, I should have thought of marrying any girl in the world in preference to Pamela."

"It is all right as it is," said Paul. "And now, will you go in and talk to your stepmother? She will be pleased—delighted."

"I don't know that I want to talk to her to-night. You can tell her, father. Of course, I am glad that you are glad, only somehow that wish of the old man, the old man whom I have never seen, takes the freshness out of the thing."

"You will get over that, Peter; and it means, my dear son, a considerable amount of money."

"What do you mean, dad?"

"If you had not married Pamela all our lives would have changed."

"I never hear about this."

"Where is the use, my son? You love her; you are engaged to her; let good things alone. Don't hear about them. Be thankful for it. It ought to rejoice your very heart."

These words were scarcely out of the older man's lips before one of the servants entered the room. He brought a lady's visiting-card on a small salver and gave it to Paul Coltharst.

"The lady says that she is particularly anxious to see you, sir, I said you were at dinner, but she begged of me to tell you that she was here, and that she was willing to wait any time for your convenience."

"Read the name aloud, Peter," said his father. "I am short-sighted of late without my glasses."

Peter read the words: "Miss Patricia Ransome."

Paul suddenly sprang to his feet. "Tell her that I will see her presently," he said to the man.

The servant withdrew.

"Why, father, what is the matter?" said the young man.

"Nothing, I hope—nothing. But don't let your mother know, nor—nor Pamela. Leave me now, Peter. Don't—don't ask me any questions. Leave me, my son."

Peter went slowly out of the beautiful dining-room. He stood still for a few minutes outside. That moment, much as he loved Pamela, he was not specially anxious to see her. He felt more disturbed than he had ever been in his life before. The will which appointed his marriage with this girl annoyed him indescribably. He felt as a child does who is forced to do something which, under ordinary circumstances, he would have loved to do.

"It's ridiculous, my mind," he kept saying to himself, and yet he knew that he did mind intensely. "I should have been told years ago, so I was thought; but he knew that had the subject of his marriage with Pamela been breathed to him in his early youth he would have laughed just for the sake of contrariety, any other woman in the world better than this most lovely, most bewitching, most splendid young girl."

"The fact is this," he said to himself. "That tiresome old man's will takes the glamour out of my engagement."

He stood by an open window, letting out on the summer night the smoke of a cigar. He had smoked slowly by. She was a tall, slender, thin woman. Peter turned and glanced at her. Her eyes riveted themselves on his face. They became immediately full of pathos, of a sort of indescribable longing. She was standing in the shadow of the dining-room, being led into his father's presence by the servant. She was, of course, Miss Patricia Ransome. Peter relaxed his face with a curiosity nearly as great as that which she bestowed on him.

"Who can she be?" he said to himself. "Why, during all the years, has my father never breathed her name before? When she looked into my face I felt that she took me—did—just as though her eyes would devour me? Who is she? Where does she come from? I feel like someone wounded by mystery."

After a minute or two of further thought, Peter joined Pamela and his stepmother in the drawing-room. They opened the door and entered. On this midsummer evening the room was without artificial light. Mother and daughter were seated together by one of the open windows. Peter felt his heart beat. After all, notwithstanding the feeling of romance, he felt that in his heart of hearts he did love Pamela. He put his hand on her shoulder.

"It is a glorious night!" he said. "Come for a walk, won't you?"

"Pamela will go with you in a minute," said his stepmother.

The moment Mrs. Coltharst spoke Peter dropped his hand from Pamela's slight shoulder. The moonlight fell on his face. It also lit up the pale, pathetic eyes of the lady who was about to address him. Perhaps in all the world there were no people less like each other than Pamela Lennox and her mother. Pamela had depth, had sincerity, had a character which could be plumbed. She had a reserve force within her of strength which could and undoubtedly would come to the fore when occasion demanded. With Mrs. Coltharst all was shallow. Nevertheless, she was the girl's mother—she was the mother of that brilliant creature. She was all enthusiasm, brightness, and loveliness.

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"Yes, mother," interrupted the girl, "if I had been frightful and squinting and had hair red, you would still have brought about a marriage between us—or, rather, you'd have tried to do it. But how wonderful how prearied in that case would we, Pete, would we?"

"No, Pam," he answered; and now he looked at her with delight shining in his eyes.

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"Why dear child, I tremble even to think of it. You would have been comparatively poor, and you would have blamed your father. He'd have had only a life interest in the money."

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"Pete, it is odious!" she cried. "You know what I mean—that it should have been planned for us like——"

"Yes, it is detestable," he answered; "but we have each other. Pam, therefore we must be content."

"We can't!" said the girl, stamping her foot. "Mother is gloating over it. I can't stand anyone who gloats. I wish with all my heart she had opposed it."

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"We'll do it," she repeated. "We'll go lend they can't find us till pair. No one would rather we died than that we should be happy. Peter, how much money have you in your pocket-book at this moment?"

"Not a great deal, I'm afraid. Then I could meet you in London, and we'd be married from—oh, there's a splendid——"

"It would be glorious!" said Peter. "Pam, have you ever heard of a lady called Miss Patricia Ransome?"

"What a curious name! I certainly have never heard of her."

"I don't mind telling you, dear, that to-night," said the boy; "but she came here—she is here now talking to father. She has a curious face—the sort of face that you, Pam, would put into your stories when you are busy making them up. I wonder if she lives in London. If she does, she would help us. We could go to her and be married from her house."

"Of course we could."

The pair turned slowly down a shady path. After all, notwithstanding that old man's detestable will, they were engaged, and this was their first night, and, despite the little rub which that will had caused, their hearts were too full of each other to think long about anybody else.

Peter suddenly put his arm round the girl's slim waist. "You mustn't shrink from me, Pamela."

"I won't," she answered.

"Lean against me, darling."

She did so.

"You don't mind, do you, Pam?"

"No, Peter; I am afraid I like it."

"Then kiss me, Pam."

"Oh, there's nothing new in my kisses, Pete," said this girl. "How often we have kissed when we were children."

"Yes, but we are children no longer. Kiss me, Pam. Put your lips on mine. There."

She pressed her soft lips to his for a minute, turned crimson, felt herself trembling, and hurried her head on his shoulder.

"Pete, I'm dreadfully afraid——"

"What, dearest?"

"That whatever happened—were there a will or no will—I'd have to be yours."

"There, it's out!" he said, with a sort of choking laugh. "And I'd have to be yours."

They walked until they came to the borders of the lake. They stood and looked into the water. The moon was shining and made a path of glory on its surface.

"I wish we were poor," said Pam again.

"And so do I," said Peter.

They began to talk as though they had not made pretence, and talked of how little they could marry on. Then all of a sudden they ceased pretending and came to facts, and determined that they would enjoy the fulness of their love for each other, and be married and go round the world and see the loveliest things on earth, and come back together and have a home of their own.

"And we'll make other people happy as well as ourselves," said Pamela.

"Yes," said Peter, "we'll do our best for the world, just because it has been so good to us."

Meanwhile, a very different scene was being enacted in Paul Coltharst's dining-room. He had asked to have tea brought to his guest, and when Miss Patricia Ransome was announced he came forward to greet her. He was strong-minded. He was more than its wont. He looked like a man who knew he was about to go through an ordeal of some anxiety.

The servant flung the door open; Miss Ransome entered. She was a slender, upright woman of about fifty years of age. Her dress was quiet, and altogether suitable to her general appearance. She did not attempt fashion, but she was a lady and looked like one. The expression of her face was eager, almost passionate. She had the look and did—just as though her eyes would devour me? Who is she? Where does she come from? I feel like someone wounded by mystery."

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Peter laughed. Some of the shadow went out of his eyes. "If we could certainly bring back the romance," he said.

"We'll do it," she repeated. "We'll go lend they can't find us till pair. No one would rather we died than that we should be happy. Peter, how much money have you in your pocket-book at this moment?"

"Not a great deal, I'm afraid. Then I could meet you in London, and we'd be married from—oh, there's a splendid——"

"It would be glorious!" said Peter. "Pam, have you ever heard of a lady called Miss Patricia Ransome?"

"What a curious name! I certainly have never heard of her."

"I don't mind telling you, dear, that to-night," said the boy; "but she came here—she is here now talking to father. She has a curious face—the sort of face that you, Pam, would put into your stories when you are busy making them up. I wonder if she lives in London. If she does, she would help us. We could go to her and be married from her house."

"Of course we could."

The pair turned slowly down a shady path. After all, notwithstanding that old man's detestable will, they were engaged, and this was their first night, and, despite the little rub which that will had caused, their hearts were too full of each other to think long about anybody else.

Peter suddenly put his arm round the girl's slim waist. "You mustn't shrink from me, Pamela."

"I won't," she answered.

"Lean against me, darling."

She did so.

"You don't mind, do you, Pam?"

"No, Peter; I am afraid I like it."

"Then kiss me, Pam."

"Oh, there's nothing new in my kisses, Pete," said this girl. "How often we have kissed when we were children."

"Yes, but we are children no longer. Kiss me, Pam. Put your lips on mine. There."

She pressed her soft lips to his for a minute, turned crimson, felt herself trembling, and hurried her head on his shoulder.

"Pete, I'm dreadfully afraid——"

"What, dearest?"

"That whatever happened—were there a will or no will—I'd have to be yours."

"There, it's out!" he said, with a sort of choking laugh. "And I'd have to be yours."

They walked until they came to the borders of the lake. They stood and looked into the water. The moon was shining and made a path of glory on its surface.

"I wish we were poor," said Pam again.

"And so do I," said Peter.

They began to talk as though they had not made pretence, and talked of how little they could marry on. Then all of a sudden they ceased pretending and came to facts, and determined that they would enjoy the fulness of their love for each other, and be married and go round the world and see the loveliest things on earth, and come back together and have a home of their own.

"And we'll make other people happy as well as ourselves," said Pamela.

"Yes," said Peter, "we'll do our best for the world, just because it has been so good to us."

Meanwhile, a very different scene was being enacted in Paul Coltharst's dining-room. He had asked to have tea brought to his guest, and when Miss Patricia Ransome was announced he came forward to greet her. He was strong-minded. He was more than its wont. He looked like a man who knew he was about to go through an ordeal of some anxiety.

The servant flung the door open; Miss Ransome entered. She was a slender, upright woman of about fifty years of age. Her dress was quiet, and altogether suitable to her general appearance. She did not attempt fashion, but she was a lady and looked like one. The expression of her face was eager, almost passionate. She had the look and did—just as though her eyes would devour me? Who is she? Where does she come from? I feel like someone wounded by mystery."

As Paul came towards her, she went quickly up to him. She put out her hand. Paul grasped it, but looked into his eyes.

"How strange," she said. "Time has done nothing to alter you."

"And you, Peter, you would not have altered

ROTHWELL DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

LATE SCHOLARS—PARENTS WHO HAVE TO BE "KNOCKED UP."

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Education Committee was held in the Robin Hood Council School on Friday night—the Chairman (Mr J. Butterick) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Stoner, Mr T. Thomas, Mr S. R. Chadwick, Mr J. Hirst, Mr W. Lunn, Mr R. McCulloch, Mr J. Horner, and Mr Walton, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr W. Steele).

The Clerk reported that during the past ten weeks there had been a number of children late at the Rothwell schools, and he gave the names of about twenty of the worst offenders.

Enquiring as to one of the children whose name appeared in the list, Mr Butterick was told that the child came from the Children's Homes, Rothwell Haigh. He expressed surprise, stating that all the children from the Homes left together in reasonable time to reach the school.

Mr Lunn said that in the majority of the cases it was not the fault of the parents, on instance of which had been given by Mr Butterick. He was surprised that one of his children had not been mentioned, and he lived practically on the school step. The child left home with the others but would not go to school.

The Clerk said a few years ago at Outwood the number of children late was "something awful." A circular signed by the headmaster was sent to the parents of the offenders, stating that they could be prosecuted just the same as for non-attendance.

Mr Butterick asked if this attendance officer had enquired at the homes of the children at Rothwell?

Mr Steele (the attendance officer) said he had, and in some of the cases he had had to knock the parents up.

Mr Butterick: What about the children from the Homes?

Mr Steele: We have no difficulty with them.

It was decided that the parents of the children be circularised, informing them of the seriousness of the offence.

It was reported that the young woman against whom a complaint had been lodged by the headmaster of the Stourton School, had written apologising for her action.

The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for the purchase of a new piano for the Stourton Infants' School.

It was reported that a number of windows at the Stourton School had been broken by boys, who are known to the head teacher. The windows are now repaired, and the boys are to be asked to provide the cost.

The applications of Mr Martin and Mr Clark, headmasters of the Rothwell Council and Rothwell National Schools respectively, for increases of salary are to be recommended to the authorities at Wakefield.

The attendance returns for the district for February showed a percentage of 90·27. The returns for the various schools were as follows:—Rothwell Council (mixed) 93·26; Rothwell Council (infants), over five 90·57, under five 88·63; Carlton Council (mixed) 89·44; Stourton Council (infants), over five 84·21, under five 80; Robin Hood Council (mixed) 96·15; Robin Hood Council (infants), over five 89·59, under five 84·71; Carlton Council (mixed) 90·22; Carlton Council (infants), over five 85·9, under five 75; Thorpe Council (mixed), 90·22; Thorpe Council (infants), over five 75·02, under five 88·88; Wood Lane, Rothwell Haigh (infants), over five 95·23, under five 97·14; Rothwell National (mixed), 95·75; Rothwell National (infants), over five 87·73, under five 88·57; Loftshaw National (mixed), 93·95; Churwell National (infants), over five 87·06, under five 77·77; Middleton National (mixed), 95·74; Middleton National (infants), over five 90·19, under five 83·33.

The returns were considered satisfactory.

TADCASTER PARISH MEETINGS

The parish meeting for Tadcaster West was held in the Council School on Tuesday evening, Mr J. Netleton (Chairman of the Parish Council) presided, and there was a very small attendance.

A sum of £115 was voted for the lighting of the streets for the coming year, a request being made for an additional lamp at Broomfield Terrace.—It was also decided, seeing that an additional service of trains had been granted to Thorparch, to ask the N.E.R. Co. to extend the same to Tadcaster.—This meeting was followed by a meeting of the Parish Council, and it was resolved to ask the Electric Light Co. to light the lamps for an hour on winter mornings, for the benefit of the workmen of the town.

The parish meeting for Tadcaster East was held on Monday evening, and Mr Brook Peel presided over a small attendance of ratepayers. It was proposed by Mr Hawley, and seconded by Mr Abson, and carried, that the sum of £50 be allowed for street lighting on condition that two more lamps be erected, one in Cinder Lane and another on York Road. It was also resolved that arrangements be made with a view to the lamps being lighted from 5.30 to 6.30 a.m. on dark mornings during the winter months, for the benefit of workmen.—A Parish Council meeting was afterwards held. A letter was read from the Rural District Council relating to the Mill Lane crossing, pointing out that a paving crossing there would be dangerous owing to the gradient of the road. It was resolved that the Council be asked to meet a deputation on the spot to further consider the matter.

AFRICA'S WONDERFUL ANIMALS.

The two fine volumes "From the Congo to the Niger and the Nile" (Duckworth and Co.), by the Duke of Mecklenburg, contain in addition to the author's contributions descriptions of the adventures of the leaders of his various expeditions. Dr. Schubotz, for instance, describes an expedition from Fort Archambault to the Nile, in the course of which he secured a specimen of the okapi, though not of his own killing. Remarkable indeed are the incidental acquisitions he records.

During the fortnight that I spent in the first village I collected more than 100 specimens of mammals. Very rare and remarkable animals were brought to me, among them many that I had vainly endeavoured to secure during my first Congo travels: charming little tufted antelopes that never leave the semi-darkness of the jungle, long-tailed armadillos with pointed snouts that walk on their tiptoe bones instead of on their toes, four different kinds of squirrels, one of which possesses powerful wing-membranes between its four legs, serving as a kind of parachute when it leaps from tree to tree. There were rats, too, as large as cats, each with a white stomach, a white tail, and a huge moustache; three-mice as large as guinea-pigs, with tails like sewage, and with large, gentle, brown eyes; seven different species of insect-eating shrews and mice, two night monkeys, with eyes that shone in the dark like phosphorescent peppercorns, not the common East African type, but the jungle variety (Arbeyra), with long tails and so many different kinds of hairy, bearded spells, and scales that every possible body appendage seemed to be represented in their coats.

CORRESPONDENCE

AMBULANCE WORK AT GARFORTH.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—It has come to my notice again that a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment proved his efficiency before ground at the Trench Colliery, Garforth. A miner whilst at work there hewing coal met with an accident, which would have proved fatal had not first aid been properly rendered. The accident was caused by the man's pick sliding off the coal, striking him, and puncturing the temporal artery. Three workmen were there at the time, but could not arrest the bleeding, having no knowledge of first aid. Dixon Wilby, two hundred yards from the scene of the accident, was fetched, and applied direct pressure on the artery, and covered the wound, and the man was taken to the pit bank. Mr R. Routledge, junior, commandant, was there, along with Sergeant Smithson, and the case received other attention before the man was conveyed to Leeds Infirmary. This is Wilby's third case with which I am acquainted. I have been informed the manager is going to take the matter up, and the honour will, I hope, be conferred at the Voluntary Aid Detachment's Bazaar to be held at Monk Fryston Hall in May.—Yours, etc.

FIRST AID.

UNIONIST LADIES AND ULSTER.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Each day brings us nearer the time when the intention of the Government to pass the Home Rule Bill into law without giving the nation an opportunity of pronouncing judgment upon it will undoubtedly plunge the Empire into unparalleled civil turmoil.

We, therefore, appeal to all our fellow-countrywomen to join us in signing the Women's Covenant, which is a solemn protest on the part of the women of Great Britain against the attempt to force Home Rule upon the loyalists of Ireland without any direct reference to the electors. It binds every woman who signs it to render what assistance she can to defeat a proposal which means bloodshed and disaster.

Every woman can do something, whether it be by assisting actively, in some direct manner, the wives and mothers in Ulster, who are so nobly standing by Sir Edward Carson and the men who have joined with him in resistance to tyranny; or whether it be by using her influence on those around her to create public opinion which may avert the disaster even at the eleventh hour.

The object of the "Women's Covenant" is to demand that civil strife shall not take place, but to make it clear that, should this be forced upon Ulster, there are hundreds of thousands of women in Great Britain who will stand by their Irish sisters in the hour of need.

The Declaration is as follows:—"Being earnestly convinced that the claim of the Government to carry the Home Rule Bill into law, without submitting it to the judgment of the nation, is contrary to the spirit of our Constitution, we do hereby solemnly declare that, if that Bill is so passed, we shall hold ourselves justified in taking or supporting any action that may be effective to prevent it being put into operation, and more particularly to prevent the armed forces of the Crown being used to deprive the people of Ulster of their rights as citizens of the United Kingdom." To this Declaration we have all signed our names.—Yours, etc.,

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KIPPAX PARISH MEETING

LIGHTING—RECREATION GROUND QUESTION.

The annual parish meeting was held at Kippax on Wednesday evening—Mr S. R. Silverwood presiding. There were very few ratepayers present. A question was raised by Mr D. Firth as to the parish meeting making recommendations to the Parish Council with regard to the placing of lamps in certain places, and he asked if these recommendations were ignored by the Council.

The Chairman said that nine additional lamps had been put down, and the places selected for these erection must have met the wishes of the ratepayers for no complaints had been made in regard to them.

Mr A. Plows asked if the Council were precharged to place lamps where they thought fit. In his opinion so far as Bickerdike Terrace was concerned the lamps had been placed on the wrong side of the houses, and if the selection of the owners had to be got before the lamps could be put at the back of the houses, he felt sure the owners' consent would have been given in this case.

Mr J. Cripwell, speaking for the Council, stated that a lamp was put down in Shiltito's Yard before obtaining the owners' consent, and it had to be removed.

A resolution that the Parish Council consider the advisability of lighting the back street to Bickerdike Terrace was carried.

Mr G. Hastings said the lamps should be put down in those places where the light was most needed. That should be the first consideration of the Council.

Mr D. Booth: It is understood that each recommendation coming from a parish meeting is considered on its merits by the Parish Council. It lights are required in Westfield Lane or on the Common or elsewhere, will the Council take steps to meet these requirements.

Mr Cripwell: The Council are prepared to do their best so far as these places are concerned.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should take steps to provide lighting for Westfield Lane, the 14 cottages at Owlet Hall, and also on the Common.

The meeting agreed to the laying of the street gas rate.

The question of a recreation ground was considered. The Chairman stated that 574 signatures had been put to the petition which the Parish Council, assisted by the Medical Charities Committee, had taken round to the ratepayers. He asked if the meeting was in favour of presenting the petition to the squire (Mr Bland).

Mr D. Firth raised objection to the petition. People who were here to-day gone to-morrow had been asked to sign, and in many instances the women had signed instead of the men.

Mr Revis: Great care has been taken to obtain the signatures of ratepayers and householders to the petition.

Mr Cripwell thought that success would attend their efforts in the getting of a recreation field. The field known as the Intake had been surveyed, and it was a suitable field in every respect.

It was then agreed that the Chairman, along with Messrs J. Cripwell, Hewitt, and Revis, should approach Mr Bland in regard to this matter, and that the result should be laid before a parish meeting as soon as possible.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

FLIES AND DUST.

One of the chief reasons why stomach complaints are more frequent in summer time than in the cold season of the year is the great prevalence of dust and flies, says *Good Health*. Dust is simply dirt, and oftentimes the most filthy and fatal kind of dirt, and it is usually loaded with excretory matter and germs. All foods and drinks should be most rigidly protected from dust, whether in the shop, the pantry, or on the dining-room table, if one would avoid infection and disease. The fly must be looked upon as one of the greatest enemies of mankind, and should be kept out of the home and away from all foods and drinks.

HOT ROOMS.

Nothing causes chills more than hot, stuffy rooms, says Dr. Musgrove in "Nervous Breakdowns." We often hear people complaining that they took cold when they came out into the night air. Yet it was not the night air which did the mischief, but the poisonous atmosphere in the room itself, due to the accumulated exhalations of many lungs, &c. Had the apartment been well ventilated the so-called chill would never have occurred. Most cases of asthma are the result of a bad atmosphere. The catarrh has extended down from the nose and throat into the bronchial tubes, and set up a spasm which is the source of this distressing malady. No asthmatic can afford to keep his windows closed. Whether by day or night, he needs a liberal supply of fresh air.

A GOOD SHAMPOO.

To cleanse the scalp use an egg; stir the white and yolk thoroughly together in a basin, add about one cup of warm water; mix thoroughly with the egg, and apply it to the scalp in the same way as soap; after which rinse out in warm water and dry with towels, and if possible expose the hair for a few minutes to the sunshine and pure air, says a writer in the *Family Doctor*. If this treatment is applied about once a week it will thoroughly clean the scalp, keep the hair in perfect condition, and prevent the hair from coming out.

Do not allow the barbers to injure your scalp with their so-called hair tonic, and especially do not allow them to use grease or hair-oil, as it is no benefit whatever, and causes the dirt and dust to cling to the hair, and also soils the bed linen and everything with which the head comes in contact. There would not be half so many bald heads if they would only cleanse the scalp with an egg instead of soap.

READING AT MEALS.

A very great mistake made by a large number of persons—a mistake which leads to indigestion and all its attendant horrors—says *Health*, is the practice of reading at meals. Digestion is always best subserved when the mind is free from care and when the physical processes of our frames are left to discharge their work free from nervous trammels. It is on the ground of the elevation of spirits produced by cheerful association with others that "pleasant company" at meals has always formed a condition of social enjoyment.

The stimulus to nervous activity which is thus given acts beneficially on the digestive powers, just as the man who is harassed, worried, and over-excited will not be likely to digest or eat a satisfactory meal.—The habit of reading at meals is to be condemned where it has grown to one of actual "study," and where the mind endeavours to gain knowledge and to save time at the meals. The solitary eater, if he reads, should read what is light and amusing.

A STRONG PASTE.

Every housewife believes that she knows how to make good, strong, reliable sticking paste, but it is not every user of the paste who thinks with her. Some home-made paste is most untrustworthy stuff. A paste that will not grow mouldy and disagreeable, but which is also strong, may be prepared as follows: Add to every pint of paste (made by rubbing flour up with cold water and then boiling it) thirty grains of corrosive sublimate, previously powdered; this paste is not liable to the attacks of insects, but is poisonous, so the pot containing it should not be allowed to lie within reach of children or animals.

MUSHROOM POISONING.

Mushroom poisoning is not an infrequent occurrence where these fungi are partaken of, mistakes being readily made as a result of confusion between fungi which are harmless and good to eat and those which are poisonous, says Dr. Wilson in "Before the Doctor Comes." A violent attack of colic accompanied by vomiting and diarrhœa, occurring soon after poisonous fungi have been swallowed, constitutes marked symptoms of this emergency. Insensibility may supervene, with a slow pulse and stertorous breathing.

The stomach should at once be emptied by means of an emetic. The special antidote for mushroom poisoning consists of twenty drops of tincture of belladonna given in water after the active symptoms have subsided. A large dose of castor oil should be given in order to clear the bowels. If symptoms of collapse appear, and heart failure threatens, stimulants may be freely given, while warmth to the extremities and poultices to the stomach should be applied.

NICE DISHES.

SUMMER VEGETABLE PIE.—Take about four ounces of peas, beans, young carrots (cut in slices), young potatoes (cut in cubes), and onions (chopped), two ounces of butter, pepper, salt, chopped parsley, and pastry. Dissolve the butter in a saucepan, add the vegetables, cover, and let all cook till tender, without colouring; add seasoning. Put in a pie-dish, cover with light pastry, and bake.

TOMATO PUFFS.—Take cold roast meat, either beef or mutton, or veal and ham; clear it from the gristle; cut it small, and season with pepper and salt, and pickles finely minced. Boil and mash some potatoes, and make them into a paste with one or two eggs; roll out the paste with a dust of flour; cut it round with a saucer, put some seasoned meat on one half, and fold the other half over it like a puff; pinch or nick it neatly round, and fry a light brown.

STUFFED PIGEONS.—Take two large pigeons, three ounces of bread soaked and then well squeezed, bacon, two shallots finely chopped, nutmeg, salt, and pepper, the yolk of an egg. Chop the hearts and livers of the pigeons with an equal quantity of fat bacon. Mix these with the soaked bread, add salt, pepper, chopped shallot, grated nutmeg, and moisten with the beaten yolk of the egg. Stuff the pigeons, fasten them securely, and wrap round them some thin slices of fat bacon. Put them into a baking-tin with a very little dripping, and cook for twenty-five minutes, then take off the bacon and let them brown. Take them off the baking-tin and keep them hot. Have ready four square cut slices of bread, fry these in the baking-tin, and then put them on a hot dish. Split the pigeon in halves, put one-half on each section of bread, and serve with a little good gravy.



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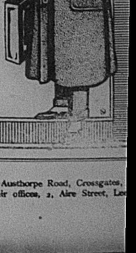
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

People connected with religious organizations in the district should be careful lest they find themselves at variance with the Skyrack police, who have allowed a somewhat generous latitude to promoters of church functions. During the past few year, it has become the custom to produce "farces," under the name of "sketches," on church premises unlicensed for the performance of stage plays, and I must confess to being surprised that no prosecution has taken place. At Kippax, Garforth, Crossgates, Bowers Allerton, and other places "sketches" and children's operettas have been played in unlicensed buildings, and, although the promoters may have been ignorant that they were transgressing, they have run the risk of being summoned.

Recently at Halton, Bowers Allerton, and Garforth a production, styled "An old village wedding," consisting of dialogue, songs, duets, and choruses—a medley which could be submitted by no one company—has been the means of bringing the heads of religious organizations, and quite innocently the performers gave it without obtaining the necessary licences. At the Bradford West Riding Court last week the lady and gentleman were fined for producing this same piece on unlicensed premises, and one must conclude that the local performers were fortunate in not being taken to task by the police.

Considerable difference of opinion exists as to what constitutes a stage play, but it may be taken for granted that where there is what is, in common parlance, known as "acting" by a number of persons the piece comes within the ban of the law. In connection with some places of worship forces which have been performed by dramatic societies have actually been played, and it is astonishing that the people did not know better. In future, therefore, it would be wisdom to have the premises licensed before putting sketches and so forth before the public, otherwise the authorities may be compelled to take action.

Kippax folks are apparently optimistic in regard to the acquisition of a recreation ground for the village, and I hope that this view will be fully justified. A petition signed by upwards of five hundred ratepayers and householders is to be presented to the squire, Mr Bland, of Kippax Park, in order that he may be persuaded to grant to the place what a villager describes as "a long felt want." He has, however, been approached before, and I understand that he has declined to deprive any of this tenants of their land. What action will be taken if the squire declines to grant the prayer of the petition?

Garforth has an election on Saturday, and the ratepayers will have to choose three members to serve them on the Urban Council. Three of the candidates—Messrs R. Routledge, J. B. Breed, and H. Gascoigne—are retiring members, and Mr E. R. Archer was on the Council for three years. The fifth candidate—Mr Yeadon—makes his second attempt to enter the Council.

Two important questions will have to be settled by the Garforth Council during the year. It is conceded by the members that a rearrangement of the staff is necessary, in order that the best results in the highway and sanitary departments may be secured, and it is not improbable that the Council will purchase horses and carts and do their own work. A sum of money owing by Tadcaster District Council will come in handy for this purpose.

In Garforth and Rothwell apparently few residents think very seriously of obtaining the title "Councillor." At one time competition was very keen in both places, but a change has come about, and in Rothwell district there is only one contest in only one ward, where the sitting member is provided with opposition by the Labour Party. It would be an interesting contest in local elections to have one, and it would be equally unfortunate were good men to decline to undertake public work.

The areas threatened by Leeds Corporation, we are told, have been granted only a temporary respite, but the defeat of the Wakefield proposal in Parliament may have the effect of deterring the promotion of raiding schemes for a number of years. Mr Lane Fox, M.P., stated how the West Riding County Council—and this means every ratepayer in the district—will be affected if this constant chopping-off of parts of the county area is allowed to go on, and it will be a really serious thing, because rates will assuredly go up. The agricultural community, especially will be hard hit, and they should strenuously resist every attempt to reduce the size and rateable value of the county. In my opinion, Tadcaster District Council made a bad blunder when they allowed Crossgates to be handed over to Leeds, and its 20 miles should profit by it.

A correspondent enters a protest against people uprooting ferns and wild flowers in the country, and it is important. It will be remembered that two hawkers were prosecuted for doing this at Harewood last year, but only a small portion of the damage is done in the country, who sell the fruits of their raids to the people in the towns and villages. In the schools children should be taught to leave alone the wild flowers which adorn the countryside, and it is really astonishing how some parents allow their little ones to carry home flowers in order only to transfer them to the ash-pit. The hawker's ferns very rarely live, and if he did not find a market for them he would soon cease his raids. Many wild flowers have disappeared from certain parts of the district owing to the destruction that has gone on year after year, and it is time it was put a stop to.

The County Council nursing scheme, in the working of which the co-operation of Tadcaster District Council has been sought, will probably prove one of the greatest boons ever launched in the Riding, and anyone with imagination can discern what great advantages may be conferred on suffering humanity by it. The work will, I suppose, deal primarily with children and mothers, and the kindly advice and skilful help of qualified nurses will not only tend to alleviate suffering, but prevent it. When dealing with a question which affects the whole community people urge that they must begin with the children, and that is what the nursing scheme will do. If the mothers and babies are cared for the men will be able to take care of themselves, and a healthier and stronger race will be produced.

District nurses have done an infinite amount of good in villages, but the great majority of places are not privileged to possess such a fine institution as the Sykes told the District Council, in the town at Tadcaster has. I was going to enumerate the places in Tadcaster Union which have not had the public spirit to engage a district nurse, but this would represent the majority, and I will forbear. Under the county scheme all these parishes will be looked after, I suppose, and the people will have demonstrated to them daily the value of work of this character. Even Garforth, which declined to pay for a district nurse, will eventually pay tribute to the service.

For the loss of Crossgates the Tadcaster District Council have received substantial compensation, but the award against Leeds is not altogether satisfactory. The arbitrator has decided that the city authority is to pay about £4,000, and included in this is the amount of the preliminary expenses of Kiddal water scheme, but nothing has been allowed for loss of prospective profit, if I may put it that way. The water revenue from Crossgates would have made the scheme a paying concern from the outset but when Leeds annexed that part of the parish it became possible for Barwick and Scholes, on their limited rateable value and small water revenue that would have accrued, to undertake it, and a claim was consequently made for the loss of this contract. I understand similar claims have been allowed, and it is no doubt a disappointment that £4,000 or £5,000 has not been granted under this head.

This, of course, precludes the possibility of Barwick and Scholes going on with the scheme, and unless the Kiddal proposal is taken up by the district it will be left where it is. For Barwick and Scholes to undertake it would probably involve a rate of 2s., in addition to the water charges, and I don't think the parishioners would be willing to accept such a burden, although their rates would not be high with that sum added.

In addition to the sum awarded the District Council, the Leeds Guardians and Tadcaster Guardians have come to an agreement as to the amount the former should pay, an amicable settlement being preferred by both parties, and over £2,500 will go into the coffers at Tadcaster. That is a tidy sum, and it will come in very handy.

From Crossgates the City Corporation must certainly expect good things in future, otherwise they have made a very bad bargain, and one wonders what the Leeds ratepayers think of it. Crossgates has a preferential rate for fifteen years, and it is impossible to administer the place efficiently upon it, so Leeds loses there, and in addition, it has to pay the Tadcaster authorities nearly £7,000 for the luxury of including Crossgates in the city area. Perhaps the Corporation will "suck" a few more employees in under that they may meet the loss.

While on this question, I would direct attention to a matter which is of the utmost importance to local authorities in the areas of Tadcaster, Garforth, Rothwell, and Hunslet. Recently a number of persons in Hippenholme declined to pay the charge for baths in dwelling-houses, and they were summoned. The question was argued at some length before the Halifax county magistrates, and it was contended that the authority could not, without the assent of Parliament, make a by-law entitling them to charge for whatever they wished. The bench held that the District Council, in the absence of specific powers, could not make extra charges for baths, and the defendants won.

One local Water Committee has, I know, had the question under consideration, and it is perfectly clear, if the decision referred to is to be observed over, that the local authorities have no power to make a charge for baths. On the other hand, they are, in my opinion, adopting a wise policy in making such charges. A certain sum must, from the outset, be obtained, in order to meet all payments, and if the bath charges were withdrawn the general rates for water for domestic purposes would be increased. This would be manifestly unfair to people who have not baths. Occupiers of houses which contain baths get value for their money, and the section of the Hippenholme defendants, while it may be legal, does not commend it to one's sense of fairplay.

Wetherby Guardians are apparently inclined to "kick up a row" about the increased charges made by the County Asylums Board for pauper lunatics, but what good will they do? The members of the Asylums Board, which is composed of the representatives of various bodies in the Riding, have informed more than one Board of Guardians that they have been compelled to advance the charges owing to the increased cost of living and of the staff, and as they are a perfectly independent body, and in nowise subject to election influences, they can snap their fingers at any Union in the area. The pauper lunatics must be looked after, and they must be paid for, and Wetherby Guardians' protest might as well never have been made.

Well may the lady members of the Aberfordia League at Garforth, Monk Fryston, Seacroft, Whitkirk, and Sherburn envy their auxiliary sisters at Tadcaster. The Guardians are to allow them to go round the workhouse infirmary two or three times a week with the head nurse, and they will thus gain an insight into practical work which will be of the utmost value to them. Where such enthusiasm exists it would have been unkind of the Guardians to have done anything to damp it.

REMARKABLE ROBIN HOOD CASE.

SUCCESSFUL CLAIM BY A MINER.

His Honour Judge Greenlaw was occupied on Wednesday at the Leeds County Court with an unusual case respecting the compensation to be paid to a miner who had become partially disabled. Martin Henry Lost, miner, of Sheard Buildings, New Southrough, Tingley, sued John Furey, general secretary representing the board of management of the contracting-out scheme for the West Yorkshire Collieries of Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth (Limited), for £100, it being contended that as and from January 6th, 1912, the plaintiff had been entitled to receive compensation under the contracting-out scheme in respect of his incapacity to work owing to miners' nystagmus, but that the board of management had wrongfully refused to pay anything, to consider the case, or to appoint an arbitrator under the scheme. Alternatively, the plaintiff claimed £100 for breach of contract.

Mr R. A. Shepherd appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr L. A. Greene represented the defendants.

For the plaintiff, it was stated that he had been employed at Messrs Charlesworth's Robin Hood Colliery for about eleven years, and had been a paying member under the contracting-out scheme. He had been able to earn about £2 a week. At the end of 1911 his working place became worked out, and it was suggested to him that he should continue to work, but in a "market" man. He did not, however, care to attend the pit as a casual worker, and he sought another position. On January 4th he saw the officials of Topcliffe Colliery, with the object of obtaining work. He was then asked to "get liberty" from the Robin Hood management, and to submit himself to examination by the certifying surgeon at Topcliffe. Accordingly, on January 5th the plaintiff signed off at Robin Hood. On the following day he submitted to examination, and the surgeon refused him permission to work at Topcliffe, because of the fact that he was suffering from a bad form of nystagmus. The doctor had certified that he was disabled from following his employment as a miner as from January 6th, this certificate having been sent to the defendant on January 20th.

The defendant and Messrs Charlesworth had contended that they were not compelled to pay compensation under the Industrial Diseases Section of the Compensation Act, or under the contracting-out scheme of rules, inasmuch as the plaintiff had left his employment a day before being certified as disabled.

His Honour, therefore, had to decide a question which, he said, bristled with difficulties, owing to the fact that the Act did not provide that an accident had taken place until there was certification of disablement; and the surgeon explicitly stated that the "disablement began on January 6th," the day following that on which plaintiff signed off from Robin Hood Pit. But it seemed very probable that if it were not for this contracting-out scheme the plaintiff would, by the nature of his disease, have been able to recover from Messrs Charlesworth under the Compensation Act. There was no doubt that the plaintiff had gone without compensation for a long time, when, roughly speaking, he was entitled to it.

Mr Greene argued that the disablement was established after plaintiff had left his employment.

His Honour found for the plaintiff, and assessed damages at £50.

FOOTBALL. On Saturday afternoon Cawood United Res. had a League match with Lowther Reserves (York). The Cawood players were the better team, and Lofthouse scored in the first half. Walker and S. Lund (2) afterwards netted, and Cawood won by four goals to nil. Cawood United, who arrived with only seven players, were defeated by St. Andrew's team at Fulford by five goals to two.

CONSERVATIVE WHIST DRIVE.—The weekly whist drive at Selby Conservative Club was again very successful, and a large number of competitors took part. The prize winners were:—Ladies—1, Mrs Foster; 2, Mrs Kilburn; scaled, Miss Dawson; consolation, Mrs Simpson. Gentlemen—1, Mr A. Swift; 2, Mr W. Thornton; scaled, Mr Hugill; consolation, Mr J. Harland. Light refreshments were served. Mr R. Ladge officiated as M.C.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—A confirmation service was held at Church Fenton Parish Church on Friday afternoon, when 29 candidates were presented to the Bishop of Beverley from the following parishes, viz., Church Fenton (9), Ryther with Warke (9), Saxton (9), Bolton Spa (1), and All Saints', Pontefract (1). The clergy present were the Vicar (Rev. J. E. Keates), the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, the Rev. Cyril Ash, and the Rev. A. C. Shipley.

LIBERAL MEETING.—Under the auspices of Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association a meeting was held in the Grand Hall at Cawood on Wednesday night, and there was a large attendance. Mr Tomlinson presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division). Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Division Association), Mrs Harvey, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), Mr Whitby, and Mr Sparkes (National Free Trade Union). Addresses were delivered by Mr Foster and Mr Whitby, and they were well received. Glees were sung by the Selby Liberal Glee Party, and the humorist was Mr Girton Barrie.

The Rev. J. Hughes, from a Surrey parish, has been offered, and has accepted, the living of Carlton, near Selby.

PRESENTATION TO A DOCTOR.—At the Standering Hall, Selby on Monday night Dr. Waddington, who is leaving for Stockport, where he has taken a practice, was presented with an inkstand and a 14-day oak clock, from the members of the Abbey and St. James's branches of the Church of England Men's Society and friends. Dr Waddington took a great interest in Biblical history, and his read papers at the meetings of the C.E.M.S. branches named. The Rev. A. Conway Goulden (vicar of St. James's Church, Selby), presided, and made the presentations on behalf of the subscribers. The oak-stand is made of Abbey oak saved from the fire of 1906.

MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.—A serious trap accident occurred at Brayton Junction Railway Crossing Selby early on Sunday morning. Mr William Makin, joiner, of Haddlesey, and Mr Fred Darley, farmer, of Haddlesey, were driving in a trap from the Cambleforth Road towards Brayton on their way home. At the crossing, as the gates were opened, the horse took fright and bolted. The vehicle came into contact with the wall of a bridge which spans the canal close by. The trap was overturned and both occupants thrown to the ground. Mr Makin sustained injuries to his head, and was found in an unconscious condition, suffering from concussion. He was conveyed to the Selby Cottage Hospital. Mr Darley escaped injury.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Any planting of roses and shrubs generally intended to be done during November should be completed without delay. When only a short interval elapses between planting and blooming time, there is not sufficient time for the roots, which must be nicked the flower are then deprived of the nourishment of the tree. Weeds this occurs week growth following, and it takes some considerable time to remedy the ill effects.

Hybrid Rhododendrons are now very popular, and are planted in suitable soil are not difficult to grow. They thrive best in peaty soils, and are not a success on heavy or clay soils. Lime is exceedingly distasteful to them. In almost all town gardens it is advisable to prepare a bed specially for them. The addition of peat or leaf-mould will greatly increase the chances of success.

PLANTATIONS AND SHRUBBERIES

Plantations and shrubberies that were dug over during autumn may now be neatly raked over. This serves a double purpose. It creates a tidy appearance and disturbs only young weeds that may be making their appearance. The work should not be attempted if the soil is very wet. On the other hand it is a mistake to delay it until the soil goes dry and hard, especially on clay soils.

COLD FRAMES

Many of the occupants of cold frames will now require a little extra attention. Shrubby Calceolarias, Cinerarias, Salvias and the winter very well. The same remark applies to Pentstemmons and marguerites. In each case the tops should now be pinched out to encourage bushy growth. All the unrooted stock of Calceolarias are required, the tops may be utilised as cuttings. They should be dibbled into boxes of sandy soil, and stood in a slightly heated greenhouse, where they will root readily. When nicely rooted they may be removed to a cold frame for about a fortnight, and then transferred to a nursery bed. The soil in which potatoes, Scabias, and the above subjects are growing often gets covered with moss or weeds at this time of the year. To cure, or prevent this, the surface soil should be stirred with a pointed stick. Moss or weeds may then be picked off with ease, and the plants will benefit by the aeration of the soil which must naturally follow. All the plants mentioned above will now require plenty of ventilation. The lights should be removed entirely on mild days, and should not be closed at night when frosty afternoons. Calceolarias are not quite so hardy as the other subjects mentioned, and special care should be taken to prevent frost reaching them.

VIOLAS FOR EXHIBITION

A Halton reader asks for particulars of the cultivation of violas for exhibition purposes. He has been struck by the remarkable difference in the flowers staged at a local show and those usually seen growing in the flower garden, and considers that comparatively speaking the latter are not worth growing. We suppose it is much a matter of taste. Many of the flowers exhibited at flower shows are unnaturally large, and are only produced by sacrificing a tremendous amount of bloom. Personally, we would rather see naturally grown flowers. If our friend wishes to grow exhibition blooms he must be prepared to devote a lot of time and attention to his plants. Violas are very deep-rooting plants and the ground for them should be trenched at least two spades deep. Plenty of rotten manure and leaf-mould should be worked into the soil. Before using the leaf-mould it should be special thinly on a firm spot and well rolled. This is essential to destroy insects. In March and is heavy, sand should be added. The first week in April is early enough to plant, and if the weather for the soil is not considered suitable, delay planting for a week or two. The plants should not come in direct contact with the manure at planting time, and to obviate this a layer of the following compost should be placed first of all. Loam and rotten manure, two parts each; leaf-mould, wood ashes, and sand. Allow the plants a foot of space each way and plant moderately firm. A sheltered position should be found for them, but shade will be necessary for a few hours at midday on very bright days. Every encouragement must be given to them to grow. Syringe in the evening of hot days. Water when necessary. Stir the surface soil about once a week. Mulch with decayed horse manure and top-dressed in July. Remove all flower buds until about three weeks before the show, and do not allow more than four shoots to each plant. A few good varieties for this purpose are Mrs. Chichester, Mrs. McQueen, Mrs. J. Watson, Helen Paul, Mossley Perfection, Mossley Purple, and A. Bostock.

SWEET PEAS.

Sweet Peas raised in pots must be hardened off as quickly as is consistent with safety. Their roots should be undisturbed when planting into flowering quarters. Cutting winds are apt to do much damage at this time of the year, and we have unpleasant recollections of some fine plants which were blackened by the wind last year. They are safer in pots, stood in a position where shelter may be provided if necessary. The frames may be uncovered on all favourable occasions, but protecting should be done whilst the ground is wet, and until settled weather comes along.

WINDOW PLANTS

Aspidistras, Indiarubber plants, Aralias, palms, and ferns may now be re-potted. It is not necessary to repot every year, but an annual top dressing of fresh compost should be given. In the case of the aspidistras, when repotting it becomes necessary, most of the old soil should be removed. This being the case it is advisable to get an experienced gardener to perform the task. In inexperienced hands much damage may be done. Top-dressing is a comparatively simple matter. Use equal parts fibrous loam, decayed manure, and sand. Remove about an inch of the old soil and replace with the above. Press moderately firm.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

STOVE CLIMBERS

Allamandas, Bougainvilleas, Cassus, Dipladenias, Clerodendrum Balfouri, and similar climbing plants, if not already done, will benefit by being trained to at once. Usually these subjects are often grown in large pots or tubs, or otherwise planted into prepared beds. In any case they should be provided with some new rooting material. A top-dressing of equal parts loam, peat, old manure, and wood ashes will give them a decided fillip when new growth commences. Make free use of the syringe to encourage them to break strongly and keep a sharp look-out for mealy bug, which is usually active on bright sunny mornings.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

These useful plants are now growing freely and it may be necessary to open them out to allow light and air to circulate freely amongst them. A stagnant atmosphere is particularly bad for them. Continue to insert cuttings for successional flowering. A reader informs us that he has discovered a simple method of rooting cuttings. His greenhouse staging is covered with about two inches of coco fibre, and he dibbles his cuttings into it, with remarkable results. The cuttings, he claims, are sufficiently rooted in three weeks to be potted into small pots. Flowering plants may be fed with liquid manure once a week, and an occasional topdressing with special carnation chemical manure will give much improved results.

SEEDS.

Seeds of almost all kinds of half-hardy bedding plants may now be sown. Stocks and asters should be sown on a slight hot-bed made up in a cold frame. Marigolds, Scabias, Nemesia, Helichrysum, etc., may be sown in boxes in a warm greenhouse. An important point in the cultivation of seedlings of this class is to prevent them getting drawn. Sow the seed thinly, and when germination takes place stand the boxes near the glass. Shade from sun will be required for a few days until the first rough leaves appear. Prick off singly whilst the seedlings are quite small. It is a mistake to allow them to grow to a large size in the seed boxes.

Liberalism at Garforth.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND REBELLION IN THE ARMY.

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"TORIES DETERMINED TO RULE."

MR H STOREY AND LABOURERS' WAGES

In connection with Garforth Liberal Association a public meeting was held in the hall at the Liberal Club, Garforth, on Saturday night, and there was a large and enthusiastic audience. Mr R. Brownridge presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division), Mrs. Foster, Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), Mr Harold Storey, B.A. (Leeds), Mr A. Deighton (Church Fenton), etc.

ISSUE AT NEXT ELECTION.

Mr Ernest H. Foster, who had a capital reception, moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting expresses confidence in the determination of the Government to resist the efforts of a section of the Army to destroy the principles of representative Government. We pledge ourselves in unfaltering support of the Ministry in their intention to give full effect to the Parliament Act, notwithstanding the unbecoming and seditious action of the Opposition."

He said he felt that the events of the past week had been of immense importance, and out of them a new set of issues which must be finally settled. Was the Government of the country to be controlled by Parliament and the Cabinet, or was it to be controlled by a junta of officers at the head of the army of a faction? Opposite to that would probably be the dominant issue at the next election. The challenge had been recklessly made, and it must be boldly met, and decisively answered. (Applause). The democracy of this country was absolutely unworthy of the franchise if it allowed itself to be overawed—as the Tories were trying to frighten it—by a mere drum and fife agitation in a matter which was so vital to their liberties.

ARISTOCRACY NOT FOOLS.

They could not have events of that kind arising suddenly. They must not think the aristocracy of the country were fools. They were not. They had been, from their own point of view, wise people. They had taken care to control the land and the two great services, and they had a body in the House of Lords, who were preeminently on their side. How had the other classes? To understand it they would have to go a long way back. Up to 1832 the Government of the country was entirely in the hands of the landed aristocracy, and it was government of the most corrupt and scandalous description. Land was not even liable for debt then, people were hanged and transported for trivial offences, and seats in Parliament were acquired like a pound of treacle—they were bought and sold. The Act of Union, which they were now proposing to affect by the passing of Home Rule, was carried by the most unbridled bribery, and the Irish Parliament was entirely controlled by Protestants, because Catholics were disenfranchised. When they came to 1832 reforms were pushed forward, and in many cases they thought were moderate, but which were at the time considered far-reaching.

IN THE OLD DAYS.

The franchise was conferred on the middle classes, but still the power remained with the landed aristocracy. The great movements were carried out by Governments at all, and, as an instance, he gave the repeal of the Corn Laws, which was carried through by Sir Robert Peel, helped, indeed, in the main, by an unrepresented people. In 1806 they took another step, and household suffrage was granted, but practically none of the population of Belfast had merely come into possession of the franchise by purchase in the Army—a Liberal measure—and the disestablishment of the Irish Church. They had to get the 1880 before they got many signs of any liberal measure of legislation, and they had then admitted to the Cabinet the first business man—Mr Chamberlain. But the Government was still controlled by the Whig aristocracy, with a few exceptions, but [illegible]. In 1886 Gladstone embarked on Home Rule, and a large body of the Whig aristocracy went over to the other side. Here they were on a new era, but it was very unfavourable for a long time because the Tory Party were in power. They began to see it in 1906, when the Liberal Party went back with a great majority, and a mandate to do certain things, but it did not matter what they wanted to do, for there was the House of Lords determined to control the destinies of the empire. The Bills of a Liberal Government were contemptuously rejected, and they then set about limiting the veto of the House of Lords.

TWO REBELLIONS

Two elections were fought, and the Government went back with a substantial majority. The Parliament Act was passed, and the veto of the House of Lords was swept away. (Applause). Still the Tories were determined to rule in spite of that, and the very first measure they tried to put on the Statute Book they brought in the Army to carry it through. There were two rebellions in the north of Ireland, which were contemplated by the Government, but

CORRESPONDENCE.

UNIONIST LADIES AND ULSTER.

REPLY BY PRESIDENT OF BARKSTON ASH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

To the Editor.

Sir,—The letter which appears in this week's issue of your paper is just now of very great importance, and as view of the wide circulation of the "Skyrack County," the intention of the writers to shock the very laudable one so influencing the electors.

As President of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association, I should be wanting in my duty if I failed to back up the efforts of those Unionist Ladies, and I therefore appeal to your readers (of all parties) to give this important document the attention it deserves for the following reasons:—

(a) It demands that "civil strife shall not take place." Excellent doctrine to which we can all agree; but may I ask whether these ladies have ever heard of the recent bustings about the hundred thousand Ulstermen with their hundred thousand rifles, and a million cartridges to provide for the widows and orphans? What were the rifles intended for. Clearly not to fight a foreign foe! What was the object? Those who are responsible obviously intended one or two things; either they were intended as the aggressors in certain acts which could not but encourage the idea of "civil war," or they stand convicted of the grossest spirit of bluster and make-believe on massive times, hinging thereby to break-beat and intimidate the Government.

In this connection I would remind these ladies that their objection to "civil strife" is a plant of very recent growth. In 1887 many reforms in Ireland were being carried out because the farmers could not pay the excessive rents demanded, this is what was written by Mr Balfour's "instructions":—

"Deal very summarily if any organised resistance to lawful authority. If necessary do not hesitate to shoot."

"Unionist Ladies" were wild with delight on their recession at the prospects of shooting down Nationalists.

The second reason why this precious document is of importance is because those responsible for it say in particular object is "to prevent the armed forces of the Crown being used" in certain eventualities; in other words, its chief object is to tamper with the loyalty of the British Army for party purposes.

May I again remind these ladies of Mr Balfour's doctrine when he moved in the House of Commons that a grant of £10,000 be given to Lord Roberts? Mr Balfour rightly said:—

"This country asked her soldiers to fight her battles without regard to political consideration, or to the rights or wrongs, the justice or injustice of the policy of the Government, and surely if they made such a demand they ought not to allow party prejudices to interfere with the rewards given to those soldiers who had so successfully served them."

This is just what we all thought until recently, but evidently it all depends on which political party is in power! The doctrine is sound only when the Tories are in power, and those who are not are using large sums for their own ends. No doubt this explains more fully what that other Tory Cabinet Minister (Lord Hamilton) had to say, viz., that he held it down that the duty of the Conservative party is to take care of their friends when in power, and so arrange matters that they would also be looked after when the Tories were in opposition. "Rigid obedience" was the Tories cry in power, and looking after their friends; "Optional Obedience" (regardless of the highest interests of the Army) is the Tories cry in Opposition. Should the Liberal Government, after all their other "poppuns" have failed.

The third reason is because the document purports to be issued solely on behalf of "Ulster," and a General Election is asked for, professedly in the interests of "Ulster." When one considers the facts one wonders whether such an episode is the result of arrogance or ignorance. It must be one or the other. Fancy "Unionists," claiming to speak for "Ulster"! Why, sir, at this moment the majority of "Ulster's" representatives in the House of Commons are actually Home Rulers. As to a General Election, these ladies ought to know that Sir Edward Carson has expressly stated that Ulster would not be bound by the results if they again favour Home Rule. But most important of all, Ulster has actually had a by-election since the present Home Rule Bill was introduced. What was the result? Bitter a fair and square fight between Colonel Sir Clive Wigram (Londonderry), whose local affairs are chiefly in the hands of Protestants, the electors turned on a Unionist and elected instead a Liberal and Protestant Home Ruler.

Finally, the document should be carefully considered in order to what it means as well as for what it says. It means that the Tories are selfabsorbed on their fetish-like position known in the political world as "consequences." I suppose they have already forgotten how the "consequences" worked out on a former occasion. Have they yet gone through the anticipated Home Rule Lecture, the "Slaughter" of the party followed Lord Milner's advice to reject the Budget, that the Constitution, and "blame the other sex-parties." Has, as now, the land reformers' Valley Appeal? They got more than they bargained for. Those "bad-hearts" are the real authors of the Parliament Act. The fate of the House of Lords was a matter of no importance whatever except to themselves. But it is another proposition when the discipline of the Army is at stake, and every true patriot is today offended at the base attempt of the Tory Party to exploit the Army by encouraging sedition and mutiny for party purposes.

They may try how they will to cover up their tracks by specious "red ink," but the facts are obvious and well-known to the "man in the street." The plot was concocted in consultation with the "Down the consequences" Directors. Everything was thought out and finally passed on to the "young sprigs" in the Army from the "Unionist Ladies'" drawing-rooms. Those superior people actually got it into their heads that a few Tory officers could exploited could decide the policy of a Liberal Government!

The seeds have been well sown, they will surely grow. The Tories have started on another slippery slope and as sure as day follows night, a blow has been struck at the Army by its so-called friends, the effect of which will be very different from what these blind partisans anticipated. It will come the wold of those more immediately concerned "Save us from our friends."

In conclusion, may I suggest a new fighting motto for the Tory banner:—

Optional Universal Insurance.
Optional Army Discipline.
Compulsory Military Training.

This would fairly represent the only policy we appear likely to get from them. At any rate the two first are now officially endorsed, and the real leaders of the Tory party are consistently advocating conscription. What a glorious prospect.—Yours, etc.,

MARTIN HARVEY.

Peckfield Lodge, March 28th, 1914.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT CLASSIFICATION SCHEME.

LOSS OF CROSSGATES—WHAT LEEDS HAS TO PAY

KIPPAX, TADCASTER, ALLERTON, SHERBURN, AND MILFORD AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse at Tadcaster.—Alf. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs T. H. Peace (Parlington), A. Chippendale (Sybell-st., G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), W. Cousland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), R. Wright (Barwick), E. Myers (Bilbrough), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., W. Sykes, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), B. Brittain, J. Prime, and H. Green (Garforth), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), E. H. Hare (Ryther), and J. Wordsworth (Preston), J. Ledley (Kirkby Wharfe), W. A. Dickinson and J. Harding (Kippax), E. Parker (Ledsham), T. Hey, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), T. P. Fawcett, and A. Chippendale (Sybell-st.).

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Decided liability for the repair of Westgate and Kirkgate.

The Chairman proposed that the matter of Station Road, Tadcaster, be adjourned.

Mr Prater seconded, and this was agreed to.

CONCERNING A WATER TROUGH

In regard to the water trough at Colton Lane end, the Chairman said he understood that when they gave permission to erect the trough, they were to supply it with water. He understood that as long as anything they would not undertake to supply it with water.

Mr Myers said that he, too, understood the Council were to supply the water.

The Chairman asked what was done with regard to the trough at Tadcaster.

Mr Nettleton said 7/- was supplied by the Water Committee. A notice was passed prohibiting drivers of engines taking water from it.

Mr Ingleby: There is a policeman stationed opposite the trough at Tadcaster. (Laughter).

The Chairman eventually said that he would communicate with the Water Committee.

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MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

WHAT WILL THEY COST?

In the House of Commons Mr Lane Fox (C., Barkston Ash) asked the President of the Board of Agriculture whether the Board was still advised that satisfactory cottages with three bedrooms for labourers could be erected at a cost of £300 the pair in the North of England, such cost including cost of drainage, water supply, fencing, cartage, and levelling; whether his Department had had occasion to build any such cottages on Crown lands or elsewhere in the North of England; and if so, at what cost.

Mr Runciman (President of the Board of Agriculture): I appointed a Committee last autumn to advise the Board and the Commissioners of Woods on matters relating to the cost and planning of cottages for agricultural labourers. Much useful information has already been collected, including particulars of satisfactory cottages built recently at a cost of £117 each, exclusive of drainage and other incidental expenses. The total cost must, of course, vary to some extent according to the locality and other circumstances. I understand that the question of issuing an interim report, with plans, is now under consideration. The Commissioners have not hitherto built any cottages in the North of England for £300 the pair.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND CITY EXTENSIONS.

DEMAND FOR AN INQUIRY.

In the House of Commons, on the motion for the third reading of the Local Government Provisional Orders Bill constituting Cambridge, Luton, and Wakefield county boroughs.

Mr. Duncan-Pender C. (Newmarket), as member for one of the County Divisions of Cambridgeshire, moved the rejection of the measure.

Mr. Black, L. (Biggleswade) seconded the rejection.

Mr Lane Fox (C., Barkston Ash), speaking for the West Riding Council, said they did not oppose the initial stages of these proceedings, because they thought it hopeless in view of the practice growing up in the House of accepting a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board as final, and also that it would be a waste of money. The less that was said about the roads in Wakefield the better, considering that Wakefield made its own roads. The Committee did not consider this matter on its merits. No evidence was tendered to show that it was desirable in the interests of Wakefield—that Wakefield would benefit by the change.

Mr Herbert Craig, who was Chairman of the Committee, interposed with the remark that there were certainly two witnesses called.

Mr Lane Fox said that there was very little on that point, and since the evidence was before the Committee a considerable number of new facts had come to light which strengthened the hurry Committee's case very much. In addition to what had occurred in recent years, there was evidence of several more districts wishing to get county borough powers. The population of 180,000, with a rateable value of £850,000, by the creation of county boroughs, and they also stood to lose by the extensions in the areas supplied for immediately by their Committee. They knew that extensions were contemplated which would affect a population of something over 500,000 out of the total West Riding population of 1,600,000.

Mr Marshall: If the hon. member is thinking of the Leeds and Bradford extensions those have been abandoned entirely for the moment.

Mr Lane Fox said that they had not been permanently abandoned. They were in Leeds' mouth by Mrs Mary Ellen Mitchell, of Wood-lesford, for consulting her daughter, Fanny Mitchell, a child of about ten years of age.

Mr A. Willey appeared for Mrs Hines.

The child said that on coming home from school on Wednesday Mrs Hines, who was behind a wall, came out and knocked her down and kicked her. She did not know why she had done it.

Mr Willey: Has your mother told you to call Mrs Hines any names?

Witness: No.

Mr Willey said he would put it that the child used language to his client which she could not have done unless told by her mother. This, however, was denied by the child.

Mrs Hines was called, and she said that about 4.30 p.m. last Wednesday the little girl Florence Mitchell came up to the house door along with other children. She (witness) told them to run away, whereupon the child called her a name. About 4 p.m. the same day she was waiting outside the school when the child again called her the name. She went to her and slapped her. Later in the day the child's parents came round, and one of them threatened her, saying that they would "pull her heart out, and hang it on a nail."

The summons was dismissed, as was a cross summons between the two parties.

AGRICULTURAL DESCRIPTIONS IN BARKSTON ASH.

A "COKE" OF MEADOW HAY.

Mr Clifford Dunn, of Leeds, writing to the "Post," said that there appeared in the advert columns relating to forthcoming agricultural sales by Messrs Bartle and Co., an unusual description of a quantity of hay in two of their notices: one of a sale at Osmondthorpe, "close to Leeds," the other at Church Fenton, "near Leeds." The expression used in both cases is a "coke of meadow hay." In the Osmondthorpe sale it is given as "a coke of meadow hay about three tons"; in the Church Fenton one it is given as "coke of meadow hay and pea straw, mixed, about 100 cubic yards."

In both instances it will be seen that the quantity is such as to preclude (in the ordinary acceptation) the idea of the familiar "cock" of hay which is seen in the fields when the crop is being prepared for stacking.

I am under the impression that these two places are both within the bounds of the old kingdom of Elmete. It may be that the local usage in this locality is accountable for the term. Perhaps Messrs Bartle can explain why it is used.

I may add that Messrs Bartle (and several other agricultural auctioneers) in the same issue use generally the term "A stack of meadow hay." At Farnley, which is quite near to Leeds, Messrs Bartle advertised "Two stacks of meadow hay, about thirty tons." These are large stacks, and it may be that the term "coke" is intended to convey the idea of a small stack or of a stack partly used.

Mr William Clayton, the well-known Appleton Roebuck schoolmaster, writes:—I have no knowledge of the particular items of hay which are described by Messrs Barth as for sale in the places mentioned, but I have no doubt that the "coke" of hay in the Elmet is closely related to, if not identical with, our "goke" (or gooek, as the real rustic calls it) in the Ainsty.

I am far away from a good reference book or dictionary of dialect, but I know the meaning of the work as used hereabouts to be "A remnant of a stack of hay." "That which is left of a stack which has been cut for the use of the horses and cattle on the farm."

The "goke," or "gooke" of a stack is generally the finer or most solid part of it. It has a close resemblance to the term "core," as applied to apples. The centre of the apple and pear, is often called by the rural worker and his child "th' gook."

SELBY RURAL DISTRICT.

THE VILLAGES AND SCARCITY OF HOUSES.

Dr Stedman's annual report up in the Selby Rural district states:—The population I estimate to be 5,080, the Selby rural sub-district being 3,700, and Carlton 1,380. This would, no doubt, be greater were there houses enough to accommodate the increased population.

One hundred and forty-eight births were registered, and are at the rate of 24.7 per 1,000 of the population. It is the lowest recorded in this district for many years, but is below the average of the last five years. The birth-rate for the rural areas of England and Wales in 1913 was 22.2. In the sub-districts it was as follows: Selby, 23.5; Carlton, 26.7. Four births were illegitimate.

Sixty-four deaths occurred in the district, four being non-residents, and eight residents died in other districts. The rate calculated on these figures is 12.5 per 1,000, which is very low one of 11.4. The average rate for the years 1908—1912 was 14.7.

As in the urban, so in the rural district, the scarcity of houses is becoming a serious problem, owing to industrial developments in and around Selby. Private enterprise is doing practically nothing to supply the demand, two houses only having been built during the year. It is, of course, in the village of Carlton that the demand is greatest, and I believe that if Part III. of the "Housing of the Working Classes Act" were put into operation, and a number erected by the local authority, there would be no loss to the ratepayers and great benefit to the district.

Under the provisions of the "Housing and Town Planning Act," 100 houses were inspected during 1913. Of these 140 were found to have some sanitary defect, and 70 notices were served for their remedy. The defects were almost entirely with respect to drainage or sanitary conveniences. Four had insufficient light and ventilation, and in six the back yards were in bad condition.

There are no cowkeepers at present on the register, supplying the milk from about 90 cows into Selby. The sheds are in a very fair condition, and are generally well kept; also the nine slaughter-houses in various parts of the rural district. In the latter one carcase of beef was found to be extensively diseased with tuberculosis, and was destroyed.

WHITKIRK CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Whitkirk Cricket Club was held on Friday evening.—Mr P. S. Marsden presided.

Mr J. F. Lyoday, the hon. sec., submitted the annual report and balance sheet. He said that last season the first team played 20 matches, won 7, lost 9, and 4 were drawn. It was not record to be proud of, and they must see that improvement took place, but it was not to be brought about if so many of the members continued to show that indifference which has characterised the work in the past. Mr A. E. Milford (captain), Mr J. H. Tomlinson, Mr W. O. McClintock, Mr W. Merrill, J. E. Butler, C. Firth, Rathby, and Rev. B. Guyer) corresponding secretary, Mr J. F. Lyoday; financial secretary, Mr E. D. Dawson; captain, 1st team, Mr E. D. Dawson; vice-captain, Mr J. Shepherd; captain, 2nd team, Mr W. E. Tapley; vice-captain, Mr P. Coultas; committee (Messrs W. Merrill, J. Shepherd, W. O. McClintock, W. Moss, A. R. Milford, T. Rodgers, G. Hearn, T. Pickering, H. Whitwright, and E. Wilkinson; League representative, Mr R. H. Bruce; auditors, Messrs J. P. Berry and J. W. Pickles.

Lord and Lady Airedale are returning from Nice for Easter, which they will spend at Colsterdale Hill, Claughton. They will be at 3, Cadogan Square, London, during May and June.



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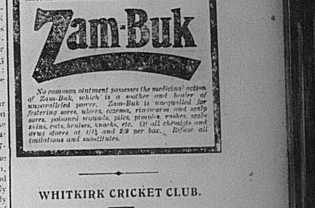
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And NOTICE is also hereby given that a copy of the Accounts to be audited, together with the Account Books, Contracts, and Vouchers, will be deposited at the Offices of the said Council, Garforth, on Monday, the 20th day of April, 1914, and will remain deposited for inspection during office hours until Tuesday, the 28th day of April, 1914.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1914.

ALBERT EDWARD CARR,
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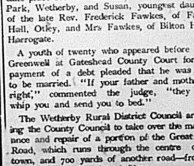
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, 1914.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Robert J. Foster, of Stockeld Park, Wetherby, and Susan, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Fawkes, of Farnley Hall, Otley, and Mrs Fawkes, of Bilton House, Harrogate.

A youth of twenty who appeared before Judge Greenwell at Gateshead County Court for non-payment of a debt pleaded that he was about to be married. "If your father and mother did right," commented the judge, "they would whip you and send you to bed."

The Wetherby Rural District Council are asking the County Council to take over the maintenance and repair of a portion of the Great North Road, which runs through the centre of the town, and 700 yards of another road—from the Workhouse to the river bridge.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DEATHS.

BRITTON.—March 30th, Thomas Britton, late of Wighill and Tadcaster.

ELLIS.—March 27th, at Rose Cottage, Boston Spa, aged 80 years, Ellen, wife of the late George Ellis, of Micklefield.

MOSAT.—On March 29th, at Moorhouse Farm, Garforth, aged 80, William Mosby.

MIDGLEY.—March 27th, at Field House, East Keswick, aged 8 years, Ettie, eldest daughter of Osmond and Charlotte Midgley.

MUSGRAVE.—April 1st, at St. James' Street, Wetherby, aged 30 years, Peter Musgrave.

SAGAR-MUSGRAVE.—On the 2nd inst., at Red Hall, Shadwell, Leeds, Clara Kate, widow of the late John Musgrave Sagar-Musgrave, in her 74th year.

IN MEMORIAM

BRAHAM.—In loving memory of our dear Hannah, who died April 5th, 1912, aged 19 years.

"She drooped like a flower which is nipped in the bud—
She took the repose of the gentle and good;
She blessed us, and left us—our tears they flow down,
Though we know she is happy in the land where she's gone."

—From father, mother, sisters, and brothers.

GENT.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Richard Gent, who died April 3rd, 1912, aged 44 years.

—Wife and family.

SMITH.—In loving memory of a dear wife and loving mother, Elizabeth Smith, of Garforth, who died April 6th, 1905.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

Miss Castle, of Rothwell High School, has passed the first examination for the diploma for teachers of German at Leeds University. She obtained the teacher's diploma for French last year.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—A P.S.A. service was held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance, and the address was given by Mr Gibson (Rothwell), in the absence of the advertised speaker, the Rev. S. S. Henshaw. Mr W. Thurwell presided, and during the service Miss Boys sang the solos "The Children's Home" and "How lovely are Thy dwellings."

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—An election in the West Hunslet Ward will take place on Monday next in consequence of the death of Mr Edward Green, late chairman of the Hunslet Board of Guardians. The candidates for the vacancy on the Board are Mr Henry Isles Bulford, Mr Thomas Dixon, Mr Joseph Ellis, representing the Liberal interests, and Mr Arthur Charles Relton, of Greenmount Terrace, Beeston Hill, railway goods checker, who is the Labour candidate.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the semi-or division of the Oulton and District Billiard League, Rothwell Mechanics' Institute defeated Hopetown Reading Room by 500 points to 428, at Rothwell on Saturday night. The aggregate scores were: Rothwell M.I. 500, Hopetown R.R. 543. Details (Rothwell names first):—W. Watson 100 v. H. Bolton 97, J. Hainsworth 100 v. R. Webster 100, A. Banks 100 v. J. Benton 80, W. Armison 40 v. W. Beddard 100, L. Edward 100 v. J. Liley 75, and E. Bedkwith 100 v. W. Bloomer 82.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—The junior representatives of the Rothwell Temperance Hall were beaten in a billiard match with Hopetown Reading Room at Hopetown. Out of the six games Hopetown obtained full points in five, the aggregate scores being Hopetown 570, Rothwell Temperance Hall 383. Details (Hopetown names first):—F. Shaw 100 v C. Edwards 38, W. Benton 100 v C. Lunn 86, J. Ward 100 v. E. Newton 32, D. Bloomer 100 v. H. Taylor 81, W. Gregory 100 v. W. Sidebottom 45, and T. Bloomer 79 v. C. Armstead 100.

ROTHWELL P.C. BEATEN.—Rothwell Parish Church footballers were defeated at Hunslet on Saturday, when they were beaten by five goals to nothing. Horsforth kicked off against the wind, and Rothwell took play into the Hunslet's goal area, but nothing resulted. Then Ali. Taylor sent in a poor shot when he had only the goal-keeper to beat. A fine effort by the Horsforth forwards resulted in Isles shooting over the bar. Wyke gave Horsforth a free kick, and from a lovely pass by Roo. Isles increased the score just before the interval, when Horsforth were leading by two to nil. Early play opened the second half, and after good work by the Horsforth forwards, Isles added another goal after five minutes' play. Horsforth nearly increased their score when Isles put in a fine shot which missed by inches only. The homesters added that more before the finish.

ROTHWELL DEFEATED.—After being at the top of the Leeds and District League, Rothwell suffered a heavy reverse on Saturday, when they played Hunslet A. at Rothwell, in the semi-final of the League championship. There was a splendid gate. Wishard kicked down hill for Hunslet, the visitors putting in some fine pressing. Smalley failed to take a pass from Mitchell, and Rothwell were penalised. Bowen just failed to lower the home goal, and for offside the same player missed an easy chance. Ashall ran three-parts the length of the field and scored behind the posts. Bowen improving. Rothwell were penalised for off-side. Bowen kicking a goal. Heywood, after a tricky run, passed to Pitts, who scored easily. Bowen converted. On Rothwell becoming dangerous for once, Bowen cleared cleverly. The Hunslet three-quarters passed splendidly, and on Beal stopping Heywood Smalley scored a goal from near half-way line. Bowen missed a penalty, Ashall, with a strong run, scored again, Bowen converting. Ashall again got over, Bowen this time failing. At half-time the score was—Hunslet A., 5 goals 4 tries; Rothwell, Nil. Milner restarted, and the game was keenly contested. Clayton, one of the Rothwell forwards, retired injured. Heywood scored a clever try, Bowen failing to add the goal points. After splendid passing, Kaye scored, Bowen improving. Bolton was tripped, but the same player kicked wide. Wilkinson was sent off for tripping. Kaye scored a try, but Bowen failed to add the goal points. Wise succeeded in getting through and scored under the posts, Bulmer converting. Result:—Hunslet A., 33 points; Rothwell, 5.

In the first round of the Leeds and District Rugby Cup Competition Rothwell will play Outwood, who have choice of ground.

PARISH CHURCH.—To provide funds for the purchase of new Psalters for the church choir, a rummage sale was held in the Church Room on Saturday night. The effort was well supported.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates on the Bench were Mr J. W. Mitchell (in the chair), Mr R. D. Dixon, Mr J. H. Reed, Mr C. Holliday, Mr E. Perkin, and Mr S. Hudson.

COLLIERY OWNER.—At the Knaresborough Petty Sessions on Wednesday Mr W. Sheep-shanks (Chairman) announced that he had had the pleasure of swearing in Mr C. E. Charlesworth, Cowparkhall, Hall, to the position of High Sheriff of Yorkshire. It was a great honour to the town of Knaresborough for one of its residents to fill such a position.

ROTHWELL W. BEATEN.—Rothwell Wednesday footballers played Micklefield Wednesday at Rothwell on Wednesday. The visitors were aggressive in the first half, and scored twice through Robinson. In the second half Cooper netted a third goal for Castleford, but the ball bursting, the game terminated ten minutes before time with the score—Castleford Wednesday 3 goals; Rothwell Wednesday none.

COAL STRIKE.—The pits in this district were closed down on Wednesday, and the majority of men on the morning shift had come up. Although the majority of the men would sooner have remained at work, they have resigned themselves to make the best of the time. The men have found various ways of filling in their time. A good many are interested in gardening, and no doubt many of the guards will appear much improved by the time the men return to work. The members of the Rothwell Temperance Band are also turning the time to good account by practising, and on Thursday played outside the Temperance Hall.

ROTHWELL P.C. FOOTBALLERS.—Owing to Clapdale matches the Rothwell P.C. team have been unable to fulfil a number of their League matches, and this has necessitated a re-arrangement of fixtures. For the Easter week they are pressed as well booked up with a match nearly every day. On Wednesday night they played a League match with the representatives of Worsley United. The game was a fast one and ended in a win for the Parish Church team by three goals to two. At the interval Worsley led by one goal to nothing, the Churchmen having had a good shallowed. The homesters played promisingly in the second half, and, after four minutes' play, Taylor equalised. A spell of end to end play followed, and Wheatley obtaining possession, passed forward, and the ball being centred to Harrison, the homesters were given the lead. Newton, the Rothwell outside left, assisted with a pretty piece of play, and Harrison, who netted a third. The visitors from a break away scored their second goal. For the homesters Bulmer, full back, played a good game.

CONCERT.—An interesting concert was given at the Primitive Methodist Sunday School on Saturday night, the programme being provided by the Ladies Bigophone Band. Miss Storey presided over a large gathering. The following programme was gone through:—Selection, "With songs of ringing laughter," band; quartette, "List to the convent bells," Messdames Dufeson, Taylor, Chadwick; and Mr Dufeson; song, "Laugh, be merry, be fat," ladies' band; song and chorus, "Old folks at home," Mrs Southwart and band; reading, "There's allus summat," Mrs Lunn; part song, "Who will o'er the downs so free," ladies' chorus; song and chorus, "Lewis's beautiful tea," Mrs L. Thurwell and ladies; part song, "Come lassie and lads," ladies' band; selection, "Annie Laurie," five ladies; recitation, Mrs Jennings; selection, "Adieu," band; duet, "Milking maid," Messdames Williams and Southwart; selection, "Auld lang syne," band; song, "Home, glorious," Mrs L. Thurwell; part song, "Good night," ladies' chorus. Mr Williams acted as accompanist. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was accorded Miss Storey—and those who had taken part.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell White Rose entertained Great Preston White Rose at Rothwell on Saturday, and won the match by six goals to two. Parritt kicked off for the homesters, who were the first to make short, against a sharp breeze. Smart footwork by Graham soon changed the venue, and the Preston forwards worked their way well up the field, only to be checked by Dawson, who sent the ball further down to the opposite end. Once more the visitors were the aggressors, Cockburn gaining possession. He passed to Graham, who, in his turn, transferred to Parritt, left wing man. The ball was again centred, and Graham, from a pass by Kness, had no difficulty in netting, although he seemed to be offside. Rothwell then attacked in force, and Appleby dribbled the ball well down, but he was brought to the ground on the dreaded area. From the penalty given Ripley made the scores equal. For the second half the homesters left their opponents well behind. From this restart Parritt passed quickly to Abrams, and a fine sprint put him well ahead, and the second goal was registered. Parritt, Appleby, Abrams, and Hughes put Rothwell still further ahead. The visitors also scored another goal.

CONSERVATISM.—Mr Cecil Lister-Kaye, prospective Unionist candidate for the Normanton Division, on Wednesday night addressed a meeting in the Church Institute, Outwood. County Councillor T. P. Tew presiding. Mr Lister-Kaye, discussing the Home Rule question, said that in the sordid state of affairs now confronting the nation there was only one bright spot, and that was the action of the two generals, who preferred the preservation of their honour before anything else. (Applause.) "But, to my mattter," he added, "which the citizens of Great Britain cannot be too grateful for, and we shall always remember with pride those two generals who so fearlessly sacrificed their duty." (Applause.) The Government were afraid of going to the country, because they knew the English people loved justice and would declare against Home Rule by an overwhelming majority. The union of Great Britain and Ireland was compatible with the safety and integrity of the nation, and the vitality of Home Rule had always been maintained by a generation of agitators. In their endeavour to get rid of English rule. But was it right to put the Irish loyalists under the dominion of rebels and traitors? Such a thing would be unparalleled in history; yet Mr Asquith had shown during the past week that he was only too ready to sacrifice to party the welfare of the nation. If they had an election in England and Ireland they would—he had the greatest confidence in thinking they would see a Unionist Government returned to power, when the Imperial Parliament would be led and controlled by men of the very highest ability and honour. (Applause).

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon a League football match was played between Allerton Bywater and Wortley United, and the former won easily by nine goals to nil.

BOWERS ALLERTON

The workpeople of Messrs T. and R. W. Bower, Ltd., of Allerton Main Colliery, have sent £57 8s. 6d. to Leeds Infirmary.

CARLTON

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior division of the Oulton and District Billiard League Carlton Temperance Hall defeated Rothwell Working Men's Club by 64 points at Carlton on Saturday night. The aggregate scores were Carlton 618, Rothwell 544. Rothwell had a man short and full points were awarded the home-staters' player who would have opposed him. Details (Carlton names first):—W. Page 100 v. O. Rooks 56, 1 for 48 v. J. Hargreaves 100, R. Beeson 100 v. R. Dolkin 80, G. Priestley 70 v. T. Thurwell 100, E. Bowen 100 v. F. Stringer 76, and R. Ellis 100 v. Another 0.

CROSSGATES

It is proposed to extend the automatic system of lighting street lamps at Crossgates to other parts of Leeds. It is estimated that by doing so a saving of nearly £6,000 a year will be effected.

PARISH MEETING.—The annual parish meeting for Austhorpe was held at Austhorpe Hall on Thursday night—Mr T. P. Fawcett, of Barrowby Hall, presiding. Mr Fawcett was re-elected chairman, and Messrs. Appleyard and Booth overseers. Mr J. R. White resigned the position of assistant overseer, and Mr Walter Townend, of Seacroft, was appointed in his place. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.—On Tuesday at the weekly meeting of the Baptist Fellowship in the Lecture Hall, Whitkirk, an address on "What does 'Evangelism stand for" was delivered by Mr Clegg, of Headingley. There was a good attendance, and Mr Anderson, of Whitkirk, presided. The lecturer dealt with the subject in an able and convincing manner, and was highly complimented at the close, the gentlemen taking part in the subsequent discussion being Messrs Diggle, Hartop, J. Batty, White, and others. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Clegg on the call of Mrs Hyde, seconded by Mr Rodgers. Next Tuesday is "Portfolio night." See advert.

GARFORTH

The Rev. Samuel S. Henshaw, of Victoria Avenue, Leeds, has decided to leave the Leeds circuits at the Primitive Methodist Conference next year, and the Rev. R. W. James, of Dewsbury, has accepted an invitation to remove to the Leeds First Primitive Methodist Circuit.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The great attraction at the Picture House on the first three nights of the week was the film "When the earth trembled," depicting with terrible realism the horrors of the San Francisco earthquake, and it had a fine reception. For to-night and Saturday the principal picture will describe the great glove fight between Kid Lewis and Paul Til for the feather-weight Championship of Europe, and another outstanding film will be "Bond in the bone." For next week arrangements have been made for showing that splendid film "The House of Temperley," in four parts, and it should be noticed that there will be two performances on Monday and Tuesday nights. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday the great Indian Mutiny drama "The deathstone of India" will be screened. It is a three-reel drama, and is described as a triumph of the cinematographic art. "The flames of the ashes," a fine story of manhood in an outcast, is another good film promised, and other interesting pictures will go to make up very attractive programmes. For times and prices see advert.

HALTON

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon a keenly-contested match was played at Cross Gates Farm, Osmondthorpe, between the Waterloo Main Colliery and East Ardsley United. Guest scored for the Colliery in the first half, and the second moiety was fruitless. Waterloo Main won by a goal to nil.

PROPERTY MARKET.—Mr V. Stanley Walker, auctioneer, East Parade, Leeds, offered for sale at the Irwin Arms Hotel, Halton, on Monday night, nine cottages and a corner shop at Field End, Halton, but the lot was withdrawn. Enquiries were made after the sale which will most likely result in the property changing hands.

MENDICANTS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Timothy Bergin, a labourer, of no fixed abode, and Hargreaves Kilvington, described as a fireman, and also of no fixed abode, were charged with begging on the Leeds and Selby Road, Halton, on Sunday afternoon. As both men had been in custody since Sunday they were allowed to go.

HARRIERS.—Leeds East Ward Harriers decided their eight miles club championship and handicap on Saturday on the private Red Road and Pontefract Lane, near East End Park, over a circuit of about 1¼ miles, the Hon. E. L. Wood cup being offered for the championship, and the Macrae cup for the handicap. For the latter Beanland overtook Ledgard at 7¼ miles, and won by 150 yards, and in the contest for the championship Wrigglesworth obtained a clear lead at the half-distance, and won.

ASLEEP.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Joseph Waite, a drayman, of Leeds, was summoned for being asleep when in charge of a dray, and also for having no light at Halton on Tuesday, March 10th, at 12.30 a.m. P.C. Stothard stated that he came across the defendant on the Leeds and Selby Road, Shadwell, with his lamp in him. He found him asleep on the shafts of the dray. The candle in the lamp had burned clean out. Defendant pleaded that he had been worked hard that day, and he was let off on payment of a fine of 1s. and costs in the first case, and 1s. including costs in the second case.

KIPPAX

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The Rev. B. H. Farlow, circuit minister (Castleford), gave the address at the Christian Endeavour meeting in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening.

PARISH CHURCH.—A service for men was held in the church on Sunday, and the Vicar gave an address on "A question of values." There was a good attendance. At a meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society on Monday evening Miss Smith gave an address on "Things how we live in." There was a good gathering of members, and the address was much appreciated. The speaker was accorded a vote of thanks at the close. Another of the series of Lenten addresses which had been arranged for the weekly service during Lent, was given by the Vicar on Thursday. There was an excellent attendance, and the address was on "The men who crucified Christ," the special subject being "Caiphas."

LEDSHAM

On Monday the Rev. John Henry A. Thomas, B.Sc., was licensed by the Archbishop of York to the vicarage of Ledsham-with-Fairburn (to officiate at Fairburn).

MOORTOWN

HARRIERS.—On Saturday afternoon Leeds St. Peter's Harriers decided their annual handicap or club championship from the Chained Bull Hotel, Moortown. The course was one of eight miles, and was laid across the country to Eccup, returning home through Shadwell. The Muckle Cup was the trophy competed for, and attracted 23 entrants, of whom nine faced the starter.

OULTON

BEGGING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Frank Crawt, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Oulton. P.C. Bennett stated that on Monday afternoon he saw the prisoner on the Leeds Road, Oulton, begging. Crawt said he had tramped from Southampton in search of work. He was discharged.

BILLIARDS.—The final for the Oulton Institute Billiard Challenge Cup took place at the Institute on Saturday night before a large number of the members. The finalists were G. Wilkinson (receives 50) and H. Cleaver (receives 90) in a game of 250 up. A close match was the result, and in the end Wilkinson won by the narrow margin of six points. Later the cup was presented by Mr A. Sharpe, the Chairman of the committee. Mr Wilkinson and Mr Cleaver both responded.

OSMONDTHORPE

A market gardener gathered a plateful of mushrooms at Knostrop on Monday afternoon. The biggest was 7 inches in circumference, and weighed a quarter of a pound.

STOURTON

There was a good attendance at the P.S.A. service held in the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The address was given by Mr J. W. Doughty, of the Ladypit Lane Church.

HUNSLET MAN'S REMARKABLE CONDUCT.—Wm. Henry Dobson, a young miner, of Hunslet, was charged at the Leeds Police Court on Wednesday with assaulting his former sweetheart, Harriet Locke. The complainant said the defendant failed to turn up at the Registry Office on the morning appointed for their wedding, and she returned home, where she had provided a wedding breakfast out of her own earnings. She said another party was partaking of the breakfast when the defendant called at the house, and, without any provocation, created a disturbance. He smashed a plate over her head, broke all the crockery, and did other damage. The defendant, who denied the offence, said he could not get to the Registry Office at the appointed time because he was at work. He was still willing to marry the complainant, but she told the magistrate she "would not have him at any price." Mr H. Marshall (the magistrate) told defendant that his conduct was most extraordinary, and fined him 40s. and costs, or a month's imprisonment. Defendant refused to pay the fine.

WOODLESFORD

On Saturday afternoon Woodlesford All Saints' had a football match with Leeds Christ Church W.S., and it was drawn—two goals each.

WHITKIRK

COLTON MAN'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Session on Tuesday Harry Tinker, labourer, of Colton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Halton. P.C. Taylor stated that about 12.50 a.m. on Saturday, March 21st, he found the defendant in a very drunken condition, knocking at the door of his parents' house. As he could not get in he commenced using bad language. As defendant had already been up before the court in the early part of the week for a similar offence, he was fined 10s. and costs.

HOCKEY.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Bradford between Whitkirk and Manningham. Whitkirk attacked from the bully-off and for several minutes the home goal was in jeopardy. Ault saving brilliantly from Pickersgill. Following a fast centre from Ault, Watson opened the scoring for Whitkirk. Manningham improved in the second half, and after Higgins had driven in a nice shot from the left which the goalkeeper stopped, Singham rushed in and equalised. Shortly afterwards the same player snapped up another weak clearance and gave Manningham the lead, which they held to the end, winning by two goals to one. Chief credit for the victory is due to the defence, as Whitkirk were on the attack for three quarters of the game. Cookson was prominent at right back.

CROSSGATES, ROUNDHAY, SHADWELL, SEACROFT LIBERALS.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Roundhay, Shadwell, Seacroft, and Crossgates Ward Liberal Association was held on Friday night at the Leeds and County Liberal Club.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr Frank Avison (Stanks); vice-presidents, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Manston), Mr G. H. Whatmoor (Roundhay), Mr W. G. Smithson (Crossgates), and Mr Haigh (Shadwell); hon. treas., Mr H. J. Garner (Shadwell); and hon. secretary, Mr G. A. Drake (Stanks).

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe proposed a resolution expressing satisfaction at the admirable way in which the Prime Minister and Cabinet had dealt with national affairs in the present crisis, and trusted that they would continue to show a firm attitude so as to assure the nation that no coercion adopted by Army officers or any other organization would deter them passing the Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment Bills into law without unnecessary delay, and, if possible, place on the Statute Book the Plural Voting Bill before another appeal was made to the country.

Mr Haigh seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

At an Arts and Crafts Exhibition at York, on Tuesday prizes were offered by Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught for laundered articles done by working women, and they were won by Mrs Roberts, of Askham Bryan. For bedwork Mrs Morgan, of Askham Bryan, won first prize, and for wool hearthrug she was second.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A number of children were playing by the side of the river Ouse, near Messrs Williamson's depot, on Ousegate, Selby, on Saturday, when a little boy named Smith, Smithwhole, son of Upchurwood's Yard, fell into the water. Thomas Irwin pluckily went to his assistance just as he was sinking. He, however, was nearly overpowered by the drowning child, and Arthur Barlby, a bill-poster, noticing the struggle, was able to effect the rescue of the children. A strong tide running added to the difficulties.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.—There was a crowded congregation at Monk Fryston Parish Church on Friday afternoon, when a confirmation service was conducted by the Bishop of Beverley. Altogether there were about 120 candidates, of whom 50 were from Monk Fryston, and the others from the parishes of Sherburn, South Milford, Micklefield, and Ledsham. The vicars of the five parishes were present, viz., Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, Rev. F. C. Young, Rev. E. J. Barry, Rev. C. D. Farrer, and the Rev. G. E. Warlow. The Bishop delivered a helpful and appropriate address, which was closely followed by the confirmees and the congregation. After the service all the confirmees partook of tea in the Concert Hall.

GARFORTH URBAN COUNCIL.

HEALTH OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY—PRIVATE STREETS.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday night—Mr J. B. Reed (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs S. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), J. W. Dobson, R. Routledge, sen., W. W. Hartley, T. S. Slater, W. Goodall, H. Liversedge, and H. Chapell, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the medical officer (Dr Pickersgill), the surveyor (Mr T. Abbott), and the water inspector (Mr Naylor).

The proposed alterations to a shop in Main Street, and for the construction of w.c.'s at Mr Archer's property in Wilkefield Road were passed.

Three tenders for iron labour were received, and that of Mr E. Dixon was accepted.

A circular was received from the County Council asking the co-operation of the Urban Council in carrying out their nursing scheme, and it will be discussed at next meeting.

At a meeting of the Fire and Lighting Committee it was agreed that the Council be recommended to purchase 14 tunics, and 14 helmets.

HIGHWAYS AND SANITARY

At a meeting of the Highways, Sanitary, and General Purposes Committee a letter was read from Mr Arthur Mosley with respect to building on land at Garforth Cliff, belonging to him and purchased from the Hon W. Lowther, and enquiring whether the Council would be prepared to extend the sewer so as to serve this estate, and it also enquired as to the water mains. It was decided that the Council could not extend the sewer, but would be prepared to lay on the water.

A letter was read from Mr J. W. Armitage, of Salisbury Terrace, Garforth, complaining about the cottage adjoining Salisbury Terrace being in a verminous condition, and their gardens being covered with straw in windy weather. The letter was allowed to lie on the table.

A letter was read from Mr John Horsfield stating that Mr A. Fox had been instructed to carry out the work in connection with the conversion of the privies at his property into water closets.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Kirkby Wilson stating that the owner of the property at Milnthrope Buildings was dead, but that he did not appreciate any difficulty in arranging matters with the executors, and asking for the matter to stand over for a time.

The grader of Messrs Learoyd and Cockrem for cleaning sewer outfall was accepted.

The Clerk was instructed to write Mr Buckhouse that the Council would be at no expense in connecting water closets, and that the work would be personally looked after once.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

Dr Pickersgill reported that during the month there had been 13 births—7 males and 6 females, and 7 deaths—4 females, and 3 males, the ages ranging from a day to 70 years. One of these deaths registered was an Allerton Bywater person from typhoid in the hospital.

Two cases of scarlet fever were notified, one of them having been sent to the hospital at Leeds.

Dr Pickersgill: Yes. The patient is a Garforth girl.

Measles and chickenpox, it was stated were prevalent in the area.

THE WATER SUPPLY

Mr Naylor, the inspector, reported that during the month ended March 31st (35 days) the consumption of water was 18,512,000 gallons, being an average of 43,000 gallons daily. The total consumption for the year was 18,410,000 against 18,417,000 for the previous year.

During the month seven water closets had been fixed and 19 for the year, there being 177 altogether, while three baths had been fixed during the year, making 129 in all. No connections had been made to the mains during the year.

Mr Hartley said he thought that the water inspector's duties should include a periodical inspection of the taps, and he mentioned a case where water had been running to waste. They ought not to allow that, because it meant loss to the ratepayers, and he thought it might be prevented if the water taps were periodically examined.

Mr Routledge said he understood that the agreement as to the duties was to be brought up at the next meeting.

The Clerk indicated that he did not know about it.

Mr Gascoigne said the question could be gone into on the reappointment being made by the new Council.

The Clerk said he would supply each member with a copy of the agreement.

The matter will be considered at the next meeting.

PRIVATE STREETS

For the making-up of two private streets—Beech Grove Avenue and Beech Grove Terrace Beech Grove—tenders were submitted, ranging from £839 to £633.

Mr Routledge inquired how many property-owners there were in the streets.

Mr Abbott said he did not know.

Mr Gascoigne said he heard of a man who had gone into one of the streets with a waggon, and he was over the knees in water.

The Chairman said he thought they should adjourn this question and have Mr Smithson, the surveyor, at the meeting.

Mr Goodall said it was impossible to settle the tenders until they had Mr Smithson present.

Mr Hartley said they would have to have the tenders and the appointments would have to be left with the surveyor.

Mr Routledge, sen., proposed that the tenders be adjourned until next meeting, and that Mr Smithson be asked to attend.

Mr Routledge, jun., seconded, and this was adopted.

Mr Gascoigne accused some of the members of lacking earnestness in their duties. "Talk about the health of the district," he said, "the children get cold by getting wet in these streets and other troubles follow."

Mr Routledge said it would be foolish to do anything with the tenders without Mr Smithson being present.

Then followed some cross-talk between Mr Gascoigne and Mr Routledge, jun.

"This discussion is out of order," said the Chairman, who passed on to the next business.

MONEY FROM TADCASTER

The Clerk intimated that he had received the order of the County Council awarding Garforth £209 in settlement of all claims in connection with the old water works against Tadcaster District Council. The money was to be paid on April 1st.

Mr Routledge: We have not got the money yet.

Mr Dobson: It has been included in the estimates at Tadcaster.

Mr Gascoigne asked if Garforth was entitled to any of the money awarded to Tadcaster District Council in connection of the Kiddal scheme.

Mr Routledge said he did not know, but he would look into the matter.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr J. H. Thomas) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Darling, Rev. T. Cody, Dr. Graves, Messrs W. Scrimshaw, F. Bussell, J. Batchelder, T. G. Cowens, W. Verity, G. Artingstall, P. S. Marsden, R. B. Pickersgill, W. A. Appleyard, W. Iveson, W. Stead, J. Gawins, F. Jee, Hemingway, and J. W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. May).

The workhouse master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been three deaths in the workhouse, and that 56 vagrants had been relieved as against 52 for the corresponding period last year, an increase of four.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee showed that two only of the four selected candidates for the appointment of paid mother attended before the Committee, and both of them withdrew their applications. Three applications from persons over age were considered, and it was resolved that the Clerk advertise again. It was also resolved that the only age limit be a minimum of 20 years.

A further letter was received from the Local Government Board stating they were not adequate reasons for departing from the decision conveyed in their letter of the 2nd ult, and requesting the Guardians to make arrangements for the emigration of the two Roman Catholic children through the Catholic Emigration Association. The Clerk reported an interview with an official, and subsequent correspondence with the Salvation Army in which it was pointed out that they expected the children to be sent to them reasonably clad and were prepared to make an abatement of £2 in each case conditional upon the Guardians providing the supplementary outfit required, which the superintendent reported would cost £2 tgs. in the case of the boys and £2 6s. 6d. in the case of the girls.

A letter was received from Mrs Birt in reply to enquiries stating that she is prepared to undertake the emigration on the same terms as before.

The Clerk reported that in consequence of the letter from the Local Government Board he had made enquiry of the Child Emigration Association, and received a reply stating that they will be prepared to comply with the reasonable wishes of the Guardians concerning the placing out, and terms and conditions of employment or service of any child, emigrated through them while under the age of 18 years, and while under the parental control of the Guardians. It was resolved that under the altered circumstances the Board be recommended to emigrate the two Catholic children through the Catholic Emigration Association on the terms and conditions laid down in which they have agreed to accept the resolution adopting the proceedings and recommendations of this Committee so far as it directs the emigration of the said children through the Salvation Army.

A proposition that under the same circumstances the remainder of the children be emigrated through Mrs Birt was lost.

The minutes were approved.

At a special meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the Clerk submitted eleven applications received in reply to his advertisement for a relief mother, and reported that three of them were not in compliance with the conditions. Of the remainder four were selected to attend before the Committee.

A resolution moved by Mr W. Verity that the salaries of two of the charge nurses of the general institution from £30 and £34 respectively be raised by annual amounts of £2 on approved service to £40 per annum together with the usual emoluments, was passed.

Mr Bennett moved a resolution rescinding the adoption of the proceedings and recommendations of the Children's Homes Committee so far as it directs the emigration of such children through the Salvation Army.

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of the West Riding Asylums Board relating to the increase of charge of maintenance of lunatics from 10s. 6d. to 11s. 8d. per head, which stated that the increase was due to the greater number of inmates and the increased cost of food, clothing, etc., together with the increase of nurses' salaries.

Mr Lamb said the explanation was perfectly satisfactory, and he hoped the Hunslet Board would keep the facts of the increased cost in clothing, food, and fuel when considering the question of relief.

The Rev. F. Gumley, at one time curate at Boston Spa, was inducted to the living of Gateforth on Saturday.

SUCCESS.—On Tuesday at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at York, Mr T. Atkinson, of Bolton Percy, was first for chip carving. In the school classes Stanley Pounder, of Bolton Percy, was first for woodcarving, and for basket of osier or cane Cecil Roper, of Bolton Percy, was second.

LANTERN LECTURE.—On Thursday evening at the Concert Hall, Monk Fryston, an interesting lecture on "What we owe to animals" was given by Miss Percy, R.S.P.C.A., of York. The lecture was illustrated by over 100 pictures, and there was a large gathering. A collection was taken to defray expenses.

DANCE.—On Friday evening a dance was held in the Concert Hall, Monk Fryston, under the auspices of the Monk Fryston Dancing Class. Dancing was indulged in from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m., and about 100 persons were present. The musicians were Miss Laycock and Mr G. Good enough, and the duties of M.C. were discharged by Messrs I. Atkinson and W. Goodenough.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT.—A very successful and enjoyable children's concert was given in the Monk Fryston Wesleyan Schoolroom, on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, action songs, sketches, etc., and all the items were well rendered, and greatly appreciated by a large audience. The children were trained by Mrs Walker and Mrs Cundall. The proceeds were in aid of the Young People's Union.

BURIAL BOARD.—The yearly meeting of the Monk Fryston Burial Board was held at the Institute on Thursday evening. The Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., presided, and other members present were Messrs J. W. Holdridge, H. R. Bucke, and G. Webster, with the Clerk (Mr G. Wanless). The Clerk reported that only 11 interments had taken place during the past year, showing that the parish had had a very low death-rate. The Clerk was instructed to give notice to the Hillam Parish Council that it was their turn to elect two members on the Board for the ensuing three years. The retiring members are Messrs H. Bucke and J. R. Stockdale, who are eligible for re-election.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace the principal attraction is a production entitled "Just My Luck," and certainly deserves the title, a riotously humorous mirth, music, and song." The merit of such a description is that one is saved the bother of trying to discover what the piece is really striving to be. It is simply a "mixture" of song, dance, and comedy. Miss Claire Romaine has a couple of good songs, and the chorus of 12 "girls" do well, and take part in some pretty dances. Miss Eileen North and Mr Gerald Williams also contribute tuneful numbers, and there is some graceful dancing by Miss Ida Rayne. The remainder of the programme includes some amusing knockabout nonsense by Bennie Brake's company, clever dancing by the Eight Lancashire Lads, and some entertaining juggling of new words and old tunes by Sidney James.

An exceptionally fine programme has been arranged for Monday next at the Empire, Leeds Brandon Hurst, the American actor, and his own company, the sensational comedy by Edward Peple, entitled "The Girl," will be one of the leading features of the programme. The characters in this sketch consist of three apparently unimportant quality. They are simply described as The Man, The Boy, and The Servant, played respectively by Mr Brandon Hurst, Mr H. B. Waring, and Mr Harold Brandon. A novel feature is that although the sketch is played in one scene, the curtain is lowered momentarily during the act to indicate that a lapse of six hours in the action takes place. Among others on this excellent programme are Victoria Monks, popularly known as "John Bull's Girl." Miss Monks will introduce her new song success "All aboard for London Town"; Friend and Downing, the chosen couple, awarded the palm in the Hebrew couple's class, vide "Sunday Chronicle"; The Tourbillon Troupe of Acrobatic Equilibrists; Ling Tai's Country"; Alec, Kendall, simply natural—no other excuse; Rob, Ivy, and Lynn, in a vocal scena; Griff, the joking Juggling Johnny; Modelle Rosalie, comedienne and dancer; and a new series of pictures on the American bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week Miss Ella Retford heads the bill. Her popularity was again demonstrated on Monday night. She sang three songs which her characteristic vivacity, and there were calls for more. In ragtime Miss Retford excels, and very typical of this class of song was her "Automobile" ditty, with its quaint descriptive phrases. No less welcome was her rendering of the well-known "Heigho! Can't you hear the steamer?" Another artiste, in quite another line, is Miss Josephine La Barte, who, accompanying herself at the pianoforte, plays much above the average. On Monday night she was obviously suffering from a cold, yet she gave a very effective rendering of a little sentimental ballad, "The Country of Dreams," and also rendered bright songs, one of them of the "Breezy, Briny Sea," the other Irish. The Four Royal Scots give quite a merry musical entertainment; Ernest Hastings does some lightning cartoon and white sketches very cleverly; the Raffis and Wilson Trio have a turn in which tumbling blends with vocalism in an unaccustomed degree; Lydia Yeamans Titus are W. F. B. the comic cyclist; Junora and Partner, clever hand and head "balancers"; Miss Lily Langtry, and Monty Ash.

Next week at the Hippodrome the chief attraction will be a revue, entitled "Go-Ahead," reviewing the revues, in eight incidents, and the cast will include Edris Coombs, James Leslie, Frank Hemming, R. Lee, Billy Myles, Ernest Bell, Robert Reilly, and Winifred Rema, while there will be a galaxy of handsome ladies and a smart chorus of gentlemen. Others billed to appear are Jessie Jackson, in a new repertoire, from the London Palace and Coliseum; Dolly Elsworthy, in character studies; Barney Murphy, comedian; Mr and Mrs W. F. Manning, in "Our Wedding Anniversary"; and Eric Clifford, the Australian baritone. In addition pictures will be shown on the bioscope.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

One of the latest dramas makes its first appearance at the Queen's Theatre. This is "A Mill Girl's Wedding." In the various performances it has met with a good reception, the audiences showing keen appreciation of the most of the characters. Particularly is the character of Peter Arncliffe, the weaver and captain of the Beaver Mills Football Club, and he has the able support of Miss Alma Shelley, who impersonates Mary Grey, the mill girl. The other members of the company have been well chosen, leading parts being taken by Mr Royce Milton, Miss Florence Huntley, and Miss Tony Tourcoin.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Charles Draycott's London Company will appear in the great thrilling drama of real life "The Heart Bowed Down," or "His Love for an Actress."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties Messrs Wilson and Crook are presenting a dramatic sketch entitled "The Twelfth Man." The scene is laid in a jury room attached to the Criminal Courts, and it deals with a lattle-pox trial for prosecution and defence, and the saving of a man's life through a sheer miracle. Fred Ward and his little lady, Selina, sing and dance well in their burlesque coon scena, "Ma Lindy," and Fred Leroy, though young in years, provide plenty of amusement by their juggling eccentricities, and Zenora presents some smart handbalancing acts. Others who contribute are Myra Grey (vocalist), and Jack W. Rooke, in song and patter.

Next week at the City Varieties Charles F. Hill, described as the dumb droll of serving a Mill Girl's Wedding" will be supported by a first-rate company of artistes. These include Connie Mascot, comedienne and dancer; Eddie Walker, burlesque comedian; the Rochefords, vocalists and dancers; The Randles in "Subdued"; and Neuman and Royle, in the ventriloquial novelty, "The Widow." Several pictures will be depicted by the Varlescope.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE

At the Theatre de Luxe this week "Orders Under Seal," a fine achievement of the cinematographic art and embracing those qualities which make a successful production, was a great attraction. It is a remarkable story of the love of Count Spinelli, a spy, for Lady van Houven, and the almost tragic results of his efforts to disclose the sealed orders. It occupies nearly two hours and there are some wonderful scenic effects. Pathe's Gazette and a daring Civil War burlesque "Cohen Saves the Flag" are also shown.

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The N.E.R. employees at Gascoigne Wood Junction have sent £3 5s. 7d. to Leeds Infirmary.

On Saturday afternoon East Keswick had a hockey match with Leeds Salem, and the latter won by four goals to one.

On Monday at the Petty Sessions a resident of Tadcaster West was summoned for non-payment of rates, and an order was made.

P.C. Pearson, of Selby, after twenty-six years' service in the West Riding Constabulary, spent in the Selby Police Division, retired on pension on Tuesday.

PARISH ROOM.—At a general meeting of the members of Aberford Parish Room on Monday night, the following were elected on the Working Committee:—Messrs Woodward, Stead, Blakey, Worsley, Chapman, Capt. Pratt, and Wallace.

RABBIT COURSING.—A £40 rabbit coursing match was held on the canal side, Selby, on Saturday afternoon, between C. Goodyer's Sam (Selby) and A. Hartland's Bowbrion Gipsy (Haddlesey), best of fifteen courses, Goodyer's Sam, who received 4½ yards start, proved the winner, winning eight courses, against Gipsy's seven. Three courses were undecided.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.—The motor-cycling club which has been formed at Boston Spa had an outing at the week-end to Pately Bridge, the first programme for the season. The muster auguring well for the season. The organization is intended to be of mutual benefit to members in technical matters, as well as to act in defence where motor-cycling interests are threatened. An interesting social and competitive programme is being arranged. Mr E. C. Dickinson, Boston Spa, is acting as hon. sec.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds; and Central Street, Halifax. Applications—J. W. Rhodes, Leeds, improvements in mattresses, bedding, etc.; David Hannam, Ben Rhydding, improvements in jackets, traction and like garments. Application completed —S. Wormald and W. Stead, Batley, railway signalling apparatus. Patent accepted—E. B. Laycock, Wakefield, combined tennis post and stake. Patent sealed—F. Swithenbank, Yeadon, an improved advertising toy or puzzle.

THE LATE MRS GATHERCOLE.—On Friday the remains of Mrs Gathercole, who died at the age of 66, were interred in the churchyard at Aberford. Deceased, who was very highly respected, was the widow of Mr. William Gathercole, who was at one time postmaster of the village. The funeral was largely attended. Wreaths were sent as follows:—Sissy and Alfred, "Loving sister;" Albert and Louie, Harry and Annie, Mr and Mrs Roberts (Scarcroft), Col. and Mrs Musgrave, Mr and Mrs Prater, Mr and Mrs Hawkes and family, Mrs and Miss Denham, Mr and Mrs P. Addy, the tenants of Barwick-in-Elmet, Mrs Dodds, Mrs Wilson, and Miss H. Denham.

LIBERALISM.—A largely attended Liberal meeting was held at Sherburn on Tuesday evening. Mr Martin Harvey, President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association, was announced to preside, but was unavoidably prevented from being present, and the following letter from him was read to the meeting:—"I regret very much an important business engagement will prevent me from attending the meeting at Sherburn. I hope you will have a good meeting in view of the critical times through which we are passing. It is most known that the policy of the Tories have been attempting to tamper with the loyalty of the Army (both Regulars and Territorials), and I predict that the common-sense of the electorate will easily perceive the very short step between such 'sedition mongering' and the overthrow of all democratic institutions in this country. Many leading Tories are also 'flirting' with Conscription, and we might reasonably look for a new Tory banner with a new inscription thereon as follows:—Optional National Insurance, Optional Army Discipline, Compulsory Military Training. What a noble policy!" Mr W. J. Taylor, Liberal agent, presided, and stirring addresses were delivered by Mr Stafford B. Whitby and Mr F. Bonner Spurrier, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET C.C.C.—The general meeting of the Sherburn Cricket Club was held at the White Swan Hotel on Thursday night, and there was only a small attendance. The chair was taken by Mr J. E. Lawrence, who again elected President, and Messrs F. L. Oglesby and W. A. Osborne were elected captain and vice-captain respectively. A useful working committee was elected. Mr J. Potts, who again undertook the duties of secretary and treasurer, presented the financial statement, which was considered very satisfactory, there being a good balance in hand. Last season 12 matches were played, and 6 were won, 1 lost, and 5 were drawn, while the average number of runs per wicket for the club was 11 against 13 by their opponents. The batting averages were headed by W. A. Osborne, with an average of 31.5, whilst M. C. Holgate and B. Hey had an average 19.6 each. The best bowling figures were those of W. A. Osborne, 16 wickets at an average cost of 2.4, and J. Potts, 34 wickets for 5.6. D. Atkinson headed the list of catches with 6. Messrs J. Rowley and C. H. Cawthorn were awarded a hearty vote of thanks for acting as umpire and scorer during last season. An interesting list of fixtures has been arranged for the coming season, and the prospects of the club are extremely bright, although since the last cricket season the services have been lost of Messrs J. Hawley, L. Ramsden, and B. Hey, the latter having gone to Canada.

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ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban Committee in putting it on the Water Committee. It was true there were people had to Dispatch Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night—Mr J. Hirst Iveson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs J. A. Bridge (vice-chairman), S. Gill, R. Chadwick, J. Armitage, J. B. Hindle, T. P. Wade, T. Kirby, S. Dobson, J. Ellis, H. Hoggard, W. Lacey, R. McNeil, J. Gaunt, and Mr. Hoare, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer (Dr. H. Stevenson), the sanitary inspector (Mr. E. E. Moorhouse), and the surveyor (Mr J. S. Wilmot).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Highways Committee showed that Mr England intimated that the Wakefield Light Railways Board had withdrawn, and he stated his Board had had under consideration the question of workmen's fares to miners and he proposed to agree to try and meet the complaint of workgirls having to walk home at night. He also stated that figures were being got out with regard to an extension to Oulton, on which he would write the Council. The Committee interviewed Mr Herbert Armitage in regard to Windmill Lane Private Street Works, and in Bell Hill. It was also resolved that a water cart be purchased for 45 per from H. Wadsworth, and that new if flushing attachment be included. The following tenders were accepted:—Macadam —Mountsorrel and Welsh Granite Co., and J. and Middlesex, Mountsorrel Granite Co., and J. N. Smith and Co. It was resolved that the tender of J. Farrar and Sons, Ltd., for flags, kerbs, setts, and paviors, be accepted, and a tender by Shaw, Hirst, and Harvey for kerbs, The Kirkheld Granite Co. for concrete flags. It was resolved that Mrs Gould's tender for stone leading in district No. 6 for 1/10 per ton cubic be accepted. A letter was read from the County Council consenting to the application for the paving in the Pontefract Road. It was resolved that the surveyor submit an estimate for paving the footpath from the Long Bridge to Haigh Park and Parson's Road to Town End, Lofthouse.

TRAMWAY FARES

Mr Lunn, in moving the minutes, called attention to the reference to the interview with Mr England with regard to tram-fares, and said perhaps it was the best interview and the most satisfactory they had ever had with the tramways men (Hear, hear). He could say with confidence that as a result they expected to have cheaper fares both for miners and workers and longer fares and better facilities for girls than there had been in the past. With regard to Windmill Lane, they had had an interview, and it was anticipated that, under Mr Gribbs' instructions, an understanding would be arrived at.

Mr Armitage asked what the work were on Bell Hill.

Mr Lunn explained that the Tramway Company were proposing to raise their track at the bottom of the hill, and they had written to the Highways Committee asking what the cost would be. He (Mr Lunn) said he thought it better that they got to know fully what the Company intended to do.

Mr Hirst said they were all pleased to learn of the interview with Mr England, and no doubt the day was not far distant when they would have a modification of tram-fares in the district. The minutes were passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee minutes showed that the Clerk (in the absence of Guardians had considered his services in regard to an adult must in the county rate books.

Mr Lunn raised a question concerning the Clerk to the Rothwell Education Committee, he said, they spent considerable time in discussing matters relative to the education of the district as they affected the Council, but on reason why they could not get any satisfaction from the County Council was because the Clerk of Rothwell Council would not communicate direct with the Clerk of the Education Committee in the district. He (Mr Lunn) asked why it was, and added that the Education Sub-Committee were feeling a little sore on the matter.

Mr Hodgson (the Clerk) asked to what Mr Lunn referred.

Mr Lunn said it was in connection with an amount they had had from the Council for Higher education. Mr Argue (the Clerk of the Rothwell Education Committee) was the secretary for higher education in the district. A cheque from the Council had been sent to the County Council who had forwarded it to the proper quarter. Another matter was relative to the placing of a hydrant in Thorpe Council School.

Mr Chadwick said the point was this—that anything sent from the Clerk of the Council was sent to the County Hall instead of to Mr Argue, and naturally they felt he was being neglected.

Mr Dodgson replied that the reason why he had sent the cheque to the County Hall was because he had received a communication upon the same from the County Hall.

The Chairman, who is also a member of the Education Committee, said the application for grants together concerning the cheque made by Mr Argue, yet he himself had never received any answer.

Mr Dodgson said he was not aware that the matter was one which concerned Mr Argue.

The matter then dropped, and the minutes were passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

It was reported in the minutes of the Sanitary Committee that the Committee considered the draft agreement for the purchase of Lemonroyd from Major Calverley, and asked the Chairman to have certain alterations. It was resolved that an air shaft be erected at the top of Carlton. A petition from Carlton ratepayers was considered, asking that the flushing of the sewers should be done more frequently. It was resolved that the Committee be instructed to flush the sewers throughout Carlton. A notice was received from Hunslet Rural Council proposing to include a portion of Rothwell area in their town-planning scheme. The Committee were asked to give instructions to the inspector as to their minimum requirements when old property was reported unfit for occupation. It was resolved that the inspector notify the owners of 24 houses reported defective. The inspector reported that the house at Lofthouse Park was unfit for occupation, and unsafe. He was instructed to notify the Lofthouse Park Type Co., Ltd., that the house must not be occupied until the notice which was served in respect thereof was complied with.

In moving the minutes Mr Chadwick said the Waterworks Committee were willing to flush the sewers at Carlton if there was only more water.

Mr Lunn said he liked the idea of the Sanitary chims of this society will not be overlooked, and that the Mansion House Fund for the Distribution of Literature to the Blind (a most worthy object, as I have said already), and laudable object, as I have said already), would not divert assistance from a society which is chiefly concerned with saving the blind from unemployment, hunger, and misery.—Yours, etc.,

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GARFORTH AND SOUTH MILFORD BOTHER

On Tuesday evening at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, the West Riding Appeals Board (Messrs Waterhouse and Beanty Hall) again had before them an appeal by Garforth W.R. against a decision of the Barkston Ash Football Association in a South Milford case.

In the first instance Garforth objected to a match standing owing to South Milford having played an ineligible man in Chilton, who, they contended, had not been properly transferred from Monk Fryston. The objection was disallowed and the deposit forfeited. An appeal was made to the West Riding Association, and it was upheld by the Appeals Board, who held that there was not sufficient time from the date of the application to complete the transfer according to the Barkston Ash rules.

South Milford asked the Board to reopen the case and submitted further evidence.

The Appeals Board did not reverse their previous decision, but they agreed that, having regard to the further evidence, the match between Garforth and South Milford should be replayed. The deposit from South Milford will be returned and the expenses of the Appeal Board will be the first charge on the "gate."

If the match is not re-played the expenses of the Appeal Board will be taken out of the deposit.

The Board recommended a re-arrangement of the Barkston Ash transfer rules.

MINERS IN THE DISTRICT CEASE WORK.

OPINION AT GARFORTH

The miners in the district, in common with the colliers in other parts of Yorkshire, have come out on strike. The dispute has arisen over the interpretation of Sir E. Clark's award as to payment for getting of the South Yorkshire Medium Wage Board. The award raised the minimum wage for colliers to one contract from 9s. 6d. to 7s. 3d. per day.

The first pay-day the men concerned found that instead of the expected extra 3s. they received less than before, the owners have interpreted the award as including the 4s per week, equal to 7½d. per day increase in the general wage, whereas the men's idea was that the 4s per cent. was additional to the minimum.

The first of the notices to expire in the district were over pay at the three pits belonging to the Garforth Colliery Company, where more than 1,200 miners are employed. The men on the afternoon shift finished on Monday night, and only went down to the pits on Tuesday morning to make up their final reckonings before the mines stopped working altogether. The rest of the colliers finished with the week's work on Wednesday afternoon, and after that the only work done was that of getting the horses out to the surface and other preparations for the stoppage, which it had been agreed between the management and the men should be completed before all the men left.

The men affected in the district number about 13,000, the principal collieries being the Waterloo Main, the Chandler's Fourth pits, the collieries at Middleton, Micklefield, Woodlesford, Garforth, and the Allerton Main pits.

There is a general expectation both among the men and the managers that the struggle will be a long and determined one. The men at Garforth, for instance, have no particular grievance of their own, with the exception of a little more than a year ago, when the reinstatement of a man who was said to have been injured in the pit, but, at the command of their union, they have cheerfully left their work to enforce the demands of the South Yorkshire miners.

At Garforth a reporter found a group of men whose notices expired on Monday night. They were taking their position very light-heartedly, and expressed themselves as quite pleased that the strike had at last begun. "Everyone agrees," said one, "that it would have been far better if the strike could have been avoided, but I don't see how it could have been, under the circumstances. Suspending the notices, as was suggested, would have done no good, for at the end of the suspension we would have just been the same. The men here, at Garforth, therefore, are glad to have got to grips quickly."

The men frankly admitted that they had no grievances of their own, and were striking purely out of sympathy, but none of them regretted the strike on that score. "It is the principle of the thing we are fighting for," said one. "If we allow the South Yorkshire men to be beaten, it will be our turn next, when we put our programme, which is now in course of preparation, before the owners. So far as the Garforth men are concerned, they are prepared to fight to the bitter end, rather than submit to unsatisfactory terms."

In any case, the prospect of a few weeks' holiday appealed to most of the men, who, during recent months, have been making very good money. Many of them already are looking forward to spending their time in angling.

Mr R. Routledge, the manager of the Garforth Collieries, said he was afraid this dispute would last for a long time. "We have been working on the best of terms with our men," he said, "and there is no feeling at all. Not to put even, of the men, I should say, really want to strike, but they have been led like sheep, and now they are out, I think they will stay.

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SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

HON. E. L. WOOD'S SUGGESTIONS.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr Edmund Harvey (Leeds) moved a resolution declaring that while trade was still good, further provision should be made for the planning of public work so as to regularise the demand for labour as well as for the organization, maintenance, and aid of training institutions, and other agencies for dealing with the problems of unemployment.

The Hon. E. L. Wood seconded the motion. He hoped Mr Hughes Samuel would be able to give the House and the country some definite information on the subject. There was, he believed, a general impression in the country that upon the whole Part 2 of the Act was working extremely well, and was a great practical success (Hear, hear). He hoped it was so. There was also, however, some uncertainty as to the figures in regard to the number of the compulsorily insured traders under this part of the Act. He had been given some figures, the accuracy of which he did not vouch for, which showed that the administrative expenses of Part 2 of the Act were about £30,000 a year, whilst the sum estimated to be paid as unemployment benefit was £300,000 a year. If these figures were approximately correct, then there seemed to be an enormous proportion of money spent in administration expenses compared with the sum distributed in benefits (Applause). It worked out at 1s. for the workman and 8d. for the official. The extension of this part of the Act could be brought about in either of two ways. It could be done by bringing more trades within the scope of compulsorily insured trades, or it could be done by extending and improving the conditions under which the non-compulsorily insured trades received the benefits of this part of the Act. If there were any doubt about the financial soundness of the compulsory side of the scheme, he thought the Government would be well advised to consider the extension by way of an enlargement of the provisions for the non-compulsorily insured trades. (Hear, hear). With regard to chronic unemployment he should be the last to minimise the importance of dealing with the problem through the child—(hear, hear)—but to deal with it through the men was unfortunately situated, if not the only way, presented undoubtedly the most pressing problem. (Hear, hear). Everyone who had studied the question was convinced that the only way in which to deal with what he might call the decasualisation of labour was by checking the influx of a certain class of labour into trades which were already overstocked with that type of worker. (Hear, hear). He had always thought it might be possible to do something in a small way, in so far as the unemployment was contributed to by discharged soldiers. He would appeal to the Government the possibility of making arrangements on a territorial basis with employers by which the latter would undertake always to keep a certain number of places in their works to be filled by discharged soldiers, and, in proportion as the employes were willing to do that, the Government should reciprocate that willingness in the shape of giving advantages by way of reduction in rating or taxation, etc. (Hear, hear). With regard to the question of graded establishments and trade unions he thought they should move very carefully in such a matter, because if they did not they would run a risk of breaking down the work of administration in the matter of selection. He would urge upon the Government seriously to consider the advisability of setting up a committee to enquire into the whole matter. (Hear, hear).

Mr Hughes Samuel (Secretary of the Local Government Board) pointed out that during the last eight years a great deal had been done by Parliament to relieve the problem of unemployment. The Labour Exchanges were finding work for 3,000 people a day on the average, 24 millions were insured against unemployment, and £300,000 a year was being paid out in unemployment benefit. The Presidents of the Board of Trade was now preparing orders for the extension of the Unemployed Insurance Act to other trades. Much had been done at the Post Office and by the Education committees to prevent juvenile workers drifting into the ranks of the inefficient, and that was a more hopeful work than any efforts to rescue adult inefficients. Labour colonies, although useful as palliatives, could not touch the mass of unemployment in times of depression. He agreed that every effort should be made by public authorities to equalise work so as to give the largest opportunities for employment when ordinary work was slack. The Road Board had a fund which would reach shortly a million pounds to be expended at a time of trade depression, and the Developments Commissioners had arranged to carry out large works of afforestation and reclamation at prices and trade conditions. They were accumulating a fund which would soon amount to a million pounds, to be released when the need arose. There were further accumulations in the hands of the Development Commissioners of nearly three million pounds for unemployment benefit, and all this money when put into circulation would advantage the whole community. The Treasury were appointing a Committee to consider whether any, and if so what, steps could be taken with a view to regularise the road demand for labour from year to year at passed Lilth Fenton, and re-crossing the Church Fenton Road marked their fox to ground on the Sidings, Ltd., Hull, and by subsequent amalgamation effected with the Jute Industries, Ltd., Hull. As the vessel left the ways she was gracefully named Admiral Craddock, by Mrs Cantwright, of Hessle.

Present at the launch and subsequent presentation were Mr Foster, managing director, and Mr. D. Foster, manager, were each presented with a handsome oak smoking cabinet. Mr C. Foster, the assistant manager, was made the recipient of a fine pipe case. Altogether about 200 employes have been at the mills. Since the firm's decision to close down, the workpeople have been good-nilly finding employment at other works. Mr E. J. Foster has found berths for a large number of the hands, and on Saturday assured them of his help at all times. The firm have given to each employee a sum of money in proportion to the wages they were receiving.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT SEASON CLOSED.

HUNTING IN ABERFORD DISTRICT.

Owing to the very open winter, hounds having been stopped only on three or four days, and the wet state of the country, the Boxing Day meet at Bramham on an early conclusion this year. The exceptionally dry February induced many farmers to sow corn, consequently masters of hounds have had a difficult job in preventing damage being done to the newly-sown corn.

The York and Ainsty brought their season to a close a week ago, and the Bramham Moor finished with a meet at the Cross Roads, Boroughbridge, on Tuesday, but confined themselves to woodland hunting, the ground being exceedingly soft. The meeting was most unpropitious, heavy showers of rain falling, but gradually this cleared off, and a pleasant day followed.

The season generally has been a poor scenting one, and although there were a large number of foxes in the country during the first month they have been very difficult to find on many days. Hounds have hunted on 112 days, and have killed 71 brace of foxes, and run to ground 30 brace, these figures including cub-hunting.

Three of the best runs are described below:—On January 5th they met at Butterside Bar, and ran from Cowthorpe Wood, over the York and Ainsty country, and into the Bedale country at Ripon, an 11-mile point, and the time three hours. Another good hunt was on December 17th, when they met at Riffa, and killed their fox at Gollingham Bridge, an 8¼ mile point, and the time 1 hour 35 minutes; while the third notable run was on November 24th, when they met at Arthington, found at Oyestone. While at Harewood Park, ran him to Rigton Moor, Scarcroft, Wike, Norwood Bottoms at Thorner, and on to Barwick, being given up in Black Ings amongst fresh foxes, after a hunt of 3 hours and 45 minutes' duration. The most consistent sport has been obtained from Bishop Woods, for only on rare days—and that a good many days—were they without a good gallop when they tried their covers. It would have been difficult for hounds to have hunted on many days but for the parties taken by the huntsman, Peter Farrelly, who is to lose the services of the head whip, Alf. Hoare.

The sport on Tuesday was tame. After meeting at Bramham Cross Roads, Hufferton was blank. A fox from Hazlewood was marked to ground in Black Fir Covers, and from through Hazlewood, and was marked to ground within reading for Jackdaw Crag. Another was viewed leaving Bullen Wood long before the pack got there, and hunting on a stale. Eine they took it across the Cock Beck, and were beaten on the road between Lotherton and Lead Mill. Parlington Park was blank. A fox from the Hollins crossed to Boot, Banks, and was there abandoned. Another from Becca Moor went over the York and Leeds Road, and after a turn or two of Black Fir Covers marked to ground. Newton Grove Willows, Smaws, and Oglethorpe being in succession drawn blank, a bad day's sport and a very moderate season ended.

MEET AT DEIGHTON BAR.

The day was gloriously fine when the Bramham Moor Hounds met at Deighton Bar on Friday. The Swinnow and Allerton Bywater Harriers met at Deighton Bank. A fox found at Spring Wood crossed to Heslock Field Rash, and was viewed down to Cowthorpe Village, where it was seen by a vixen, and hounds changed. Finding at Minster Hagg the pack run fast across Rudgate and headed for Tockwith Village, but soon bearing away to the right went over the Roman Road, crossed Marston and passing Bilton Hall hunted on through Bilton Wood to the Loft at Wighill. Here the fox was almost caught, but just managing to get clear, he doubled back, and running at good pace was pointing for the York Road when his strength sharply to the left into Bickerton Spring and was killed after a hunt of 25 minutes. The Wilbur Earth at Wighill was blank, as was Hall Parlet, Walton Whin and the Wighill Ings. The pack were not more successful at Thorp Arch Whin or Barnett's Wood, and returned to kennels after drawing the spinnies at Hall Orchards blank.

MEET AT BIGGIN.

The meet of the Bramham Moor Hounds on Saturday was at Biggin, and going straight to Bishop Woods they soon had a leash of foxes on hand, and one being viewed away Farrelly soon had Reynard on his back, and at a good pace hunted him up to the Selby and Cawood Light Railway. After a turn to the left and a second to the right, he crossed the line and ran to Cawood Willow Carrs.

Leaving Cawood village on the left, the pack hunted on past Paradise Lodge, over the Church Fenton Road to Meek Wood, and from it pointed to Old Park Wood, but turning to the left passed Little Fenton and headed for Bishop Woods.

Short of the Cawood and Sherburn Road, the fox bore righthanded, and going through Ash Row Wood nearly reached Sherburn Station, but now, turning again to the right, the pack Scarcroft Plantation and Reynard's Crag blank. Several gorse patches en route to Beckwithshaw were also drawn without a fox.

An outlyer, picked up near the Upper Boar Holes, ran through the covert and headed out to Carlisle Wood at Beckwithshaw was blank, and after drawing Sigton Moor without finding, hounds returned to kennels after a good day's sport, the only virtue of which being that it was not blank.

Roundhay Park will not be without its firstclass military bands this season, as arrangements have been entered into with the bands of The Scots Greys, the and Seaforth Highlanders (with pipers), and the Yorkshire Hussars.

MEET AT SWARCLIFFE HALL.

Swarcliffe Hall, the residence of Captain C. S. Greenwood, is one of the furthest meets from the kennels of the Bramham Moor Hounds, and the journey there on Monday was made by special train. Hounds began operations in the Swarcliffe Plantation and Reynard's Crag blank. Several gorse patches en route to Beckwithshaw were also drawn without a fox.

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SHORT STORY

The train was three-quarters of an hour late, and Aunt Caroline had counted and recounted her luggage several times, besides drafting the rough copy of a letter she intended to write to the Directors of the Slowpuddle Railway on the back of one of their misleading handbills.

"Be sure and copy it legibly and neatly, Edith," she said as she handed a medley of very indistinct pencil characters to her long-suffering niece. "and post it in the General, for I am quite certain that postman forgets to clear the letter-box six times out of seven."

"Certainly, aunt," replied the girl, meekly, as she stole a furtive glance at the station clock.

Caroline Grayson had never been called "auntie" by anyone. Her personality was too angular to permit of being addressed by a diminutive. In the first place she would neither have understood it nor desired it, and yet, as years went on, she was conscious she had lost something undefinable in life.

"The train is signalled," remarked Edith, after another long pause.

"Recount my luggage," gasped Miss Grayson, as she struggled to disconnect her waterproof and her hat-box. "Two trunks, one small portmanteau, a hold-all and—what have you done with the—the umbrellas? Don't forget to see that the canary, and send me a postcard every day if it does not seem well."

Then the befuddled train steamed leisurely into view, and in another five minutes it had carried Aunt Caroline round a sharp curve.

Simultaneously, Fred Silverton appeared on the scene. He, too, felt annoyed with every official connected with the Slowpuddle Railway system for abridging what was becoming a daily walk.

He had been engaged to Edith Grayson for three years, when a kindly Fate had caused him to be transferred to Slowpuddle Bank.

Aunt Caroline's "home" was twenty-five miles away, but every year she paid a visit to Edith, who lived with her old nurse, who he was in communication on the Esplanade.

This visit was always paid on the way to stay with other relations in London, and Aunt Caroline insisted on having her canary, which Edith had to return when its owner passed through Slowpuddle on route to her "home."

It was a responsibility, and this responsibility weighed more heavily each year, for the canary did not grow any younger.

This time it grew more decrepid and limp daily, till one morning Edith found it huddled up in a corner of the cage.

"Dead as a door-nail," was Fred's verdict, and the two looked at each other in consternation.

"Aunt Caroline will never forgive me," sighed Edith. "She is always threatening to alter her will. Now it is inevitable. Whatever shall we do?"

Prospects certainly looked black. The wedding day, which, through force of circumstances, had never been fixed as yet, faded away beyond the horizon, and long years of morning teaching loomed in front of Edith.

Aunt Caroline had forgiven her for preferring to remain with her old nurse after her mother's death to becoming her unpaid companion, but the death of the veteran biped would doubtless be an unpardonable offence.

"I have an idea, Edie," exclaimed Fred. "Lend me the canary!"

"I was going to bury it," observed Edith dolefully.

After dark, Fred returned without the canary, but he took away the cage.

The next afternoon, after bank hours, he appeared for his walk, cage in hand. Within the cage was a bird.

It might have been "Dickie," resuscitated, and for a moment Edith gazed in silence, then she cried:

"What have you done?"

"Substituted a changeling," laughed Fred. "I spent all yesterday evening in trying to find a good match to the departed Dickie, and I flatter myself I have been fairly successful."

So Dickie II reigned triumphant, and as the days passed on, Edith almost forgot the fiasco.

In due course came a letter from Aunt Caroline. She would go train at Slowpuddle to-morrow, and bring the canary with you."

So Edith drove down in a ramshackle cab from the "Victoria" and Queen the best.

"Where's your canary?" she declared, "and I never noticed that block mark on its neck?"

"Perhaps it's a smut!" faltered Edith.

"Childlestick!!" retorted Aunt Caroline. "Whenever is that engagement of yours going to end?"

"When we can afford to marry," Edith ventured to suggest.

"I don't approve of it at all," snapped her aunt. "I will never encourage such folly."

Nevertheless, within a week, Edith received a cheque enclosed in several pages of dismal foreboding, good advice, and the following P.S.

"I am pleased with the improvement in the appearance of the canary."

"I can't accept it, Fred," sobbed Edith. "We cannot marry under such circumstances. I have felt deceitful and miserable ever since I handed the false canary to Aunt Caroline."

Fred laughed on his chair uneasily.

"I shall write and return the cheque and tell the truth," continued Edith firmly.

"Perhaps you are right," said Fred. "But, dear, I suppose we shall have to wait years and years, and after all it was only fun."

But Edith stuck to her guns, and after a good cry and two hours' hard work at how to word it, the cheque was posted it in the letter-box.

Not a word was heard for a month. Then came a bigger cheque, and a curt note enquiry "Was the engagement broken off?"

Of course it was not, and in reply to the cheque and query, Aunt Caroline received gratitude and an invitation to the wedding.

"I had no idea that the postman must have forgotten to clear the letter-box. Aunt Caroline always said he frequently did so," cried Edith, as she waved the cheque in front of Fred.

"Fred was sure on that point. However, like a wise man, he said nothing, and hummed a few bars of the Bridal March to hide his confiding emotions.

And the new canary sang a merry song befitting the happy occasion when Aunt Caroline ordered a new bonnet out of compliment to the bride and bridegroom.

SYMPTOMS OF FEVERS.

In the case of certain fevers the definite symptoms which mark their development are generally plainly discernible, says Dr. W. Wilson, in "Before the Doctor Comes." Thus in scarlet fever we expect to find throat affection represented. Pain in the throat, swelling of the glands, and the development of a membrane at the back of the mouth and upper part of the throat and windpipe would strongly suggest an attack of diphtheria. In measles we get all the symptoms of a severe cold in the head. Influenza, as is only too well known, begins by the development of pain in the muscles, particularly those of the small of the back and lower limbs, while severe headache and prostration accompany its onset. There is great danger incurred in attempting to fight the disease, and it has also to be borne in mind that the danger in influenza is not represented by the presence of the disease itself as much as in the sequelæ, or after-effects, which follow this annoying complaint. Such effects are found in troubles which may affect the heart, the lungs, the digestive system, or the nervous system. A safe rule for guidance in influenza is that the sooner the patient takes to bed and maintains his warmth the less likely he is to suffer from the after-effects in question.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANOTHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Like so many years I have been greatly interested in the sad lot of those who are blind, and have long had the privilege of subscribing to the funds and generally for their welfare.

At the present moment there is a strenuous effort being made to supply blind persons with books in the Braille type. This effort is most laudable, and, I am sure, hope it may be crowned with success, but there are some aspects of the case which seem to have escaped public notice.

It was stated by Mr Wardle in the House of Commons on 19th March last that there were 34,000 blind persons in the United Kingdom.

"Out of these, 5,000 were in workhouses, 3,000 were receiving parish relief, and 7,000 were receiving pensions. Of the remainder, a considerable proportion were old people, who, by reason of the weather, a perpetual reproach to the nation at large."

If Mr Wardle's figures are, as I believe, correct, it is abundantly evident that something ought to be done, and done quickly, to meet the urgent bodily needs of the destitute blind. The first concern, in my opinion, should be to see that persons permanently raise them above their destitution by putting them to remunerative work. When we have rescued them from beggary, the workhouse, and parish relief, it will be time enough to provide for their mental needs and pleasures. It is hardly kind to offer them a book when they are asking for bread, even though that book be in Braille type, to the majority, for, as things are now, only a very small percentage of the blind can read the Braille type.

So large a number of destitute blind is our present condition, and national reproach. When this has been removed, then books for the blind have their place and their mission, but the blind man or woman who hardly knows where the next meal is to come from is in no fit frame of mind for literature, even if he can read the type.

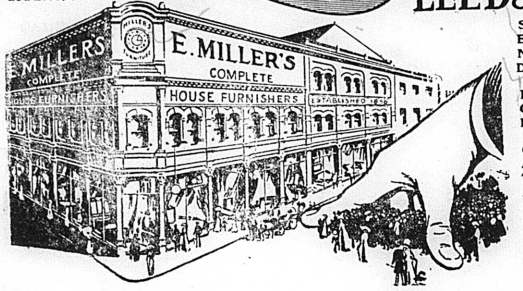
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CHAPTER III—(continued).

"One afternoon I was in the little drawing-room alone, when Tom Oswald entered. He seem alone. He hesitated for a minute, then he came forward, drew a chair up to my side, and sat down. I knew he meant to confide in me. I did not wish for his confidence, but I couldn't well prevent it. I was told me that I wouldn't well prevent it. He went on to say that he had to work hard and get was his but to have to work hard and get small reward for his toil. He said that all his life he had tried to be worthy of his brow, his life he had tried to be worthy of his brow, and that some years back a very unlooked-for disappointment was his. I asked him what he was talking of. He then said that he had always been led to expect that a large sum of money would be his when a very rich cousin of his died in England died. I did not suspect anything when he spoke, and asked him quite casually what was the name of his cousin. When he replied that it was Walter Coulthurst I could not help giving an astonished cry. He looked at me in amazement, and his manner changed.

"'Why, you know him—you know him!' he said.

"'Oh, no,' I answered, 'but I have heard the name.'

"I was injudicious of you to say that, Patricia," interrupted Paul.

"I couldn't help myself. Women are often injudicious, but they get on looking at me."

"Yes?"

"Then he said: 'You surprise me very much. But the name is not an ordinary one.'

"'I have nothing to tell you,' I said then, trying hard to recover myself, 'except that I have heard the name, and I even know people who hold the name; but you will forgive me, Mr. Oswald, when I repeat that affairs connected with my family cannot possibly concern you and will not be revealed to you.'

"He looked at me very sharply, then he got up and left me. That evening, after dinner, I saw him watching me, and in the same way talking in very low tones to his wife. Mrs. Oswald began also to look at me with great interest. She came up and spoke to me, but I did not give myself away. I remembered you, and Peter, and our secret. A few days went by. Again I was seated in the little drawing-room alone. I was amazed when the door was opened and Mr. Thomas Oswald came in, drew a chair forward, and said:

"'I am more frank with you, Miss Ransome, than you are with me; and I have, as a matter of fact, a very pretty little story to tell you.'

"'What is it?' I asked.

"'Well,' he said, 'it's about that cousin of mine, Walter Coulthurst, the man who should have left the bulk of his property to me. I am a comparatively poor man, and I want that money. It struck me the other night that you knew something of, or had a great deal—about the whole affair.'

"'Oh, you are mistaken,' I said.

"'Mr. Oswald shook his head. 'Women will tell lies to any extent when it suits them,' he remarked, after a pause. 'Never-theless, you have got to listen to me now, and I have a queer tale to tell. My wife and children and I came over from South Africa on purpose to investigate for ourselves the Coulthurst will. We were determined to work energetically, and not be in a hurry about anything. But after my chat with you, I re-solved to do a very simple thing, which had not occurred to me before. I would not employ lawyers, although I shall before long. My first step, however, was to go to Somerset House and just have a look at the old man's will. Well, Miss Ransome, I have done it'—his eyes shot fire as he spoke—'I have read the will,' he continued, 'and it is, in my opinion, the very strangest that has ever been put on paper.'

"'What's it like?' I asked. I had thought the best thing I could do would be to draw him on, for then I should be in a better position to guard you, Paul, and—and Peter.

"He said, 'I nearly learnt that will by heart, but the gist of it lies in this fact. My cousin has left a life interest in his very large property to a man who goes by the name of Paul Coulthurst, a distant cousin of his own. At death every penny of this great wealth is to go to Paul's only son, Peter—that is, provided I can give me your attention now, Miss Ransome)—provided he fulfils a certain condition.'

"'What is the condition?' I asked. I assure you, Paul, I was very careful then. I was knitting some stockings to send to a young friend, and I dropped a lot of stitches; but, bless you, **he didn't notice** that. He went on to talk **about Peter and about the direc-tions were left in the will with regard to** his upbringing. He was to go to Eton, then to Oxford, and after his Oxford career was fully completed—or at least before he was twenty-five years of age—he was to marry the only child of the old man's favourite niece—the girl who was but a baby at the time of the drawing up of the will; she was called Pamela.

"'Now, Miss Ransome,' he said, 'you will kindly listen very attentively, Paul, for this is the part of the will that so greatly excites Mr. Oswald. If anything should prevent this marriage, Peter Coulthurst is to be given ten thousand pounds as an absolute gift, and not another penny as much more out of the estate, and Pamela is to have a similar sum. The income from the remainder of the property is to be enjoyed by Paul Coulthurst during his lifetime, but at his death everything, except the twenty thousand pounds, goes to the Oswalds, without any re-strictions whatsoever.'

"'There,' said Mr. Oswald to me, 'that is the will. And now listen, Miss Ransome, the will is plain before me. I mean to cut-do Paul Coulthurst. I mean to have not one penny more than is absolutely necessary. But I am determined to prevent that marriage. I must get the property, if not for myself, then for my boy and my own girl. The boy, Peter, and the girl, Pamela, are never to marry. There are ways and means to prevent the consummation of such a tragedy for me and mine, and I mean to take those ways and means. I am not Tom Oswald for nothing. All his life I've dealt for nothing.'

"When Miss Patricia came to the last words she rose to her feet. 'That is precisely as I thought,' she said. 'That is what I have come to warn you about, and—oh! Paul, Paul, you will be very kind to me, won't you? I will let me see Peter face to face, I shall be better able to help you.' May I just arrive at the truth? and come and look into his eyes? Paul, you will need my help in this dangerous matter, but you must also help me with your love.'

"'Of course I will,' I said. Patricia, my dear, this is a terrible state of affairs, but the boy and girl will not be ruined. We must hurry on the marriage. We must save them at any cost.'

"Miss Patricia sat very still. After a time she said:

"'I cannot understand why I am to be kept out of this mystery. I want to be your friend, and your wife's friend. I do not wish to go back to that boarding-house and never to see you or Peter again. The Oswalds can do nothing, nothing whatever against you, now-ever kind you have been to Pamela. That he less Peter refuses to marry Pamela. That he will not do. Let me see him sometimes, Paul; give me that satisfaction. Bring him to see me at the boarding-house.'

"'But what excuse could I offer?' I said.

"'Say that I am an old friend of yours and of his mother's. That will be quite sufficient. You can easily do that.'

"Peter was much surprised that I have never mentioned you before.'

"'Young people quickly get over that kind of astonishment. They will be too much absorbed with himself just now to reflect on the feelings of others, and old people are not, for my own

KIPPAX DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of Kippax District Education Committee was held on Wednesday—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Messrs Arundale (Ledsham), E. Parker (Newton), A. Atack, T. Oral which were forwarded to the County Authority, had been sanctioned, and the increases to the school caretakers, Mr F. Smales (Kippax Council School), and Mr J. Lidbury (Great Preston) also received the assent of the County Authority.

Mr Watson, of the Swillington Papel School, sought the recommendation of the Committee for an increase of salary. Seeing that the committee had recommended an increase of salary to Mr Watson from £133 to £145 at a previous meeting the former resolution was agreed to.

The Clerk then explained a portion of the circular he had received from the County Hall relating to the physical defects of school children, and the appliances essential in those cases. Assistance can be given to parents in needy circumstances in the purchasing of spectacles etc., for their children, on the doctor's recommendation.

The Chairman: We have a small fund and we can use this for the same object.

The West Riding Technical Instruction Committee wrote advising the holding of a conference at some convenient centre for the purpose of discussing general questions relating to evening schools. Mr A. Atack and Mr T. Robinson are to attend as representing the Kippax Committee.

The average attendances at the Kippax evening schools during the winter has been satisfactory. The mining class held at Bowers Allerton has had a low average of attendances—only sufficient to cover expenses.

Mr Atack: It is daily there are not many of the students at the evening classes who could proceed to set for the examinations, and would it not be advisable to ask for an expression of opinion from the County Authority in relation to this.

Mr Hudson: The examinations do not appeal to the student. There are only about three who have set for the examination.

Mr Arundale: The game is not worth the candle. The only person who benefits is the teacher. Things can be made too easy for them. I do not believe in pampering.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

MAN CHARGED WITH NEGLECTING HIS FAMILY

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr William Crosland.

A poor rate for Newthorpe of 1s. 1id. and 1old. was passed.

The Rev. E. J. Barry, rector of South Milford, applied for a stage play licence for April 19th and 20th for a play to be given at the County Council Schools. The application was granted.

John Neary, labourer, of Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 28th ult at Chapel Y rd, Sherburn. P.C. Parkinson proved the case, and said defendant was very drunk and violent. Fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Ambrose Marshall, motor driver, Sunderland, was charged with exceeding the speed limit on the 19th ult. Defendant pleaded guilty. P.C. Holliday and Inspector Coatham said defendant had run over 32 miles per hour. Defendant said his speedometer was broken, and he did not think he was going quite so fast. Fined £1 and 7s. 6d. costs.

William Henry Charlesworth, motor driver, of Wakefield, was charged with exceeding the speed limit on the 19th ult on the Doncaster and Tadcaster Road, near South Milford. P.C. Holliday and Inspector Coatham gave evidence that defendant went at 30 miles per hour. There had been several accidents at the same place. Mr H. E. Chalker appeared for defendant, and said he had not been convicted before. Fined 10s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

William Newby Potts, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with neglecting his children on the 19th ult. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Mr Popplewell appeared for the N.S.P.C.C. The wife of defendant, Sarah Ann Potts, stated that they were married in November, 1899, and they had had 13 children. There were five living, aged 12, 11, 8, 5 years, and 1 month. He had used her cruelly throughout her married life. He had spent most away last year and came back to work at Micklefield quarries where he worked 7 months. He had £1 per week and coal allowed. He then left and worked with the threshing machine. He lived at home until about two months ago, when he went to Selby, where he got work, but she did not know what he earned. He came home at weekends. He had brought home about £4 altogether. She was confined on March 7th, and she had got the maternity benefit. She had kept the amount of money paid by her husband since September last, and the average was 4s. 11d. per week. She had 19 to keep on work. Her mother had to help her. Martha Addy, mother of Mrs Potts, stated she was a widow. She had seen Potts, her son-in-law, several times the worse for drink. She had found both food and clothes for her daughter and children during her daughter's confinements. Inspector Chas. Cooper Danby, of the N.S.P.C.C., stated he had made enquiries of the employers of defendant, and he had made £4 per week in one case and 24s. in another. After being formally charged the defendant said he had done his best for his children as far as his means would allow him. The defendant was committed for trial to the next Quarter Sessions at Wakefield.

MAINTENANCE OF A ROAD.—The much-discussed Station Road, Todcaster, was referred to again at the District Council meeting on Monday. The County Council were asked to assume responsibility for the repair of the portion from the Boston Road to the York Road, but they denied liability for the maintenance of Westgate and Kirkgate. The question was adjourned.

WETHERBY WOOD PIGEON SHOOT.—Farmers have suffered considerably from the depredations of the wood pigeons, and although late in the season a hurriedly arranged shoot took place on Saturday under the auspices of the Wetherby Chamber of Agriculture. Nearly all the landlords gave consent for their woods to be shot, and nearly every farmer who could fire a gun, and some of their friends, moved out at three o'clock, as did the gamekeepers. Few birds were seen until six o'clock, when they came to the woods in large numbers, and were received with a tremendous fusilade. Some of the big woods would have done with more guns.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

By RALPH R. ALLEN.

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NEST BOXES—HOW TO CONSTRUCT.

Though not imperative, I have always found nest-boxes more satisfactory; about 13in. square, and the same height, with solid tops, sides, and back, and meeting floor (if rats are prevalent), and the front unclothed wood, the remainder being either wire-netting, or, for preference, sacking. There or four 2in. holes in either side under the top for ventilation complete the nest-box, which can be readily constructed and at very little cost. The interior should be fine-sanded, the liquid spring supplied box; it is an excellent precaution against vermin to repeat this process once or twice during the hatching season. The box should be firmly placed on the earth, but if the building selected has a brick or boarded floor it will repay the trouble of making an earth bank to the depth of 10in. or 12in. for their accommodation.

THE NEST ITSELF

A spadeful of earth in the nest-box, patted with the hand till it assumes a slightly concave shape, is the finest nest I have used. Hay, chaff, straw, bracken, have all been used with more or less success, but the best results are usually obtain d from a plain earth nest, and undoubtedly it is the most approach to Nature. If the box has been placed on earth, as already suggested, the nest retains its moisture; but if there is a danger of its becoming very dry if the nest-box is placed on a boarded floor only.

TO DISTURB A BROODY HEN

It seems almost superfluous to draw attention to these, but it is apparent. The prolonged attendance at the nest only until it culminates in remaining there altogether; the immediate return after feeding; the disturbed condition if approached, and the general dislike of the plumage and loss of brilliancy in the comb are all signs that the hen does not to sit. When this condition is observed, place a few dummy eggs (pot eggs) under her for a space of days in order to ascertain whether this is a business, and that it is not merely a passing whim. Having done so, and found everything desirable, remove her, for preference after sunset, to the prepared nest, after most carefully dusting her with insecticide.

HOW TO USE INSECTICIDE

Insecticide is sold in the form of a powder; there is also an admirable little instrument known as the Jumbo Powder Gun for disseminating the powder. Charge the gun, and, holding the hen by the legs, head downwards, throughly force the powder through the plumage. Providing the insecticide is of good quality, this will thoroughly free the bird from all vermin. And here I would remark that I have seen more disastrous results in hatching through the verminous condition of the hen than from any other cause. Last season I was told of several deserted nests, the farmer coolly remarking that the hens were infested with vermin because the weather was too hot. Five minutes' attention and the outlay possibly of a penny would have prevented several failures in hatching. Now that gentleman will probably join the ranks of those who reiterate "Poultry don't pay."

It is a custom with many, and one to be commended, to again dust the hen with insecticide when removing her to feed about the eighteenth day. This renders her free from vermin prior to hovering her chicks, thus giving them a fair start without these pests.

THE BEST SITTERS

Every hen that becomes broody may not make a desirable sitter or a good mother. I prefer a short-legged bird of cobby size, and of quiet disposition—one that will not make a fuss when handled. You can nearly always detect them, though it is difficult to describe them on paper. The description might almost be summed up as those possessing a motherly appearance. Of breeds I prefer the Orpingtons, Wyandottes, Rocks, and Game; the Old Sussex also make excellent mothers. Dorkings, on account of the fifth toe, are very clumsy with their young. Brahmas and Cochins, though frequently broody early in the season, are generally very clumsy.

(To be continued).

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Mr Walter R. Bowman, of Wighill, was on Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions granted an occasional licence for a farm sale at Wighill.

The appointment of Mr Wilcock, of Tadcaster, as treasurer to Tadcaster Board of Guardians has been approved by the Local Government Board.

A HAREWOOD GOLDEN WEDDING—Mr and Mrs John Clarkson, of Harewood, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday, having been married at Adel Church on April 2nd, 1864. Mr Clarkson has worked under the Lascelles family for over 50 years. Mr and Mrs Clarkson have had seven, three daughters, and ten grandchildren. They have received a number of beautiful presents in view of the celebration.

AMEY MEMORIAL.—A faculty was granted, in the York Consistory Court on Tuesday, to the Rev. John Solloway D.D., Vicar, and the churchwardens of the Parish Church of Selby, to erect a brass tablet on the north wall of the Abbey Church, and to insert stained glass in two windows of the south transept, bearing the inscriptions to the memory of the Rev. Maurice Parkin, during whose Vicarlate the Abbey was restored after the fire of 1906; and in honour of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, and as a memorial of Queen Victoria and Albert Prince Consort.

INDUCTION.—The Rev. Francis Albert Gumley, B.A., who has held a curacy at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, since 1912, having been Licensed by the Archbishop of York to the perpetual curacy of Gateforth, was instituted and inducted by the Bishop of Beverley at Gateforth Church on Saturday afternoon. The service was attended by a number of the residents of the Hambleton and Gateforth district. The Rev. T. Cheese, vicar of Brayton, was among the surpliced clergy present. The Bishop of Beverley preached the sermon. The newly appointed vicar of Gateforth, who is an Ulsterman, has held three curacies in Ireland, namely at Maryborough, Castlecomer, and Newcastle (county Down). In 1907 he became curate at St. Mary's, Halifax. He commenced to minister in the Diocese of York in 1908, when he accepted a curacy at Boston Spa, where he laboured four years. In 1912 he was appointed curate at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough.

PARK LANES.—On Wednesday at a meeting of Leeds City Council some discussion took place upon a proposal of the Parks Committee that certain lands forming part of the Roundhay Park estate should be left open and unbuilt upon for ever. Alderman C. H. Wilson moved as an amendment that the question be referred back. He said that in addition to the 452 acres forming the Park, it was now proposed to dedicate and keep open for ever nearly 400 acres more, making close upon 800 acres altogether. He pointed out that in order to sell off building plots the Corporation had spent £40,000 in making roads, and suggested that if they sold the property proposed to be dedicated they would be able to recoup themselves. Mr A. E. Musser: What part of this land would you propose to build upon? Alderman Wilson: The whole of it. It is worth £100,000 of anybody's money. Alderman Ford seconded the amendment. Alderman Lupton, who opposed the amendment, pointed out that the part proposed to be added to the Park included the Roundhay golf course, and asked if any one proposed to build there. It that were done it would spoil the Park completely. Ultimately leave was given to the Chairman to withdraw the proposal.

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In common with other miners in Yorkshire the men at Garforth, Micklefield, Allerton Bywater, Woodlesford, Rothwell, Bowers Allerton, and Middleton, came out on strike owing to a dispute as to the interpretation of an award, but one could discern no enthusiasm among them. Loyalty to their Union was their first consideration, and they obeyed. Could the trouble have been averted?. A miner, writing in a contemporary, says that it was "brought about by a piece of blind stupidity. We have had one case, which to any considerate man is a good illustration as to how this mischief might have been avoided if only the same means had been adopted. This was the case of the Lofthouse Colliery. The workmen there took their case into court to enforce the provision of the minimum wage award. They won their case, and have worked on comfortably ever since."

Certain members of Garforth Urban Council seem reluctant to order private streets to be made up, but they will only bring the district into disrepute if they delay any longer. If streets were kept in a sanitary condition no one would advocate the enforcement of the Private Street Works Act, but when property-owners neglect to provide even a good footpath for their tenants the Council cannot very well overlook it.

When the Garforth Council have a big bill for hospital expenses to pay they are a little sore about it, and some of them would kick against it if they could. But may they not be to blame themselves? They know perfectly well that insanitary streets are a prolific cause of ill-health, which means expense to the people both as ratepayers and as individuals. Allerton Bywater last year had the heaviest death-rate and the highest infantile mortality in the Tadcaster rural district, and Dr. Stedman, the medical officer of health, put down "the bad condition of the streets" as one of the contributing causes. The other week I quoted the experience of Sheffield, too, on this matter, and, in my opinion, the Garforth Council, or any other Council, have no right to endanger the public health by allowing bad streets to exist. If owners will not put them into proper order, the Council should do so.

Hilton in prehistoric times! Everyone with the slightest pretence to a knowledge of local history will admit that Hilton—supposed at one time to mean the Holy Town, although it has fallen sadly from grace long since—is an ancient place, but one was not quite prepared to believe that it had a prehistoric existence. A member of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association, drawing upon a remarkable imagination, depicted the prehistoric children wandering hand-in-hand into the Primrose Valley and making posies of primroses for themselves, ere mother, alarmed by their disappearance, came out in search of them, and having deserted the plucking the primrose carpet of the valley, summoned them home. It was a delightful picture.

Unfortunately he did not describe the ladies' fashions of those days—the written record gives us a glimpse of the first effort at tailoring—so that the women of the district could have compared their creations with that of the prehistoric mother, who might exist only in imagination. Nor did he state that the prehistoric men—who probably never lived on the heights overlooking the Primrose Valley—were cultivators of the soil, because then the allotment-holders who till a part of the valley might have had a chance of comparing their efforts with those of the men of old. And the dear little prehistoric children, who probably never lived at Hilton, engaged in plucking primroses, might well make pressing day hours great with envy, seeing the valley has lost so much of its pristine beauty. Well, well, imagination does lead to the production of remarkable pictures sometimes.

Kippax Education Committee had a short discussion re evening classes at their last meeting, and it was stated that in some cases where the attendance was small, the work was not worth the cost. With that opinion I am inclined to agree. The young folks in the village set little value on education, and classes do not appeal to them, otherwise they would attend in larger numbers. No better work, however, could be undertaken if the youths and girls would show any appreciation of it, but I'm afraid that, as things are, a lot of money is absolutely thrown away. Truly, the West Riding Education Authority have met with little encouragement, and good work will never be done until attendance at evening schools is made compulsory.

Tadcaster District Council have been awarded over £1,200, the amount of the money expended in connection with Kiddal water scheme, and Garforth Council are wondering whether or not they are entitled to a share of it. The money was paid out of the common fund of the District Council, and I believe Garforth is the area which the work was begun, but it is doubtful that it is entitled to anything in view of the financial adjustment that has just taken place.

Barkston Ash and Rothwell district dairymen and cowkeepers are hedged round by laws and bye-laws, and sometimes the poor men may be pardoned for wondering if they are free agents. First of all, the cowkeeper is supposed to "keep cows," but he is not permitted to house them anywhere and anyhow; every cow-house must have a spring cleaning, and every cow must be allotted so many cubic feet of air space. Humans are supposed to have certain air spaces granted them, but they are not always fortunate enough to get it, although the cows are. This would seem to prove that cows kept for providing milk for humans are really more important than the humans, doesn't it?

Moreover, farmers are compelled to keep their cows under healthy conditions, and a certain degree of cleanliness, not always seen in humans, is demanded, so that here the cow scores again. Then, the dairymen are not allowed to adulterate milk with water, but on occasionally some of them take the risk and suffer for it. Thus it will be seen that running a dairy farm is not altogether an easy job. In Rothwell district some years ago fault was found with men with dirty hands milking cows—another hardship, but they have risen to the occasion, and now, it is said, they wash their hands before milking. Of course, this involves extra work, but the farmers are a long-suffering class.

The farmers and the farmers' men will probably have to make another concession. I observe that in New York milkmen have received orders from the Milk Commissioners to shave off their beards, which are declared to be prolific agents for the conveyance of germs, and opinion in this country may be influenced in a similar direction.

Barbers would, naturally, welcome the issuing of such an order in this country, but many farmer friends with fine beards might become active resisters. There is, however, another aspect of this important question. If it is dangerous for milkmen to have beards, is it not equally dangerous for cows to have hair, and the next order may demand the shaving of the whole bovine tribe.

Templenewsam Council, in the event of repairing Primrose Lane with ashes, are threatened with a surcharge. This is the opinion of a member of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association who is very anxious that the road should be made possible. Why grumble at who does the work so long as the footpath is made? Primrose Lane is a private road, bordered on one side by fields and on the other by a few houses and fields, and so long as I have known it, has been in a dirty condition. If the parish "fathers" are inclined to take the risk of repairing it why should others trouble themselves about it? By and bye, it is said the road will be practically done away with when the brand new thoroughfare from Selby Road to Cross-gates Station is constructed, but that will be a little while yet.

Several months ago instructions were given as to making inquiries into the advisability of providing a town-planning scheme for Austhorpe and Scholes, but nothing further has been heard of it. No doubt Crossgates and Halton, and towards Scholes, and the Cross-gates town planning scheme takes as a small part of that ward. In order to protect the area the District Council should do better than the neighbourhood, for with all the land in that neighbourhood to build on, and it would ensure, were building operations commenced, of it being laid out on desirable lines. Hunslet Rural District Council are town-planning the larger portion of their area.

The intimation that an estimate of the cost of extending the tramway to Oulton is being got out, shows that the Tramway Co. have moved from the position they have taken up so long, and that is promising. And why should not a line to Oulton pay? And why should not a line to Oulton pay? At the new colliery 1,500 men are employed, and the greater portion of them reside in Leeds and elsewhere, many of them cycling to and from their work, so it may be assumed that a good many of these miners would patronize the tramway. Dog-lovers are being assailed by the residents with interest, and if they eventually get a tramway service they will have to thank the Rothwell and Hunslet Councils, who have decided to allow the Tramway Company to get out of their obligations.

Why not Garforth, Hunslet, and Rothwell Councils? It seems that at Knutsford, as at Garforth, Templenewsam, and Rothwell, there is a Ratepayers' Association, and at a meeting the representatives, after being described as a "set of duffers," were thanked for their services. By way of a joke it was suggested that the council should be entertained to dinner, and the idea "caught on," with the result that the function took place and was a great success. Garforth and Rothwell, in order to show their gratitude to their rulers, might very well follow suit.

At the last meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association some one suggested an excursion for the members, and the places proposed were Monk Fryston, "to see the monkeys," and Garforth Manor Farm, "to see the dairies," while one young man, with large ideas, suggested a trip to Paris. The members, however, did not seem to favour an excursion, and the question was dropped. One gentleman proposed a supper, and had the Knutsford function been known about, it is possible that a dinner for the Councillors would have been arranged then and there.

The Garforth Urban Council election result was no surprise. It was generally thought that Mr Routledge and Mr Gascoigne would be returned, Mr Breed has never before known defeat at Garforth—he has been very popular with all classes—and he has usually been returned near the top of the poll. In a measure, he was responsible for his own defeat. A recent ruling he gave on a minute dealing with a re-arrangement of the Council's staff—noted in this column at the time—was the cause of his undoing. Had it not been for that I believe he would have met with success on Saturday.

The new member is Mr E. R. Archer, who was at one time a member of the Council, so that he does not come to the work in Garforth without experience—in fact, he has served on public bodies elsewhere. Mr Yeandle, the other candidate, polled well, and it is possible that he will do better should he offer himself a third time as a candidate for Council honours.

Will the Corporation oblige Crossgates? Having settled their financial differences with Tadcaster District Council, who will get about £4,000 as the price of the old ward, the Leeds Corporation, a reader suggests, might now consider the advisability of providing a play-ground for the children of Crossgates. It is pointed out that Halton has a recreation ground and that Whitkirk has a possible chance of getting one, yet the bairns of Crossgates have not a yard of land, if the old quarry is excepted, where they may play their games. The boys may be seen playing football and cricket in the streets, and that is not desirable; in fact, it is dangerous, and the lads always run a risk of being prosecuted.

Wetherby race meeting usually attracts thousands of people from all parts of Yorkshire and beyond, and the steeplechases on Monday and Tuesday promise to provide excellent sport for all who enjoy this Eastertide outing. Capital entries have been obtained for all the races, and, as the course is one of the best in the North, patrons may depend upon seeing some exciting contests. Of course, many people go to Wetherby race meeting for the sake of the outing, having little interest in steeple-chasing, and they usually have a good time. All Barkston Ash and his wife, I suppose, will be there, and I hope they will have good weather.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Victoria Monks is at the head of the bill. It is a vision of a new Victoria Monks, in a charming drawing-room frock instead of a skirt to the knees, but there is the same voice and the same merry face. Her songs are good, but she gives nothing so good as "Moving Day." A clever sketch, admirably acted, is "The Girl," presented by Mr Brandon Hurst. The plot is unfolded in a humorous manner, and the anti-climax comes with startling abruptness. Mr Brandon Hurst and Mr H. B. Warne make quite the most of one of the best sketches seen here for some time. The patter of Friend and Downing would no doubt look very flat in cold print, but the utmost hilarity offered by the comedy partnership failed to send the whole "house" into convulsions. A few new jokes would be welcomed. One of the successes of the week is Alec Kendal, whose confidential urbanity appeals tremendously to the audience. Some smart and graceful trick cycling is done by the Tourbillon Troupe of lady cyclists, and Robb, Ivy, and Lynn appear in an artistic vocal scena. Made-line Rossiter is wonderfully clever with her feet.

Next week at the Empire R. G. Knowles, the famous raconteur, will give one of the leading turns, and the Four Londons will give a daring and sensational display. Others who will appear are the Real McKays, Scotland's representative juvenile artistes; Max and Lily, the tomboy and the clown; Rich Taylor, whistling ventriloquist; James Stewart, the original tramp at the piano; Thorpe and Coe, in the new comedy duologue "The 1st of the 4th"; and Fred Emney and Miss Sydney Fairbrother will submit the farce "A sister to assist 'er." Pictures on the bioscope will also be shown.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week the chief attraction is the revue "Go Ahead." At its opening night the company representing the great British Public among the audience is loud in his condemnation of present-day revues, jokes and comedians, and Father Time, in an endeavour to satisfy his desires, takes him back to the pre-historic days, but even the spectacle of the simple life of those days fails to appeal, so Father Time then transports him to Aldes, where, among others, the revue producer, Miss Ragtime, and others are despatched. The Great B.P. is still dissatisfied, but the closing scene, a representation of the seventh heaven of delight, attains its object. "Go-Ahead," indeed, does not belie its name, and there are numerous good songs and choruses, not to mention an abundance of good humour. Miss Roma renders her share of the "Three Beautiful Eyes." Ernest Ball takes the part of Father Time. Jimmie Leslie and Frank Hemming are ever present with their bobstering humour, and Billie Myles is also successful in the role of the British Public. In addition to the revue there are some good turns, which comedians, and Father Time, in an endeavour to satisfy his desires, takes him back to the pre-historic days, but even the spectacle of the simple life of those days fails to appeal, so Father Time then transports him to Aldes, where, among others, the revue producer, Miss Ragtime, and others are despatched. The Great B.P. is still dissatisfied, but the closing scene, a representation of the seventh heaven of delight, attains its object. "Go-Ahead," indeed, does not belie its name, and there are numerous good songs and choruses, not to mention an abundance of good humour. Miss Roma renders her share of the "Three Beautiful Eyes." Ernest Ball takes the part of Father Time. Jimmie Leslie and Frank Hemming are ever present with their bobstering humour, and Billie Myles is also successful in the role of the British Public. In addition to the revue there are some good turns, which include among which are Dolly Elsworthy, in character studies; Neilson Jackson, with songs; Carbrey Boys, international dancers; Linga-Singh, the mysterious Hindoo sorcerer; Parker and Price, instrumentalists; Randolph Sutton, light comedian; Rose Wylie, vocal comedienne and dancer. Hippodrome pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week Charles Deayoott's company are presenting the drama "The Heart Bowed Down," or "His Love for an Actress." The play, which is said to be drawn from true incidents in the life of an actress, deals with the love of two men for an idol of the stage. The one she elects to marry is disinherited in consequence, and, misfortune following, they are reduced to poverty. It is here that the rejected lover proves his loyalty, and this naturally brings about complications. Mr Alfred Maurice is good in the part of the French actor, and Miss Ruth Shepherd, as a model woman of the stage, is a popular heroine. Mr Charles Fancourt also does well as the actress's lawful husband, while the villainous roles are well sustained by Mr Victor Gordon and Miss Evie Conway.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mr and Mrs William Maclaren's Company will appear in Sir Francis Burnand's great play, "Proof," or "A Celebrated Case."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

At the City Varieties this week the best turn is that of the Two Readies, who present a roaring farce, entitled "Subdued," in which we see the wonderful transformation of a henpecked husband, who, accidentally noticing a quack advertisement, is suddenly buoyed with sufficient strength and vitality to withstand the nagging of a dozen members of the opposite sex. The ventriloquial novelty, "The Widow," contributed by Norman and Royce, is also both clever and amusing. The Sisters Lorne, who on Monday evening deputised for Coonie Mascot, are a couple of first-rate vocalists and dancers. Others appearing are Chas. F. Hill, in "Serving a Summons"; Eddie Walker, burlesque comedian; and the Rocheforts, vocalists and dancers.

Next week at the Varieties the principal turn will be that of Mart and Pep, who will present their speciality in hand balancing and tumbling feats, and Southan and Scott, described as the new American comedy duo, will introduce their latest novelty. In addition there will be a full star programme together with pictures on the Variescopes.

THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe the "Cup Final Mystery," a very novel football film, introduced during some fine scenes taken at the Crystal Palace, was the "star" attraction for the first half of the week. "The Stolen Tapestries" reveals a clever detective story in some exciting scenes. The comedy element is unusually strong and burlesque is prominent. "What Happened to Pimple" is the latest cinema serial, and "Pimple, Gentleman Burglar" is one of the cleverest and funniest of these absurdities. "A Ride for a Bride" is very funny, and Pathe's Gazette proves most interesting. "Beauty Unadorned," a Vitagraph comedy in two reels, is a fine film for the latter part of the week.

SEQUEL TO A SALE AT WHITKIRK.

ALWOODLEY FARMER SUED.

An interesting case was heard at Otley County Court on Wednesday, before Judge Graham, in which George Henry Woodliffe, fish merchant, Moor Farm, Chapel-Allerton, claimed from Ernest Todd, farmer and cattle dealer, King Lane, Alwoodley, a sum of £20 15s. for damages for breach of warranty on the sale of a cow, or in the alternative, the like sum as damages for fraudulent misrepresentation on the sale of a cow.

Plaintiff purchased the cow in Whitkirk Auction Mart on October 6th, for £19, he being assured that it was sound and in good health. After a few days the cow, which had been very thin, developed a cough, and, found to be suffering from tuberculosis, was destroyed.

Mr Palmer submitted, first, that there was no warranty, and, secondly, that if there was a warranty there would have been no breach.

His Honour deferred judgment.

SHIRE HORSE PARADE.—There was a larger display of Shire horses at the horse parade in Selby, on Monday, when the second show was held in Park Street. The weather was very blustery, and materially interfered with the success of the gathering. The display of light horses was of an interesting character.

LIBERALISM.—On Friday evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Parish Room at Beckenham, under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association. Mr H. Westwood, of Clifford, presided, and he was supported by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (prospective Liberal candidate), Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association), and Mr Stafford B. Whitby. Addresses were delivered by Mr Foster and Mr Whitby, and the usual vote of thanks was passed on the call of Mr Harvey, seconded by Mr Sutcliffe.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

The week before Easter is still looked upon as a horticultural landmark by many amateur gardeners. They "down tools" as soon as their garden is begun to look shabby in autumn, and active work is suspended until the following Good Friday. Old customs die hard, and we suppose there are gardeners who will continue as long as they live to sow their first batch of hardy annuals, plant shallots, and sow lettuce and radishes on or as near to Good Friday as possible. Easter occurs at a suitable time for seed sowing this year, and no doubt many of our readers will take advantage of the holidays and get their seeds sown. There are many kinds of hardy annuals which do not receive the amount of attention they deserve.

There is just time to sow sweet peas out-doors. The seed germinates rapidly at this time of the year, and care must be exercised to prevent birds devouring the young plants as they appear. Sparrows seem to take a mischievous delight in destroying young sweet peas, but may be kept at bay by stretching black linen thread alongside the rows. It should be fixed at such a height as to touch them as they hop towards the rows. Other annuals that may be sown now are mignonette, Shirley Poppy, Mathiola Bicornis, Candytuft, Clarkia, Calendula (Prince of Orange is very good), Eschscholtzia, Larkspur, Linum, Lupinus Nanus, Nasturtiume, Nigella, etc. Ornamental grasses are very useful for mixing with sweet peas in vases. Sow in a sunny position and thin early. Gypsophila elegans is grown for the same purpose. This does best when sown thinly in rows and kept erect by placing a few bushy twigs alongside.

HALF-HARDY ANNUALS

Stocks, asters, marigolds, scabious, tagetes, and almost all kinds of half-hardy annuals may now be sown. Use a light, sandy soil for the purpose and stand the boxes in a warm position. Shade until the seedlings appear and take every precaution to avoid allowing the soil to get dry. Those who have found it difficult to prevent stocks and asters damping off will do well to sow their seed in a cold frame. Growth will be slow, but the danger of damping will be much less. A sprinkling of powdered charcoal placed on the surface of the soil before pricking out the seedlings will do much towards preventing damping also. Antirrhinums, ageratums, and other seedlings which were sown a few weeks ago should be pricked off as soon as they are large enough to handle.

DWARF CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Many amateurs possessing a small greenhouse regretfully conclude that chrysanthemums are out of their reach because of their tall-growing habit. Under ordinary conditions the plants certainly grow too tall for the average greenhouse unless accommodation is made, but very late rooted plants may be flowered at heights varying from 2 feet to 3 feet 6 inches. Cuttings may be inserted in boxes of sandy soil and stood in cold frames. The boxes should be about six inches deep, and should be only half filled with compost. This will allow for a covering of glass to be laid on the box to prevent the cuttings drooping. Readers may remember that we said during the winter months that a covering of glass is unnecessary. The difference arises out of the fact that the cuttings are much more sappy now than they were earlier in the year. When the cuttings are rooted they should be potted on singly into 3-inch pots and returned to the cold frame. Keep the frame fairly close for a week or so after potting. When the young plants are about six inches high the tops should be pinched out to cause them to break. If large-flowered varieties are being grown, the side shoots may be reduced to one plant each plant. Decorative varieties may be allowed to carry three to a plant. Towards the middle of May a further batch of cuttings may be put in. These also should be rooted in the cold frame, but instead of dibbling them into boxes, they should be rooted singly in 3-inch pots. As soon as they are rooted the tops may be pinched off, and during July they will require repotting into 5-inch pots. The ball of soil should not be disturbed. Simply turn it out of the small pot and transfer it to the larger one without disturbing the roots. These late rooted cuttings make elegant little specimens, and the finer of several plants being grown in one pot in no way detracts from their beauty. The methods for striking cuttings, repotting into final pots, may be varied a little or so according to convenience, without appreciably affecting the result. It is important, however, that the plants whilst in the small stage should not be subjected to much coddling or they will get drawn and spindley, and thus defeat the cultivator's object. Single and decorative varieties are admirably suited for pot

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

HALTON ALLOTMENTS—A CHARITY

CONCERNING AN OLD LANE.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held on Thursday in the Assembly Room, Halton, on Friday night—the President (Mr. J. A. Armistead) presiding. There was a good attendance of members.

The President said that the last, we for- warded to the District Council the resolution passed at last meeting in regard to the repair of the footpath in Green Lane, Halton, and it had been attended to in a manner of fashion. It looked to him that it needed re-constructing, but he was betraying nothing when he stated that when the town planning scheme was sanctioned it would come under Green Lane as it now stands.

Mr. Armistead made a statement as to what he had endeavoured to secure a playground for the children of Whitkirk.

Mr. Young gave a report on the business done at the annual parish meeting, which was very poorly attended. In regard to the charity, which about £5 a year for the education of needy children, he said that for several years the money had been collected and placed in the Post Office Savings Bank now it was time for the deposit of the trustees. Two suggestions were made by the parish meeting for utilising the money, viz., the payment of the fees of poor children attending evening classes, and the provision of secondary education for one poor child.

In regard to the allotments he said that the allotment holders seemed to have a grievance owing to the accumulation of a certain sum which was more than they thought necessary. From last year there was a balance of £4, but there was an accumulated balance, and they did not get to know what it was. A resolution was passed that a statement of accounts should be submitted at next meeting of the Parish Council. As prudent business men, it was wise to keep a balance in hand, but they should determine what was a suitable balance, and then no doubt some of the fees for the benefit of the allotment-holders. They made that suggestion, and it seemed to be approved.

Mr. Cox said he had tried to get a statement and failed.

Mr. Cousins said that under the Allotment Act there should be no profit made.

Mr. Cox: There should be no loss.

Mr. Cousins said the balance in hand at one time was £13, and now it was £10. He said that it was distinctly unfair that the allotment-holders should have to pay the rents of persons who went away leaving rents unpaid. Why should they pay for debts caused by the bad management of the Council?

The President: We, as representing the Association, did our best to get a clear statement.

Mr. Cousins: This does not affect the ratepayers at all.

The President said that was so.

Mr. Young: I asked if there were any unpaid allotment rents.

The President: There were two.

Mr. Young said they were not bad debts. By dividing upon a reasonable balance sum-thing might be done for the allotment-holders. Mr. Firth said he suggested that something might be done in the way of giving a bonus to allotment-holders who paid their rents by a certain date.

Mr. Firth said it had been suggested that the money should be spent in prizes, but if they were done the best gardeners would get them. A bonus would, he thought, be a better plan.

The matter then dropped.

Mr. Firth called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of Primrose Lane, Halton. He had no doubt that in prehistoric days it was a most charming spot, and one could imagine the children going to the Valley to gather primroses. One could, in fact, imagine a great deal about that lane. If they examined it now they could imagine a glacier had run down it, for there were great holes full of water, and folks had to wade through it. If was the most neglected piece of property in the whole district, and that should not be the case. The land in the manner and the District Council had nothing to do with it, and the Parish Council had less, and it might belong to the ratepayers. The Parish Council put ashes on it and raised the footpath 5 or 6 inches, but since then it had become a ledge, and if any one succeeded in balancing himself on it he would get along 7 distance, and then fall into a puddle. (Laughter). It was a disgrace to someone, and something should be done to put the lane in proper order.

Mr. Firth said the Parish Council were to repair the path, but there was a difficulty in getting ashes.

Mr. Cox: The Parish Council have no right to do it, and if the auditor knows he will surcharge them.

The President said that Primrose Lane would be included in the town-planning scheme, and there would be a new road running from the Selby highway.

Mr. Cox: When?

The President said that the District Council were waiting for certain details before putting the scheme into operation.

Mr. Cox said it could not be a private road, because on-half of it had been repaired by the District Council, who had laid a kerb part of the way.

It was pointed out that the road was a private road up to the point where it had been repaired.

Mr. Cousins said the road had been ashed, but Whitkirk is destroyed by traction engine traffic.

Mr. Cox: If the British Council repair it and are surcharged they will be surprised. They have no right to do it.

No resolution was moved on the question.

The hon. sec. (Mr Wilkinson) said he had approached the Rev. R. Tuner about being waiters on to Whitkirk Cemetery, along with the trustees for the Nonconformist part of the graveyard, and he said that as soon as they were prepared to do anything he would go into it with them.

Mr. Nowell said that he did not know if any of the residents of Hedyshon Lane, Whitkirk, had had the same experience as he had had, but for the last two months the water supply at his house had been unsatisfactory. The force had diminished by half.

The Hon. Sec. said he thought it would get it reminded if he communicated with the Local Authority.

Intense excitement has been aroused in Vancouver over the murder of Mrs Charles Millard, a ticket agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Only after bloodhounds had been put on the trail was the body discovered hacked to pieces and then burned in a furnace. Charred human bones and rings were found when the detectives search the ashes. From bloodstains in the dining-room the dogs led the police down the stairway to the basement, where the remains were discovered. A seventeen-year-old Chinese servant has confessed to the murder. He says that she found fault with him during breakfast, and that he struck her with a chair and choked her to death.

GARFORTH GAS CO.'S ENTERPRISE.

PROPOSED GAS SUPPLY FOR BARWICK.

At a meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council on Monday night—Mr Arthur Booth presiding—letters was received from Mr Dymaine, secretary of the Garforth Gas Co., asking them to receive a deputation of the directors in connection with a proposal to give a gas supply to Barwick. It said that the Company's mains were now within a reasonable distance of Barwick, and the directors believed that a good many of the residents would be willing to take a supply of gas if it were available.

Mr Dymaine, who was accompanied by three of his directors, said that the gas main was now laid to Lawreak, and the Company desired to carry it forward to give a supply to Barwick. They proposed to charge 3s. 6d. to ordinary consumers and 4s. 2d. to slot meter consumers, being the same terms on which they supplied Aberford. They wanted to keep the feeling of the Barwick representatives on the matter. The Council would not, of course, incur any liability unless they adopted public lighting.

It was further stated that the Company intended to make a canvass of Barwick in order to ascertain if it was worth their while carrying the main forward.

The Chairman asked if gas would be supplied for cookers.

Mr Dymaine: Yes.

Mr Pemberton said if it meter rent was charged in addition to the gas.

Mr Dymaine: The charge is 2s per quarter. No charge, however, is made for slot meters.

Mr Pemberton: Do you make any charge for connections.

A director said that they did so only in cases where houses were a long distance from the main.

Mr Dymaine, in answer to questions, said the directors would be prepared to pipe a house, and he should advise them to put three lights in.

Mr Pemberton asked if they were prepared to supply Scholes.

A director said they could not supply Scholes without the consent of Crossgates Gas Co., of whose area it was, but he did not think there would be any difficulty about that.

Mr Wright proposed that the Council favourably consider the question of a gas supply to Barwick and that they give them all the support they could.

Mr Rayner seconded, and this was adopted.

A LEDSTONE APPEAL CASE.

COURT DISMISSES APPLICATION

In the Court of Criminal Appeal, on Monday, before the Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Bankes and Mr Justice Avory, John William Sherwood, who was sentenced at the West Riding Sessions to six months' hard labour for receiving stolen property, applied for leave to appeal against his conviction and sentence.

The Lord Chief Justice, in dealing with the appeal, said that the booking-office of the North-Eastern Railway at Ledstone was broken into on January 4th last, and two parcels were stolen. On the same day in the afternoon a man named Parker, who pleaded guilty subsequently to breaking into the office, went up to a policeman in York, and handed him a bundle containing the stolen property. The policeman was handling close by, and he was arrested. Upon him were found two boots and a scarf, part of the stolen property. Appellant's explanation was that he was walking along the road to his brother's house about four miles from Newton when he met the man Parker. The latter told him that if he could sell some property it would be all right, and the appellant said he would, and walked back with Parker to York, which was about 20 miles.

His Lordship said there was no reason why the Court should interfere with the jury's finding of conviction, and the appeal would be dismissed.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

A NEW MEMBER

An election took place in West Hunslet on Monday to fill the vacancy on the Hunslet Board of Guardians, caused by the death of Mr Edward Green. There were two candidates before the electors, Mr Henry I. Pulford, joiner, of Dawson Road, nominated by the Liberals, and Mr. Chas. R. Refson, goods checker, Government Terrace, representing the Labour party. The Conservatives did not bring forward a candidate.

The Labour party endeavoured to infuse some life into the contest, and made no secret of their desire to get one back at the local Liberals for their attitude in relation to the municipal strike.

The counting of the votes took place at the offices of the Guardians in Glasshouse Street, Hunslet, and Mr F. W. Mee was the returning officer.

The poll was declared as follows:—Pulford, 1514; Refson, 495.

MR LANE FOX IN PARLIAMENT.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

In the House of Commons on Monday Mr Lane Fox asked if the President of the Board of Agriculture would say what was the principle the Board in estimating the sale economic rent for a cottage which had cost £200 to build to yield interest at rate of one and a half per cent. after deducting rates, management, and repairs.

Mr Runciman: The general practice in the Commissioners of Woods has been to charge a rent equal to from 4½ to 5 per cent. per annum on the capital expended in building them, the rents taking into account the local circumstances and the class of house, but having always regard to the interests of the tenants also. In the case of purchase by sitting tenants a lower rate than 4½ per cent. per annum has, however, been sanctioned by the Treasury, but suitable cases, in which 3 per cent. represent interest and repairs, are seldom arising.

Mr Lane Fox asked the Secretary to the Treasury whether the rent regulations of the Insurance Commissioners prohibiting the making of Friendly Societies' premises were to be maintained, or were the Commissioners considering its withdrawal.

Mr Wedgwood Benn (Lord of the Treasury): As I have frequently stated in answer to questions, a proposal to restrict the use of licensed premises by Approved Societies in England at the end of the year was recently discussed by the Advisory Committee, but no regulations have been made or laid before Parliament, and no question of withdrawing them therefore arises, and in no case will such regulations be made without previous consultation with societies.

INDIGNATION AT SCHOLES.

N.E.R. CO. AND CHEAPER FARES.

Some time ago Barwick-in-Elmet Council made application to the N.E.R. Co. for the granting of cheap afternoon fares between Scholes and Leeds, a boon now enjoyed by Crossgates and Garforth residents. Considerable correspondence took place between the Council and the Company, to whom a petition signed by the residents was presented. At a meeting of the Council on Monday night the following letter was read from the N.E.R. Co.:

"Beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter as the 3rd inst., and in reply can only say that the Company have not seen their way as yet to issue cheap tickets to Leeds, as has been suggested by your Council.

Mr Wardham (Selby) said that he desired to protest against the action of the N.E.R. Co., inasmuch they had ridged the Council on. When they applied for a reduction on the fares they were long enough before they got anything tangible, and when they wrote again they said they were considering the question of Scholes along with other places, and they gave them to infer that they were considering it with a view to a reduction being granted. The N.E.R. Co. were a wealthy body, and he did not suppose they would take care of anything that was said there, but the people ought to know something about the way in which they had treated the parish. If they granted cheaper fares to Crossgates and Garforth they should grant them to Scholes. They should not give them not only to Scholes but to Thorney and other places. He did not think the Company had treated them fairly. They issued advertisements and put no nice views to induce people to come to the country, and what did they do when they got them?

The Chairman (Mr Booth):Put the fares up. (Laughter).

Mr Needham: I don't think they have met our views in a fair and straightforward way. If they had said they were considering about increasing the fares we should not have troubled to have got the petition up.

The Chairman: Can we do anything more in the matter?

Mr Needham: I don't think so, but I feel sore about the way they have led us on.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk might write, saying the Council were the letter were definite, and ask them to keep the question before them.

Mr Pemberton: The best thing to do would be to ask for a better train service.

The Chairman: That has nothing to do with the question.

After further discussion the matter was allowed to drop.

CROSSGATES AND BARWICK CHARITIES.

NEW SCHEME TO BE PREPARED.

Crossgates, and its surroundings, having formed part of the parish of Barwick-in-Elmet, it still has an interest in the charities belonging to the ancient township, the chief of which is the poor estate. One of the trustees, Mr Needham, has been pressing for a new scheme to be prepared for the administration of the charities. A letter was received from the Board of Charity Commissioners, and it was suggested by the Council of Scholes (or Meadhall) that they should submit a scheme. Upon this Mr Needham said he considered a conference would be necessary, seeing that as it was the poor of the parish which would be considered, a conference with them would be desirable. He thought that they were doing right in asking for a new scheme, and he moved that the Clerk write to the Board of Charity Commissioners, London.

Mr Wright seconded, but Mr Otter said he thought it was for the Council to say how the money should be distributed. Under the present scheme the money was being allowed to accumulate. Any suggestions which might be made to the Commissioners should be made in the presence of the people, which would be impossible at present. He thought that they were doing right in asking for a new scheme, seeing that as it was the poor of the parish which would be considered, a conference with them would be desirable

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A MEETING will be held at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, on THURSDAY, April 16th, 1914, at 7.15 p.m., when Mr LIDDLE, the REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, of London, will deliver an address on the QUESTION OF COMBINATION AMONGST FARMERS.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 11th, 1914.

LEADING ARTICLE.

In almost every department of local administration expenditure is steadily rising, and ratepayers who have followed the course of events for the last decade seem to accept the increase as inevitable. It is perfectly true that in certain directions administrators could not have checked the advance, which has come about owing to circum-stances over which they have no control, but is the burden being placed on the proper shoulders? Education, which is a national service, is becoming increasingly costly, owing to the provision of proper school accommodation, the higher payments of teachers, who do not think their services are adequately remunerated, and the institution of school medical inspection, etc., and the people, as ratepayers in given areas, have a large share of the burden to bear. It might be impossible to make the charge for education the same for all parts of the country, because the facilities provided are so very different, but there should be some similarity between local charges. This can only be obtained by the State assuming responsibility for a larger share of the expenditure. In regard to highways, too, the burdens are unfairly placed. Motor traffic—motor cars, motor waggons, etc.—have within the last few years completely changed the methods of road maintenance, involving huge sums of money, and it is grossly unjust that the people of any area should have to meet charges for which they are in nowise responsible. Our roads were never constructed for such traffic, and, although the new users are taxed to some extent, it is obvious that a change in the system must be brought about if the ordinary ratepayers are to be treated at all fairly. People who own motor waggons may state that it is all for the good of trade, but it must not be overlooked that these new machines are being utilized to bring greater profits to individuals, and the question is whether they are made to pay for that. This, too, is a national question. Fortunately, the cost of the administration of the Poor Law is not going up, despite the fact that greater generosity is being displayed to the deserving poor by the Boards of Guardians. This fact is often lost sight of., While the old age pension has kept thousands of persons off the relief list, and thus saved money to the ratepayers, it has also resulted in numerous Boards of Guardians increasing their scale of relief, and this, of course, has meant more money. With this no one has any complaint to find, but how much would old age pensions have saved the ratepayers had the old scales been adhered to? Nevertheless, with better treatment of the poor, expenditure is not going up, and in some Unions it has decreased. Pauper lunatics have, however, become a heavier charge on the rates, due, we are told, to the higher cost of living. It is possible that these unfortunate people are not housed under the most economical conditions—that simpler and cheaper means of dealing with them might be adopted, but without special knowledge it would be foolish for anyone to dogmatize on this question. Owing to the pressure of business life, vicious habits, and physical inefficiency, the army of lunatics is growing—a lamentable fact, and as people would soon condemn any reversion to the methods of the old days, when the mentally afflicted were practically allowed to take care of themselves, the price for keeping them apart from the community must be met. Ratepayers generally could exercise an effective check on expenditure by evincing a little more interest in public affairs, because that would tend to make their representatives more vigilant in regard to money matters. The case of Leeds might be cited in illustration of this, but it is unnecessary, as in connection with almost every authority instances could be given of useless or extravagant expenditure.

The granting of specified hours of leisure to persons engaged in agricultural pursuits is admittedly a question of some difficulty, because the work on a farm requires attention at certain times, otherwise loss may result to farmers. But it is not a problem that is incapable of solution. In nearly every industry men have one half-holiday a week, but in farming it is not the recognised custom to give any such concession, and, so far as this particular district is concerned, the demand for it is not so keen as it is in some parts of the country. The older men, accustomed all their lives to work week in week out without a vacation, are perhaps not inclined to trouble themselves about securing more leisure, but the younger generation, with the example of the townsman ever before them, have a different outlook. Farmers are very conservative in their ideas and methods, they frequently fail to recognise the great forces that are at work, and in some parts of the country, owing to an utter lack of sympathy, a great cleavage has come about between the two classes engaged in the tilling of the soil. How soon the same feeling will dominate the whole of the agricultural population remains to be seen, but movements have a remarkable way of spreading, and when no effort is made to grapple with them, in order to maintain existing good or introduce immense mischief is done. Every often agriculturists blame people for pointing out certain things which are obvious to everybody but themselves, and accuse them of fomenting agitation, but observers simply state what they discern, and very often their deductions are accurate. It is a sign of the times surely when a conference of farmers has been called by a Unionist candidate for Parliament to consider the question of a half-holiday for farm hands. He recognises that the men are entitled to greater leisure, and he says that it would be much better for the farmers themselves to come to some arrangement, instead of allowing the Legislature to step in and interfere between master and man. Probably when making this statement he had the Shops Act in mind. Now this Act would not have been necessary—it should not have been necessary—had all shopkeepers been actuated by unselfish aims, but they declined to give a concession to employers until they were compelled, and the good employer suffered along with the selfish employer. It may be argued that no parallel exists between shop-keeping and farming, but the principle underlying the half-holiday movement is the same. Certain shops are open six days of the week, but the employees have conceded to them by legislation one half-holiday per week, and any attempt at interference with this right would bring punishment on offenders. Might not the half-holiday for the great agricultural community be settled on somewhat similar lines? Then there would be no interruption of the work on the farm, nor would any of the animals belonging to the agriculturist suffer. What about harvest times? Surely it is not impossible for human ingenuity to devise an arrangement suitable to these particular periods. On some farms the men are granted a half-holiday per week—leisure which they may utilize in the establishment of their own gardens or in recreation, and the fact that some agriculturists have made the concession absolutely shatters the argument that it is impossible to grant holidays to farm hands. Farmers have recently been counselled by their friends to make life in the country more attractive for young men, so that a supply of efficient labour may be maintained, and they would be consulting their own interests if they attempted to make their arrangements meet the needs of the times.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Jim Dixon, farmer, of Adel, was summoned for drunkenness at Adel on March 30th. P.C. Wilson said that owing to the man's condition he had to take him home. Defendant was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

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IN MEMORIAM.

In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Tom, who died April 10th, 1902.
"Gone from our sight but not from our mind."
—From sister and brother.

NORTON.—In loving memory of a dear husband and a loving father, Fred Norton, of Kippax, who entered into rest April 9th, 1907.
"Sleep on, dear father, thy labour is o'er;
Thy willing hands will toil no more.
On earth there's strife, in heaven there's rest;
Thy miss thee most who loved thee best."
581 —From his loving wife and family.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

In the second round of the Leeds and District N.U. Cup Competition Rothwell will play Normanton at Normanton on Saturday.

West Riding Quarter Sessions.—At the Quarter Sessions at Wakefield on Monday the local magistrates present were:—Ald. Isaac C. Brooksbank and Mr S. Brooksbank (Tadcaster), Dr J. E. Eddison (Adel), and Mr J. W. Morkill (Chairman of the Skyrack Bench).

Skyrack Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr R. D. Kitson, Mrs. Hudson, Mr C. Holliday, and Mr E. Parkin. Before commencing the business the Chairman announced that the next court would be held a week next Tuesday owing to the Easter holidays.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agents, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax. Applications:—Louis S. Webb, Scarborough, improvements in dart boards; William E. Clark, Doncaster, improvements in mudguards for motor cars and other vehicles. Patents accepted —W. Crowther, Birkenshaw, an improved apparatus for washing, sterilising, drying, and mangling; J. W. Hyde, Bradley, and O. Wichtern, Lewis, an improved internal combustion turbine, applicable also as a steam turbine; J. Brunet, Paris, France, and H. Wood, Tadcaster, an improved apparatus for drying sewage sludge, etc.

Conservatism.—Mr Cecil Lister-Kaye, prospective Unionist candidate for the Normanton Division, addressed a meeting on Thursday night in the Mission Room, New Stanningley. Major H. C. B. Wilson presided. Mr Lister-Kaye dealt at some length with the Home Rule question. Before he concluded, he said he would be given to the people of Ulster, and all that the Unionists asked was that the question should be decided once and for all by the country. Some events in the past week had been most surprising, and one could not regard them as very creditable. The Government were still in office, and many people must be disappointed that they were remaining there at the sacrifice of their honour. The Minister for War had resigned his office, but it was difficult to see why he should do so any more than any other member of the rest of the Government. Col. Seely had to a certain extent been made a scapegoat inside the Cabinet. During the last day or two there had been, either more or less, a split in the Cabinet. Sir Edward Grey's speech, although it was most conciliatory in tone, it seemed that all the concessions were expected to come from the Tory party.

Serious Charge Dismissed.—The magistrates at the West Riding Quarter Sessions at Wakefield on Tuesday were occupied for several hours in hearing a charge against Joseph Ackroyd, a member of the West Riding Police Force, stationed at Barley, who was indicted for having feloniously assaulted a widow named Gertrude Annie Wilde, a domestic servant in the employ of Mr and Mrs Cawthorne, of Rutland House, Adel, on the 30th of January last, and with Mr Harold Newell defended. It was alleged that on the afternoon of February 30th, during the absence of her mistress and master, and in the absence of her husband, who was sold of Mrs Wilson, kissed her twice, and indecently assaulted her. The defence was a total denial. It was stated that on the afternoon in question Ackroyd, who was in plain clothes, called at the house going to Mr Cawthorne's house, and being suspicious, he followed, but lost sight of him. Seeing Mrs Wilson at the back door, he asked her if a man had seen a man. At first she denied having seen a man, but afterwards admitted that it was her sweetheart. The defendant never went into the house. Supt. Barraclough gave Ackroyd an excellent character. He had been in the police force twenty-two years, and there had been no complaint against him. The prisoner was found not guilty on the charge, but convicted of assault, and was, we understand, stationed at Rothwell some years ago.

Strike and Transformation.—Writing about the coal strike a reporter stated:—Considered aesthetically for a moment, the transforming influence of the strike upon the mining villages which cluster around the larger centres in Yorkshire, may appear to have created a very desirable improvement in rural conditions. The well to do characteristic mining community as is housed at Rothwell, to Stanley and Woodlesford, which are reluctantly yielding their natural beauties to the passion for pushing the bounds of the earth's crust, and one is reminded of a ditty in vogue many years ago which ended with the reiterated assurance that every day would be Sunday by-and-by. Perhaps it would not be more correct to suggest that the residents distributed over a considerable tract of industrial Yorkshire are experiencing weeks of Saturdays. In Rothwell alone over 2,000 colliers are taking an enforced rest, with more as less good grace, but with practically no conviction as to the propriety of their situation. At Woodlesford upwards of 1,500 men are spending an unusually long period above ground, while at Stanley about another 500 miners have leisure thrust upon them. Undeniably, despite the attractive weather, the bulk of these would be extremely glad to get the word to go back to the pits, for whilst gardening, football, cycling, and walking are pursuits eminently pleasing, strike pay by no means approaches the pecuniary fruits of labour.

The miners on strike in the Rothwell district received their first week's strike pay on Thursday.

Mr Abraham Armitage, stone merchant, of Lofthouse, was on the Grand Jury at the Quarter Sessions at Wakefield.

SALVATION ARMY.—On Sunday night Captain White, who has had charge of the local corps of the Salvation Army, "farewelled." The captain is ill-health, and will take a rest before proceeding to her new corps. Until the time of her removal, Lieutenant Blackwell will take charge. On Monday evening Major Lewis addressed a large congregation at a special service.

BOWLING.—Playing in the junior section of the Oulton and District Billiard League Rothwell Mechanics' Institute were defeated by Hopetown Rowing Room by 137 points on Saturday night at Rothwell. The total scores were Hopetown 1502, Rothwell 1403. Details (Rothwell team's first):—C. Berry (6) v A Gregory 100, H. Taylor 78 v. I. Ward 100, C. Wardly 36 v. F. Shaw 100, H Priestley 45 v R Booth 100, G Pawson 100 v H Bowser 40, and W Jepson 75 v W. Benton 100.

ALLERTON BYWATER

At a meeting of the Executive of the Northern Counties' Athletic Association in Manchester on Saturday night a permit was given to hold Allerton Bywater C.C. sports on July 25th.

OPPOSITION FOR SIR J. C. RICKETT.—At an I.L.P. meeting at Moorthorpe, on Sunday, Sir J. Compton Rickett, the member for the Osgoldcross Division, was severely criticised with regard to his attitude on the Minimum Wage Act, the London Electricity Bill, and other measures. Mr J. S. Potts said Sir Joseph was one of the country's millionaires, and immediately a man became a millionaire he became a danger to the State. The meeting confirmed the recommendation of the Goole Labour Council that the division be contested by Labour man at the next election. The selection of the candidate will probably be made from the following:—Mr J. S. Potts and Mr L. Burn, member of the Hemsworth Rural Council, and Mr J. Hough, of Featherstone.

IN THE RIVER.—An open verdict was returned at an inquest held on Monday at Castleford on James Adams (31), barman, Whitelock Street, Leeds, whose body was recovered from the river on Saturday. John Henry Adams, a brother, said that at times deceased was rather depressed, and only this year attempted to do away with himself by taking poison. Witness knew of nothing that should have induced him to commit suicide. His brother left his lodgings in Leeds on the 7th of last month. A juryman, named Thomas Johnson, was fined 10s. by the Coroner for failing to answer to his name. Johnson turned up later, and explained that he forgot all about the inquest, and when he remembered it he was "flabbergasted." The Coroner said that, under the circumstances, the fine would be remitted.

BARWICK

The annual meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Parish Council will be held on Monday night, the 20th inst.

PARISH COUNCIL.—On Monday night a meeting of the Barwick Parish Council was held at Scholes, and the members present were Messrs A Booth (in the chair), R Wright, F Lumb, and A Robshaw (Barwick). J. M. Rayner, W. Weatherill, E. Pemberton, and — Needham (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clark). The Chairman said he thanked the Council for the letter of sympathy they sent him in his illness. It was only at such times that one got to know who recognised what one did.—In regard to a telephone call office at Barwick, the contract manager wrote stating he was unable to give a decision on the matter, as negotiations were still in progress.

CARLTON

Mr Joseph Beeton, of Carlton, left estate valued at £1,191.

CROSSGATES

Whooping cough, mumps, and chickenpox are prevalent in Crossgates.

FARMERS' CLUB.—On Thursday night at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, a meeting of Crossgates and District Farmers' Club will be held, and an address on "Co-operation among farmers" will be delivered by Mr Liddle, of the Agricultural Organisation Society. See advert.

PROPERTY SALE.—Messrs W. B. Hindle, Son, and Lewis offered for sale by auction on Tuesday evening at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, the freehold dwelling-house, No. 12, Hollyshaw Lane, Whitkirk. The property was withdrawn from the sale at £385, but was afterwards sold to the last bidder for £400. The net rental was £27 per annum. Messrs Beeston, Son, and Muldrew acted on behalf of the vendor.

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.—On Tuesday evening at the weekly meeting of the Baptist Fellowship at the Hall, Whitkirk—Mr F. Hartop presiding—seven interesting papers on various subjects were read by Mr Crabtree, of Whitkirk, editor of the portfolio. The subjects dealt with were women's suffrage, the lack of the social element in Church life, the value of debates, recreation, etc., and the subsequent discussion was taken part in by Mr Hey, Mr Cousson was taken part in by Mr Hey, Mr Mills, Mr Hartop, Mr Morgan, Cox, Armistead, Rodgers, and others. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Crabtree on the motion of Mr Jackson, seconded by Mr Elliott.

GARFORTH

PRESENTATION.—Mr Thomas Cook, a native of Garforth, who is well-known in the village, sailed on Thursday for Western Australia, where he will work on a Wesleyan missionary. On the night before a send-off meeting was held in the Wesleyan School at Long Preston, and the chairman (Mr A. Horrocks), on behalf of the Wesleyan trustees and Foothball Club, presented Mr Cook with a purse containing upwards of £8. He said that if Providence should call him back he was sure they would give him a hearty welcome. Mr Cook, in reply, said he would like to say how heartily that he would ever to lose the people there. He had always taken an interest in sports, and a man could not be a Christian in the field of sport, as well as in the Church. A Christianity was not worth a crack of the fingers.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At this attractive place of amusement the principal film on the first three nights of the week were "The House of Temperance" and "Jack of the Navy." On each of the week the bills pictures will be "The deathstone of India" and "The flames in the ashes." For the holidays the management have secured splendid programmes, and crowded houses should be the rule. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday a splendid two-part drama of North-West Canada, entitled "The Trail of the Hypnotic Ring," should be an exciting one, and two other outstanding films will be "The Rattlesnake," a thrilling production, and "Pimple's Kissing Cup." On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "The Prisoner of the Harem," an Oriental drama, will be screened, and it will depict struggles between a fioness and a man, and between a lioness and a tiger. Another good film—"The mysterious airship"—is promised, being with other pictures. For times and prices see advert

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Benson, milk dealer, of Headingley, was summoned for driving a vehicle at Garforth without a light. P.C. Gough stated that he stopped the defendant on the Leeds and Selby Road at Garforth about 11 p.m. on Thursday, March 26th.—A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

FOOTBALL.—Garforth White Rose will be represented in the Barkston Ash Cup final at Selby on Saturday by the following team:—Goal, Gent; backs, Bulmer and Atack; half-backs, Gibson, Pickersgill, and Prime (capt.); forwards, Hardcastle, Sedgwick, Pickersgill, E. Birch, and Howson. The same team will play Monk Fryston on Easter Monday.

THE STRIKE.—In the Garforth, Micklefield, and other collieries in the Leeds district, says a writer, the miners came out very reluctantly, holding the view that the strike should either have been confined to the South Yorkshire coalfield, where the trouble arose, or that a general strike should have been proclaimed in order to force a settlement. Some anxiety is also felt as to the continuance of strike pay should the dispute be prolonged.

THE LATE MR WILLIAM MOSBY.—A correspondent writes us as follows:—Mr William Mosby was born 80 years ago in a cottage that stood near Station Fee, Garforth, and he spent the first 47 years of his life in the village, so that he was well-known to all the old inhabitants, by whom he was held in the highest esteem. He then left Garforth, and went to Leeds, where he spent the next 30 years. Here, too, he was well-known, and greatly respected. He made many life-long friends by his geniality and kindness. He remained in Leeds until the death of his wife three years ago, and then returned to Garforth to reside with his sister, Mrs Hannah, of Moorhouse Farm. Mr Mosby was a devoted and consistent member of the Wesleyan Methodist Society for 63 years, a class leader for a good number of years, and a local preacher in the Leeds Brunswick Hill Circuit for 53 years, and he sometimes preached in two or three other circuits. He was a good, sound preacher, and well appreciated wherever he went. During the last three years he was obliged to curtail his services owing to his rapidly failing eyesight and advancing years, but whenever he was able it was his joy and pleasure to either preach or lead the Bible Class or Society Class. He was blessed with a retentive memory, and was remarkable for his knowledge of the Bible and the Wesleyan hymn book and poetry, and his mental powers remained unimpaired to the last. It was his one great object to minister to the spiritual needs of the people, and no man took greater delight in the services of God's house. As a leader of the Bible Class, he was greatly liked by the young people, and his influence over them was remarkable. He was loved by old and young alike, and no man was more highly esteemed and honoured by the ministers and local preachers of the Richmond Hill Circuit.

HALTON

Halton bowlers have joined Leeds and District Association, and have been placed in a division with Chapeltown, North Leeds, and Gipton in the Mayley Trophy Competition.

"A SAD CASE."—At the Hitchin Police Court on Tuesday Marjorie Vaughan, of Halton, wife of a Birmingham schoolmaster, was charged with the theft of jewellery while acting as a nurse to Mrs Stephenson, wife of the head master of the Hitchin Boys' School. Herts. Prisoner left on March 25th, and a quantity of jewellery was missed. Prisoner was arrested by Inspector Wright, of Leeds. She gave the name of Nurse Jones, and owned to taking a gold ring on a sudden impulse, and expressed regret. While at Letchworth prisoner stated she was the daughter of a well-known doctor. She was married only last year. Describing it as a sad case, the Magistrate placed her on probation for a year.

KIPPAX

RATES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday eighteen persons of Kippax were summoned by the Kippax overseers for non-payment of the poor rate. The usual orders were made.

PARISH CHURCH.—The sacred cantata "From Olivet to Calvary" was given in the church on Sunday. Sermons suitable to the season were preached by the Vicar, Rev. E. B. Smith, to crowded congregations.

MINERS' STRIKE.—The miners are seemingly enjoying their enforced holiday. Gardening operations are in full swing, and the men who possess gardens are now very busy. Others take long cycle runs, and the third topics of the day—possibly the chief topics of the day—are the Home Rule question and the settlement of the strike.

KIPPAX CYCLING CLUBS.—The Kippax C.C. opens its season with an interview to Selby on Good Friday with the Castleford Wheelers, leaving headquarters at 10 a.m. Mr R. Pleas has been re-elected hon. secretary for the seventh successive year. The president, Mr J. Varley, has also been re-elected, and he hopes for a good muster on Friday. An innovation is the appointment of captain for each run, the first arrival at the meeting place being so honoured. The Kippax Road Club also open their season with an interview to Selby on Good Friday. Mr E. Knowles is hon. secretary of the club of 40 members, and a second team is to be formed. The club is one of the early fixtures.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—A largely-attended meeting was held on the Cross Hill, Kippax, on Tuesday—Mr Atack presiding—and the principal speaker was Mr A. V. Reginald, of Castleford, who dealt with the Ulster problem, and the rumour which had gained currency amongst armament shares and ordinary shares at Rotherham that the Liberal member is reported to hold. Sir Joseph is to meet a deputation to consider this matter, and Kippax appointed two representatives—Mr W. Farrar and Mr J. W. Mee—to attend the meeting on Tuesday. Several questions were put to the speaker, and one, "Was the present member a director in the Coal Company at Rotherham?" was answered in the negative. A public meeting is to be held shortly at which the deputation is expected to give a report of the interview with the Member.

MISHAP ON THE RAILWAY.—A light engine, travelling on the joint Midland and Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways, on Tuesday afternoon, fouled the points at Methley Junction, and ran off the line, blocking the Lancashire and Yorkshire metals in both directions. The Doncaster to Leeds train, due at Leeds at 2.52, was then due to pass the spot, and the signals had already been dropped to admit it into the section, but by the prompt measures taken these were reversed, and the train brought to an abrupt stop just as it reached the signal post. The train was taken on the Great Northern line, via Ardsley, to Central Station. Traffic on the Midland line between Leeds and Sheffield was continued with delays, but it was not until a couple of hours later that the derailed engine was replaced on the metals, and traffic on the Lancashire and Yorkshire line resumed.

OULTON

Mr Thomas Waide, paper merchant, of Oulton, was on the Grand Jury at the Quarter Sessions at Wakefield.

Oulton bowlers are to compete for the Preston Shield, and they have been placed in a division with Hunslet, Morley, Hothers, Alfords, Oulton still also make a bid for the Morley Trophy.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Bean, greengrocer, of Leeds, was charged with having been drunk and whilst in charge of a horse and conveyance in Wakefield Road, Oulton. The horse was put up at a public-house, while Bean was taken to the lock-up. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.—James Marks, an engineer, of Leeds, who was with Bean, was charged with drunkenness. It was stated by P.C. Coldwell that Marks was leaning against the landau. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

ROUNDHAY

HOCKEY.—On Saturday afternoon Roundhay and Ben Rhydding had a match, and chiefly through the efforts of Edwards, at centre half, Roundhay had the better of matters in the initial stages. Later, Ben Rhydding got into their stride, and Barker twice netted. In the second half the home team again pressed, but Barker scored his third goal for Ben Rhydding. From the succeeding bully, Roundhay entered the visitors' circle, and Jamieson netted. Shortly afterwards the same player further increased the visitors' lead, and from the next bully Roundhay's hay drew level through Jamieson. Towards the close Cochrane placed Ben Rhydding in front again. Result—Ben Rhydding 4 goals, Roundhay 3 goals.

A SOLICITOR'S AFFAIRS.—The first meeting of the creditors of Henry John Paletthorpe, solicitor, 7, Greek Street, Leeds, and "Cuckoostone," Lidgett Park Road, Roundhay, has been held in the Official Receiver's Offices, Leeds. The summary of the debtor's statement of affairs showed gross liabilities of £11,012, expected to rank at £2,000. The debtor has no assets; the deficiency, therefore, is £2,097. The difference between the gross liabilities and the figure at which they are expected to rank is represented by three creditors being fully secured for £1,495. The causes of failure alleged by the debtor were "Loss of income from profession since 1906, and alimony to wife and cost of separation Loss." No resolutions were passed at the meeting.

STOURTON

UNUSUAL PROSECUTION.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Chas. James Cousson, confectioner, of Hunslet, was summoned for failing to notify the vaccination of a child. Mary Jane Sedman, a vaccination officer to the Hunslet Union, proved the offence. Defendant said his wife had been to the doctor's five times before she obtained a certificate. The bench imposed a fine of 5s. and costs. Defendant: I shall not pay it. The Chairman (Mr J. W. Morkill): Or seven days.—Defendant: Very good, sir.

SHADWELL

FAILING TO REGISTER A CLUB.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Frederick White, chemist, of Leeds, was summoned for failing to register a club during January, according to the regulations. Defendant was the secretary of the Moortown Golf Club. Supt. Symonds stated that on examining the register of clubs on March 2nd he found that the Moortown Golf Club had not been registered in the usual way. Mr Curtis, who appeared for the defendant, said at the beginning of the season a new secretary was elected, and he did not know that it was his duty to make the return. The club, he said, was altogether different from a drinking club, and the offence was practically a technical one. The chairman (Mr J. W. Morkill) said the defendant had laid himself open to a heavy penalty, but he was willing to view the offence as a technical one. The summons was dismissed on payment of costs.

WOODLESFORD

On Saturday Woodlesford All Saints' football team were defeated by Leeds St. Paul's by three goals to one.

BERRIES.—A successful smoking concert promoted by the Pride of Woodlesford Lodge of the Leeds and District Order of Druids, was held in the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford, on Saturday night—Mr C. P. Wilson, of Swillington, presiding. An enjoyable programme of songs was gone through, those contributing numerous items including Mr Ben Britton and Mr Walters. The accompanist was Mr Ernest Hill, of Castleford. During the evening two presentations were made by Bros. Taylor and Hodgkinson, of Leeds, to Bros. Doggett and Coombs, of Woodlesford. Bro. Doggett's presentation consisted of a gold medal for long and meritorious service in the Order, and that of Bro. Coombs was in the form of a gold medal, a cold prize awarded to members of the Order in the district, for work in the initiating members. The first prize, by the by-laws, is a silver medal, the medal being won by Bro. Coombs with 1,000 points. A splendid evening's entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The Earl of Londesborough has been re-elected president of the Selby Londesborough Cricket Club.

FARM WORKERS' PROTEST.—The housing conditions at Hambleton have become the subject of strong feeling amongst the local farm labourers, and at a meeting held in the village, under the auspices of the Workers' Union, a resolution has been passed protesting against the present state of things, and urging the immediate putting into operation at Hambleton of the Government's rural housing scheme. The resolution also points out that the half the houses in the village are owned by the farmers.

A FARMER'S MISTAKE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Harry Crisp, farmer, of Alwoodley, was summoned for failing to deliver up a swine movement licence. P.C. Otter stated that he called upon the defendant on March 21st, but did not receive the licence as required, and he said that he had been unable to do so as it was late when he got home from the auction mart. Defendant told the magistrates that he had acted quite under a misapprehension as he was of the opinion that he was allowed seven days to deliver up the licence. A fine of 2s. 6d., or, in default, 7 days.

LIBERAL MEETING.—Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association a meeting was held at the National Schools, Monk Fryston, on Monday evening, Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Division Association), was announced as Chairman, but he was prevented from being present, and Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Association) presided. The meeting was addressed by Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective candidate for the Division), and by also answered a number of questions. On the motion of Mr Dixon, seconded by Mr Roberts, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr Foster and the Chairman.

A VERY SAD AFFAIR.

MURDER AND SUICIDE AT STOURTON.

MOTHER AND BABY'S TRAGIC END.

IN LODGINGS AT ROTHWELL—GIRL'S LETTER

CORONER AND THE WITNESSES.

Whilst walking along the towing path of the canal at Stourton on Monday afternoon two young men found a woman's body and a newborn baby lying in the hedge-bottom just beyond Thwaite Mill. Attached to the hat was a note written in pencil. Taking their find to the police sergeant's wife at Stourton, the young men returned to the spot, where they were subsequently joined by the police, and grappling operations were commenced. About 4.30 the body of an infant was recovered from the water and ten minutes later that of a young woman was also brought to the surface. The bodies were removed to the mortuary at Thwaite Gate to await identification and a Coroner's inquest. A clue was afforded the police by the note, on the outside of which was written "Take it to Mr A. E. Nash, 4, Pepper Street, New Pepper Road, Leeds."

Later the bodies were identified as those of Lilian Nash, aged seventeen, and her infant child.

An inquest was held in the Stourton Wesleyan Sunday School on Tuesday afternoon by the West Riding Coroner (Mr P. E. Maitland).

The father of the dead woman, August Francis Nash, a miner, of 4, Pepper Street, Hunslet, Leeds, who is a widower, identified the bodies, and stated that deceased had not been living at home of late, she having left about seven weeks ago. Up to the time of leaving she had been employed by a firm of rag merchants at Hunslet. Her child, which was about seven months old, was born at the house in Pepper Street on September 16th. It was called Mary Jane. The father described the child as "a bonny baby," strapping young woman. He had heard that she was to be married two weeks after Easter to a young man named Thomas William Fox, of Rothwell, who was the father of the child.

The Coroner: Why did she leave your house?

Witness: Because she was of a quarrelsome nature.

The Coroner: Who has she quarrelled with?

Witness: With me, as a result of her staying out late at night.

Nash explained that she had left home three times in all, but had returned on the first two occasions. He had kept an open door for her, should she wish to return.

The Coroner: Her leaving home was not on account of the baby? You did not say the baby was in the way.

Witness: No. I offered to take the baby as mine.

Continuing, the father said he had not seen her since three weeks ago when she came to his house one Saturday. He asked her to come home again, but she said she would rather return to Rothwell, where she was in lodgings.

The Coroner: How did she live at Rothwell?

Witness: She was working somewhere, and she had never asked me for any money.

The Coroner: Was she receiving any money from the father?

Witness: Yes, on an order of the Leeds Police Court, she received 3s. 6d. per week. At first she did not receive the money until Fox had been sent to prison.

The Foreman of the jury: How many other children have you?

Witness: Five.

The Foreman: Has this girl ever appealed to you for help?

Witness: No, never.

The Foreman: She must have been a clever girl.

William Padler, miner, 2, Church Street, Rothwell, said the young women had been lodging with him and his wife for about six weeks. She was to pay eight shillings per week, but had only paid one full week's board, and that was last week. She had been working of late with an electric light bulb polishing firm in South Accommodation Road. His wife looked after the baby while she was away from the house. The baby was very healthy. The young woman had been introduced to him by his (witness's) sister, who knew the girl.

The Coroner: Did she never tell your wife why she left home?

Witness: No. The morning she left home she seemed very jolly. Her young man, who was his nephew, had often been to his house.

The Coroner: Perhaps that accounts for her leaving?

Witness: I took her partly so that she would not be turned out into the street. The young man appeared recently friendly with the girl.

Padler said he had never heard them talk of getting married. The young woman was very fond of the baby. On Monday morning she became downstairs about 9.30, dressed in her best clothes and ready to go out. He asked her where she was going, and she replied that she was going to her brother's to get her board paid, and the baby made up. She had no breakfast, and, after his wife had fed the baby, she went out, taking the child with her. He had no idea what time she would return, but he had expected her home to tea. When she left the house she made towards Leeds. He did not hear about the affair until about six o'clock in the night, when a police officer had drowned herself and the baby in the canal. He told the father of the child. It seemed to take it hard when he heard of it.

The Coroner: It has been mentioned about a marriage.

Witness: I have never heard that.

The Foreman: Has she ever said anything about unpleasantness at home?

Witness: No, I have heard nothing.

The Coroner: You have never pressed her for money?

Witness: No.

Mrs Emma Bedford, miner, 5, Lower Goslem, Pontefract Road, Stourton, said the deceased was his niece. He could not say why she had left her father's house. She called on o'clock on Monday morning she came to his house with the baby. She did not say she wanted anything. She left the house between one o'clock and two o'clock. She had nothing to eat. As she left she said she was going to her father's house. She appeared quite cheerful. That was the last she saw of her. The girl's mother had been dead nine years. She said she had been carried out of her lodgings on Saturday night, and that she had been taken back until she had sent a letter to her father asking him to come and fetch her back.

The father, recalled, said he received a note by hand on Sunday night. It said that where she was living they were "stalled" of her, and he had to be up at Rothwell by ten o'clock on Monday morning. The note, said the father, was delivered by a little girl who lived a few doors away in Pepper Street. The message was just scrawled on a piece of paper and there was no envelope. He took no notice of it.

The Coroner: Why?

Witness: Because I thought it was no use.

The Coroner: What do you mean?

Witness: I thought she would not stay when she did come home.

Padler was recalled and questioned regarding the note received by the father.

The Coroner: You said she was in arrears with her money, but you said she had never been pressed for it?

Witness: No, I never pressed her for it.

The Coroner: Did you turn her out on Saturday night?

Witness: No, it is a falsehood, and I can bring witnesses who would prove that she slept under my roof both on Saturday and Sunday night.

The Coroner: Was she sent out and then allowed to come back?

Witness: No, never.

The Coroner: You know she had written to her father that you were "stalled" of her and farms. H.M. Inspector of Mines for Yorkshire, that she had been taken back until she wrote a letter to her father.

Witness: It is untrue.

Continuing with the evidence of Bedford, the Coroner asked if she had asked him for any thing?

Witness replied she had not.

The Coroner: Did you not think she was on the ground?

Witness: No, although I told her she could have half of what was in the house.

The Foreman: Did she make any complaint beyond the note?

Witness: No. If I thought she had been going to drown herself I would not have let her go.

Answering further questions, witness said she seemed quite cheerful and asked his wife to put on the trifling machine, which played for about half an hour. Before she went she wrote a note, and he, in fun, asked her if she was writing a love letter, and she replied "No fear." She said she had no work as they were slack. She said she would come again.

Thomas William Fox, pit pony driver, the father of the child, who was in custody at Leeds in lodgings with his mother in Butcher Lane, Rothwell. He had been keeping company with the young woman since a year last Christmas. He had been paying for the child, and had been sent to prison for a month for non-payment, but had been bailed out at the end of the first week. Since then he had paid regularly, the last payment being made on Saturday. Nothing had been said about their getting married, neither had anything been said about the future of the baby. Last Wednesday the deceased girl had asked his mother to take the baby, but his mother said she could not take it. Witness last saw her at her lodgings on Sunday at dinner-time. He had been keeping company with her lately, but they had been on speaking terms.

The Foreman: Did she ever make any complaint to you about her parents?

Witness: No.

The Foreman: Has she ever asked you for any money?

Witness: No, but I have heard her say that her brother had made up her board-money.

The Coroner: Weren't you surprised when she came to live at Rothwell?

Witness: Yes, you asked her why, but she would not say.

Albert Stocks, is labourer at the Steel Works, Hunslet, and lived at the Yorkshire Street, Thwaite Gate, Stourton, deposed to finding the hat and fur-boa at 1.45 on Monday afternoon. After talking the things to the police-sergeant's house he went to the canal bank where they assisted in grappling. The body of the infant was found about 4.30, and ten minutes later the body of the young woman was secured about two yards away.

The Coroner read the note which was as follows:—

Dear Father,—I write these few lines to tell you that Lily and her baby is in the water, and it is from Thomas William Fox, who said he was going to have my baby, so I thought I would have him myself. So good bye from Lily, a kiss from baby and Lily to father, mother, and all.

The Coroner added that several crosses followed, and then "Goodbye." A book, in which the payments by the father of the child had been kept was found on the body of the girl, along with the maintenance order.

In summing up, the Coroner said it appeared from the evidence that the witnesses could tell them more if they would. With the exception of the story of the man Stocks, who found the things on the bank and helped in the recovery of the bodies, the evidence of the witnesses did not corroborate the other. He thought by the letter the girl had left and the evidence, that she had nowhere to rest her head, so to speak, and did not know what to do. As to the turning up of the body, they could not tell who was speaking the truth. The man Padler was emphatic in his details although the father and Mrs Bedford were coming to the point were "stalled" of her, but she had gone into a restless state. It was a great pity, as the mother appeared a fine girl, and the child looked a fine baby. It was a very sad case. She had evidently got into such a state that she could not see her way. In the case of the baby it was a case of murder against the mother; while in the case of herself it was suicide. He thought the jury should return a verdict of wilful murder against the mother and also a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind.

The Foreman agreed, and said he wished it to be recorded that it was a most distressing case. The other jury were sorry that so fine a young woman and child should be brought to this end.

As the witnesses left the Coroner's Court, the young man Fox was "booed" and "hissed" by a crowd of women.

The Wharfedale Rural Council on Friday resolved to call a conference to give assistance in respect of the water supply and drainage of a garden suburb scheme which is being developed at Cookridge.

REFORMATORY BOYS IN TROUBLE.—Two boys named George Ralph Hankins and John Leslie Horrocks were charged at Otley on Friday with stealing 23 packets of chocolate from an automatic machine at Otley on April 1st. When the lads were arrested they stated that they were from the Brambope Branch of the National Children's Home, but it was subsequently found that they were from the reformatory at Addlestone. The automatic machine, it was said, belonged to Mr T. Coates, confectioner, Otley, and was in front of his shop. Shortly after five in the morning the machine was found to have been broken open, and inquiries elicited the fact that the two lads had been seen in the neighbourhood. They were subsequently traced by means of the empty chocolate packets to Denton, about five miles from Otley. They then admitted the offence, and expressed their regret. Both boys were handed over to the care of the Reformatory authorities, who undertook to punish them.

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THE KING AND A METHLEY HERO.

Mr Thomas William Embleton, of The Collars, Methley, the only survivor of the brave men who took part in the rescue work at the Oaks Colliery disaster in 1866, on Monday received a pleasant surprise when Mr T. H. Mottram, H.M. Inspector of Mines for Yorkshire, called upon him with the information that he had been charged by the Home Secretary to deliver to Mr Embleton:—

I am commanded by His Majesty the King to tell you that he has read with interest an account of the recent unveiling of a memorial at your home, and took part in the work of rescue after the great disaster at the Oaks Colliery in 1866, and of the presence of yourself, the only survivor of the rescuers, at the ceremony. The King was very glad to learn that, though nearly fifty years have passed since the disaster, you are still in health and strength, and to see, from the welcome given to you by the people of Yorkshire present, that the brave action by which you helped to save, at the risk of your own life, the only man left alive of the first party of rescuers is still remembered and honoured by them. The King sends you his congratulations, and trusts that you may yet live many years, enjoying the esteem of all who know you.

The Selby Guardians on Monday decided not to send delegates to the Yorkshire Poor Law Conference.

On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster had a League match with York St. Paul's, and it was drawn, no goals being scored.

Two freehold cottages situate in Westbourne Terrace, Selby, were on Tuesday night sold by public auction, and realised £415.

The Selby Rural Council on Monday, at their monthly meeting, unanimously resolved to adopt the Local Government Board model by-laws for the whole of their district.

The Lighter Knot, of York, while being towed by the Chinaman for the city on Tuesday afternoon collided with the Selby toll bridge and damaged the Selby pile.

On Saturday in connection with Wetherby Golf Club the competition for the monthly medal took place, and the result was:—H. Heap, 94, 20, 74; S. P. Parkinson, 84, 9, 75; J. P. Heap, 103, 24, 79.

A remarkable instance of longevity in a country parish is provided by the village of Carlton, near Selby. One resident is over ninety years old, and there are two who are more than ninety years old, and twenty-four have attained seventy-five and twenty-one have attained seventy years.

WETHERBY WATER CO.—The annual meeting of the Wetherby and District Water Company was held at Leeds, under the chairmanship of Mr A. H. Mc'ey-Thompson. The report showed that the profit for the year was £1,140 17s. 8d., as against £1,050 for the previous year. After payment of interest on debentures and Lloyds Bonds, a credit balance remained of £495 10s. 5d., and this sum had been mainly devoted towards providing a new boiler and making good wards providing a new boiler and making good wards the effects of the frost. The report was adopted, and Messrs T. G. Mylchreest and A. G. Lupton were re-elected directors.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOLS.—A Sub-Committee of the West Riding Education Committee visited Selby on Tuesday and had a conference with the local Elementary Education Committee on the question of providing new school accommodation. As we announced a short time ago, the managers and trustees of the Wesleyan Schools at Selby are not prepared to make the required improvements to the school buildings. They are, however, prepared to convey the West Riding authority by granting them the loan of the buildings until new schools can be erected. At Tuesday's conference it was decided to recommend the Council to recommend the erection and provision of two schools—one in the Shipyard district, and one in the Paxley Road district, on the opposite side of the railway. The second scheme related to one large school to accommodate 750 scholars. The cost, roughly, would be upwards of £10,000. While no definite decision was arrived at with reference to the schools, immediate steps are to be taken to provide new schools at Selby.

NO SUNDAY CLOSING.—A well-attended meeting of all sections of the licensed trade in Yorkshire was held in Leeds on Tuesday, for the purpose of protesting against the Sunday Closing Bills now before Parliament. Major R. W. Gleadow, chairman of the Yorkshire Brewers' Association, was in the chair, and among the speakers was Mr W. Sykes (Tadcaster). A resolution was passed protesting against the Sunday Closing Bill, and expressing the opinion that "the existing facilities and conditions barely meet public requirements at the present day, and are not abused; and that if there is any spontaneous demand for change on the part of the public it is overwhelmingly for greater rather than for diminished accommodation." Further resolutions appealing to those interested to do all in their power to protest against and prevent these Bills becoming law, and pledging those present to bring the question of Sunday closing to the immediate notice of the members of their associations, and to utilise all available resources to prevent the suggested measures becoming law, were also adopted.

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LORD HELMSLEY'S VIEWS.—On Monday evening an anti-Home Rule meeting was held at Thirsk, and a letter was read from Lord Helmsley, M.P., stating that owing to his Parliamentary duties, he could not attend. "I hope," he says, "the meeting will be a great success and will express its condemning this Government, which, for party purposes, and for purely party exigencies, has not scrupled to bring our country face to face with the gravest dangers and disasters."

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

BARKSTON ASH CUP FINAL.

On Saturday afternoon the final for the Barkston Ash Challenge Cup will be played between Garforth W.R. and Cawood United at Selby, and the match will probably attract a good gathering of spectators. The ground is not a central one, but the Committee believe they will get a better "gate" at Selby than elsewhere, and I hope that their view will be justified. Cawood, the majority of whose players hail from Selby, are a robust, vigorous team, who have figured prominently in the Competition before, and they are no doubt full of confidence as to the outcome of the contest on Saturday. They, at any rate, present the stiffest hurdle set before Garforth, and, playing before what will be a crowd of well-wishers, they will not unlikely endeavour to show their best form. Garforth, who have dished Cawood before, have never won the Challenge Cup, and they are very anxious to secure it. They have assuredly a fine opportunity of winning the trophy, and if they can re-produce the form they exhibited against Aberford they will probably succeed. Of course, Cawood will offer a stouter resistance than Aberford, and the Garforthians may have a very hard tussle, but if they are on their best behaviour the probability is that the trophy will go to Garforth.

DEIGHTON SHIELD.—A DECISION.

The decision of the Appeals Board in the Garforth v South Milford case is a somewhat singular one, and will give satisfaction to nobody. It will be remembered that they sustained Garforth's appeal against the decision of the Barkston Ash Executive, and held that Chilton was ineligible, there not being sufficient time to complete his transfer from Monk Fryston to South Milford. This was the crux of the question. Was the transfer legal or illegal? They said that it did not comply with the Barkston Ash rules. South Milford were dissatisfied with this decision, and they asked the Appeals Board to reopen the case and hear further evidence, and they did so. They did not reverse their first decision, but they ordered the match to be replayed. In my opinion they have failed to please everybody, and thereby have failed to please anybody. When they had to decide whether Chilton was entitled to play with Milford, they, in effect, declared that Milford should have been dismissed, and the match allowed to stand, leaving South Milford to meet Wetherby in the circuit. If the appeal was a good one, the South Milford should have been dealt with according to the rules, inasmuch as the Board's decision was based on the Barkston Ash rules. It is rather funny for them to uphold their first decision, and then order the match to be replayed. South Milford, by this ruling, have another chance, but they are so dissatisfied with the decision that it is said they will not re-play the match. They may, how ever, change their minds.

On Sunday afternoon Wetherby had an enjoyable tich with Harrogate Methodists, and the Linton were delighted to hear goals to nil.

Milford Juniors' Church Institute played Rothwell Old Boys on Saturday afternoon, and in Allerton were in high goals scoring mood.

Rowland, Oulton and Garforth W.R. tried conclusions of the Garforthians scored victory by six goals to nil.

Stanley Park, who are a promising team, had a tough tich with Hunslet, and the latter were defeated by two goals to one.

Playing in the Workshops Competition, Middle's Gallery overcame H. R. Tower's Workers by goal to nil.

Cawood United played Acomb W.M.C. in the York League (Riley Smith Cup Competition on Saturday. Cawood won by two goals to nil.

ROTHWELL W.R. DEFEATED.

Rothwell White Rose were defeated at East Ardsley on Saturday, by two goals to nothing. Unfortunately Halton were without the services of Hayes, Speight, Lister, and Collis, their places being filled by good substitutes. Halton kicked off and immediately took up the attack, Caine just failing to ground. From the ensuing scrimmage Kenney secured, and, after a grand break away, passed to Todd, who knocked in with fine force at his mercy. It was pleasing to note that the Halton forwards, after their lapse of form, played with old-time vigour, and repeatedly got the ball out of the centre. From a cross kick by Mosby, Hartley followed up smartly and grounded under the posts, Burton failing at goal. At half-time the score was Halton a goal 1 try (5 pts.); Jack Lane, nil. Halton had done exceedingly well in the first half considering they had been playing a lad short, and Mc-Killerby coming into the team mode the side a full strength. On resuming the Halton backs posse d brilliantly, but the splendid defence of the ex-champions could not be pierced. Green dribbled finely for three quarters the length of the field, and Kenney completed the effort with a grand try under the posts, Burton failing at goal. The Lamers were not yet done with, however, for after a fine passing round, Norton scored a try, Fisher just failing to add the extra points. Sandy, who, by the way, was playing his first match, and defended well all through the game, dropped up the ball, and after a fine run, gave the centre pose to A. Killerby, who just failed to notch a try. The Lamers tried desperately to pull the game out of the fire, but W. Killerby, who had played a fine passing game, repeatedly gained applause by his plucky display of tackling. Halton won by 1 goal, 2 tries (8 pts.), to Jack Lane 1 goal, 1 try (5 pts.).

FUNERAL OF A SHADWELL LADY.

THE LATE MRS SAGAR-MUSGRAVE.

The remains of the late Mrs Sagar Musgrave, widow of the late Mr John Musgrave Sagar-Musgrave, of Red Hill, Shadwell, were interred on Monday afternoon at Bramley Church, Leeds, the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. P. Whitworth (vicar of Thorner), the Rev. A. Chadwick (vicar of Shadwell), and the Rev. F. Wolfe (vicar of Bramley).

The funeral cortege, preceded by the hearse drawn by four horses, left Red Hall about one o'clock, proceeding direct through the streets of Leeds to Bramley. The service in the church was fully choral, the hymns being "Rock of Ages" and "O God our help in ages past," and appropriate music was played on the organ by Mr G. F. Crosland, the selections comprising Gullmant's March, "O rest in the Lord," the Dead March in "Saul," and Chopin's Funeral March. The principal mourners were Colonel Sagar Musgrave, Mr E. H. Sagar-Musgrave (Brodsdale), Mr R. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr W. N. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr C. L. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr Walter Matthews, and Mr E. O. Simpson, with the male servants of the house-hold, Messrs Hyde and Preston.

Among others present were the Hon. G. H. Jackson, representing Lord Allerton, Mr Rupert Tinsley, Mr W. Musgrave Wilkinson, Mr R H Wilkinson, Sir William Nussey, Mr J. C. Sykes, Mr F. W. Tennant, Mr William Brotherick, Mr J. A. Stott, and other members of the staff of Sagar-Musgrave, Mrs. Castlehouse, and Mr R. H. Wilkinson, Mrs Nussey, Mr Charles Ryder, and Mr H. S. Childe sent their carriages. The remains were enclosed in a metallic coffin encased in finely polished oak with solid brass mountings, inscribed simply, "Clara Kate Sagar-Musgrave; Born September 4, 1840; died April 2, 1914." They were interred in the family vault on the south side of the church, the coffin being filled with narcissi and other beautiful white flowers.

A profusion of choice floral emblems were received during the day, including bedding-in tokens of affection from immediate members of the family, tributes from Mrs Brodsdale (Goldsborough), Mrs Herbfoots, Lord Allerton and Mrs Tinsley, Sir William and Lady Nussey, Mr and Mrs Morkill, the Rev. F. B. and Mrs Manners, Mrs Harper and Mrs Beddard, Mr R. H. Wilkinson, Mrs Chadwick, the Misses Nussey, Messrs Cooper Street, Leeds; Jones and Co., Mr J. Sykes, Mr and Mrs Armitage-Ledgard, Mr and Mrs C. F. Ryder, Mr and Mrs J. A. Stott, Mr and Mrs E. O. Simpson, Mr and Mrs Appleton (Rawdon House), Mr and Mrs Hutchinson (Red Hill), the staff of Musgrave and Sagar, the servants at Red Hall, and the servants at Oakhurst.

TRAVELLERS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the County of York Bowlers' and Victuallers' Travellers' Benevolent Association was held at the West Riding Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday night.

The Secretary's report showed that the income from all sources during the past year amounted to £84 13s., and the expenditure (including grants to members), was £37 11s. 6d., leaving a net gain of £47 1s. 6d. to the funds, which now amounted to £220. For the second year so succession the committee reported that the Association had not lost a single member through death.

Officers were elected as follows:—Hon. President, Alderman Chas. F. Tetley, J.P.; hon. chairman, Mr C. P. Sayels; hon. vice-chairmen, Messrs J. Muelwood (Whitkirk) and H. Bell, M.P.; hon. treasurer, Mr D. Haigh, 33, Elford Grove, Leeds; hon. secretary, Mr E. Precious, 5, Hawthorne Street, Barnsley; deputy hon. secretary, Mr J. A. County, 13, Hillfoot Avenue, Chapeltown, Leeds; hon. trustees, Messrs S. T. Marshall, F. Harrison, and D. Haigh; committee—Messrs W. King, W. Steel, W. H. Best, G. Shoesmith, Hugh Williams, H. Bell, J. W. Lowe, J. Reid, and L. S. Collins (Tadcaster).

COUNCILLOR WHO ATE CONDEMNED PIG

A discussion took place at the meeting of the Otley District Council on Monday night, upon a representation by the Sanitary (Committee's minutes asking the Council to approve the action of the Sanitary Inspector (Mr F. Arnold) in prohibiting the sale of a partially unsound carcase of a pig belonging to Mr George Tate, a member of the Council, and regretting that as a member of the Council, he should have attempted to override the Inspector's authority.

In moving the minutes, Mr Allan Chew, chairman of the Sanitary Committee, said that for some months there had been friction between the butchers in Otley and the Sanitary Inspector. Efforts had been made to remove it, and it had been agreed that where the inspector's judgment was questioned the carcase of the animal concerned should remain in the slaughter-house until it had been examined by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the butcher and an independent inspector appointed by the Council. A fortnight ago a butcher bought a pig from Mr Tate, and his carcase was condemned by the sanitary inspector. Subsequently, Mr Tate took the carcase away, although the inspector told him he would do so at his own risk. Mr A. Stott seconded the minute.

Mr Tate denied overriding the inspector. The carcase was, he asserted, sound, and he told the inspector that it was fit enough for him (Mr Tate), and he took it home, and had had several good meals off it, and he was none the worse. He was not going to have £6 thrown down the channel. There was a clique in the Council, he alleged, but he was not afraid of any of them. He had been a farmer for thirty years, and knew as much about pigs as the sanitary inspector did.

The minute was carried.

A TADCASTER MAGISTRATE AND THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM.

ALD. E. C. BROOKSBANK'S VIEWS.

On Monday at the West Riding Quarter Sessions held at Wakefield, a resolution was moved by Ald. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman of the Tadcaster Bench of magistrates), that it was undesirable, without grave reasons being given to the country, that the Grand Jury system should be abolished. The Judge at the last Leeds Assizes, at which the speaker was foreman of the Grand Jury, had suggested that the members composing the latter might express an opinion as to whether the system ought to be continued. Owing to lack of notice it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Quarter Sessions. From time to time, said Mr Brooksbank, he had heard remarks advanced for the abolition of the Grand Jury, the principal one being that witnesses were called twice at assizes and quarter sessions. These were witnesses, however, for the prosecution, whose duty it was to establish their cases. It might be possible for that unnecessary inconvenience to be got over by arranging for a certain number of cases to be brought forward on the first day, the remainder to be dealt with on the following day. The Grand Jury, he added, was an ancient institution, which certainly had an advantage to the person charged, because his case could be thoroughly reviewed before reaching the Court. It was not a bad school, either, for young magistrates, while Judges were also enabled through the Grand Jury to express their opinions on crime to the whole county. In present circumstances, therefore, he thought that the system should not be abolished.

Major T. H. Morris, who seconded the resolution, suggested that the present system possessed advantages which far outweighed any inconvenience that might be caused to witnesses. He agreed that the number of indictments should be limited on the first day.

The Chairman observed that it was a rather strong order to do away with such an old institution unless there were very good reasons for that action. He considered, however, that the administration of justice, as at present conducted, would go on very much the same without a Grand Jury. (Hear, hear). The Grand Jury was instituted to stand between the people and the Crown, several hundreds of years ago, when it was quite possible that a judge would be sent down by the King to stamp out what might have been considered to be high treason, or some other grave offence. It was a matter of history that common juries were intimidated into convicting, and therefore the Grand Jury stood between the Crown and the prisoner.

The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

ALLEGED STACK-FIRING NEAR FERRYBRIDGE.

A TAILOR'S CONFESSION.

Just before midnight on Saturday, the Pontefract fire brigade were summoned to an outbreak on the premises of Mr Frederick Smith, farmer, near the Ferrybridge bone mill. They found a stack of old hay, valued at £24, ablaze, and as they were no other property in danger, and no prospect of any salvage, they left the stack to its fate, and returned home.

Herbert Best informed Police Constable Kirkbride that he had fired the stack, and after being conveyed to the police-station, wrote out and signed a statement that he was a tailor and was tired of walking about in search of work.

At Pontefract on Monday, Herbert Best, tailor, of no fixed abode, was committed to the Leeds Assizes on a charge of having set fire to the stack.

Superintendent Aylroyd said prisoner had said he was going to "rough it" under the stack, but he set it on fire by smoking.

LOFTHOUSE MINERS AND THE STRIKE.

The strike of miners in Yorkshire is seriously threatening to stop other industries in the cities, unless it is brought to a speedy conclusion.

On the other hand, the importation of coal from other districts, with the object of keeping these industries going, is rousing keen resentment amongst the miners, and may lead to grave complications.

At a special meeting of representatives of Park Hill, Wrenthorpe, and Lofthouse Branches of the Yorkshire Miners' Association on Monday, the question of coal being sent from other districts into Yorkshire was discussed at great length.

The following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting strongly disapproves such a policy as that adopted by the executive of the Federation, and instructs the secretaries of the respective branches to send in a resolution to the general secretary of the Y.M.A., requesting a special Council meeting to be convened, with power to go on with the prohibition of coal in the Federated area and the transhipping of the coal in Yorkshire."

MR MEYSEY-THOMPSON AND MORLEY DIVISION

A meeting of the Morley Division Central Conservative and Unionist Association was held at the Conservative Club, Morley, on Monday night, to consider the question of the selection of a candidate for the next general election. Mr E. S. Belben (South) president of the Association, presided, and was supported by Mr H. C. Meysey-Thompson, barrister-at-law, of York (who had previously been approached with a view of his being invited to become the candidate). Each township in the division was well represented, and the meeting was most enthusiastic.

Mr Meysey-Thompson (who was introduced by the President) had an enthusiastic greeting. He said he wished to make a general statement with regard to the Union of Conservative and Liberal parties in electioneering speech, and he proceeded to deal with three matters—the present political situation; the attitude to Liberal legislation, present and prospective; and the economic proposals for that future legislation. He submitted with regard to Home Rule that the measure was a bad one. England was to contribute money to Ireland, and have no say in the spending of it; and at the same time Irish members were to sit in the Imperial Parliament and vote on purely English questions. The Ulster resistance was a solid fact; and referring to the Radical attempt to raise the cry of "the Army versus People"

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Threshing work having been interrupted, a small supply was on offer. Wheats 32s. to 33s. 6d., ranging to 34s. per qr. Oats 22s. to 22s. 7½d. per qr. Barley trade practically over.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 13 for 1s.; butter is. 2d. to is. 2d. per lb.; chickens 5s. 5s. 6d. pair to per couple; potatoes 6d. per stone.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—The supplies on hand are getting short, with the result that the prices advanced 10s. per ton. Sound Up-to-Dates made 80s. to 95s., sound King Edwards 65s. to 70s., warp King Edwards 80s to 85s. per ton; retail 6d. per stone.

CATTLE.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—A good show of cattle, and buyers were well represented. Dairy cattle met with a dragging trade, the best making £20 and £23 7s. 6d., and useful lots £17 to £19 15s., present calvers to £19 15s., Jurs and July calvers to £16 17s. 6d., two-year-old store beasts to £10 17s. 6d. Some well-finished fat cattle were penned; prices ruled a shade easier. Best bullocks and heifers 7½d. to 8d. per lb., bullocks to £28 2s. 6d., heifers to £26, and cows to £23. A short supply of sheep and a good trade. Small shearlings 10½d, heavier kinds 9½d, ewes to 8d, clipped hoggs to 9d. per lb. Porkers 8½d. to 8s. 9d., and large fat pigs to 8s. 3d. per stone (14lb.). Store pigs made less money; eight-weeks-old pigs to 25s. 6d., stronger kinds to £2 15s. each. A very good demand for veal calves, which realised £3 7s. to £7 each; breeding calves made to £1 16s. each. Numbers sold:—80 newly calven and calving cows, 87 fat beasts, 72 fat sheep, 161 pigs, and 16 calves.

MORLEY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of choice stock, and the trade was brisk for the best beef making from 8s. 9d. to 9s. 3d. per stone, and secondary quality from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Sheep in wool made from 9d. to 9½d. per lb., and clipped sheep from 7½d. to 7¾d. per lb. Fat lambs met a very good trade and made from 12. 3d. to 12s. 6d. per lb. Veal calves made from 9d. to 10d. per lb., very choice making up to 11d. per lb. Bacon pigs made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Bullocks made up to £30 5s., heifers to £26, clipped sheep to 63s., calves to £6 6s. each. Numbers sold:—48 beasts, 221 sheep, 221 lambs, 121 pigs, and 15 calves.

KIRKGATE, Monday.—At this market Messrs Kinson, Kirk Deighton Grange, had two very wealthy bullocks which made £30 5s. and £26 10s.; Mr T. Dawson, Forest Farm, Aldfield, had two bullocks and one heifer which made £27 12s. 6d., £26 15s., £26 15s., £25 15s., and £21 15s.; Mr L. Palfreeman, Goldsboro', had five good bullocks which made £26 17s. 6d., £26 5s., £25 15s., £25 5s., £24 5s. 6d., and £23 17s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, had five bullocks and one heifer which made £25 12s. 6d., £24 2s. 6d., £23 15s., £22 5s., £21, and £17 5s.; Mr C. Dutton, of Harrogate, had two bullocks, making £25 and £24 12s. 6d.; Mr J. Spendley, of Thorparch, had two good bullocks, making £25 and £24 17s. 6d.; two bullocks from Mr H. Beech, of Walshford, made £23 12s. 6d. and £22 10s.; Mr J. F. Holdsworth, of Clifford Moor, had four bullocks which made £25 10s., £24 10s., £23 17s. 6d., £21 10s., £17 12s. 6d., and £21 2s. 6d.; Mr A. W. Bielby, of Wothersome, had three bullocks which made £25 7s. 6d., £21 12s. 6d., and £20 12s. 6d.; Mr J. Jackson, Hunsingore, made £18 7s. 6d., £17 10s., and £17 5s.; Mr. W. Atkinson, of Walshford, had two good bullocks making £23 15s., £22 12s. 6d., £21 5s., £21 15s., £22 2s. 6d., and £20 12s. 6d.; a prime heifer from Mr R. B. Burrell made £21; two bullocks from Mr R. Bramley made £20 and £20 5s.; Mr W. H. Thackwray had three bullocks, making £22, £21 17s. 6d., and £21 5s.; Mr J. Harland had two heifers which made £20 5s.; Mr W. H. Thackwray had three bullocks, making £22, £21 17s. 6d., and £21 5s.; Mr J. Harland had two heifers which made £18 10s., £18 5s., and £17 5s.; a grand heifer from Mr R. Cowling made £23; three good heifers from Mr C. P. Wright, Oglethorpe, made £26 and £24 2s. 6d.; four good bullocks from Mr Wm. Freeman, made £24, £23 15s., £22 12s. 6d., and £21 2s. 6d.; Mr Robinson had two bullocks, making £25 and £24 5s.; three choice bullocks, from Mr J. H. Elvidge made £21 12s. 6d., £21 17s. 6d., and £17 15s.; Mr. Wormaton had five bullocks and one heifer, making £23 12s. 6d., £23 15s., £20 10s., £20 17s. 6d., and £18 10s.; Messrs E. and G. Jenkinson had three bullocks and one heifer from Mr. Wm. Dunn, making £24 15s., and £17; Mr Lumley a choice bullock at £22 12s. 6d.; Mr B. Dunnington, a good cow, £23 2s. 6d. Mr J. H. Hoole sent five pens of sheep, selling to 55s. each; Mr J. Hoole had three pens of sheep, making to 63s.; Mr L. Palfreman, to 51s 6d.; Mr S. Barker, to 57s.; Mr W. Wallace, to 53s. 6d.; Lady Hardcastle, to 50s. Mr F. Hobbs, of Scarth Hill, 6d.; Mr R. Beilby, to 54s.; Mr J. Beilby, to 65s.; Mr T. Jackson, to 55s.; Mr A. Goodsworth, to 49s.; Mr H Simpson, to 53s. 6d.; Mr J. T. Beardow, to 46s. 6d. Rodwell had two from Mr W. R. Sturdy made to 46s. each; Mr J. Jewitt, to 56s.; Mr D. Robinson, to 47s.; Mr Liversidge, to 28s. Prime fat calves from Mr Inchbourd made £8 6s.; Mr J Thompson, to £7 2s.; Mr L. Simpson, to 58s.; Mr Buckle, to 92s.; Mr Fletchir, to 62s.; Mr Roberts, to 95s.; Lady Hawke, to 61s.; Mr Knight, to 106s; Mr Pawson, to 79s.; Mr J. W. Cowhird, to 118s. Prime pork pigs from Mr E. Renton to 66s. each.

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NICE DISHES.

CREDY SOUP.—Ingredients: Carrots, turnips, celery, an onion, a few thin slices of ham and butter. The vegetables must be peeled, washed, and cut up small, and put in hot water for a quarter of an hour. Then drain and put them into a saucepan with a good piece of butter, some thin slices of ham, pepper and salt, and let it boil gently over a slow fire. Moisten it with beef broth. When all is cooked put the vegetables and the stock round about. Strain them through a colander with the broth that has been under the pulp of the vegetables. Put them back over the fire and let the whole boil gently during two hours. Skim it, and pour it over some crusts of bread fried in butter, and serve it.

ROMAN PIE.—For a rather large pie heat as much macaroni into short pieces as will two tablespoonfuls (six ounces or seven ounces). Throw it into plenty of boiling salted water, and cook it until the macaroni has become perfectly soft, then drain away the water, and put the macaroni into a saucepan with a good piece of butter, some thin slices of ham, pepper and salt, and a little sugar, and let it boil gently over a slow fire. Moisten it with beef broth. When all is cooked put the vegetables and the macaroni round about. Strain them through a colander with the broth that has been under the pulp of the vegetables. Put them back over the fire and let the whole boil gently during two hours. Skim it, and pour it over some crusts of bread fried in butter, and serve it.

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LOOSENING GLASS STOPPERS.

You have seen people try all sorts of tricks to get the glass stopper out of a bottle. Sometimes they will try to pry it loose with a shoe-horn or a pair of scissors, or they will hit it against the edge of the mantelpiece, and in many cases they will crack the bottle before they can loosen the stopper.

The thing that makes the stopper stick is that the neck of the bottle is too tight, and if a bottle filled with anything warm has a cold stopper put in it, there is sure to be trouble getting that stopper out again. The way to get the stopper out is to make the neck of the bottle larger, and the smallest fraction of an inch will do—so small that no human eye could see it.

Glass responds very quickly under the action of heat or cold, which is why a sudden change of temperature will crack a glass dish so easily. But if you want to make the neck of a bottle expand just enough to loosen a stopper, moderate heat quickly applied is the thing.

The trick is to heat the neck and work the stopper loose before the heat reaches the stopper and swells that up too. Some per sons use a match, druggists use an alcohol flame, but the safest thing is a rag rung out of warm water and wrapped round the neck of the bottle.

CLEANING PICTURE GLASS.

Instead of using water when cleaning picture glass or mirrors, steep a pieces of cotton wool in methylated spirit, and wipe the glass carefully over, but avoid the spirit coming in contact with the frame, for if French polished it will damage the surface. Polish afterwards with a piece of clean chamois leather or soft tissue paper.

LOVE AT SECOND SIGHT.

A girl's romantic notion that 'love, if it is to come at all, must come with a blinding rush at the earliest instant of meeting, does not always hold good, says the *Girl's Own Paper*. Many a love—like its opposites and its enemies, hatred and jealousy—has grown by what it fed upon. The first and surest foundation for lasting affection is a friendship based on congenial tastes and common aspirations. The acquaintanceship that ripens in a steamer over a bottle of boiling water, and let it steam for three hours with the steamer closed covered. As soon as it is done turn it out of the mould. Eat it hot or cold; and what is made of sugar and butter and the white of an egg whipped together and flavoured with a little nutmeg, or serve it with sugar and cream.

On Saturday afternoon Lofthouse (Sheffield) had a tackle with Bentley Rovers, and Lofthouse were easily by ten goals to one.

HOW TO TREAT OILCLOTH.

Many housewives, among them some who should know better, make the mistake of scrubbing oilcloth as they would scour a wood floor. If you want to preserve the pattern, rub the oilcloth clean with a piece of flannel wrung out of warm water, then polish dry with a cloth of soft linen. A little pure linseed oil will restore the shine, preserving the oilcloth and preventing it from cracking. Melted beeswax and turpentine will also answer this purpose.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Masonic," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.—The story opens at Comop Grange, the charming country residence of Paul Colthurst, on all appearances a very wealthy man. The relationship at the Grange is somewhat peculiar. Both Paul Colthurst and his wife have been twice married. Peter Lennox, Mrs. Paul's son by his first marriage, while Pamela Lennox is Mrs. Colthurst's daughter by a former marriage. Peter and Pamela are deeply in love with each other, and one night they gleefully proclaim the fact that they are engaged. Paul Colthurst and his wife are delighted at the news, and Paul tells his son that Walter Colthurst, a relative of his, had long years before arranged that the young couple should marry when they came of age if they didn't, then things would be very much different at Comop Grange. Their fortune would go elsewhere. Peter learns this with much annoyance, and confesses to the fact that the marriage, having been planned, takes the contract off the boy's shoulders. While speaking a caller—Miss Patricia Ransome—is announced. Paul shows great concern on hearing the name of his visitor.

It appears that Peter is not Paul Colthurst's son; Patricia Ransome had been Paul's first wife's mother, and Paul had taken the boy and passed him off as his own. Patricia warns Paul that a family of Oswalds are in London making inquiries about old Walter Colthurst's will. The Oswalds succeed in getting Colthurst's money in the event of Peter and Pamela not marrying.

CHAPTER V.

Ten days after Anna Colthurst had died Paul went to see Miss Ransome in the little house at Highgate, where she lived with Peter, who was then five years of age. Miss Ransome was a gay-looking, bright woman. She was not old then. She was comparatively young. Her face had a satisfied expression. Her life seemed full.

She came down the narrow path of her little garden to meet Colthurst, and a beautiful, fair child with curly locks and big blue eyes turned and looked at the boy with the love in her eyes which motherhood bestows. He smiled back at her, shouted in a very confident manner, and ran away to play. Then Colthurst told her what had happened about the child's birth.

Her face turned deathly white. She did not speak at all for a few minutes. Then she point blank refused to part with the boy.

"No," she said; "I won't do it. He was brought to me as a little baby. He was delicate. Over and over I thought he would die. I spent nights battling with his baby illnesses; I spent days and nights battling with my sorrow at the thought of losing him. I won't give him up; she had no right to ask it."

"The right of a mother," said Colthurst.

"No, she forfeited all her rights. I had the rights, when she brought the boy to me."

"At least read her letter," said Colthurst.

"I won't. Take it away. I won't read it."

He looked at Miss Patricia with eyes full of indescribable pity. "I can understand how frightfully you must feel this," he said. "I will leave the letter, and come again to-morrow."

"No," she called after him. "Never come back; I will never change my mind."

She came back, for he was wise enough to know better than she knew herself. In the interval between the first visit and his second, she had read the letter, had wept her heart out, had struggled until she nearly lost her reason, and then, at last, turned to take the boy and gave him to the man.

"You are right," she said. "She explained everything, and told me what you have done, how good, how great and noble—she told me everything. I will give him up. You will take him to-day, for if Colthurst don't take him at once, I won't be able to stand it."

So Colthurst took the boy, and arranged to provide for Miss Ransome, for even then he was exceedingly well off. The boy was charming. He was the gayest, the happiest, the most delightful specimen of babyhood that this man had ever come in contact with. It was a delight to look into his face. He became a considerable likeness to his mother, and if he resembled his father Colthurst did not detect it. He had never seen Peter. Little Peter was very affectionate, and he had not been a month with his new father before he gave up his baby heart to him.

Colthurst was a solitary man. He had very few friends. He took a house, though not asking Miss Patricia to come and keep house for him and look after the boy, but on second thoughts he decided that it would be wise. Soon his grief for his wife was merged in love for his son. He called the child his son. He made himself so to regard him. He was Anna's son, therefore he was his. The boy called him dad. The dad was the idea that he was anything but his real father. At the age of five we forget very quickly, and little Peter forgot Miss Patricia as his delight at the charming presence of Paul Colthurst.

The boy had been six months with Colthurst when, one morning, Colthurst received an urgent summons to go and visit his cousin, Walter Colthurst, who lived in a very quiet part of Yorkshire, and was supposed to be dying. Beyond the fact that he possessed this name and long years before given him a thought. But at this urgent summons to attend his death-bed he recollected that the man was considered and exceedingly rich. He wondered vaguely why he was sent for. He had sufficient money for his needs. He was the only son of his parents, and a barrister. The wishes of the dying, however imperative, and he arrived at the old house and was ushered into the hall at the end of the evening of that same day.

His heart was aching for little Peter. This was the longest of all hours when he played with the boy, when he cast aside his mantle of stern and dignified reserve, and was simply a child himself. He told stories innumerable. He played leap-frog and other wild, silly games that delight super-infants, and enjoyed himself as much as did the merry and happy child.

As he stood in the gloomy old hall, he wondered what reason there could be to take notice of him for so many years would not seem long. A fire was burning on the broad hearth, and he went and stood by it. Presently an elderly gentleman, with the look of a superior servant, a doctor, came down the broad stairs. He was accompanied by a young woman in nurse's uniform, and a servant preceded him to open the front door. The doctor said in a low voice to the nurse:

"We may pull him through this time; on the other hand we may not."

The nurse glanced in the direction of Paul Colthurst, and he returned her gaze. He did not look away, and the nurse went up to the young man.

"My patient is very ill," she said. "He cannot last many days. He wants to speak to you. Will you be as careful as possible not in any manner to cross him. Appear to agree to his proposals, whatever they may happen to be. If you do that, we may keep him with us for a little longer. Opposition or annoyance at this stage of his complaint would certainly kill him. Do you understand?"

"Yes," replied Colthurst. "I understand."

He thought of that dying bed where he had knelt a few months ago; of his wife and her agonies, and especially of her last words, her struggle; of her struggle; of his yielding; of her peace. Was he to go through a similar scene again? He had never yet in all his life had anything to do with Walter Colthurst of Brabazon Hall.

The nurse led the way, and he followed her. She opened the door of a little room on the first floor and entered with the quiet, firm step of the well-trained nurse. An old man was lying in the centre of a great four-poster bed. He was well propped up with pillows. His breath came quickly. His face had a sort of grisly appearance. He looked the reverse of beautiful. Colthurst thought of how Anna had looked before she passed away, and shuddered at the appearance of the old man.

"Mr. Colthurst," said the nurse, "I have brought this gentleman, Mr. Paul Colthurst, to see you. You know the doctor's orders—that you are not to worry yourself about anything. Just say what is necessary for you to say to Mr. Paul Colthurst in as few words as possible. Then I will come back and give you your nourishment, and you must rest for the night. I will leave you now, sir; but I shall be within call in the next room."

The nurse's curious addition to Colthurst, and immediately retired. He was alone with the dying man. The dying man opened his eyes very wide, and fixed them on Paul Colthurst's face.

"You are," he said, very slowly, "the son of Algernon Colthurst, and of Agnes, his wife?"

"Those were the names of my father and mother," replied Colthurst.

"You are, therefore," continued the old man, "my direct heir in the male line. Your father was my first cousin; you are, therefore, my first cousin once removed. The relationship is not very near, but there is nothing between you and the property if I choose to continue it in the male line."

Colthurst stood very still. After a minute he bent down. "Long ago, when I was a child," he said, in his low, beautiful, modulated voice, "I heard my father speak of you. Why should we trouble about money matters? I never saw you before, but I have heard of you."

"Have you?" said the old man. "It was nice of Algernon to remember me—very nice of him. Well, we play together as boys. His father and my father were brothers. Going into the past like that makes relationship seem to come quite near. I dislike the idea of leaving my money in the female line. I am as perhaps you are aware, a rich man."

"Honestly, sir, I have not thought about it; but doubtless you are rich, as you say so."

"Young man," said the old man, "I have an enormous amount of money to leave behind me. The death duties will be gigantic." He smacked his lips as though in anticipation. "The heir need never put hand to work again. He can live on me—yes, on me his dad says. And yet I am not alone. I have known nothing about me all during your life up to the present—are my nearest heir in the male line."

"I want you, please, clearly to understand, Colthurst," continued the old man, "that I have no expectations whatever from you. The fact that I am your nearest relative cannot come between you and whatever I may elect for in life."

"There is one woman I still care for. She has been with me for some little time. She was brought up in this house. Her name is Mary Lennox." Her name was Mary Colthurst. Had her father lived, he would have been in the direct line and a nearer heir to the property than you are, Paul Colthurst. But he died, and he left no son. Mary is somewhat a good-for-nothing creature. She left me. He took her away to the other side of the world. His wife died. She came back, a widow with one child—a daughter. If her child had been a son, I might possibly not have troubled you. I think you must understand."

Colthurst bowed. He did not speak. "Is there anyone here I can see your face," said Walter Colthurst.

The other man sat down.

"Turn the shade of that lamp a little, I want the fullness of the light on your features."

Colthurst obeyed.

"Ah! you have a look of the family," said the old man. "That is good; that gives me confidence. Mary is unlike the family, and her child—she has a little daughter—her child takes after the father. She is not one who has the family features. Paul Colthurst."

Paul sat very quiet and still.

"I want you now to have done with yourself. Tell me what sort of man you are?"

"I am a man in no sense above the ordinary," said Colthurst. "I am, at the present, I have tried to live righteously and according to the laws of Heaven. I am not specially clever. I am not specially stupid. Other than I have just ordinary abilities. I am not poor, for I make sufficient to live on in my profession."

"And what is that?"

"I have been invited to the Bar, sir."

"Ah! uphill work, that. Do you get many briefs?"

"Of late years I have got quite enough to keep me going comfortably."

The old man moved restlessly in his bed. "Call the nurse," he said.

Paul rose, and went to the door of the dressing-room. The nurse came back at once.

"You are tiring him. I told you not to," she said, looking reproachfully at Paul.

"I am doing little or nothing," replied Colthurst. "I am only listening to what he says to me."

"Come here; I want you, nurse," said old Walter.

He spoke in a half-choking voice. He was evidently distressed. The nurse gave him a restorative. She rearranged his pillows. She raised him up further in bed. Then, with a smile, she left him.

"You won't keep the gentleman long, will you, Mr. Colthurst?"

"No, I won't keep him long."

The nurse disappeared.

"I don't want to die yet," said Walter Colthurst. "I shall certainly not keep you long. I am a sensible man. I have always had my life here—Brabazon Hall—about as dull as it could be. I ought to be called uncommon sense! It ought to be called uncommon sense in this world of foolishness. Now, you speak of yourself as a man possessed of sense, and in consequence I die now worth a vast lot of gold. If I could take it with me, I could spend a considerable part of it in the best life that I can't; it isn't allowed. As the gates of death close behind me, my gold stays here. I am left naked, and alone. I am the world—I naked, and alone. I want at least to leave a record behind, and I will use gold to leave a record behind. I will spend money like water. Money is a curse. Well-spent money is a blessing. Mary Lennox is my favourite relative, but she has no more idea of how to spend money than an inhabitant of Mars would have if he visited our globe. She has always had enough. We don't leave the money to her she would marry again, and her second husband would squander it in less than a year. There's no fortune that cannot be disposed of within a year. You, I understand, are married?"

"Yes," said Colthurst.

"What sort of woman is your wife?"

"My wife, sir, was the best of women; but she is dead."

"Ah! if she had been a worthless sort she would have been the very one for me. I'd have given her the money, and she'd have spent it—oh, don't you think so?"

"I am afraid I do, sir."

"You have a son, I understand. I am anxious to hear about your son. Tell me all about him. How old is he?"

Colthurst felt something clutch at his heart. Should he tell?

"Why don't you speak? How old is he?"

"A little over five years old."

"Ah! Little Pamela isn't yet a year. It is no little of her. And she takes after Mary Lennox. She is a girl, and she takes after Mary Lennox's husband, that worthless fellow who died. Now, what is the name of your boy?"

"Peter."

"Ah! Peter. Why Peter?"

"His mother took a fancy to giving him the name."

"But it isn't a family name. I have never heard of Peter Colthurst. The Pauls in our family, and the Algernons, and the Walters, and the Agneses, and the Annas, the air we like myself—are they Peter Colthurst? Why didn't you call the boy Algernon? You ought to have asserted your authority and insisted on the boy being called Algernon! You ought to have done it. You ought to have thought of your own father. Why, that—that hurt me to pour own father. Why, that—that hurt me. But—Peter!"

"A man generally gives way to his wife in matters of that sort, sir."

"Yes—yes, I see; and, after all, it isn't of the slightest consequence. Peter Colthurst may bring a new lease of life to the old place, there's no saying. Brabazon Hall wants a new lease of life. It wants youth, and merry voices, and gaiety, and the strength of the young, and the joys of the young, and it wants heaps of money. I'm not going to bother to put the old house in order, but my heir who comes after me can do it. Is that Peter of yours a sturdy sort of chap—manly, and all that?"

"Yes, sir, he is very manly."

"A boy ever inch of him, eh?"

"Yes, a boy, every inch of him."

The old man chuckled. "This won't please Mary, but, never mind. He is five years old?"

"Yes, sir."

"I am very much obliged to you for coming, Paul. You have pleased my mind. You will take great care of the little fellow. You will look after him. His life is of great importance. Now you had best retire. Your words have given me consolation."

Paul bent down, took the old man's hot hand, pressed it silently, and left the room. He was passing through the hall when a merry, childish laugh caused him to turn round. He saw a young woman standing just beneath the shadow of a portière curtain. She was fair, and pretty, and dimpled, and she carried in her arms a black-eyed baby, with hair as dark as night, a little face full of dimples, a pouting mouth, and that delicious smile which only very young babies have. The smile went straight to the heart of Paul Colthurst. The young woman came up to him eagerly.

"Do tell me—are you Paul Colthurst?"

"I am. Are you Mary Lennox?"

"Of course I am; and this is Pamela, my little daughter."

The little daughter stretched out two fat arms to Paul. In the next minute she was clasped to his breast.

"Pam, how forward!" said her mother. Then she looked at the man whom she was standing near.

"You are a regular son of the house," she said. "You have but to go along the picture gallery upstairs to see replicas of yourself all through the centuries. Now, I am not the least like any of the Colthurst, and Pam—bless her!—takes after her father. Well, how do you find the old man?"

"I fear he is very ill."

"You will come into the drawing-room and have a cup of tea with me?"

"Thank you; I should like to."

They entered the room together, the child's arms clinging round the man's neck.

"It is odd how Pam takes to you," said Mrs. Lennox.

"I have a natural love for all little children," said Paul.

"It is true, Mr. Colthurst, that you have a child of your own?"

"Yes—Peter."

"And you are a widower, Mr. Colthurst?"

"My wife died about seven months ago," He turned his head aside.

Mrs. Lennox rang for tea.

"How old is Peter?" she asked presently.

"Five years old."

"Is he pretty?"

"Very."

"Do you think Pamela will be handsome when she grows up?"

"I can't say, Mrs. Lennox. I can only say she is charming now."

"Pam, you are very free in your manners to men," said her mother, for Pam was scrambling over Paul Colthurst's face with soft baby kisses.

"Would you like me to send her away?" she said, a minute later.

"No, let her stay; I like to keep her."

He drank his tea with the child sitting on his knee. Mrs. Lennox watched him with those bright, pretty, shallow eyes which were her marked characteristic. It was late when he went away. Pamela shrieked as he said good-bye to her. She shrieked and kicked out her legs, and showed admirable baby temper.

Colthurst got into his train which was to take him back to Peter.

"I am a dastard," he said, under his breath; but he did not repent of the lie he had told.

CHAPTER VI.

The doctor and the nurse were right, Walter Colthurst got great relief from his interview with that apparently upright gentleman, Paul Colthurst. The next day he was better; in a week he was up and about again. After that came mysterious and long interviews with his lawyers.

They came from the next town to see him. He was always waiting for them. These consultations often lasted for hours. By-and-bye, an important will was signed, and it was witnessed by the solid butler and his wife, people who for many years had lived at Brabazon Hall.

"You'll be all right, my love," said old Walter Colthurst to his niece as she stood by his side.

She had wondered what he meant, but, in her way, she was a timid little woman, and she did not dare to ask him what his intentions were with regard to the future.

Meanwhile, the lovely child, Pamela, grew and prospered, and won every heart in the place—even the adamantine heart of old Walter Colthurst.

Some months later the old man was found dead—quite dead in his bed. He had been cheerful and like himself the night before, and had gone to sleep happily; but he passed from that sleep which knew no awakening. Then there came urgent messages to Paul Colthurst, who had by this time almost forgotten the existence with old Walter.

He was very busy making money in his profession. He had not time to waste. But there was that object. His love for the child grew greater day by day. He had furnished a little house very near to Comop Grange, and had engaged a nurse and the boy, and evening after evening he played with him and drew out his baby heart, and really came to love him. Little Peter was happy as the day was long, and Paul thanked Anna for having given him the child, and really came to think that he often forgot for days that he was not Peter's real mother.

Paul was present at his cousin's funeral, after which the very remarkable will was read out. He was only read to a few. Walter Colthurst had not many relations living in the country. The substance of the will was always kept secret. It was to have a life interest in the whole of his cousin's property. To him was to be given Brabazon Hall, and the land in Surrey called Comop Grange, for his life. There was money unlimited in funds, in stocks, in shares in various companies. All considered. He said to his lawyer:

"I must take it all for granted. I cannot realise that I am a rich man."

"You are one of the richest men in England," was the reply.

There was, however, a codicil to the will, and this was not read aloud at the time of the funeral. It was next day the lawyer, Mr. Jenkins, came to see Paul Colthurst in his chambers.

"I want you to read the codicil now," he said. "It is a letter with the will."

Paul read it in amazement. In this codicil Walter Colthurst had stated his intentions with great plainness. Peter was his heir. Peter, when he came of age, was to inherit all his property, and not Pamela, who was to have a life interest in the whole of his cousin's property. To him was to be given Brabazon Hall, and the land in Surrey called Comop Grange, for his life. There was money unlimited in funds, in stocks, in shares in various companies. All considered. He said to his lawyer:

RECHABITES CONFERENCE AT ROTWELL.

PRESENTATIONS TO OFFICERS.

The half-yearly conference of the Juvenile Section of the Leeds District of the Independent Order of Rechabites took place at Rothwell on Saturday.

In the afternoon a procession, consisting of the members and officers of the Rothwell Good Hope Juvenile Tent, and representatives and visitors from nearly all the Tents in the district, headed by the Rothwell Temperance Band, paraded the town. The juvenile members were then entertained at a picture show, and later they were provided with refreshments. The entertainment was kindly provided by Mr J. P. Crook, district secretary.

The conference took place in the Council Schools, Carlton Lane, Rothwell, and was opened by Bro. J. Limbert, D.S.J.T., supported by Bro. R. Robinson, D.C.R., Bro. R. Dawson, P.D.C.R., and Bro. A. J. Shaw, district trustee. The District Secretary, Bro J. P. Crook, read the report of the sub-committee, in which he reported that the challenge shield had been won for the second time in succession by the White Rose Tent (Dewsbury Road). Pride of Ardsley had won the second prize, and the percentage prizes were won by the Alberton and Glasshoughton Tents. A new Tent had recently been opened at Armley. It was reported that arrangements for the juvenile treat to Morecambe on June 28th were in progress, and already 6 trains had been arranged to take the number expected to go.

Bro. Cassé, D.S., submitted to the conference a scheme forming a Central Medical Fund which, it was calculated, would remove certain difficulties with regard to medical benefits which had arisen through the inauguration of the Insurance Act.

The following resolution was passed:—"That a District Medical Fund be formed, making membership optional, the District Executive to prepare rules, etc., in connection with the same."

It was decided to hold the next conference at Castleford.

A very interesting presentation took place at the close of the meeting, when Bro. H. Howson, P.D.S.J.T., received a handsome silver-plated tea-service. Bro. Robinson, in very appropriate language, made the presentation, and Bro. Howson suitably responded.

Tea was afterwards served in the Council Schools, and it was partaken of by a large number. A social took place in the evening, and dancing was engaged in to music provided by Miss A. Blackburn, pianist, the M.C.'s being Messrs James and Armitage Lunn. A concert was held in an adjoining room, and there was a very large attendance, the chairman being Mr I. Robinson, D.C.R., of Woodlesford. The following artistes took part:—Miss Nellie Roberts, of Leeds; Miss Rose Ellis (soprano), Rothwell; Miss E. Cornforth, of Leeds; Master Will Lord, of Rothwell, and Mr Sam Thackray, humorist, Leeds. Mr Edgar Wilson, of Rothwell, was the accompanist. At the close of the concert, the presentation of Past Chief Ruler's emblem were made to Bro. Thomas Taylor (P.C.R., Adult Mob Tent), Miss L. Sunderland (P.C.R., Advance Pyramid Tent), and Miss Nellie Goddard (P.C.R., Juvenile Tent), by Bro. I. Robinson, D.C.R., of Woodlesford. A presentation of a framed address, executed by Master Albert Blackburn, was also made to Bro. Roberts, which he acknowledged in a few interesting remarks. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded the artistes and officers who had assisted towards making the conference a success, on the motion of Bros. A. Blackburn and B. Smith. The secretarial duties were efficiently carried out by Bro. Geo. Hartley.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MR W. D. HOLLIS.

FORMERLY OF GARFORTH AND WHITKIRK.

Mr Waldie Dawson Hollis, one of the best known men in the district, died suddenly in the train at Holbeck Station, on Tuesday evening, under peculiarly sad circumstances. Mr Hollis, who was 60 years old, had apparently been hurrying to catch the five o'clock train for Pool-in-Wharfedale, where he lived. He entered a compartment, it is stated, just as the train was about to start, and, as his health was not of the best, it is thought that a seizure was brought on, from which he died in the few minutes before Holbeck was reached. Dr Exley was summoned, but Mr Hollis was beyond medical aid.

Mr Hollis was in business for the greater part of his life as an auctioneer and valuer, and had not long been set up on his own account when he went into partnership with Mr J. Stenson Webb in the old-established firm of Hardwick and Young. The business grew and prospered in their hands, and under the new style of Hollis and Webb became one of the best-known concerns of the kind in the North of England.

Since the days of his youth Mr Hollis's chief interest outside his professional engagements was in religious and social work. He was a zealous supporter of the Church of England, and identified himself with the movement for securing the greater influence of the laity in ecclesiastical matters.

A native of Leeds, he was the son of Mr John Marsden Hollis, who was manager of the Garforth Colliery under the late Col. Goodrich. In his youth he sang as a choir boy in the Parish Church. Then at Garforth, he served for nine or ten years as churchwarden at the Parish Church, and here and at Whitkirk, where he lived for some time, he gave active help to the various Church agencies. He often spoke, too, at the Sunday services in the Holbeck Mission Room. In a wider sense he was doing good work as a member of the Ripon Diocesan Conference, and from the Conference he was elected to the House of Laymen.

At the Diocesan meetings he occasionally contributed papers in favour of the self-government of the Church and increased powers of the laity. He had been a member of the Conference for fifteen years, and of the House of Laymen for about half that period, and he always entered upon his voluntary labours with painstaking energy, regulated by fervent thought. Mr Hollis gave generously for church extension purposes, and was a real helper to his private charities. Quite constantly he took up a good deal of extra duty as treasurer for the Diocese in connexion with the last Pan-Anglican Conference. In the spring of 1909 his health gave way through nervous overstrain, and he was obliged, under doctor's orders, to take a six months' voyage to Australia. From this attack he never fully recovered, and he gave up his interest in the firm with which he was so long associated.

Mr Hollis married Miss Woodhead, the daughter of a Garforth seed merchant. His wife, three sons, and two daughters survive him. One of the sons is a member of the firm, and the eldest is acting as curate-in-charge of Sutton, near Hull, going there from St. Martin's Church, Pottern gate, Leeds, where he held a curacy.

The death of Mr Hollis was investigated on Wednesday afternoon by the City Coroner (Mr J. C. Mahaldn). Mr A. T. Perkins represented the family of Mr Hollis.

Robert Hollis, a son, said he had been informed his father left business in a hurry, with little time to catch his train to Pool.

Mr Alfred Sharper, of Arthington, a confidential clerk in the employ of Messrs Tetley, brewers, said he travelled by the 5.40 train from Leeds on Tuesday night, and Mr Hollis was the last person to enter the compartment just as the train was about to leave the platform. The train had not been in motion a minute before a lady in the carriage touched witness, and said "Oh, look at that gentleman." When witness turned his head, he saw that Mr Hollis, who was seated opposite him, had fallen on his right side, and was making a gurgling noise in his throat.

Witness released Mr Hollis's collar and shirt neck, and laid him gently down. As soon as Holbeck Station was reached he was carried to a waiting-room, and Dr Exley telephoned for. In seven minutes he arrived, but could only pronounce life extinct. Mr Hollis died without a struggle—"perfectly quiet, like a child."

Dr Rumbold, whose patient Mr Hollis had been for many years, said he had been in very poor health recently. Witness attended him three months ago. He was suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart, and Rabb at any moment to such a seizure. Witness had advised him not to rush for trains. The excitement of catching the train had evidently brought on heart failure.

Dr Exley agreed as to the cause of death.

The jury found a verdict of "Heart failure," and, along with the Coroner, expressed sympathy with the family.

Mr A. T. Perkins suitably acknowledged this expression on their behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A COMPLAINT FROM CARLTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On behalf of myself and others, I should like, through the medium of your paper, to bring to the notice of those who are responsible, the disgraceful state of affairs that exists in the Carlton district of the Rothwell Urban area with regard to the removal of the refuse from the ashpits.

Why it is allowed to lie about from midnight until 9 a.m., and even later, I cannot even conjecture. In these enlightened days, when public health should be the first consideration, such an obnoxious practice should be discontinued. In civilised towns all traces are obliterated while the worthy citizens are in the land of oblivion. Could not this method be advantageously adopted in this district, instead of adhering to the insanitary ways of by-gone ages.—Yours, etc.,

PROGRESS.

Carlton, April 8th, 1914.

KIPPAX COMMITTEE—"PAMPERING" THE TEACHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your last week's report of the monthly meeting of the Kippax Education Committee makes interesting reading. Speaking of the attendance at the evening school classes, one member, Mr Arundale, said "The game is not worth the candle. The only person who benefits is the teacher. Things can be made too easy for them. I do not believe in pampering."

The inference is clear. Because evening classes contain fewer students than the overcrowded classes in the elementary day schools, therefore, the teachers are under-worked and over-paid, i.e., pampered. It is evident that Mr Arundale and Mr Atack think that schools and classes have been started and are kept up simply to provide employment for teachers. Are they aware that when appointing head teachers the West Riding Authority at Wakefield often make the willingness or otherwise of the candidates to undertake evening school work the deciding factor in the selection of the head-teacher? In the mining districts of the West Riding, owing to the shift system, it is extremely difficult to get a big average attendance at the continuation classes. This is why in so many districts the evening classes have had to be dropped in despair. All the greater honour, therefore, to Kippax for keeping the flag of advanced education flying. I believe Kippax has the credit of having the highest average attendance of any evening school in the local area.

The paucity of candidates who sit at the voluntary examinations is quite a minor consideration, because the evening classes are visited, orally examined, tested or inspected, from time to time during each session by the Government and County Council inspectors. Were the work not satisfactory or were the average attendance to drop below a certain specified minimum, the County Authority would stop the grant and the classes would have to be discontinued. Messrs Arundale and Atack seem to forget that the classes they are criticising are a financial success; that is, they pay for themselves in the agent earned, and so are no extra burden to the local ratepayers.

Mr Arundale's talk about pampering the teachers is simply nonsense and ill-natured nonsense at that. Are a few sensible, plodding students to have their chances of educational progress and social advancement chopped off absolutely on leaving the day-school at thirteen, because we don't "spoil" to see an evening class working under sensible, and, as regards numbers, under ideal conditions? Mr Arundale can be no democrat at heart, or he would know the necessity, in secondary and Grammar Schools and colleges small classes are compulsory in order that the sons and daughters of the rich may receive detailed individual attention.

Big classes are the bane of the poor, transforming our elementary education into a system of driving or shepherding children along in unwieldly gangs of sixty and over. Teaching is not preaching, or otherwise classes of 500 would constitute an encouraging assembly.

I trust these few common-sense remarks may help in educating and broadening the outlook of our local education administrators. We have all to live and learn. Pampering is bad for scholars, teachers, or Education Committee members.

Perhaps after reading this Messrs Arundale and Atack are in a sadder but a wiser frame of mind! "Sweet are the uses of adversity," and possibly this bit of apparently adverse criticism may supply these gentlemen with educational nutriment. Man lives not by bread alone, and the widely-read columns of the "Skyrack Courier," sometimes constitute a continuation class for many of your adult readers, not excluding even the members of local Education Committees. He who runs may read, and in a newspaper, as elsewhere, he may find

"Tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."
—Yours, etc.,

POOR OLD JOE.

April 7th, 1914.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO DATE.

	P.	W.	L.	Goals. D.	F.	A.	P.
Rothwell White Rose	22	16	3	3	61	22	35
New Wortley Gas W.	22	13	7	2	51	33	28
Horsforth	18	13	5	0	43	17	26
Alberton Byeaster Colliery	19	12	5	2	50	21	26
East Ardsley United	21	11	6	4	29	25	26
Clarence L. and S. Works	19	11	7	1	43	27	23
Methley Perseverance	20	10	7	3	52	34	23
Rothwell Parish Church	16	8	4	4	27	24	20
Great Preston W.R.	20	7	10	3	39	48	17
Waterloo Main Colliery	21	8	12	1	25	56	17
Benson Lane Red Rose	24	4	17	3	17	54	11
East Hunslet	24	5	19	0	23	58	10
Wortley United	21	2	17	2	17	79	6

LEEDS AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

RESULTS UP TO DATE.

				Goals.			
Alberton Byeaster C.In.	22	17	2	3	78	18	37
Bowers Allerton	21	18	3	0	72	22	36
Glass Houghton Colliery	21	17	3	1	84	21	35
Kippax Woodville	20	16	2	2	58	18	34
Rothwell White Rose	22	14	5	3	46	32	31
Rothwell P. Church	22	11	8	3	36	43	25
Oulton St. John's	22	8	12	2	21	58	18
Normanton Dods. G.	22	6	13	3	16	48	15
St. Anthony's	22	7	14	1	17	48	15
St. Simon's	22	3	19	0	3	54	9
Waterloo Main Colliery	22	2	20	0	9	26	4
Yeadon White Rose	22	0	22	0	5	20	0

M. Jool, Hon. Sec.

THE ORIGINAL AMERICANS.

On the eastern slope of one of the peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains in Eastern Tennessee, where the first rays of morning sun strike, is an ancient burying-ground; and such another burying-place could not be found, though the world be searched, for not one grave is more than 3ft. long. The tombs are 2ft. beneath the surface, and are formed of cement and flat stones, and have defied the efforts of time to cause them to be destroyed. Most of those examined contained a vase, a few beads, and a human skeleton, which was never more than 3ins. long, and was that of a full-grown person. The natives have a beautiful legend of the place, and say none were interred here excepting Indian children, while naturalists declare that the skulls had reached their full growth.

But the most interesting account, says *Spare Moments*, is that of the red men who held that country when first settled by whites. They claim that when they came to that section of country, it was peopled by a race of small, fierce men with red hair; that these dwarfs waged a long and sanguinary war with the Indians, but were finally all killed; that this burying-ground was used long before they came into the country, and those killed in war were never buried.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

The medical officer's report on Templenewsam, Oulton, Woodlesford, and Middleton is a highly satisfactory one, and the unsatisfactory under-most Templenewsam and Middleton, both on the fringe of Leeds, is probably about the lowest in Yorkshire. This is a tribute to the efficiency of the local administration, and the residents will not get better results were they under the jurisdiction of Leeds Corporation. The infantile mortality, too, is low, although as the precious year's figures are exceeded. Oulton and Woodlesford are the "black spots" in the district, and the residents must endeavour absolutely to place those townships in a line with Middleton and Templenewsam.

The figures for the local Rowaster Steward show that a considerable proportion of the convictions are for offences on Sunday, and the bulk of the delinquents are non-residents. To deal with this problem a curtailment of the hours of opening of public-houses on Sunday is proposed, but this does not seem to meet with the approval of certain people connected with the "trade." Not a few indeepers, I know, would be glad of the Sunday rest, and in some cases licences have, on application, been reduced from seven days to six days. In this matter why should not every community be allowed to settle the question? That would be no easy way of settling it. If the people required the facilities they would say so, and if they did not want them they would vote for a restriction.

Scholes people are indignant at the N.E.R. Co.'s treatment of them. They petitioned the directors for cheap afternoon fares to Leeds and they evidently believed, from the correspondence that ensued, that the privilege would be granted, but they have at last been disillusioned. The Railway Co. state that they "have not seen their way" to grant cheaper afternoon fares, and from this one would judge that their officials are of opinion the giving of the boon would not bring increased returns to the exchequer. Scholes people have a grievance, because the N.E.R. Co. should not have given them any ground for thinking they would obtain a concession had the intention not been to give them one.

The attitude of the Railway Company, however, is easily understood. The object of the officials is to increase the returns without unduly taxing the travelling public, and the reason they have given cheap afternoon fares to Crossgates and Garforth is to induce a larger number of people to travel by rail, or to induce them to go more frequently to the city, in order to increase the revenue. Crossgates station is in the centre of a population of about 7,000 people, and Garforth has over 4,000 residents, whereas Scholes has a small population. It may not be fair to withhold from Scholes privileges enjoyed by people a couple of miles distant, but the N.E.R. Co. will assuredly consider things from their own point of view.

Templenewsam allotment-holders are disappointed because the local Council are piling up a balance at their expense. The ratepayers cannot be made responsible for any loss that may occur on an allotments' scheme, and the Council are justified in keeping a few pounds in hand, in order to safeguard themselves, but why should this balance be utilised for making good rents which persons have not paid. It seems very unfair if, as is alleged, this is done. If the Allotments Association were responsible for the management of the land one could easily understand the members being made responsible, but surely some system could be devised whereby every man who takes an allotment should be made to pay for it.

It is unfortunate that the question of Boroughwide Elmete charities was not settled when Crossgates was annexed by Leeds, but I suppose the Charity Commissioners would not have allowed this to be done without their consent. Now it has become necessary to prepare a new scheme to suit the changed conditions. As part of the ancient parish Crossgates is entitled to its share of the revenue accruing from the charities, but, seeing that Crossgates has preferential rating for fifteen years, it does not appear to me that the residents will materially benefit by the charities, because the amount due to them would go into the city exchequer, unless the Charity Commissioners otherwise order.

The amount of the income payable to Crossgates is, I think, the chief question which Barwick and Scholes people should concern themselves about. Without doubt, when the charities were formed Crossgates was non-existent, and the donors never contemplated that the income would be used for the reduction of the rates of Leeds residents. This view should be urged upon the Charity Commissioners so that Crossgates, Barwick and Scholes may be safeguarded. On the other hand, if the allocation of the income is to be left with the trustees—two appointed by Barwick and one by Leeds City Council—they will see that the people of the ancient parish do not suffer by any rearrangement.

Garforth Gas Co. will make it possible, provided the residents agree, for the old-world village of Barwick to enjoy the advantages of public lighting. Before gas is carried to the place, however, a canvass of the residents will be made, and if a sufficient number of customers is obtained the Gas Co. will go ahead, but, on the other hand, if the response is such as to make the undertaking unremunerative mains will not be laid to the village. Some years ago a fine lamp was erected on the Cross, and it gave a splendid light, but the generosity of the donor received a check when the lord of the manor ordered the removal of the lamp. Barwickers have now a chance of helping themselves. Will they do it?

Following the example of Tadcaster Board, the Whitkirk Guardians have decided on a revaluation of property in the Union, and their action will, I hope, be justified. It is little use, however, spending a large sum on valuing property unless the Assessment Committee are prepared to stand by the awards of the valuers. Cases have occurred where Assessment Committees have reduced valuations to such a figure as to render the valuer's work of little use, and that is simply throwing away public money. The Assessment Committee system, however, is absolutely out-of-date, and such an important question should only be dealt with by independent experts, whose unbiassed decisions would give confidence to the public.

Why will be Chairman of Garforth Urban Council? When the Council was formed it was understood that no member should hold the chairmanship for more than one year, but this agreement has not been adhered to, for there has been one case—I need not refer to it—in which one representative had a two years' lease of the chair. According to the custom of the Council, Mr. R. Routledge, jun., the vice-chairman, should receive promotion, but it is possible that another member may be proposed. My own view of the matter is that the best qualified member should be given the chairmanship, but, of course, this opinion does not commend itself to many people. Its advantages, however, are considerable; it ensures of the business being conducted in a proper manner, and of fair play being given all-round, while it conduces to harmonious working among the members.

Wetherby District Council, it is suggested, should undertake two improvements in roads in the town. What is known as Carrier's Corner, where the Leeds road joins the Great North Road half a mile south of Wetherby, opposite the entrance to Wetherby Grange, is (says a writer) dangerous to negotiate, and would not be an expensive improvement, seeing that there is only a stone wall to remove and a few yards of land to negotiate. The fourth neck in the centre of Wetherby should be removed or reduced, but with licensed premises on both sides its expenditure appears to be too heavy for the local authorities to attempt any improvement."

It is evident the Leeds Corporation are determined that, at all hazards, Templenewsam must go into the city, and the extension of the tramway to Halton is one means by which they intend, if possible, to accomplish their object. They actually threatened to drop this part of their Parliamentary Bill if the Rural Council did not waive their right to purchase the tramways, but this was sheer bluff. The Council had no power to use such power of purchase, because to work such a short length of line would have been enormously expensive, and probably out of the question. It is doubtful that the line will pay the Leeds Corporation, but they do not mind a loss, I suppose, so long as they can rope in Templenewsam and smash the rural area.

In consequence of the excellent attendance at the Barkston Ash Football Club final on Saturday afternoon the funds of the Association will be placed on a very satisfactory basis, and it must be admitted that the policy of the Executive in effecting the match has been thoroughly justified from a financial standpoint. A "gate" of £21 is not often secured nowadays. Much was made of the fact that every player in the losers' team was a Garforthian—a highly creditable state of affairs—and that not a single Cawood man was in the winning eleven, but with one possible exception, all the players in both are residents of Barkston Ash Division, and it is possible for any club to cast the net very much wider, according to the rules. It is not, therefore, advisable to act on this phase of the question.

The passing of Mr Walter D. Hollis, who presided for many years at Garforth and Whitkirk, has removed the most prominent church worker the district has produced for many years. He was great on Church reform, whereby laymen would be given more power in the Church, but the movement did not make much headway, and several years ago an incident occurred in one of our villages which clearly showed the attitude of at least one clergyman towards it. Mr Hollis, at his invitation, attended a parochial gathering, and addressed the people, placing his views clearly and convincingly before them, but when he had finished the clergyman ascended the platform and actually declared that he did not agree with a word Mr Hollis had said. Naturally, Mr Hollis was indignant, and, to say the least, the clergyman's action was very tactless.

Apropos of the production of plays in unlicensed premises, I notice the trustees of Cullingworth Wesleyan Church have been prosecuted, so that it is evident the Keighley police are looking out in the West Riding, and the Skyrack police may soon be active. The minister at Bingley pleaded that it was a "simple little piece" in a children's play—but the magistrates indicated that the regulations must be adhered to. If, therefore, it is intended to have sketches or children's plays at Halton, Garforth, Kippax, Bowers Allerton, Rothwell, etc., it will be advisable to get a stage play licence, otherwise there may be trouble. It seems ridiculous that such a licence is necessary for a children's "piece" or a short sketch, where no scenery is used, but the law must be complied with. At bazaars it is usual to have a children's day, when a musical play is performed, but that will have to be cut out of the programme now or a licence taken out.

Whitkirk folks will be surprised to learn that the district is suffering from a "plague" of rats. It appears that about a dozen rats got out of their depth in a drain and were drowned, and because of this it was announced that there was a "plague." Residents of Whitkirk have certainly had their premises raided by rats, and they may be surprised some morning to see an army of the rodent tribe marching down Hollyshaw Lane in order to take complete possession of the hill.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week there is an excellent programme, and the principal turn is given by the ever-popular R. G. Knowles, the famous raconteur. The modern Mrs Gamp, who flings about her aspirates, interspersed many Malaprop-isms, and has a drop of gin whenever "dis-posed," is cleverly pourtrayed by Fred Emney in a brilliantly acted little sketch "A Sister to Assist 'Er," which is one long series of laughs. A dainty performance is that of the Real McKays, whose turn has matured wonderfully in the passing years. The boy has become a clever little comedian, and the girl a demure maiden equally at home in song and dance. The four Lowdas give an thrilling and finished an exhibition of acrobatics as has been seen at the Empire for many a long day, some of their feats being the "last word" in daring. Thorpe Lee gives a comedy duologue, a noisy, but effective, little effort, James Stewart gets many laughs by his extravagant antics at the piano, and Rich Taylor is a ventriloquist with much new business.

At the top of the bill on Monday next at the Leeds Empire, is that popular light comedian, Whit Cunliffe. Cunliffe is popular to-day because he was, for the simple reason that he gives the right touch to his light comedian business, and one is carried away by his bright and lively action, and fine singing. In one of his numbers he tells the audience, in his own inimitable way, of his persistency in following one of the fair sex "everywhere," while he will no doubt also give the amusing ditty "Mr Cupid." The latter is one of his old numbers, but there is nothing suggestive of staleness about it, as sung by Whit Cunliffe. Other very excellent turns on the programme include Wisto and Whyss, a pair of clever balancers, introducing plenty of comedy; the great Weland, comedy juggler; Irene Dillon, American comedienne; Bert Harrow, the rum comedian; James Fawn, the ever popular comedian: Carl De Marest, novelty violinist; and the American Bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week capital fare is provided. Jack and Evelyn, who are to be numbered among the most popular of modern vaudeville artistes, appear together in a distinguishing scena, a sort of pot-pourri of singing and burlesque acting. They work hard, and their business is clever. Especially good is the short but-sare-a film dance, on idea which they might further develop with advantage. Fregolia is quite one of the best of the small army of quick-change artistes. Some of her changes are executed with truly remarkable rapidity, and with an attention to detail which is no astonishing as it is unusual. Her performance suffers slightly, however, by reason of her imperfect English. The Carbrey Boys give "Linga-Sigh, "a Hindoo sorcerer," appears in a number of mystifying illusions. His show is remarkably well staged, and his numerous tricks are executed with neatness and despatch. He concludes with the extraordinary weird feat of pulling a four-wheeled carriage by means of steel strings held in his eyes. Others in the bill are Randolph Sutton, light comedian; Parkes and Price, instrumentalists; and Rose Wylie, comedienne and dancer.

At the Hippodrome next week a great attraction will be Messrs G. Ray and Jay Turner's seaside revue "Splash Me," in two scenes. In the beach scene 20,000 gallons of real water are used in introducing a water polo match by a team of lady players. Besides the water polo there will be shooting the chute and a great pole contest. It will be submitted by a full London company of artistes, including Messrs Clarke and Mostol, Alec. Regan, Fred Wallis, and Horry Payne, and Misses Enid Harcourt, Alec Pearce, Dorothy Gibbons, and Peggy Hope. Others in the bill are Josephine Langley, lady ventriloquist; Sisters Sprightly, popular burlesque artistes; Will Hay, the schoolmaster comedian of "Bend down" fame; The Ketos, comedy acrobats; The Royal Bartle Quintette, with their golden concertinas; and Martin Adeson and Miss Clara Bernard, in the clever farcical absurdity "Dr. Maud's First Patient."

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week "Proof," Sir Francis Burnand's well-known drama, pays a return visit. Mr and Mrs William McLaren's Company present the drama in a telling way, and it is attractively staged. Mr Robert Gilbert plays Pierre Lorrance, the long-suffering, wrongly accused husband, in a way which wins him the sympathies of the audience, while the Count de Laval of Mr Hy. Dean is a painstaking and clever character study. Miss Mildred Hudson is an emotional actress of considerable charm, which she uses to advantage as Valentine, and Miss Amy Hardcastle is a winsome Adrienne. Mr Colbeck sustains the comedy role of Chamberon with marked ability.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre the attractions will be the favourite actress, Miss Ethel Van Praagh and her celebrated Repertory Company.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week Mott and Pep, who are at the top of the bill, are clever handto-hand balancers and tumblers. Their work is neat and clean, and they have had a capital reception. Southall and Scott, a new American comedy duo, have some smart business, and they ought to do well over here. A sensational act is given by the Great Gomez, and Archie O'Neil, a one-legged rag-time dancer, goes through a smart show. Others appearing successfully are Hugh McCusker, Irish comedian and dancer, and Helen Martin, the "medley" girl, who gives a really fine performance. The pictures this week contain both humour and drama.

Next week at the City Varieties the chief attraction will be the racing revue, "What You See," introducing Will Netta's Jockeys. Others in the bill are Patti Loftus, comedienne and toe dancer; Fred Leyton, comedy light comedian; Maud and Morison, com-dy trick cyclists; Kitty Stewart, in original novelty songs, including her farmyard and laughing ditties; and Phyllis and Vernon Mellon, in "A pleasant disappointment." Pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

Splendid programmes are presented at the Theatre de Luxe, and the packed "houses" during the week, are testified to the great popularity of this well-appointed house. "A Game of Cards" was a fine dramatic film, and the acting of Sydney Drew and Ned Finley was a great feature. "His Father's Boss" taught a strong lesson in a convincing manner; and "A Love of '61" was a new Civil War episode. "That Suit at Ten" and "Gen. Burbles Victory" abounded in humorous situations; and "His Circus Friends" and "Sammy's Double Rose" provided further laughs.

"Quicksands of Sin," a powerful film with a powerful plot, will be screened on Friday and Saturday.

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NURSING SCHEMES—ABERFORD AND GARFORTH.

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the Education Offices, at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. B. Sharp (Aberford and Walwyn (Aberford), Messrs J. B. Breed, T. S. Slater, H. Gascoigne, and H. Chappel (Garforth), with the Clerk (Mr. H. A. Dowell).

The Clerk reported that the percentage of attendance in Garforth district for February was the highest in the West Riding. The percentage for last month was also good, being over 90.

The attendance returns for the various schools in the area showed that Scholes had the highest percentage, the average attendance being 96 out of 31. The percentages were:—Garforth Council, mixed, 86.53 against 92.44 in March last year; Garforth Council, infants, 86.44 and 87.38; East Garforth Council, 93.24 and 81.88; Scholes Council, 96.77 and 94.44; Garforth Parochial, mixed, 93.05 and 86.07; Garforth Parochial, infants, 86.13 and 74.13; Garforth R.C., 92.86 and 72.50; Aberford Church, 90.05 and 76.42; and Barwick Church, 86.45 and 91.08. The percentage for the district was 90.01 against 84.52.

A report by H.M. Inspector on Scholes School was received, and it was regarded as very satisfactory.

The County Council scheme for appointing school nurses and nurses under the Births Notification Act was then discussed.

The Chairman: I suppose you've taken in this matter? Very little, I think.

The Clerk stated that when Nursing Associations existed it was the intention to work in connection with them, the County Authority to pay a proportion of the cost.

The Rev. B. Shepheard Walwyn said that a Nursing Association had been started at Aberford, and if they were assured of a grant from the County Council it would facilitate matters.

The Clerk said that the County Council would pay for their proportion of the work, and he explained how such a scheme would operate. They would get a grant from the Board of Education for the school nursing scheme, and they would have better health among the children and better attendance.

The Chairman said that there was no Nursing Association in Garforth.

The Clerk said he did not know that they could get subscription & PAID U. SHARES. in Garforth.

The Chairman said that several years ago an effort was made to start a nursing scheme in Garforth, and only class promised £60 if the working classes would give £30, and they could not get it.

Mr Chappel said the reason for that was that it was said at a meeting the course they wanted was a lady to associate with the class who gave £60, and the working-classes did not like that.

The Chairman said that if a nurse had been engaged the working-classes would have had preference as regarded her services, otherwise it would have been a failure from the beginning.

Mr Chappel: It was for social life that they wanted a nurse. That was the idea that prevailed at the meeting. And if the workingclasses got that idea they would not sympathise with the scheme.

The Chairman: Can you entertain such a foolish notion?

Mr Chappel: They get the idea they would be neglected while she was attending social festivities.

Mr Slater: She would have spare time, and she could associate with other people.

The Chairman: The scheme was taken up for the benefit of the artisan population. There is no need for a nurse in better class homes.

Mr Chappel: That is so.

The Chairman said there were four Councillors present. Did they think the Council would make a grant of £30.

Mr Gascoigne: The Council have not discussed it.

Mr Slater said that if the thing were started there was no doubt they would get something up each year for it.

The Chairman said he wished the Council would consider the question of making a grant. Mr Slater said that if the Council saw the thing was going to be worked they might give something.

Mr Chappel: The Chairman wants to know if we are prepared to help to inaugurate the scheme.

The Chairman suggested a guarantee of £25 or £30.

The matter will be further discussed at next meeting.

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CHAPTER VII.

The next morning Miss Patricia Ransome came downstairs as usual to breakfast. She was tired after her unwonted exercise of the day before, but was excited. After long years, she had taken the initiative, and did not know what the day might bring forth.

She was living in a boarding-house kept by a Mrs. Luck and her daughter. Mrs. Luck was the sort of person who is supposed to have seen better days, and who flaunts the flag of those better days in your face every moment, who speaks on to other subject, and, in consequence, gets a vast amount of attention which otherwise would not be bestowed upon her.

She was a good manager, however, and 10, James-street was always full of guests. Mrs. Luck would have been ashamed to hear her house spoken of as an ordinary boarding-house. It was the select of the select, and let only those enter who were known to her or her friends. Miss Patricia was her sister's friend, and had been a guest in the house. The Marshalls, without a moment's thought as to paying guests in the house, and after the Oswalds disappeared, made room for Miss Patricia. Hattie found themselves alone with Miss Patricia.

"Really," said Mrs. Luck, "it is quite too bad. I will say it, Hattie, whether you like it or not."

"Mother, I wasn't uttering a word."

"I daresay you were not uttering, but you were looking a thousand words. If I am good enough to keep paying guests into the house, I expect to press them, so to speak, to the very last penny, and they must pay me as they were boarded, and lodged."

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"You had been kind to me," said Miss Patricia, thinking of her miserable attic where the rain would pour in, notwithstanding every effort to mend the roof.

"I want to be kind to you, dear. And now, is there anything I can do? Please, if there is, command me in any way the word. You know perfectly well that I can't stand those Marshalls another day; they're dreadfully dull and tiresome; and that man keeping on all the time saying that he is on the wrong side of the hill, and wishing out a case just to annoy people and to excite curiosity."

"He will stop, I think, if we take no notice," said Miss Patricia.

"That is it, ma. That's what I say!" exclaimed Miss Hattie. "Let's take no notice, and he'll stop."

"But I can see for myself that the Marshalls object to their visit. Mrs. Luck, I shall be sorry to lose my best guests. They've got the drawing-room sitting-room, as well as all that belongs to themselves. They pay quite handsomely, and give a sort of air to the place. They must at one time have seen very good days."

"They seem remarkably reserved," said Miss Patricia.

"I don't know that it is reserve," said Mrs. Luck. "When I am alone with them, they're quite chatty. I think that both he and Miss Marshall write for the Press. I am not certain, but I rather imagine it. However, keep that to yourself, won't you, dear?"

"Certainly," said Miss Patricia. "I never repeat things."

"Well, that's right. It's a comfort to talk to you. And now, is there anything I can do for you?"

"I am expecting some friends to come here to tea to-day."

"It's sixpence a-head extra for each person who comes here for tea," said Miss Hattie.

"Yes, that's quite correct. I can pay anything that is required," said Miss Patricia. "I shall probably like to have a private room. Do you think you can let me, Mrs. Luck?"

"Well, now, how awkward. The room at the back of this would have been just the thing for you, but the Perkinses, I heard from them this morning, and they are coming in time for supper, and they particularly begged that I would let them have the back dining-room as their private sitting-room. I don't really think I have any private room to give you; but you can have it at a special table in this bay window, and anything you like to order. What would you like for tea, Miss Ransome?"

"I should particularly like to have a private room. You are sure you can't get one for me?"

"You know I would if I could."

Mrs. Luck looked frown. Miss Patricia was always very subservient to her frown. She said gently:—

"We will have tea a little early, I think, and I will go out and buy a few cakes myself. I have some of my own to bring, you don't mind my bringing it out, do you?"

"Why, of course not," said Mrs. Luck.

"It will give me the opportunity to get—"

"And your silver spoons," said Miss Patricia, "and my little tea-pot? I'd love to see them, for one part," said Miss Hattie.

"You can bring any of your own things you like," said Mrs. Luck, "and tea shall be ready and on the table at half-past three o'clock. If you want a special tea, you'll have to order it, Miss Ransome, and in any case it will be sixpence a-head extra, and then whatever you like to order besides."

Miss Patricia thought for a few minutes. She then ordered strawberries and cream, some cress sandwiches and a certain kind of some cress sandwiches she went out. She was going to buy flowers. She loved flowers, and guests were few who would think a great deal more of flowers than they would of what they had to eat.

Mrs. Luck and her daughter were left alone.

"I wonder who these grandees can be," exclaimed Hattie. "They must be wonderfully grand people for Miss Ransome to go to all this expense, for you know, mother, she's awfully poor."

"I like Miss Ransome," said Mrs. Luck, "and I wish we had no end of Miss Ransomes in the house. I'm fond of the women of her sort. They would never intrude themselves. They'd always make the best of things. As it is, it's grumble, grumble, all day long. I wish we could get rid of those Oswalds. There's nothing spreads like discontent. The Oswalds are certain to make up to the Perkinses—I know the sort of people the Perkinses are, don't you, Hattie?"

"Yes; I wish they weren't coming. I hate them," said Hattie.

"We can't possibly refuse them, my dear, there are four of them in all, and they require a private sitting-room."

"Mother, I think they are quite awful," said the girl. "You know, each of them plays a different musical instrument, and not one of them has an ear, and the discord is something appalling. Of course, they know they wouldn't be received in any other house in London."

Mrs. Luck smiled. Then she stood up and pinched her daughter's round, fat arm.

"When I tell you, Hattie, that each charge them threepence a day each for the use of their instruments, you see I have created a peace by bribing our neighbours."

"That's true enough, mother; all the same, it isn't very fair, and I do think that we ought, at least, to charge them what we might have a more refined sort of boarding-house."

"Hattie! What do I hear you say?"

"Well, mother, I have said nothing."

"You call this private establishment—this house—a boarding-house?"

"Well, mother, it is; you know it is."

"It is not. I receive a few dear friends as paying guests, you know I do, and Miss Patricia thinks any the less of a lady for having paying guests in her house."

"Of course not, dear; times rather have honest boarders, or even lodgers," said Miss Hattie. "But what I was going to say, mother, is this, mother, I think you'd have more paying guests if you changed the dinner hour to half-past seven, and let us have cold lunch. The early grumble at our suppers, and in particular the Oswalds."

"Well, mother," said Mrs. Luck. "I'll have to think of the lesser of two evils—the departure of the Oswalds or the early dinner. Miss Patricia, my dear, dear Jones. I'm extremely likely to get some more P.G.'s, but it would be impossible to change the dinner hour to-day. Well, we'll see what we can do."

"Well, mother, I have said my piece. Give me a list of the things we want to buy now, and I will go out and get them."

Mrs. Luck and her daughter then turned to matters domestic.

It was just about three o'clock that same afternoon. Miss Patricia had put on her very best dress—a pale lavender, trimmed with a perfect of its own shade. The sort of dress which suited her better than any other—when Paul Colthurst, Peter, and Pamela arrived. Miss Patricia's preparations had been made for these distinguished guests. The little parlour-maid—Lucy by name—and mistress of all work, whom Miss Patricia had herself had bought for her. The visitors were shown into the drawing-room, which, as Miss Patricia's great delight, was at that moment empty. She had given strict directions to Lucy to let her know at the very minute of tea there o'clock. She would then try and get her guests out again before the Oswalds and Marshalls had finished. It was impossible to say what might not occur. She would offer to go out with them. She would have them entirely to herself. The poor lady felt a queer trembling as she went forward now, raised her voice of yours, and your power over the piano, eyes, and looked full into Paul Colthurst's face.

CHAPTER VIII.

To see people of the sort represented by Paul Colthurst, by Peter, by Pamela, by anything else belonging to Mrs. Luck's home for paying guests was, as it were, to let in the sunlight. The little maid, Lucy, grew quite excited when she saw them. Miss Patricia's heart seemed to leap into her mouth. She felt the colour coming and going in her cheeks, the sensation of faintness oppressed her for a minute. Then it passed.

She looked straight from Paul to Peter. Peter had not seen her once upon a time, only a long time ago, laid his curly head on her knee and cried his heart out. That was long time ago, her lips had pressed her old cheeks and his sweet, starry, baby eyes had looked into hers. Peter was a man, as her child, her boy, had grown and ever, for ever and ever, and her heart had been full, as the heart of a mother is full, for Peter, her child, her own, to her breast. He was the same Peter, the very same, and yet—how altered! He had not thought her, but she, his unconscious intuition, knew him.

She thought of course, she could not have done so—that even in a crowd she would have recognised him. He seemed in a way to fulfil her dreams. He seemed, after a fashion, to be greater than her dreams. He was tall, he was manly, and splendidly handsome, and he had such a gracious, kindly smile as he took stock hands with her once just as though he had known her. Then he turned and introduced Pamela, and, and, in a flash, Miss Patricia knew of her, of which people thought he inherited from Paul Colthurst that Pamela was to be his wife, and that he was glad to bring home his wife, and that he was glad to bring home his wife to see Miss Patricia.

"We did want to come quite awfully," said Pamela. "And, indeed, may I kiss you? You are known father—of course, I shall call my father now; but, then, he has always been like a father to me—more than my own father for a very long time, haven't you?"

"Yes, my child," said Miss Patricia.

"Peter was born," said Miss Patricia.

"It's rather nice in this room," said Pamela, trying to make the best of things, and to put the dreadful drawing-room with her even lookers. She was quick and she had taught in them which made her unlike any other girl. "I am glad you've got it," said Miss Patricia, "now, you will all come downstairs and—"

"Oh, I do hope the other paying guests will come in—I mean, that you'll give anything some in the world to see them. I've read such lots of books in which they always make such always wonderful, charming people—out in the common, you know, and with some interest in life, which will be to us, too, Miss Patricia."

"We are having tea a little early, so perhaps they won't," said Miss Patricia.

"I do hope they will. Don't you want to see them, Peter?"

"I'm afraid I am indifferent," said Peter. "I've left my sentimentalism behind me in Africa. Miss Ransome. He took from him a little parcel, unconsciously the gist of her right-hand. He raised the kettle to fill the little teapot. He put it on the spirit lamp to keep it hot. He handed round the cakes and delicacies which Miss Patricia had provided. Then he chatted and laughed a good deal, and the whole party alive.

Pamela sat next to him. She was as merry as Peter. She was enjoying herself vastly. And occasionally she glanced at the clock, and occasionally at Miss Patricia; but Miss Patricia avoided her eyes. She felt that Paul Colthurst was too many in that group. Paul knew Peter's tree story. Miss Patricia knew Peter's secret, and shared a secret between them—a secret which, if divulged, would ruin the prospects of this man whom most people considered a great man. She dare to look at each other because of the secret which pressed upon their hearts. Paul Colthurst, the great scientist, Miss Patricia could have enjoyed a chat with Pamela and Peter. The young people, having no secrets, were full of the happy. They chatted, and laughed, and made fun of things, and Pamela said, in her pretty voice:—

"Oh, if I didn't live at Connop Grange, I really should like to be a P.G. in the house of Mrs. Luck, wouldn't you?"

As she uttered the words the door was flung open, and Thomas Oswald, accompanied by his wife, son, and daughter, entered. The girl's clear voice fell upon Thomas Oswald's ears. He was certainly not a shy man in order. Nothing pleased him more than the chance that they were living along a path towards a definite goal by a man who knows his way.

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Always reflect beforehand upon the kind of audience you are likely to have.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

TO THOSE WHO WEAR GLASSES.

So many people nowadays artificially wear eyeglasses; and those who travel much—barristers and others in course of business—often find their sight considerably impaired owing to the cloudiness of their glasses, which is due to atmospheric conditions. To such the following recipe (given by an optician of note) will prove invaluable: Take a pinch of water, alcohol, and toilet ammonia; mix together, and put into a glass bottle, keeping it well corked. Spray the eyeglasses every morning with a little of the mixture, and then rub with a soft cloth, polishing finally with tissue paper. The glasses will be kept clear, and declared a boon by many who had previously suffered severely from eye strain.

THE RIGHT WAY TO REST.

It is a good plan to lie down for a little time after the midday meal. You must take off your corsets and put on a loose wrapper every one, and then, on a loose wrapper, lie down. Instead you are slipping through the bed; lie heavily, letting each muscle relax. Look at your fingers, move your hands as little as possible. This relaxation and resting for the tired housewife is better than the biggest bottle of tonic you could buy.

BANANAS AND TYPHOID.

After a long experience with typhoid patients a foreign specialist maintains that the best food for them is the banana, says the *Family Doctor*.

It is said that because the lining membrane of the small intestines becomes intensely inflamed and engorged, eventually ulceration is caused, and so by leaving well-defined ulcers, at which places the intestinal walls become dangerously thin. Now, a solid, if taken into the stomach, is likely to produce perforation of the intestines, dire results naturally following, and this is the reason why solid food of those containing a large amount of innutritious substances, are to be avoided as much as possible. But bananas, though, as may be classed as a solid food, contain only 25 per cent. of solid matter, and possess sufficient waste to nutritious matter to form a concentrated food, easily taken into the stomach, is likely to produce perforation of the intestines, dire results naturally following, and this is the reason why solid food of those containing a large amount of innutritious substances, are to be avoided as much as possible. But bananas, though, as may be classed as a solid food, contain only 25 per cent. of solid matter, and possess sufficient waste to nutritious matter to form a concentrated food, easily taken into the stomach, and being left without food. Get tea, my good girl, and be quick."

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"I will take you up to the drawing-room," said Miss Patricia. "Lucy, the drawing-room, I said Miss Patricia.

"Capital!" exclaimed Paul.

They left the room.

"Oh, Peter, those are the people whom Miss Ransome calls her friends. Mighty smart, I must say. And what a tea! I think I could stand some of those strawberries. They'll be put on for supper, you'll see, and Mrs. Luck will get the best of them. Why shouldn't we eat them? I see no reason."

He went up to the spoke, took a large berry from the dish, and placed it in his mouth.

"Oh, father, you oughtn't!" said Laura, in a voice of shocked expostulation.

"Why shouldn't I? I think I ought not to do a thing, I will come to you to let me know. Nice times, when children speak to their parents as you are doing."

Lucy hurried in with a table-cloth and a tray full of tea-things.

"Lucy, where are strawberries for our tea, Lucy?"

"No, Mr. Oswald. Miss Ransome bought those strawberries for her visitors."

"Do you happen to know who the visitors are, Lucy?"

"Yes, Mr. Oswald."

"Oh, do tell us their names," said Laura, in a very interested voice. "I never saw such a lovely girl."

"I remember their names quite well," said Lucy, "because Miss Ransome told me that I was to pronounce them distinctly when I ushered them into the drawing-room, so she ushered them over to me two or three times, only——"

"Yes, Miss Ransome, what is it?"

"Come here, Lucy."

Miss Ransome was now in her outdoor things. The guests were standing in the hall.

Lucy ran into the hall. "Yes, miss; what is it?"

"Lucy, you are not to say who my visitors are."

"All right, miss."

The next minute Miss Ransome, Paul, Peter, and Pamela were seen passing the windows of the dull little boarding-house.

"Well," said Oswald, "well?"

He flung his chair to the table as he spoke, pulled a plate of bread and butter forward, and began to help himself to it.

"Here you are, Lucy," he said. "Now, what is their name?"

"Please, sir, I don't know, sir."

"That's nonsense, Lucy. You know quite well. You were just telling me."

"I don't know. I have forgotten, sir."

"That's nonsense," said Thomas Oswald, who now became deeply interested. Friends of Miss Ransome—a girl, a young man, an elderly person—who did not belong to their world; people who lived in the country; people to whom money was an entry; people to whom money had ever and always been at their bid and call. "Lucy," said Tom Oswald, "you look here. The guv'll give you half-a-crown if you'll tell us their names."

"It's the sounding of the kind," said Thomas Oswald, who, curious as he was, did not think it worth his while to give half-a-crown for the information he required.

"I am not going to tell," said Lucy.

She left the room, feeling further would be inquired. And Miss Patricia might have kept her guests to herself, and a good deal of her time, but Miss Ransome followed, if Peter Colthurst had not at that moment been seen running up the steps of the house and ringing the bell at the front door.

"That fine young gent!" exclaimed Thomas. "I think I see a way. One minute's excuse me."

He sprang from the table and left the room. Before Lucy could appear he opened the front door himself.

"Did you want anything, sir? I saw you coming."

"Yes. I have come for Miss Lennox's parasol. She left it behind her. I think it's in the drawing-room. Oh, don't trouble! I may I pass?"

"I will go and look for it," said Thomas Oswald, in a voice of the stairs, murmuring under his breath, "Lennox, Lennox—when did I hear the name of Lennox before? Why, it flashed across him—a lightning, blinding flash. The name was in the will!

(To be continued).

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

In "University and Historical Addresses" (Macmillan) the Right Hon. James Bryce gives some admirable little hints to speakers and writers. Here are a few of them:

Always have something to say. The man who is known never to speak unless he has a message to deliver is listened to in a deliberative assembly or wherever there is business to be done.

Try to have at most only two or three points to make. Never say none too common—have two or three relevant ones.

Say what you mean to say. If your own mind is muddled, much more muddled will your hearers be.

Always arrange your remarks in some sort of order. Nothing pleases an audience more than the sense that they are being led along a path towards a definite goal by a man who knows his way.

In controversial speaking, think always of what your opponent will say, and so frame your speech as to anticipate his answers and give little opening for his criticism.

Always reflect beforehand upon the kind of audience you are likely to have.

Never despise those whom you address, whatever you may think of their intellectual attainments. You need not talk over their heads. But you will find it politic as well as polite to respect them.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES

Harewood Park, it is stated, consists of 1,800 acres.

In Templenewsam there are 327 houses; Oulton-with-Woodlesford 750, and Middleton 201.

Wetherby is trying to compete with Knaresborough. A Water Carnival is to be held in August.

Owing to the holidays there was no meeting of Tadcaster Guardians and District Council on Monday.

So apathetic are the members that there is a prospect of Wetherby Tradesmen's Association going to the wall.

Tadcaster will be invaded! Sunday, May 10th, has been fixed for the holding of Military Sunday at York Minster.

The inquiry into the proposal to have a joint cemetery for Oulton-with-Woodlesford and Rothwell takes place to-day (Friday).

The Unionist "Daily Graphic" forecasts a Conservative Cabinet, but the place is given in it to Lord Helmsley or Mr Lane Fox.

What have Wetherby Council to say? Ingleton's water supply is in danger, a local writer says that the result of the Giggleswick to Buttersyke Bar is one accession of pot holes.

The Labour men in Osgoldcross are shouting! They say they will oppose Sir J. Compton Rickett, M.P., at next election. Wait and see.

How it accumulates! No fewer than 3,849 loads of rubbish were removed from ashpits in Knaresborough and Oulton-with-Woodlesford last year.

At a meeting at Crossgates it was stated that the demand for school lectures on temperance in the district is increasing. Is this a sign of the times?

Not in a hurry! The authorities have not introduced the telephone to Barwick yet, although months have elapsed since negotiations were begun.

It is suggested that in Hunslet rural area refuse should be treated destructively in lieu of the present cost of getting rid of refuse at present is £417.

Why should not the Corporation endeavour to obtain a portion of Manston Lodge Park at Crossgates as a children's play-ground? It is in a central position.

It is suggested that the Templenewsam Parish Council should give houses to allotment-holders for doing what they ought to do—make prompt payment of their rents.

It's a pleasure to observe (says a writer) that one or two of the northwest and most awkward portions of the road between Harewood Bridge and Pool have been widened.

Bishop Quirk, acting as Commissary on behalf of the Bishop of Sheffield, has licensed the Rev. Thomas Percy Spendlove Curtis to the living of John Henry Jennings, lately Vicar of Masborough.

The medical officer reports that at Oulton-with-Woodlesford there is a scarcity of houses, but this is likely to be remedied "to some extent" by the erection of working-class dwellings which are in hand.

Mr Harold Blackburn accomplished a fine flying performance on Thursday night. He left Lofthouse Park at 6.30 p.m. with Mrs Hatley (Keevil as passenger), and arrived at Sheffield in 17 minutes—a record speed for the journey.

A rather boisterous wind prevailed in the Selby district on Friday, with occasional showers, followed by bright intervals. A fairly large number of visitors and cyclists passed through, but the uncertain weather diminished the traffic. A number of cycle clubs from Castleford, Knaresborough and the Leeds district visited the town.

A good story is told of an old couple who lived near Bramham. Before retiring to rest, one night, the old man said—"Ah say, Sally, we've nobbut yan pig i't sty, an' we've nobbut yan cow i't shed; ah think we'd better allow sh'goes to sleep, an' see if they be reight uns." He did so, and was somewhat astonished next morning when he could not find a match to light the fire.

The attendance returns for the twenty-four schools in the Wetherby education area for March show a percentage of 84.46, against 85.07 in February, and 84.07 in March, 1913. The Bardsdown (Clifford) schools have topped 90 per cent., but four fall below 80. The figures for each school per 100 are given below:—Long Newton 95.83, Walton 95.83, Bardsey 92.06, Wike 91.30, Thorner Council 89.65, Clifford Council 89.47, Tockwith Church 89.09, Harewood 87.96, Tockwith Wesleyan 87.50, Bilton 86.51, Spofforth 85.71, Clifford Roman Catholic 85.58, Boston Spa 85.71, Clifford Roman Catholic 85.58, Thorner National 84.31, Spofforth 84.15, East Keswick 82.35, Wetherby Council 80, Sicklinghall 79.31, Boston Spa 78.67, Kirk Deighton 77.01, and Thorparch 76.66.

Has the Kippax Ratepayers' Association fizzled out?

Harewood has gone the wrong way. In the 15th century it was much larger than it is now.

Hambleton farm hands are on the warpath. They want 10s. a-week and to build cottages for them.

Templenewsam at one time had stocks in front of the inn at Whitkirk and on Stocks Hill, Halton.

It is stated that there is coal for the digging in Wetherby district. Why not start a colliery?

In view of the opposition to the Member for Osgoldcross, the Liberals of Kippax are showing increased activity.

In the eighteenth century the cattle market at Harewood was one of the best in the district. Now Wetherby and Tadcaster have the pull.

Of 102 births last year in Templenewsam, Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and Middleton, only three were illegitimate. Twenty infants died.

The provision of some shelter for inhabitants of infected houses during disinfection is suggested by the medical officer of Hunslet rural area.

Beamsley Moor was at one time famous as a race-course, and Queen Anne presented a gold cup in 1702 as the prize in a race for 4-year-old horses.

One of the sanitary officials of the Hunslet Rural District Council says there is a plague of rats at Whitkirk. Why not look up the Pied Piper?

The stocks and pinfold at East Keswick have been removed about forty years; the former stood by the blacksmith's shop and the latter at the head of the street.

Among the most distinguished residents of Newton Kyme was Admiral Fairfax, who built the new hall and planted the fine avenue of trees across the park in 1722.

Let local "golf caddies" note! A Wilsden magistrate told a golf caddie, who was charged with theft, that his occupation was the most demoralising a boy could be engaged in.

Last year the heatherite for Hunslet rural area was 1½d. The figures for the parishes were—Middleton 8.37, Templenewsam and Thorp Stapleton 9.5, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford 15.07.

Why not? A Scholes man says that, to be fair, the N.E.R. should give Thorner, Scholes, and other places on the Wetherby line cheap afternoon fares, seeing the privilege has been given Garforth and Crossgates.

Barnbey Church bears

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"PLAGUE" OF RATS AT WHITKIRK.

LEEDS CORPORATION AND THE DISTRICT.

HOUSES FOR WOODLESFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Lea Street, Hunslet, on Thursday afternoon. Mr. H. T. Eastnes (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr. P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), Mr. D. Hargreaves, Mr. G. Armitage, Mr. W. Verity, and Mr. J. Flintoft, with Mr. Cook (Mr. W. B. Pinday), the medical officer (Dr. J. Budd), the surveyor (Mr. J. Nuttall), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs. W. White, and P. C. Higgins).

LEEDS AND THE DISTRICT.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Town Clerk of Leeds inviting the members of the Council to meet the Improvement Committee on the previous Tuesday. He had written stating that he had been unable to make arrangements with the Council, but would bring the matter before them as soon as possible. His reason for the invitation was the Council's objection to having the site of the Hallas sewage works included in the Leeds tour planning scheme. It was decided that the Clerk arrange for the meeting to take place on April 23rd.

Another letter was read from the Town Clerk of Leeds in reference to the proposed tramway to Halton. The letter stated that if the Hunslet Rural District Council still objected to the insertion of the "purchase clause" in the Leeds Corporation Bill, the City Council would have to abandon the scheme.

The Clerk said the letter was not quite accurate in regard to the "purchase clause," as the Council had considered the matter before the clause was inserted, as it was, by the House of Lords. It was the custom to insert such a clause in bills of this type, but if the Council passed a resolution waiving their objection to the purchase clause the Bill would go forward without it.

Mr Marsden: We don't want to lose the trams.

Mr Verity: And we don't want to purchase.

A resolution was passed waiving an objection to the "purchase clause."

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The medical officer's report for the last four weeks showed that twenty-one births had been registered. Of these thirteen occurred in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, five in Templenewsam, and three at Middleton. During the same period there had been four deaths; two in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, one in Templenewsam, and one in Middleton. Three cases of infectious disease, all scarlet fever had been notified. One had been at Woodlesford.

The Clerk said Templenewsam would become a health resort. (Laughter).

Mr Hodson also presented his annual report, which appears in another column.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.

In considering the estimates, the Clerk said the Council would notice that they were considerably less than last year; £250 less was asked for on account of the general expenses. The special expenses were also less. At Oulton and on the special expenses were £170 as against £200 for the last half-year; at Oulton and Woodlesford the special expenses were £550 as against £580; and at Templenewsam £450 against £500. With regard to Oulton and Woodlesford the rates levied by the Council last year were the lowest in the £1 for the past fourteen years. Last year the total rates, general and special, were 2s. 11d. in the £1. They had never been less than 3s. in the past fourteen years.

The proposed calls for the various parishes were as follows:—Middleton £612, Oulton-with-Woodlesford £800, Templenewsam £872, and Thorpe Stapleton £6—a total call for the district of £1,990. The estimates were passed.

COMPLAINTS FROM OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD.

The Clerk read a letter from the Clerk of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council complaining of the ashpits in Alma Street, Woodlesford, and asking the Council to inspect the same and see if they consider them satisfactory.

Mr Whitehead (sanitary inspector) said he had examined the ashpits in the district complained of, and he had found only minor defects.

Dr. Buck said he had made a house-to-house inspection, and with the exception of one case the ashpits were practically empty. In the case of the one which was full, the tenants of the house had a water closet. It was, he said, an exaggeration to say that they wanted emptying.

A letter embodying the resolution of protest passed by the Oulton-with-Woodlesford parish meeting with regard to the Clerk's salary was read, but no action was taken in the matter.

RAT "PLAGUE" AT WHITKIRK.

Some amusement was caused at a report as to a "plague" of rats at Whitkirk which appeared in the monthly report of Mr P. C. Higgins. It was stated that on the occasion of the gulley's last being emptied, half-a-dozen rats were found drowned.

The Clerk asked if Mr (Mr Higgins) could define it as a plague or was it only a case of a few.

Mr Higgens said that the fact that half-a-dozen rats had been found, showed that there must be others.

The Clerk: If there were 1,000 rats there might be a plague.

Mr Verity: Or if they met you on the road. (Laughter).

Mr Hargreaves said he knew for a fact that 150 rats were killed at one time in Oulton-with-Woodlesford within the last month, so there must be a plague there.

HOUSES AT WOODLESFORD.

It was reported that in connection with the fire at Oulton, Mr Higgins had applied to the insurance company and their claim compromised the lot, which was spelt whilst helping to extinguish the fire, but his claim of £2 had not been upheld.

It was decided to allow Mr Higgins one half of the amount asked for.

Plans were passed for eleven houses to be built by Messrs Briggs on Woodlesford. These are the first with four previously passed, will make fifteen houses which Messrs Briggs propose building.

A pathetic discovery was made in Sheffield on Saturday in connection with three maiden sisters, who had lived together in a small house in Thistle Street on the east side of the city. A few months ago one of the sisters died, and last Thursday, a second passed away. The third, Miss Elizabeth Stafford Hale, overcome with grief, went into the bedroom, took a last look at her dead sister, and then cut her throat. She was found dead by a cousin.

THE LATE MR W. D. HOLLIS.

FUNERAL AT POOL.

The interment of the late Mr Walter Dawson Hollis, of Pool-in-Wharfedale, formerly of Garforth and Whitkirk, took place on Saturday afternoon in Pool churchyard, in the presence of many old friends with whom, before ill health diminished his powers, he was associated either in business or in social or religious work. Covered with beautiful wreaths from the widow and children, the coffin was borne from the house in a glasscoach drawn, and at the churchyard gates the carriage was met by the officiating clergy—the Rev. H. A. Kennedy, vicar of Harewood, the Rev. D. M. M. Hatchard, vicar of St. Mark's, Leeds; and the Rev. J. Sheldon, vicar of Pool. The principal mourners were Mrs Hollis (widow), the Rev. Walter Hollis, Mr H. Hollis, and Mr J. M. Hollis (sons), Miss Flora and Miss E. W. Hollis (daughters), Miss E. and Miss M. Hollis, Sheffield, Mrs Stanton, Helmsburgh, and Mrs Webb, Newton Kyme (sisters), Mr Harry and Mr Jack Hollis, of Otley (brothers), Mr J. R. Weatherhead (brother-in-law), Mrs J. K. Woodhead, Miss M. and Miss J. Woodhead, East Keswick (sisters-in-law), Mr Gerald Scurrah, Mr Richard Webb, Mr H. K. Woodhead, Miss Barbara Oxtoby, and Mr J. Scrosser Webb, the late Mr Hollis's partner.

Among others who attended were Mr John Hopper, Mr John Town, the Rev. C. R. Sutton, vicar of All Saints', Leeds; the Rev. J. Hubbard, rector of Leathley; the Rev. J. Bu barn, vicar of St. Thomas', Leeds; Mr Edward Dalton, Mr Claude Dalton, Mr A. T. Peirse, Mr and Mrs Middleton, Mr John Pearce, Mr Stephen E. Smith, Mr H. Meadhurst, Mr W. W. Mapheson, Dr Sydney Rumbell (Leeds), Mr J. E. Kitchen, who represented the Council of the Incorporated Estate Agents' Institute; representatives of the Yorkshire branch of the Institute, including Mr Hopper, Mr Robert Lovitt, and Mr J. W. Dunn; Mr T. Ambler, Mr E. H. Middlebrook, and Mr A. M. Wootton, representing the Zetland Lodge of Freemasons; representatives of the Leeds Permanent Benefit Building Society, among them Mr W. A. Hobson, Mr H. Whitfield, Dr Rumbell, Mr Robert Lovitt (solicitor), and Mr O. Hunsley (surveyor); Mr G. W. Hebden (Leeds), Mr R. J. Fawcett (Pinfield), M. L. V. Sharp, secretary of the Leeds Liberal Organisation Society; Mr C. E. Montgomery and Mr F. A. Booth, of the firm of Hollis and Webb; Mr W. Townend (Newcastle), Mr Richard Dobbs, Mr G. W. Jessop (Rawdon), Mr W. Cathey (Wetsley), Mr Henry Child (Whitkirk), Mr J. Richardson, (Guiseley), and Messrs Hockney, Oxtoby, and Elliott, representing the late Mr Hollis's old Bible Class at Whitkirk and Hebden.

During the service the hymns "On the Resurrection Morning" and "Jesus lives" were sung, and Mr W. K. Dalton played "O rest in the Lord" as the body was carried from the church. The grave was lined with evergreens, arum lilies, and narcissi.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR E. H. FOSTER AND REBELLION IN THE ARMY

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr Foster in the House of April 3rd is reported to have said "The second rebellion was that of the officers of the regular army who declared that they would refuse to obey orders to move against the Ulster volunteer force."

These statements are absolutely untrue, and one cannot understand a gentleman like Mr Foster making them, in the face of the explicit statements to the contrary made in Parliament by Lord Morley and Sir Edward Grey. On March 9th Lord Morley, in the House of Lords, said "There has been no disobedience to orders in connection with recent events by any officer or man in Ireland. The conduct of the troops generally has been exemplary."

On March 31st Sir Edward Grey was asked in the House of Commons whether the instructions to Sir Arthur Paget gave the option to officers who were not prepared to carry out operations against Ulster for conscientious or other scruples, to send in their resignations and to be dismissed the Army. He replied "Yes." He was also asked "whether Lord French and the other officers have exercised that option offered them by the Secretary of State for War were guilty of any act of disobedience in so doing." He replied "No." And yet, after these definite statements from Cabinet Ministers, Mr Foster has the impudence to talk about rebellion in the Army.

The outstanding fact of the whole business is that the Radical Party have, for the first time in modern times, tried to use the Army and Navy for party purposes. To do what? Not to maintain the law of the realm, but to help them (the Radical Party), by force of arms, to make Ayrshot Ulster accept the Nationalists of Ireland as their masters and governors.

The Army and Navy belong, not to the Liberal Party, but to the whole Empire, and I think that moderate men of all shades of opinion will feel that those Ministers who have tried to force the Army and Navy into taking sides politically have disgraced their trust.—Yours, etc.,

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POISONED KNEE FROM A FALL.—Clifford A. Kemp fell in the playground and bruised his right knee. He pulled his stocking over the broken skin and blood-poisoning was thus set up. "Clifford's knee swelled and got very inflamed," writes Mrs E. R. Kemp, from Church Street, Rochester, Kent. "Painful sores broke out on Clifford's leg. Ointments and salves failed to heal the sores, but Zam-Buk cleansed and healed my boy's leg beautifully. The new skin Zam-Buk grew is quite healthy."

SAVED HER GOLDEN LOCKS.—Our little Kathleen, aged 4, had ringworm on her head," writes Mrs A. E. McFarlane, 21, Queen's Road, South Farnborough, Hants. "It started with small patches of smarting and itching sores which spread across the child's scalp. When I discovered and all her beautiful hair would have to be cut off, we were greatly distressed.

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CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION.

ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH TOWARDS TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

A special general meeting of the Crossgates and District Band of Hope Union was held in the Crossgates Wesleyan School to receive the Visitation Committee from the Yorkshire Band of Hope Union. Mr W. Popplewell (Stanks) invited all the delegates to tea, and about 60 attended.

At the meeting Mr W. Dibb (Garforth)—presided, and Mr J. Wilson (Morley), a veteran of 75 years, spoke, telling of the formation of the Band of Hope by the Rev. Jabez Tunnicliffe. He also said that the Church, starting by being antagonistic, had not yet got much beyond the stage of tolerance and indifference to the Band of Hope movement, and failed to see the great opportunity this movement gave of reaching a class of children untouched by Sunday School or other section of church work.

The returns of the Crossgates Union show that fully half of the children attending the various Bands of Hope have no other connection with the Church.

Mr T. Booth (York) gave many instances of the work done and good results from Band of Hope efforts, and particularly the day school teaching.

Mr Crabtree (secretary of Yorkshire Band of Hope Union) spoke of methods of teaching, grading, visitation, etc., urging the great need for thorough and efficient temperance teaching to the children, who would be the voters and law makers of the coming years. Scotland would have the opportunity in 1920 of locally reducing or removing the drink traffic, the rest of the United Kingdom might probably have the same powers within a few more years, and now was the time to train the voters. He also spoke of the much better reception of the day school lecturer by the various Education Committees, so that now there was a demand for more lectures than three lecturers could give, and the Yorkshire Union was only able to keep one at present.

Next year is the jubilee of the Yorkshire Union and great efforts are being made to extend the work and lift Yorkshire into the first place amongst the English counties for its interest in Temperance.

Miss Diggle sang "My Testament" and "Ye that are weary."

Mr H. Johnson was accompanist.

Questions on methods, etc., were asked and answered, and a very profitable evening closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Mrs. and Miss Popplewell for their kind hospitality, proposed by Mrs R. H. Carr, and seconded by Mr Hodgson.—This was received too late for publication last week.

NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL AT SELBY.

The ceremony of blessing the new Roman Catholic Schools at Selby was performed on Tuesday by the Bishop of Leeds (the Right Rev. Dr. Cowgill), who was accompanied by the Right Rev. Monsignor Collingwood, V.G. (Hull), the Very Rev. Canon Dawson (Cliffe-ford), Canon Foley (Halifax), Canon Hewison (Scarborough), Canon Worthy (Selby), the Rev. Robert Van Zon (York), Rev. (Scarthingwell), Bradley (Tadcaster), and R. J. Dunford (Selby). A procession marched from the church to the schools, preceded by the Boy Scouts with their bugle, drum, and fife band.

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April 7th, 1914.

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17th April, 1914.

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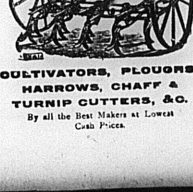
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1914.

It is high time all workers turned vegetarians. The labour unrest in the country has caused great inconvenience and enormous loss to the nation, and anyone who has a remedy for it must be hailed as a public benefactor. A doctor, in London, has a very easy solution for the problem, but we are afraid that it will not be received by the people whom it is intended to benefit with anything approaching gratitude. His opinion is that the labour troubles, the strikes, and agitation of to-day are caused by the diet of the men engaged in them. Working-men, as a rule, are big meat eaters, and, as a consequence, mental, as well as physical, uneasiness is developed. He advocates fruitarianism (which includes vegetarianism) as a remedy for all the ills that labour is heir to. If his opinion is right, it would have paid Mr. C. H. Wilson to have provided the Corporation workers with a fruitarian diet all last year and thus have averted the strike and its huge cost to the ratepayers. If the meat diet is responsible for agitation it may be at the bottom of the Suffragette trouble, and the Government might find it an inexpensive way of dealing with these women by locking them up for six months and forcibly feeding them on fruit and vegetables. Then all desire for agitation would have, according to the theory, disappeared, and no more windows would be smashed, pictures damaged, churches and mansions burned down, nor ministers assaulted. A beginning might be made with the Pankhurst family. In regard to labour disputes, it might be necessary to feed both employers and employees, but cheapness again would be the ruling consideration, and the pugnacious spirit on both sides would be allayed, and satisfaction, in some way or other, would be given to all concerned. The remedy might be applied to politicians, too, for there is, as a rule, agitation before legislative proposals are given effect to, and compulsory fruitarian diets might be brought into operation like free education, with no age limit. The possibilities of the diet business are great, but many people will be surprised to learn that the stomach is at the bottom of the bother.

Throughout the country the Brewster Sessions reports early in the year furnished evidence that people were exercising greater self-control, but it was stated at the time that decreased convictions did not necessarily mean a diminished consumption of alcoholic liquors, and, as a matter of fact, the national drink bill, according to the estimate made by Mr G. B. Wilson, of the U.K.A., from official figures, was greater by £5,128,000 than that of 1912. It would appear that expenditure on intoxicants varies according to the state of trade, and the national prosperity of last year is reflected in the drink bill. "Last year," Mr Wilson remarks, "was one of great prosperity, and the weekly wage bill of the nation was probably higher than it had ever been before, so that it is not surprising, though regrettable, that a certain proportion of the increased earnings was expended in the purchase of intoxicating liquors. It is encouraging, however, to note that the consumption of alcoholic liquors, as measured by the figures of "per capita" consumption, is still much lower than it was during the periods of trade activity which culminated in 1874 and 1899. . . . If the consumption in 1913 had been at the rate of 1874 the cost to the consumer would have amounted to £242,000,000, whereas I estimate the actual expenditure in 1913 at £166,681,000. This is an increase of £5,128,000 over the figures for 1912. Spirits show an increase of £1,097,000 on an increased consumption of 11,207,000 gallons, beer £3,007,000 on an increase of 1,002,000 standard barrels, and wine £118,000 on an increased consumption of 151,000 gallons." The improvement as compared with 1874 is satisfactory so far as it goes, but since then temperance has made substantial headway among the people, and the figures, therefore, require some explanation. In 1913 the average expenditure per head was £3 12s. 5d., and per family of five £18 2s. 1d., as compared with £3 10s. 9d. per head and £17 13s. 10d. per family in 1912. It is estimated that there are in the country fourteen million children under 15, and the great majority of these are not responsible for any of the expenditure, and, in addition, there is the great army of men and women who are wholly or practically abstainers to be taken into account. It may be assumed, says Mr Wilson, that the average per capita consumption of those who take intoxicants is much above the general per capita figures; that the consumption of the men who drink is much larger than that of the women who drink; and that the consumption of dwellers in urban areas is much larger than that of the rural population. England and Wales spent more money on drink than any part of the United Kingdom, the figures being £137,041,000, or £3 14s. 2d. per head, while for Scotland the bill was £15,815,000, being £3 6s. 9d. per head; for Ireland £13,823,000, being £3 3s. 1d. per head. What effect has the club movement had on the liquor bill? It is pointed out that there was last year one licensed house to every 330 persons, and, in addition, 9,295 clubs paid duty on £2,273,160 worth of intoxicants purchased by them for distribution to their members, with an actual drink expenditure through the clubs of (say) £3,300,000, or less than 2½ per cent. of the national drink bill. The "club evil" is probably not so great as many people thought, but a disquieting feature is that as the number of licensed houses is diminished the number of clubs grows. A public house may, on compensation being awarded, be closed one day, and it may be opened the next day as a club, supplied with liquor by the very firm who owned the public-house. Legislation is required to deal with this phase of the licensing question. It is quite evident from the figures adduced that a large proportion of the increased expenditure was made by the working-classes, who utilized their increased earnings in purchasing what they might describe as luxuries, and this is a depressing fact. It shows that many people have no thought for the morrow, and that in the day of prosperity they waste their substance instead of keeping it against the evil day that must inevitably come.

Boy Scouts.—A detachment of R.P. Scouts belonging to the wireless telegraph section of the N.E. Leeds troop, spent the Easter holidays under canvas in Parlington Park. Scoutmaster Hall was in charge.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Meetings and public entertainments cannot be attended to unless intimation is sent beforehand and addressed to the Editor.

Communications intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but be a guarantee of good faith. No notice will be taken of anonymous letters, and rejected communications cannot be returned.

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MARRIAGES.

BAXTER—TINDALE—April 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, Scourton, Ernest, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Baxter, of Newsam Green Farm, near Woodsetted, to Theresa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. C. Tindale, of Queen Street, Stourton.

WHITAKER—GREEN—April 11th, at St. John's, Moor-Allerton, Leeds, by the Rev. Godwin Birchenough, Sydney Herbert, second son of the late James Arthur Whitaker, B.A., of Garforth and Australia, and Mrs Whitaker 39, Colwyn View, Beeston Hill, Leeds, to Mary, only daughter of the late William and Fanny Green, of Garforth and Leeds.

DEATHS.

COOP.—April 10th, at The Cottage, Slade Hill, Shadwell, aged 62 years, Samuel Coop, the beloved husband of Maria Jane Coop.

HUMBLE.—April 14th, at Ilkley Vine, Adel, in his 88th year, Richard Humble, J.P.

IN MEMORIAM.

DOUGLASS.—In loving memory of Elizabeth Douglass, wife of George Douglass, who died at Ripon Station, April 13th, 1909, in her 67th year.
DOUGLASS.—In loving memory of John Douglass, son of the above, who died April 21st, 1895, aged 23 years.
"Blessed hope that in Jesus is given,
In our sorrow to cheer and sustain,
That we meet the Saviour in heaven
We shall meet with our loved ones again."
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HILL.—In loving memory of a dear wife and loving mother, Sarah Hill, of Garforth, who died April 16th, 1913.
"The midnight stars shine on the grave,
Of one we loved but could not save;
Perhaps sometime we'll understand,
When we meet her in the better land."
"Gone but not forgotten."
1757 From husband and daughter, Sarah.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS

ROTHWELL.

SUNDAY LETTERS.—Rothwell can now boast a Sunday postal delivery, thanks to the stand taken by the Urban District Council and to Mr S. R. Chadwick, who was the prime mover in the matter.

By a vote of 27,259 against 11,393 the miners of Yorkshire have decided in favour of accepting the proposals of the Joint Committee of the Coal Conciliation Board and resuming work at once.

SCARLET FEVER RIFE.—Scarlet fever is again very rife in Rothwell and Carlton, and the medical officer's report, which will deal with various matters relating to public health and prevent the spreading of infection, and which is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday evening, should be interesting reading.

SALVATION ARMY.—An enjoyable time was spent at the Salvation Army on Saturday evening, when a lengthy programme of songs and music was provided by the ladies of the Rothwell Band of Hope. Tea was provided, and all left highly delighted with the audience and the effort was a success. On Sunday afternoon a musical service was given by the Lofthouse Quarrydale Party.

AN HONOUR DESERVED.—In presenting the Rothwell Charity Cup to the winners (Rothwell White Rose), the Chairman of the Charity Cup Committee (Mr J. H. Rennie) said he was sorry Rothwell Parish Church (the losers) had not won the Cup, as it would have been the third successive time they would have won it, and it would have been a great honour to Rothwell and to the White Rose team.

PICKWICKIAN SOCIETY.—The second session of the Rothwell Pickwickian Society was brought to a close on Thursday night, when an enjoyable time was spent by the company. Mr. B. Smith was in the chair, and Mr G. W. Nodding, who has acted as secretary throughout the two sessions, read the "Rothwell Weekly Papers." The evening closing with the dissolution of the Pickwick Club. A vote of thanks to Mr Nodding was heartily carried, on the proposition of Mr. P. Rawlings, seconded by Mr Ormonde, a member of the Inner Temple, and also a member of the Dickens Fellowship. Mr Ormonde, who proved a delightful speaker, gave a reading from "David Copperfield," which was followed with the friendly song, "Auld Lang Syne." Pickwickian enthusiasm a flow of good punch was served, and a toast coupled with the name of Mr Ormonde was proposed by Mr. H. Rawlings and drunk with great heartiness. Mr Ormonde, in replying, said "Gentlemen, there was a large gathering of the club members to watch the finalists, Mr Herbert Taylor and Mr James Hirst. During the game Hirst made two twenty breaks and was in the seventy-five mark when his opponent had but forty-five. Taylor, however, managed his cue splendidly, playing a fine uphill game, and he soon reached the ninety-seven. After another visit to the table by Hirst, Taylor was able to add only another two points, one short of the winning mark, and Hirst, who was also at ninety-nine, finished the game by scoring off the white. The Cup was presented by Mrs Newsome, who had been an interested spectator throughout the game. She was introduced by Mr A. Dawson. In acknowledging the presentation Mr Hirst complimented upon the closeness of the game, and said it was the third year he had tried for the trophy, which is only retainable for one year. He also received a medal. Mr Taylor also spoke, and, in sportsmanlike terms, congratulated Mr Hirst upon his success. A vote of thanks to Mrs Newsome was heartily carried, on the motion of Mr A. Batty, seconded by Mr Palmer.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—On Sunday afternoon the choir of the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church rendered the sacred cantata "From Manger to Cross." The Southwaite choir, who then lately assumed the duties of choirmaster, conducted the singing. The principal parts were taken by Mrs. Bedford (contralto), Miss Hulme (soprano), Mr. Jennings (tenor), and Mr. J. Ward (bass). Mr. J. C. Harrison was the organist. Mr. Willie Lunn presided over a large gathering, and at the close a collection was taken for the funds of the choir.

ALLERTON BYWATER

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Allerton Bywater were defeated by Clarence Ironworks by a goal to nil, and Lock Lane Woodville overcame Waterfront Y.M.I. by three goals to one. Allerton Bywater Church Institute played Wheldale, who were beaten by four goals to one.

WEDDING.—The wedding took place at St. Saviour's Church, Brownhill, Batley, of Mr. Fredrick Cockerham, of Allerton Bywater, and Miss Simpson, of Batley, formerly of Allerton Bywater, the Rev. Hy. Williams, vicar of the church, officiating. The bridesmaids were Miss Sutcliffe, of Barnsley, Miss Muriel Simpson (niece of the bride), and Miss Rose Smith (niece of the bridegroom). The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. J. Simpson, formerly under-manager at the Allerton Collieries, was attired in a dress of cream hollywood, trimmed with broche, while Miss Sutcliffe wore a dress of cream whipcord and black lace, and the dresses of the other bridesmaids were of champagne colour and hats to match. Mr. Charles Sourney was best man. Many useful presents were received by the bride and bridegroom.

BARWICK

The annual vestry meeting for Barwick was called for Easter Monday evening, but owing to the small attendance—some three or four parishioners only putting in an appearance—no business was transacted.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—The Barwick-in-Elmet Dramatic Society won fresh laurels as their entertainment given in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Seeing that many of the members possess vocal ability to a considerable extent, they ventured to give demonstration of their powers in the operetta "The Girton Girl and the Milkmaid," written by Mrs Catherine Adams, and set to music by Alfred J. Potter. The girls' and choir characters are those named in the title. The "Girton Girl" has graduated in all the 'ologies and dockrees she has a "superior brain," with, of course, the natural result that she says "Men are poor creatures, very poor creatures, indeed." The "Milkmaid" is equally competent at either baking and cooking or nursing an infirm or peevish patient, and she admits she is quite content with her lot. Miss Patty Eaton, in her cap and gown, was a typical "Girton Girl," and she was quite natural in the manner she assumed the intellectual aim so necessary to the correct representation of the character, while Mrs Hy. Jones was vivacity personified as the "Milkmaid," and treated with supreme disdain any suggestion that she was one whit beneath the girl from Girton. The connecting choruses of "Milkmaids" were well sung by Mrs Drake and the Misses Milner, Lumb, Smith, Helm, and Hewitt, who were prettily attired in the old English milkmaid style, and made quite a charming picture. Altogether the production was a marked success, which should prove very encouraging to the members in their first venture into opera. Mr Frank Pullan was a very effective accompanist. The rest of the evening's bills was taken up with the dramatic sketch "The Chimney Corner." This was one of the first productions of the Society. The caste was—Solomon Spry, Mr. Ben Robshaw; Patty (Peter's wife), Miss Eaton; John Probity (son of Peter), Mr. Leighton Smith; Mr Probity (son of Peter), Mr W. A. Bramley; Chesty (the lawyer's clerk), Mr W. A. Bramley; Grace (the ward of Peter Probity), Miss Amy Mosby, and the private detective, Mr H. Jones. The piece proved quite as acceptable as on a former occasion, and the good opinions then formed were further enhanced. Between the opera and the sketch Mr Wm. Reed contributed several rag-time songs, which were loudly applauded.

BOWERS ALLERTON

On Saturday afternoon Bowers Allerton had a Leeds and District Football League match with Kippax Woodville, and the latter won by a good to nothing.

"FOCUS ON THEIR VALUE."—A women's meeting was held in the Mission Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, when Miss Reiff, County Council lecturer, gave an interesting lecture on "Foods and their value" to the 40 women present. Mrs Jones presided. Miss Reiff commenced by showing how that in the human system a waste of muscle, tissue, etc., was constantly going on, and to repair this waste a variety of food was necessary. No one food contained within itself in proper proportion the needs of the body. Miss Reiff had with her models of the bones, breads, peas, lentils, and potatoes, various articles of food, and stated the kind and amount of material each supplied to the body. She explained that some of the most nutritious foods were very cheap, and with careful preparation made palatable dishes. Under this head she mentioned oatmeal, peas, lentils, herrings, etc. Miss Reiff enlarged upon the value of fruits and vegetables, and said if more were eaten there would be a large amount of drugs and pills taken would be unnecessary. Mrs Jones expressed thanks to the lecturer for so kindly coming from Wakefield to address them. The lecture had been a very practical one and should be specially helpful.

CROSSGATES

Mr H. E. Haswell, of the Crossgates Club, was first in the class for sidecars in mostly hill-climbing competitions at Saxton H.B. near Ganton, on Monday afternoon.

SOCIAL EVENING.—In connection with the Crossgate Baptist Fellowship a "social" will be held in the Lecture Hall at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening. The services of a number of well-known artistes have been secured, and an excellent programme is promised. See advt.

ACCIDENT.—Mr John S. White, Chesnut Avenue, met with an accident whilst motoring at Sherburn, E.R., on Sunday. He had occasion to call at Sherburn, and it appeared that at Sherburn he had difficulty in passing a motor-car, and went into the hedge. He was badly cut about the head, and after medical treatment was taken to the Scarborough Hospital.

CROSSGATES BOWLING CLUB.—This club's green was formally opened on Good Friday morning by the President, Mr C. Holliday. The opening was preceded by the presentation to the President by Mr J. H. Wood, on behalf of the club, of a silver-mounted "jack." In acknowledging the gift, the President referred in a pithy speech to the old days of the club, when the green, with its "bump," was only about half the size of the present one. He attributed the growth and success of the club to the excellent spirit and good-fellowship which existed among the members. The green, which has been specially treated during the close season, was in excellent condition, and a good number of members availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the favourable weather to have their first "throw" of the season.

A PROMISING VOCALIST.—Miss Ivy Easton, of Halton, who is only fifteen years of age, is to give a high-class concert in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Leeds, on Saturday, the 25th inst., and the event is a particularly interesting one. The young lady, who has a remarkably fine contralto voice, has appeared on local concert platforms and has created an excellent impression, and there is no doubt she is a socialist of much promise. She will be supported by well-known artistes at Carlton for over forty-two years. He was a great temperance advocate and was an active worker in the cause. Mr Soffby preached from the text: "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory."

BILLIARDS.—The junior representatives of the Carlton Temperance Hall played their last match of the season in the Oulton and District Billiard League last week, when they met Rothwell Temperance Hall Juniors. The latter won by sixty-six points, the scores being Carlton Temperance Hall 483, and Rothwell Temperance Hall 549. Details (Carlton names first):—G. Priestley 100 v. Atkinson 67, W. Turpin 100 v. Lunn 82, D. Dixon 41 v. Edwards 100, S. Dobson 95 v. Taylor 100, E. Scholy 82 v. Billings 100, and E. Ward 95 v. Armstead 100. Turpin made two breaks of twenty-five each, and Armstead made a break of twenty-one.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—A successful tea and concert were held by the Carlton Methodists on Good Friday. Over one hundred sat down to tea. The concert proved most enjoyable and was well attended. A good programme was arranged by Mr Thos. Hampson and party. Mr G. H. Lunn, organist, opened the programme with an organ solo, after which the following items were rendered:—Song, "The sun, birds on the wing," Miss Kate Ellis; recitation, "Asleep at the switch," Miss Harrison; duet, "Look and Work," Messrs. Hampson and Sandy; song, "Sing, sweet bird," Miss Bowes; reading, "Cuddle's curtain lectures," Mrs Hampson; duet, "Life's dream is o'er," Mrs Mathews and Miss Bowes; song, "Wonders of the deep," Mr Hampson; recitation, Miss Harrison; song, "A voice is calling," Mr Knox; duet, "Watchman, what of the night," Miss Bowes and Mr Hampson; song, "Virgo McDonald," Mrs Mathews; quartette, "Night, lovely night," Mrs Mathews, Miss Bowes, and Messrs Hampson and Knox; song, "The Skipper," Mr Hampson. Mr Richard Ward was the chairman. The effort, which was in aid of the trust funds, realised over £3.

GARFORTH

The first meeting of the new Urban Council will be held on Wednesday, the 22nd inst.

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—In connection with the recent examination of the London College of Music Elsie Bond, of Garforth, aged ten, took successful part in gaining a first-class certificate (eight-four marks out of a possible hundred) in the intermediate section.

HE WONDERED.—A reporter visited Garforth on Monday, and he wonder—One wonders—particularly at a union—where the no-meticks were, for scarcely a gossipy group was to discovable. The youngsters, too, seemed to have taken to the idea in a kindly sympathetic. Public-houses have done good business during the strike, but it has not been the rowdy business of the colliery villages of old. As an inspector of police remarked on Monday evening to some other other gentlemen non-strikers." This change is reflected in the fact that though notoriously miners do not know "the value of money," they have on this occasion not been dependent upon their 8s. 6d. per week strike pay immediately a strike was declared.

FOR THE MEDICAL CHARITIES.—On Tuesday afternoon a match was played for the benefit of the medical charities between Garforth White Rose and a team of old players. Councillor E. R. Archer set the ball in motion, and the White Rose were the first to score, through Howson. Then the old players had a look-in. Jones passed to Duffield, and, after running half the length of the field, he returned the leather to Jones, who passed to Brownridge, and the latter scored with a capital shot. S. Haigh got another goal, and the old players won an interesting game by two goals to one. In the evening the players and their friends had a "social" at the Gascoigne Arms Inn, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The players on both sides have decided to play two matches for the medical charities, one in September and the other in April, and it is hoped the public will support the efforts.

VESTRY MEETING.—The annual vestry meeting in connection with Garforth Church was held on Monday evening—the Rector (Rev. T. E. Wilkinson, M.A.), presiding. All the officials were re-elected as follows:—Churchwardens, Messrs J. W. Conner and W. Armitage, B. Braham, B. Chadwick, J. Domain, J. Dale, E. Hodgson, S. Matthews, W. Roberts, J. H. Smith, and Geo. Wilson. On the motion of the Rector, seconded by Mr Silberry, the churchwardens and sidesmen were thanked for their services. It was reported that on the church expenses account there was a balance in hand of £4. 7s. in hand, and, on the motion of Mr J. Neal, seconded by Mr B. Braham, a vote of thanks was passed to Col. Gascoigne for a donation of £25. A discussion ensued in regard to raising money for the diocesan finance scheme, and it was agreed that the church officials should raise the £14 necessary. A vote of thanks to the Churchwardens on the call of Mr Peele, seconded by Mr Braham.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Capital programmes have been submitted at the popular Picture House this week, and the principal films for to-night and Saturday are "The Prisoner of the Harem" and "The Mysterious Airship," which first attention from first to last. Other good pictures will be screened. For next week the management have again secured some specially fine pictures, and patrons of the house will no doubt thoroughly appreciate their enterprise. On the first three nights of the week will be shown a detective drama, will be an outstanding attraction. It will show the exciting and thrilling adventures of an English detective in tracking down a band of French criminals, and the feature is a race between an aeroplane and a motor-car. "The Broken Oath" will depict an exciting struggle on a cliff edge, and "Oh, Rosie O'Brien" will cause roars of laughter, while "Dare devil motor-racing" on a half-mile track in America should provide some exciting moments. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday a drama "A Fight for a Fortune" will be an outstanding film, and, with its exciting situations and hair-breadth escapes, will provide interesting enough for anybody. "The Children of Destiny" is a pathetic child study, and "Mabel's new hero" and "Sunset on an Indian Ocean" (a delightful picture) will also be shown. For times and prices see advt.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.—Balloting took place throughout the Yorkshire coal fields on Tuesday on the question as to whether the men would accept the proposals of the Coal Conciliation Board and resume work at once. As was anticipated, the poll at the various centres was scanty. At Garforth, for instance, only about a hundred miners met at the Liberal Club. They heard an address from their delegate, recorded their vote, and departed, vowing that they had voted against a settlement. Other miners in the district heard the same way with considerable animation. The vote was begun to see the possibilities of the situation. But they refused themselves to the conclusion that the Leeds men will save us out of the "Hole." The Miners' Institute, in York Road, Leeds, was a centre to which many a delegate and official from the surrounding districts brought the ballot boxes, into which his district men had previously placed their voting papers. So many miners live in Leeds and work outside the city that it is impossible to complete a ballot at the polling-booths alone, for the benefit of their families.

GREAT PRESTON

SPECIAL SERVICES.—Very appropriate services have been held at the church of St. Aidan's during Eastertide, commencing with the giving of the sacred cantata, entitled "Olivet to Calvary" on Palm Sunday afternoon by an augmented choir. Mr G. Bill was organist and Mr Dyer's string band. The Rev. J. Gregory conducted. A large congregation attended. During the week special evening services were conducted, and also on Good Friday there was a celebration at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. In the evening of Good Friday a very instructive Lantern service was held, the subject being the "Crucifixion," and it was well attended. The church was suitably decorated for Easter Sunday, when Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. J. Gregory to over 100 communicants at 6.30, 8.30, and 10.30 a.m. On Sunday afternoon a very interesting children's service was held, and at the evensong the anthem "King of Kings" was well sung by the choir. A record collection was taken.

PARISH COUNCIL.—The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Bowers Allerton Church Schools on Wednesday, and the members present were:—Messrs. Blackburn, R. (chairman), W. Bullock, B. Evans, J. Stockwell, and A. Simpson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Blackburn). The officers of the past year were re-elected as follows:—Chairman, Mr J. W. Blackburn; overseers, Mr R. W. Bower and Mr W. Longbottom; vice-chairman; Mr W. S. Blackburn; treasurer, Mr J. Longbottom. It was mentioned by the Clerk that only one person had applied for the lanes for grazing purposes. "Probably it is owing to the dust on the grass and other disadvantages" said Mr Bullock. "The motor traffic" said Mr Bullock. The Chairman: There hasn't much motor traffic in this parish and in several of the lanes there is none. To anyone in need of a bit of grazing several of the lanes are a very cheap farm, especially Fleckingley Beck Lane. Mr Simpson said he thought a motor danger signal should be placed at the Infant School. The school stood back from the road and motorists could not see it until they got to it, and the children attending the Infant School were not old enough to realise the danger. The Chairman thought that not many cars came down that road. Mr Evans: I have counted as many as 20 in a day. On the motion of Mr Evans, seconded by Mr Neville it was decided to ask the District Council to provide a danger signal above the school with a plate attached bearing the words "school." Mr Simpson also suggested that the N.E.R. Co. be asked to fix a rail fence to prevent persons running into the Kippax Station Bridge corner. Mr Bullock: People don't run into it. People walk very carefully past that corner to prevent colliding with it. The former monopolised half of the causeway, and the latter the other half. To put a rail was the duty of the Railway Co. The Chairman said the same question had been before the Council several years ago, but nothing had been done. Unfortunately, the railway people were very difficult to deal with. However, it was unanimously decided, on the motion of Mr B. Evans, seconded by Mr Simpson, that Mr Scott be written to for advice as to the steps necessary to be taken.

HALTON.

Dr. Fred W. Pogson, of Halton, left estate valued at £3,252.

On Saturday afternoon, playing in the Church Football League, Whitkirk G.M.I. were defeated by Leeds St. Hilda's R.C. by two goals to nil.

On Thursday evening a Primrose League whist drive and dance will be held in the Parochial Hall. Lieut. Boughey, R.N., will give an address. See advt.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.—On Wednesday performances of the "Prisoner of Zenda," which will be preceded by a short play, which will be given by the Leeds Girls' High School, will be given in aid of the funds of the New Guinea Mission. See advt.

LIBERALISM.—On Saturday afternoon, the 25th, the annual meeting of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association will be held at Halton, and in the evening a public meeting in the Parochial Hall will be addressed by Mr W. M. R. Pringle, M.P., and Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. See advt.

KIPPAX

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—Divine service will be held in this church on Good Friday morning, when the Rev. B. B. Farlow, circuit minister (Castleford), was the preacher. The chapel anniversary services will take place on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. W. R. Bird (London), a former minister in the circuit, preach morning and evening to good congregations. A Sunday-school service in the afternoon, when an address was given by the Rev. W. R. Bird, and special music was rendered by the choir. A public tea was provided in the schoolroom on Monday, and a meeting followed in the evening, when a report was presented by Mr W. H. Wilkinson, and the Rev. W. R. Bird gave a capital lecture on "W. E. Gladstone," before a fairly large audience.

MINERS' MEETING.—Meetings were held on Tuesday morning for the men employed at the various collieries in the district to consider the proposals drafted by the Conciliation Board, as to ballot for a settlement of the miners' wage dispute. The proposal for the grouping of collieries, other than those at which the minimum wage can be got most easily, has the advantage of having thicker coal seams, etc., for the purposes of the fixing of the minimum, did not meet with the approval of the men, their contention being that the proposals involved in the operation of a minimum wage agreement, viz., that of making provision for those men who are compelled to work under conditions that make the earning of the minimum impossible, was likely to be interfered with. The reply given by the delegates to this was that the minimum wage now obtaining is each separate district would not be adversely affected. A resolution to accept the proposals issued by the Conciliation Board and submitted to the meeting of the Garforth No. 2 branch, found few supporters on principle, but seeing that these proposals were on the ballot forms, a vote given in favour of going back to work, which idea seemed to be appreciated, was stated to be equivalent to agreeing with the proposals.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday, when Mr W. Sawyer, of Castleford, was the preacher. In the afternoon the choir gave a creditable rendering of the cantata "Christ our Redeemer," the solo parts were taken by Miss Halliday, Miss J. Snowdon, Mrs Townend, and Mrs. Irving Goodall (soprano), Mrs Hammond (contralto), Messrs R. and D. Smith (tenor), Mr J. Ratcliffe, Mr Jas. Farrant and Master H. Hollhead (bass). Mr W. Halliday played the organ accompaniments, and Mr J. Ratcliffe conducted, while Mr G. Plows presided. A public tea was held in the church on Monday, and this was followed by an excellent concert given by a number of the Sunday School children, under the direction of Mr Jas. Farrant.

FOOTBALL.—The Kippax Wesleyan footballers had their annual Easter outing to Carlton, near Barnsley, and had as their opponents the Carlton Wesleyans. A goodly number of lady friends accompanied the team. Miss Dawson (formerly of Kippax), and a late member of the Kippax concert party put the leather in motion before a good "gate." A six-a-side game was witnessed, and the visitors were defeated by 4 goals to nil, but this hardly represented the general run of play. The Kippax team were strong in attack, but lacked finish, and in addition were up against a sound defence. A pouring rain made the players very unproductive. The Kippax team was as follows:—Goal, H. Fawcett; backs, A. Parker and B. Fletcher; halves, G. Dickenson, H. Tebb, J. Sharpe, E. Eastwood, A. Billings (captain), and T. Hopkinson.

ST MARY'S CHURCH.—On Easter Day the festival of the Resurrection of Christ was most appropriately and thankfully kept by the Churchpeople of Kippax. The Holy Eucharist was offered at 7, 8.30, and 10.30 a.m., and the number of communicants exceeded last year's total at the same festival. The other services during the day were attended by very large congregations. The Rev. D. J. C. Swinny (of present residing at Kippax Park) preached an appropriate sermon in the morning, whilst the Vicar was the celebrant. At 2.30 p.m. the Vicar conducted a children's service, which was attended by about 200 of them. At the great importance of Easter. On Easter Tuesday a social was held in the Church Sunday School in connection with the sewing meeting. There was a very good attendance, and at the interval refreshments (provided by Mrs Smith and Mrs Carr) were served by the members of the sewing meeting. Mr H. W. Smith gave a numerous monologue, entitled "The 11.69 Express," which was accompanied by Miss E. M. Smith. After a short speech by the Vicar, Mr G. Green proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Smith and Mrs Carr, and it was carried. Mrs Smith suitably replied on behalf of herself and Mrs Carr. Mr Nowell, of Preston, acted as M.C. for the dancing.

LOFTHOUSE

BOXING.—A fairly large gathering of sportsmen witnessed an interesting series of boxing bouts in the Hippodrome, Wakefield, on Monday afternoon. The chief item was a ten two-minutes rounds encounter for a purse of £15c between Harold Little wood, Lofthouse, grimer's assistant, and Leo Ruddick, Leeds. The Lofthouse man had the advantage in weight, height, and reach. The first round was Ruddick's, but in the subsequent rounds Littlewood showed the fight in hand. Close in-fighting was freely indulged in in the second round. In the third round Littlewood caught his opponent on the point with a hard left hook, which sent him to the boards. The count was proceeding when Ruddick rose, but was immediately rushed to the ropes and knocked through them. He again found his feet, and this time Littlewood, fighting like a tiger, knocked his man down on the ropes, which gave way and caused Littlewood to fall on Ruddick. Before the count had expired Ruddick was once more on his feet, with Littlewood after him. Ruddick was again brought down, and the bell saved him. He made a marvellous rally, and fought the remainder of rounds pluckily. Both men tried for a knock-out but failed. Littlewood was declared the winner amid applause.

MIDDLETON

The body of a man recovered from the colliery pond at Middleton has been identified as that of Walter Shivell (58), slater, of Williams Yard, Hunslet. Shivell left home on March 25th, and has not been seen since again. He had been in failing health for some time.

METHLEY

THE LATE MR H. E. O'DWYER.—Mr Henry Ernest O'Dwyer, the second son of the late Mr Alfred C. O'Dwyer, of Burtonsin-Kendal, Westmorland, died at Methley, on Good Friday. Mr O'Dwyer, who was 42 years of age, was a son of the late Mr Henry Briggs, head of the firm of Henry Briggs and Co. (Ltd.), Leeds, and a cousin of the late Mr Arthur Currer Briggs, a former Lord Mayor of Leeds. He was associated with Messrs Henry Briggs, Son, and Co., Ltd., Normanton, for about 37 years. He came of a talented family, who combined sterling business qualities with skill in painting, etc. Another brother, Mr E. O'Dwyer, was for a number of years secretary for the Shap Granite Works.

MICKLEFIELD

CHOIR ANNIVERSARY.—Mickl field Wesleyan Church choir anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, and the preacher was the Rev. A. H. Peck, of Selby. In the afternoon the choir gave a most excellent rendering of the cantata "The Rock of Ages" (Witty), and the soloists were Mrs Rowe and Miss E. Taylor (sopranos), Mrs W. H. Sutton and Miss H. Taylor (contraltos), Messrs J. Wallis and S. Wallis (tenors), and Messrs C. Nicholson and E. Simpson (basses). All the parts were taken effectively and artistically, and the choruses were given in a manner, and the choruses were splendidly sung. Mr John Lund, of Glasshoughton, presided, and, in a few appropriate remarks, complimented the choir on recent successes. The Rev. A. H. Ripley preached in the evening to a large and appreciative congregation, and Miss E. Taylor, Miss Kippax, sang "Beyond the Down" and "Jesu Lover of my Soul" very effectively, while the choir rendered the chorus "Awake, awake." Mr J. T. Wallis presided at the conductor, and Mr W. H. Sutton presided at the organ.

MOOR ALLERTON

A MOOR ALLERTON BEAUTY.—A wedding of considerable interest took place in Moor Allerton took place at the Mill Hill Chapel, Leeds, on Wednesday afternoon. The bride was Miss Constance Ward, daughter of the late Mr Richard Ward, of Ward Lawson, of Moor Allerton, and the bridegroom Mr Douglas Blair, son of the late Dr. Blair, of Goole, and Mrs Blair, of Hazelside, Harrogate. The marriage is the result of a romance of the amateur stage, both parties having played a prominent part in productions of the Harrogate Society. The bride, who was given away by her step-father (Mr Joseph S. Lawson), was dressed in a corsage of crepe ninon, trimmed with lace and pearls. The draped skirt was of satin charmeuse, with panels of Crepe ninon and lace and pearls to match the corsage. The train, which hung from a big bow at the waist, was of silk tulle edged with lace, embroidered in pearls and diamanti. Miss Ward's attire of Brussells net, held in place by a wreath of orange blossom and white heather. Her bouquet was a shou of Madonna lilies, and she wore turquoise earrings, the gift of the bridegroom. There was but one bridesmaid—Miss Mary Blair, sister of the bridegroom. She was in a pretty gown of rose taffeta, with French knot collar and cuffs, and draped skirt with double pouffe caught up with gold and blue roses. Her hat was of biscuit-coloured straw, trimmed with roses and velvet ribbons. The Rev. Thos. Hargreave officiated at the ceremony, and music was played by Mr A. Farrer Briggs. Mr Percy Barker, of Harrogate—a well-known local amateur—was the best man. After the wedding a reception was held at Potooley's Rooms, and later in the day the happy couple left for Paris. The bride's going-away dress was of blue serge suiting, with draped skirt, and short coat finished with cabouchons of tartan ribbon at the waist.

OULTON

RATES.—The following rates for the township of Oulton-with-Woodlesford have been passed by the magistrates of the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions:—Poor rate 2s. 8d., special expenses rate 1d. The rates are now 2s. 4d. in the £. The latter is a reduction of twopence in the special expenses rate.

PRESENTATION.—An interesting event took place on the Oulton and District Bowling Club Green on Easter Monday morning, when Mr J. Wright, ex-setting of a silver rose bowl, was made the secretary of the club, Mr R. Wood Higgins, as a token of esteem from the members, and in appreciation of the services he has rendered to the club since its formation in 1901. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure (vicar), one of the honorary members of the club, who was introduced by Mr E. Boothroyd. The latter referred to Mr Higgins' association with sport for so many years, he being one of the founders of the Oulton Cricket Club thirty-four years ago. The Vicar, in making the presentation, alluded to the position which Mr Higgins held with regard to the club, and spoke in high terms of the respect shown to him on all sides. Mr Higgins, who has been secretary of the club for five years, in acknowledging the gift, gave a short outline of the formation of the green, and a list of the committee and guarantors who assisted in its making. He also mentioned the strenuous efforts which would have to be made during the season by the club in connection with the Leeds Bowling Association League, and urged the members to get all the practice possible if they wished to win one of the two trophies.

ROUNDHAY

AT THE PARK.—The lovely and easily accessible Roundhay Park was the rendezvous of the usual crowds on Monday, and with signs of the advancing spring visible in the delicate green of leaves or buds on the trees and shrubs, the great expanse of the park formed a pretty sight. Ball games seemed to be popular with nearly every other group one came across, and boating was enjoyed by many. All the boats were comfortably in use, and the launch made trips round the large lake carrying bands of happy children. Paddling was indulged in to some of the smaller little ones. In the afternoon an appreciative crowd listened to a band performance.

SEACROFT

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the Sunday School anniversary was celebrated at Seacroft Wesleyan Church. The preacher in the afternoon was Mr Andrew, of Leeds, and in the evening the Rev. Owen Jones occupied the pulpit. Mr Harry Johnson, of Crossgates, was the organist at both services. The collections were for the Sunday School funds. In the afternoon the Halton Wesleyan choir, assisted by the Seacroft Wesleyan choir, gave an anthem during the service, under the leadership of Mr Walbank, while Mr A. Bell was the organist. Mr Jenkinson presided, and Mr Andrew gave a short address. A vote of thanks was passed to the Halton choir on the call of the Chairman. The collection was for the choir funds.

VESTRY MEETING.—At the annual vestry meeting held in Seacroft School on Easter Monday the Vicar—reappointed Mr Wm. Carpenter as his warden, and Mr J. Roberts was elected people's warden. The following were re-elected as sidesmen:—Messrs D. B. Wilson and Mr G. Wraghy (vicar's), and Messrs G. T. Guest, H. H. Dyson, Arthur Lumb, and W. Thompson (people's). Mr J. Townend, junior, was appointed auditor. The churchwardens' accounts were presented and passed, there being a balance in hand of £9 os 11d. The following resolution was passed:—"That this vestry, being conscious of the unwarranted interference on the part of Parliament with the liberties of the Church, and the disenfranchisement clauses as set forth in the recent Welsh Bill, and the Bill for the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, and that the majority of the Bishops in the House of Lords be requested to reject the Bill."

STOURTON

BAZAAR.—A pretty floral bazaar was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom on Monday and Tuesday. On the first day the opening ceremony was carried out by young men of the Rev. W. S. Spender (minister), presided, and he was supported by Councillor Elliot T. P. Wade and Councillor Robinson, of Leeds. Miss Elliot T. P. Wade contributed 50s., which, added to with the donations of Mr T. P. Wade and Mr T. Ellis 5s., brought the opening total up to £2 15s. On Tuesday the bazaar was opened by a number of children of the Sunday School, who handed in a sum of £5 which had been collected by them. These, taking part were: Gladys Crossley, Emily Gaskell, Hardy Bosomworth, Doris Wheeler, Pearl Radmore, Mabel Newton, and Edith Brady, and Harry Taylor, and James Watts, George Taylor, and James Robinson. The bazaar was declared open by Gladys Crossley. The children's purses were received by Mrs. Ellis. The Rev. W. S. Spender presided, and he was supported by the Rev. E. Barrett (a former minister), Councillor W. Wade, and Mr K. Fraser. Mr and Mrs W. Wade each gave £1, and Mr K. Fraser subscribed £1. There were numerous attractive stalls, which had been tastefully decorated. The total takings for the two days were over £35.

WHITKIRK

On Sunday there were large congregations at Whitkirk Church, and the offertories realized about £24.

Lady Dorothy Wood has kindly promised to lay the foundation stone of the new Church of England School building, which are to be erected at Belby parish of Hayton-cum-Belby, on a new site in the centre of the village on Wednesday, 22nd inst, at 4 p.m.

WILLIAM BOLTON, farm foreman, of Burn, was at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday fined 5s. and 9s. costs for drunkenness while having charge of three horses and a waggon.

EXHIBITS FROM ABEL.—The 17th annual conference of the National Association of Manual Training Teachers, which was held at the Technical College, at Beckett's Park, Leeds, was opened on Monday. In connection with the conference, a most interesting exhibition of specimens of the handiwork done by pupils in the various types of schools had been arranged, from the Adel Reformatory, in addition to many splendid exhibits in metal and wood carving, there were specimens of much articles of wear as hats, boots, shoes, and clothing.

SIR JOHN WILLIAM RAMSDEN, of Byram Park, died on Wednesday at his Buckinghamshire seat. He was in his eighty-third year, and had succeeded his father for no less than seventy-five years, having succeeded his grandfather in the baronetcy and in possession of the estate, which included nearly the whole of Huddersfield, in 1839. Just four years ago he transferred the estate to his son. The deceased baronet at various times represented several constituencies in Parliament, including the old borough of the West Riding, and afterwards Osgoldcross, as a Liberal. On the introduction of the Home Rule Bill in 1886 he became a Liberal Unionist, and at the following election was defeated.

WHIST DRIVE.—A very successful whist drive and dance, promoted in aid of the Aberfora Cricket Club, was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening, and 14 tables were occupied. The first inners of the Ladies' prizes were:—1, Miss Mary Simpson, 2 Miss M. L. Young, booby Miss Tomlinson. The winners of the gentlemen's prizes were:—1, Mr A. Nutton, 2 Mr C. Connell, booby, Mr F. Walkup. Mr Blakey presented the prizes. There was a good attendance at the dance, which was kept up till a late hour. A Council and Ably officiated as M.C.'s, and Mr W. Worsley supplied the music. The effort realised a profit of over £3.

CONFESSATION CASE.—At the Tadcaster County Court His Honour Judge Temple Bompas heard application case before him, in which William Killington, Hazlewood, wood seller, sued John Green, who was represented by Mr A. Coombe, Wakefield, for instalment of £2 10s. The plaintiff had lost a slight portion of one toe, and a part of a second one, but that there would be no permanent disability. A vote of £2 10s. was passed, and defendant was ordered to be paid weekly contribution, but offered £25, exempting out of thus plaintiff to pay the claim of the Board of Guardians and his own costs.—Dr. Satchard said he had performed the operation. Two toes were badly crushed, necessitating partial amputation. He did not expect that defendant would be permanently crippled.—Plaintiff accepted the offer of £25.

ACCIDENT.—An accident which happily involved no serious damage of any sort occurred on the N.E.R. system near Church Fenton Station on Monday morning. About ten o'clock while some goods waggons were being shunted two or three of them, from some cause not at present known, ran off the rails, with the result that the main line from Leeds to York was for the time being rendered useless. A good deal of north traffic had already gone over the line, but two excursions from Leeds to York had to travel via Selby. The work of clearing the line was soon undertaken after it was two o'clock before the track was clear for through traffic. The line from Leeds to York was in no way injured by the occurrence. Under the rolling stock immediately over the permanent way suffered any serious damage, and no person was injured.

INSURANCE AND RELIEF.—The Wharfedale Board of Guardians recently sought an increase in their annual grant from the Insurance Committee of their decision to disallow extra maintenance to insured persons who were in receipt of out-relief. At the meeting of the Wharfedale Committee was that it was not desirable that insured families should be granting the same sort of assistance to the same person, and, accordingly, they had resolved that in any case where the Poor Law relief was being received extra nourishment should not be granted by the Insurance Committee. Further, they considered that when relief was granted it should be at a definite rate, the circumstances of the case. The action was taken.

"DONE TO THE WORLD."—A verdict of "Found drowned" was returned at the inquest held at Acaster Malbis, on Saturday, on Tom Smith, aged sixty-five, lodging-house keeper, living in North Street, York, whose body was taken from the river on Thursday last, and who had been missing since March 13th. Deceased, it appeared, had been given, and D tective-Inspector Bennett said that he saw him on March 13th. He was very bad, and said he was "Done to the world." He had bronchitis very badly. He said he was a ruined man, as he had lost all his money, and was practically penniless. Witness found he had been pressed for money. The witness added when he went to Mrs and he visited Smith's premises to see if he could find some brass which he believed to be there. Smith refused to allow witness to go into the shop which he rented and witness produced a magistrate's warrant. When he searched the house, the witness could find no brass, but there was a lot of iron in the shop. He thought this matter had affected Smith, who, he had reason to believe, expected another visit from him. The medical evidence was to the effect that death was due to

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SHORT STORY

Surely in all the row of little houses down Leafy Lane, there was none so pretty as the one with the diamond panes in the windows, the sweet-scented curtains over spotless, the door short enough to open without stooping, and the steps white as country stone—but even so, usually splattered with smart new dresses or carelessly left umbrellas were remarked by Leafy Lane people. But all this was due to Peggy Jim the maid. Nobody kept two maids in Leafy Lane, and many kept none, but just did their own work, though they would not like to say so. Certainly, their work was of a different look since a pride in making things shine came under Peggy's hands.

"Hullo, Peggy!"

Two old maid-servants from the first of a much-admired row of villas had just stopped for a gossip in passing. Peggy was standing on the doorstep, and was just beginning to polish the brass knocker, when the two friends hailed her. Both were in their Sunday clothes—but it had loved—were displays in her cheeks—but she had loved—were doubly visible. Yes, there was a "she" in the case, and not so very long ago either, and the pessy and not so very long ago either, and the pessy and not so very long ago either, and the pessy

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

SPRING-FLOWERING BULBS.

The prevalence of high winds at this time of the year makes it imperative that daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips should be supplied with suitable supports to prevent them getting damaged. If each one is secured the flowers are kept clean, the stalks intact, and the flowering period is considerably lengthened.

Crocuses have just about finished blooming, and we take this opportunity of drawing our readers' attention to the fact that no greater mistake could be made than cutting away the foliage before it turns brown. The leaves are now performing an important function in building up the corm which will produce in turn next year's display of flowers. If the leaves are cut away before they have finished their task, the flow of sap ceases and the young corms are left incomplete and consequently weak. The lifting of bulbs for ripening purposes is often recommended, but we have no hesitation in describing it as a bad practice. There is no horticultural teacher like nature, and it is certainly unnatural to lift the bulbs out of the ground and subject them to a course of drying for the sun. The daffodils, snowdrops, and wild hyacinths flourish better in our woods than they do in any cultivated plot, and they never receive "ripened." Many of our spring-flowering bulbs are very impatient of removal and should always be planted in positions where they can be allowed to remain undisturbed for years. Noticeable instances of this may be found among the scillas, chionodoxas, and dogstooth violets. If left alone they will improve year by year.

WEED KILLERS.

Lovely-constructed garden paths are almost invariably weedy, and unless properly attended to are apt to become both a nuisance and an eyesore. The use of a reliable weed-killer at this time of the year is of great help in keeping the paths clean later on. It should be applied on a fine day, but whilst the paths are fairly moist from recent rains. If a thorough dressing is given there will be no further trouble from weeds this year, unless the summer turns out to be very wet. It must be remembered that the weed killer is destructive to all kinds of plant life, and care must be taken to prevent it coming in contact with grass edgings, or plants growing at the walk sides. Dogs, cats, and other household pets should be kept under control for a few days after using the weed killer, as it is invariably a deadly poison.

HARDY ANNUALS.

In gardens where greenhouse and cold frame space is available it is extremely easy to grow a quantity of half-hardy annuals for bedding purposes. Those who are not fortunate enough to possess these valuable adjuncts to a garden are faced with the alternative of either buying their plants or contenting themselves with hardy annuals. Under careful treatment a garden filled with hardy annuals may be made to look almost as effective as one containing the choicer half-hardy and tender plants. The seed is very cheap and we fear this is rather a disadvantage than otherwise. If it were dearer, a little care would be exercised in sowing it, but instead of the plants being grown in a compact mass, as we see them at present, they would each be allowed sufficient space to develop. It is to be feared that in many gardens the seed is scattered about indiscriminately, with the result that the ultimate effect is far from satisfactory. A little forethought is required to height, colour of bloom, and season of flowering, would be a help towards obtaining more gratifying results. The seeds should be sown thinly in the first place, and should be thinned out before they crowd each other. Dwarf varieties, such as Virginian stocks, may be omitted from this rule, but a fast apace is not to be made for such subjects as Shirley poppies, clarkias, godetias, cchcolzias, etc.

VEGETABLES.

KIDNEY BEANS.

French, or as they are commonly called, kidney beans, are a profitable crop and deserve careful attention. The end of April, or early in May, is quite soon enough to commence operations outdoor in this part of the country, if where early supplies are required, a few weeks may be gained by sowing a quantity of seed in pots in a cold frame now. A fairly rich compost should be used and this should be made moderately firm in 5" or 4-inch pots. Sow two seeds in each pot, and if both germinate, remove the weaker seedling when small. Grow the plants on in a light, cold frame, and treat them exactly like bedding geraniums. This will prepare them for being planted out about the end of May, and they should be given a sunny, sheltered position. The rows should be two feet apart, and the plants may be allowed a foot of space each in the rows.

MINT.

To keep up a clean, healthy stock of mint, it is advisable to make a new bed every second year. Some growers prefer the old method of lifting and replanting the roots, but experience has taught us that the best results are obtained by striking a quantity of cuttings; the best time to do this is while the young shoots are comparatively tender. They may be taken when about six inches long, and should have a small piece of the old root attached. Dibble them in separately in rows, and if a little sand can be placed at the bottom of each hole they may be placed about six or eight inches apart, and should be well watered immediately they are put in. If hot, dry weather follows, it will be necessary to syringe them every day to prevent them drooping badly. A semi-shaded or a sunny position suits mint equally well.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

The time has arrived when such plants as geraniums, fuchsias, marguerites, centaureas, etc., that have been growing in heated structures, must be gradually hardened off. If the other occupants of the greenhouses will stand it, it is a good plan to reduce the heat of the house for a few days first. The bedding plants may then be transferred to the cold frames, and when this is done extreme care must be taken when giving ventilation. Cold draughts should be carefully avoided, and water must be given sparingly until the plants get accustomed to their new quarters. Close the frames early in the afternoon for a week or two. This will conserve the sun heat and help to sustain the growth, and if frost threatens the frames must be carefully matted over early in the evening.

PANSIES AND VIOLAS.

Pansies and violas that have been subjected to the usual hardening process should be removed from the frames without further delay. It is a great mistake to allow them to remain in the frames until they get crowded and their roots grow across each other. If at all possible they should be planted straight away into their flowering quarters. If this is not convenient they may be planted six inches apart in nursery beds, but, and this cannot be impressed on the mind of the soil is dry they should be given a good drenching of water immediately after planting. This is very important, as newly-planted violas never flourish if dry at the root.

HERBACEOUS CALCEOLARIAS.

These charming plants are now commencing to bloom and should be provided with suitable supports before they fall over.

Insect treatment they have been subjected to during the last few weeks should have prevented green fly from obtaining a firm foothold. When the plants commence to bloom, however, the atmosphere must be kept dry, and this is usually followed by a sharp attack of the insect pest mentioned. As soon as the first few flies are noticed give them a few fumigations at intervals of three days. This will effectually clear out the pest. If really large specimen plants are required, it is obvious that a long season of growth must be given. Seed sown now will produce plants 4 feet across a year hence. They may be sown in a cold frame and given cool treatment until next autumn.

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VINES.

The persistent removal of superfluous growths has a good deal to do with the successful growing of grapes. It is a great mistake to allow the latent and subsidiary growths to grow for a long length and then cut them out as if they were fodder plants. The shoots should be removed while they are quite small. This diverts the energy of the plant into building up the fruit, and allows light and air to do its share also. Mealy bug is likely to be very active now that the sun is so powerful. We have not yet heard of a better remedy than the persistent use of a good paint brush soaked in methylated spirit. This destroys the nests of eggs, crushes or otherwise kills a quantity of the living bug, and undoubtedly reduces the danger of the fruit being spoiled.

A man of seventy-eight, James White, was sent to penal servitude for three years at London Sessions for burglary.

UNION RE-VALUATION.—In the annual report of the Wharfedale Assessment Committee, presented by the Clerk (Mr E. C. Newstead), at the meeting of the Wharfedale Board of Guardians, the attention of the Committee was called to the increasing difficulty of obtaining a sympathetic hearing in respect of an appeal against the county rate because of the want of uniformity in the system of assessment in the Wharfedale Union. As the result of careful investigation, he had come to the conclusion that in most of the townships—both urban and rural—the property was not assessed at its true rateable value, and he suggested that it would be wise to appoint a qualified valuer to reassess the whole Union. Mr Hornsby Jackson (chairman of the Assessment Committee) said there was a great need for more uniformity, as there were serious discrepancies. The cost of a re-valuation would be considerable, but it was proposed that it should be spread over three years. It was left with the new committee to come to a definite decision.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(Continued).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of Articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

A CASTLE HINT WHEN SETTING HENS.

During the breeding season annoyance and loss are frequently caused by having hens bring off only small batches of three or four chicks, when there is unavoidable waste of eggs, but unavoidable waste of hens, and addlet they are sitting they are not laying.

To obviate this, don't set one hen at a time, but endeavour to put down four or five at once. On the fifth or sixth day of incubation, the fertility of every egg can be easily determined by the aid of an egg-tester. While the hens are feeling, remove the eggs, test them, replacing only those that are fertile, completing each nest, and if possible placing a new setting under one of the hens. For example, if we have sitting on sixty eggs, thirteen prove infertile, the remaining forty-seven eggs are placed under two hens, and the fifth can then be given a new setting, or if this is not desired, place her in a broody coop and afterwards return her to the laying flock. Remember Nature does not teach a hen to sit exactly twenty-one days, but she suddenly clings to the nest for quite a longer period, hoping to receive her reward of maternity.

An egg-tester can be obtained from any firm who deal in poultry appliances for a couple of shillings, with directions for use.

TO CURE BROODINESS.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without condemning as forcibly as possible some of the remedies advocated and practised to cure a hen of broodiness; for, it is difficult to believe in the cruelty enlightened age that such barbaric and wicked customs can obtain. I refer in particular to starvation, whirling birds round in the air, and cold-shrinking. Not only are they needlessly cruel and inhuman, but they also involve pecuniary loss to the owner, as birds subjected to such treatment can never afterwards be the same source of profit. In what does the remedy consist? Simply by affording the hens plenty of exercise. Voluntarily she will take none, nor insolent, but she is simply sitting; in fact, the majority will be perfectly content with a roughly-formed nest and half-a-dozen pebbles for eggs. Some advocate a cup of baths for a bottom, so that the hen cannot set. Personally I have found all that is necessary is an ordinary market flat, suspended by a cord in the centre. The bird, when placed in the flat, soon loses her equilibrium, and there is a constant scrambling on her part to regain and retain it. A few hours is sufficient in nearly every case to cure her, and this method is unnecessary cruelty to the bird, labour or inconvenience to the operator, and loss to the owner.

CONCLUSION OF THE HATCH.

My personal opinion is that the more a hen is left alone at the conclusion of the hatch the better are the results; it is true that chickens are sometimes extricated from the shell before they are ready, but if they are interfered with and disturbed this calamity is generally contemplated. Again, assistance in removing the shell in rare and isolated cases is advocated, and though I grant you an extra chick or two may occasionally be obtained by this method, I do not believe that it ever repays the trouble. Let the hen alone, and nature occupies one's attention to the detriment of the others, and finally it dies. No, the hen is hatching the eggs; don't usurp her prerogative, and it is a provision of Nature that the waster fails to extricate itself. As soon as you see the hatch is completed, remove the hen and chicks to the coop you have already prepared and for one night leave them alone. Food is unnecessary, in fact positively harmful during the first twenty-four hours of their existence.

(To be continued).

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HEALTH OF HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

TEMPLENEWSAM, OULTON, WOODLESFORD, MIDDLETON.

At the monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council held at the Council Offices, Lark Street, Hunslet, on Thursday, Dr. J. Buck (the medical officer) presented his 39th annual medical report, which was as follows:—

Births.—There have been registered in the whole district 185 births—98 males and 87 females. Of these, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford contributed 90, Templenewsam with Thorpe Stapleton 63, and Middleton 26. Estimating the population to midsummer, 1913, at 8,024, this gives a birthrate of 23.06 per thousand of the inhabitants, against 24.24 for 1912, and 26.73 for the quinquennium 1908-1912. The birthrate for England and Wales for 1913 is 25.9. There illegitimate births are included in the above.

Deaths.—During the corresponding period there have been registered in the whole district 85 deaths—44 males and 41 females. Of these, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford contributed 40, Templenewsam with Thorpe Stapleton 29, and Middleton 16.

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NEW ORGAN TO BE BOUGHT.

A successful bazaar promoted by the members of the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church was held in the Council School, Carlton Lane, on Easter Monday and Tuesday.

The object was to raise £200, £100 for the new organ fund, and £100 for debt reduction, renovation, and the necessary expenses which will be incurred by installing the new organ. It is into the trustees commenced raising funds for a new organ to cost £2,000. Over £500 has been backed, and promises made will bring this up to £700. As the trustees wish to avoid increasing the debt they are waiting till the new organ fund reaches £1,000, before proceeding with the project, which would leave £300 to be to be raised by the opening services.

On the first day the opening ceremony was performed by twenty-old scholars, members and friends. Mr. J. B. Blackburn presided, and introduced by the Rev. W. G. Scaife (minister).

The following ladies and gentlemen took part in the opening ceremony:—Mrs Bulmer, Mrs Crouch, Mrs Handforth, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Kilburn, Mrs H. Lunn, Mrs Saddley, Mrs South-wort, Mrs Varley, Mrs. T. Ward, Messrs R. Batty, E. and J. Harrison, B. Illingworth, Joppling, A. Kilburn (jun.), H. Lunn, H. Milner, R. Naylor, C. Tiffany, Eli Ward.

Mrs. John Harrison spoke on behalf of the Ladies, and Mr R. Naylor acted as spokesman for the gentlemen. The contributions from the ladies were received by Thomas Tiffany, and those of the gentlemen by Charlotte Lunn.

A vote of thanks to those who had taken part was heartily carried on the proposition of Mr W. Thurwell, seconded by Mr G. Bramley.

On the second day the opening ceremony was performed by a number of children, who gave a choral cantata, entitled "The White Kariboo." The children, who had been trained by Miss Brown, Miss Bulmer, and Miss I. Thurwell, and Mr C. Tiffany, did their part well. Those who took part were:—Ethel Addison, Lottie Armitage, Percy Asleve, Harrison Belford, Dorie Bland, Stanley Asleve, Harrison Belford, Dorie Broom, Gwennie Buckley, Gladys Churchill, Emily Churchill, George Claybourgh, Roy Claybourgh, Mrs Crowther, Gladys Crowther, Mrs Dobson, Sarah Ellis, Mary Dobson, Horace Dobson, Sarah Ellis, Mary Dobson, Horace Dobson, Wilfred Evans, Evelyn Foss, Eva Goddard, Wilfred Hampshire, Maude Hepworth, Reginald Hill, Rose A. Holmes, Marjorie Jennings, Annie Rose A. Holmes, Marjorie Jennings, Annie Kilburn, Harry Kilburn, William Kilburn, Kilburn, Harry Kilburn, William Kilburn, Willie Lord, Charlotte Lunn, Fred Lunn, Sidney Lunn, William Lunn, Herbert Milner, Harry Lunn, William Lunn, Herbert Milner, Harry Naylor, George A. Naylor, John Naylor, Walter Sidebottom, Clifford Gertrude Parkin, Walter Sidebottom, Clifford R. Softley, Hilda Southwart, Elsie Smith, Eva Strangway, Frederick Strangeway, Albert Taylor, Rowland Taylor, Nellie Thurwell, Evelyn Thurwell, Clifford Tiffany, Olive Tiffany, Nellie Todd, Annie Walker, Emily Ward, Ivy Ward, John Ward, Tom Ward, Gwendolyn Williams, Marion Williams, and Horace Wright.

Mr F. Williams accompanied the musical portions.

The scholars contributions were received by Mrs W. Mackay, and a vote of thanks was moved by Mrs W. Thurwell, and seconded by Mrs A. Thurwell.

The stall-holders were:—Drapery (No. 1)—Mesdames Harrison, Adamson, and S. Sibley. Drapery (No. 2)—Mesdames W. Bulmer and Bramley. Apron Stall—Mesdames Harriman and L. Thurwell. Choir Stall—Lady members of the choir. Crockery Stall—Mesdames Thurwell, Handforth, Dobson, W. S. Taylor, and H. Taylor. Mixed Stall—Mr and Mrs T. Ward and family. Sweets and Fruits Stall—Mrs Southwart, Mr J. Wright, and the scholars of the 2nd Sunday School Classes. Wood Stall—Messrs W. and Mrs. Thurwell, and Mrs A. Warin. Miscellaneous Stall—Mrs. Illingworth, Miss Johnson, and Miss Ward. Refreshment Stall—Mesdames Lunn, Ward, Brown, Townend, A. Kilburn, J. Ward, Williams, H. Taylor, Bulmer, Milner, Bough, Evans, Taylor, Thurwell, Clifford Tiffany, Olive Tiffany, Chadwick, and Churchill. Hot Potatoes—Mr J. C. Harrison and other. Hot Peas—Mesdames R. Bulmer, H. Taylor, and others.

Concerts were provided each evening. On Tuesday the Rev. W. G. Scaffey announced that the total bazaar receipts amounted to £172 12s. 2d., which included the donations of £25, also similarly checked by Boyes. From a subsequent corner Appleby made no mistake in netting the fourth goal. A fifth was not long in forthcoming. Receiving a pass, Abrams made a smart dribble down the right wing, and he soon outpaced his opponents. A short kick put the leather beyond Boyes, who attempted to frustrate the movement, and, regaining possession, Abrams carried the ball within easy range and netted, the shot completely beating Nunns. The sixth goal was scored from a scrimmage in the goal mouth.

After the match the Cup was presented to the captain of the White Rose team by Mr J. H. Rawlings (Chairman of the Church's Cup Committee), Boyes received the medals on behalf of the Parish Church team.

On Monday at Selby Jobs Cullen, labourer, Birdby, was fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs for riding a bicycle without a light on Ousegate, Selby, on the 1st inst.

RATES.—Councillor T. S. Ullathorne presided at a special meeting of the Selby Urban District Council, on Monday. The general district rate of 9s. 8d. in the £ was made and sealed. The rate is the same as last year.

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IMPROVEMENTS AT WETHERBY RACE-COURSE.—The promoters of the race meetings at Wetherby have reaped a rich harvest as the result of the enterprise they have shown in the conduct of their gatherings, and it is pleasing to learn that the commendable policy which has brought such excellent results in the past is not to be departed from. Since the last meeting the motor enclosure has been considerably enlarged, but even now it is not big enough, as was proved on Monday, when there were close upon 500 vehicles of all descriptions on the course; and it has been decided to make a further addition of two acres. Another scheme under consideration is the making of a new road leading from the back of the grand stand, through the town to the station. This is a most desirable improvement, as those who had to make use of the road along the side of the course on Monday can testify.

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The popularity of the Temperance cause at Bowers Allerton was well proved on Good Friday, when in the afternoon the large body of Hope sang hymns especially written for the occasion, assisted by about eight violinists, and conducted by Mr Richard Bullock (president of the Society), at various points in the village. A collection was made, and, in spite of the industrial stoppage, it was better than any of the previous nine annual collections. An excellent tea was provided for the parishes of by the 173 scholars and 20 teachers.

In the evening a very good concert was thoroughly enjoyed by the parents and friends of the members, the room being crowded. Mr Parker (vice-president) presided, and expressed a feeling of satisfaction at working towards the cause, raising up of a generation of more temperate, and, therefore, better citizens. The recitation "Opening Speech" by Miss Daisy Robinson, and afterwards the duet "Song of the Blacksmith" by the rousing glee "Song of the Blacksmith" by the rousing glee "Reading time at Daisy Farm," which Master James Bullock recited "When shall we win." The musical sketch "Heroes of the nursery rhymes" was well appreciated, as "Song of Sixpence," "Mouse Trap," and "Under the Old Umbrella" were excellent action songs. In the "Ribbon dance" 11 girls performed very creditably, and Miss Rhodes sang "I'm so shy."

Mr I. Robinson, on behalf of the committee, moved a vote of thanks, in which he included the parents and friends who had so generously given the provisions for the tea, Mrs Bullock and the friends who had again so well served the room, and the President Mr Richard Bullock, and Misses Robinson and A. Parker, who you taken so much care of the training of the children, while the parents were also included for kindly providing the necessary dresses and accessories for the charming out of the concert. Mr C. C. H. Boood briefly seconded, and it was carried.

The concert was resumed with a "Tambourine dance" by 12 girls, and was followed by the duet of the smallest children in nightdresses, with candles, and their dollies, and was very amusing.

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RAILWAYMEN'S FESTIVAL.—On Good Friday the members of the Milford Junction branch of the Railway Union of Railwaymen made their annual effort in aid of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The Milford Junction Silver Band performed selections, South Milford, Monk Fryston, and Hillam, and collections were made en route. Fine weather prevailed, and a large number of people from the surrounding district gathered at Monk Fryston, where a public tea was provided in the Concert Hall. A committee of ladies and gentlemen had made excellent arrangements, under the capable direction of Mr J. Stockdale, branch secretary, and the following ladies presided at the tables:—Mesdames Askew, Atkinson, Agus, Beaumont, Britton, Beckham, Hill, Clarke, Skelton, Stockdale, Stephenson, Dickenson, Newby, Thompson, and Misses Beaumont, Cawthorne, Agus, Baker, Terry, Walker, Levitt, Hester, Stockdale, and Pinder. In the evening the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P., presided over a crowded gathering, and a service of song, entitled "Amy Howard's Reward," was admirably rendered by the Milford Junction N.U.R. Choir, assisted by an Orchestral Band, under the conductorship of Mr John Hemingway. The Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be present at such an important gathering. It was a pleasing duty to him to help such a worthy object, and he was glad to see others doing the same. He hoped the Union would get increased support. The annual report was presented by Mr J. Stockdale. The descriptive readings of the service of song were excellently given by Mr J. Coldwell, and the accompanist was Mr H. Batty. On Sunday evening the service of song was repeated before a large gathering, and the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke (Vicar of Monk Fryston) presided. Collections were taken both on Good Friday and Sunday. It is expected that the proceeds are in advance of previous years.

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BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

APPEALS BOARD'S AMAZING MUDDLE.

On Wednesday evening at a meeting of the Deighton Shield Competition of the Barkston Ash Football Association, held at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, the muddle in the following case was brought about by forth v. South Milford, case brought about by the West Riding Appeals Board (Messes Waterhouse and Brunt) was again under consideration. Mr J. R. Botty, of South Milford (President), was in the chair, and the other members present were Messrs. A. Flowith (hon. treasurer), W. A. Osborne (hon. secretary), Alf Johnson, Inman (Aberford), and T. S. Slater (Garforth).

The Hon. Secs. in answer to a question, said that Garforth lodged an objection against South Milford playing Chilton, who they held was ineligible, but the Barkston Ash Executive overruled it. Garforth then appealed against the decision, and the West Riding Appeals Board (Messrs Waterhouse and Brunt) sustained the objection, and ordered a replay. Garforth appealed. The case was subsequently reopened, and the match was ordered to be re-played, also stated that Chilton, by that decision, was eligible to play for Monk Fryston.

The Hon. Sec. said that he afterwards wrote to Mr Brunt on the matter, and he replied that Mr Waterhouse ruled that Chilton was eligible to play for South Milford. On Monday he (Mr Osborne) came across Mr Waterhouse, and he asked him what his ruling really was, and he would not give him an answer. He met him again on Tuesday, and asked him where they stood. If, he put it, Chilton was eligible to play for South Milford why replay the match, but, on the other hand, if he was ineligible, it was Garforth's match. He (Mr Waterhouse) told him he ruled that the match stand as played. He promised to let him have that decision in writing, and he likewise told him to wire Mr Brunt his decision. He telegraphed to Mr Brunt the decision given by Mr Waterhouse that the match stand as played, and he had received a reply confirming Mr Waterhouse's decision.

The President: They have simply played and fooled about with it.

Mr Slater: It wants to go to the West Riding Association, and that is what it will do.

Mr Binns: Why should a matter like this be dependent upon one man's word?

The Hon. Sec. said the Appeals Board consisted of three members and one did not attend.

Mr Binns proposed that the whole of the evidence be placed before the West Riding Association and that their decision be asked upon it.

Mr Slater said that if they accepted the third division either club could appeal to the West Riding Association.

Mr Inman: We took the Appeals Board's decision that the match should be re-played as final at first meeting, and we decided that there should be a replay. Why should it come on again?

The Hon. Sec.: We have had all this correspondence since.

Mr Inman: It is a great muddle. They have undone their own work and they have undone ours, too.

Mr Flowith seconded the proposition.

A long discussion ensued, and eventually Mr Binns's proposal was withdrawn.

Mr Flowith then proposed that the decision of the Appeals Board that the match between Garforth and South Milford stand be accepted, and that South Milford meet Wetherby in the final at Tadcaster on Saturday.

Mr Heap seconded.

Mr Slater said that they could pass that resolution if they pleased, but Garforth would appeal to the West Riding Association. He then left the room.

The motion was put to the meeting and agreed to.

At York on Tuesday George Bentley (30), Tadcaster, drayman, was fined 10s. and costs for being drunk whilst in charge of two horses and a dray in Bishopgate Street the previous evening.

AN INCIDENT AT WETHERBY RACES.—James Schofield, alias Alfred Moore, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Wetherby, on Thursday, for loitering at the races with intent to commit a felony. Prisoner, against whom there were 46 previous convictions, was seen by the detectives to tap an elderly gentleman's pockets and to lift up his coat-tails.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

FENTON, ABERFORD, AND MICKLEFIELD CASES.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were Lol. Gascoigne, D.S.O. (Chairman), Rev. R. Hemsworth, Mr. Walter Crosland, and Mr Wm. Crosland.

The temporary transfer of the licence of the Crossed Bible, Saxton, from W. E. Warrington to John Swaingrove, was granted.

Mr Cyrus Dixon, Red Bear Hotel, Sherburn, applied for an hour's extension for the 23rd of April for a concert and presentation. It was granted.

The following poor rates were allowed:—Saxton 2s. and 1s.; Lead, 2s. 4d. and 1s. 2d.; Sherburn, 2s. and 1s., and special expenses, 6d.; Lotherton, 2s. and 1s., and lighting rate, 1½d.; and Micklefield, 1s. and 1½d.

Thomas Mattinson, miner, Boderton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 26th ult. at Brotherton. Fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

David Townend, miner, Aberford, was charged with using obscene language on the 4th inst. Defendant pleaded not guilty. P.C. Cooper stated he was at Lotherton Park Farm sale, and the defendant used very bad language there. John Oldfield, a witness for defendant, stated he never heard him use obscene language. Fined 5s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. costs.

Harry Oldfield and Ernest Cooper, of Lotherton, were charged with gambling with coins on the 4th inst. P.C. Cooper stated he saw the defendants at Lotherton Park Farm, and they were playing at "pitch and toss." Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs each.

Thomas Hodgson, farmer, Little Fenton, was charged with having a dog without a licence on the 29th ult. at Biggin. P.C. Whitehead stated the defendant had applied for the licence, but he had not got one. Defendant said he applied for an exemption, but he had not got one. It was stated the dog was a terrier.—Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Robert Standbig, labourer, Little Fenton, was charged with keeping a bear pig for sale. Prisoner without being registered, on the 29th ult. The defendant pleaded ignorance. The Chairman said as it was the first case they had had under the Act, they would dismiss it on payment of costs, but warned defendant as to his future conduct.

Cyril Parsons, a small boy, from Micklefield, was charged with cruelty to a cat on the 29th ult. Defendant pleaded guilty. P.C. Cooper stated that, from information received, he visited defendant's father's house, and he saw a Mr. defendant's father's house, and he saw a Mr. defendant's father's house, and he saw a black cat which had been cruelly ill-treated by defendant. Its eye protruded and its head had been battered in with a stick. The Chairman said that on account of defendant's youth they would dismiss the case on payment of costs, but warned defendant as to his future conduct.

ROTHWELL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP FINAL.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF ROTHWELL P.C.

The final for the Rothwell Charity Football Cup(Hook plate at Rothwell High on Tuesday afternoon, the contesting teams being R thwell Parish Church, who have been in the semi-finals of the Cup for the last two seasons, and Rothwell White Rose. There was a good crowd to witness the struggle, and the colours of the respective teams were gaily sported on all hands. The game was controlled in an able manner by the referee. Both teams were confident of success.

The match was a run-away affair for the White Rose, and, after the first three goals were scored, the Church team were a beaten side. Nunns, their custodian, had practically no chance of stopping the shots put in by the opposing forwards, who were a dashing combination. Heaton, the White Rose goalkeeper, had a comparatively easy time, and throughout the whole match was not called upon more than three or four times.

The teams were as follows:—Rothwell P.C.—Goal, Nunns; backs, J. Boyes and F. Stringer; halfbacks, J. Gregg, G. Woodhead, and G. Hilldesley; forwards, Taylor, W. Taylor, Hudson, J. Kelly; forwards, Taylor, W. Taylor, Hudson, J. Lunn, and H. Shires.

Rothwell W.R.—Goal, Heaton; backs, Dawson and Ripley; halfbacks, Tiffany, Holmes, and Taylor; forwards, Hughes, Wrigley, Parfitt, Appleby, and Abrams.

Taylor, the White Rose captain, won the toss, and placed his men with the breeze. Dawson and Hitch'n kicked off for the Churchmen, who at once attacked, but they met with the Rosebuds gained much valuable ground from a free kick awarded for a foul by Stringer. A corner was forced, but nothing came of it. The Churchmen played a plucky game with the sun in their eyes. The first incident of note was a brilliant run down the right wing by Hughes, who recovered the ball from a throw-in about midway. The tactics of Stringer, who followed close at his heels, caused him to overrun the leather, and the ball rolled dead. For the next five minutes the Churchmen penned their opponents in their own half, and their efforts looked promising until a clever pass by Parfitt put his side out of the danger zone. The ball was followed up well by Appleby, who escaped a shot which was only saved by Nunns, resulting out of goal. It was now the White Rose's chance, and they played with a decided keenness. Obtaining possession well up in the Churchmen's half, Abrams centred the ball, which was kicked about in a startling fashion right in front of the goal mouth, but Boyes managed to secure it and kicked it clear. Still the Rosebuds pressed, and a neat dribble up the field was made by Appleby, who passed to Abrams, but once more Boyes proved a stumbling block. A run by Hughes yielded the first goal. He got the ball well up and cleverly centred to Parfitt, and that player headed into the net. His success was followed by a loud roar from the supporters of the blue and whites. The Rosebuds again attacked determinedly, and after another five minutes' play Parfitt again scored, from a well-timed pass from Hughes. The Churchmen thereafter retaliated, and a corner was forced, but it was without result. Behind the interval Hughes scored a third goal from an awkward angle, and soon afterwards a fourth. In the second half the Churchmen had a hopeless task. Try how they would, they were unable to penetrate the stronghold of the Rosebuds, while to render matters worse, Kale was obliged to leave the field of play. Off-side play by the Churchmen left the opposing forwards well up, and Appleby started a promising movement, but he was smartly checked by Boyes. From a subsequent corner Appleby made no mistake in netting the fourth goal. A fifth was not long in forthcoming. Receiving a pass, Abrams made a smart dribble down the right wing, and he soon outpaced his opponents. A short kick put the leather beyond Boyes, who attempted to frustrate the movement, and, regaining possession, Abrams carried the ball within easy range and netted, the shot completely beating Nunns. The sixth goal was scored from a scrimmage in the goal mouth.

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A little straight talk does good sometimes, and I want those engaged in local administration in Tadcaster, Selby, Wetherby, Hunslet, Rothwell, and Garforth areas to make a note of the remarks of the medical officer of Rothwell district. He states:—

It is little good preaching about ventilation and fresh air when windows wont open, or talking of the danger of fly-infected food and milk when the house is absolutely devoid of even any pretence of pantry accommodation and it is futile, indeed, for a health visitor to attempt to teach mothers how to rear healthy children when walls are damp, or to eloquently discourse on the manifold blessings of the presence of sunlight in a home when the windows are so small that unless carefully looked for their very presence may easily remain undetected. It ought to be remembered that germs, like most evil things, love to lurk in darkness, and it ought to be borne in mind that sunlight is one of the very finest germ destroying agencies we possess, and if we wish to have sunlight in our houses we must obviously provide a sufficiency of window space.

The medical officer points out that if we are to have healthy children, and also if such diseases as consumption are to be stamped out, then we must have people living under healthy conditions.

The cry of the children! The medical officer of health for Rothwell states:—

"In these days when the only playgrounds left to the children are the side streets and yards, it becomes increasingly necessary that such places should be made sanitary and not be left as quagmires, as many of them undoubtedly are in wet weather."

What about the private streets of Garforth?

The great ambulance parade, promoted in connection with the Aberfoyle League, should attract thousands of people to Monk Fryston Park on Saturday, May 2nd. The bazaar itself will be held in the picturesquely pointed Alpine Hall, and the Countess of Scarbrough has promised to perform the opening ceremony. Monk Fryston Park is an ideal spot for a function of this character, and the gathering should be the most attractive local event of the year. Have you seen "Bonnie Stocking?" In that picturesque scene maypole and Morris dancing will take place, the maze will permit people to lose themselves for a time, and the wonderful collection of wild birds and animals to be ringing together in the Squire will prove of interest to visitors to the place. Among the other attractions promised are entertainments by the Cherry Society and Pierrots, dramatic sketches, magical illusions, rifle shooting competitions, chiromancy, etc. A delightful afternoon may be spent at Monk Fryston Park, and I have no doubt that the bazaar will prove the great success its promoters hope it will be.

A story which is now going the rounds looks like an old friend in a new dress. It is as follows:—"Prince Arthur of Connaught is telling an amusing experience that happened to him a few Sundays ago. He was present at service at a country church some little distance from his Yorkshire home (Hutton Hall, Marston, near Tadcaster), when, just before the service commenced, everyone suddenly rose in their seats. His Royal Highness could not see the reason for this and inquired of those about him. The lord has arrived," was the surprising whisper he got in reply. Subsequently, however, he found that the lord and lady of the manor had entered, but, as he confesses, he received a bit of a shock at first."

Not content with a largely-increased rate, certain members of Barwick Parish Council are determined apparently to cut down administrative expenses, and the first victim proposed is the assistant overseer. One member suggested that £500 or £1000 per annum might be saved in seven or eight years on this official's remuneration, but he has only £80 a year all told, so that if such a sum were saved the work would have to be done for practically nothing. The assistant overseer has a house at the offices at Scholes, but that is largely for the convenience of the Council, and he is in the position of a caretaker.

It was stated that the assistant overseer's work had been reduced by half owing to the withdrawal of Crossgates—but figures do not substantiate that assertion. In 1911-12 Barwick, Scholes, and Crossgates had a rateable value, according to the Guardians' year book, of about £22,000, and the figures for Barwick and Scholes are now about £14,000. The assistant overseer has certainly less work, but on the other hand, he has had additional duties in connection with the management of the parish property to carry out. The irony of the situation is that the assistant overseer was offered a position equally good in other work, but he preferred to remain loyal to the Council. In regard to making the job a part-time one, the difficulty of a man living at Scholes getting suitable employment and at the same time giving to the parish work the attention it requires, is obvious. There is, however, no call for it. Allerton Bywater, with a rateable value of £15,000, and Kippax, with £12,000, employ assistant overseers, and is Barwick to lag behind?

Remarkable evidence was given the other day by the police to the great improvement in the mining population of the district, when an officer stated that "miners are gentlemen nowadays." The old, hard-drinking class of colliers is fast dying out, and in visiting such places as Garforth, Rothwell and Kippax, one could not distinguish the miners from the better class artizans of the towns and cities. No more are the Sundays spent in drinking and rioting, and a good many of the men are actively engaged in religious and social work.

In the old days when the Munston Collieries were in full swing, and when policemen were not as plentiful as they are now, the miners used to congregate on Sunday mornings at the Horse pub—now an ordinary dwelling house—in the Primrose Valley at Halton, and settle all their differences with their fists. Old miners in Garforth and Kippax have told me that the men, on pay days, generally went home with greatly curtailed wages, a considerable sum having been spent on a few hours' carouse. No doubt these men gave the class an evil name, and to this day many ignorant people have a great contempt for the mining population. Education has worked wonders in the improvement of the class, and if they will only avail themselves of all the facilities provided there is no doubt that their children will make greater advances. Never were there greater opportunities for well-educated men among the working-classes.

Young fellows detest sermonising just as much as the older fellows do, and it would ill become me to assume the role of person, but a word to the young men of Barkston Ash Division, who are probably no worse than the young men elsewhere, might be opportune. Many of them possess a vocabulary—rare and rich it may seem to them—which they picked up neither in the Day School nor the Sunday School, and they exercise it with a fluency that might make a politician green with envy, but their words are so many ears—and this is the point they overlook—offensive and annoying. By using plain English words they could express themselves just as forcibly, and, with their fluency, they might make an impression on their fellow mortals.

One does does expect a football crowd to be as quiet as a church congregation, but there are limits even to exuberance of spirits. Leicester on Saturday, excited partisans indulged in such picturesque language that they made many people quite uncomfortable. Had they been heard by their children in the streets of the town the magistrates would no doubt have had something to say to them, and it is abundantly evident that public are required on football fields to keep excited youths under control. The worst offenders came from the South Milford and Micklefield districts, and if these young fellows do not wish to go to gaol I hope they will use language that is likely to be more appreciated in future.

The folks of Templenewsam are fortunate. Two or three years ago the young squire (Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P.) practically presented a cricket field to Halton, and he generously gave the Whitkirk Cricket Club an excellent ground, so that he has looked well after the recreation of the parish. The children of Whitkirk, however, but no play-ground, so he secured to members of the Ratepayers' Association that Mr Wood might give consideration to their needs. Their case was placed before him, and he has met it in the most generous manner, setting aside a field on the hill for recreative purposes. Mr Wood is a name for life of the Templenewsam estate, and he cannot very well make a finer gift of the land, but he has done the next best thing—made a charge of a rental of 1s. per annum.

Kippax and Garforth should be encouraged by the example set by the Hon. Edward Wood, who has shown such a kindly consideration for the children of Templenewsam. Neither in Kippax nor Garforth have the children and youths of the town any place where they can play their games, and it is difficult to foster cricket, for instance, when families are about to leave the village now, especially when the roster traffic has become so common on the roads, the children should have a place where they may enjoy themselves without fear of conveyances, and the people of Garforth should have a cricket pitch where they may learn the great summer game.

What the authorities which have the administration of the Rothwell and Oulton-with-Woodlesford areas are actively engaged in fighting all manner of obstacles to longevity, they are not oblivious of the fact that mortals must come to the bosom of mother earth some time, and they are preparing for their reception by forming a joint cemetery. No doubt the residents will appreciate their foresight and enterprise in connection with this grave scheme. One almost expected the Leeds Corporation to offer opposition to it, but they probably think they will not only be shown such a kindly consideration for the children of Templenewsam. Neither in Kippax nor Garforth have the children and youths of the town any place where they can play their games, and it is difficult to foster cricket, for instance, when families are about to leave the village now, especially when the roster traffic has become so common on the roads, the children should have a place where they may enjoy themselves without fear of conveyances, and the people of Garforth should have a cricket pitch where they may learn the great summer game.

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Had the people at that time shown less prejudice and acquired as to the value of nursing schemes elsewhere, they would assuredly have been more sympathetic towards the proposal, but they could not get rid of suspicion and the scheme was wrecked. All this was attributed by some good people, anxious to explain away the reason, to the independence of the mining population, but was it really independence? In Rothwell district, where there is a large mining population, the leaders of the working-classes have for years been clamouring for the appointment of a nurse or health visitor, so that she could advise and guide working-class mothers, and they have at length secured the services of a lady. Now, what is the result? The Garforth? Now, what is the result? The health visitor, instead of being regarded by mothers as a matter of domestic espionage and interfering busybody, is welcomed into the homes of the people as a friend, and she is a real friend, because she gives help when it is most required—in the hour of need. Garforth's fame exercises will impress nobody.

Congratulations to the Garforth and Rothwell education areas. For some time the school attendance in Garforth district has been steadily rising, and it has secured first place in the West Riding several times. Last month it again came out at the top, while Rothwell district was placed third. Whether or not parents are beginning to realize the value of education, they are sending their children regularly to school, and one very encouraging feature is the Eighteen-day of the work of the school attendance officers. Whatever opponents may say regarding the education policy of the West Riding County Council, they cannot shut their eyes to the enormous improvement in school attendance generally, and, of course, this must all be for the benefit of the children.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Whit Cunliffe is one of the attraction in a capital bill of fare, and his songs his songs with his accustomed vim and good style. Carl de Marcel, described as a comedy cyclist, has had a fine reception. His acrobatics are undoubted, and his unconventional ways entertaining. James Fawn is a popular artiste, who has received excellent encouragement. In Hickey's spanish circus there is an unridable mule, and the efforts of those who would master him are most laughable. They do their part very cleverly. Wasie and Wayn have a good balancing turn, and the light-haired light-weight partner is a good antidote to the serious side of the business. Others who contribute include Irene Dillon, American comedienne; Gevay Weiland, comedy juggler; Countess Clarze, comedienne; and Bert Harrow, comedian.

The story of revue is undiminished. At the Leeds Empire on Monday next there will be seen a production, the author of which was part author of "Hullo, Ragtime!" and "Hullo, Tango!" namely, Albert de Courville. It is called "Hullo, Everybody!" and has been produced at a cost of over £6,000, which constitutes a guarantee of excellence of production. Special scenery is said to have been written by Joseph Harrison, while the music is by the famous Italian composer, Leoncavallo. To Leoncavallo's music special numbers have been added by Mr. Clutsam and Mr. Neale. Leoncavallo stands out as one of the greatest composers of our time. His "I Pagliacci" opera remains a standard classic. This is, for instance, the latest effort of light and airy music. Lyrics have been specially written by Edgar Wallace and Alexandre Dume. To the variety portion of the programme Lil Hawthorne, the popular Anglo-American comedienne; Nightingale and Stigant, in a comedy duologue, "Two Sides of a Wall"; "The Tiverd Bakers," featured by Lecardo Brothers; and Jenny Castelle, comedienne, will contribute.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the seaside revue "Splash Me" provides capital entertainment. There are pretty girls, who, clad in nothing costumes, do their part in the chorus admirably, and finish up with a polo match in a tank. "Splash Me," however, owes its success to Tommy Mostol, a live comedian who's never present with delightful gags, and Dan Clarke, a duck about whose ordinary. Miss Alice Pearce puts plenty of dash in her rendering of "My Boy" and "Get out and get under," as does Miss Enid Harcourt in "Popsy" and "Take me in your arms." Another good item is that provided by the Royal Bartle Quartette, all of whom are adepts with the concertina. The Sisters Sprightly are very smart, and Martin Hessels, assisted by Miss Clara Bernard, gets musical scores in his farcical absurdity. "Doctor Mack's First Patient," Will Hay, the schoolmaster comedian of "bent down" fame, adds something original in his patter. Miss Josephine Langley contributes a capital contralto solo turn, and the Kelros also do some clever feats in their comedy acrobatic turn.

Next week at the Hippodrome Harry Burns will present his latest rollicking revue "They're off," in which a company of over forty clever artistes will appear. The artistes will include "Tubby Edlin," as "Boatman Bill"; Miss Hessels Bourke, Miss Betty Bernard, Mr Freddy Rigby, Mr Henry Curates, Mr Kelso Henderson, The Eight Dainty Babties, and full Lyndon chorus. Others billed to appear are Fred Lincoln, eccentric coon; Bellew and Stock's company of entertainers, "The Romps," in a daintily and refined musical scena; Bert Williams, assisted by his cheeky, chatty college chum "Ted"; the great Cuban wonder, Maximo, the inebriate on a slack wire; and Arthur Page, comedian. Pictures of the English Cup final will be shown on the bioscope.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre that popular actress Miss Ethel Van Praagh had a hearty reception on Monday from large audiences, the play being "Under Two Flags," from "Ouida's" famous novel. In the part of Cigarette, a messenger in a famous French regiment, Miss Praagh is allotted a part which suits her immensely, providing, as it does, ample scope for this gifted actress to display her fine qualities in both the emotional and humorous departments. And by it said, neither is ever overdone, but accomplished in her usual excellent style. Supporting Miss Van Praagh is Mr Guy P. Ellis, who, in the dual role o' an Engish Guardsman, and afterwards a French Corporal, plays the part in fine style, and both are assisted by an exceptionally capable all-round company. "Under Two Flags" forms the attraction for Saturday, but on Friday that pathetic drama, "The Power of Gold," is to be staged, with Miss Van Praagh as Meg Judson the heiress.

At the Queen's Theatre Miss Ethel Van Praagh will, by special desire, remain one week longer. The play on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday will be "The Eyes of the World," a domestic drama of modern society, and on Thursday and Friday "Camille" will be played.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week is a first-rate programme is head by Will Nevins's Jockeys who occupy the boards in a capital racing scene, entitled "What You See." They occupy the boards for twenty-five minutes, and contribute a liberal supply of comedy, interspersed with some clever dancing. The novelty act, entitled "A Pleasant Disappointment," supplied by Phyllis and Vernon Melbon, is a sketch well worth seeing. Kitty Stewart is prominent in her farmyard and laughing ditties, and also contributes another catchy song. Amongst others appearing are Fred Lyston, a comedy light comedian; Patti Lattore, comedienne and toe dancer; and Maud and Morison, comedy trick cyclists.

Next week at the City Varieties Darnell described as the "real magic show," will be the leading attraction. Campbell and Brady will appear in a club juggling speciality, another entertainers will include Della and Pley comedy boxing scenes; The Four Bachelors, harmony vocalists and entertainers; Carl Osmonde, the Welsh Nightingale; and Two Weymans, in a refined dancing act. The pictures to be shown are "Our Baby," and "At Midnight."

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe a very fascinating picture has been shown this week. It was named "Mary Jane," and it was a thrilling representation of the famous Red Barn mystery of 1826. As the story was enacted at the identical spot where the tragedy occurred a most realistic effect was obtained. "Pimple in the hands of London Crooks" was all that could be desired in the way of comedy, and other items included "Girls Ned," a drama, and "No Flies on Sis," comedy.

"Through Flaming Paths" will be the chief attraction on Friday and Saturday.

INQUEST.—On Wednesday at a Selby inquest it was duly alleged to be shot of John Moran, of Hull, was identified by Mary McGrail, of Selby, as Thomas Mulligan. A youth from Hull named Wilfred Morton said deceased was John Moran (31), his uncle, who was his father's brother. He last saw him alive seven years ago. Dr. Todd said death was due to syncope and chronic kidney disease. The jury decided that the body was that of Mulligan, and the medical opinion was accepted.

MISS RAMSDEN'S WILL.—Miss Selina Frances Ramsden, of Oulton Hall, Tadcaster, left £468,6. Testator leaves £20 to her late footman, Alfred Shemmith; £20 to her coachman, Francis Taylor; £10 to Jane Mason, housekreeper; £10 to Henry Hartley, cowman; £10 to Ernest Watson, stableman; £10 to Edward Noble, footman; £10 to Thomas Simmonds, butler; £10 to George Wright, joiner; £10 to each other maid of three years' service; £10 to Catherine Watson Weir, housemaid; and £50 to the Girls' Friendly Society.

GOLF AT WETHERBY.—In the foursomes competition at Wetherby on Saturday the results were:—Capt. A. Bird and T. Beith, 89, 13, 76; S. F. Parkinson and S. Pearson, 91, 14½, 76½; N. H. Medhurst and W. H. Crosthwaite, 87, 10, 77; R. Lee and H. G. Gilbert, 101, 21, 80; W. Heap and C. E. Whitaker, 106, 22, 84; W. Graydon and S. Fallding, 160, 14½, 85½; Dr. W. F. Steele and P. Pulleyne, 103, 16, 87. Monthly Bogey—S. Fallding (handicap 18), all square; C. E. Foulds (18), 1 down; R. Bird Jackson (12), 2 down; W. H. Crosthwaite (12), 4 down; W. D. Pearson (16), 4 down; W. N. Christie (9), 5 down; P. Pulleyne (18), 5 down; H. Armitage (13), 7 down; Dr. W. F. Steele (14), 7 down; J. Pearson (20), 7 down; H. G. Gilbert (22), 8 down.

A FURNITURE SALE.—At Leeds on Saturday—before Mr F. R. Spark and Messrs. George Brown—Herbert Edward Selves (27), of Roundhay Road, and who, it was stated, had also been living at Wetherby, was charged with obtaining £32 9s. 2d. by false pretences. Mr Kitson, who appeared for the prosecutor (Mr Edward Philip Doudney), a local auctioneer, stated that Mr Doudney received instructions from prisoner to sell some furniture. He did so, and later gave a remarked that he intended going to the West Coast. Prisoner was remanded, and granted bail in his own recognisances of £20 and one surety of £20.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

LAWNS.

The work of mowing the lawn should be delayed no longer. The spell of showery weather experienced during the early part of April has left the turf rather soft, and this is of course, makes the Labour harder. The roller should be used as often as circumstances will allow at this time of the year. Later on, when the surface gets baked hard by the sun rolling is of little or no use. Where worms are troublesome the grass should be thoroughly swept before the lawn mower is used. Lawn seeds may still be sown. Choose a calm day for performing the task and dress the seed with red lead before sowing, or birds get most of it.

GLADIOLI.

It is quite safe to plant Gladioli bulbs out-doors now. They are seen at their best when grown in large masses, and if only the scarlet breeds or hybrids is grown it should be associated with some white-flowered plant of somewhat similar height. A large bed filled with tall white antirrhinums and this variety gladioli gives a gorgeous effect. A rather light, deep, rich sandy soil suits the gladioli family best, and if these conditions do not obtain naturally specially-prepared beds should be provided. If early supplies of bloom are wanted the corms may be potted into four-inch pots and started into growth in the greenhouse. Harden off and plant out early in June.

PROTECTING TENDER PLANTS.

At this time of the year, when raw, cold winds are apt to spring up any day, it is advisable to have a quantity of protecting material at hand ready for use. It is very disappointing, after spending several months growing such subjects as sweet peas, bushy plants of Nice stocks, cereopsis or shrubby calceolarias, etc., to see them practically destroyed in a few hours when cutting winds come along. There are various ways of providing protection, but nets or mats made of spruce fir answer the purpose admirably, simply stuffed them bushy growths of evergreen stuck in the ground on the windward side. Mats, canvas, or similar material may be used in such a manner as to answer the same purpose, and other means will suggest themselves to those really interested.

BEAUTY OF NICE STOCK.

We have repeatedly drawn our readers' attention to this wonderful variety of stock. The mild winter has been very favourable to plants in the cold frames, and we have about ten in a pot, amazing which we have not noticed a single miss. The hardening-off process should now be completed as quickly as is consistent with safety. It is important that the plants should have a chance to establish themselves in the beds before flowering commences. Dr. Jeyes' Sanitary Fluid, used at the rate of 1 oz. to a gallon of water, is said to be excellent for the soil when forked in. Clay's or Thompson's manure is also said to be good. It is obvious after the plants have been growing in the pots all winter that very little nourishment will remain in the soil, and by giving a few applications of liquid food the roots are stimulated to renewed energy. The beds or borders intended to accommodate the plants during summer should be dug deeply and heavily manured. A position getting morning and evening sun suits them admirably. The middday sun is rather powerful for them. Plant out about the first week in May.

HARDY ANNUALS.

There is perhaps no more favourable time than the present for sowing hardy annuals. It is not generally realised for many of the subjects treated as half-hardy can be sown outdoor late in April, and will give excellent results. Under this system of cultivation the flowering season is about a month in many instances the plants are sturdier and more floriferous. The annual chrysanthemums are an excellent example. The Morning Star variety is very popular for early outdoor sowing. Imaderum Bridal Robe is also good. Asters are less liable to canker when sown outdoor, and a mixture of the finest French Marigolds can have seed sown raised on a shovel bed in the open.

HANGING BASKETS.

A few baskets of plants suspended from the roof of the greenhouse give a decidedly improved appearance. Many kinds of plants may be utilised for this purpose, anything that is of pendant habit and graceful growing will do. The Spanish moss is useful for the sides of the baskets, which should first of all be well lined with spaghnum moss. It is advisable to make the soil very firm, as this reduces the danger of it getting very dry during the hot days of summer. Campanula isophylla, Tolmiea Menziesii, drooping varieties of begonias, ivy-leaved geraniums, Japanese honeysuckle, tradescantia variety, asparagus sprengeri, drooping coleus, and nephrolepis ferns are but a few of many which may be used for the purpose.

PELARGONIUMS.

There are few showier greenhouse flowers than the regal pelargonium when well grown. Cuttings rooted after flowering last year should now be growing freely. If large plants are desired they should be stopped a few times to encourage them to branch. When this system is practised it is also necessary to re-pot before the plants get root-bound, or they will develop few leaf buds before they are wanted. Grow in a cool house on shelves near the glass and a fairly buoyant temperature. Give a weak liquid manure occasionally, but not too much, as this encourages rank growth at the expense of flowers. Stand the pot in cover with a sheet of glass. Stand the pot in a warm, light position, but shade from direct sun. Under this treatment the cuttings root quickly, and the glass may then be gradually removed. Pot off as soon as rooted into small pots. The roots of this class of begonia are very delicately constructed and it is advisable to pot lightly, and use a light, open compost. Fibrous loam (with the smallest particles riddled through), peat, leaf mould, charcoal, and coarse sand will suit the young plants, and at subsequent re-pottings the same ingredients, with the addition of some thoroughly decayed manure, will grow them well. During the summer months the plants should be syringed freely, and grown in a warm, light house. They are immensely benefited by strong sunshine and must be shaded from the midday sun. All flower buds should be picked off as they appear until the end of September. When the flowering pots fill with roots liquid manure may be given about twice a week, and spraying must be discontinued on the approach of autumn.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

POTATOES.

The planting of potatoes should be completed as quickly as circumstances will allow. In districts where the tops of early sorts have appeared above ground it will be necessary to run the hoe and rake over them. Potato ground that had to be trampled during wet weather should be forked up between the rows.

BROCCOLI.

Seed of this useful vegetable may now be sown out-or. The practice of delaying sowing until warmer summer does not commend itself to our mind. The plants require a long season of growth, and it is an advantage to have a good-sized, strong plant to face the winter with.

WEEDS.

The fact must not be lost sight of that the improved cultivation which causes cultivated plants to grow has the same effect upon weeds. Hoeing is by far the most effective and simplest method of keeping weeds down. The soil should be hoed or pricked out whilst quite small, and the shoots should be treated in such a way as to allow them to get full benefit from all available sunshine. Slight applications should be given to the roots are noticed on the surface, and a warm, moist atmosphere should be maintained. Stop the shoots at the first joint past the fruit, and cut the fruits as soon as they are large enough to use.



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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

PERIODS OF INCUBATION.

The period of incubation is determined by the freshness of the egg and the application of the heat; a week-old egg with a close sitter will frequently hatch out on the nineteenth day, whereas a comparatively stale egg and a poor sitter may take twenty-one days to produce the chicks; the average, however, is twenty to twenty-one days. It might prove useful here to mention the periods of incubation with other varieties of domestic and wild fowl. Ducks, Muscovy excepted, thirty days excepting the thirty-five days, according to the variety. Muscovy blood. Geese, thirty to thirty-one days. Turkeys, twenty-eight to thirty days. Guinea fowls, twenty-six to twenty-eight days. Pea fowl, twenty-four days.

INCUBATION OF DUCK EGGS.

The foregoing remarks are equally applicable to duck eggs; ducks as a rule are good sitters but full as mothers, consequently it is advisable to set the eggs under a hen. The best con of to set the eggs under a hen. The best con of the nest should be a damp one, and it has been found beneficial towards the end of the hatch to sprinkle the eggs with warm water, and to assist the 23 fed square, where she is protected from the gander and other-geese.—Attention must be given very tough it when dry, preventing the duckling from breaking through.

GEESE EGGS.

It is the practice with many to allow geese to incubate their own eggs; if this is done it is advisable to erect a small compartment of about 2 feet square, where she is protected from the gander and other-geese.—Attention must also be paid at hatching time to remove the shells of the birds left liberated, so that they cannot "cap" the other eggs, rendering it impossible for the later ones to hatch. The eggs are often placed under hens, but in my opinion a turkey hen forms the ideal sitter for geese eggs.

TURKEY EGGS.

The best location for a turkey to sit is the original nest in which the eggs were laid. It is advisable, therefore, to remove the first few eggs she lays, replacing by dummies, until the hen becomes broody. Always hatch turkey eggs under turkey hens if possible, for young poults under turkey hens if possible, for young poults under turkey hens if possible, for young poults

BARKSTON ASH UNIONISM.

SPEECH BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

REPLY TO MR E. H. FOSTER—THE ARMY QUESTION.

A large gathering of the Unionists of Selby and district was held on Monday night in connection with the opening of an excellent new hall, which has been established as part of the club premises at Selby. The Unionist organisation of both Barkston Ash and the neighbouring district of Hensall-cum-Brotherton is now complete, and it was attended by Mr Lane Fox and Col. Harrison-Broadley, the Parliamentary representatives of the two constituencies. The new hall is to be used for meetings and social gatherings, and as it will hold six hundred people the club will be more than ever a convenient centre for Unionist workers. Some additions have also been effected in the accommodation of the club, the total cost being about £1,000, and a generous response has been made in the way of subscriptions.

Col. Hewett, Chairman of the Selby Unionist Association, presided, and besides the members of Parliament, there were present the Hon. Mrs. G. R. Lane Fox, Mrs Hawdon, the Rev. Dr Sellwood, Dr. H. D. Todd and Mrs Todd, the Rev. A. Cowsley Goulder, Mr W. D. Foster, Mr J. J. York, Mr W. N. Cheesman, Mr J. T. Mortimer, etc.

At the beginning of the proceedings Mr Lane Fox formally declared the hall open, and at the same time unveiled a portrait of Colonel Hawdon. There was an inscription on a brass plate on the frame, which ran: "Presented to the club by the Workingmen's Mess Conservative Association, in recognition of his able efforts in behalf of our cause," and the unveiling was honoured by a flourish by the Selby Prize Band, and the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow."

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment. He observed that it was forty years since the club came into existence, and during the whole of that time it had been a source of pride to the county. Selby had changed very much in the last few years. He was told the population had increased 50 per cent., and he believed that a greater proportion of Unionists was included in that increase.

MR LANE FOX'S SPEECH.

Mr Lane Fox was greeted very heartily when he rose to speak. He congratulated the club and the Unionists of the town on their new hall which they had acquired, and said he believed Unionism was stronger in Selby to-day than it had ever been. (Applause). It must be present to everybody, as things were going just now, that the Government, with their they liked it or not, were coming close to a General Election. (Hear, hear). The Government seemed to be tied up with their own legislation. They had passed the Parliament Act, which some moderate orators said was the only way to get through the Liberal legislation, and under it the Home Rule Bill was to be pushed through. Now, no matter what they wanted, the Government could neither alter nor withdraw the Bill; they dare not alter it or they would lose the benefits of the Parliament Act; and they could not withdraw it because their Nationalist allies would not let them. They were pledged to vote for it, because they knew perfectly well they would not carry it out. What apparently the Liberal party were waiting for was a good pull upon which they could go to the country. The Liberal campaign was supposed to be going to bring them the desired support, but it had fallen flat. They were, therefore, driven to the end of their tether, and were bound to want the cry of the Army versus the people. It seemed to him that if the Government persisted with this cry they would find that the people of the country were not to be caught by it. A more remarkable thing had happened in the House of Commons a short time ago. A speech had been made by Mr John Ward, a gentleman who hovered between the Liberal and Labour parties—[laughter]—in which he definitely attacked the Army and the Crown, and said that the House of Commons as should break and that the House of Lords as should break and that the House of Lords as should break and that the House of Commons as should break and that the House of Commons as should break and that the House of Commons

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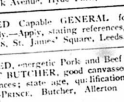
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1914.

If the local authorities co-operate actively with the County Council in carrying out their nursing schemes a wonderful transformation will be effected in the West Riding in a few years. When the medical inspection of school children was inaugurated it met with bitter hostility in some quarters, and the usual talk about interference with the rights of parents and so forth was indulged, but these people failed to discern that, apart from the national advantages, it was the natural sequence of a system of compulsory education—that if children were compelled to attend school the authorities should see that they were physically fit to receive the education paid for by the State and the community. The greater consideration, however, was the raising of a more vigorous and virile race—more important even than education itself, and it is only by systematic inspection that the defects of children can be discovered and rectified. Where are the opponents of medical inspection now? They have been absolutely silenced by the results of the work, and, indeed, many of them have become its most enthusiastic advocates. In medical matters, unfortunately, prejudice and suspicion are frequently allowed to wreck or retard the carrying out of much-needed reforms —reforms which from a purely commercial standpoint are essential to progress, but a remarkable change is gradually being brought about, and a thought is now being given to the condition of the people as a whole. The cost would at one time have been considered an insuperable barrier to the carrying out of schemes for improving the public health—it was always money against health and life, and the foolishness of such a policy has proved dear to the country. Not only is it economically unsound, for it is more costly in the long run than a heavy expenditure on remedial measures, but it is unwise, because it allows, by withholding the necessary funds, the destruction of health and life, which are of infinitely more value to a nation than its material wealth. It requires little imagination to discern what could be done by the application of business methods to social problems. The County Council, in carrying out the medical inspection of school children, came to the conclusion that they were not getting full returns for their money owing to the fact that defective children were not always attended to, and they have decided to employ fully qualified nurses in connection with the work. The Board of Education recognise this as a necessary part of the education system, and they are prepared to make grants towards the cost, so that the whole of the expenditure will not fall upon the ratepayers. By means of the doctors and nurses working together, it is confidently anticipated that the return, as far as is humanly possible, will be full, and it is surely wisdom, from a business point of view, to spend more money in order to achieve that end, instead of making a certain expenditure and having results which are not altogether satisfactory. The County Council as well as local authorities have adopted the Notification of Births Act, and under this scheme every birth has to be reported within a given time, and a nurse, if necessary, will promptly render all necessary service in behalf of the mother and child. By this means it may be possible to reduce the infantile mortality in the Riding, and the extra care bestowed on infants will tend to make them more healthy and vigorous. These schemes, it will be seen, are primarily for the benefit of the children, and the County Council will pay for the work, but they are exceedingly anxious to assist ground-people, too. In order to do that they are seeking the co-operation of nursing associations, and it would be a splendid progressive step were such an institution formed in every populous parish. These associations are maintained by voluntary contributions, and the nurses are paid out of the funds thus raised. In many of the local villages excellent work has been done by nursing associations, which are supported by all classes, who readily discern their value, but there are populous places where no such institution exists, owing to the unenterprising attitude of the people or a failure to raise the funds necessary to keep such an association going. The County Council scheme will make a nursing association possible in every populous parish, for the contribution made by them for the work done for the children will be a sure item of income, and the remainder of the expenditure would not be difficult to raise by voluntary means. The villagers must, therefore, co-operate with the County Council if they are to get the greatest benefit from the nursing proposals. We understand that where nursing associations undertake the County Council's work there will be no interference with their management, so that the local people will have their interest maintained. This is a wise plan, because if a local institution is to be made a success the responsibility must be placed on local people, and they must not have their management supervised. All the County Council will ask will be the discharge of the duties in regard to the two classes of children, for which they will make a contribution to the funds, and the association's work will go on as usual. In the villages where there are no nursing associations people interested in the welfare of their neighbours should begin themselves and endeavour to bring about the formation of such institutions. They need not apologise nowadays for seeking to take such a step, because the nursing association is coming to be regarded as necessary to village life, and evidence of its usefulness can be obtained from a score of places in the Barkston Ash Division. Funds might not be very readily forthcoming at the outset, but as soon as the people saw the benefits accruing to them from an association they would show no reluctance to giving it financial support. In parishes where no nursing associations exist the County Council will simply do their own work, but we believe that when the proposals are thoroughly understood no large village in the district will be without its own nurse.

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DEATHS.

HEMSWORTH.—April 20th, at Rosdeigh, Gledhow Wood Avenue, Roundhay, Sarah Ann, the beloved wife of Walter James Hunsworth, in her 63rd year.

LUMLEY.—April 20th, at 16, Prospect Terrace, Micklefield, William Lumley, the beloved husband of Elizabeth Ann Lumley.

LINDLEY.—April 15th, at Aberford, aged 80 years, George Lindley.

SMITH.—April 16th, at the residence of her son-in-law, Hollyshaw, Whitkirk, aged 92 years, Hannah, widow of John Smith, of London.

TEALE.—On Saturday, April 18th, at Sturton Lane, Garforth, in his 56th year, Thomas, the beloved husband of Jane Teale.

IN MEMORIAM.

BELL.—In loving memory of Harriet, the beloved wife of William Bell, Rectory Green, Swillington, who died April 21st, 1907.
"When a wife breathes her last farewell,
The strain is more than one can tell;
This earth is quite another place
Without the smile from her dear face."
"She is not dead, but sleepeth."
From her husband, Wm. BELL.

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FALKINGHAM.—In loving memory of Mary Eveline (Polly), eldest daughter of George and Annie Thornton, who died Easter, 1905, in her 22nd year.
"We do not forget her, we loved her too dearly
For her memory to fade from our hearts like a dream;
Our lips need not speak when our hearts mourn sincerely,
For grief often dwells where it seldom is seen."
From father, mother, and family.

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MARGINSON.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, George Marginson, who died April 25th, 1911.
"Thy will be done."
From wife and family.

Mrs Thomas Teale and family sincerely thank all friends for the kind sympathy shown in their sad bereavement. 1 768

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS

ROTHWELL

PASSENGER TRAIN.—A passenger train was started at the Rothwell Station on Wednesday afternoon. The train, which was made up of two carriages, conformed to the railway officials. There is some talk of running the 'buses in connection with the train from the Rothwell Station.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr. J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sugden-Musgrave, Mr. R. D. Kitson, Mr. J. R. Cross, Mr. J. Hirst, Mr. E. Parkin, Mr. S. Hudson, Mr. J. B. Breed, and Mr. J. Braithwaite.

DISTURBANCE AT THE WORKHOUSE.—There was a sequel to a Monday night disturbance at the Hunslet Workhouse, Rothwell, when an inmate of the institution named Thomas Hebden, described as a chimney sweep, was charged at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday with having been drunk and disorderly and with doing wilful damage to a window. The workhouse master, Mr. Cheetham, stated that prisoner was allowed special leave on Monday and returned to the institution about 6.20 p.m. the worse for drink. He was seen at the female side amongst the young women, and he was brought across and ordered to go to bed, but after a few minutes had elapsed he became violent and threatened to break in the door with the ashpan. He broke the window with his fists. Asked if he had any questions to ask, prisoner said he was not so much the worse for drink; it was only the smile of the master. The Chairman said that prisoner had to be punished. He used obscene language. P.C. Womack gave evidence as to receiving Hebden into custody from the master. Hebden was asked if he wished to speak as to the general character of the man, and he was allowed to do so. Tony had had the man in the house for years, he said, and he was a very good example to the young women, who were well conducted. Hebden was sent to prison for one month on each charge.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell White Rose are now in the field for the Rothwell Shield. On Saturday they played New Wortley Gas Works in the semi-final at Rothwell, and won by four goals to two. New Wortley had brought a somewhat different team to that which opposed the White Rose on Easter Monday, when they lost by five goals to nothing. In the first half the homesters did not seem to be up to their usual form; they had not free a penalty still fewer, but the passing might have been much better. Parfitt started for White Rose, who were the aggressors for the first few minutes, but had capably checked by the wind. Wortley soon gained the upper hand, which resulted in Broughton registering the first goal. Dilsford play followed, until an opening was afforded Parfitt to equalise, which he did with a fine shot. A similar opportunity occurred almost in the next minute, Hughes had possession, and after passing the ball to Parfitt in the centre the latter dribbled up until within easy range of the sticks and shot in. The goalie bungled matters in trying to save, and the ball went into the net. On the game being set in motion, the visitors were quick to assume and commenced a dangerous movement which Taylor failed to stop, but offside robbed the visitors of a chance. Before the interval Wortley had again taken the lead with a goal by Whitehead, who scored with a long shot from the half-way line. Soon after the commencement of the second half the homesters gained the advantage from a free kick, and Abrams shot in, but the Wortley custodian had no difficulty in saving. A fruitless corner followed. Dewsbury then pulled up for more offside play. From the free kick which followed Parfitt gained possession of the leather, and again dribbling up scored the equaliser. The third goal for the homesters was the outcome of a breakaway by Hughes, who centred for Parfitt to score. Wortley were afterwards pressed in their own territory, and Hughes attempted a shot at the goal, but the goal-keeper saved by rushing out and clearing. Parfitt scored the fourth goal.

ROTHWELL P.C. DEFEATED.—The Rothwell Parish Church football team brought the season's fixtures to a close on Saturday, when they were at home to Horsforth. The visitors were the better team, and won by two goals to nil.

On Sunday night Lieut. Blackwell, who has latterly had charge of the Salvation Army at Rothwell, bade farewell to the Corps. The officer will take up duties at Harrogate. The new officers to the Rothwell Corps are Ensign and Mrs Bristow, who come from Gosforth.

DOGGY CASE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Percy Clegg, a pony driver, of Hunslet, was summoned for having a dog without a collar bearing the owner's name. P.S. Metcalf stated he found the dog at Rothwell. Clegg was fined 1s. and costs.

DISORDER.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Jeffries, miner, of Rothwell Haigh, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly in Marsh Street, Rothwell, on Friday, April 3rd. P.C. Bosomworth proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

AFTER THE STRIKE.—The miners in the Rothwell district have all settled down to work once more. Last Friday and Saturday were busy days for the officials at the pitheads when the men signed on. It is said by a well-known official of Messrs Charlesworth that at the Newmarket Pit more men signed on than ever.

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—At the London College of Music examination held in Leeds on Thursday, the 16th inst, the following students, who are under the tuition of Mr. T. A. Idle, L.L.C.M., were successful:—Roland Charlesworth (A.L.C.M.), Albert Wilcock (advanced senior), Tom Wild (senior), and Henry Parker (intermediate).—Advt.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—In aid of the new organ fund of the Primitive Methodist Church the united people's augmented choir bringing to the Wesleyan Church rendered the cantata "The Home at Bethany." The soloists were Miss Bessie Hopper, Miss E. Varley (contralto), Mr. E. Knee (tenor), and Mr. R. Firth (bass). There was a good attendance. Mr. W. Robinson presiding, the proceeds being for the duty to be levied on organs.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Dacre, miner, of Rothwell, was summoned for being drunk on the licensed premises. P.C. Bosomworth stated that about 7-45 p.m. on Sunday, April 12th, he was in Commercial Street, Rothwell, when he saw the defendant who was in a drunken condition. After the Coach and Horses Inn. A few moments later he followed, and found the landlord trying to put the man out. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax.—Application—William Pulkin, Leeds, sectional roofs for haystacks and other temporary erections; Carlton C. Mitchell, Wakefield, improvements in organs; post Henry Parker, Barnsley, non-slipping horse-shoes and bars for making same. Patent accepted—Dr. A. F. Dimmock, Harrogate, improvements in golf balls (patent of addition).

THE STRIKE SETTLEMENT.—In regard to the settlement proposals of the Joint Committee of the Conciliation Board, Mr. Charles Duncan, M.P., general secretary of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, stated that a copy of the terms had been sent to the secretaries of the branches for submission to the meetings of the men. Mr. Duncan explained that "all collieries . . . under Sir Edward Clarke's award of January 30th, 1914, the men were paid from 7½d. per day to 9d. per day, according to the number of days they put less than 7½ per day, and that the ascertainment of the average for the purpose of the bonus and the payment of a higher rate of wages continues and the payment of a higher or lower minimum. Any arrears of wages found to be due at any colliery can be paid from the 1st of March to the date of Sir. Edward Clarke's award of January 30th, 1914. It was, therefore, agreed that the men return to work as the earliest possible date in their respective districts, and that the 20th inst., and as far as possible all men shall return to the employment in which they were engaged at the date of the strike began."

CRICKET.—On Wednesday afternoon Leeds City Tramways met Rothwell Wednesday on the final round of the Hall-Holiday Cup Competition on the Arcadia grounds, Hunslet. The Tramway team, who had to face both sun and wind, combined better than their opponents, and quite held their own in the first half, but had no luck with their batting efforts. The total was twice netted as a result of capital combined work by Billiards, King, Burton, Wood, and Goodeham, but no great stand was made by any batsman. Rothwell had their full share of attacking, Ellis, Taylor, and Elliott steadily working hard at the bowling. Both sides had a narrow escape from defeat, the Tramways being all out for 84. Rothwell and Leeds goals were speedily defended excellently, however, and 40 minutes had elapsed before Taylor and Elliott, Rothwell with a decided advantage, with Bennett in the second half the Tramways team had much the better of the argument, but 10 minutes after the resumption King got out, and the scores, after the final ball, had been equalised. After a fruitless free kick by Rothwell in the Leeds goalmouth, the Tramways from rank broke smartly away, and Mortimer equalised, by scoring with a low shot. Result—Leeds City Tramways 1 goal, Rothwell Wednesday 1 goal. The H.R. Jones, a life member and secretary of the Half-Holiday League, presented the cup to the winners.

ROTHWELL CHICKEN BUTTS.—Rothwell ballringers have, with the exception of one given up pugnacious habit, it is said, to now confine their fighting to the Victor. The belfry fees being imposed by the Vicar. The belfry have recently been repairing through the benefactions of the parishioners, and a few weeks ago the bells were rung for the first time after a silence of two years. Six of the former ringers were obtained, and all went well until the bells were inforced that a fee of 2s. per man per year. Before the bells were repaired the ringers received 2s. 6d. each, which meant a yearly income of £12 to be divided amongst them. Under the new conditions the men would receive £12 to be divided amongst the six, which is a loss of £6 as compared with the old order of things. This harmony fell upon deaf ears. One of the ringers, who has had a thirty years' experience, in conversation with our representative, spoke of more trouble had nothing to do with the fees, but the money, as they were not satisfied with the former arrangement of £2 a bell. The dissatisfaction was due to the charge which had been enforced. He recalled how in past years as many as ten men had been rung in the £16. The men, however, were not inclined to continue ringing under the changed conditions, as they felt their services were not being appreciated. The fees in former years had been made up half from the church funds and the other half by subscriptions. Since the bells have been repaired a number of young men have been practising during the week, and now they are being conducted by the one former bell-ringer. However, their skill at present does not allow a proper peal to be rung. On Sunday the bells did not call the people to service.

ALLERTON BYWATER

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Ed. Harris, miner, of Allerton Bywater, and James Scott, of Great Preston, were summoned for using obscene language at Great Preston on April 11th at about 10.15 p.m. P.C. Eadon proved the case, Harris was fined 10s. and costs and Scott 2s. 6d. and costs.

BARWICK

At the adjourned vestry meeting held on Monday evening Mr A. Sykes and Mr John Thorpe were elected people's wardens, and Mr John Robshaw was nominated as Rector's warden.

BOWERS ALLERTON

SUCCESS.—At the recent examinations held at Leeds in connection with the London College of Music, Albert Smith, of 4, Hollinhurst, gained an honours certificate in the elementary section for violin playing.

CROSSGATES

WEDDING.—In another column the announcement is made of the silver wedding of Mr and Mrs Barley, who now reside at Headingley. This marriage was the first that was solemnized in the Crossgates Wesleyan Church, now used as the schoolroom.

CAUGHT IN A POLICE TRAP.—On Tuesday at Leeds Police Court—before Mr H. Marshall (the Stipendiary Magistrate)—it was stated that Harold Dewhirst, of Wellington Lodge, Scarcroft, was driving a trap in Scarcroft village and past a school at 29 miles an hour, and in ordering him to pay 40s. and costs the magistrate remarked that it was a very dangerous offence. When caught the defendant told the officer he had "slacked down in the village because of complaints."

THE LATE MR W. HOLLIDAY.—After a long illness Mr William Holliday, a well-known resident, died at the age of 62 years at his residence in Austhorpe Road on Friday. The deceased, who had lived in the village for many years, was prominently identified with the Wesleyan Church, and for a long time he discharged the duties of chapel steward in an eminently satisfactory manner. He took no part in the public life of the district. Mr Holliday, who enjoyed the esteem and respect of a wide circle of friends, leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss.

VESTRY MEETING.—The annual Vestry meeting at St. James' Church, Manston, was held on Monday night—the Vicar presiding. The churchwardens' accounts showed that the offertories for the year amounted to £107 12s. 7d., as compared with £115 9s. 7d. in the previous year. The total receipts were £199 2s. 7d., as against £117 5s. 4d. Mr A. Chadwick was nominated vicar's warden and Mr Harry Mann was appointed the people's warden, in place of Mr J. R. White, who is going to reside at Scarborough. A resolution expressing appreciation of Mr White's long and valuable services to the church was passed. The following gentlemen were appointed the Church Council, viz., Messrs Brandfield, Read, Walton, Dearnley, Harland, E. White, Flather, Mather, and R. C. Williams.

GARFORTH

FOOTBALL.—It was understood that the appeal by Garforth White Rose Club against the decision of the Appeals Board was to be heard by the West Riding Association on Saturday night, but it did not come before the meeting. Mr Brunt has written to Garforth asking the grounds for their appeal, and a reply has been sent.

CONNER'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Conner, a bye-workman, of Garforth, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the Wakefield Road, Garforth, on Monday, April 13th. He refused to go away when spoken to by P.C. Jackson, and had to be taken to the lock-up. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Hugh Blackhouse, pelthandle, and Jesse Parish, labourer, of Garforth, were summoned for having used obscene language at Garforth on Sunday, April 12th. P.C. Abercrombie proved the case, and said he heard the defendants using the language complained of in Kippax Lane. Both defendants were fined 5s. and costs.

AFTER FIFTY YEARS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Taylor, of Garforth, was summoned for not keeping a pig which he had purchased isolated in accordance with the regulations. The case was proved by P.C. Jackson. Asked how long he had kept pigs, the defendant replied that he had kept them for fifty years, but did not know the rules. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Interest in the meritorious programmes at the Picture House has been well maintained, and the audiences have thoroughly appreciated the fare provided. It should be noted that for to-night and Saturday the principal attractions will be "A fight for a fortune," and "The children of the gipsy," films of a very high order. For next week capital programmes are promised. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday "A Friend of His" (a powerful story of intrigue and mystery), and "Rock of Ages," a beautiful picture inspired by the well-known hymn, will be the two principal films. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "The Queen of India," a powerful story of intrigue and love, and sensational fights and breathless escapes, and "Estrellita," a stirring incident of the Peninsular War, will be outstanding features. Other films, humorous and dramatic, will complete the programme. For times and prices see advt.

THE LATE MR THOMAS TEALE.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Thomas Teale (55), of Swarcliffe, one of the best-known residents of Garforth. Deceased had had an apoplectic seizure, and lived on Saturday morning. Mr Teale, who was employed at Garforth Colliery as an engineer, had a fine record as a member of Garforth Church choir. He joined the choir when a lad, and was a member for 40 years. Being a great musician, he was a member of the old Garforth Brass Band, of which his father was conductor. Deceased leaves a widow and a family of two sons and four daughters (the youngest 10) to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at Garforth Church on Tuesday afternoon, and the service which was attended by the choir, was conducted by the Rector (Rev. T. E. R. Wilford) and the curate (Rev. J. W. Mason). There was a large gathering at the funeral, among those present being Mr Dent and other officials at Garforth Colliery, and the officials of the West Riding Engineers's Association, of which Mr Teale had been a member for nearly forty years.

GREAT PRESTON

THE SCHOOL.—At Great Preston School last month there were 170 children on the register, and the average attendance was 155, the percentage being 91.17 against 78.84 for March last year.

NEGLECTING TO EDUCATE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Brealey, miner, of Great Preston, was summoned by Mr H. W. Powell, Clerk to the Garforth Education Committee, for not sending his two children to school. The wife appeared. It was stated that one of the children had only attended the school 36 times out of a possible 87, and the other 103 times out of a possible 127. Orders to send the children to school were made. The magistrates also made an order in the case of Elizabeth Binsley, widow, of Great Preston, who was also summoned for not sending her child to school. The child had only been present on 57 occasions out of a possible 127.

HALTON

THE SCHOOLS.—In the Templenewsam Schools last month there were 576 children on the registers. The percentages of attendance were as follows:—Halton mixed, 88.26 against 85.57 for March last year; Halton Infants, 86.61 and 72.99; Colton, 89.08 and 89.76.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter P. Wood, carting agent, of Halton, was summoned for being in charge of a vehicle without a light. P.C. Robinson stated that when on the Leeds and Selby Road, Halton, about 11.40 p.m. on Friday, April 10th, he saw the defendant leading a horse and cart, on which there was no light. The defendant said that it had only just gone out. Wood was fined 1s. and costs.

LANGUAGE IN THE HOME.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Albert Richmond, miners, of Halton, were summoned for using abusive language at Halton on Saturday, October 4th. P.C. Taylor stated that when on duty at Halton he heard a disturbance in the village, and upon going to the scene found the defendants in their houses shouting and making use of bad language. The doors of the houses were open. The defendants were fined 5s. and costs.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—In aid of the New Guinea Mission two performances of "The Prisoner of Zenda," by Anthony Hope, were given on Wednesday in the Parochial Hall, Halton, by members of the Leeds Girls' High School Dramatic Society. The evening performance was very well attended, and the audience showed a marked appreciation of the creditable manner in which the play was presented. "The Prisoner of Zenda" is so well-known that it does not require retelling. Miss R. L. Bolton sustained the roles of the King and Rudolph Rassendyll excellently, and Miss Prisoner of Zenda," by Anthony Hope, were given on Wednesday in the Parochial Hall, Halton, by members of the Leeds Girls' High School Dramatic Society. The evening performance was very well attended, and the audience showed a marked appreciation of the creditable manner in which the play was presented. "The Prisoner of Zenda" is so well-known that it does not require retelling. Miss R. L. Bolton sustained the roles of the King and Rudolph Rassendyll excellently, and Miss McLaren made a capital Duke Michael. The parts of Col. Sapt and Fritz von Tarlenheim were well presented by Misses Nixon and Aspey, while great credit was due to Miss G. Brotherton, as Bertram Bertrand. Miss Christie was capital as the Mayor of Strelsau, and Miss Elsie Dewhirst was warmly applauded for her acting as the Princess Flavia. The other parts were well sustained, the characters being:—Captain Fritsch, Miss H. Battle; Detchard, Miss K. Hentiens, Miss H. Battle; Detchard, Miss K. A. Bacon; Marshall Strakencz, Miss E. M. Bruce; Lorenz Teppich, Chancellor of Ruritania, Miss M. Dixon; Lord Topham, the English Ambassador, Miss M. C. Pearson; Ludwig, Miss F. G. Foster; Toni, Miss M. C. Pearson; Josef, Miss E. L. Bolton; Antonette de Mauban, Miss M. Ward; Frau Teppich, wife of Franz Teppich, Miss M. Fletcher; lady-in-waiting, Miss M. Rimmington; and pages, Misses M. Lee and H. Lee. Miss Fenner and Miss B. Lee and H. Lee.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Fred Baker and George Hilton, miners, of Kippax, were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly on the Preston Road, Great Preston, on Saturday, April 4th. The officer said the defendants used very bad language. As the defendants did not put in an appearance they were each fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

STRIKE NO EXCUSE FOR STEALING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday four miners, William Varley, William Pickersgill, Joseph Varley, and Joseph Varley, of Kippax, were summoned for being in possession of a sodden tree, valued at 5s. Evidence was given by George William Slater, gamekeeper to Mr J. Bland, of Kippax Park, and Mr Hey said that about 3.30 p.m. on April 8th he was coming home from the direction of Kippax when he met four men with the tree, which was about six yards in length. He stopped the men, who admitted that they had got it from the estate. Asked by the Chairman to account for their action, one of the defendants said they had no fire and no coal, and they had seen the tree lying about. They were out walking and did not think they were doing wrong. The Chairman said if they were on strike it did not excuse them in the least. He asked them if they had started work and was told that they would do so the following day. Each defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs and the value of the tree.

LEDSHAM

At the Ledsham School last month the percentage of attendance was 89.70 against 88 for March last year.

MICKLEFIELD

On the registers at Micklefield Schools last month there were the names of 257 children in the mixed school the percentage of attendance was 90.95 against 92.38 in March last year, and at the Infants' School 86.11 and 87.29.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Hird, joiner, of Micklefield, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Barwick Lane, Garforth, on Saturday, April 11th. When seen by P.C. Jackson he refused to give his name and address and had to be locked up. He was fined 5s. and costs.

MOOR ALLERTON

MRS SARAH JANE ROGERS, of Moortown, left estate valued at £7,030.

VESTRY MEETING AT MOOR ALLERTON.—The Vicar (the Rev. Godwin Birchenough) presided over the annual vestry meeting at Moor Allerton Church. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £31 6s. 6d. The Vicar nominated Mr Herbert Ambler as his warden, and Mr James Hudson was elected people's warden. It was decided to increase the number of sidesmen from six to eight, and Messrs Fletcher, Hird, Hornor, Jessop, Kitchen, Milner, Pearson, and Richardson were elected to hold office. It was decided to appeal to the congregation for funds to erect a memorial to the late Mr Bower Brooke, senior trustee of the living and vicar's warden, who was killed in the hunting field last month. A lengthy discussion took place as to the possibility of mitigating the difficulty caused by the fact that so many of the pews were appropriated, and ultimately it was resolved that on and after January 1st all seats should be free five minutes before the service began.

METHLEY

Charles Harrison (40), farmer, Folly Fold, Lofthouse Gate, who was kicked in the stomach by a horse in a stable, died at the Wakefield Clayton Hospital on Friday night.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr and Mrs Jas Hartley, of Methley, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday. They were married at Methley Church, and have lived in the village practically the whole of their married life. They have seven children living, and 30 grandchildren. Mr Hartley is 75 and Mrs Hartley 74.

MIDDLETON

FOUND IN A POND.—An inquest was held at the Middleton Institute, on Friday, on Walter Shivell (48), slater, of William's Yard, Hunslet, whose body was found by Alfred Cook, of 7, Rothesay Mount, in Cowper's Spring Middleton. Margaret Mossey Gorman, who had been living with Shivell, said he left home on the evening of Wednesday, March 25th, to go to Holroyd's Mill, where he worked, but she went to look for him and could not find him. Shivell had been in failing health since Christmas, and attributed this to an accident some years ago when he fell off a building. He said he when he fell off a building. He said he when he fell off a building. He said he

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night—Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. There were also present were Messrs. G. W. Blakey (vice-chairman), S. R. Chadwick, T. P. Wade, J. Armitage, T. Kirkby, S. Dobson, T. Ellis, J. Cordon, J. Horner, R. McCullough, W. Lunn, W. Wade, W. Speaker, and W. Robinson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer (Dr. H. Stevenson), the sanitary inspector (Mr. E. J. Moorhouse), the health visitor (Miss Stowell), and the surveyor (Mr J. Southward).

CHAIRMANSHIP.

The first business was the election of the Chairman, and it was moved by Mr Chadwick that Mr Hirst be re-elected. Most members would agree, he said, that Mr Hirst had conducted the business very impartially. In introduced the business very impartially. In introduced the business very impartially. In introduced

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Mascot," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

CHAPTER IX.

He came slowly downstairs, and looked full into Peter's face.

"Here's the parasol," he said, "and I am much obliged to you, Mr. Colthurst."

"I am very much obliged to you," said Peter.

"Your name, I understand, is Mr. Peter Colthurst?"

"Certainly," said Peter. "How did you find out?"

"Never mind how I found out. I am glad to meet you. Was your father with you at tea to-day? Was my old friend Paul present?"

"You surely did not know my father?"

"Not precisely; and yet in a measure I knew him. I was more vexed than I can say, Was Paul Colthurst at tea to-day? But of course he was."

"Yes, sir."

"And you live, my dear young girl?"

"We live at Connop Grange, in Surrey."

"Indeed, thank you. It's a pleasure to meet you. And this is Miss Lennox's parasol?"

Peter murmured something, and ran down the steps. "What awful people live in your house, Miss Ransome," he said, as he gave Pamela her sunshade.

"I suppose you expect that sort of thing," said Miss Ransome, in her gentle voice. "It is always said over the case with P.G.'s."

"I like P.G.'s all the same," remarked Pamela.

"It is quite impossible, Pam," said young Colthurst, looking at her, "that you could have admired those terrible people who were having tea in the same room with us to-day."

"No, I can't say I liked them; but never mind. As Miss Ransome says, there must be nice paying guests and nasty ones; it's all in the day's walk."

"What a funny little darling you are," said Peter. "I believe, under any circumstances, you would make the best of things."

They kept on for a short distance. Paul Colthurst was silent. After a time, he slipped behind with Miss Ransome.

"Patrick," he said, "who were those people who came into the room when we were having tea?"

"I didn't want you to meet them, of course," said Miss Patricia, raising her intensely anxious eyes to his face. "They were the Oswalds."

"What! The Oswalds, from South Africa?"

"Yes."

Paul uttered a quick sigh. "Patricia," he said, after a pause, "whatever happens you must get out of that house."

"I don't think I can," said Miss Patricia.

"I like Mrs. Luck, and she wants my money. The very little I can pay is a help to her, and so one else would take my room."

"It must be a room that does not suit you in-in, then, Patricia. Oh, the whole thing is impossible; you can't remain there. I must get you other rooms. It will give me the greatest pleasure, the greatest delight, to do so."

At this moment the young people stopped. They had reached a corner where the road spread itself to the right and left of them. People were hurrying by. The traffic at this hour was terribly congested. The noise was continually stopping it. The entire street seemed at a standstill.

"I am glad we live in the country," said Pamela, and she pressed close to Peter's side as she spoke. He looked at her, his eyes shining brightly. She forgot all his entire world. She was dearer to him than she could ever have believed possible. When she was there she forgot Paul and everyone else on earth. She seemed to feel the influence of his love. It was like magic surrounding her—it glorified the whole atmosphere.

"Peter," she said, "you will never ask me to live in London!"

"Never, darling," he answered, and he spoke with firmness. "I will take some beautiful place in the country."

He glanced back as he spoke towards his father. Paul was holding up his hand to indicate that he wished to approach. Presently, the four were seated therein. Then Paul spoke to Miss Patricia.

"We must arrange now what day you come and stay with us."

When he said these words, Pamela ceased to listen to Peter's soft tones. She turned and faced the lady.

"Indeed, you must come," she said, in her sweet voice.

"We shall so love to have you. And now that we know for our very own selves that P.G.'s haven't the very best time in the whole world, we won't leave one stone unturned to give you a good time when you are with us—no, not one stone. When will you come?"

Miss Patricia's eyes were fixed on Peter. At the three who surrounded her, Peter was the one to whom her heart went out. But he said nothing. An uncomfortable impulse oppressed her. She bent forward, and laid her thin hand on the young man's knee.

"Shall I come?" she said.

"Why, of course," he replied, starting and looking at her in some surprise.

She coloured faintly. She knew at a glance that to him it was a matter of indifference whether she came or not. Her quick intuition darted through her mind. She had been asked—oh! a long time ago, by the mother of this boy, to give him up. She had given him up, driven to do so by force of circumstances; and now she was nothing to him, nothing at all. It was better for both of them, better for the Colthursts that she did not visit Connop Grange.

A wild desire to make herself essential to Peter caused her to say in a low tone:

"I will accept your invitation, Paul, and you yourself must choose the day."

"Any day, but let it be soon," said Pamela.

"But your mother, my dear child," said Miss Patricia.

"I know all mother's plans," answered the girl, "and we've heaps and heaps of rooms. Will you come—say, to-morrow, Patricia?"

"Yes, come to-morrow, Patricia," said Colthurst.

"I will," she replied.

After this, they drove for an hour and more in the Park, and then Paul Colthurst saw them off at Victoria and drove back herself in the taxi-cab to No. 10, Jones-street, Russell-square.

What a long, delightful, fascinating evening she had had! She wished upstairs past the drawing-room floor where sounds and signs of merriment were distinctly heard. The Perkinses had, of course, arrived.

Miss Patricia was the proud possession of the Oswalds, and mounted up and up until she reached her attic. If Miss Patricia's attic was cold and miserable in winter, it was intolerably hot in summer. It faced west, and the sun seemed to bake the roof, and to beat fiercely into the little chamber. But at that moment Miss Patricia Ransome was indifferent to heat, indifferent to so physical discomfort. To-morrow she was going away. She was to have a whole week with the one she loved best on earth. She felt that for Peter she could die. She had the kindest of regards for Paul, but she stood on an altogether different pedestal. She was in danger, too. But that fact only excited her. There were, she knew well, rocks ahead. The Oswalds—it would be absolutely impossible to keep the Oswalds from knowing that the Colthursts had been taken of tea with her in the little salon that afternoon. To get Colthurst's address would be an easy matter. Mrs. Oswald would persecute Colthurst, and Colthurst was the last sort of man to stand that kind of persecution; but there was nothing in all the world that would make Oswald guess Peter's true birth. Until he discovered that, nothing else was of much consequence.

"He will do his utmost, there is no doubt; but I spoke in the marriage, but he won't succeed," thought Miss Ransome. "It is well that I at least know all. Paul Colthurst and I know everything. Oh, yes, Peter, you shall marry that sweet girl whom you love, and who is worthy of you, and some day you shall be the owner of Connop Grange and Brabazon Hall, and all the other great properties which were left to your father—to your supposed father—by his great friend. Peter, a long, long time ago."

There came a tap at Miss Patricia's door. She opened it. Hattie Luck stood outside.

"May I come in?" she asked.

"Certainly, dear," said Miss Patricia.

Hattie looked tired.

"Whew!" she said. "How hot this room is! It really isn't right of mother to take people's money and put you in a room like this. I don't call it fair."

"Please don't grumble, Hattie. I don't mind sleeping here. It's quite a nice little room in the spring and the late autumn. It's only in winter and the middle of summer that somehow I should like it different. But we can't have everything, and you let me have it cheap, dear."

"Cheap!" said Hattie, in a voice of scorn. "We ought not to charge you a halfpenny for it. It's nothing better than a box-room, and mother actually makes you pay her a shilling a day for living in this room, in addition to your meals; and, dear Miss Patricia, you eat about as much as would feed a cat or a crow. I call it horrid. Sometimes I wish—oh! I don't know what I wish."

"You're a good little thing, Hattie, and you mustn't fret about me. I am interested in you and your mother, and I want your venture to pay."

"It doesn't ever pay," said poor Miss Hattie. "We get such horrid people here. If we could afford to do things in a better style we might have a chance; but in a house of this sort there's no hope. You see for yourself the kind of guests we have. With the exception of you, Miss Patricia, and one of the Marshalls, there are no people in this house fit to be seen, and I think that the Perkinses have come, things are really past enduring."

"I wish you could get a change," said Miss Patricia. "There is in my power you should be going into the country to-morrow instead of me."

"Oh dear!" said Miss Hattie, her eyes brightening. "Are you really going away to-morrow?"

"Yes, I am going for a week to those friends who had tea with me this afternoon."

"How lovely! Were they nice?" said Miss Hattie. "I took a peep at them as they were sitting round the table, and I really don't know what I admired the most. That elderly gentleman—oh! if we had a man like that in the house, wouldn't we be proud, and work the house, wouldn't we be proud, and work the house, wouldn't we be proud, and work

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS.

QUESTION OF A RECREATION GROUND.

HOUSING—DANGER AT WOODLESFORD STATION.

The annual meeting of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council was held at the Harold Hall, Oulton on Tuesday night—Mr W. Poole (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr R. Wood Higgins, Mr H. Parkin, Mr W. Smith Mr T. Hurdiss, Mr T. H. Myton, and Mr J. Owen with the Clerk (Mr W. Cowper).

In answer to Mr Myton, the Clerk said all the book rolls for the allotments had been paid, and all the allotments had been taken.

On the motion of Mr Higgins, seconded by Mr Owen, Mr Parkin was elected as chairman for the ensuing year.

In returning thanks, Mr Parkin said he hoped he would be able to fulfil the necessary duties to the satisfaction of all.

A vote of thanks to the retiring chairman (Mr W. Poole) was accorded on the motion of Mr Myton, seconded by Mr Smith.

Mr Poole returned thanks, and said what he had done he had tried to do to the best of his ability and for the welfare of the ratepayers.

Mr R. Wood Higgins and Mr Wode were re-elected overseers.

Mr Higgins, in responding, said so far as he was concerned the election was unique. Mr Wade had been overseer for twelve years, but he had acted in the capacity for thirty years. During that time one had seen wonderful changes in Oulton and Woodlesford, but none so great as at the present time. Before very long the two villages would have a large number of inhabitants. He had always endeavoured to keep the rates down as much as possible, and now they were reduced by twopence in the £1. As overseers, he and Mr Wade had a great responsibility, but they were fortunate in having an excellent assistant overseer in Mr A. Sharpe, who had more work than his predecessor. The estimates of income and expenditure were presented, which showed that from the poor rate of 2s. 8d. in the £1 £3,316 1s. 4d. would be gathered in, while the special expenses rate of 6d. in the £1 would yield £547 5s. 9d.

Mr W. Smith was re-elected vice-chairman.

It was resolved that the sanitary rate collector's salary be £20.

A reply from the Clerk of the Hunslet Rural District Council respecting the letter forwarded by the Parish Council in regard to the subpoena in Alma Street, Woodlesford, was read, stating that the medical officer had inspected the ashpits, and only a few unimportant defects had been noted.

Mr Myton said it was a funny thing that the medical officer came round twice in order to make certain.

A letter was also read respecting the Webster Charity, stating that payment cannot be made to a child forming a skilled trade. The execution of indenture of apprenticeship is necessary to enable a child to receive help from the charity.

It was resolved that the Clerk apply for a copy of the scheme regulating the charity.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in answer to the one sent by the Clerk, asking for permission to adopt the Public Improvement Act of 1860 for the provision of a recreation ground. The letter stated that it was necessary to adopt the Act, it must be adopted by the parish meeting. The Parish Council had the power under section 8 of the Local Government Act to provide such a ground without any such adoption, and also to borrow a loan. The letter also asked for a number of particulars, including a copy of the resolution of the Parish Council respecting the question, a copy of the consent of the parish meeting, a map copy of the consent of the parish meeting, a map of the parish showing the position of the ground, a plan of the ground on a larger scale showing how it is to be laid out, a plan showing what buildings would be erected, and an estimate to show how the amount of the loan is made up.

After some discussion a resolution was moved by Mr Myton that the agent of Stocking Field, Woodlesford (Mr R. Rhodes), be approached respecting the loaning of the ground.

Mr Owen seconded the resolution.

An amendment was moved by Mr Smith that the matter be postponed sine die.

Mr W. Poole seconded.

On a vote being taken three voted for the amendment and three for the resolution, the Chairman declining to vote.

Mr Myton said if the Chairman would not vote he would demand a poll of the ratepayers on the subject.

The Chairman said under the circumstances, and to help matters, he would vote for the resolution.

It was resolved that the Chairman, Mr R. Wood Higgins and Mr Owen approach the Council.

Mr Parkin asked if they could not, of they got the land, let the children play on it without going to the trouble of draining and levelling it, so long as they kept the fences in order. If they were to drain and level the ground it would mean a considerable expense.

Mr Higgins said that they would be liable for any accident that might happen to children in the adjoining quarry.

The matter was then dropped.

The housing problem was the next subject on the agenda, but owing to the steps which have been taken by the District Council and by Messrs. Briggs, Mr Myton withdrew the matter.

The following memorial, proposed by Mr Myton, and seconded by Mr Higgins, was unanimously passed, and is to be forwarded to the Midland Railway Co.:—"Taking into consideration the steadily increasing traffic at your station at Woodlesford, both as regards passenger and goods, the Parish Council of Oulton-with-Woodlesford present this memorial asking that your careful consideration may be given to the necessity of erecting either a bridge or subway at the level crossing, as a safeguard against the lives of the numerous passengers daily crossing. They also point out the inconvenience caused to passengers by the "up" platform being of insufficient length, making it necessary for the greater part of the trains to draw up a second time before they can discharge all the passengers. The Council wish at the same to express their appreciation of the very careful attention paid at this dangerous crossing by the station-master and his staff, as, but for their vigilence, many serious accidents would have occurred. The Council trust that the matter shall have your most careful attention."

N.E.R. GUIDE.—The N.E.R. Co. have just issued their guide to hotels, lodgings, etc., in the towns and villages on their system, and it should prove very handy to holiday-makers. The Guide, which extends to 250 pages, is excellently printed, and besides the information referred to, it contains many interesting facts relative to travelling, fares, etc., as well as an excellent map of the North-East of England.

CROSSGATES AND SEACROFT LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Crossgates and Seacroft Liberal Association was held on Friday evening in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Crossgates, and there was a fair attendance. Mr W. G. Smithson, the retiring President, was in the chair.

The Hon. Sec. (Mr A. Vollans), read the annual report, in which he stated that during the summer of 1913 some of them attended the fete at the residence of Mr Martin Harvey, President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association, and of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association, and some were fortunate in being able to attend the garden party at Mr and Mrs Denbitch's, Whingate, on Saturday, 2 September last, and also, more recently, the splendid reception given by the prospective candidate, Mr E. H. Foster, at the Leeds Liberal Club. The secretary, at the request of the Executive Committee, sent a letter conveying a resolution of confidence, passed at a meeting held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, and, in reply, received a communication from the Secretary of the Prime Minister, expressing thanks for the resolution.

"We regret," he said, "the absence from the Leeds City Council of Mr Walter Thompson, who has so mentally fought the battle of Liberalism at the last two elections. Our hope is in Mr Thompson allowing himself to be brought forward next November, and at the third time of asking finding himself at the top of the poll. In Mr Foster, our Parliamentary candidate, we undoubtedly have a man of good personality, tact, and common-sense, and whom we feel confident, if elected, would represent the electors irrespective of party or creed. Mr Foster, we understand, has made rapid strides in his campaign, and we are confident at the next General Election, even though our Tory friends will relish a diversion of forces, we shall, by united effort, place him in the House of Commons."

The hon. treasurer (Mr Walter Thompson) reported a good balance in hand, the membership had increased, and all things considered the outlook for Liberalism in the district was very good.

A hearty vote of thanks, on the call of Mr Sutcliffe, seconded by Mr Drake, was accorded the Hon. Sec. (Mr Vollans) for his excellent report and services during the past year.

Officers were appointed as follows:—President, Mr Walter Thompson; vice-presidents, Messrs G. W. Beaumont, C. Cousill, F. Harrop, J. Jenkinson, F. Avison, W. W. Popplewell, F. W. Sutcliffe, J. J. Dewhirst, H. Johnson, J. Rhodes, W. G. Smithson, Job Day, and Brownhill; hon. sec., Mr A. Vollans, Woodland Villas, Swarcliffe; committee, Messrs A. J. Wood, G. A. Drake, A. Scurr, E. C. White, J. Pickersgill, F. R. Carlton, A. Withy E. V. Steele, and Gordon; representative to Barkston Ash Executive, Mr W. Thompson, and Mr A. Vollans; representative on General Council, Messrs Smithson, Avison, Popplewell, Stott, Carlton, Vollans, Wallace, C. Cowell, Wood, Steele, and Withy; delegate to North Leeds Liberal 1,000, Messrs F. W. Sutcliffe, W. G. Smithson, G. A. Drake, and A. Vollans; representatives on North Leeds Executive, Mr Walter Thompson and Mr Fred Hartop.

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe proposed a vote of thanks to the officials for their services during the past year, and this was seconded by Mr W. Popplewell, and carried. Mr W. G. Smithson responded on behalf of the officials.

KIPPAX COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Kippax Council was held on Monday evening—Mr S. R. Silverwood presiding. The other members present were Mr John Cripwell, Mr W. A. Dickinson, Mr J. Hewitt, Mr J. W. Mackenzie, Mr R. Johnson, Mr F. Whateley, and Mr D. Mackintosh.

It was reported that the deputation which was appointed by the parish meeting to interview Mr Bland anent a recreation field had not had an opportunity to do so. A letter had been received from Mr Forbes respecting the proposed interview, and the deputation is to meet Mr Forbes and consider the matter as soon as convenient.

The Council was in receipt of a communication respecting a field of arable land for use as a playing field. This would require to be sown down to grass, but as this field was not thought suitable for the purpose the Council did not consider it advisable to do anything in regard to the field in Gibson Lane.

Mr J. Cripwell, Mr J. W. Mackenzie, and Mr W. A. Dickinson were appointed the overseers for the ensuing year.

The advisability of placing gas lamps on the Common and at the back of Beldercliffe Terrace as recommended by the parish meeting was discussed, and it was agreed to appoint a committee to view the sites and report to a future Council meeting.

Complaint was made anent the practice of tipping nightsoil in Sandy Gate Lane. This was stated to be a perfect nuisance, and constituted a danger to the many children who frequent this lane. It was agreed to write the inspector in relation to this matter.

The question of the carting of privy ashes through the streets at night was considered. Mr MacKenzie: Is there not a contract fixing the time at which this business should be done?

Mr Cripwell: 10 o'clock in the morning is the latest hour, and no night soil is supposed to be removed after.

It was agreed to notify the authorities in relation to it.

The Council had under consideration the question of better light for the village. The introduction of gas, which was stated to be a much better illuminant than coal gas, was discussed. This gas would give a 40 candle-power light and burn 10½ hours for a penny.

The fireplace in one of the cottages in Blue Anchor Yard belonging to the Feather's Charity was in need of repair, and the old people, it was thought, preferred that marble jambs and nickel-plated and enamelled fire ranges should be substituted for the present old ones. The necessary repairs are to be attended to, but the latter change was not considered essential.

SELBY PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.—The annual meeting of the Selby Habitation of the Primrose League was held at the Conservative Club on Wednesday night. Ethel Lady Beaumont, of Carlton Towers, was re-elected Ruling Councillor, and Mrs Dundas Duncombe President. Mr Edward G. Whittaker, who met with a good reception, said that the Barkston Ash Division had a representative in Mr Lairs Fox that they could be proud of, and he believed it would be many years before the Division would change its Member. Our Empire, bound together by brotherly ties, would be able to stand against the world, and if by most all work so that the Empire would be kept together, no part being lost, either Ireland or any other portion. (Applause).

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A Roundhay Man's Affairs

UNHAPPY DOMESTIC STORY.

In the Leeds Bankruptcy Court yesterday Henry John Palethorpe, grocer, of 7, Greek Street, Leeds, living at "Cuckoostone," Lidgett Park, Roundhay, was up for examination. His statement of affairs showed his deficiency to be £207, and the debtor said his failure was owing to "loss of income from profession since 1906, and alimony to wife under deed of separation."

He is sixty-two years of age, and commenced practising as a solicitor in Leeds in 1884. In 1906 he executed a deed of separation from his wife, providing an allowance of £100 a year by monthly payments, but after 1908 he made the payments, he said, out of his capital, his income not being sufficient. His capital was now exhausted, and he filed his petition after his wife had taken out two writs against him.

In reply to Mr H. C. Benning, the Official Receiver, the debtor stated that he had fully secured creditors for £1,405. Under the will of his father, who died in 1903, he was entitled to a fourteenth share of an estate of the value of about £12,000, subject to the life interest of the widow, his step-mother. In 1908, he sold his interest under the will for about £30.

The Registrar thought it would have been possible to obtain more than that from a reversionary society.

Mr A. Thorpe (for the debtor) said the debtor's share was subject to the life interest of the stepmother, who was eight or nine years his junior, and likely to outlive him.

The Official Receiver: I suggest that you deliberately transferred your interest under the will to defeat your wife's claim.

The debtor denied it. He further stated that in 1912 he sold to his two housekeepers the household furniture at "Cuckoostone" for £20, to pay the wages he owed them. He had two housekeepers; one could not stay without the other, because, he supposed, it was "too close."

Further, in 1911, he transferred the equity in his dwellinghouse and two other houses adjoining, which were mortgaged for £1,200, to two half-sisters living at Blackpool, on account of their share under his father's will, of which he was a trustee. His income in 1911 and 1912 did not exceed £50. He further stated that after 1906, when the deed of separation was executed, his business fell off in consequence of statements made about him by his wife.

Mr Bowling suggested that there should be an adjournment.

The Registrar: Yes, I think there is a good deal that requires investigation.

Mr C. E. Wynne (appearing for the wife of the debtor) asked leave to put a few questions at this stage. He said: You attribute the decline in your practice to remarks which your wife made about you?

The Debtor: Partly to that, and partly to the Finance Act.

She has denied on oath that she has ever spoken about you?—I dare say she has.

I am going to suggest that there is a very good reason outside that, and it is your drinking habits. That is why we have had this exhibition from you to-day. If your wife had said these things, you had the right to stop the payments under the deed of separation?—But I did not find it out.

Have you ever raised it as a defence for not paying her?—No.

Mr Warren said he did not propose to go into other statements by the debtor until Mr Bowling had made his further inquiries.

The examination was adjourned to June 16th.

COLD IN THE HEAD.

Nearly always a common cold in the head is part of an epidemic catarrh, but seldom is it to be regarded as simple congestion. It is in the great majority of cases the result of microbic infection. This consideration affects treatment, and explains the fact that the condition is a self-limited one. In most cases it will terminate as speedily, if let alone, as if attacked with the most heroic measures, says the *Family Doctor*. The use of remedial agents should be restricted to those cases where the symptoms cause marked inconvenience or distress. A weak solution of carbolic acid in water in the form of spray—1 in 100—or in petroleum used in the atomiser, is the best routine treatment. Where great fulness and sneezing are experienced, an inhalation of Friar's balsam with a few drops of eucalyptus, or of each in 50 of boiling water, may be used.

Presentation at Sherburn.

A POLICE OFFICER'S TESTIMONIAL.

On Wednesday evening at the Red Bear Hotel, Sherburn, Police Inspector Jno. Fleeman, who recently retired on pension after 26 years' service, was presented with an illuminated address, a cheque, barometer, and a pair of Morley hosiers from his many friends in the Upper Barkston Ash Police Division.

In making the presentation the Chairman (Rev. Benj. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P., of Monk Fryston Hall), paid a high compliment to Inspector Fleeman. He said that all must agree that he was a splendid and efficient officer. He was a man with an enormous amount of tact and, although he had disagreeable duties to perform, he could always do them in a very nice way. He had gained the respect of all the magistrates, and he was sure that no officer—and he had come in contact with a large number—was more highly respected. He wished the inspector happiness, long life, and prosperity.

Mr Fleeman, in reply, thanked Mr Hemsworth for his kind remarks, and also those who had so kindly subscribed towards the testimonial.

During the evening an excellent smoking concert was held, and it was thoroughly enjoyed, the following contributing to a splendid programme: Mr Varley (baritone), Mr Sawyer (humorist), Mr Stanley (conjurer), Mr Harry Gill (bass), Dr. Oglesby, and Mr Webster (Sherburn).

Mr Sawyer was repeatedly encored for his various humorous songs and patter, which were excellent in every way. Mr Harry Newby, who has a beautiful tenor voice, sang "For you alone" and "Love, could I only tell thee?" in very talking style, whilst Mr Stanley (conjurer) was especially smart in his several tricks, which completely mystified the company.

Mr Harry Gill (bass), the popular Sherburn singer, sang "The skipper" and "The mighty deep" admirably, whilst Dr. Oglesby gave a humorous recitation in his usual droll style. Mr Harold Harrison (Leeds) was an excellent pianist.

Mr Claude Kemp proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. B. Hemsworth for so kindly presiding, which was passed. The vote of "The Hon. Sec. and collectors of the Fund" was replied to by Mr Wyman and Mr A. B. Holgreaves.

Much of the success of the testimonial and pleasant evening was due to the excellent way Mr Wyman, hon. secretary, had carried out his duties.

THE SCHOOLS.—Saxton School had the lowest percentage of attendance last month of any school in Sherburn district, but it was an improvement on last year's figures. The percentage was 85.01 against 71.97, while the figures for Barkston R.C. were 99.77 and 89.47.

WESLEYAN MINISTER DEAD.—During the early hours of Tuesday morning the death occurred, at South Milford, of the Rev. Samuel Mikes, the second Wesleyan Methodist minister in the Selby circuit. He came to the circuit three years ago, and had accepted an invitation to remain a third had accepted an invitation to remain a fourth year. A short time ago he lost his wife, her death proving a severe shock. Deceased, who was in his 68th year, entered the ministry in 1871, after spending three years at Heaclingley College. His first circuit was at Petersfield, then Hants. In his ministry his circuits have included Market Weighton, Northallerton, Skipton, Wolsingham, Pickering, Tadcaster, Epworth, Hexham, and Kendal. In 1911 he was appointed second minister in the Selby Circuit, and resided at South Milford, where his was greatly respected.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.—On Wednesday at Selby Robert Furness (21), James Furnese (18), and John Mullaney (18), newsvendors, of Leeds, were charged with loitering at Monk Fryston, on Monday night. Prisoners were acting in a suspicious manner at Mr Pettinger's farm, and were arrested when discovered ran away, and were arrested by the police on the highroad crouching behind a hedge. Various tools were found on the first two prisoners. In reply to the charge, prisoners said they were on their way to Hull destination of joining a ship. Superintendent Stafford sentenced to fourteen days in prison, James Furness to seven days, and Mullaney, who said he had respectable parents, was discharged to them.



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ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

PARAGUAY'S "SPIDER LACE."

Missionaries in Paraguay more than 200 years ago taught the native Indians how to make lace by hand. Since that day, says an exchange, the art has greatly developed, and in certain of the towns lace-making is the chief occupation. Almost all the women, many children, and not a few men are engaged in this industry. A curious fact will, perhaps, be that the Paraguayan laces is that the designs were borrowed from the strange webs woven by the semi-tropical spider that abound in that country. Accordingly, this lace is by the natives called nanduti, which means "spider web."

"SNOOKS" OR "SEVENOAKS."

There is perhaps no more fascinating branch of etymology than that which is concerned with the origins and derivations of names, whether of places or of people. There is no study that is so fruitful in interesting surprises; and one can imagine that even the resentful bearers of hideous and outrageous patronymics may sometimes be almost reconciled to their affliction when they learn from what respectable and unopprobrious originals their hated appellations have descended. To demonstrate to a "Mr. Snooks," for example, that his ridiculous surname is a mere contraction of "Sevenoaks," or "Mr. Mullins" to learn that he has a right to claim descent from the ancient and aristocratic family of De Moleyns.

RAIN TREES.

Columbia boasts of an unusual tree named the "rain tree," which is about 50ft. high when at maturity, and about 3ft. in diameter at the base. It absorbs an immense quantity of moisture from the atmosphere, which it concentrates and subsequently sends forth from its leaves and branches in a shower, in some instances so abundantly that the ground in its vicinity is converted into a quagmire. It possesses this curious property in its greatest degree in the summer, precisely when the rivers are at their lowest and water most scarce.

ANTIQUITY OF THE GREYHOUND.

Greyhounds are said to be the oldest family of dogs in the world. They figure on Egyptian frescoes of the early Pharaohs, were used for coursing by the Greeks, and a fine Antonine sculpture in the British Museum of two greyhounds fondling each other proves that they were appreciated by the Romans. They were favourites with almost all our English Kings, from Canute to Charles I., and King John repeatedly took greyhounds instead of money in payment for the exquisite instead of money in payment for the penalties he inflicted. Until modern times they were aristocratic dogs, which only "gentlemen" were privileged to keep.

How Indians Made Arrow-Heads.

The old Indian art of making flint arrow-heads was not so difficult as is usually imagined—white men are making "old and genuine" Indian arrow-heads now for commercial purposes and by the old Indian methods. Flint is not chipped with stone or with metal, but with water. When an Indian wished to make an arrow-head, he held a piece of flint in a fire until it was very hot and then allowed a drop of water to drip from the end of a stick upon the spot to be chipped away. The sudden cooling made the flint chip off immediately. Some cunning is, of course, necessary in the shaping of the arrow-head, but the old Indian method is the best that has been found.

Bees eat 20lb. of honey in making 1lb. of wax.

New South Wales contains more flowering plants than all Europe.

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BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL FINAL.

The final in the Drighton Shield Competition will be re-played at Tadcaster on Saturday afternoon.

The first match between Wetherby and South Milford, the finalists, which ended in a draw, is reported elsewhere.

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In many places in the district people are not as careful as they might be in regard to infectious diseases, and the result is sometimes heavy loss in life and means. The medical officer of Rothwell district has a striking note on this matter. He says:—

There appears to be some irresistible attraction to some people in the knowledge that there is a case of infectious disease in the house of a neighbour. The motive which induces them to visit the infected house may be a most commendable one, but I sometimes think when I come across instances where people have deliberately gone into houses in which it was known there was a case, say, of scarlet fever, and even into the room which the patient was occupying, that it would not be a bad thing to make such behaviour a penal offence.

It will, therefore, be seen that the medical profession adopt a very serious view on this question.

Whooping-cough is prevalent in Crossgates and other districts, and the remarks of the medical officer of Rothwell on this ailment are of special interest to parents. He says:—

In outbreaks of measles and whooping-cough a health visitor might do much useful work in advising people as to the danger of allowing children in an infective state to freely intermingle with others. This is one of the reasons why these two diseases often become so wide-spread, as the idea seems to be pretty general that the cause being simply one of whooping-cough or measles is perfect justification for abandoning all ideas of isolation and in many cases, of ordinary care, the folly of which belief is seen in the high mortality rate which these diseases leave in their train.

Careless parents are frequently to blame for the spread of measles and whooping-cough, and they do not realise the mischief they are doing.

The agitation for cheaper railway fares is not confined to Schools, where the residents have met with a rebuff from the N.E.R. Co. It seems very unfair that Crossgates and Garforth should have travelling facilities which others villages do not enjoy, and apparently the good folks of Collingham are determined, if at all possible, to secure for themselves cheaper fares to Leeds. As there is only a small population at this village, it is not unlikely the N.E.R. Co. will treat them in precisely the same way as they treated Scholes' folks. Boston Spa residents, to whom an improved train service has been granted to Thorparch, are anxiously awaiting the result of the Collingham agitation, and if it succeeds they will undoubtedly put in a claim for consideration.

Several years ago the Education Committees of Garforth and Rothwell districts discussed the desirability of building schools for children under five years of age, and at the time I wrote against the admission of these infants to the schools. The medical officer of Rothwell supports my views, and states in his report just issued:—

Children under the legal school age are better at home, and, in fact, I much regret that the legal age for commencing school is not six rather than five years. I am strongly of opinion that children under six years, and far healthier running wild at home. The brain of a child of such tender years is immature, and is not meant to be taxed by problems of any kind, and further, I am not quite sure that some of the cases of so-called "school fever" issued by school authorities are not due to too much mental worry children on the date their inspection back to strain exerted by a too early attendance at school.

Parents should be wise and send babies to school when it is supposed to be a nursery.

I understand that children residing in Temple-newsam and Austhorpe have been turned out of Manston Schools because there is no room for them, and infants under five years in Crossgates have been asked to remain at home until they reach the legal age for school attendance. Crossgates is in Leeds, and under the City Education Authority, while the other places are in the West Riding, and the decision of the City Temperance Society was unexpected. The Temperance schools are not full, and the children residing in that area can go to either Halton or Colton. It is possible that some day, if Leeds manages its globule-up Templenewsam, the City Education Authority will build a school in a central position to serve both Whitkirk and Crossgates.

Templenewsam "fathers" are in an easy-going lot. They permitted the seats in the recreation field at Halton, which the squire gave to them for practically nothing, to be torn up and carried away without adopting measures to catch the thieves, and they have permitted people to turn horses and cattle into the ground without instituting proceedings. At their last meeting a complaint was made about people obtaining grass food for their cattle by putting them into the field, and they decided to issue a warning to the offenders. A prosecution would have done a jolly lot more good. It is really amazing how some people regard public property; they think they can do as they like with it; and it is high time they were taught otherwise.

After an experiment of two or three years Garforth Urban Council have returned to common-sense methods in connection with committee work. Separate committees have been formed, and these will report to the Council, and the ratepayers will thus have an opportunity of obtaining some information regarding the work of their representatives. Under the old system the Council were the committees, and they reported to themselves, and no one was given a chance of understanding the merits of a question.

Barwick-in-Elmet has annexed the City of Leeds! At an inquest at Lazenby-on-the-ancient home of the Gascoignes—the other evening one of the witnesses stated that his address was "Crossgates." "In what township is it?" inquired the Deputy Coroner, "It's in the City of Leeds," said a police officer. "It's nothing to do with the City of Leeds," said the Coroner, "but it must be in some township." "It was in Barwick before it was annexed," explained the officer. And down Barwick went on the paper! Surely it should have been the "township of Leeds." Is this another slight to the City Fathers?

Garforth Urban Council have, as I expected, again elected Mr J. W. Dobson to the chairmanship, and I believe he has better qualifications for the position than any other member. While having his own opinions, he conducts the business with impartiality, he has experience and ability and he has admirable tact. The Council are to be congratulated on their choice.

Judging by the voting on various questions, it would appear that the Council is not divided into two parties, and the minority of three is in an absolutely powerless position, but they will not be heedless members. That's certainly

With the contention put forward by Mr Sykes at the meeting of Tadcaster District Council as to the making of footpaths there will no doubt be general agreement, but the capital cost probably deters the County Council from adopting the system advocated by him on the main roads. Tar-macadam, it has been conclusively proved, is cheaper in the long run than ash paths, which have to be repaired year after year, whereas paths made of the other material last for years. Mr Sykes is a member of the County Council, and he should bring his persuasive powers to bear on his colleagues, with a view to better footpaths being provided.

The question of the private streets at Garforth was considered "in committee" at a meeting, and I understand that a resolution to accept a tender for making-up two of the streets was rejected. This is a serious matter, and one Councillor has gone so far as to threaten to resign his seat on the Council to the Local Government Board. Seeing the scheme for making-up the streets has not been definitely abandoned, I refrain from making comments, but there is no doubt the Council will get into trouble if something is not done.

Water supplies are required for Barwick-in-Elmet, Scholes, Old Micklefield, Sherburn, and other places, and it is proposed to spend a tidy sum at South Milford on an extension, so the District Council have appointed a committee to consider the whole question. The Kiddal scheme, which would have been carried out a couple of years since had the authorities been "cute enough, is too costly for Barwick and Scholes to undertake, but if two or three other parishes were to join with them the scheme could be carried out at reasonable cost, and a supply of excellent water could be provided at a price which no one would cavil at. All the preliminary expenses of the scheme have been paid for by Leeds Corporation, and all that would have to be done would be to put down pumping machinery, lay mains, and construct a reservoir.

If the committee do not favour the Kiddal scheme as a district proposition, they will have to find another source or sources of supply. Scholes people have been clamouring for water for a long time, albeit some residents say they don't want it, while in Old Micklefield it was stated there is no water, and Sherburn has been starved there for years. Both places are trying to get a supply for several years. Both Micklefield, Sherburn, and South Milford must have their requirements investigated, too, and the Council will call in an expert to advise them. The committee is a representative one, and it is hoped that they will be able to frame a scheme that will meet the needs of all the villages requiring water.

Despite all the agitation that has gone on about the overcrowding of chapels at the West Riding Asylums, numerous Boards of Guardians, including that at Tadcaster, have entered a protest against the rapid increase of public money for their purposes. The Asylums Board, which is both independent of the County Council, and also of the Guardians, are powerless to act, and they do not seem overanxious for the unfortunate people who are housed in the asylums. The putting up of five buildings in connection with the treatment of lunatics seems to me a waste of money, because it adds nothing to their comfort and happiness.

Mrs Agnes Emmet, of The Poplars, Boston Spa, left estate valued at £22,728.

Mr T. Wickham Boynton has been elected Chairman of Driffield Show Committees.

Mr J. Wood, of Boston Spa, gained a medal for Alpines at the Royal Horticultural Society.

WEDDING.—The wedding took place at Selby Abbey, on Tuesday, of Mr W. H. Pilgrim, of West Butterwick, and Miss Emily Anson, second daughter of the late Mr T. G. Anson, of Hambleton, and Mrs Anson, of Elmhow Farm, Selby. The Rev. C. Illingworth (formerly curate in the Abbey) officiated. The bride, who was prettily attired in soft cream lace, was given away by her brother, Mr J. G. Anson. The bridesmaids was Miss Jennie Anson (sister of the bride), and the best man Mr F. Pilgrim (brother of the bridegroom). A reception was held at Elthole Farm, and during the afternoon Mr and Mrs Pilgrim left for Whitby for the honeymoon. A large number of handsome presents were received.

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Much interest was displayed on Wednesday at Bilbrough in the pretty wedding of Miss Mary Gladys Myers, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Myers, of Grange Farm, Bilbrough, and Mr John Edwin Cundall, fourth son of Mr Joseph Cundall, Holmlea, Appleton Roebuck. The bride wore a draped dress of the softest ivory charmeuse with a panel effect in the draperies, and a corsage of fine shadow lace over pink radium silk, finished with a swathe belt of the satin, into which was tucked a spray of orange blossom. Her only ornament was a necklace of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a lovely bouquet of Madonna Lilies, also the gift of the bridegroom. The veil worn by the bride was that which her mother wore on the occasion of her wedding. The bridesmaids were Miss Mildred Myers and Miss Mabel Myers (sisters of the bride), and Miss Frances Cundall (sister of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of ivory satin, with tunics of cream lace and sashes of yellow satin, and white straw hats trimmed with tulle and yellow satin rosettes. Each wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of narcissi and ferns.

The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. H. M. Rowland (rector), assisted by the Rev. J. Raimes, vicar of Monk Bretton, Barnsley (cousin of the bridegroom). Mrs Rowland was at the organ. The hymns during the service were "Love divine, all love excelling" and "O perfect love." The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr Wm. Cundall (his brother) as best man. The bride, who is very popular in the district, was given away by her father. As the bride and bridegroom left the church Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played, and they were greeted with showers of confetti, and the merry pealing of the church bells.

Afterwards a reception was held in the grounds of Bilbrough Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Guy Fairfax, and it was largely attended.

During the evening Mr and Mrs Cundall left for Edinburgh for their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue costume with a fancy silk collar and navy crepe-de-chene blouse, with hat of navy blue, trimmed with ostrich feathers.

Mrs Myers, mother of the bride, wore a black silk dress, with corsage of cream lace, and a white toque, trimmed with a black ostrich plume.

Mrs Cundall, mother of the bridegroom, wore a dress of black satin, with red velvet trimmings, and her hat was of black, trimmed with deep red roses, which corresponded with the effective colouring of the trimmings on the dress. The presents were:—

Bride's father, cheque; bride's mother, linen and pair of paintings; bride's sisters, Mildred and Mabel, gold silver; Mr and Mrs Hoper (Dunkeld Hall), brass hanging lamp; Mr and Mrs Thwaites (Otus-burn), cake dish; Mrs Tipper (Harrogate), flower and fruit stand; Mrs Wright (Harrogate), silver toast rack; Misses Greenley (Harrogate), silver soup ladle; Mr and Mrs Preece (Harrogate), cheese dish; Mrs and Mrs Clarke (Harrogate), silver tea spoons and sugar tongs; Mrs Pomfrederd (Harrogate), tray cloth; Miss Blessed-ll (Leeds) picture; Mr and Mrs Fearby (Wetherby), brass standing lamp; Miss Gledhill (Wakefield), dressing case; Miss Short (Stockeld), afternoon tea service; Miss Miller and Mr Noel Hyde, palm stand; Miss Allen (Harrogate), cake stand; Mr and Mrs Allen (Worsley), silver tea spoons; Mr and Mrs J. Myers (Ingbarrow), tea spoons, sugar tongs, butter knife, and jam spoon; Mrs Hyde (Beeston), pair side-board cloth; Mrs Bourne-mouth, embroidered mats; Mr and Mrs Wood (Flaxton), pair silver candlesticks; Mrs, Mr and Miss Myers (Tollerton), pair silver candlesticks; Miss Wood (Bilbrough), pair silver candlesticks; Mrs, Mr and Miss Rae-Robert (Hawnby), two paintings; Miss Richardson, crochet work; Martha, celery glass; Miss Beighy (York), handbag; Mr and Mrs Scholefield (Tadcaster), pair silver candlesticks; Miss Watson, table centre; Mr Whitlock (Hull), silver table spoons; Miss Inglis (York), silver bottle; Messrs J. and R. Reed (Tadcaster), clock; Mr Clemishaw (Harrogate), pair silver candlesticks; Miss Rattray (Dundee), pair of butter knives; Mr and Mrs F. Myers and family (Hull), centre rose candlesticks; from friends at Stretchouses, pair of vases; Mr and Mrs Young (The Normans), plant pot; Misses Rickaby (Bilbrough), plant pot; Mr and Mrs Wilstrop (Adcham), case of knives; Mr and Mrs Mason and family (Rufforth), set of tea knives; Mr and Mrs Tom Watson (Bowbridge), tea spoons; from Headley Hall, bread trencher; Mr and Mrs H. Elvidge, plant pot; Mr G. Rook (Bowcar), (Gomersal), oak hanging clock; Mr and Mrs Frank (Stearsby), case of carvers; Miss Frank, afternoon tea cloth; Mrs Appleton (Shipton), d'oyleys; Nurse Green (Grange-over-Sands), tea cosy; Mr and Mrs Cross (Bilbrough), teapot stand; Mrs Dunn, Mrs Cross (Bilbrough), teapot stand; Mrs Dunn, d'oyleys; Mr and Mrs Jagger and family, plant stand; Nurse Pettitt, bread fork; Mr and Mrs Pearson (Helmsley), easy chair; Mr and Mrs Ray Cundall, cheque; Mr and Mrs Percy Cundall, cheque; Messrs W. and H. Cundall, satin finished kerb and irons; Mr and Mrs Bottomley (Oxton), fire screen; Mr Tom Steel, breakfast cruet; Mr and Mrs Farndale, mother-o'-pearl rose bowl; Mr and Mrs Rhoades (Bilbrough), rose bowl; Mrs Bartram and family, toilet set; Miss Robinson, brass inkstand; Mr, Mrs, and Miss Newbald, eiderdown.

Mr and Mrs Lazenby (Todcaster), silver egg frame; Misses and Master Lazenby, pickle stand; Misses and Master Lazenby, pickle fork; Mattie, cut crackers; Mrs Hall and family (Hesleerton), case silver tea spoons; Mr Frank Hall (Hesfarton), pair silver candlesticks; Mr and Mrs Wheatley and family, cheque; Mrs Rickaby (Bilbrough), cushion; Mr and Mrs Lofthouse (Bishopthorpe), biscuit jar; Miss Bielby (Cattall), butter dish; Mr and Mrs Hedge and family, sugar basin; Mr and Mrs Hedge (Harrogate), white heather travelling rug; friends in Bilbrough, cake basket; Mr and Mrs Hawking, pair silver serviette rings; Mr and Mrs H. F. Cundall, breakfast cruet; Dr and Mrs Hollings, sugar basin and sifter; Mrs Cundall and family (Mount Pleasant), hot water jug; Miss Laura Weddell, painting; Miss Cundall, table silver; Mrs and Miss E. J. Clarke and family; Mr and Mrs Frank Pank (Harrogate), case of fish carvers; Mr and Mrs Cooper, pair of silver serviette rings; Messrs Smith and Son (Thirsk), travelling rug; Captain Tom Myers (Hull), pair silver vases; Miss Bosomworth, two tidies; Mr Young (Bilbrough), fire iron; Mr Holliday (Todcaster), pickle jar; Mrs, Mr and Misses Weddell, black oak gateleg table; Mr and Miss Pood, plant pot; Mr and Mrs Newbald Kay, silver cutlree dish.

Police Inspector Daniel, who is leaving the district, will be succeeded at Wetherby by Sergeant Hodgson, of Goole.

Mr W. H Smith, of Linton Hills, Wetherby, has passed the examination for the National Diploma in Agriculture. He attended Leeds University.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon the final for the Daughter Shield was played between South Milford and Wetherby footballers at Tadcaster. The game was well contested, but Milford secured the only goal of the match and won.

ANGLING.—The run on flounders and eels at Tadcaster continues. One angler had a dozen flounders up to 2oz. and several eels on Saturday, and a number of fishers had passable catches over the week-end. Another angler landed a bream dread of 6lb.

The final meeting of the Aberford Brotherhood for the session was held in the Parish Room on Sunday, and there was a good attendance to hear the Rev. H. Edgar Wall, organising secretary to the Central Diocesan Society.

ABERFORD CHORAL SOCIETY.—At York Musical Festival on Tuesday Aberford Choral Society gained a first prize and cup in group class in conjunction with Monk Fryston and Hillam, and a second prize in the open competition; and third in the large village choir competition. Mr Morris also gained the medal given to the conductor of the first group class.

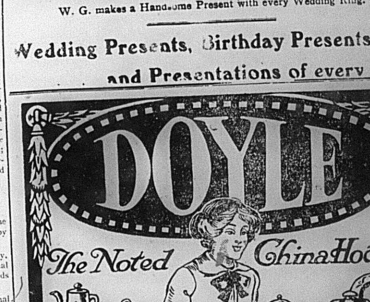
OFFENCES.—Samuel Wilson Armstrong, Army contractor, York, was at Selby on Monday fined 1s. and costs for causing a trap to be driven without a rear red light at Cawood on April 7th. Henry Terry, insurance agent, Selby, was fined 1s. and costs, and Frank Willson, insurance agent, Selby, who did not appear, 2s. and costs for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Cawood on April 18th.

SELBY CONSTABULARY WHIST DRIVE.—The last whist drive of the season, held in the new hall of the Conservative Club, on Tuesday night brought together a large assembly. The monthly prize winners were:—Ladies—1, Mrs Kilburn, 672; 2, Mrs Pickering, 659; 3, Mrs Rockett, 649; sealed, Mrs H. Foster, 612; consolation, Mrs Wetherell, 587. Gentlemen—1, Mr G. G. Beasley, 690; 2, Mr W. S. Bostock, 686; 3, Mr E. B. Jackson, 643; sealed, Mr H. Bradfield, 605; consolation, Mr J. Sanderson, 580. The prize-winners for the year were:—Ladies—1, Mrs Kilburn, 2; Mrs Jackson; sealed, Miss Riley; consolation, Miss M. Perkins. Gentlemen—1, Mr Field; 2, Mr W. S. Bostock; sealed, Mr J. Wetherby; Mr Sanderson. Mr Stones, the retiring secretary, were handed round during the interval. Mr R. Lodge officiated as M.C.

SERIOUS CHARGE—Stanley Tatmus (19), of no fixed abode, and George Scales (18), of Thorner, Wakefield, were at Leeds on Thursday, charged with stealing a bicycle each from some farm buildings at North Deighton, near Wetherby. At four o'clock in the morning the farmer was awakened and looked out of the window to see two youths with bicycles, but he did not recognise them, nor did he miss them until some hours later. The same night prisoners left the bicycles in a garage at Wakefield. Scales, who hitherto had borne an extremely good character, was bound over in the sum of £10 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, but Titmus, who was bound over for a similar offence on April 3rd last year, was sent to gaol for one month.

POLICE PROMOTIONS.—Inspector Daniel, of Wetherby, has been promoted to the rank of superintendent, and took up his new duties at Saddleworth on May 1st. Inspector Daniel during his stay at Wetherby—he went to the town on January 1st, 1910—was exceedingly popular with every class of resident, and his departure is a matter of general regret, though naturally he has been the recipient of many congratulations on his success. Mr Daniel joined the force in 1890, and was first stationed at Pudsey, where he remained for a year and a half. This was followed by three years' service at Otley, from which he was transferred to Wibsey, where he succeeded the present Supt. Colley. Here he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and after 3½ years at Wibsey he was again moved, this time to Skipton, where he spent 12½ years. He left Skipton on being promoted to inspector and went to Wetherby as successor to Inspector Copley, who was made superintendent and transferred to Skipton. Supt. Colley is now retiring, and Supt. Vaughan leaves Saddleworth to fill the vacancy at Skipton, while Mr Daniel takes up the duties at Saddleworth.

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OUR GARDENS.

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

HARDY ANNUALS.

There is still time to sow many varieties of hardy annuals. The exceptions are those which require a prolonged season of growth before commencing to bloom. The earliest sowings may now be thinned out. This task should be attended to whilst the seedlings are quite small. If delayed, and they grow until they commence to crowd each other, "drawing" is almost certain to follow. Vacant places may be filled with those thinned out if required. Some varieties transplant badly and should be discarded in favour of those with branching, fibrous roots. Straight rooted kinds like poppies, mignonette, etc., never transplant well.

ROSES

All necessary pruning should now be completed. From this date onward the trees will require regular attention. Weak shoots should be rubbed out. Mulch the soil around the base of the trees with manure if not already done. Keep a sharp look-out for greenfly, and syringe with insecticide as soon as any are observed. Rose mildew is a terrible pest. It rolls itself up in the young leaves and devours both leaf and flower bud. Hand-picking is the only safe remedy. Old established rose trees will benefit greatly from an occasional watering with liquid manure. In town gardens syringing with clear water daily is beneficial.

MIGNONETTE

It is often said that mignonette is more difficult to grow now than formerly. This is correct so far as the Machet and other large flowered forms are concerned. The old common mignonette will grow as freely now as ever it did. Unfortunately it is almost worthless as compared to the improved forms mentioned above. The large varieties should be sown about four seeds in a three-inch pot and pull in a cold frame to germinate. Harden off when about two inches high, and plant out where intended to flower. A firm soil containing a fair amount of lime is most suitable. Light soils should be made firm before planting.

DISBUDDING

The term disbudding may at times prove misleading to the uninitiated. The beginner may be pardoned for supposing that to disbud means to remove superfluous flower buds. As a matter of fact the removal of unnecessary growth buds is included in the word disbud in garden phraseology. In the case of such subjects as chrysanthemums, roses, pæonies, and carnations, disbudding is the word used to describe the action of removing side flower buds, which is done of course with the object of obtaining larger centre blooms. In the case of vines the same word is used to describe the operation of removing excessive growth buds. We have no sympathy with the system of disbudding as applied to the flowering plants mentioned above, when it is carried to extremes. It is advisable to moderately disbud roses and carnations, especially if the blooms are required for cutting purposes. The centre bud up to first part of the flower stem left on they would be of little practical use, hence the wisdom of removing them to enable the centre flower to receive all the available support from the plant. So far as the cruse for six centre blooms exhibites of sweet peas will have to go to excessive disbudding. If the plants do not branch naturally enough they should be stopped, that is, have the head of the growth nipped out. Two or at the most three shoots should be the maximum number to allow to each plant. All subsequent growths should be rubbed out as they appear. This diverts all the strength of the plant into the leading growths, and when flower spikes appear they also must be kept under observation, and those which are not the best buds must be picked off whilst quite small. If the exhibition blooms are wanted for a special day all flower spikes should be removed as they make their appearance until about seven days before the show. Dahlias of the cactus and show varieties must also be treated drastically if intended for particular purposes. As a rule they develop large numbers of side growths from the first natural break. Three or four of the strongest may be retained to grow on to the flowering stage. The side growths will in turn produce many lateral growths, all of which must be rubbed out as they appear. This, of course, means that ultimately only one flower to each main shoot will be left, and to do this and at the same time though the gardener who grows his plants for garden decoration only will think it a waste of time and flowers, the fact still remains that for exhibition purposes the above details must have regular attention. In the case of chrysanthemums the same remarks apply so far as the Japanese and incurved varieties are concerned. We notice that several of this year's show schedules state that disbudding of singles and decorative varieties will lead to disqualification of the exhibit. This state of affairs was almost inevitable after the abnormal stand singles we saw shown last November. To disbud severely was the effect of destroying the character of the flower, which is essentially a subject for basket or table decoration. The above remarks will be sufficient to act as a guide to intending exhibitors. There are many other kinds of flowers treated in similar manner. Pansies, violas, etc., etc., come under the same list. The object of all this disbudding and removal of side growths is obvious. The smaller the number of shoots and flowers and the greater the chances are of obtaining large blooms. The same system is applied in growing fruit. Grapes, apples, pears, plums, etc., are all thinned out. In the case of grapes, thinning is absolutely necessary, as the fruit is produced so thickly as to prevent it developing under natural conditions.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

The kitchen garden will require a lot of attention during the next few weeks. Sowings may be made of the following kinds of seed:—Beet, salsify, lettuce, radish, onion, garden turnip, spinach, peas, parsley, and if a warm, shelter-ed corner is available sow at once a few rows of French beans. Prick off the remainder of the celery plants in a cold frame. Dust with dry lime and soot to keep the terrible Sawfly at bay. This is the insect which produces the leaf-mining maggot.

MINT

Mint cuttings will root freely if inserted during the early part of May. Select young growths from four to six inches long, and pot them on a small particle of root attached if possible. Dibble them into rows a foot apart, and allow six to nine inches from plant to plant. Give a good watering if the soil is dry, and if the cuttings droop syringe them night and morning until they start to grow.

RASPBERRIES

Raspberries are commencing to push up new basal growths, and it is advisable to remove all except six or five to each plant. These will be sufficient to produce a useful crop, and if more are left they will neither grow as strongly, or prove as fruitful as the smaller number. The roots should never be allowed to get dry, and with the object of preventing this a good mulching of manure should be given. Some growers mulch in the autumn, and where this has been done the manure should be left on.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

The pricking out of seedling bedding plants should be completed as quickly as the seedlings get large enough to handle. A few inches of soil placed in a frame bottom will accommodate the plants, and less attention in regard to watering will be required than in the case where the seedlings are grown in boxes. Boxes containing similar seedlings may be removed to the cold frame also. Arrange all bedding plants such as fuchsias, heliotrop, geraniums, lobelia, etc., will make more satisfactory progress in a shallow frame row than they would in a greenhouse. Ageratums, summer-flowering chrysanthemums, and marguerites may be hard-ned off and put outdoor.

SHADING

Flowering plants under glass must be shaded from bright sunshine or they soon deteriorate to such an extent as to make them worthless. Cineraries, calceolarias, schizanthus, azaleas, and other seasonable flowers are all more or less tender, but by carefully shading them they may be made to remain in bloom for several weeks longer than they would if left unprotected. Canvas or flaxy blinds on rollers are most serviceable as they are easily raised or lowered. This is a decided advantage over the system of smearing the glass with whitening or green shading. Shade is harmful when the sun is not shining.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

The atmosphere of glass-houses containing growing plants should be kept charged with moisture. Sprinkle water on the floors, walls, and staging daily. On very hot days the operation may be repeated several times. This is far more important than is often realised.

Flower pots and flowering plants do not require to be dumped down.

Fresh air plays an important part in the cultivation of plants under glass. Ventilate freely so long as draughts can be avoided and the necessary temperature can be maintained.

Cineraria Stellata requires nearly two months longer growing period than the grandiflora type. Sow now for flowering early next year.

SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM'S HEIR

BABY OPENS A BAZAAR—AMUSING SCENE.

All bazaar-opening convention went by the board at a function held in connection with St. Saviour's Church, Leeds. The opener, a seven months old baby, exercised the large audience for more effectively than many older persons who undertake similar tasks.

Master Charles Ingram Courtenay Wood, son of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., and Lady Dorothy Wood, of Templenewsam, was the hero of the occasion.

After making a felicitous speech, the Vicar, the Rev. John Wylde, escaped the task of persuading Master Wood to perform the formal opening. And a rare task for the worthy vicar it proved to be! First he tried baby with a golden key, which he thought would please, but would have been quite adequate, but the youngster responded with as loud a howl as he was capable of, and turned to his nurse for protection.

The audience were vastly amused. The Vicar, besides thoroughly enjoying the novel situation, was quite equal to the occasion, and next held out a silver bell as an inducement to the opener, remarking naively that "speech is silver, silence is gold."

But Master Wood was still backward, and it was only after much more fun, and a little assistance from the Vicar, that the little bell rang, amidst vociferous acclamation by the assembly.

The applause puzzled and alarmed baby more than ever, and when the Vicar thanked him, the child positively shrieked, and it was quite a long time after the conclusion of the ceremony that the youngster was effectively comforted by the joint efforts of his mother and grandmother (Viscountess Halifax).

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

[Readers are part cularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In reply to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in consecutive order.]

ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION—ITS HISTORY

Many are under the impression that artificial incubation is the result of modern research. This is not so. On the other hand, it is of great antiquity, artificial incubation having been employed in Egypt and China before the commencement of the Christian era.

It is true, though, that within the last two generations the systems employed have been greatly developed, resulting in greater certainty of results, simplifying the management required, reducing the cost to necessary apparatus, until to-day artificial incubation is within the reach of all.

Tod-ay we have two distinct styles of machines, those which derive their heat by aid of hot water, and those controlled by hot air. There are devotees of each kind. I do not propose to argue the merits of either. I have used both, and have had equally good results from each pattern. It is, however, fair that I should mention that the hot air machine is the original, and that in connection with artificial incubation the name of "Hearson" should be immortal.

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"Buy a standard machine," I have written. If you can afford a Hearson purchase one. None can give you better results, and as the sound materials employed in its construction, in conjunction with good workmanship, make for long life, apart from its initial cost, it is not really more expensive than others.

Naturally, however, "a standard machine" denotes there are others worthy of consideration, but for the information of the less experienced, I would suggest that they write for information after the "Hearson" to Tambi's Nonpareil, an excellent machine of the hot-water type, and the "Gloucester" and "Cyphers," which are hot-air machines.

Finally, remember materials and good workmanship cost money. If you desire a machine constructed on these lines you must be prepared to pay a fair price, and then, by following out the manufacturer's instructions, be it hot water or hot air that is employed as the heat-generating power, there is no reason why you should be unsuccessful.

(To be continued).

[Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order.]

What have the innkeepers to say? "I have noticed for years," writes that motorists are making a practice of taking a hamper out with them, calling a halt, and having a rare spread in the corner of a field or on a hill side. It is a point that is a reflection of the farmers in country towns and villages. I rather think this is the natural outcome of the fancy prices some people charge when one pays them a flying visit in the summer time."

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SUCCESS OF BARKSTON ASH CHOIRS.

NEWTON KYME SCHOOL SCORES.

WIGHILL, HEALAUGH, AND MONK FRYSTON FIRST.

ABERFORD, SAXTON, AND CHURCH FENTON CHOIRS.

On Monday the school contests in connection with the Yorkshire Choral Competitions were held at Yeadon, and the Festival Concert Rooms were filled with an army of bright little girls, wearing the colours of their respective schools, and of little boys who found no difficulty in emulating the very good behaviour of the girls. Seated on a platform in the centre of the hall was an almost boyish figure. It was that of the adjudicator, Mr Harry Evans, who has for some years been familiar so children in attending these festivals.

One would have to go far to make a more happy choice than has been made in the selection of Mr Harry Evans as adjudicator, for he is not only one of the really great musicians of his day, but he is peculiarly at home when sitting in genial judgment upon the efforts of young singers, for his own early days were spent in the day schools as a pupil teacher.

Adj. E. C. Brooksbank, of Healaugh, who has for so long been keenly interested in these festivals in the ardu-ous and dual role of secretary and treasurer, was at his post.

Amongst the subscribers to this year's festival are the names of Miss G. Egerton, the Misses Wilson, Mr W. Bridgeman Simpson, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Hon. Lady Ingilby, Lady Bridgeman, Mrs Lund, Mr and Mrs E. C. Brooksbank, Mrs Hall, Mrs A. M. Duncombe, Mr and Mrs W. F. H. Thomson, Mr and Mrs Hargreaves, the Viscountess Halifax, Mrs Paget, Hon. L. de Yarburgh Bateson, Miss Barstow, Mrs Scatchard, Mr A. Rowntree, M.P., Hon. Mrs Tew, Mrs F. Thompson, Mr G. W. Lloyd, Mrs E. Bethell, the Dean of York, Mr C. H. Cobb, Mrs Arthur Grey, Miss Barry, Miss C. Dent, Mrs Raitt, the Countess of Liverpool, the Archbishop of York, Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Ernest Viscount, Mrs Gascoigne, Lady Plumer, Mr Lawson Smith, Miss Brooksbank, Mrs Illingworth, Mr Fairfax Cholmeley, Mrs Rickaby, Miss E. Moore, Mrs Argles, Major Sykes, Lady Herries, Miss Milner, Lady Hawke, Mrs Palmes, Mr Birles, Lady Legard, Mrs Crosthwaite, Mrs Wailes Fairbairn, Mrs Swift, Susan Lady Worsley, Mrs Jowitt, Miss M. Hildyard, Miss E. Hildyard, and Mrs Rice.

NEWTON SCHOOL SCORE

The opening contest was for small village schools which have not more than 50 children on the books. The test piece was "Robin Redbreast" (Colin Taylor). There were to be not less than twenty nor more than 25 children in each chorus. Two choirs entered in this contest—Newton Kyme, conducted by Mrs Webb, and Bolby C.E. School, under the baton of Mr and Bolby C.E. School. Giving his decision, the adjudicator said he hoped all the children would do their best during the festival, as had the two choirs which had just sung. Most of his comments during the day would be of praise. They had just heard some very good tone, which would some day become very much better. The only fault of the first choir was one of diction. Some of the words were a bit nervous, not too confident. But when they proceeded further they were safer, and the last phrases were quite clear and the pace quick. In the second choir they had some good strong voices, and they began well, showing greater promise than the first choir, though they sang a little shaky. The first part was sung very nicely, but in the second part there was some little nervousness and misunderstanding. He awarded 86 points to the first choir, and 83 to the second.

Mr Brooksbank announced that a second prize would be given in view of the closeness of the points.

The next contest was also confined to village schools, in this case schools with not more than 100 on the books, not less than 12 or more than 40 to be in each chorus. The test piece was "The Lamb" (Geoffrey Shaw). There were four choirs competing, the adjudicator decided in favour of Newton Kyme, with 87 points, Bolby School (under Mr Cook) secured 84 points; Saxton (under Mrs Asb), 76; Holme Cowell School (under Mr Kenworthy), 75.

WIGHILL FIRST

On Tuesday there were slightly more entries for the village contests than in preceding years, and one or two new features were introduced, including a special prize of 0 sovereign for the best unison singing.

The morning session opened with the lovely strains of Sullivan's "Hymn of the Homeland," wherein the harmony is really suited for choral rendering. The contest was confined to twelve village choirs, and as the four choirs 56-feet bowed one another the listeners were easily able to forget that amateurs were taking part. First to render the beautiful hymn was Scarthingwell, led by Miss Kate Milner. Then came Church Fenton (Mr Herbert), Holme-on-Spalding Moor (Mr Williams), and Wighill (the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson). The first prize was the Miss Wakefield challenge cup.

The adjudicator (Mr Harry Evans), in giving premier place to Wighill said that taking the class on the whole it was very satisfactory. Church Fenton choir did not keep up the key. There was some good tone, but the sopranos must be careful to blend not only with themselves, but with the rest of the choir. There was a good utterance in places. It was rather a pity the pitch went flat, because the general effect would have been so much better otherwise. The expression was very good. He awarded this choir 83 points. Holme-on-Spalding Moor, to whom he gave the second prize, had some very good utterance, but the movement was not always exact. Wighill Choir had a very nice, quiet movement, and a very nice balance of tone.

HEALAUGH WINS

In the male voice competition, open to villages with a population of under 550, Elgar's difficult "Feasting, I watch" was the test piece, and some splendid singing was heard. The adjudicator awarded the first prize to Healaugh (Miss M. Cooke) with 90 points. Church Fenton had been the first choir to mount the platform. Mr Evans said it was very rare for small male voice choirs to attempt such a work as this. The interpretation of the piece by two conductors —ladies—made him open his eyes. (Applause). He was doubtful whether the piece had been better conducted than by two ladies, because they expressed everything so splendidly. Church Fenton opened a little undecided. Many of the chords were unsettled, and the utterance was always distinct. The final bars received the best treatment. One was not surprised to hear in such a small choir so many inaccurate chords. He awarded them 60 points. Wighill, to whom he gave 73 points, had some very good tone here and there, but the first part was a little too loud for a satisfactory chord effect. The tranquil section was a little too slender in its movement. There were one or two doubtful chords, but the effect was more attractive than the previous choir. There was more certainty in the harmony. Healaugh sang at a better pace, with a surprising "solemn splendour" at the end.

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

In the small village part song contest the test piece was J. E. West's "The Pride of May." The winner (Terrington), was entitled to a challenge cup, and the conductor to a silver medal. Five choirs entered, and referring to their efforts, the adjudicator said of Church Fenton that they had fairly good utterance, with chording nearly always accurate. He gave them 79 points. Naburn (Mr Calvert) had very nice tone, but the pace was a shade slow. He gave them 87 points. Wighill began at a very smart pace, but slackened in the middle. The chords were not quite satisfactory. He gave them 84 points. Terrington (91 points), led by the Rev. H. A. K. Hawkins, sang at a right pitch, and the voices were nearly always together. They had the sweetest tone in the competition. Healaugh (85 points) had a nice tone, well balanced, but the utterance of the words was not so clear as by the previous choirs.

FEMALE VOICES

In the female voice competition, Brahms' "The Little Sandman" was the test-piece, and there were seven entrants. The adjudicator said that the choirs did not make the words of the piece sufficiently distinct. Healaugh choir, to whom he gave 89 points, had a beautiful tone, but he could not hear the words properly. Wighill (80) had a good tone, too, but there also the words were not clear. The intonation was a little subtle, the pace pretty even. The pace of Scarthingwell (84 points) was a little slow, but the words were pretty good. The intonation was good. The pace of Saxton (79 points) was a little too slow, but the utterance was fairly good. Terrington (90), had a very good tone, and sang with delicacy. Westbridge (72) sang very delicately, but the words here also were not clear, and the intonation was occasionally a little bit risky. Newton Kyme (82) began nicely, but the voices were not together. Terrington were, therefore, the winners of the first prize. This contest concluded the morning session

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a male voice competition open to large villages with a combined population of under 2,000. The test piece was Bantock's "Down among the dead men." Six choirs entered—Monk Fryston (Mr Morris), Harewood (Mr Calvert), Naburn (Mr Calvert), Aberford (Mr Morris), and Darrington (the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson). Wykeham (Mr Rose) did not compete. Mr Evans awarded the highest points to Aberford (87), and delivered over the contest as certainly the most amusing he had experienced, because he did not know that a great many of the gentlemen really realised what they were doing. They seemed to be trying to do with a temperance meeting or with anything funereal. Monk Fryston, to whom he gave 76 points, had good tone, he said, and was well balanced on the first, but the utterance of the words was not as crisp and clear as it should be. It was more the exhibition one would expect from people who had had a night off, as it were. Harewood (73 points) had not quite so good tone in the opening parts. The style was too smooth and the words not clear enough, and the music got a bit unsettled in tone. Naburn (71) had some good tone, especially in the basses. The tenors were a little weak, and the voices got a little mixed. There was some description in the rendering, but really not what the composer intended.

MONK FRYSTON, ABERFORD, HEALAUGH

In the part-song contest for large villages there were eleven entries for the test piece, "The Three Kings" (E. German). The adjudicator said that Wighill, to whom he gave 74 points, had good piece, but the balance was unsatisfactory. The utterance was good. This choir did not do as well as he intended. (Laughter). Terrington (87 points) had very good tone, but was not vigorous enough. The utterance generally was clear. Naburn (93) were the best all-round party, but the pace got a little hurried. The phrasing was very good, and the movement full of meaning—a very good performance. Monk Fryston (80) had very good tone; and good utterance, but the softer phrases were not delicate enough, and the basses were not quite accurate. Everingham and Seaton (77) were not quite accurate in the bass, but the pianissimo was very good. Newton Kyme and Bolby (81) had good tone, especially by the sopranos. Aberford (88), had a good tone and very good utterance. Harewood (84) were also good in tone and utterance. The tenors were not quite accurate, and final bars were not quite exact. Healaugh (86) had very good utterance —that was the striking feature. Their tone was good, but not so full as in the case of some of the other choirs. The special prize for the best conductor rested closely between Naburn (Mr Calvert) and Healaugh (Miss M. Cooke), but generally speaking,

BARKSTON ASH DIVISION LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HALTON.

SLECTION OF OFFICERS—PROSPECTS AND FINANCES.

The annual meeting of Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association was held in the Parochial H.ll, Halton, on Saturday afternoon Mr Martin Harvey (Pr sident) was in the chair, and others present were Mr and Mrs H. Foster, Mrs and Mr W. Sutcliffe (Chairman), Captain Glover (vice-chairman), Mr R. G. Macpherson (hon. sec.), Mr W. G. Smithson (Crossgates), Mr H. Westwood (Cliffhill), Mr Billy (Wetherby), Mr and Mrs J. B. Bevod, Mrs Best, Mr R. Brownridge, Mr Wellock, Mr A. Wellock, Mr A. Goodall, and Mr Fawgill (Scarcroft), Mrs Glover (Collingham), Mrs Wyles (Boston Spa), Mrs Taylor (Selby), Messrs Hyde, Crosthwaite, Robinson, D. Hall, Wolstenholme, Abbott, Brown, and Day, Mrs Holgate (Halton), Mr Hilton (Wetherby), Mr and Mrs G. H. Dickie (Sandal), Mr F. Hartop, and Mr Wood (Crossgates), Mr Green (Roundhay), Mr Allison (East Keswick), Mr Smith (Selby), Mr Alf. Simpson (Barwick), Mr Turpine (Boston Spa), Mr Richardson (Thorner), Mr Garner (Shadwell), Mr Aikin (Collingham), Mrs Taylor (Micklefield), Mr Simpson (Great Preston), Mr Hartley (Scarcroft), etc.

An int resting letter was read from Mr L. J. Dewhirst, C.C. (hon. treasurer), who was absent owing to illness. In the course of the letter he wrote:—

I am thankful that with your fingerel help and assistance we have been able to keep the accounts of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association in a solvent condition. The cause is a good one, and I once more appeal to you to make a fight now to keep the Liberal flag flying in this great Riding. The work had been nearly accomplished, but unfortunately, owing to the sad illness of Mrs Dewhirst, I am unable to keep the Association as solvent as I could wish. As to my report I will show the Association can not be kept going without much financial help, and that during the past five years, although we have not had a Member of Parliament to support, we have always found ways and means to pay our accounts as we go along, and to keep out of debt, which to me, as treasurer, was a very pleasing position.

Other letters were apologising for absence were Mr Walter Thompson (vice-president) and Mr Chas. Cowell (Stanks).

Mr Macpherson, the hon. sec., then read the annual report. He said that during the year death had removed from their ranks several of its "old guard," viz., Mr Sherwood (Boston Spa), Mr Waghorn (Church Fenton), Mrs Dale (Selby), and Mr Richard Humble (Adel), and they were better for the help so generously given by those stalwarts. The organisation, he said, had been considerably improved, the registration work had been carefully handled, and their thanks were due to the agent and those who assisted him. Mr Foster had spoken at numerous meetings in all parts of the Division, and in other ways had endeavoured to educate and win over the electorate to Liberalism. He had been ably seconded by Mrs Foster and the ladies, notably Mr Harvey and Mr Sutcliffe. The report continued:—

The agricultural workers, whose votes have for many years been given in our favour to any large extent, are beginning to take a lively interest in our politics, and are no longer content to remain in a political bondage in the same manner as did of the brewery workers in Tadcaster. The signs of the times are encouraging, and we have every reason to be of good cheer. Considerable industrial developments are in progress which will inevitably strengthen our forces, and if, as we believe, we shall be freed from the plural voter before next election, it's not too much to hope for a victory for Liberalism. We cannot too warmly thank Mr Foster for the great work he has done, is doing, and will do for Liberalism in the constituency. The energy, enthusiasm, and dogged perseverance displayed by him will certainly have a most telling effect when the election comes. His work should be an inspiration to us all. We must lose no opportunity of supporting him in the fight for political equality.

The report was adopted, and, in the absence of the treasurer, Mr W. J. Taylor, the agent, read the financial statement. He stated that the chief items of income were donations £214 1s. 6d., and subscriptions £122 10s. 6d., and after expending the expenditure there was a balance in hand of £46 15s. 8d. There was an increase in donation and subscriptions of £12 as compared with last year. The report was adopted.

The President said that the interest taken in politics was surprising in districts which were thought to be benighted, but it was only when people began to think that Liberalism would come into its own. They were preparing for the next election, and they honestly believed that they could carry the Division them. (Applause.) Mr Foster had been received enthusiastically everywhere. He seemed to have the right ring about him, and the more he mixed among the people the more they were pleased with him. He urged them not to be afraid to stand up for their colours. There was an idea abroad among Tories that if they put up enough bluff and bluster they could frighten people into their way of thinking. They made ridiculous statements, and when they pinned them down they went off on side tracks. They seldom met an out and out Tory who would admit defeat when he was in the wrong. The only thing they could do was to hold them up to ridicule, because it was about the only argument they could understand. He paid a tribute to the work done by the agent, and he complimented the Association on the favourable financial report, regretting that Mr Dewhirst was not present to submit it. He congratulated the members on the healthy condition of the Association, and said he hoped they would go on from one degree of success to another until they returned Mr Foster as Member for the Division. (Applause).

The officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr Martin Harvey, Peckfield Lodge; vice-presidents, Messrs R. H. Barran, M.P., T. E. Harvey, J. P., Tom Wing, M.P., J. H. Armitage W. Aitkin, I. Barden, J.P., R. Bowe, J.P., W. G. Smithson, Walter Cliff, J.P., Joseph Cundall, Lawrence Clayson, J. T. Dodgson, E. Ellis, T. B. Firth, W. Harvey, Joseph Henry, Mark Scott, J.P., P. B. Scott, S. M. Scott, F. G. Simpson, Walter Thompson, G. E. Verity, W. Wilburn, H. Westwood, and W. Wilkinson; chairman, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, Manston, Crossgates; hon. treasurer, Mr L. J. Dewhirst, C.C., Whinmoor Lodge; hon. sec., Mr R. G. Macpherson. Executive Committee—Messrs Tom Young (Aberford), J. H. Shackleton (Barwick), E. Alcock (Bramham), T. R. Roberts (Haddlesey), Walter Thompson (Crossgates), Blackburn (East Keswick), G. Eden (Hambleton), H. Humpherson (Micklefield), A. Simpson (Great Preston), A. Vollans (Scarcroft), G. Greig Thompson (Shadwell), J. Roberts (South Milford), J. Parker (Swillington), J. Tomlinson (Wistow), Stead (Adel), F. Gabbitt (Boston Spa), E. Dudding (Carlton), A. Deighton (Church Fenton), J. J. Winters (Drax), J. B. Breed (Garforth), E. A. Myers (Harewood), Greaves (Roundhay); G. Dixon (Monk Fryston), J. H. Dixon (Selby), W. Foster (Sherburn), J. Winter (Spofforth), H. H. Blackburn (Thorner). A. H. Baron (Halton), and Electric (Wetherby). Others appointed on the Executive were—Barkston Ash Women's Liberal Association, Miss Morton; Scarcroft and Crossgates Women's Association, Mrs Deakins and Mrs Brady; Boston Spa Women's Association, Miss Sale; Selby Women's Association, Mrs Taylor; Micklefield Women's Association, Mrs Taylor; Templenewsam Women's Association, Mrs Wollands; Roundhay Women's Association, Mrs Hartley; Crossgates League of Young Liberals, Messrs G. Dodd, J. Batty, and J. W. Rayner; co-opted members—Messrs J. H. Cowell, Town Council candidate, Mr Harvey had, he said, been a most genial President, and he had worked admirably. In regard to the Chairman, Mr Sutcliffe had worked very hard, and he was well satisfied with what he had done. As to Captain Glover, he would had been nearly seventy—(laughter)—and they would have missed the amount of subscriptions that had come from Collingthorpe a great deal. He thought the Collingthorpe people were well-to-do through cancer. They could not have a better treasurer than Mr Dewhirst, and Mr Macpherson always did a week of hard. Mr Taylor, the agent, had done well, and had got through an enormous amount of work the members knew nothing about.

Mr Westwood (Cliffhill) seconded, and the resolution was carefully passed.

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe responded, and described some interesting incidents in connection with the campaign in the Division.

Mr E. H. Foster, the prospective candidate, who had a very hearty greeting, made a short speech, and referred to the loss Liberalism had sustained by the death of Mr Humble and Mrs. Dale. He expressed himself self-satisfied with the result of the winter campaign, and said that the meetings had been larger and more enthusiastic than ever. The Liberals of the Division were greatly indebted to the officers, particularly Mr Harvey and Mr Sutcliffe, for the work they had done, and, as he said before, he was not afraid of an election come when it might, but he wanted the Government to pass the Home Rule and Disestablishment Bills and to carry the Plural Voting Bill (Applause).

The delegates were provided with an excellent tea in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, and in the evening a public meeting was held, this being reported elsewhere.

MOTORISTS IN TROUBLE AT WETHERBY.

A BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE.

At the Wetherby Petty Sessions on Thursday several motorists were dealt with on charges of driving at a speed dangerous to the public.

Alfred Angus Scott and Clarence Procter Wood, Bradford, and Oliver Cyril Godfrey and Frank Albert Appleby, London, all motor engineers, were charged with riding motor-cycles at Wetherby on Sunday, April 5th, at a dangerous speed. Two police officers and three civilians estimated the speed of the defendants at from 40 to 50 miles an hour at a very narrow, zig-zaggy entrance to the town at the Harrogate road. They did not sound any alarms when rounding the corners of the road, but fortunately there was no other traffic about. Three of the men were riding abreast. When asked to produce their licences two of the men partially put their hands in their pockets with their hands. The defence was that their speed was not more than eight or ten miles an hour, and that it was absolutely impossible under any conditions to observe the corners at anything approaching a speed of 20 miles an hour. Three of the defendants had been previously convicted. Scott was fined £5, and costs, and the other defendants £3 and costs each.

Edgar Bertie Marsh, chauffeur, Harrogate, was charged with driving a motor-car to the danger of the public at Fishpools Hill, Boroughbridge. A man named Smithson, accompanied by his 13-year-old son, were going up the hill with a horse and cart, and crossed the road for the purpose of easing the horse. All the time, it was alleged, there was room on the off-side of the road for a car to pass, but as the driver was pulling his horse back to the near side of the road defendant attempted to slip through on that side, with the result that the lad was knocked down by the off-side mudguard and the rear wheels of which ran over him. Defendant pulled up and conveyed the boy home, and he had to stay in bed for two days. The defence was that the car appeared to be travelling on the off-side of the road, and that defending on the off-side of the road, and that defending on the off-side of the road, and that defending

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Rothwell Courier & Times
SATURDAY, MAY 2nd, 1914.

Every year the authorities in the district spend thousands of pounds in fighting infectious disease, and the isolation hospitals at Seacroft, Rothwell, and Garforth, which are maintained by the ratepayers, have been built for this purpose. Isolation is assuredly the only way of stamping out certain diseases, and were it thoroughly carried out greater protection would be given the public, but, incredible as it may seem, while the authorities are doing their best to eradicate disease, there are people, by gross negligence, doing their best to extend its ravages. "Although effective isolation in their own homes is often difficult," says the medical officer of Tadcaster rural district, "many parents make little attempt to keep infectious children apart from others." Not a few people have a strange belief that children must take certain diseases, and consequently they let them run all manner of risks, but it is high time this erroneous notion was exploded. Local authorities have properly prosecuted parents for exposing children suffering from infectious diseases, and this is the only way to bring home to them the seriousness of their offence. It is no use, as some Councils do, sending letters of warning to parents, who are careful not to publish abroad their censure, and the only effective way of bringing offenders to book is to bring them before a public Court. It is recognised that in mild cases it is not always possible to detect disease, and sometimes the complaint is not evident until the period of greatest infection has passed, but when parents know children are suffering, and do not take steps to isolate them they should be punished. Their offence is a very serious one, for they not only are instrumental in spreading disease, and causing suffering and sometimes death, but they put the ratepayers to great expense, doing incalculable harm all round. Authorities sometimes spare offenders, but it is very foolish to do so, and the authorities themselves deserve severe censure. Scarlet fever is spread by infection, although many ignorant people put its spread down to bad drains, and in regard to no disease is more carelessness shown. Children are often sent to school suffering from it, or allowed to play in the streets with other children, and then parents wonder why the disease is spread. When selfish people have the trouble themselves they do not try to safeguard the health of others, yet by not doing so they are causing expense to themselves and their fellow-ratepayers. There is much need for instruction in respect to this question, and when the County Council nursing scheme is in full working order in the towns and villages, it is not improbable that much suffering and expense will be saved.

Family life in the district seems to be growing unpopular, and the medical officers' reports reveal a steady decrease in the number of births. Not many years have elapsed since the movement in favour of smaller families set in, and, although it was expected it would be confined to well-to-do sections of the community, it appears to have been embraced by every class. In Garforth, for example, it was recently stated that the number of scholars was becoming less every year, and this, in face of the increase in population, was inexplicable to many people. Nevertheless, it is true, and the only way in which the growth of population can be accounted for is by the incoming of adults following industrial developments in the district. In Rothwell the number of births last year was the same as ten years ago, although the population had gone up by 2,500, and this is regarded as a somewhat alarming condition. No explanation can get rid of the fact of decreased numbers, and it is obvious that if the figures continue to go the wrong way the school population of the Rothwell area will grow less. The birth-rate for England and Wales in 1913 was 23.9, and for the Tadcaster rural area, extending as it does from the boundaries of Leeds to the boundaries of York, the figures were 24.6. This rate, when compared with that for the whole country, may be regarded with complacency by some people, but it was almost two per thousand less than that of any previous year. For the last five years it was 28, and prior to that it was consistently over 30, so that in less than ten years the birth-rate may have dropped something like eight or ten. The decrease in the larger parishes is apparently not so serious as elsewhere, for the rate in Allerton Bywater was 29.6, in Kippax 29.4, and in Tadcaster 27.6—all above the rate for the district. The rural parishes in the Sherburn sub-district come worst out of the comparison, the rate being 21, while in the rural areas around Tadcaster the figure was 22. It is possible to show where the leakage is greatest, but the movement for smaller families is having its effect in the mining districts, where at one time the rate was about 35. One pleasing feature of some of the districts is the declining death-rate, but the infantile mortality figures are too high. Despite all the expense that the authorities have incurred on improved sanitation, the wastage of child-life goes on, and it is due, in a large measure, to the ignorance and carelessness of mothers, many of whom need either instruction or punishment. It is patent that the efforts of the authorities will not have a full return until the parents play their co-operation. One local Councillor blamed the craze for amusements as being in some degree responsible for infant deaths, stating that parents carried children from hateful atmospheres into the cold of a winter night, and thus placed the little ones in danger of attacks of pneumonia, etc. A large number of deaths last year occurred owing to diarrhœa, and it is probable that many of these children would have been saved had they been properly fed. The infantile mortality for England and Wales was 109, and it may well be asked why it was 216 in Allerton Bywater parish, and only 77 in Tadcaster.

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DEATHS.

BACKHOUSE.—April 27th, at Beech Grove, Garforth, Mark Backhouse, aged 66.
BAXLEY.—On April 23rd, at Gateland House, Shadwell, James Bramley.
BARKER.—On April 29th, at Rothwell, George Barker, aged 59.
POPPLEWELL.—On April 27th, aged 1 year and 9 months, Frederick Harold, youngest child of J. A. Popplewell, Halton.
PLOWS.—On April 23rd, Charlie Plows, age 50, of Old Manston, Crossgates.
TAYLOR.—April 28 (suddenly, as the result of an accident), at Whitehall Farm, Halton, aged 53 years, George Colt Taylor, the dearly beloved husband of Maggie Taylor.
TINDALL.—April 28th, at the Travellers' Rest, East Keswick, in his 59th year, Robert Tindall.
WARD.—April 29th, in his 78th year, Amos Ward, of Mill Lane, Methley.

IN MEMORIAM

WILSTROP.—In loving memory of Maud Eveline, the dearly loved daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ann Wilstrop, of Little Fenton, who passed away May 1st, 1913, aged 15 years.
"Two long years have passed since that sad day,
When one we loved was called away;
God took her home, it was His will,
But in our hearts she liveth still."
—From father, mother, brothers, and sisters.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £9 2s., proceeds of donations box, per J. H. Baldwin, Bowling Green Hotel, Rothwell.

We have received a communication from Mr. Herbert Dacre, Rothwell, asking us to state that he was not the person fined at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on the 21st ult, for having been drunk on licensed premises.

White Rose Win.—The replay in the final for the Lubelski Shield between Rothwell White Rose and Morley Wyvern took place on the ground of Clarence Trotworks on Wednesday evening, and it resulted in a win for the Rothwell team by one goal to nothing. Hughes was the scorer.

Rothwell Council.—Mr. H. Kirkby has written us anent his remarks at the annual meeting of the Rothwell Council on Monday last and wishes to say that the schoolmaster of Allerton Bywater referred was Mr Cook, of the Lofthouse National Schools, and living in Queen Street, Carlton.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Thursday were Mr J. W. Mackrill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr R. D. Kitson, Mr J. Farrar, Mr J. R. Crossley, Mr E. Parkin, Mr E. H. Pease, Mr. C. Hall, Mr E. Parkin, Mr E. H. Pease, Mr. C. Hall, Mr. J. Lambert, Mr Richard, and Mr Evans. The last three gentlemen took the oath as new Justices.

A Dog that Came Back.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, William Padley, labourer, of Rothwell, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. It was stated by P.C. Bosomworth that when called upon the defendant said he had sold the dog in the Leeds Market, but it had returned. Asked if he was going to send the dog back, defendant said he did not know the man to whom it had been sold. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

A Disorderly Pair.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Greenwood, joiner, and Ann Naylor, widow, both of Hunslet, were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on Monday night. P.C. Womrick proved the case, and said all that the prisoners could say when spoken to was that they came from Hunslet. They had to be taken to the lock-up in a conveyance. Sergeant Metcalf corroborated, and both prisoners were fined 5s. and costs.

Patent list compiled by John B. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Bank Place, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax.—Application—Edward Court, Wakefield, propulsion of ships. Applications complete—J. B. Fregard, Harrogate, collapsible shoes pen for animals, etc.; George Grey, Doncaster fund Cawnpore, India), cording engines. Patent accepted—T. B. Anderson, Lockerbe, Dumfriesplaning machine; Richard Earnshaw, Goole, improvements in automatic outlet valves for ships' lifeboats.

Billiards.—The final for the championship of the Oulton and District Billiard League (Senior Division) took place at the Oulton Institute on Saturday evening, the cueists being Rothwell Mechanics' Institute and Hopetown Reading Room. The games were very slow, and Rothwell won by twenty points, the aggregate score being—Rothwell M.I. 551, Hopetown R.R. 531. Mr G. Wilkinson (assistant secretary of the League) was the referee. Details (Rothwell names first):—S. Edwards 100 v. J. Gill 88, W. Watson 86 v. H. Button 100, W. Armstead 86 v. C. Beddard 100; J. Ainsworth 100 v. R. Webster 72, E. Beckwith 100 v. W. Bloomer 71; H. Banks 96 v. W. Stephenson 100. On Saturday Rothwell first eleven played a Headingley eleven at Rothwell. The scores were:—Headingley—V. Watson, run out, 0; H. Watson, b Banks, 5; J. H. Adams, lbw, b Banks, 25; S. Casson, c Fox, b Banks, 11; W. Noble, c Banks, b Povey, 19; G. Davey, b Bedford, 11; J. W. Pearson, b Banks, 12; R. Peters, c Fox, b Bedford, 0; H. Casson, b Tiffany, 22; J. Parker, b Povey, 5; Edwards, 12; H. Longley, not out, 24; extras, 10; total, 88. H. Banks took 3 wickets for 26 runs, Povey 2 for 19, and Bedford 2 for 20. Rothwell first eleven for eleven, H. Hodkinson none for 1500, W. Bloomer c and b Pearson, 11; H. Hemsworth none for nine, and C. Tiffany two for 16. Rothwell—A Clarke, b Parker 21; C. Tiffany, b S Casson, 13; W. Fox, c and b S Casson, 2; H. Hemsworth, b Parker, b 5; S Casson, 21; H Hodkinson, b Peters, 9; S Faulkner, b Pearson, 7; W Nelson, c Casson, b Pearson, 15; W Bedford, b Peters, 5; H. Banks, b Pearson, 11; G. Povey, c Watson, b S Pearson, 17; J W Paley, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 83.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Oulton and Rodley Billiard League Rothwell Workingmen's Club were defeated at Hopewell Workingmen's Club by 364. Details (Hopetown names first):—] Lilley 100 v. F Stringer 40. W Bloomer 100 v C Batty 59. J Beeton 100 v J Hargreaves 82. W Webster 100 v R. Dickin 79, and G. Green 100 v. G. Ingleby 90. J. Lilley made a break of forty.

ALLERTON BYWATER

OGGLEDRESS DIVISION.—At a meeting of the Gooll Trades and Labour Council on Thursday evening, a discussion took place over the nomination of a Labour candidate to contest the Osgoldcross Division. The name of Mr George Goodrick, miners' representative, who has recently been addressing meetings throughout the division, was put forward, when there was a surprise nomination, a delegate of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union stating that he had instructions to nominate their leader, Mr J Havelock Wilson. The two names were declared at some length, and eventually it was decided to defer selection until the next meeting of the Council.

A PAINFUL CASE.—The verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned at an inquest at Castleford on Wednesday on James Queen (58), miner, of 58, William Street, Lock Lane, who was found hanging in his house on Monday. Evidence was stated that her husband was present, and said "the hadn't done anything but knock off." He was not exactly sober." Witness told him she would inform the police. He had admitted scrubbing with the girl before. The Coroner said the fact of Queen hanging himself to evade the consequences of his act would not mean he was of unsound mind.

BOWERS ALLERTON

LECTURE.—Mr J. W. Pearson, of Leeds, gave a lecture on Monday night before a large audience in the Mission Hall. The subject of his discourse was "Some of the Great Statesmen of Methodism," the late Rev. Thomas Cook. Commencing with his boyhood, the lecturer said his hero took life seriously, and at 14 years of age, when he was converted, he commenced his evangelistic work by holding services in his father's house, his brother afterwards a valuable worker in the cause being his first convert. To extend the range of his influence, Mr Cook and a friend made a rough desk, which they carried about the streets, his friend singing and he preaching. Mr Cook in early manhood was a day school teacher, but in 1880, being then 21 years of age, he stood as candidate for the ministry, but owing to certain ideas which he had developed, was rejected. In 1882, however, he entered the ministry. It was as a missioner that Mr Cook made his mark. Mr Pearson remembered his mission at Brunswick Chapel, Leeds, when he converted 100 a night for a night. At a Cornwall mission the vestries had to be enlarged to make room for enquirers. Mr Cook once converted a young lady who was leading a wicked life and recid us life, and that lady afterwards became Mayoress of Bradford, and she opened East-brook Chapel, giving 2,000 guineas on that occasion. Once when Mr Cook was holding a Leeds Mission Station a man entered the waiting room looking rather down-hearted. The rev. gentleman, after much persuasion, was told by the man that his circumstances were pressing him hard, and himself very much and bankruptcy was staring them in the face. Mr Cook happened to know his chief creditor and wrote the man a note asking him to speak to his creditor. He not only forgave his debts, but also set him on his feet again in his business. Mr Cook was the first principal at Cliff College, near Sheffield. He died at the age of 53 on August, 1913.

CARLTON

TEMPERANCE HALL.—The winners of the snooker handicap just concluded at the Temperance Hall are as follows:—1, W. Turpin; 2, Bennett; 3, A. Tate; 4, G. Priestley. Two G. Bradley; 3, A. Tate; 4, G. Priestley. Two prizes were awarded in the domino handicap; the first being won by W. Brook, and the second by G. Ramsden.

CROSSGATES

GOLF CLUB.—Mixed foursomes were played on Saturday, the successful couples being:—1, Mrs. E. N. Thewlis and G. P. Poyser; 2, Mrs. J. Simpson and J. A. Thornwood.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—In the distribution of honours at the annual meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians, Crossgates came in for a pleasing measure of recognition. Mr A. Chadwick was elected chairman of the committee for the boarding-out of poor children, and Mr A. Lee secured the chairmanship of the Contracts Committee.

THE CHURCH.—At a meeting of the communicants in connection with Manston Church on Tuesday night it was decided to increase the membership of the Church Council from nine to twelve. Five members were elected at a previous meeting by the communicants, and the Vicar now appointed Messrs J. Mervyn Wade, Mr Woodhead, and Mr Allanson.

LECTURE.—On Friday evening last at the Crossgates Methodist Church, Whitkirk, a lecture on "Aviation up-to-date" was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton. Mr Philip Garth presided. The lecture was dealt with the subject in a most interesting and instructive manner, and seventy excellent limelight views considerably enhanced the value of the lecture. At the close the usual vote of thanks was passed on the call of Mr Diggle, seconded by Mr Burrus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—In connection with Crossgates Wesleyan Church Sunday anniversary a public meeting and prize-distribution took place on Saturday night in the schoolroom—Mr E. E. Broadbent presiding. The Rev. E. Bell gave an address on Sunday school work, and prizes for attendance and conduct were presented to the scholars by Mr H. Nattrass, of New Wortley. A delightful musical programme was rendered, those who took part were Miss Ivy Wood, Miss Hetty Noble, Miss Ethel Holliday, Miss Annie Taylor, and Miss Ethel Lee. The recitation "The Building of St. Sophia" was admirably given by Miss G. Hodgson. On Sunday the special preacher was the Rev. J. W. Legsby, B.A., B.D., and the services were well attended. In the afternoon a "Model Children's service, entitled "Altars and their builders," was given, and Mr F. R. Carlton presided. The scholars rendered the service, which was trained by Miss Popplewell, Miss G. Hodgson, and Mr Dyson. Mr Lightley gave an appropriate and instructive address. The collections on Sunday amounted to £14 9s.

GOLF CLUB.—In the monthly medal competition on Saturday at Garforth the results were —H Sandy, 94, 20, 74; W H Tatham, 103 27, 79; R G Dobson, 91, 14, 77; L P Dobson, 103 26, 77; H F Smithson, 85, 6, 79; J Prime, 105 26, 79; W Smith, 103, 23, 80; C P Denby, 102, 20, 82; W. Tate, 103, 20, 83.

Supt. Vaughan, of Saddleworth, who was for many years sergeant at Garforth, has been promoted to the Skipton division.

MR J. W. DOBSON, on his appointment as Chairman of the Garforth Urban District Council, took his seat on the bench at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday.

NEGLECTING TO EDUCATE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Nicholson, miner, of Garforth, was summoned by Mr H. W. Powell (Clerk to the Garforth Education Committee) for not sending his child regularly to school.

Out of a possible 238 times, the child had only attended school 48. An order for the child to attend school was made.

"It's a FAIR COP."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Wilfred Smith, a pony driver, of Garforth, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light on the Leeds and Selby Road, Garforth, on Monday, April 20th. When stopped by P.C. Alborough, who proved the case, the defendant said "It's a fair cop." He was ordered to pay a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs.

CHURCH BAZAAR.—The bazaar held in connection with the Parish Church raised about £100, as reported in our last issue, the opening ceremony on the first day was performed by the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox, and on Thursday afternoon Mrs Wilkinson, of Harrogate, discharged a like duty, there being a good attendance. During the afternoon and evening entertainments were given by Miss V. Dent and others, while the children of the Parochial Infants' School submitted a short programme, containing a flower song, which was nicely done by the elder children. The youngsters once again a pretty picture in a little play, entitled "Bo-Peep." The stall-holders were as follows:—Plain Stall—Mrs Chadwick, and Mrs Short. Fancy Stall—Misses Richardson, Miss Sissons, and Misses Howe. The Teachers' Stall—Teachers of the Sunday School. Surprise Stall —Miss Hebden and Miss Oxtoby. Competition —Miss Hebden and Miss Couper. G.F.S. Stall—Miss Hebden and Miss Bedford, assisted by Mrs E. Hebden. Flower Stall—Misses Denby. Refreshment Stall—Mrs Thompson, Mrs Dent, Mrs. Dimelow, Hebden, and Miss Milnes. Literature Stall—Captain Pakes, of the Church Army.

GREAT PRESTON

AMBULANCE SOCIAL.—A very pleasant evening was spent by a large number in the Infant Schoolroom on Saturday, when a dance was held by the local Voluntary Aid Detachment, kindly lent for the occasion by the brothers Dyer, while the refreshments were arranged for amateur Mr G. Nowell was M.C. The proceeds are for the purpose of helping to stock the emergency stall, over which the men of the Great Preston detachment will preside, at the bazaar to be held in Monk Fryston Park on Saturday.

A DANGEROUS OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Hutchinson, labourer, and Charles Wagstaff, miner, of Great Preston, were summoned for trespassing on the North Eastern Railway. The wives of the defendants were present. The evidence was about 12.40 a.m. on April 12th the men were seen on the line at Kippax, and both were under the influence of drink. An empty coal train was coming from the direction of Castleford, and the men had to be brought off the line into safety. Their attention was drawn to a board warning people about walking on the line. The Bench fined each defendant 10s. and costs.

HALTON

COAL DEALER'S EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Broadhead, coal dealer, of Halton, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. Defendant said he had been ill and off work for some weeks. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

NO DOG LICENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Bernard Crawley, commercial traveller, of Halton, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. When called upon on March 2nd by P.C. Stothard, the defendant said he was thinking of doing away with the dog. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

KIPPAX

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in this Church on Sunday, and the preacher was Mr G. C. Cookson, of Fairburn. The collections were given to the Wesleyan Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association.

OSGOLDCROSS UNION AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting of the Osgoldcross Division Liberal and Labour Association was held at Ponefract on Saturday. Alderman A. Bell (Castleford), vice-president, was in the chair, and Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett, the Member for the division, was among those present. The report, which was considered quite satisfactory, and the financial statement were adopted. The latter showed that a deficit of £4 11s. at the beginning of last year had been increased to £7 7s. Mr F. Andrews was re-elected president, and Alderman Hartley vice-president, with a large executive and general committee. A vote of confidence in the Government was passed and Sir J. Compton-Rickett replied.

FAIRBURN

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in July, between Charles Ashforth, son of the late Rev. C. A. Cartledge, and only daughter of Mrs Cartledge, and the late Rev. David Hague, of Harrogate, and Ethel Cooper, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Richard Kemplay Snowdon, vicar of Askham, and Mrs. Snowdon, Headingley, Leeds.

MICKLEFIELD

ACCIDENT.—The final tie for the Deighton Shield, at Tadcaster, on Saturday, the opening teams being South Milford and Wetherby, was marred by a nasty accident. Half-way through the second half Cade (Wetherby's outside left), and Hick (Milford's centre-half) ran into violent collision, with the result that Hick had the misfortune to break right across the shin bone. First aid was rendered on the ground, after which he was carried on a door to the neighbouring barn, where he was seen by Dr Garland, and afterwards removed to the Union Infirmary by motor-car.

MR HARVEY'S VIEWS.—Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Hall, was president of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association, presided at a demonstration at Selby on Thursday night. He said that he had been astonished at the enthusiasm with which Mr Foster had been met throughout the constituency. Why was it? He thought it was because the people were beginning to think for themselves, and to see that when the Liberals got in they always did something. There was only one way in which they could satisfy the Tories just now, and that was to destroy the House of Lords Act, and thus leave the Liberals in the same difficulty as they were in before the passing of that Act. (Hear, hear). But the Liberals were out to get on with business, and that was what they were fighting for ness, and that was what they were fighting for. (Hear, hear).

In the Barkston Ash Division. (Hear, hear).

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr Joshua Bower Brooke, of Moor Allerton, solicitor, who was killed in the hunting field on March 7th, left legacies of £100 each to two clerks, and £50 each to three clerks, f in his service at the time of death. His estate is valued at £28,649.

THE LATE MR J. R. FLITCH.—The death took place on Wednesday evening, at his residence, Uplands, Moor Allerton, of Mr J. R. Flitch, a well-known Leeds magistrate. Mr Flitch, who was in his seventy-first year, was for a number of years head of the firm of J. J. Flitch and Son, Springwell Leather Works, Bushlethorpe, but retired from business some three years ago. Apart from his assiduous attention to his duties as a magistrate he took little part in the public life of the city, but the Tariff Reform campaign found in him an ardent supporter. He was a prominent Wesleyan, and took a keen and generous interest in religious work. Almost since his retirement Mr Flitch was in failing health, and the death of his wife last year was a severe blow. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

QULTON

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Oulton Bowling Club played a team from Altofts in the first round of the Preston Shield Competition, at Oulton. The visitors won by 6 points, the scores being 253 and 203. Details (Oulton names first):—Wm. Poole 14 v. A. E Brown 21, F Ellis 21 v W. Barr 10, R Tankard 21 v F. Hunton, 18, J. Nuttall 11 v B Smith 21 v. F. Hunton, 18, J. Nuttall 11 v B Smith 21 v F. Hunton, 18, J. Nuttall 11 v B Smith 21 v F. Hunton, 18, J. Nuttall 11 v B Smith 21 v

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Health of Rothwell Urban Area

THE WASTAGE OF CHILD-LIFE.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

Dr. Hugh Stevenson, medical officer of health for Rothwell urban area, in his annual report, states:—The number of houses in occupation in the district at the end of 1913 was 3,004, and taking the number of inhabitants per house to be 4·65, I estimate the population of the entire urban district to be 14,855, showing that the population of the district has increased during the year 1913 by 135 inhabitants.

BIRTHS.

The total number of births registered during the year was 422, comprising 205 males and 213 females. Last year the registered births announced to 393, and for the year prior to that the figure was 350. Of the total number of births, those registered in the sub-registration district of Rothwell, consisting of the North, South, and Stourton wards amounted to 254, of which 130 were males and 124 females. Of the births registered in the sub-registration district of Ardsley, comprising Carlton and Lofthouse with Thorpe wards, amounted to 168, of which 79 were males and 89 females.

Comparing our 1913 figures with those for 1912 we find a difference in favour of this year of 29 births for the entire district; there was an increase of 11 in the Rothwell and Stourton districts, just sufficient to prevent the Lofthouse and Carlton wards, which show an increase of 28 on their previous year's record, from claiming all the credit for the achievement, and of pointing the finger of scorn at their more laggard neighbours in the Rothwell and Stourton wards as being retrograde in that all important feature in the life history of any district, namely, its birth rate.

In spite of the most commendable efforts made by the Lofthouse and Carlton wards to redeem the shortcomings of the rest of the district, thus enabling us to show an increase in 1913 of 29 over the birth figures for the previous year, the lamentable fact that a large district had still remained not ten years ago, with a population 2,500 smaller than it is to-day, we had the same number of births and a distinctly higher birth rate, and that without possible on this state of affairs is that it leaves little scope for self-commendation, and that if this retrograde movement continues for several more generations at the same rate the situation will become one, not merely for comment, but will be one of most serious import. It may, however, be some comfort to those who feel the severity of this criticism to learn that though they may not have done well there are others who have done still less well, as shown by the fact that the average birth-rate during 1913 for England and Wales was only 23·90, against our local figures of 28·40.

The birth-rate of the entire urban district is 28·40 per 1,000 inhabitants, showing a slight advance on the 1912 figure, which was 26·69; the figures for the two years preceding that had been 27·04 and 27·45 respectively. The birth rate for all England and Wales for 1913 is 23·0 per 1,000 inhabitants.

The illegitimate births numbered 16, comprising 6 males and 10 females. Of the total number 11 belonged to the Rothwell and Stourton wards, and 5 to the Carlton and Lofthouse-with-Thorpe ward. The illegitimate births were in the proportion of 1 in 26 of the total births registered as compared with 1 in 30 in 1912 and 1 in 45 in 1911.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths registered in the entire urban district in 1913 was 214, comprising 114 males and 100 females. Of these 214, the Rothwell sub-registration district claimed 129, 65 males and 64 females, whilst the Ardsley sub-registration district accounts for the balance of 85 deaths, comprising 49 males and 36 females.

In 1912, a year of wet and sunless weather, the total number of deaths registered in the entire urban district was 164, a number appreciably lower than that of the present year, while 1911, a year memorable for heat and absence of rain, was responsible for 220 deaths, 6 more than the present year shows.

The outstanding difference in the list of causes of death" in the two years under question is in the case of deaths from diarrhœa, which disease during 1912, with its low temperature and high rainfall, was practically non-existent, and accounted for only two deaths during the year, while in 1913, as also by the way in 1911, both of which years were characterised by plenty of warmth and sunshine, diarrhœa has shown itself to be one of the biggest contributors to the list of deaths from any cause during these years. This shows fairly conclusively the great part which climatic conditions play in the causation of this disease, and only emphasises what I have so often said in my annual reports when dealing with infantile fevers, a condition closely allied to epidemic diarrhœa.

When we consider that in 1911 no fewer than 21 out of the total number of deaths (England & Wales) from diarrhœa, or due to diarrhœa, of which 17 occurred in children under two years of age, and that in 1913, 19 deaths occurred from this disease (equivalent to 1 death in 11·1 of which no fewer than 15 were those of children under two years old, we cannot but admit that this state of affairs shows a lamentable wastage in child life, and one which is of far too serious a character to be passed over without careful consideration, and as will be seen under my remarks on infantile mortality I am of opinion that while much may be done by Public Health Authorities in removing or ameliorating conditions which materially contribute to the prevalence of this disease, there is at the same time a serious responsibility devolving upon parents in this matter.

Another condition which has been a big contributor to the mortality figures during the past year was diseases of the respiratory organs, 35 deaths being returned as due to pneumonia and bronchitis, which works out at about one death in six as due to these causes. As again bearing upon this question of mortality in young children it is instructive to note that of the 35 deaths during the year from pneumonia or bronchitis, 21 of them, that is 60 per cent., occurred in children under one year of age.

As was also the case in 1912 deaths due to organic heart disease form a large proportion of the total deaths during the year, the proportion being 1 to 6·5 of the total year's deaths, practically the same as in the case of pneumonia and bronchitis.

The only other point which I think merits special comment is this peculiar fact that the cases of deaths from tuberculosis (all forms) disease, which provided 23 deaths during the year, equivalent to 1 death in 9 of the total deaths registered.

DEATH-RATE.

The district death-rate for 1913 is 14·49 per 1,000 inhabitants, compared with 11·14 in the preceding year and with 15·21 in 1911, the average death-rate for the ten years 1903-1912 inclusive was 13·03, so it is seen that our rate this year is higher than the average for the past decade. I find that on only two occasions during the past ten years, namely 1905 and 1904 was our annual death-rate higher than it is this year, though as is shown above our rate for 1913 is not materially above that of the average for the last decade.

A more unsatisfactory feature of the death returns than the mere gross total of deaths or even the gross death-rate, is the fact that in 1913 37 per cent. rather more than one-third of the total deaths registered, were those of children under 5 years of age, as compared with 30 per cent. in 1912 and with 30 per cent. in 1911. This most undesirable proportion of deaths in children will receive considerable attention later on in this report when discussing infantile deaths.

The death-rate for all England and Wales in 1913 was 13·7 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Ten inquests were held during the year 1913, as compared with 6 in 1912.

The causes of death were returned as follows:—Accidentally killed, 4; syncope, 2; heart disease, 1; heart failure while under an anæsthetic, 1; septic poisoning, 1; suicide (drowning), 1.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

During 1913 thirty deaths were returned as due to zymotic diseases:—Typhoid fever, 1; measles, 1; scarlet fever, 4; diphtheria, 5; epidemic diarrhœa and enteritis, 19.

During 1912 only 9 deaths were returned as due to zymotic diseases, while 1911 showed 39 such returns.

The zymotic death-rate for 1913, viz., 2.01, shows a considerable advance on that for 1912, which was only 0.61 per 1,000 inhabitants. I find on reference that our zymotic death-rate for this year has been surpassed on only one occasion during the past ten years, namely in 1911, which like last year was characterised by drought and warmth. The rate for all Eng land and Wales for 1913 was 1·26.

An analysis of the causes of those zymotic deaths shows the source of our heavy rate, to no fewer than 19 deaths were returned during the year as being due to diarrhœa and enteritis, while at the same time we have an unusually large number of deaths from scarlet fever and diphtheria, namely four and five respectively.

It is satisfactory to record that although we had during the year a severe outbreak of measles in the North ward we had only one death returned during the year as due to measles, and none at all as due to whooping-cough.

IMPUDENT THEFTS AT GARFORTH

SMART PUNISHMENT

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Reginald Simpson, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a gold ring, valued at 15s. 6d., and a Post Office boone safe, and contents, valued at 23s., the property of Sophia Baxter, of Garforth.

Supt. Symonds briefly outlined the details, and said prisoner had stolen the safe under very peculiar circumstances, having first obtained the safe belonging to the prosecutrix, and then having taken one out from the post office and placing this in the drawer from which the first one was taken.

The prosecutrix, a married woman, said that the prisoner had been lodging at her house since January. She had missed the ring in a drawer on April 9th. On Good Friday morning it had gone. Information was given to the police. She now identified the ring, which she valued at over 15s. 6d.

Frank Midgley, a pawnbroker's assistant at Garforth, said that on Thursday, April 9th, the prisoner came into his employer's shop with a ring, which he offered for pledge. When asked if it was his ring, the prisoner said it belonged to his girl. Witness advanced 3s. 3d. upon it.

This concluded the evidence in the first charge, and, in answer to the Clerk, prisoner pleaded guilty.

In giving evidence relating to the second charge, Mrs Baxter said prisoner had seen her drop money into the home-safe, and on one occasion asked where he could get one similar. She told him that he could get one at the post office if he paid a deposit of 3s. Witness related how she had found another safe in the place of her own.

John Hall, sub-postmaster of Garforth, said that previous to Good Friday Simpson came to the office and made enquiry about a home-safe. Subsequently he paid a deposit for one, and the following Saturday Mrs Baxter brought a safe which he (witness) identified as the one which had been stolen to Simpson.

P.C. Hough gave evidence of receiving the prisoner from Selby, when he said he had only taken 3s. from the safe.

Prisoner said he was very sorry and would lead a better life in the future.

The Chairman said this was not the prisoner's first theft, and sent him to prison for two months on each charge, with hard labour, the sentences to run consecutively.

WORK-A-DAY WONDERS.

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"I worked on with the dyeing all the time I was talking, and by and by, there was the linen, one solid beautiful stretch of colour hanging out on the line in Mrs Bridges' garden. It had been faded greeny-grey before, and now had dyed it Severn blue and—well!

"When Mrs Hendry, who lives next door to Mrs Bridges, saw the linen made up, she fairly begged me to give her a hand dyeing some lovely Jacquet feathers and sky-blue sash-ribbon to an even shade of elephant grey. I was a bit doubtful about trying feathers; but it was Mrs Bridges herself who declared that if anybody or anything could manage them I and Diamond Dye could."

(To be continued).

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BARKSTON ASH LIBERALISM.

PRESIDENT AND A PRIZE DONATION INCIDENT.

ADDRESS BY MR PRINGLE, M.P.

MR E. H. FOSTER REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association a public meeting was held on Saturday in the Parish Hall, Hatfield. Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge (President of the Association), was in the chair, and he was supported by Mr W. M. R. Pringle, M.P., for one of the Lansdesire Divisions, Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Division), Mrs Foster, Mrs Harvey, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, Manston (Chairman of the Association), Captain Glover, Cullingham (vice-chairman), and Mr R. G. Macpherson (hon. sec.). There was not a large audience.

The Chairman said that their opponents were such funny people that there was no satisfying them. The Government had tried in all sorts of ways to give them exactly what they asked for, but still they were dissatisfied. The fact had become more were too many Irish representatives in the House of Commons, and the Government introduced the Home Rule Bill, and proposed to cut down Irish representation by something like 10 per cent., but the Tories said they did not want that. They said that they wanted a General Election in order that the electors might show their disapproval of the Government and in particular of Mr Asquith. The Prime Minister, ever ready to oblige, arranged an election, but they did not take him on. (Not a bit.?). He would like to see a very good case against the Tory Party. They had definitely undertaken, if and when returned to power—it was a long time ahead—(laughter)—to consult not our own people, but some of the leaders in foreign countries as to what was the best kind of legislation for this country. Ulster, they were told, declined to be drummed out of the Empire, but if Home Rule was to put Ulster out of the Empire, it stood to reason that all the self-governing colonies were outside the Empire. Yet the Tories, in order to catch votes, had undertaken to consult with the leaders in these colonies, which, according to their own statements, were foreign countries, as to how they would tax the bread and butter of this country. (Applause). The position had only to be thus explained to show the absurdity of their so-called arguments. In the Great Preston district some of the Tory ladies had been going round trying to induce women to sign this so-called Covenant. They carried with them a little flag, and they told the people they wanted them to sign the paper because it meant the preservation of the flag and the prevention of the streets of Ulster running with blood. A large number of women had signed the Covenant on arguments put forward in this way. If that was a fact—and he had it on the authority of persons residing in that district—it was an absolute disgrace, not only to the people directly concerned, but to the Tory Party who were supporting such a thing. (Applause). At the bottom of the Covenant was an attempt to get at the Army in the interests of party politics. (Applause).

Mr Pringle, who is a racy speaker, delivered a lengthy address, confining his remarks exclusively to the Irish question. He said that the Ulster Unionist Council had pretended to set forth in terms of dual the characteristics of a dastardly plot formed by the Government to over-awe Ulster, and the Leader of the Opposition had demanded a judicial inquiry, and a motion had afterwards been carried in the House of Commons, the terms of which he read. He dealt with the measures taken by the Government in Ulster, and stated that they were of a purely precautionary character. He stated that the Unionist Party were in a condition of hysteria. Why had they become so? There was one mischievous man responsible for the panic they were in by the situation. They saw that they were within a few months of the Parliament Act taking effect. (Applause). For the first time they saw the Liberal Party not only in office but in power. If they examined the attitude of the Tory Party with regard to other questions of the day they would be driven to the conclusion that they had cut themselves adrift from all political principles, that they were absolutely destitute of policy, and were also bankrupt in leadership. He believed that at the present time there was no greater benefactor of the Liberal Party than Mr Bonar Law. (Laughter and applause). He would counsel all his fellow Liberals not only to deal charitably and generously with him, but every day they lived they should offer their fervent thanks for his being the leader of the Tory Party, and pray for his long continuance in that position. (Laughter). Mr Bonar Law was suspected of being a Scotsman. (Laughter). He, however, was born in New Brunswick, and he was of North of Ireland extraction. (Laughter). He had spent most of his life, like himself, in the City of Glasgow, and there he was regarded as a successful politician who had retired from business, but in the rest of the country he was regarded as a successful business man who had gone into politics. (Laughter). The more extreme Tories were pressed with his leadership; they were delighted to have a man who spoke with what was described as bluntness and directness—he was not saying what was in his mind—but they were often in a difficulty with their last leader, because he noticed that when Mr Balfour used to indulge in some of his subtle arguments they did not know which way to cheer. (Laughter). There was also a difficulty with Mr Bonar Law. (Laughter). There was a serious side to this question. Long before the Curragh incident speeches were made on Tory platforms regarding what the Army would do in the event of civil war in Ulster, and they could not be construed otherwise than as an encouragement to the Army to disobey the orders which might conceivably be given by the Government of the day. Sir Edward Carson had stated that he had letters from any number of officers in the Army promising that they would not take action against Ulster. He thought they were justified in construing all those statements from Tory platforms as systematic attempt on their part to influence the Army so that if a crisis arose the officers and men would refuse to carry out the orders of the Government. There was only one condition under which they could have a Standing Army in a democratic State, and that was that the officers and men should obey the orders given by the Government, altogether apart from the individual views of the officers and men. (Applause). It was now argued that officers and men could act upon orders according to their own views, but if that was accepted they were no longer a free people. But that was not all. They found this same thing in regard to the Carson movement in Ulster. The implication was that when a minority were forcibly ruled by the majority they were not bound to abide by the result, and not to be satisfied with the ordinary remedies offered to minorities, but to forcibly resist the carrying out of the will of the majority. If they once admitted that any minority was entitled to resist by armed force their democracy was reduced to a mockery and a sham. (Applause). The Tories had tried to use National Insurance and bigotry in Ulster to overthrow the Parliament Act and to place themselves in the government of great mass of the electors cold. They appreciated what had been gained for democracy by the Parliament Act; they regarded it as the charter of democracy. (Applause). The Government had behind them a record of political and social reform unexampled in recent political history, and although they had been in office for nearly nine years, and had fought many strenuous and bitter fights, and carried through much arduous work, their energies were unabated. They were ready to deal with other social problems, and led by the political genius and statesmanship of Mr Asquith—(applause)—they were looking confidently forward to the issue of the next election.

Mr E. H. Foster, who had a capital reception, expressed his regret that Mr Lory Fox, M.P., had had to undergo an operation. (Hear, hear). He had been an absolutely courteous opponent so far as he was concerned, and he hoped they would soon see him back again restored to health and strength. (Hear, hear). He then proposed the following resolution :—

That this meeting thanks Mr Pringle, M.P., for his presence and speech. It expresses its unabated confidence in His Majesty's Government, and warmly supports them in their efforts to pass the Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, and Plural Voting Bills into law during the present Parliament, thus clearing the way for important measures of social reform.

He said that he had had serious and rather severe criticism from Mr Lane Fox and Mr Brooksbank, and also from Mr Lee, in a letter which appeared in the "Courier." It appeared that they objected very much to some remarks that he made at Garforth, which were excellently and faithfully reported in the "Courier." He had, however, nothing to withdraw from the remarks he made then. (Applause). Mr Fox and Mr Brooksbank both said they were very much surprised that he, in particular, should have made remarks about the Army because he was a member of the Territorial Association. It was precisely because he was interested in questions affecting the Army, particularly the Territorial Army, that he made the statement. He did not charge the Army into the controversy; it was dragged into the arena of politics by the Tories, and Mr Pringle had shown them how the Tories had encouraged in every way open sedition in the Army. The Army in the main had behaved well, but it was idle to say there had not been exceptions, that communications had not passed between Tory leaders and officers in the Army, and to say there was not an outburst on the part of a small section at the Curragh which was in the nature of a political outburst. They had thrown the challenge down and they (the Liberals) did not hesitate to take it up. He thought it was Mr Lane Fox who said he was about the only Liberal who had ever done anything for the Territorial Army, but he pointed out that Captain Glover, who was on the platform, imperilled his life by serving in South Africa. (Applause). Mr Brooksbank had said that he was an Englishman first and a Tory afterwards, and he quite accepted it. He had nothing to say about Mr Brooksbank—he was a colleague of his on the County Council—except that he was a Tory and a political opponent. What had he to say about Mr Asquith? One would have thought that if there was one man in the political arena to-day who was above all a great Englishman more than a party man it was the present Prime Minister. (Applause). He stated that he was travelling with two well-known Tories in that part of the world, and he was chaffing them about their leader, and he said he did not think much of a party that threw over a man like Mr Balfour, and put Mr Bonar Law in his place. They said they did not think very much of either of them. (Laughter). They said they regarded Mr Balfour as an old woman and Mr Bonar Law as a stop-gap. "Who would you have as leader, then?" he asked. They hesitated, and then they said "We would like your man." (Applause). This was the real opposition when they got behind all the talk in which they indulged.

Dealing with the land question, he said, that he had been criticised for his speeches, and he had been charged with creating discord between masters and men, but there had been a debate in the House of Lords, and they had had a speech from Lord Salisbury on the lines on which he (Mr Foster) had been talking. Lord Salisbury stated in regard to agricultural labourers' wages :—

The Blue Book stated that the average weekly wages were :—In Wiltshire 13s., total earnings, with allowances, 16s.; in Suffolk, cash 12s. 5d., total, 15s. 9d.; in Norfolk, cash 12s. 7d., total 15s. 4d.; in Oxfordshire (the lowest on the list) cash 12s. 11d., total 14s. 11d. Those were very serious figures. The highest, 16s., was a very low figure on which to maintain a wife and family. To that must be added the fact that prices had risen to such an extent that these wages were not so valuable as they used to be.

Afterwards Lord Lucas made a speech, and he said :—

The question of the wages of agricultural labourers was serious. The average of the very highest of 4. In twenty-three counties in England at the present time the total earnings (including harvest money, rent of cottages, etc.), were under 16s., in fifteen counties they were under 15s., in three under 16s., and in one county under 15s. Out of the total number of ordinary labourers no per cent. were earning less than 18s. a week.

Lord Lansdowne he regarded as one of the best and surest speakers on the Tory side, but he did not admire what he said on this question :—

The general position of the agricultural labourer at this moment, far from being, as a general rule, a desperate position, was an extremely hopeful one.

(Laughter.) Why was it hopeful? There was no hope for him. It went from bad to worse until it was taken up by the Liberal Government in their land inquiry. (Applause). He then described what had happened on a great landowner's (Lord Lilford) estate in Northamptonshire. His labourers earned 15s. a week, and they formed a Union just as a Unionist had performed in various parts of Barkston Ash. The labourers got a rise of 1s., and they were told that if they did not cease being members of the Union they would lose the rise. That kind of thing at this time of day was absolutely intolerable. He was determined to go on with this campaign, and having started, he would not be turned back. (Loud applause).

Mr J. Batty seconded, and the resolution was cordially passed.

Mr Pringle replied, and, on his call, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.

Mr and Mrs Samuel Laycock, of Templ Hirst, Selby, have celebrated their golden wed ding.

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CRICKET NOTES.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

The Barkston Ash League season opens on May 9th, and Mr E. D. Dawson, the energetic hon. sec., has made all the necessary arrangements. He has just issued the League handbook, and no cricketer in the district should be without one. It extends to 64 pages, and contains, besides the rules and fixtures, a mass of information of a purely local character which should be of utmost value to exponents of the game. The records have been brought up-to-date, and the handy little book should have a large circulation in the district.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUB.

Owing to the unfortunate existence of two Clubs in the village, the above club desires to enrol unattached players, residents in the Barkston Ash Division, as members. Good ground, and pavilion. Batting, bowling and fielding prizes. Hospitality. Write Mr A. B. Hoggarth, The Laurels, Church Fenton, Leeds.—Advt.

SCALBURY DEFEATED BY CROSSGATES WES.

Not a fifth interest was manifested in the game between Scacroft and Crossgates Wes. at Old Manston on Saturday. The ground eleven scored 90, Mr Wm. Goodlass and Mr Vendley Beaumont doing well, and Scacroft were got rid of for 58, H. Toft being top scorer. The scores were:—Crossgates Wes.—E. Webster, c Stead, b Toft, 22; P. Binns, bowled, 8; Umpleby, run out, 0; T. Yeadon, b Pickersgill, 16; E. Mills, c Toft, b Stead, 2; P. Coultas, b Stead, 11; A. Withy, b Stead, 4; A. Beaumont, b Lindley, 11; W. Goodlass, b Stead, 24; Geo. Mills, b Taylor, 1; G. Williams, not out, 2; extras, 8; total, 92. Scacroft—T. Toft, c Beaumont, b Coultas, 3; G. Thompson, b Beaumont, 6; P. Taylor, b Coultas, 0; H. Toft, b Binns, 7; H. Toft, c and b Binns, 15; H. Atack, b Umpleby, 5; Pickersgill, c Beaumont, b Umpleby, 2; E. Guest, b Webster, 2; J. Lindley, b Umpleby, 6; E. Lindley, not out, 4; A. Marshall, run out, 2; extras, 3; total, 58.

In the game between Scacroft A. and Crossgates Wes. A. on the Green at Scacroft, the homesters did better than the scores, but they failed to effect a win. They rattled up 126, B. Johnson, P. Taylor, Smith, and Hunter having the honours, and Crossgates put on 68 for 7 wickets, Heath and C. Brook batting well. The scores were :—Scacroft—P. Taylor, b E. Beaumont, 22; C. Avison, b C Brook, 0; F. Derwick, b C. Brook, 0; E. Hunter, b C. Brook, 10; C. Parkinson, b J. Selman, 13; J. Dennell, b E. Beaumont, 42; B. Johnson, b Selman, 34; J. W. Smith, not out, 16; J. Hepworth, b C. Brook, 8; J. Hardy, b C. Brook, 3; S. Ball, b E. Beaumont, 1; extras, 5; total, 126. Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, b Ball, 18; H. Brook, c Hardy, b Derwick, 0; F. Hewitt, b Ball, 19; H. Thompson, run out, 9; E. Beaumont, run out, 8; A. Brook, not out, 5; H. Rodgers, c Dennell, b Parkinson, 0; E. Walker, c Derwick, b Johnson, 0; extras, 9; total (for 7 wkts.), 68.

SOUTH MILFORD V. WHITKIRK.

Whitkirk went to South Milford on Saturday afternoon, and although the sides were not at full strength, some interesting cricket was seen. Milford were dismissed for 65, Rombottom claiming 6 wickets for 25, and the batting honours went to A. Atkinson, W. Dale, and Lindley. The feature of the Whitkirk innings was the batting of W. Cuttle, who played well in the second for a stop-gap. He was in fine form, and made 41. Whitkirk's total was 114 for 8 wickets, and A. Shepherd, Loveday, and Haigh contributed substantially to the total. Scores:—Milford—H. Atkinson, run out, 9; J. Rowell, b Romford, 0; T. Atkinson, b J. Shepherd, 0; J. Hodgson, b Romford, 4; A. Atkinson, run out, 13; A. Lindley, run out, 10; H. Hodgson, c and b Haigh, 1; J. Fewdrey, b J. Shepherd, 0; W. Wynans, b Romford, 4; W. Dale, not out, 11; J. Harrison, c and b Romford, 4; Hudson, run out, 5; R. Dale, b Romford, 11; extras, 8; total, 65. Whitkirk—W. Cuttle, c Lindley, b W. Cuttle, c Atkinson, b Hudgson, 41; H. Nowell, run out, 1; F. Loveday, b Lindley, 14; J. Shepherd, b Lindley, 9; C. Harrison, b Lindley, 2; S. Haigh, b Hodgson, 16; W. R. Bates, run out, 8; extras, 13; total (for 8 wkts.), 114. Declared.

KIPPAX V. OULTON.

On Saturday afternoon Kippax first eleven played Oulton at Kippax, the scores being as follows :—Kippax—W. Lloyd, b Copp, 10; E. Bickerdike, b Walker, 0; H. Bickerdike, c Copp, b Walker, 0; J. Chew, b Walker, 0; S. Edwards, c H Butler, b Copp, 4; E. Plows, b Walker, 0; A. Cripwell, b Walker, 3; H. Limbert, b Walker, 3; Albert Cripwell, b Copp, 0; G. Cripwell, b Copp, 0; J. Bickerdike, not out, 0; extras, 3; total, 24. Oulton—H. J. Butler, c Chew, b A Cripwell, 0; B. Chappell, b A. Cripwell, 0; P. Butler, b Bickerdike, 0; R. Higgins, b A. Cripwell, 15; P. C. Higgins, b Lloyd, 12; J. E. Jackson, flw, b Bickerdike, 3; R. V. Higgins, b Bickerdike, 0; S. Pulfreeman, b Lloyd, 1; C. Higgins, not out, 4; B. Walker, c and b Lloyd, 2; W. Lloyd took five wickets for 10 runs, and A. Cripwell took three wickets for eight runs, Bickerdike three wickets for three runs, and W. Lloyd two wickets for five runs.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Crossgates will be at home to Garforth, and Crossgates A. will be at Farnley Ironworks A. on the ground of the latter. Boston Spa will have Gloss Houghton as visitors, and Boston Spa A. will tackle the United at Clifford.

FIRST CASE UNDER NEW ACT.—At Selby, on Monday, the first case under the new Mental Deficiency Act arose on an application by Mr Nowman, representing the Education Committee of the West Riding County Council, that a boy named George William Friend, aged ten years, the stepson of a man named Wilson, of Millgate, Selby, should be sent to a special institution. It was stated that the boy had given a great deal of trouble to his mother by reason of his petty pilfering. The case was adjourned for the stepfather to attend.

MYSTERY CLEARED UP.—A year ago last October Mr William Tookie, of Leeds, secretary of the Yorkshire Mineral Water Manufacturers' Association, disappeared from his home in Reservoir Street. It was stated at the time Reservoir Street. It was stated at the time that he had been seen in Roundhay Park, and it was thought he may have been drowned in the Lake there. Diligent search was made, but without avail. The original fears, however, turned out to have been well founded, for on Monday, after eighteen months, the body was recovered from the big lake. It was seen by a man walking by the edge of the water, and was, of course, in a very decomposed condition. The son, however, was able to identify it, with the help of the property found in the clothing—a knife, a pair of eye-glasses and a key.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Massol," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS:—The story opens at Connop Grange, the charming country residence of Paul Colthurst, to all appearance a very wealthy man. The relationship at the Grange is somewhat peculiar. Both Paul Colthurst and his wife have been twice married. Peter Colthurst is Paul's son by his first marriage, while Pamela Jessop is Mrs. Colthurst's daughter by a former marriage. Peter and Pamela are deeply in love with each other, and one night they gleefully proclaim the fact that they are engaged. Paul Colthurst and his wife are delighted at the news, and Paul tells his son that Walter Colthurst, a relative of his, had long years before arranged that the young couple should marry when they came of age; if they didn't, then things would be very much different at Connop Grange. Their fortune would go elsewhere. Peter learns this with much amazement, and endeavours to hide the fact that the marriage, having been planned, takes the romance off the scene. While they are speaking, a caller—Miss Patricia Ransome—is announced. Paul shows great concern on hearing the name of his visitor.

It appears that Peter is not Paul Colthurst's son. Patricia Ransome's mother had been the lad's foster-mother, and Paul had taken the boy and passed him off as his own. Patricia warns Paul that a Mr. Oswalds are in London making inquiries about old Walter Colthurst's will. The Oswalds succeed to the Colthurst money in the event of Peter and Pamela not marrying.

Paul reports that he had been summoned to the deathbed of his cousin, Walter Colthurst. The old man asks about Paul's son and Paul, mindful of the promise he had made to the boy's mother, says that Peter is his own boy.

At Patricia Ransome's request Paul takes Peter and Pamela on a visit to London, so that they might call on Miss Patricia in due course of the visit, as she is afraid that the Oswalds may discover the identity of her guests.

The Oswalds stumble across the fact that Patricia's friends are the fortunate ones under Sir Walter Colthurst's will. Pamela is greatly taken with Patricia, and asks her down to Connop Grange for a short stay. Patricia consents, as she wants to be near Peter.

CHAPTER X.

Thomas Oswald turned to talk to his neighbour. "As I was saying, Miss Patricia—"

"Yes?" said Miss Patricia.

"I have discovered by the most lucky fluke the names of your guests. They are people I am specially interested in. They live at Connop Grange, and the young people are engaged. Now, you clearly understand me—may I speak to you in a whisper?"

"Oh, if you wouldn't speak at all at present!" said Miss Patricia, in a voice of almost agony. "I—I beseech of you, not now, not before others!"

"Why not before others? I assure you my young people are absolutely delightful. Mrs. Jessop Perkinses, and Mrs. Luck, are naturally, would not be. Mrs. Luck if she listened to what we were about for her to hear. As a good friend—Miss Ransome—I intend to put a spoke in that young man's wheel. It is quite time, in the interest that he should marry that pretty young girl. Far from that, I observed to-day—I have a great deal of observation, Miss Ransome—"

"Indeed you have, Mr. Oswald; I have always noticed that."

"Thank you, Miss Ransome, thank you. It is nice to be appreciated. I appreciate you, Miss Ransome; I do, most truly. Well, being a person of observation, I noticed to-day that my boy, my young Tom (as fine a fellow as ever breathed, with the heart of the lion and the sinews of the oak), I saw him sak—sen, the heart of the oak), I saw him looking at that young girl. According to the will, if the said young man's nuptials should, he gets ten thousand pounds. Miss Ransome, she shall marry my boy, Tom Oswald, and—if I can help it—I will be arranged, it may be arranged, I don't see why it shouldn't be arranged—Laura can marry Peter Colthurst. There! There's my little scheme. I have it as pat as pat. I am going to see Paul Colthurst; he cannot refuse me admission—his own distant cousin, indeed—he will invite us all to stay at Connop Grange. I am delighted—delighted. Miss Ransome, I feel a little faint. I should marry that pretty young girl. Far from that, I observed to-day—I have a great deal of observation, Miss Ransome—"

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the revue, "Hello! Everybody!" is an exceptionally bright and amusing show. From start to finish it gives with a rare swing; the book-is unusually capable and well trained, the principals are well above the average, the whole is beautifully dressed and delightfully staged, and above all the revue is entirely free from suggestiveness or bad taste. Much credit for the success so far must undoubtedly belongs to Mr George Clarke Newell, "H.M.S. Impossible!!!" The authors are Messrs Ray Waters and Fred Bowyer, who describe "H.M.S. Impossible!!!" as being three encounters with many perils. Orlando Pow II is responsible for the incidental music. While Leopold Bywaters is the producer. The cast is as follows:—Jo Tubbs, Arthur Roberts; "Capt. Gascoigne," Jack Pogey; "Uncle Lord Boodle," Percy Cahill; "Violet Renfrew, Finesse Bond; "Sadie Renfrew," Dolly Nellie Townsend; and "Aunt Tabitha," Dolly Vernon. The Leslie Stone Troupe of English dancers, and the London Beauty Chorus, supplement d by a full company of supernumeraries, give an idea of the quality of the production. A word should be said about the scenic effects, which are contained in three scenes, the first of which is the exterior of the Atlantic Restaurant; the second the deck of "H.M.S. Impossible," the second the deck of "H.M.S. Impossible," and scene 3 should be left to the public curiosity. The other attractions are very numerous, including such fine performers as the Federsel Bros., comedy aerial artistes, featuring the famous "Pederson Trick"; Rasford and Valentine, the jesting jugglers and maniacs of mirth; Ida Barr, a charming comedienne; Dore Duquesne, a wonderful juvenile entertainer; Drew and Alders, comedians; and that bunch of conticality, Harry Levaine.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week Mr Harry Burns is presenting his latest revue "They're Off." Good singing, superb dresses, and gags innumerable—mostly political—mark the principal features of this latest revue, while that popular comedian, Tubby Edlin, first as Boatman Bill, then as a waiter, is ever in the thick of it with his sparkling humour. Miss Bessie Burke, as the English girl, renders her songs in charming style, as does Miss Betty Bernard, in the role of an American visitor. The chorus are also deserving of special mention. Among the other turns in the bill, that supplied by the Maximo starts alone. Nothing approaching the eccentricities of this Cuban wonder upon the slack wire has been seen in Leeds for some time, how he manages to maintain his balance when in a state of seeming intoxication being remarkable. The Romps, eleven in all, give a sparkling vocal entertainment, and Prof. Will Ward's provides plenty of humour in his ventriloquial conversation with his college chum, "Ted," whilst Arthur Page creates plenty of laughter in his patter about "Four John Jo's." Fred Lincoln is also appearing.

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal attraction will be "Town Talk," a revue with a reason, and among the artistes engaged are Sandford and Lyons, Arthur Reece, Miss Bella Hare of Bells and Bijou, Barrett and Kilowles, Dave O'Toole, Eight Sunstars, etc. Others in the bill are Sammy Shields, the football comedian; Dolly Ross, comedienne; and Campbell and Barber, the comical wheelmen.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE

At the Queen's Theatre this week the stage is occupied by Charles Darrell's thrilling drama "The Eyes of the World," in which the part of Helene is being taken by Miss Ethel Vas Praugh. This lady had the misfortune to break a muscle of the leg in an accident last week, and acted a trying part very bravely on Monday, with the help of a walking stick. Her disability, indeed, served to invest her role with an added touch of pathos, and in response to the chickelous applause of the house at the afternoon matinee, she appeared before the curtain and made a little speech, explaining her stroke of bad luck, and thanking her friends for their kind consideration. On Friday Miss Van Prough will play Camille in "The Queen of the Camellias."

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mr and Mrs Vaughan's Company will appear in the new original western romantic play, entitled "The Prairie Outlaw." Mr Norton Shield will take the part of "The outlaw," Mr Ernest Vaughan that of "Sheriff Hawkins" and Miss Mabel Douglas that of "Morita."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties an excellent bill of fare has been submitted, and Darnelle, in his novelty, Impos sible Solutions, puzzles the audience by the final stage trick. Another of his many ingenious achievements. Another good turn is supplied by Campbell and Brady, those smart club jugglers being neatly and effectively executed. Della and Pley cause plenty of amusement in their acrobatic boxing bout, while the Four Boob Bros give a first-class vocal entertainment, each being possessed of a pleasing voice. Other attractive items are supplied by the Two Weymans, in a refined and up-to-date dancing act, and Carl Osmonde, styled the Welsh nightingale.

Next week at the City Varieties Charlie Bell will submit the farcical absurdity "The Demon Photographer," and he will take the part of "Bobby Boom." Other turns in the bill are Wilton Wharton, magical humourist and card specialist; Lily Hill, the Lancashire vocalist; Hal Bryan, versatile comedian; The Seymours, comedy equilibrists, and Norman Osborne, in the ventriloquial fishing scene, "Watch his line." "Shadows" and "Across the Alley" will be the pictures shown.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

A "star" attraction for the first half of the week at the Theatre de Luxe was "A Romance of Old Brittany." This film was beautifully coloured and admirably produced, the powerful acting and splendid views being a great feature. An old favourite reappears in "Nick Winter and the Border." "A Child's Burden" was a fine dramatic study, and "Willies' Twin" and "A Bad Game" provoked hearty laughter. "The Convict's Son" is the premier film for the end of the week, and Mr Dixon will be screening on Monday next a thrilling Boer War film, 5,000ft. long for which he has secured exclusive rights for Leeds.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Sir F. Hannay) presiding. Other members present were: Dr E. Groves, Father T. Iles, Messrs J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Cody, Messrs J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, D. W. Hargreaves, E. S. Marsden, G. Armitage, J. Gaskin, W. Verity, J. Flanagan, Armitage, J. Gaskin, W. Verity, J. Flanagan, J. R. Chappell, J. Bannister, H. J. Pulford, W. A. Appleyard, E. B. Pickersgill, W. Lunn, W. Steaf, W. Hemingway, G. W. Peace, and J. Steaf, W. Hemingway, G. W. Peace, and J. W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

It was moved by Mr J. Butterick, and seconded by Mr T. Conyers that Mr T. Thomas be re-elected as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Mr J. Gavins supported the re-election, which was carried.

On the proposition of Mr Conyers, seconded by Mr Appleyard, and supported by Father Cody, Mr Gavins was elected vice-chairman.

Mr Thomas and Mr Gavins replied. The latter remarked that he thanked the Board for the honour which they had conferred upon East Hunslet, as it took it more as an honour upon the ward than upon the person. No doubt the Chairman would find him a very willing vice-chairman, and a courteous one too, chairman, and a courteous one too, but whether he would always find him an obliging vice-chairman he could not say. He obliging vice-chairman he could not say. He knew he had a certain amount of temperament which he supposed he was born with, and which he could not perhaps eradicate, but from his (the chairman's) knowledge in years gone by of his temperament it would somewhat ease the matters if they did not see eye to eye. For the remainder his services were at the disposal of the Board so far as he could promise them.

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee, held on April 20th, were passed. The minutes showed that out of the three selected candidates for the appointment of relief foster mother, Mary Isabella Rutherford, Alfreton, was chosen for the position.

The Clerk reported that on account of the recent coal strike he had deemed it advisable to take advantage of the offer made to the Workhouse Committee, and to order five tons of Newmarket cobbles coal from Messrs H. Beggs, Son, and Co., Ltd., at 22s. 3d. per ton delivered, to take the place of an unexecuted order for that quantity from Mr Phillips.

The Clerk's action was approved.

A letter was received from the Hunslet Medical Charities Committee giving an invitation for the children to visit their carnival in June.

It was resolved that the invitation be accepted for children over seven years of age on the usual conditions, viz., that conveyances and refreshments are provided, that the children are present in charge of two officers, that they are not taken round in the procession, and that they leave the ground not later than 9 o'clock p.m.

On the proposition of Mr Schofield and seconded by Mr Stead, a vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Committee (Mr Bennett) was passed. A similar vote was accorded Mr Chappell for the way in which he had supported the Chairman, on the motion of Mr Bennett, seconded by Mr Appleyard.

The report of the Permanent Relief Committee concerning the revision of out-relief regulations was considered at some length. The proposed revision would mean an increase of about £4000 to be distributed.

Mr Schofield, as Chairman of the Committee, in placing the minutes before the Board, deplored the poor attendance of members of the Committee, and called attention to a sentence preceding the proposed revision as follows:—"Owing to the paucity of the attendance referred to, many of the resolutions have been arrived at on a small vote, and by very slight majorities, and it is not intended to suggest that they all command the approval of the majority of the Committee." Mr Schofield said he was of the opinion then that relief as it was to-day was quite reasonable, and the best thing the Board could do was to vote against the minutes.

Mr Lunn said in that case he would move them.

Mr Hemingway seconded.

An amendment moved by Mr Gavins to the effect of reducing a portion of the proposed revised scale fell to the ground for the want of a seconder.

Mr Butterick argued that the Guardians should not make any regulations governing relief as it would only tie their hands in deserving cases. Each case, he said, should be considered on its merits.

Finally an amendment by Father Cody, that the matter be referred back to the Committee, and be brought up in a much better form for consideration by the Board was carried.

The following were elected on the Finance and General Purposes Committee:—Messrs Butterick, Gavins, Appleyard, Hargreaves, Schofield, Stead, Thomas, Verity, J. W. Verity, and E. B. Pickersgill; Workhouse Committee—Messrs W. Verity, Conyers, Hargreaves, Groves, Peace, Stead, Pulford, Appleyard, Hemingway, and Mrs Dickenson; Children's Homes Committee—Messrs Butterick, Bennett, Chappell, Appleyard, Stead, Lunn, J. W. Verity, Bannister, Groves, and Mrs Dickenson; Vaccination Committee—Messrs Chappell, Stead, Appleyard, Schofield, Bennett, Bannister, Peace, Lunn, Hemingway, Pulford, and J. W. Verity.

The Chairman and vice-chairman and Mr Butterick were elected chairman of the three respective rotary relief committees.

ROTHWELL CRICKET LEAGUE. MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

Aboffs v. Carlton.—Umpires, Messrs Earnshaw and Booth.

Kippax v. Rothwell.—Umpires, Messrs Clapton and Tate.

Robin Hood v. Oulton.—Umpires, Messrs Asquith and Fox.

Outwood v. Woodlesford.—Umpires, Messrs Whitehead and Hall.

On Monday the Selby magistrates granted a stage play licence for the Monk Fryston Swimming Bath on May 2nd.

The members of the Church Fenton C.C. will be interested to learn that the City of Birmingham Chemists Club (Sports Section), at their annual general meeting held at Rodway's Restaurant on Wednesday last, elected Mr Henry Holgreaves, M.P.S., as captain of the Cricket Club.

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VESTRY MEETING.—On Thursday evening the annual vestry meeting was held in the vestry of South Milford Church—the Rector presiding. There was a very small attendance. Mr Barry Thorp was appointed Mr J. T. Jackson again as his appointed Mr J. T. Jackson again as his warden. The church accounts were explained by Mr Jackson, who stated that the offertories had improved, and there was a balance in hand of over £4—Mr Wm. Stainburn was again elected people's warden. Dr. Radcliffe, Mr W. Morris, and Mr J. T. Jackson were appointed to represent the Diocesan Conference. Sidesmen were appointed as follows:—Messrs Hy. Hodgson, Hy. Sherwood, Hy. Green, Wm. Townsend, Alfred Johnson, James Wise, James Terry, Thomas Wm. Garnett, Wm. Morris, Albert Stainburn, Thos. Baker, and M. Sissons.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—At a special Court held at Sherburn on Monday—before Rev B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr Wm. Crosland—James Plunkett, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with being on enclosed premises with intent to commit a felony no 25th ult at South Milford. P.C. Parkinson stated he was on duty in the village of South Milford about 11.30 p.m. on the 25th April, when he heard a noise in the gardens of "The Terrace." In the front garden he found prisoner looking through a window of one of the houses. He asked him what he was doing there, and he replied that he wanted to be at Knottingley. He afterwards said he wanted to be at York. He could not give any satisfactory account of himself, so he took him to Sherburn Police Station and locked him up. The prisoner was sent to gaol for a month.

Selby's second military Sunday and parade will be held on June 21st.

Only two cases were down for hearing at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday.

The Rev. B. Hemsworth, of Monk Fryston, performed the opening ceremony at the new Church Rooms at Castleford on Wednesday.

LEEK OMELETTE.—Take six eggs, one and a half ounce of butter, one tablespoonful of grated cheese, salt and cayenne, one tablespoonful of milk or cream, two small leeks, well washed, trimmed, blanched, and stewed till tender in brown sauce. Break the eggs into a basin, add the cheese, sufficient salt and cayenne to taste, and the milk or cream; beat well to amalgamate the yolks and whites of the eggs and other ingredients. Cut the cooked leeks into slices, and keep hot in a small stewpan, with just enough sauce to moisten. Melt the butter in an omelette pan; when thoroughly warm (not too hot) pour in the egg mixture, and stir over a bright fire until the eggs begin to set. Shape quickly into the form of a cushion. Place the cooked leeks in the centre, and fold in the ends. Allow the omelette to take colour; then turn out on a hot dish, pour a little brown sauce round the base of the dish, and serve quickly.

APPLE SNOW.—Take two good cooking apples, pare, quarter, and core them, and place them in an enamelled saucepan with just as much cold water as will cover the bottom. Cover closely, and cook gently by the side of the fire until the apples are quite soft, then, after draining, well beat to a smooth pulp, and sweeten to taste. Whip the white of a fresh egg to a very firm froth, and mix it lightly with the apple when cold. Should the flavour be liked, a little strip of lemon-rind may be cooked with the apples, but care must be taken not to serve any of it.



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GARFORTH, LUMBY, MILFORD, MICKLEFIELD CASES.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O. (Chairman), Rev B. Hemsworth, Messrs Walter Crosland, Wm. Crosland, H. S. Childe, and F. G. Lund.

The following rates were allowed:—South Milford, poor rate, 1s. 10d. and 11d., and special rate 8d.; Fairburn, poor rate, 2s. and 1s., and special rate, 4d.; Huddlestone-cum-Lumby, poor rate, 1s. 10d. and 11d.; Hillam, poor rate, 2s. and 1s. 2d.; Monk Fryston, poor rate, 2s. 4d. and 1s. 2d.; Barkston, poor rate, 2s. and 1s.; and Church Fenton, poor rate, 1s. 10d. and 11d.

FENTON, GARFORTH, MICKLEFIELD CASES.

George Sykes, butcher, of Church Fenton, was charged with failing to deliver up a swine movement licence on the 17th ult. Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Ernest Roberts, pony driver, of Garforth, was charged with riding a bicycle without a light on the 15th ult at Ledston. Fined 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs. Louie Atack, single woman, of Micklefield, was charged with a like offence on the 15th ult., on the North Road, Micklefield. Fined 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

George Lupton, shunter, of Lumby, was charged with having no control of a dog after sunset on the 10th ult, on the York Road, Lumby. Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

ABERFORD YOUTHS IN TROUBLE.

Alfred Dodd, Robert Gatenby, George Parkinson, John Richardson, Walter Scott, John Barrett, Edward Wilson, Walter Dickinson, Ben Dickinson, and Alvara Jowett, hurriers, of Aberford, were charged with wilful damage to windows at a house belonging to Col. Gascoigne, on the 8th ult. at Saxton. Col. Gascoigne retired from the Bench in this case. Mr C. Kemp appeared for the prosecution. All the defendants pleaded guilty. Mr Kemp said the damage was £4 5s. Mr T. H. Prater said he had seen the house, which was badly damaged. P.C. Cooper stated he had made enquiries, and saw all the defendants, who admitted the offence, and said they all had a "go" at the empty house at Saxton. Each defendant was fined 5s. and 5s. 6d. costs, and 8s. 6d. damages.

LANGUAGE AT MILFORD.

Bernard Randall, of Catsyke, Henry Jarrett, of Whitwood, and George Westmorland, of Ghaw Houghton, pony drivers, were charged with using obscene languages on the 19th ult, at South Milford. P.C. Holliday proved the case. Defendants were on bicycles, and he followed them to Sherburn on his bicycle, and caught them. He had difficulty in one case to get defendant's name. Sydney Cope, of Sherburn, said he heard filthy language used by defendants when passing at South Milford. Each defendant was fined 10s. and 0s. 6d. costs.

Thomas R. Bentley, miner, of Glass Houghton, was charged with using bad language on the 19th ult. at South Milford. Fined 10s. and 9s. 6d. costs.

TRESPASS AT NEWTHORPE.

Bartholomew Brown-Ellis, quarryman, of Newthorpe, was charged with trespass in pursuit of game on the 12th ult, at Newthorpe. Mr C. Kemp appeared for the prosecution. John William Braithwaite, game-keeper, stated he was watching at 5.10 a.m., and saw defendant hide a rabbit out of a snare in a hedge. The defendant denied the offence, and said there was no notice-boards up. Fined 2s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. costs.

William Roberts, miner, and Joseph Smith, labourer, both of Castleford, were charged with trespass in pursuit of game on the 7th ult, in Fairburn Ings. Fined 2s. 6d. and 9s. 6d. costs.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Should not there be some similarity in fines imposed by magistrates for offences of the same kind? At Tadcaster, I notice, a man who forgot to purchase a dog licence was ordered to pay 1s. and costs, and at the Skyrack Court at Leeds persons who overlooked Tower's contribution to imperial needs were mulcted in 7s. 6d. and costs. At Sherburn the charge for cycling without a light is 6d. and costs, and at the Skyrack Court 1s. and costs, so it would appear that in the Leeds district, where wages are better, the prices even in police courts are higher. This, however, is not fair, and it would be better were a scale of charges fixed for the Ridding for first offences, and so on, so that there would be a similarity of punishment for all residents.

Justices will very likely say that this is an impossibility, but would a magistrate to have charge of the work in the district would not the punishment for offences be somewhat similar in every division? Unlike many people, who have no experience of Court work, I think the local magistrates do very well, indeed, and it is rarely that they wrongly convict persons, but in the matter of fines I think there is room for alteration, so that all districts would be placed on a common footing.

A reader wants to know why Scholes children are allowed to attend Manston School, seeing the scholars from the Templenewsam side have been turned out. I cannot enlighten him. Old Manston children are, I understand, still going to Manston School, and it would seem as if Leeds Education Authority, knowing there is sufficient school accommodation on the other side of the railway, did so for the sake of the scholars' convenience there. Some of the parents were very much annoyed about the new rule, but it has been expected for a long time, as the accommodation at Manston School was overcrowded.

The ambulance bazaar at Monk Fryston Park was splendidly supported, and the takings were excellent for a one-day affair. The prominent figure at the opening was the squire of Monk Fryston, as hale and hearty as ever, and the breezy manner in which he conducted the opening ceremony, going to London a good send-off. His "better-half," Mrs. Hemsworth, made a little speech, too, and there is no doubt both were delighted to have so many people at their home to support such a good object. Monk Fryston is an excellent centre for such a gathering, and the equipment of the grounds, which are visited by thousands of pleasure-seekers annually, enhances their value.

The Aberfordia Ambulance League, the formation of which was due to the influence and work of Mrs. Gascoigne, of Lotherton Park, who is an admirable platform speaker, extends its operations from Barkston to Rothwell, and if the enthusiasm is maintained and interest at members is readily should result. Apart from the primary object for which the Voluntary Aid Detachments exist, the training of women in ambulance work and home nursing is of the utmost value, and the knowledge thus acquired can be put into practice in everyday life. This phase of the movement should appeal to many people.

In another column a striking article on infantile mortality, written by one of the leading medical men in the district, appears, and, although the figures given relate to one particular district, they have a general application. It is pointed out that every seventh child born in Rothwell urban area last year died before it was one year of age, and in Tadcaster rural district every eighth child born went under, eighteen infants out of a total of 004 dying. This is a terrible list of affairs, and the majority of the Councillors, I'm afraid, do not give any thought to it. The infantile mortality for Tadcaster rural district was 124 per thousand births, every eighth child born dead, but these are not the worst figures for the district. In Alberton Bywater parish the infantile mortality was 216, showing that every fifth child born in the world had a speedy exit, while in Sherburn sub-district the rate was 148, and in Aberford sub-district 135. The town of Tadcaster had the best figures, which showed one infantile death in thirteen births.

This question demands the consideration of Tadcaster District Council, yet at last meeting when the county nursing scheme came up many of the members made for the door. It would have been interesting had a detailed report been given as to Rothwell, on the infantile mortality, so that the number of preventable deaths could have been seen at a glance, but it may be assumed that a good many of the eighty-six infants could have been saved. Parents frequently disregard the seriousness of whooping-cough and measles, with dire results, and I find that last year five infants succumbed to the former trouble, and one to the latter. Nine deaths were due to pneumonia and five to bronchitis, and 23 to diarrhœa and enteritis. That accounts for half the number of deaths, and there is not the slightest doubt that there has been a wastage of child life in Tadcaster district equally with Rothwell urban area. It is the business of the Council to do their utmost to check wastage, but I'm afraid that until the members evince a little more interest in the question, no remedial measures will be adopted.

Templenewsam, Oulton, Rothwell, and Hunslet ratepayers will soon be placing themselves under the paternal care of the Hunslet Board of Guardians if the distribution of public funds continues along lines of extended generosity. A new scale of out-relief, which makes it possible for a man, his wife, and six children, to draw 20s. a week from the rates, has been submitted to the Board, who have shown a reluctance to adopting it, and the ratepayers should study the figures which are given elsewhere. Hunslet Guardians, I believe, deal with their poor more generously than the great majority of Boards, but there must be some limit to expenditure of this character in order not to foster pauperism, and the members must decide what that limit is to be.

It is stated that in the last four years, in spite of old age pensions and national insurance, the relief afforded by the Hunslet Guardians has been increased by £870 per annum, and the proposals under the new scale would entail a further expenditure of about £4,000. Not long ago it was stated that many persons entitled to State pensions would not apply for them, being perfectly satisfied with the relief given by the Guardians, but this is not a satisfactory condition of things. The qualified suggestion, it was stated, had the relief brought to them, whereas, on the other hand, they would have to fetch their pensions, and they preferred the system that gave the least trouble to themselves. It would not be impossible to arrange the scale of relief—if one is to be fixed—in such a way that all persons entitled would find it to their advantage to apply for pensions. But why is a scale necessary? Would it not be better to deal with cases on their merits, making a distinction between deserving and undeserving, and granting relief to suit individual circumstances.

It is evident that Leeds Corporation are determined to give hold of Templenewsam by hook or by crook, and they are manœuvring nicely for position. When the District Council applied to the Local Government Board for sanction to borrow money for the extension of Halton sewage beds, the Corporation had the impudence to interfere, although the matter is not their concern, and I suppose they want the district drained to the Knostrop works, in order to strengthen their hold on the parish. The loan has, however been sanctioned, so the Corporation have been beaten on this question. A townplanning scheme for Templenewsam is being prepared, and one of the features of it is a road from near the top of Halton Hill, through the Primrose Valley, to Crossgates. This did not fit in with the plans of the Corporation, who wanted it as a road driven through the sewage works, in order to render them useless, but they received no support at the inquiry. Now Leeds Corporation are promoting a town-planning scheme for Crossgates district, and they have included Halton sewage works in it, and the proposal to make a road there appears again. This road would be of no value to the district whatever, because it would be possible to build on one side of it only, and the District Council are determined to oppose them at every turn.

One of the most prominent figures in the last elections in Barkston Ash Division was the Rev. Silvester Horne, who took a leading part in meetings in support of the candidature of his brother, Mr Fred Horne, and many will regret his passing at the comparatively early age of 40 years. Mr Silvester Horne, who was not in good health, was on a visit to Canada, and he died on board a steamer, after a visit to the Niagara Falls. He was possessed of a fiery eloquence which made him much sought after for political platforms, and during the Barkston Ash campaign he addressed large gatherings at Crossgates, Garforth, Boston Spa, and other places. He was one of the Members for Ipswich.

"Why don't you try to get a recreation-ground for Crossgates," asks a reader. "One is just as much required there as at Halton and Whitkirk." Have I not suggested the acquisition of a portion of Roundhay Park for that purpose? Unfortunately at Crossgates there is no generously-disposed and considerate landowner like the Hon. E. Lawley Wood, M.P., who has given Gelt for Temple Newsam, but if any gentleman is disposed to give the children of Crossgates a play-ground at a nominal rental he may be sure the offer will be accepted with gratitude. I do not know will do so, perhaps the ex-rulers will give consideration to the question.

STANNINGLEY.—At a special sessions held at Shipley Police Court on Thursday—before the Rev. R. Hemsworth—Herbert Townend, farm labourer, Church Fenton, was charged with an offence against a girl under the age of 16 years, on 5th April at Church Fenton. Supt. Stafford defended Townend, who was remanded.

CHURCH FENTON AND PUBLIC LIGHTING.—A meeting the ratepayers of Church Fenton, held in the schools on Monday night, with the object of discussing the advisability of adopting the Public Lighting Act, decided against public lighting. Mr Gray, who presided over a large attendance, said that since the sad death of Leon Salmon on the railway bridge there had been considerable discussion on the lighting of the bridge slopes and streets. The railway company had been approached, and it was pointed out that the danger at the railway bridge was not to be caused by the glare from the station lights. The railway company, however, declined to acknowledge any responsibility. Mr Clerk said a penny rate would only realise £17, and calculating on that basis a 6d. rate would be necessary to raise £102. Considerable discussion took place, and Mr Holgreaves spoke in favour of the Act being adopted, and Mr Cairns, Mr A. Deighton, Mr G. H. Ambler, and Mr J. T. Gaunt and Mr Calvert also spoke. It was pointed out that a Birdsall against. It was pointed out that the Church Fenton being such a long straggling village it would mean the laying of something like 3 miles of main gas pipes, the cost of which, with a work from the rates, has been submitted to would be very serious. On a vote being taken, only Mr Gaunt voted in favour.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE

At the Empire Palace this week the bill is headed by Arthur Roberts, in a naval revue, entitled "H.M.S. Impossible." The piece has an amusing plot, which gives the well-known comedian plenty of scope for his power of impersonation, either as the ship captain, the Irish soldier, or the lady who captures the susceptibilities of the admiral. Apart from the humour of the piece, there are some attractive numbers, including Irish songs and dances, by the large company appearing in the sketch. The other turns on the programme include the Dickinson Bros., who have some novel tricks on the trapeze, and Rolford and Valentine, who raise many a laugh by their comedy juggling scene. Doris Duquesne is a well-trained juvenile artiste, and there are also appearing Ida Barr, comedienne, Harry Lavaine, comedian, and Drew and Alders, comedians.

The "all-Irish" revue "Irish, and Proud of It!" which will be produced at the Leeds Empire on Monday next, is a happy-go-lucky Ireland pictured for us without any of the noise or bother of the present political Irish conflict. Nothing more can be said of it than the remarks contained in a famous dramatic critic's report of its quality. Here it is said: "There is a genuine flavour about the production, a pleasant mingling of Irish sentiment and Irish songs, and a crowd of some fifty merry boys and girls in the gaiety of the fast-disappearing costume of the peasantry, making a bewildering display of reds and green for the roving holiday, bright reds and green for the colleens, smart knee breeches and "Tipperary frills" for the gossoons." The mirth of the show is infectious, and the audience is often carried away with the high spirits of the performers. The recourse to the rich store of Irish melodies is a relief from the banalities of the ragtime revue. That the revue is entirely Irish goes without saying, when we find in the cast of fifty performers every name is Irish. There are Mulligans, O'Gormans, McConnells, O'Shea, O'Reilly, and so on. The principals, upon whom devolve a good deal of work in the way of sweet singing, are Miss Nora O'Gorman, Mr Joe O'Gorman, and Mr Jamieson Dodds. The latter will be pleasantly remembered by his singing in "Hullo, Ragtime!" and "Hullo, Tango!" at the London Hippodrome. Mr Dodds is accounted to be one of the finest baritone singers of to-day. In addition to this magnificent array, the programme will be supplemented by many interesting turns, including Madame Lucie Gillespie and Miss Kathleen Kingston, a refined, artistic, musical, and vocal entertainment; Ben Albert, comedian; George Newburn, the star mimic of star artistes; Five Clares, presenting a "Fun in a Drawing-Room"; and Pinkie Whyte, known as "The Californian Nugget."

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week a popular attraction is the revue "Town Topics," written by Mr William Hargreaves, the well-known composer, who has also provided the music and words for it. It is finely staged. There are three scenes: The Thames Embankment at night, the exterior of a Park Lane mansion, and the interior. All the Members of Parliament who are helping to make history are shown. Mr Lloyd George is there with his Budget, and Mr Winston Churchill with his clothes. Everybody who is anybody is caricatured. Among the artistes who deserve special mention are Mr Arthur Reece, who makes a good "swell"; Barrett and Knowles, so well-known to local pantomime audiences; Sanford and Lyons, the simultaneous dancers; and Miss Bella (late of Bella and Bijou). There are also some good variety turns, including Sammy Shields, the Scottish football comedian, with some capital football ditties; Dolly Ross, a Leeds lady who is making strides in the profession; Campbell and Barber, very comical vocalists; and Wal Rogers, a burlesque character comedian.

At the Hippodrome next week Messrs Wylie and Tate's latest revue "A Year in an Hour," with five seasons and five scenes, will be the chief attraction, and among the artistes who will appear are Deane-Tribune, Molly Drew, Lily Vine, Frank Benson, Harry Grale, Norman Griffin, F. Horton, Hedley Franklyn, Estellita Cerron, Nancy Reeve, Dulcie Garland, and Gwynneth Vane. Others in the bill are The Keebles, dialectic and dancers; Leo, the comedians; Alice Hollander, the Australian singer; and Silbon's Performing Cats.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week "The Prairie Outlaw" has been staged, and it is a Western drama, with a highly coloured plot and elaborate scenic effects. A series of diverting incidents in the vicinity of a Texas ranch are strung together so as to include plenty of sensational dramatic material, and there is vigorous action in every scene. The hero, Bob Middleton, is accused of cattle stealing, and the Sheriff and his "outfit" are keenly anxious to bring him to justice. Marita, the outlaw's wife, who is very resourceful as well as an attractive person, contrives to throw the Sheriff off her husband's trail, and this affords abundant opportunity for Mr and Mrs Ernest Vaughan's company. Besides these characters there is a gang of lawless cowboys and Indians, who discharge their revolvers on the slightest provocation, and a tribe of hostile Redskins who brandish tomahawks and execute fantastic war dances. Mr Norton Shields appears as the Outlaw, and is thoroughly at home in the part. As the Sheriff Mr Ernest Vaughan is convincing, and Miss Madge Douglas makes a good Marita.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Stanley Carlton will present a new and original Venetian drama "The Little Fortune Teller," or "An Italian's Revenge." Miss Rubie Maude will appear in the title role.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week Charlie Bell and Co., in "The Demon Photographer," are appearing. Mr Bell takes the part of an enterprising photographer, who makes things hum. It is a capital sketch, full of fun, and aroused uproarious laughter on Monday night. The programme is good all round. There is Norman Osborne in a clever ventriloquial fishing scene, and Lily Hall is a Lancashire vocalist with a beautiful voice. Hal Bryan is a first-rate comedian, and others on the bill include Wilton Warton, a magical humorist and card specialist, and the Three Seymours, novelty equilibrists.

Next week at the popular Varieties Herbert Landeck and company will appear in an entirely original farcical comedy, entitled "What a Sport." Others in the bill are Andre Romanoff, the great Apache violinist; Albert Voyce, in his novel creation, "Rip Van Winkle the Second"; King and Carson, comedians who differ; Rita Rhylle, comedienne and Melbor Bros., humorous sporting acrobats. Dramatic and humorous pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe in the first part of the week the principal attraction was a thrilling production in four parts of the Boer War. It was one of the best battle pictures yet seen, some thousands of soldiers and horses taking part, and the hard fighting scenes were tempered by some pretty love incidents. For the end of the week George Mozart is featured in "Cinco Ragtimer," and "The Devil's Disciple," and "Jerry's Uncle's Namesake," both two-part films, contribute to a programme of unusual strength.

CROSSGATES AND ROUNDHAY TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME.

ATTEMPT TO DESTROY HALTON SEWAGE WORKS.

At a meeting of Leeds City Council on Wednesday an explanation of the Corporation's proposals in respect of town-planning schemes for an area comprising Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates, and an area comprising Osmondthorpe, was given by Alderman F. M. Lupton, who said that all the preliminary steps had been taken. The grounds on which the schemes were desirable were to ensure the lines of suitable main roads, limit the number of houses, and provide open spaces. In the development of the first scheme, comprising Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates, two matters required special consideration. The area was very largely landlocked, and for development required good through roads, the roads most urgently needed being a main road from the junction of Harehills Lane and Roundhay Road extending eastwards, crossing York Road, and running to Crossgates; and a main road from the junction of the York and Selby roads running northwards to Wetherby Road near to Roundhay Park. The objections to the scheme included one from the Horsforth Rural District Council, who protested against the site of the Halton sewage works being included. The Improvements Committee had visited the land, and they considered that the very best line on which a main road could be made was through the sewage works. Residents in the Roundhay district had also objected on the ground that their land was injected on the ground that their land was injured, and adjoining land which formed part of Roundhay Park was excluded. There was no intention of developing that land at present, and if the question did arise in the future it could be made the subject of a new scheme. It was impossible to form any estimate of the cost, the intention being that landowners and Corporation should assist one another in improving portion should assist one another in improving the area. The Osmondthorpe scheme affected a district which was more industrial in character, and no objections had been made to the proposal. One member of the Committee were anxious to go forward with the first scheme was that several landowners had pressed them to obtain town-planning powers in order that the Corporation might help them in the development of the land. It was that pressure which had induced the Committee to go rather faster than would otherwise have been the case.

Mr Massey asked if it was proposed to widen Halton Hill or make an entirely new road.

Alderman Lupton said it was proposed to construct a new road, turning off to the left below the railway, and going into the middle of Halton.

Mr G. H. Pearson asked if the Committee had considered the question of providing workmen's dwellings in the area. He had heard that it stated that the area would be exclusively set apart for villa residences.

Alderman Lupton replied that, technically speaking, no scheme was yet prepared, and the only power the Improvements Committee had was to limit the number of houses per acre. With regard to the Osmondthorpe scheme, the area was more industrial, and there would be more possibility of allowing workmen's dwellings in the larger scheme, he thought he could say on behalf of the Committee that they would not limit the number of houses over the whole area so that there could be no workmen's dwellings in it.

By 50 votes to 11 it was decided to make application to the Local Government Board for authority to prepare a scheme for Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates.

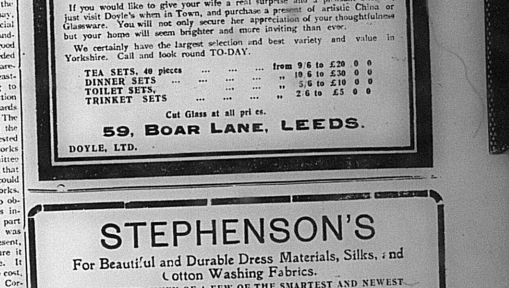
Upon the Osmondthorpe proposal being put to the meeting, Mr Pearson asked if the Improvement Committee had taken into consideration the planning of areas in other parts of the city.

Alderman Lupton: Yes, we have considered them all round the city, but we must have a start.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

NO SALE.—On Tuesday night, at the Half Moon Inn, Collingham, Messrs Oliver, Appleton, and Kitchen offered for sale by auction six plots of building land situate at Collingham. The first bid was 6d. per yard, and the last 1s. 6d. The property was withdrawn.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The month of May is often described as the busiest month in the year so far as gardening is concerned. Seed-sowing, planting out, repotting, staking, and weeding are but a few of the important tasks requiring attention, whilst the water-can is almost constantly in use. Arrangements for the disposal of bedding plants must now be completed. Various points must be taken into consideration. Height, colour, time of flowering, and aspect are four important points to be borne in mind when making plants for bedding out. From time to time we have given hints as to suitable plants to grow in shaded and extremely sunny positions. Hot, dry borders at the foot of a south wall are sometimes looked upon with feelings of doubt. It is quite true that many sun-loving plants seem to get a surfeit of sunshine in such a position. Fortunately one of the most popular flowers of the day seems to luxuriate in such a position. The Antirrhinum is the plant referred to. No summer-flowering subject has been more improved during recent years than this one. There are three distinct classes, viz., dwarf (6 inches), intermediate (18 inches), and tall (3 feet). These may all be had in a variety of colours and this makes them ideal plants for beds and formal borders. They are so indifferent to dryness at the roots that they will grow and flower freely in the crevices of old walls. The nasturtium is another free-flowering plant which seems impervious to the trials of a hot, dry position. The dwarf varieties thrive remarkably well on poor soil, but the tall varieties should be provided with some fairly rich soil, and should have some rotted manure placed under them at the depth of about a foot. Cornopels Grandiflorum is another plant admirably adapted for growing against a hot wall. Few plants produce more flowers than this, and they are splendid for table decoration. Seed pods should be removed regularly, as they weaken the plants if they are allowed to develop.

Shady borders are often left vacant because of the mistaken notion that nothing will grow in them. Calceolarias, stocks, Iberis, many of the small-flowered varieties of violas, and mimulus are a few of the best subjects for such a position. Mimulus are very pretty, but will not thrive on light land unless regularly supplied with water. If violas are used dwarf varieties should be given preference. The taller ones get very leggy under shady conditions.

In forming colour schemes for beds in the open it should be borne in mind that a large variety of colours in one bed is never really artistic. Two, or at most, three colours should be allowed to predominate. A medley of shades may at first sight have a striking appearance, but it is almost certain that some will detract from the beauty of others. Theory and practice are two very different things in arranging flower beds. A bed composed solely of yellow and white flowers suggests to the imagination an insipid and lifeless appearance. As a matter of fact no more charming effect can be obtained than by a combination of the two. The green foliage acts as a foil to the two pale flowers, and the effect must be seen to be realised. A large bed carpeted over with alyssum minimum, with dot plants a yard apart of geranium Paul Crampel, is a sight to be remembered. Other schemes to scarlet and white, with a dwarf blue border of white violas, and filled with Paul Crampel geraniums has a telling effect. In every case a few tall foliage plants should be introduced to break the monotony. Dracæna lodiæa, Grevillea, Robusta, Kochia, Tricophylla, Artemisia Vlalfolia, and Zea Gracilus Variegata are a few suitable varieties to grow as "dots" plants. The Kochia should not be planted out until the end of June.

HARDY PERENNIALS

The present is a good time for sow hardy perennials in a cold frame. They may be grown on under glass until the end of June, and then planted into nursery beds outdoors. These plants should be kept well watered in dry weather, and if manure cannot be given artificially, it should be given naturally. Pyrethrums, Hollyhocks, Delphiniums, Oriental and Iceland Poppies, Lupins and Campanulas, are a few of the best for present sowing. Sow moderately large, thin seed the seedlings form the second pair of leaves, and prick out into boxes of rich soil when they are large enough to handle. It is advisable to allow the Pyrethrums to flower once in the nursery bed before transferring them to their permanent quarters, as there are always some unworthy of cultivation. These should be pulled out and discarded as they come into bloom.

KITCHEN GARDEN

The work in the vegetable garden will be heavy during the next few weeks. Early peas (except dwarfs) must on no account be allowed to topple over. Bushy twigs should be stuck into the sides of the rows to keep them erect. Moiscrop varieties may now be sown in quantity. Seedlings of the Brassica family—(cabbage, cauliflower, etc.), should be pilanted during showery weather if possible. Sow more seed of lettuce, radish, etc. Onions for pickling should be sown on poor land. Roll firmly before sowing and give a slight covering of soil. The seed may be sown thickly and no thinning is necessary.

GARDEN WEEDS

Annual Weeds—Annual weeds are reproduced only from seeds, and die, root and stem, each year. They may be eradicated by preventing seed production; but as many seed retain their vitality for several years, numbers of weeds may spring up at irregular intervals for many seasons, and those, of course, must be systematically destroyed by tillage before they seed.

Biennials and Perennials.—Bi-annual weeds are such as produce seed and die in their second season of growth. These are extirpated by constant surface tillage or by cutting the stems well below the collar or crown with a spade or hoe. Perennial weeds are propagated not only by seeds, but by some kind of underground runner, rhizome, stem or bulb, and they can best be destroyed by digging up bodily, or starving out. As regards digging, it should be borne in mind that the more breaking-up of the root-stocks of perennial weeds in the soil is positively harmful, because nearly every root-fragment vegetates separately. For this reason the roots of perennial weeds should be carefully collected into heaps and burned. Starving is effected by preventing the formation of foliage or stem above ground by means of continued surface-tillage, commenced, if possible, before the weeds show above the soil.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

Celosa, Petunias, Fuchsias, and similar plants grow freely at this time of the year. The main secret of success with these plants is to repot frequently, giving a small shift each time. It is better to repot twice into pots a little larger than to move from 4-inch pots direct to 9 or 9-inch. If dwarf, bushy plants are wanted, the points of the shoots should be pinched out at each successive six inches of growth.

Sweet peas in pots, from an October sowing, should now be in bloom. Liquid manure, about the colour of pale ale, should be given twice a week. Flowers cut early in the morning last longer than those cut at mid-day.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

Rooted cuttings should be given cool treatment from this date. They should be potted firmly in a rich compost, and should never be sunk deeper in the new pots than they were in the old ones. They should be stopped when six or eight inches high, and again when the side growths are about the same length. Frequent fumigations should be given to prevent red spider, thrip, or greenfly getting a firm foothold. Few plants suffer so severely when attacked by insect pests, and it is impossible to get good results unless the plants are kept clean.

CYCLAMEN

Plants that have been flowering during the winter months will require a change of compartment when they finish flowering. The system of drying the plants until the bulbs shrivel does not appeal to me. The soil should never be allowed to get quite dry. Stand in a deep, cool, moist pit if available and give water as soon as the soil shows signs of getting dust dry. Under this treatment new growth will commence about July or August, when repotting will need attention. They like a fibrous compost, and recent observations lead us to advise that no manure should be mixed with it. It is better to feed when the plants are in full growth.

THE LATE MR J. R. FLITCH, MOOR ALLERTON.

There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral at Chapel Allerton Churchyard on Saturday afternoon of Mr J. R. Flitch, of Shirlcliffe, Moor Allerton. Prior to the interment a service of a most impressive character was conducted at the Chapel-Allerton Wesleyan Chapel, with which Mr Flitch was prominently connected, the officiating ministers being the Rev. Arthur Hoyle (resident minister), and the Rev Edward Mardin, who was formerly stationed there.

The service in the churchyard was conducted by the Rev. Sutton Pattinson (cousin of the deceased), and the Rev. H. L. Conner (curate).

Several of Mr Flitch's colleagues on the Leeds Board of Guardians were present, and amongst those were also representatives present from the Leeds University Board, the Women and Children's Hospital, and the Blind Institution.

The pall-bearers were Messrs Ellis Flitch (daughter), Rev. S. C. Flitch (son), Mr J. E. Crawford Flitch (son), Rev. Sutton Pattinson, Mr E. L. Oliver, Mr Hubert Pattinson, Mr and Mrs Frank Crawford, Mr and Mrs G. F. Crawford, Mr and Mrs A. Crawford, Mr and Mrs H. Crawford, Mr and Mrs S. Crawford, Mr Harold Crawford, Mr Kenneth Crawford, Dr Eustace Carter, Mr A. Irvine Drysdale, Mr Edward Hammond, Mr Walter Hammond, Miss Jane Atkinson, Miss Mary Parker, and Mr George Haddkway.

There were a large number of floral tributes, and in addition to those sent by relatives wreaths were sent by the members of the Leeds Brother Trade Associations, Messrs William Oldroyd and Sons, Ltd., Bushinghorpe, the old girls of the Chapel Allerton High School, the governors of the Chapel Allerton High School, the Rev. Canon and Mrs Brameld, and Mr Andrew Trapps.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(Continued).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that the series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

LOCATION OF THE INCUBATOR.

I have a theory that more failures result through the incubator being improperly placed than from any other reason. Frequently have my services been requisitioned to attempt to discover the cause of failure in hatching, and in 10 per cent. of the cases I have investigated it was found through unsuitable surroundings.

Science has demonstrated that an egg subjected to incubation requires pure air in order that a healthy chick may result, and to my mind that degree of purity—more or less—is the same standard as required to retain health in human beings. I may be over-exacting in my demands. If I am it is an error in the right direction, but when I operate an incubator is always a location that I could reside in throughout the period, at all events, from a fresh air point of view.

Too much attention cannot be directed to the subject of ventilation of the incubator-room; at the same time, draughts must be avoided.

The floor should be level and firm; vibration is unquestionably a deterrent to success.

Tank machines are not usually provided with legs, consequently they should rest on a solid platform, and at a convenient height from the ground for the operator.

With hot-air machines it is most important that they should stand perfectly level, as only by this means can perfect circulation of the heat air be attained. It is, therefore, advisable before commencing operations to ascertain this is so by employing a spirit-level.

Incubators should not be placed against a wall; the air in the room should be free to circulate round them. Avoid also a position where they are exposed to the direct rays of the sun.

Bearing these points in mind, and selecting, if possible, an apartment with an equable temperature—that is, no extreme variation between the heat during the day and at night time—the next step towards success is accomplished.

LIVING-ROOMS I AVOID, if possible. Artificial warmth by day during the winter and early spring months is followed by cold nights; continual movement causes vibration; natural curiosity from close association is most conducive to success; and hanging of doors is highly detrimental.

PRELIMINARY ADVICE REGARDING INCUBATORS.

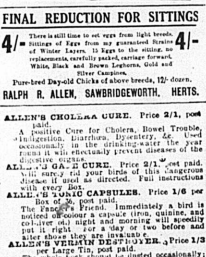
If you are about to use an incubator for the first time, make yours if thoroughly acquainted with the machine before entrusting it with eggs. Merely reading the book of instructions is insufficient and courting failure; rather strive to master every detail, so as to ascertain the why and wherefore of the maker's instructions, and then, providing a Standard pattern has been purchased, you have reasonable prospects of participating success.

I may be erring on the side of over-cautiousness, but even when this progress has been made, I counsel that in the first batch comparatively few fertile eggs should be employed. Artificial incubation, like everything else, requires to be learnt. Success may attend your first effort, but it is foolhardiness in the extreme to lay yourself out, consequently your risk of loss is minimised by using cheap eggs, while you are gaining experience.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridge-worth, Herts, will be answered through these columns, but those regarding a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.—Mr Churchill's speech in the House of Commons and Sir Andrew Noble's statement to the shareholders of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co. (Ltd.), confirm the reports, which we have given from time to time, as to the Elswick firm's scheme for the establishment of aviation works on their newly acquired Barlow estate, near Selby. The preliminary arrangements for building are being made. Shops for the construction of airships, and a shed to house the craft will be built. Arrangements for securing the necessary material are in progress. The scheme will naturally be an immense structure, the chairman of the company remarking that it will be much larger than Durham Cathedral. Experts in aeronautics, including that of aeroplanes, temporarily established at Gosforth, is to be removed to Selby, where the Barlow estate affords a fine flying ground.



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BARKSTON ASH FARMERS AND REPRESENTATION.

LABOURERS' WAGES—MR MYERS AND INSURANCE.

MR THOMPSON AND OLD HORSES.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs and Chambers of Agriculture held at Tuesday Major Sedgy presided, and the local members present were Mr John Thompson, East Rigton, Boston; Mr Frank Myers, Hillthorpe; and Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe. A letter in support of absence was received from the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., or Templeborough.

Mr Bulmer moved "That this Union urges upon the Central Chamber of Agriculture the desirability of increasing the direct representation of agriculture in the House of Commons." For the future they had proposed legislation in connection with agricultural labourers' wages and housing, and it they did not do something they would very likely be as badly treated over these matters as they were over the Insurance Act. It was all very well to say the agricultural labourers were badly paid; very likely they were in some parts of the country, and perhaps the fixing of a minimum wage would not affect them very seriously in the north. But at the same time he thought they would agree that the principle was altogether wrong. (Hear, hear). In the House of Commons at the present time they were mostly represented by the landowning class, but these men were to a great extent discredited in Parliament when they advocated, no matter how strongly, the cause of the tenant farmer. They only got credit for looking after their own interests, and that was one reason why they should be represented by someone more practical. It was only reasonable that they should do something. They were threatened with serious legislation that would affect them adversely, and they were bound to take some action in self-defence.

Mr N. Fowell seconded. Farmers had for a number of years been looking in representation in the House of Commons, and they had suffered accordingly. At the present time the agricultural labourer seemed to be the shuttlecock of Parliamentary candidates, and that was a matter in which they were deeply interested.

Mr Myers (Hillthorpe) said they had many good representatives in Parliament of the landowning class, but what they wanted were members of the farming class to look them up. He knew of the farming class to look them up. He would like to impress upon them the necessity for someone to raise opposition against the severe taxation placed upon them at the present time. He thought they would agree that if they had realised the Insurance Act as the women and doctors did it would never have been on the Statute Book so far as it affected them. (Hear, hear).

Mr Dickinson said they did not want to allow party politics to come in. If they sent an agricultural representative to Parliament they must stick to him thoroughly. They did not want to go in finding fault with him or withdrawing their support from him because he had voted for some political movement with which they were not in agreement. They must all work politics and go in for agriculture. (Hear, hear).

Mr Hanson said they could take a leaf out of the Labour Party's book as regards organisation. The great fault in the past had been lack of organisation.

Mr Wood said that farmers generally did not discuss or find fault with the Insurance Act until it was passed, and it was then too late. They had a fine excellent members at present, but they were not acknowledged in the House of Commons, and not listened to as they should be.

The Chairman said the most important thing was that they must throw politics aside, and go in for the best man no matter what his politics were. What they wanted was ten or twelve members in the House, though he was told in London that if they had eight they could do a great deal.

Mr Bulmer's motion was unanimously carried.

On consideration of the Exportation of Horses Bill,

Mr Abbott said that personally he was strongly in favour of the Bill. He did not think these horses should be sent abroad to exercise the inhuman and cruel treatment they knew these horses received.

Mr Thompson (East Rigton) said he could not quite agree with what Mr Abbott had said. He did not know what proof there might be as to cruelty, but he thought sentimentalism was sometimes carried to extremes. In his opinion the exportation of worn-out horses had had very little to do with the suppression of cruelty to horses than anything else they could imagine (Hear, hear). The horses were taken away to these countries, and although they might be a certain amount of cruelty it was nothing to what they would suffer if they were kept in this country. If they were kept at home they would probably be sold to the man who could afford to give very much, and who would wear a horse down until it was a bag of bones. He in turn would sell it to someone lower in the scale, and so on, until it came to the manufacturer of glue—a miserable existence. He thought it was infinitely more on the side of humanity that—those horses should be sent away and killed in a few days rather than be driven to drag on an existence for a number of years, during which time they were gradually becoming worse.

Mr Abbott said he understood the Bill to suggest that the horses should be killed before exportation.

Mr Wood said he had seen horses trucked several times at Leeds, and every care was taken of them.

It was agreed not to support the Bill.

The Humane Slaughtering of Animals Bill was next the subject of discussion.

Mr Thompson objected to the provision in the Bill that any carcase, portion, blood or refuse of a slaughtered animal should be deposited so that another animal might smell the blood. He thought that was an absolute impossibility. If they left the matter in administration would be in the hands of officials. If they had a faddist official, or a busybody, as some of them were, he could very easily destroy a business. It would be necessary to re-construct the premises altogether. He moved that the Bill be opposed.

Mr Dickinson: We have heard a great deal of opposition to beneficial legislation this afternoon, but this crowns all.

Mr Exett: This is brought about by the city authorities to do away with private slaughter-houses.

It was agreed to oppose the Bill.

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WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD KNOW.

PHYSICIAN'S TIMELY ADVICE

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN

SELBY, Monday.—Not much doing, there being only a small amount on offer. Wheat prices increased. Wheat 33s. 6d. to 34s. 6d., oats 19s. to 20s. 6d., rye 24s. per qr.

PROVISIONS

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 13 and 14 for 1s.; butter 11d. to 1s. 1d. per lb.; chickens 1s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A setback to the early potatoes is expected from the severe frost, with the result that the prices of the old potatoes tend to increase. Not a great many in the market. Sand Up-to-Dates 6s. 6d. to 6s. 9d., sand King Edwards 7s. 6d. to 7s. 9d., sand King Edwards 8s. to 9s. per ton. Retail, 2d. to 3d. per short.

CATTLE

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Hartley and Son held an entry of 65 dairy and store cattle, 109 fat beasts, 39 sheep, 99 pigs, and 3 calves. The number of dairy cows was much below the average, and a fair trade prevailed, the best making £20 15s. to £23 10s., secondary £17 to £19 7s. 6d., present calvers to £21. Jane calvers to £20 5s., and store beasts (18 months old) £10 12s. 6d. to £11 2s. 6d. stone; eight weeks old store pigs to 25s., and stronger kinds to 34s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 158 beasts, 26 sheep, and 72 pigs. A good attendance of dealers and dealers. Trade rather slow and slower than last week. Best beef made from 7d. to 7¾d. per lb. Store beasts unchanged. A good demand for best class calving heifers and cows; medium and plainer unchanged. Pork pigs easier, making 8s. 6d. per stone. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £27 15s., fat heifers to £18 12s. 6d., fat cows to £21 10s., bullocks to £19 15s. 6d., store in milk to £15 10s., fat sheep to £2 19s., bacon pigs to £8, pork pigs to £6 10s., store pigs to £1 17s. 6d.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thompson and Son had forward a fair average show of fat stock. There was a larger show of sheep, but beasts were scarce. Trade ruled about the same as last market, best beef making from 8s 6d. to 9s. per stone, and secondary quality from 7s. 9d. to 8s. 6d.; sheep met a good trade, making from 8d. to 9d. per lb. fat ewes from dealers, lambs dear, from 18s. to 18s. 2d. per lb., making to 54s. 6d. each; pigs sold in favour of buyers. Bullocks made up to £30 2s. 6d. each, sheep to £7 5s., calves sold; 71 beasts, 241 sheep and lambs, and 12 pigs. A grand bullock from the executors of the late Mr J. J. Thomlinson, Tockwith, topped the sale, making £30 2s. 6d., and an Irish from the same feeders made £28 12s. 6d. and £27 10s. Wharton Lodges, Mr J. Thompson, Rigton, made to £15 17s. 6d.; a grand-fished cow from Paddock House made £22 7s. 6d.; two bullocks from Mr G. Jenkinson made £19 15s. and £18 10s.; a ripe heifer from Mr R. Joy, Hunsingore, made £18 15s.; two bullocks from Mr. E. Liversedge, Skewkirk, made £20 2s. 6d. and £19 5s.; a wool calf from Mr T. Carlton made £5 6s.; from Mr Otter, Hunsingore, had four pens of grand sheep, making to 66s. each; from Mr J. Thompson, Rigton, to 67s. each; from Mr J. Holmes, Spofforth, to 61s. each; from Mr J. Dean, Rudgate, Wetherby, to 59s. each; from Mr R. Dutton, to 59s 6d.; Mr T. Jackson, to 56s. 6d.; Mr W. Walker, to 52s.; Mr J. W Gowland, to 54s. 6d.; J. J. Thomlinson's executors to 54s.; Mr. R. Ackroyd, to 54s. 6d.; H. Holmes, to 56s.; Mr R. Bielby, to 57s.; Mr Thackwray, to 54s. 6d. Fat lambs from Mr Sturdy to 47s.; Mrs Otter, to 54s. 6d.; Mr E. Liversedge, to 54s. 6d.; Mr Thackwray, to £21; Mr J. Britton, to 50s. 6d.

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AMBULANCE BAZAAR AT MONK FRYSTON PARK.

OPENING CEREMONY BY THE COUNTESS OF SCARBOROUGH.

ABERFORDIA LEAGUE A MODEL AND PATTERN.

Under the auspices of the Aberfordia Division of the St. John Ambulance Association, a special bazaar was held in the Alpine Hall at Monk Fryston Park on Saturday afternoon, and was specially supported by people from all parts of the district. It was largely owing to the energy and influence of Mrs Gascoigne, of Burton Hall (Lady of Grace and Dame Order of St. John of Jerusalem) that the Aberford League was formed three or four years ago, and it is now a strong and efficient organisation with detachments in various parts of both sides Ash Division, as well as at Rothwell and Bramham. In common with other movements it requires financial support, and the bazaar was arranged to that end. "Fifty per cent. of the financial proceeds should the promoters think fit," said Mr Gascoigne, "will be divided equally amongst the detachments on the Aberford side of the division, and the remaining fifty per cent. will be used in the purchase of medical equipment for the use of those who are sick or injured." The bazaar [illegible] was opened by Mrs Hemsworth, who takes a prominent part in every good work in Monk Fryston and district, and Mr Robert Routledge, jun., of Garforth (Hon. Secretary Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem), and the arrangements they made were excellent.

The stalls were as follows:—Mrs Gascoigne, stall (flowers, gloss, china, pictures, etc.).

Garforth Men's Detachment (public and [illegible] Mrs Hargreaves; lady superintendent, Mrs P Lowy; nurse, Miss Lydia Dent; hon div'sional secretary, Miss H. Routledge.

Tadcaster Women's Detachment (ladies and gentlemen) Commandant, Dr J. P. Scatchard; lady superintendent, Nurse Owen; hon. secs., Miss L. H. Brooksbank.

Bretherton Women's Detachment (miscellaneous stall)—Commandant, Dr J. O. Ward; lady superintendent, Miss Cocker; hon. secs., Mrs Ward.

Bowers Allerton Section (Ivanhoe stall)—Medical officer, Dr Taylor; hon. secs., Mr Albert Halsey.

Garforth Men's Detachment (general stall)—Commandant, Mr R. Routledge, jun.; medical officer, Dr C. H. Sykes; pharmacist, Mr H. Smithson; hon. secs., Mr W. W. Bewaniridge.

Aberford Women's Detachment (miscellaneous stall)—Commandant, Dr T. B. Abbott; lady superintendent, Miss Amy D. Jessop; hon. secs., Miss L. M. Pavey.

Whitkirk Women's Detachment (fancy and fancy work)—Commandant; Mrs Marsden; lady superintendent, Nurse Hodgson; medical officer, Dr Parker-gill; lady superintendent, Nurse Walker; hon. secs., Miss A. Green.

Rothwell Men's Detachment (advertisement stall)—Commandant, Mr J. W. Rilyard; medical officer, Dr Stevenson; hon. secs., Mr Norton Elliott.

Parcel-Wrapping Stall—Mr T. H. Prater.

Monk Fryston Women's Detachment (cake and chantian)—Commandant, Mrs Hemsworth; lady superintendent, Nurse Dobby; medical officer, Dr Parker-gill.

At the entrance to the bazaar were Messrs Reynolds and Branson (London) with a stall with ambulances, litters, etc., in charge of Mr Price.

The Rev. B. Hemsworth, J.P., of Monk Fryston Park, presided at the opening ceremony, and he was supported by the Countess of Scarborough, Brigadier-General and Lady Mends, Colonel and Mrs Gascoigne, Mrs Hemsworth and Mr R. Routledge, jun. (hon. secs.). Others present, besides the officials and stall-holders, included Lady Pilkington, Miss Plumer, General and Mrs. Baldock, Mrs. Lascelles (Swillington), Hon. Misses Hawke, Rev. C. Alderson, Miss Ficklin, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Rev. T. E. R. Ffolkes, Mr and Mrs Wilford (Garforth), Messrs Crostwaite, etc. Lady Scarborough was presented at the entrance to the hall with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Peggy Routledge.

The Chairman, at the outset, paid a tribute to the ambulance workers for their patience and energy, and said that they had done wonderfully well while working there. He took a great interest in both ambulance and hospital work, and he thought that the members of the Aberfordia League should be encouraged in their efforts. They were on a different platform to that they from politics or differing religious views; they were working for the benefit of their fellow-creatures, and they ought to do all they could to help them. Lady Scarborough held the same views as he had; she had a love for good work, and if she had [illegible] would no be there. So was their duty to encourage them in their good work.

The Countess of Scarborough, in declaring the bazaar open, said that it gave her great pleasure to attend the function. The keynote of this movement, she said, was preparation, and the want of it was one of the sad experiences of the South African War, which taught them that the day of peril was too late for preparation. That was why Voluntary Aid Detachments had been formed all over the country, and that was why Mrs Gascoigne and Mr Routledge and others were going so much into the work. [illegible] was that the organisation in that district was a model, and [illegible] would quite well be known, for she only saw that their efficiency was largely due to the energy, [illegible] and the object of that institution was to raise funds to help the work of the detachments. As a woman, she felt that there was specially women's work for her to do; they could not go and fight the line to defend their homes, they should make it their special duty to alleviate suffering and to encourage in every way they could those who were learning how to be useful. She then declared the bazaar open, and wished them every success. (Applause).

Mrs Gascoigne said that she had a delightful duty to perform, and that was to present a vote thanks to Lady Scarborough. She had attended an enormous [illegible] inconvenience and had come a long way to see the bazaar, and they really ought not to think [illegible] difficulty. All she had said about them and their efficiency was very kind, but it was perhaps a little highly coloured. (Laughter). She hoped, however, that they would not be [illegible] so efficient that it would not be too highly coloured. (Applause).

General Mends, in a few words, seconded the resolution, and it was cordially passed. Lady Scarborough briefly acknowledged the compliment.

Colonel Gascoigne then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Hemsworth, who had placed the grounds and the charming room at their disposal. It was very kind of them to do so. They had also been at a great deal of trouble in making arrangements for the bazaar, and they deserved their hearty thanks for their kindness. (Applause).

Mr Routledge, jun., in seconding, said that if they looked round and noticed the beautiful paintings in the room they would discern how Mrs Hemsworth had worked to make it [illegible] spot. (Applause).

The result of having been passed, Mr Hemsworth said they were very much obliged for the kind words that had been spoken, and then he remarked "I am going to make my better half [illegible] I can." (Laughter and applause).

Mrs Hemsworth said that she could not tell how delighted they were that they had got [illegible] Mr Routledge was a delightful young man, his energy had been wonderful, and he hoped he would be long to continue in that good work. (Applause). The resolution was passed and Mr Routledge replied.

One of the most popular attractions at the Park is the Zoo, and it was visited by hundreds of people during the afternoon and the Mayo provided amusement for old and young. Maypole dancing by Church Fenton children, under the direction of Miss Keates, and Morris dancing by Monk Fryston children took place in that part of the grounds known as "Bonnie Scotland," where, also in the Alpine Hall, the artistic work of Mrs. Hemsworth is [illegible]. Other attractions were a galvanic battery, air-rifle shooting range, chiromancy, etc.

In the Concert Hall entertainments were given, and the following items were submitted:—Part song, "The three knights," Aberford and Monk Fryston Choral Societies; song, "Yes, let me like a soldier fall," Mr H. Whitehouse; [illegible] "The early morning," Miss Ash; part song, "Sing heighho," Aberford Choral Society; song, Miss J. Greaves; part song, "Waken lords and ladies gay," Monk Fryston and Aberford Choral Societies; song, "Mid the harsh of the corn," Mrs Varley; male voice part song, "Down among the dead men," Monk Fryston and Aberford; song, "Joyous life," Mr Jenkinson; part song, (a) "In Mary's garden," (b) "A spring song," Aberford ladies; song, Miss Ash; part songs, (a) "In silent night," (b) "Maiden fair," Aberford Choral Society; violin solo, Miss Margaret Dennison; part song, "The bells of St. Michael's tower," Aberford and Monk Fryston Choral Societies (conductor, Mr D. G. Morris). Mrs Hemsworth was the accompanist. Recitations were given by Mr J. W. Rilyard, and a conjuring entertainment by Mr H. Smithson.

The Sherburn Band, consisting of Messrs J. Bradley, A. Copp, P. Dennison, W. Foster, Harry Gill, J. Gill, Fred Oglesby, and E. Pearson, with Miss Janet L. Cook as conductor, went through the following programme:—Opening Chorus, "We are pierrots"; song, "The Ballymona conversazione," Mr J. Bradley; song, "She only started giggling," Mr A. Copp; song, "Arah wanna," Mr W. Foster; duet, "The parrot duet," Misses Copp and Bradley; ensemble, "And so say all of us," Mr Oglesby; song, "The wedding in the moon," Mr E. Pearson; song, "All the girls are lovely by the seaside," Mr Phillip Dennison; finale, "Brannigan's band," the troupe.

In the Swimming Bath a dramatic entertainment was given by Miss Baldock's party, "A merry was given by Miss Baldock's party, "A little fool play," was the piece submitted, and the characters were:—Gilbert Warren, Mr R. the characters were:—Gilbert Warren, Mr R. Hasking; Sybil Warren, Mrs Hasking; Mr Tobbs [illegible] Mr R. W. Ardagh; and Mary, Miss V. Baldock. In addition the following items were given:—Song, Mr T. H. Breed; violin solo, Mrs [illegible] song, "My dear soul," Miss Wrigglesworth; song "My old Shako," Mr P. Wrigglesworth; and violin solo, Mrs Jessop. The accompanist was Miss M. E. Cooper, L.L.C.M. (Bronze Medallist, London College of Music).

The takings amounted to about £250.

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AN ABERFORD GIRL'S LOST PURSE.

CHARGE AGAINST HALTON WOMAN DISMISSED

An unusual charge of larceny was brought against a [illegible] named Florrie Powis, of Halton, at the Leeds West Riding Police Court on Tuesday.

The facts of the case, said Supt. Symonds, were that on April 18th a young girl named Pawson was going along the Castleford Road to Aberford, when she dropped a purse containing half a sovereign. A few moments later the defendant rode by on a bicycle, and the girl Pawson heard her dismount, and on looking round, saw her pick something up, and ride quickly away. The defendant was later stopped by a man on a bicycle.

Per A. Willey defendant.

The girl Pawson, who is 13 years of age, gave evidence that about ten o'clock on Saturday morning, April 18th, she went out on an errand for her mistress, Mrs Smith, of Aberford, and was carrying a purse, which contained half a sovereign. She was, however, unable to purchase what she wanted at the shop, and was close what she wanted at the shop, and was [illegible] to the Hoole-Moor Road she examined her purse and then put it, as she thought, in her pocket. A few moments later a young woman (the defendant) rode past her on a bicycle, and witness heard her dismount and look round. Witness heard her dismount and look round. Turning round she saw the young woman pick up something like a small purse and ride away. Witness did not until then that she had lost her purse. She shouted after the defendant, who, however, took no notice. There was a man about fifty yards away with a bicycle, and witness asked him to ride after the young woman as she had picked up her purse.

Answering Mr Willey, the girl said that defendant would be about sixty yards away. She shouted "Hi!"

Isaac Stead, miner, of Aberford, said that on the day in question he was seated on the grass at Hoole Moor corner about eleven o'clock, when he heard someone shout "Hi!" He looked, and saw the last witness. He also saw a cyclist about a quarter of a mile away, riding towards Garforth. The girl Pawson asked him if he would ride after the defendant as she had got a purse. Witness did so and caught the young woman up at Garforth. First of all, he rode past and got in front. Pluvis asked him if he had come for the purse, and he said he had. She asked him if it was his, and he replied that it was not, but he knew to whom it belonged. Defendant also asked him if he knew how much was in the purse, and he said he did not. Defendant then told him that it had nothing to do with him. She, however, went to the police station.

Mr Willey said the girl was a victim of somebody's cruelty. In the Court was liable thing of which could be charged with. He indicated a finding of a Court that if a man found a purse of gold and picked it up with no idea of appropriating it, there was no case of felony, and if the man, not knowing to whom it belonged, decided to spend it a day after, there was still no case of felony.

At this stage the magistrates stopped the case, and said they were of the opinion that there was no case, and the young woman was allowed to go.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUNDAY AT COLTON—THE GRAMAPHONE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The modern inventions advantageous or the reverse? This is a question that calls forth [illegible] and real for an interesting discussion.

Half-my-life years ago, after a strenuous day in Leeds, I sallied forth to Whitkirk, and [illegible] that charming old village, Colton, where I found rest and peace, and benefit untold for nerves. On during my wanderings I repeated Gray's immortal lines—

"Now does the glimmering landscape on the sight,

And all the air a solemn stillness holds,

Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,

And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds."

On Sunday last I again traversed this hallowed spot, but, alas, what a change!

On Colton Common the piercing strains of a gramaphone offended my ear. To escape from it I hastened forward, when the grinding of another near the village school encompassed me round about. With accelerated step, I sought retreat in Park Road, where amidst the gorgeous foliage, verdure pastures, clarion notes of the thrushes, and the faint chimes of the old church bells, I had not forgotten the gramaphone strains pursued me far into the wild hyacinth-carpeted woods, and haunt me still.

No wonder many lovers of nature cried, "Shameful! Is this Colton, ay, oral is this the Lord's Day?"

I hurried away, and returned home by another route, where—

"Along the cool sequester'd vale of life,

They kept the noiseless tenor of their way."

Here, unlike my experience at Colton, Sunday was not desecrated, nor were nature's harmonies hushed by a gross abuse of a modern invention.

Often since have I exclaimed, "Pity the poor neighbours, who, in addition to sickness, have to endure this affliction from early morn till late at night." I am informed that the effect is so harrowing that some of the neighbours have to close windows and doors, whilst others, more favourable ones, take flight, for a few hours' respit, from the hideous noise.

Is there no remedy? Surely, in the interests of visitors, who appreciate the delightful walks which the district affords, as well as in the interests of the inhabitants of this village, the sanctity of the Sabbath ought to be respected, or steps ought to be taken to enforce it.—Yours, etc.,

LOVER OF NATURE.

A FERRYBRIDGE STACK-FIRING CASE.

MANIA FOR DESTROYING THINGS.

At Leeds Assizes on Monday Herbert Best (28), labourer, was indicted for setting on fire a haystack, the property of Fred Smith, at Ferrybridge, on April 8th.

Mr G. E. C. Marlborough said that the prisoner was there practically on his own confession, but now he pleaded not guilty. The haystack was standing on the side of the North Road. On the same evening as the fire Prisoner approached a constable at Pontefract, and said, "Beg pardon, sir, I have no where to stay to-night, so I intended roughing it. I went up to the haystack on Doncaster Road, it. I went up to the haystack on Doncaster Road, and as I was smoking I set the stack on fire. I didn't mean to do it."

Later, at the Police Station, the prisoner wrote a statement, which he signed. In this he said he had left the Isle of Wight Prison a month previously, and had applied to his relatives for assistance in vain. "I tell you plainly," he added, "that I set fire to the haystack. I am not particular what I do. At any rate, I will not tramp the country. I have tried my best, and I failed, so I again turn to my old tricks of destroying, and if I cannot get anything to do, I will destroy to the end of my life. I have now been destroying things since 1905, but it is nothing to me; the hair I've shed. I like destroying things. I have now had fifteen years of it, and if you think I am going to give it up I am not. . . . Call it a mania if you will, but there it is."

On the prisoner were found a box of matches and a text book of the French language.

His Lordship said there seemed to be a set of people who were constantly setting fire to things. "Evidently because our jolly system makes prison a more comfortable place than the workshouse."

The jury found the prisoner guilty.

His Lordship: If I thought what you said about destroying things was true, I should send you to penal servitude for ten or fifteen years; I hope you wrote it in a bad temper.

Sentence of nine months, with hard labour, was passed.

A GASCOIGNE WOOD FATALITY.

MONK FRYSTON RESIDENT'S DEATH.

An inquest was held before Major Arundel (Coroner) at the North Eastern Railway Offices, Gascoigne Wood Junction, on Monday on the body of Arthur Evans, railway shunter, who was killed on the railway on Saturday morning. Mr John Carr was foreman of the jury. Mr Waterhouse, [illegible], and Inspector Wm. Baker appeared on behalf of the North Eastern Railway, and Mr Claude Kemp, solicitor (South Milford) appeared for the National Union of Railwaymen and the relatives of the deceased.

Joseph Britton, farm labourer, Haxby, near York, said deceased was his son, and he was 26 years of age. He lodged at Monk Fryston and he last saw him alive a week before, when he was in good health.

William Towrise, foreman platelayer at Gascoigne Wood Junction, said that he saw Arthur Britton shunting on Saturday morning. He was getting between two waggons whilst they were in motion, trying to detach one, and he appeared to stumble in the four-foot. When he saw him he appeared to have hold of the couplings, and then he rolled on to the four-foot, and lay on the ground. He would be about fifty yards away. He went to the engine driver and shouted to him to stop the engine, as there was a train coming up the other line, and he could not get across. The engine-driver stopped as soon as he could. When he got to the man there were other men releasing him. He was fearfully injured. The engine went over him, and he was much mutilated. He was put on a stretcher, and sent in a brake van, with an engine, to Leeds Infirmary, but he died on the railway, he heard, at Micklefield.

By the Coroner—There was a rule that shunters must not go between the waggons when moving. It was not a practice to do so, but sometimes it was done.

Mr Waterhouse pointed out the rules of the Company which said they must exercise proper care in going between waggons.

By Mr Kemp: He did no know why they Britton had a shunting stick.

John Tom Whiteley, platelayer, Gascoigne Wood Junction, said that when Britton rolled out from the four-foot he was badly injured. His left leg was cut off, and his right arm and right leg broken. The engine had gone over him. He was insensible.

By Mr Kemp—He did not see a shunting-stick.

By the Coroner—It had not been sticks lying about, and he could have got one if he had wanted one.

By Mr Waterhouse—It was not his duty to look after the shunters.

Edgar Shinburn, shunter, of Milford Junction, said he saw Britton injured, and he was taken to South Milford in a brake van. He went with him, and Dr Ridcliffe joined them, and told them to take him to Leeds Infirmary. Deceased did between South Milford and Newthorpe.

Witness said there were about half-a-dozen shunting poles about, and he could have got one by applying for it. Deceased should not have gone between the waggons whilst in motion.

By Mr Kemp—He had never heard the inspectors say anything to the men when they did this.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

The Osmondthorpe Harmonic Society have just held their annual dinner and musical evening to mark the close of a most successful season. A collection made in aid of the Leeds Poor Children's Holiday Camp Association realised £2 13s.

INFANTILE MORTALITY IN THE DISTRICT.

"ENORMOUS WASTAGE OF CHILD-LIFE."

In his annual report, Dr. Hugh Stevenson, the medical officer for Rothwell urban district, makes [illegible] my mind one of the most important and significant, if not absolutely the most important, features in the history of a district [illegible] the infant mortality of it. [illegible] This matter has pushed itself forward more [illegible] every year for several years back, and it [illegible] attention in recent years from those engaged in public health work, whether as officials or as [illegible] than the question is the preservation of life.

It is [illegible] realised, with a steadily decreasing birth-rate, and with the [illegible] every child [illegible] is found in the [illegible] but, if possible, a still more [illegible] room for congratulation, as I feel that the infant mortality rate for 1913 was 139. [illegible] to say, out of the 214 deaths registered in this district during 1913, that 59 of them occurred in children under one year of age, thus giving us the proportion of 139 deaths under one year of age per 1,000 registered births, and it is also noted that the infant deaths in the district provided 27 per cent. of the total registered in the district, as against 14 per cent. for the previous year, with an infantile death rate of 58 as opposed to our 139 on this occasion, and I might add that the rate for the two years previous to 1912 were 116 and 133 respectively, while for the decade 1903-1912 the rate was 131, so it is seen that our rate for the present year is nearly in excess of the average for the previous ten years, though it might be pointed out that the excessively low rate for 1912, viz., 58, is largely responsible for thus bringing down the average.

The average infantile mortality rate for England and Wales was too, on the [illegible] our rate was below that of the country generally, on this occasion it is rather higher.

To be told that the infant mortality rate for the district is 139 may not convey much to the ordinary reader, but when it is pointed out what this really means, the significance of the figure becomes at once apparent. To put it plainly, it means that 14 per cent. of the children born in this district fail to reach the age of one year, or to put it in words that cannot be misunderstood by anyone, it means that almost every seventh child born in the district dies before it has completed the age of one year, and when it is [illegible] that this is not peculiar to our own district, but that pretty much the same condition of things prevails all over the country, it may be quite legitimately urged, and with perfect truth, that these deaths are practically unavoidable, but even that contention leaves a considerable balance of deaths to [illegible] from what might be termed "avoidable causes."

A consideration of the "causes of death" among infants reveals several interesting and instructive features, the first to find, one of a total of 214 deaths from premature birth that it took place within a week of birth, and we may assume that the degree of prematurity and the debility were such as to render impossible that the little mites could have lived, and these deaths [illegible] may, I think, safely be put down under the category of "unpreventable deaths." but the remaining five cases of death from premature [illegible] come under that heading.

Again, under the heading of "debility and wasting diseases" we find recorded 14 deaths under one year, and of this total 4 occurred within three months of birth, implying that the child at birth was exceedingly weak and debilitated, but the remaining six deaths occurred at ages between three and twelve months, and I think it might reasonably be urged that with proper advice and attention and supervision might have considerably assisted in saving many of these infants.

In the item zymotic diseases in infants apart from diarrhœa, have been singularly few during the year, so there is only one death due to this cause, namely, from measles.

Of the remaining causes of death shown in the infant mortality returns, two stand out prominently above all others, viz., pulmonary diseases and diarrhœa, which are conditions to gether were responsible during 1913 for 27 deaths among infants, or for 45 per cent. of the total infantile deaths. It is perhaps natural to expect such conditions as these to figure as a prominent cause of death in young children, but at the same time, I think we might legitimately [illegible] here, above all others, deaths which may be [illegible] timately by [illegible] preventable, or rather, we might say that the causes which lead up to them are preventable.

During the year 11 deaths, or more than one death in six of the total infantile deaths, were returned as due to either pneumonia or bronchitis, and what makes the matter more significant is the fact that most of these deaths occurred in children under three months old, and only three of these in children between six and twelve months old, the period between six and twelve months of age providing eight of the deaths. I would ask to show how [illegible] diseases of this kind [illegible] and closely child life. I may emphasise the fact that to the record of 11 deaths from pulmonary diseases in infants must be added no more than seven deaths in children between one and five years of age from the same causes, showing that a total of 21 deaths during the year, or one in ten of the total deaths of all ages and from all diseases, occurred in children under five years of age, and from either bronchitis or pneumonia.

The most significant and suggestive feature of the infantile death returns, however, in my opinion is undoubtedly the fact that so many infants have lost their lives during the year from diarrhœa and enteritis, 16 deaths having been returned as due to this cause, which is equivalent to 20 per cent. of the total infantile deaths during the year, and to show how great has been the ravages of this disease among very young children, it is only necessary to mention that the total of deaths at all ages attributed to diarrhœa during the year was 19, of which 18 occurred in children under two years of age, and to make this quite clear, I might explain that this includes that during the year 1913, one death in every 11 which occurred in our district was due to diarrhœa, and occurred in children under two years old. Surely it must be admitted that here is an enormous wastage of valuable human life, and here beyond all question is a large contributory factor to the causes of deaths which may rightly be termed as unpreventable. I have referred in this connection during 1913 so to be on a par with the general experience all over the country, and in most of course be aware that the [illegible] during the summer and autumn of 1913 were much more unfavourable for the development of diseases of this character than was the case during the year 1912, and it is to be feared that during the present year [illegible] and drought and [illegible] may [illegible] deaths from diarrhœa than do in 1913.

I propose on another occasion to suggest [illegible] that those responsible for the health of our district are [illegible] in the matters appertaining to the [illegible] community so far as [illegible] in this matter, but, if possible, [illegible] they must certainly [illegible] children under five years of age, so far as their circumstances permit, [illegible] in the idea of doing [illegible] in their own [illegible] and healthy citizens.

It has often been said of late that there is far too much grandiloquent talk [illegible] on the part of the general public by the [illegible] and other sanitary ruling bodies, and I am [illegible] this matter, but I am firmly of opinion that any effort which has for its [illegible] the preservation of child-life, and the [illegible] of the health and humanity with a healthy and vigorous child population, is sure to be the most warmly commended, and that the cost of such action should only be considered in the light of the probable benefit resulting from it.

In this district you have been well abreast of the times in dealing with this matter, and in the latter part of the year appointed a health visitor for the purpose, and I think great credit is due to the chairman and members of the Sanitary Committee, who have certainly borne the brunt and burden of this [illegible] and who [illegible] in this materialising what had been considered and discussed in a nebulous sort of manner, over many weary days.

The health visitor has been selected for such a short period that no estimate is at present possible of the benefit likely to result from her [illegible] presence, and those who expect, as a result of her appointment, to see any [illegible] mortality rate drop appreciably straight away will be disappointed. Her work is of such a kind that the future, and not the present, must show the benefit of it, and it will be quite soon enough if in a few years' time to look for evidences of the value of her work. Although the primary and the most important object of her work is in conjunction with infants up to a year old, there are many other opportunities open to her of doing most beneficial work. She has the opportunity at her visits in the homes of teaching mothers in a practical manner the elementary rules of domestic hygiene, of pointing out the advantages of not only of scrupulous cleanliness, but also of the inestimable benefit of fresh air and good [illegible] in the bedrooms and living rooms, of preaching the doctrine of the "open window" with the attendant horrors of [illegible] and the dangers of [illegible] and other important matters. She can advise on many matters appertaining to the healthy upbringing of children, and can [illegible] of doubt, both by personal intercourse and by correspondence with the children's welfare, due to what might be termed "ignorance," and in this matter is concerned, I am of opinion that during an [illegible] extraordinary work of this kind, which, in the course of time, ought to be reflected in the form of improved [illegible] statistics. There are diseases such as whooping-cough, measles, and diarrhœa, which, though forming a serious menace to child life, are yet, by virtue of their being non-contagious, liable to defy all the efforts of any public health official, and here I think would be an excellent opportunity for utilising in a most beneficial manner the services of the health visitor. Consider for a moment the good she could do in an outbreak of epidemic summer diarrhœa by visiting homes where cases existed, and advising personally on the many points which ought to be taken [illegible] precautions which ought to be taken. She could preach many an eloquent sermon on the text provided by the handbills so many of summer epidemics, especially with regard to the [illegible] and the protection of food, particularly the milk with which children are fed.

I could [illegible] the services of a health visitor might be utilised in such cases a system of voluntary notification of the occurrence of [illegible] cases of diarrhœa would result, and [illegible] be [illegible], and I think if parents realised the many advantages likely to accrue from the [illegible] of such skilled advice, they would [illegible] only [illegible] it should [illegible] necessary, show [illegible] in this [illegible] be done, they would [illegible] no grudge the trouble entailed in voluntarily notifying the occurrence of [illegible] in their homes. It is perfectly obvious that without such notification these cases must remain unknown from the knowledge of the [illegible] officials, who consequently [illegible] to render any help to their remarks on infant mortality, there can be no [illegible] to me to [illegible] valuable child life [illegible] annually, some of which at any rate might have been saved by assistance of the kind I have just discussed, and I notwithstanding [illegible] of economy, the money [illegible] which visitor might do much towards grappling in a practical manner with this evil of child mortality, and I look forward confidently to the good arising from it, although there are other points relating to healthy housing and home surroundings that might be dealt with when discussing tuberculosis, which [illegible] also have a strong bearing upon this question of infant and child mortality, and with our [illegible] of which the whole of all the health visitors in the world will be fruitless.

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SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1914.

AVIATION AND AGRICULTURE.

In view of the scheme for the establishment of aviation works in Barkston Ash the future of the industry will have an increasing interest for residents. Workshops for the construction of aircraft are to be erected at Barlow, and in a comparatively short time this rural district will be transformed into a busy industrial centre. The employment of aeroplanes in war has now passed the theoretical stage, and Lieut.-Col. F. H. Sykes, of the Royal Flying Corps, in an article in the "Quarterly Review," makes the prophecy that "in the European campaign of to-morrow, aerial supremacy will probably prove the dominant factor." The air-craft, although a wonderful machine, is not yet capable of playing the part of a fighting unit, but almost every day brings some improvement. A device has been invented to keep aeroplanes automatically stable, but whether stability depends upon the success of the invention or the skill of the pilot has not yet been fully proved. The aeroplane has to advance a great deal before it can become an effective weapon, for even bomb-throwing is an uncertain and difficult operation when moving at a speed of anything up to sixty miles an hour. The value of aeroplanes in war is their adaptability for purposes of reconnaissance, and it is by bringing this to a fine art that airmen are going to turn the tide of battle. In Tripoli, the Balkans, and on numerous occasions, the possibilities of scouting by air have been demonstrated, but the inexperience of the observers and their ignorance of the essentials have detracted from their success. But Lieutenant-Colonel Sykes thinks many changes will yet be made, and the evolution of aircraft is still in its initial stages. "We may soon," he says, "have to consider such problems as the types of craft best suited for work with the cavalry, with headquarters of the Army, and with flashing divisions; the type best adapted to the requirements of a battle squadron, of a lumbering armoured destroyer, of a scout flotilla, and possibly of transport, convoy, and repair craft. The forerunners of these fighting aircraft are 'already with us.'" He also gives the assurance that, in the matter of design and construction of aeroplanes, in peace and organization, Great Britain undoubtedly leads. The construction of air-craft is, therefore, likely to become a great industry, employing many men, and the new undertaking in Barlow will bring many changes in that district. When the works are in full working order, the appearance of an aeroplane flying over Barkston Ash will probably be an everyday occurrence, and the inhabitants generally will have more than ordinary interest in the evolution of aircraft.

"Let us take a leaf out of the Labour Party's book as regards organization," suggested a member at the last meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs and Chambers of Agriculture, with which the organizations at Tadcaster, Wetherby, Selby, and Sherburn are affiliated. This would indicate that the farming community are beginning to realise the value of organization and combination, and with every legitimate movement in this direction no sensible person will find any fault. A demand has been put forward by agriculturists for increased representation in Parliament, and, in their own interests, they would be very foolish, indeed, if they did not avail themselves of every opportunity to enforce this demand. Farmers are entitled to adopt whatever measures they deem prudent and wise to conserve and protect their interests, just as agricultural labourers are within their right in forming trade combinations, or demanding direct Parliamentary representation to improve their position. Farmers are fighting their own battle by forming trading societies, by which commodities are obtained for them at a cheaper rate, and Chambers of Agriculture, through which they seek to influence legislation in the interests of their own industry, and farm hands, in various parts of the country, have formed themselves into unions with the avowed object of forcing up wages and improving living and working conditions. It has frequently been asserted that the interests of farmers and labourers are the same, but recent movements have given a contradiction to that assertion, and in the future it will probably be discovered that the two classes will take independent action. It is easy for people to delude themselves for a time, but the truth will eventually be forced upon them. Some farmers have serious objections to agricultural labourers combining for their own protection, but it is based on purely selfish grounds, because if the agriculturists themselves have the right to organize in their own interests, the same principle cannot be wrong when adopted by another class. One farmer advocated following the example of the Labour Party, who are supposed to stand for the aggrandisement of a class, and it is interesting to know that the Workers' Union, which so many agricultural labourers have joined, is affiliated with the Labour Party. Great movements have a way of permeating every class, and the country population must inevitably come under their influence. It was advocated that farmers "must sink politics and go in for agriculture," but this is easier said than done. Political feeling is as intense in the country as elsewhere, and it would probably be very difficult to get any considerable number of electors to support a candidate who differed from them on all questions save agriculture. It is not impossible, under present conditions, to form a group to act together on agricultural questions, but the formation of an Independent Agricultural Party is a dream. Farmers are not strong enough to return candidates without the support of the political parties, but there is no reason why they should not use the electoral power they possess to securing the return of men in sympathy with their aims and objects. In many constituencies farmers, by voting one way, might manage to get representatives to suit them, but they could not return them without support from other sections of the community. These members would be allied to some political party, but on agricultural questions they would act together. That seems to be the only way by which farmers could obtain their ends. What agriculturists, however, should do first is to strengthen their local organizations. The great majority of farmers are at the present time unconnected with these organizations, and the whole class must learn the value of unity before it realizes its strength.

The West Riding County Council have issued formal notices under Section 8 of the Education Act, 1902, that they propose to provide a new public elementary school for about 750 children at Selby.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DEATHS.

BENNETT.—April 30th, at the Woodman Inn, Halton, Abraham Bennett, aged 49. Was interred at Bramley St. Peter's, May 4th. 1328

BRADLEY.—On May 2nd, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Dolphinton, 27 Myrtle Square, Harrogate, William Bradley, late of Bardsey, aged 89.

OWEN.—At Quarry Mount, Oulton, 3rd May, Elizabeth, widow of the late Thomas Owen, of Oulton, aged 83 years.

RICHARDS.—On April 30th, at Woodlesford, in his 63rd year, Arthur, eldest son of the late Samuel Richards, of Yarley.

YARLEY.—On May 4th, at High Street, Kippax, aged 11 years, Percy, dearly beloved son of James and Annie Yarley.

WAITE.—May 2nd, at 7 Westwood, Boston Spa, Hannah Waite.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROOK.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, William Brook, who died at Newsam Green Farm, May 8th, 1905.

HOPE.—In loving memory of Henry Hope, Owlett Hall, Kippax, who died May 8th, 1913, aged 31 years.
"Only those who have lost are able to tell
The pain of the thought of not saying farewell."
—From father, mother, sisters, and brothers.

TAYLOR.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Edith (nee Taylor), who departed this life May 10th, 1908.
"God knows how much I miss her
He counts the tears I shed,
But whispers husb, she only sleeps,
Your loved one is not dead."
"Only those who have lost are able to tell
The pain at the thought of not saying farewell."

THOMPSON.—In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Henry Thompson, of 5, Poplar Terrace, Garforth, who passed away May 8th, 1913.
"Peacefully sleeping, resting at last;
Life's weary pain and suffering all passed."
1766 —From wife and family.

WILSON.—In loving memory of my very dear sister, Annie Beatrice Wilson, of Aberford, who died May 6th, 1913.
"This is a day sad to recall."
Boo E. F.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Hon. R. E. Kitson, Col. A. M. Sugden-Murray, and Mr W. Lupton.

LIBERALISM.—At the annual Council meeting of the Normanton Division Liberal Association at Wakefield on Friday night, Mr J. H. Goodson was re-elected president, and Mr J. H. Johnson re-elected secretary. Mr Johnson, who has been secretary for many years, resigned that position owing to ill-health.

HOUSING.—On Saturday seventeen members of Rothwell Housing Society sang a birthday ode to complete the first year's tenancy of Ambergate, (47 miles). Results:—A. Hodgkinson 1,542 and 1,500, W. Dobson 1,530 and 1,451, G. Ward 1,525, T. Kellet 1,469, Pte. Dyson 1,458, T. Nurse 1,429, E. Bulmer 1,450.

MAINTENANCE OF PARENTS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Patrick Gilliard, of Hunslet, was summoned by the Hunslet Guardians for non-maintenance of parents. Arrears to the amount of £7 6s. An order for payment was made. Defendant, who said he could not pay, was told that if he thought the amount too much, he must apply to the Bench in the usual way.

GUARDIANS.—Of the four Rothwell representatives on the Hunslet Board of Guardians, Mrs Dickenson had the best attendance at the Board meetings, last year. Out of a possible twenty-seven times she made twenty-five attendances. Mr J. Butterick ranked second with twenty four attendances, and Mr W. Lunn and Mr W. Stead made eighteen and seventeen respectively. Mr Stead had the best attendance of the members of the Children's Homes Committee, having been present thirty times out of a possible thirty-one.

THE LATE MR G. BARKER.—There was a large gathering at the funeral of the late Mr George Barker, of Rothwell, which took place at the Rothwell Churchyard, on Friday. The deceased, who was a partner in the firm of Messrs A and G Barker, painters and decorators, Rothwell, was well-known and highly respected. He was a member of the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute, and Workingman's Club, the Bowling Club, and the Oulton and Woodlesford Friendly Society. Mr Barker died after a comparatively short illness, and he leaves a son and a daughter. A large number of friends of the deceased walked in front of the coffin, and the employés, both past and present, followed behind. All the blinds of the houses in Commercial Street were drawn as the cortège passed through. The service both in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the vicar of Rothwell (the Rev. G. W. Bence), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Wrenche). The principal mourners were:—Mr Chris Barker and Miss Maggie Barker (son and daughter), Mr and Mrs Andrew Barker (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs Marriel and Mr Tom Barker, Mrs Birkett, Mr and Mrs Archie Batty, Mr and Mr T. P. Whiteley, Mr and Mrs A. Binks, Mr and Mrs W Bennett, Mrs Jarvis Batty, Mr and Mrs Batty, Miss Mr and Miss J. R. Senior, Mrs W. Batty, Miss Bennett, Mr and Mrs John Dobson, Miss Alfred, Mr and Mrs W. Wright, Mr and Mrs J. Hirst, Mr and Mrs H. Clark, and Nurses Barker and Hague. Among others present were Mr Norman Elliott, Mr J. B. Hindle, Mr J. Armitage, Mr W. E. Richardson, Mr B. Wood Higgins (Oulton), Mr T. Wilson, Mr B. Wood Higgins (Oulton), Mr H. Newsome (Oulton), Mr W. Lockwood (Oulton), Mr T. Cooper (Oulton), Mr A. Marshall, Mr T. Stainer, sen., Mr T. Young (Carlton), Mr H. Worsnop, Mr J. Harrison, Mr J. Morton, Mr Wm. Ward, Mr W. Aldershaw, Mr W. Hampshire, Mr T. Spence, Mr A. Ward, Mr J. Nichols, Mr Eli Dobson, Mr J. W. Iveson, and Mr T. A. Balme. There were several beautiful wreaths.

The annual prize distribution to the children attending the Sunday School of the Salvation Army took place in the large hall on Monday night.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax. Applications completed—R B Kettlewell, Harrogate, improvements in typewriters; and J. Flower, J. W. Bradley, and G. Wichmann, Leeds, internal-combustion and steam turbines (patent of addition). Patent sealed—J. R. B. Allison, Retford, stock indexes for shops, warehouses, etc. Patent renewed—J. W. Rhodes, Leeds, mattresses, bedding, etc.

BOWERS ALLERTON

WESLEY AND HIS TIMES.—At the Mission Hall Bible Class on Friday evening Mr Barton, of Castleford, gave an interesting address on John Wesley. He said Wesley brought his great influence to bear on social life in England during the time of the French Revolution. Wesley's father was the rector of a small parish with a small income, but he believed in high thinking, and he, therefore, sent his sons to Oxford University. While there John Wesley founded the Holy Club, which did much social work. He afterwards went to America, but his mode of conducting services proved a transgression of the American ecclesiastical law, and he had to leave hurriedly. Opposition also dogged his preaching in England, one by one the doors of the Nonconformist churches were closed against him, and he became a "field" preacher. He, however, secured a great following, and his services sometimes began at 5 a.m. John Wesley's marriage was a failure, his wife leaving him shortly after the wedding, and he never heard of her again until some time after her death. A short discussion followed, and Mr Robinson asked, seeing John Wesley was a field preacher, how it was that when the chief founder of Primitive Methodism, who was a Wesleyan, wanted to be a field preacher, he was turned from the Wesleyan body. Mr Barton answered the question by saying that most churches got what he would call too respectable.

CARLTON

HOUSING.—On Saturday twelve members of Carlton Homing Society sent 129 birds to compete in the race from Ambergate (47 miles). Results:—Jackson Bros., 1,602, J. Charlesworth, 1,598, E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,581; J. Nunns, Gomersal, 1,558, Jackson Bros. 1,557, E. Nunns, 1,543. A. Nunns 1,504, J. Newton 1,499, Harland and Mostershaw 1,405.

CARLTON WINNERS.—In the Leeds Homing Federation race from Ambergate on Saturday, the clubs sent 448 birds, which were liberated at 12.55. The following is a list of the Federation winners:—E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,611; Jackson Bros., Carlton, 1,602; E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,601; J. Charlesworth, Carlton, 1,598; E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,592; E. Nunns, Carlton, 1,580; E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,575; E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,569; J. Newton, Carlton, 1,564; E. Gomersal, Carlton, 1,558; Jackson Bros., Carlton, 1,557; E. Linley, Crossgates, 1,557; J. Haddlewy, Crossgates, 1,550; E. Nunns, Carlton, 1,543; A. Hodgkinson, Rothwell, 1,542; W. Dobson, Rothwell, 1,536; H. Haddlewy, Crossgates, 1,534; G. Ward, Rothwell, 1,535; J. Middleton, Crossgates, 1,522; Barber and Lambert, Crossgates, 1,518.

CROSSGATES

HOMING.—On Saturday twelve members of Crossgates Homing Society sent 96 birds to compete in the race from Ambergate (47 miles). Results:—E. Linley, 1,611 (wins pool), 1,601, and 1,592; H Linley 1,575, H. Haddaway 1,550 and 1,534. J. Middleton 1,522, Barber and Limbert 1,518, J. Garlick 1,511, A. Hornby 1,504, T. Birds 1,479, H. Inman 1,391.

GOLF.—In the monthly medal competition at Crossgates Golf Links on Saturday afternoon the scores were:—Thomas 103, 24, 79; Hobson, 103, 18, 85; Simpson (Garforth), 85, 4, 81; Holt, 110, 28, 82; Beattie, 106, 24, 82; Hutchinson, 106, 24, 82; Frost, 107, 24, 83; Dixon, 103, 20, 83; Johnson, 103, 20, 83; Robshaw, 109, 25, 83; Beaumont, 108, 24, 84; Pitchforth, 103, 16, 86; Townsend, 102, 16, 86.

THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.—Mr W. M. Martin, of Chestnut Avenue, who is District Scoutmaster for North-East Leeds, has agreed to take charge of the Crossgates Troop, and as he is an excellent officer, and is on good terms with the lads, the movement will probably continue to make progress. Mr Hall, who has been the popular Scoutmaster for several years, intends to devote his energies and time to other work, and he resigned, but he will always be ready to assist the troop when he is required. Mr Martin will receive the loyal support of eight young officers, and the troop, with "Silver Wolfs," and the flag, which has six "Cordons" of 55. Is fortunate in obtaining the services of an experienced and enthusiastic Scoutmaster. The troop is splendidly equipped, having a fire service, signalling section, pioneer section, and ambulance section, while at least four members have wireless telegraphy installations. At the present time the Scouts are trying to raise money on behalf of the blind in the district, and several lads have already earned something for this purpose. They work for anyone who will employ them, and the remuneration for their labour goes to help the blind.

FERRYBRIDGE

FARMER'S DEATH.—Major Arundel, coroner, held an inquest at Ferrybridge on Saturday afternoon, touching the death of Mr Thomas Atkinson, farmer, residing at Bubwith House, Post-fract, who died on Friday, aged 71. Deceased was in his yard on Tuesday when a pear tree in his orchard last September, and he had been bedfast since. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to a broken thigh caused by misadventure.

GARFORTH

Garforth W.M. bowlers have been drawn to play Holbeck in the Yorkshire Consolation Cup Competition on May 30th.

A GARFORTH MAN.—Mr. J. P. Houlton, J.P., Mansfield, managing director of the Hobsover Colliery Company, has been asked to become Liberal candidate for North-East Derbyshire, when Captain Donner and Labour candidates are already in the field. Mr Houlton, who is a son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, of Garforth, was formerly president of the Division Liberal Association.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Excellent programmes continue to attract large audiences at the Garforth Picture House, and the enterprise of the management is appreciated. Some good things are promised for next week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights Gaumont's great masterpiece "The Curse of Greed," which, it is stated, introduces the most marvellous storm scene ever produced, will be the feature. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be the beautiful scenic film "Picturesque Spots in Yorkshire." For the second half of the week the thrilling and sensational drama "The Dead Man's Child," in which there is an exciting leap from a bridge on to a moving train, will have pride of place. "Grandad," a pathetic little study of a civil war veteran, and the amusing picture "Our Bab" will improve sure draws, and other films of interest will complete the programmes. For times and prices see advert.

MOTORIST'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Andrew Hodson Anson, farmer, of Hamble-ton, was summoned for driving a motor car at Garforth, on Saturday, April 19th, without a red rear light. P.C. Beevor stated that about 9.45 p.m. he saw the defendant drive past in a motor-car, which had no red rear light. The defendant pulled up at the Miners' Arms, where he was seen by the officer. When told he would be reported he said he hoped it would not be necessary. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon in the first round of the Yorkshire Cup Competition Garforth W.M. played Oakwood and Co. (Wakefield) at Chapeltown, and Garforth were defeated by 5 to 203. Details (Craddock names first):—H Jagger 21 v. T Cockerham 18. J Lowe 21 v. G Freeman 17. T Berry 21 v. T Whitley 9. H Fowler 21 v. W H Monks 18. T Sodler 21 v. M. Marriett 10. W. Dennison 21 v. J. Whitley 19. J H Phillips 21 v. A Reed 18. G Tomlinson 21 v. J Bardsley 9. W Varley 18 v. G Hill 21. S Jalderman 7 v. A Cockerham 21. F Miller 21 v. C. Baxter 9. T. Pendlebury 21 v. T. Simpson 15.

HALTON

Mr J. Flanagan, the member for Thorpe Stapleton on the Hunslet Board of Guardians was present at six of the twenty-seven Board meetings.

DISMISSED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a man was summoned by the Templenewsam overseers for non-payment of the poor rate, and a warrant was granted in default of distress.—Mr P. S. Marsden and Mr W. Verity, who represent Templenewsam on the Hunslet Board of Guardians, attended eleven and nineteen meetings respectively out of a possible twenty-seven.

DISMISSED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edward Brooke, shop assistant, of Halton, was summoned for riding a motor-cycle and sidecar attached without a red rear light at Halton on April 27th. P.C. Southard proved the case, and said he stopped the defendant about 12.15 a.m. on the day in question. When stopping defendant said the light was all right at Bradford. Defendant pleaded that it was his first ride out this year, and he was unaware of any new regulations. The summons was dismissed on payment of costs.

BOWLING.—On Wednesday night Halton played New Leeds Constitutional at Leeds in the Mosley Trophy Competition. Scores:—New Leeds 129, Halton 202.

Details (Halton names first):—W Scott 13 v. H Gosney (capt.) 21, T Howson 10 v. E Rush 21. C Lambert 16 v. E. Hardwick 21, G Cowell 21 v. A Leach 17, R Pinder 9 v. P Welburn 21, F Walker 13 v. R H Jackson 21. Geo. Ward 21 v. J A Hutchinson 15, H Thomas 21 v. A J Weaver 12, W Green 19 v. A E Jones 21, A Caine (capt.) 22 v. F Middle 16, A Kaye 21 v. W. Selby 12. Geo. Simpson 17 v. J. Jackson 21.

KIPPAX

PARISH CHURCH.—There was a good attendance at the women's service held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, and the Vicar gave an interesting short paper on "Prayer."

MOTOR ACCIDENT.—Whilst fetching his child from the middle of the Leeds and Selby Road on Thursday, Mr Thomas Collinson met with a serious accident. A motor car came along and knocked him down, causing serious injury.

POLITICS.—In connection with the Castleford and District Labour Association, an open-air meeting was held in Mount Pleasant, Kippax, on Sunday afternoon, when addresses were given by Mr G. Goodenough and Mr E. Hough. The Labour and Socialist policy was briefly outlined by the speakers.

BOWLING.—A meeting of the Rivers Board, the report of the Domestic Sewage and Solid Refuse Committee, which was adopted, recommended that the Todcaster Rural Council be approached with a view to a scheme for the extension and improvement of their Kippax sewage works were submitted to the Local Government Board without further delay, application for permission for non-compliance with the order of the court in force against them would be considered.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday, and the preacher was the Rev. J. Comber Naftrass, B.A., B.D., of Haworth. In the afternoon the Micklefield Wesleyan choir, assisted by friends, gave a creditable rendering of the sacred cantata "Day of Rest," under the direction of Mr W. Sutton. The solo parts were efficiently sung by Mrs W. Sutton (contralto), Mrs Roe (soprano), Mr G. W. Taylor (tenor), and Mr W. Ladyed (bass). Mr H. Summerson was the organist. Mr B. Plows presided over a fairly large and appreciative congregation. A public tea, kindly given by Mr J. B. Hobbs, was provided on Monday in the Sunday School. The collections were for the Trust Fund.

KIPPAX DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of Kippax District Education Committee was held on Tuesday, at Kippax Council Offices, Mr E. Bentley (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Messrs Isaac Robinson, S R Silverwood, J Farrant, E Parker, (Newton), W. Mellor, J. Crowell, J. Harding, and Mrs Eastwood with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell). Accounts which totalled £59 12s. 1½d. were passed for payment. Questions were asked as to the seeds purchased for use in the school garden at Bond-end-Alberton, and as to whether there was any return for the outlay. The Clerk: We sell the garden produce, and the gardens are self-supporting. The attendance scheme was deferred at the last meeting pending inquiry relating to the possible working of it in connection with the one in operation in Castleford, and this was again deferred after a brief explanation had been given by Mrs Lowther. Mr T. Booth wrote with reference to the charge of £1 2s. which was paid to Mr Lockett (Sutton), for repairing a harmonium that took place just recently, and he applied for the return of 2s. 6d. It was intended, to make this an annual event, and he asked if the Committee would agree to their paying the charge. The Council School next Easter. The committee agreed to give the use of the Council School next Easter, but decided not to return the 2s. 6d. Mr Howell to return the 2s. for increased remuneration for his work as head teacher in connection with the evening classes held at Kippax Council School. It was agreed to defer consideration of the matter. Mr Farrant raised the question of teachers' fees for concerts and balls and he asked who they were paid. The Clerk: They are paid quarterly. A public tea, kindly given by Mr Parker: It is better to have a definite time. There was some discussion in regard to this matter. Mr Robinson asked in what district the children who resided at Hollinhurst were. The Clerk: In Castleford. Mr Robinson said he thought that a circular ought to be sent to the children's attendance at school in regard to matters in that particular locality. It was decided to write the county authorities on this matter.

RATES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a man was summoned by the Kippax overseers for non-payment of the poor rate and sanitary rate to the amount of 15s. 6d. and 3s. 7½d. respectively. A warrant was granted.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in the United Methodist Church on Sunday, and Mr James Redpath, of Castleford, was the preacher. The service of song "In His steps," was given in the afternoon, under the direction of Mr J. Radcliffe. The solos were sung by Miss Holliday, Mrs Irving Goodall, Mrs Townend, and Miss Alice Goodall. Mr F. Smith and Mr J. Farrant. The special soloist was Madame Carter, of Leeds, who contributed the solos "Come unto Me" and "The Lord is my shepherd." The consecutive readings were given by Mrs H. Denton, while Mr Alexander Plows presided. At the evening service the choir sang "And the glory" (Handel), while "Return, O wanderer" (from mighty Kings) were finely sung by Madame Carter. The organ and pianoforte accompaniments were played by Mr Wilfred Holliday. The afternoon's public meeting provided in the church, and this was followed by a social in the evening. The young lady members of the choir, who served the tea, also looked after the refreshments at the social. The collection and the proceeds of the tea, which were for the Choir Fund, were in excess of last year's, and realised over £5. The Rev. H. W. B. Chubb, the circuit superintendent minister (Castleford), was the preacher at the Thursday evening service.

MIDDLETON

Mr T. Thomas, of Middleton, the chairman of the Hunslet Board of Guardians, was present at twenty-one meetings of the Board out of a possible twenty-seven.

METHLEY

Mr Thomas Illingworth, of Garden Cottage, Watergate, Methley, whose death occurred on the 25th February, has left property to the value of £7,242 gross, of which the net personalty is sworn at nil.

A RAID ON A DUCK POND.—Two Methley miners, named Christopher Robinson and Harry Moores, were charged at Wakefield on Friday with stealing three ducks (value 12s.), the property of Messrs Hy. Briggs, Son, and Company (Limited), on Wednesday, 8th April. Detective-sergeant Edward Barham gave evidence that he heard a gun report on the day in question, and saw some men running away from a pond, with the ducks. He followed, and they dropped the ducks and gun away, but he could not recognise the men. Suspicion fell on the defendants, and Robinson admitted borrowing the gun, along with Moores, but they denied shooting any ducks. A fine of 21s., or one month, was imposed on each defendant.

OULTON

In aid of the trust funds of the Oulton United Methodist Church a number of song entitled "Little Abe," was rendered on Sunday by the married people's choir. Mr Williams was the organist and conductor.

CONCERT.—Mr George Armitage and Mr Dennis W. Hargreaves, the two members of the Hunslet Board of Guardians representing Oulton-with-Woodlesford, made twelve journeys in a motor-car kindly placed at their disposal during the twenty 4 ven Board meetings.

BOWLING.—In the first round of the Preston Shield Competition at Hunslet on Saturday afternoon Oulton were defeated by 5 to 2. Details (Oulton names first):—J Sands 21 v. J Buck 7, C Rayner 21 v W Peck 13, A Lunn 21 v J. W Morley 12, J Brown 21 v F Ellis 11, T Marsh 18 v T Brown 21, H Taylor 21 v C H Marsh 18 v T Brown 21, H Taylor 21 v C H Marsh 18 v T Brown 21, H Taylor 21 v W Mitchison 8, G Chapman 21 v F. Jones 11, E Waddington 21 v W P. Peters 16, G. Nicholson 13 v J. Nuttall 21. E. Smith 21 v. R. Tunnon 10. C. Hammant 21 v. H. Armitage 10.

GOLF MATCHES.—Home and home matches have been played between Oulton and Pontefract. At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton 5, Pontefract 3. Details (Oulton names first):—In the afternoon, Mr Harry Lunn 3 v. R K Swales 1 v F. Turner 3; A P Bolland 0 v W T Oliver 1, J T Tomlinson 3 v. W H Pearcy 1, F Denton 2 v. F Bagley 0, Thomas Swales 1 v. L A Rhodes 0, George Parish 2 v F. Howe 0, William Glover 0 v. G. Hemmant 1. At Pontefract. Scores:—Pontefract 7, Oulton 1. Details (Pontefract names first):—F H Chappell 1 v. N D Long 0, R F Turner 3 v. R K Swales 1, V Holliday 3 v. A P Bolland 1; W T Oliver 1 v. J T Tomlinson 0, W H Pearnley 1 v. F Denton 0, P Bagley 1 v. Thomas Swales 0, Arthur Lunn 1 v. George Parish 0, F. Howe 1 v. William Glover 0.

STOURTON

At the P.S.A. service at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon, an interesting duet was given by Mr Stacey, of Stourton. Mr J. Collinson presided, and Mr Waterton was the organist.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Fredrick Riggs, fitter, of Leeds, was summoned for riding a bicycle on the Wakefield Road, Stourton, on Friday, 17th ult., without a light. The summons was dismissed on payment of costs.

WHITKIRK

COLTON MOTORIST'S OFFENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edward Heape, assistant overseer, Colton, was summoned for driving a motor-cycle and sidecar without a red rear light, and was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

COSTLY FORGETFULNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Robert Moss, manufacturer, of Whitkirk, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Robinson spoke to calling at the defendant's house on Friday, 10.15 a.m. on Friday, April 24th, when he saw Mrs Moss, who said she was sorry but they had no licence. A licence was afterwards taken out. A fine of 7s. 6d., and costs of 9s. 6d., or seven days' imprisonment, was imposed.

WOODLESFORD

CRICKET.—Woodlesford cricketers commenced their fixtures in the Rothwell League on Saturday, when they journeyed to the Rifle Butts, where they were beaten by twelve runs. Outwood batted first, and quickly knocked up a good score. Hitchin was in good form for bowling, and took five wickets at a cost of seven runs. Woodlesford's batting was a good show with the bat, but they were unable to get on terms with their opponents. Scores:—Outwood—A. Hargreaves, b Hamer, 0; H. Dixon, b Green, 35; Hopkinson, b Hitchin, 1; J W Lunn, c Hars, b Hitchin, 2; D White, c Baxter, b Wilkinson, 15; W H Pickard, b Hamer, 17; J. Jones, b Graves, 4; W. Walker, c Dobson, b Hitchin, 0; Ellerby, c. L. Ackroyd, b Hitchin, 0; R Hoyland, b Hitchin, 0; extras, 6; total, 88. Woodlesford—H Hamer, b White, 21; O Wilkinson, b White, 0; W. Harrison, lbw, b Pickard, 8; C Hitchin, c Hargreaves, b White, 0; A Graves, b White, 2; E Baxter, not out, 27; E Dobson, c Colley, b Pickard, 18; J Hare, b Lunn, 0; D. Johnson, b Lunn, 4; A. Dearn, not out, 2; extra, 1; total, 74. The Woodlesford second team were at home to Outwood's second team on Saturday in a match arranged for four rinks and sanitary rate to the amount of 15s. 6d. and 3s. 7½d. respectively. A warrant was granted.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in the United Methodist Church on Sunday, and Mr James Redpath, of Castleford, was the preacher. The service of song "In His steps," was given in the afternoon, under the direction of Mr J. Radcliffe. The solos were sung by Miss Holliday, Mrs Irving Goodall, Mrs Townend, and Miss Alice Goodall. Mr F. Smith and Mr J. Farrant. The special soloist was Madame Carter, of Leeds, who contributed the solos "Come unto Me" and "The Lord is my shepherd." The consecutive readings were given by Mrs H. Denton, while Mr Alexander Plows presided. At the evening service the choir sang "And the glory" (Handel), while "Return, O wanderer" (from mighty Kings) were finely sung by Madame Carter. The organ and pianoforte accompaniments were played by Mr Wilfred Holliday. The afternoon's public meeting provided in the church, and this was followed by a social in the evening. The young lady members of the choir, who served the tea, also looked after the refreshments at the social. The collection and the proceeds of the tea, which were for the Choir Fund, were in excess of last year's, and realised over £5. The Rev. H. W. B. Chubb, the circuit superintendent minister (Castleford), was the preacher at the Thursday evening service.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN AND THE YEAR'S WORK.

LEEDS AND THE DISTRICT.

TEMPLENEWSAM AND A NURSING SCHEME

The annual meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, on Thursday afternoon. Mr Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), Mr G. Armitage, Mr D. W. Hargreaves, Mr W. Verity, and Mr J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer (Dr J. Buck), the sanitary inspectors (Messrs W. Whitehead and P. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his services during the past year was carried on the proposition of Mr D. W. Hargreaves, seconded by Mr W. Verity.

LEEDS AND THE DISTRICT

Mr Thomas, in response, thanked the Council and said—"In some respects it was an eventful year, for at one period our continued existence as an independent authority was threatened, in common with that of many other districts, by the ambition of the City of Leeds to extend its boundaries. Needless to say, these proposals were met by the strongest opposition from the whole districts, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the protests which were made were not with effect on the central authority at the Local Government Board, and the annexation schemes of the large cities were dropped like hot potatoes, or there is no doubt the promoters would have got their fingers badly burnt. The task of improving the sewerage disposal works at Halton was taken in hand, and a satisfactory scheme prepared at an estimated cost of £3,000. But here again I regret to say the Leeds Corporation have actively attempted to thwart and hinder the Council in the execution of their sanitary duties, bringing pressure to bear on the Local Government Board, to refuse their sanction to the Council's proposals. The Council stuck to their guns, as you know, and I am pleased to be able to inform you that the formal sanction of the Local Government Board to the scheme will be held before you at to-day's meeting. A considerable amount of time has been occupied in the preparation of the Templenewsam Nursing Scheme. The Council were authorised to propose this scheme in August last, and we have the satisfaction of being one of the first rural districts to undertake such work. It is hoped that the draft scheme will very shortly be submitted for consideration, but this is dependent upon the first portion of the work which, owing to its great importance, ought not to be hurried, but should receive our most careful consideration in all the different stages. Preliminary steps have also been taken for the preparation of a town-planning scheme for Bullerthorpe and Whitkirk, and in conjunction with the Rothwell Council we successfully resisted the application of the Tramway Company to abandon the promised line to Rothwell, and it is hoped that the Company will endeavour to complete the undertaking at an early date. The Leeds Corporation are seeking power to construct a tramway from Halton to Halton. Boggart Hill, but we consent the Council insisted on an undertaking from the Corporation that the line will be completed within two years from the date on which they obtain the powers. The house-to-house inspection of Middleton has been completed, and great progress made in Templenewsam, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford. These systematic inspections have proved most useful, for though no serious nuisances are to be found in the property in this district, a considerable number of small defects are brought to light, and remedied, with the goodwill both to the owner and occupier. Six private streets were made up during the year at a total cost of £490, and this branch of the Council's work is now nearing completion. Another important improvement, involving the stopping up of several useless footpaths, and the construction of a fine new thoroughfare in Middleton, to be known as Acre Mills Approach, has progressed for approval at the next Quarter Sessions. A satisfactory agreement has been entered into with the County Council for the treatment of the whole of the district for cases of infectious tuberculosis, whereby only one-fourth of the cost of such treatment will fall on the District Council. The question of the appointment of an administrator of a combined nursing scheme for the district is also under consideration. An arrangement has been entered into with the Rothwell Council for the provision of a joint cemetery for the use of the inhabitants of Rothwell and Oulton-with-Woodlesford. The lighting of Fleet Lane, Oulton, which appears from the minute books to have been a bone of contention for forty years, has been resolved on, and is expected to take effect during the present year. There are no signs yet of any revival in the building trade in the district." Mr Thomas moved a vote of thanks to Mr Marsden, who, he said, had been of good service to him as vice-chairman.

Mr Marsden replied, and said he was always a great pleasure to come to the meetings, because they met on friendly grounds, and they never had any axes to grind in any shape or form. They had not the power of taxation, and therefore they when considered some of the committees they had to attend.

Mr Thomas was re-elected chairman, on the proposition of Mr Marsden, seconded by Mr. Hargreaves.

Mr Verity and Mr J. Flanagan supported.

Mr Thomas returned thanks, and said if he could do anything to keep the rates as they were at the present time he would do it.

Mr P. S. Marsden was re-elected vice-chairman on the motion of Mr Verity, seconded by Mr Hargreaves.

Mr Marsden also replied.

Mr Thomas was appointed to serve as representative of the Council on the Wakefield and District Smallpox Committee.

The Chairman, vice-chairman, Mr Armitage, and Mr Hargreaves were elected on Lunacy and Sewage Works Committee. The representatives on Rothwell Hospital Committee are Mr Hargreaves and Mr Thomas, and on Templenewsam Nursing Brigade Committee, Mr Marsden and Mr Verity.

Mr Marsden said they would soon want a committee for Woodlesford.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

The medical officer's report for the past four weeks showed that fourteen births had been registered in the district—seven in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, six in Templenewsam, and one in Middleton. During the same period fifteen deaths were recorded—three for Oulton-with-Woodlesford, seven in Templenewsam, and three in Middleton. Five cases of scarlet fever, all from Oulton-with-Woodlesford, were notified, and there had been one case of enteric. There was no diphtheria, and the doctor, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford was the only part of the district where there were any cases of scarlet fever.

LEEDS AND TEMPLENEWSAM

The Clerk reported that he had received formal notice from the Leeds Corporation of their intention to borrow the loan required for the extension to the Templenewsam Sewage Works. The sanction was for £1,000 for the first seven years, and a further £300 for future years. All that was wanted now was for the Council to give permission for the advertising of tenders, and to see to the raising of the loan.

Mr Pindar reported that a deputation waited on the Improvements Committee of the Leeds Corporation with reference to their town-planning scheme, which proposed the inclusion of the piece of land on which the sewage works were situated. Of course, the Council knew what the intention was, but the deputation seemed to destroy the works so that they would be dependent on Leeds for sewage disposal. The Council had, however, pressed their objection. A few days ago he had received a letter in reply from the Clerk to the Leeds Corporation stating "that the Corporation could not agree to the exclusion of the land forming the site of the Halton Sewage Works." He supposed, naturally the Council would have of expressing their objection would be at the Local Government Board enquiry into the scheme.

TEMPLENEWSAM AND NURSING

In connection with the county nursing scheme a party of ladies met the Templenewsam district attended the meeting. Before the ladies arrived the Clerk said the nursing scheme arose in this way. The County Council had adopted the Notification of Births Act, which, he believed, came into operation on the first of June. The County Council would be responsible for the medical inspection of school children, and in connection with these two duties they had resolved to establish a nursing service throughout the whole county. They thought it would be of advantage, and would lessen the cost of nursing if the District Council would combine with them in appointing and paying nurses where the District Council could derive advantages from any scheme the County Council rendered. They also thought it would have the same effect of, in the case of nursing associations maintained by voluntary subscriptions, the nurses would likely be employed in carrying out the duties which the County Council wanted them to perform in their district, subject to a grant being made by the County Council in the district where the nursing association funds. The proposed scale of grants was at the rate of £100 for every 15,000 population so that the grant for Templenewsam from the County Council would be £200. It was estimated that the inclusive salary should not be less than £100, which would mean that £80, would have to be found locally either by subscription or the Council.

Dr Buck said it would be much better if they could get the nurse at Templenewsam to do the whole work. There was a clause in the Midwives Act which she could perform, and he looked upon a nurse as being better than a health visitor. She could report upon insanitary houses, and could inspect the workshops in which women were employed.

Mrs Fisher, live in number, Mrs P. S. Marsden, Mrs Ashbury, Mrs Crosthwaite, Mrs Carr, and Nurse Harrop were then called into the room. Some amusement was provided at the humorous remark of Mr Armitage, who asked the Chairman if he had the assurance that the ladies were not suffragettes.

The Chairman, in his introduced the ladies, said there were some valuable pictures on the walls, and he hoped they would not use their hatchets (Laughter).

Dr. Buck asked if the nurse was sufficiently trained to take up the duties?

Mrs Marsden said the nurse had a great deal of secretarial work to do, which kept her occupied when she got home at night.

In answer to a question, Dr. Buck said the birth-rate of Templenewsam last year was 63, an average of one a week.

Mrs Crosthwaite said that if the nurse took up additional work her own work would have to suffer.

The Clerk: If she was desperately busy she must leave the least important work to some other time.

The Chairman said the feeling in Templenewsam was to keep out the County Council.

Mr Armitage: We are not afraid of that, but we don't see why they want to interfere with us.

Mr Thomas said it would probably do away with the care of children committee.

Dr. Buck said the most formidable work would be the school medical inspection.

The deputation expressed the opinion that the voluntary subscriptions would be stopped.

Mrs Marsden said the ladies were going to have a meeting the next day, and they could then thrash out the question and give an answer later.

The Clerk said if they had a meeting they should come to a decision.

Before the ladies left the Chairman said the Council were in sympathy with the cause, and anything they could do would be done.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD AND NURSING

A letter was read from Mrs Lowther, of Swillington, with regard to the proposed scheme for Oulton-with-Woodlesford. She stated that three nurses they had could take up duties at Oulton, Woodlesford, and Swillington respectively.

Dr. Buck said the nurses could not be called trained nurses in any sense, as they had only had a few weeks in slime London maternity hospitals and could only act as a help during the time of confinement and help in looking after the home. If they were going to take up school work they would have to be trained nurses, and if they could not supply a nurse the Coutny Council would do so.

It was moved by Mr Armitage that the Clerk write to Mrs Lowther stating that the County Council could not recognise the nurses they had at the present time employed in their district, and the Council would leave it in the hands of the County Council.

Mr Hargreaves seconded, and the resolution was carried.

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Primitive Methodist Synod.

CHURCH AND NATIONAL LIFE.

The proceedings of the Leeds District Synod held by the Primitive Methodists (reported elsewhere) were brought to a fitting conclusion at Tadcaster by the holding of a "great public meeting," at which the subject of "The Church and National Life" was the theme to which the speakers directed their attention.

Mr F. Laughton presided, and the vice-chairman was Mr F. Sainter.

The Rev. E. H. Pickwood (Castleford) said he had tremendous interest in the questions that touched social and industrial life at every point. There was to-day a new humanism that was opposed to materialism. Materialism as a theory of life was a bankrupt doctrine. The outlook of the Christian Church was to seek its own emancipation. The new attention which the Church was giving to the questions that affected our religious, social, and national well-being did not mean the surrender of their evangelical ideals, but was rather a response to the great work and call of Christ to-day. It was the Church's duty to find that vision of reality and revelation in the first obligation of life. It must at all costs consolidate those principles for the guidance of its life. They had always had great ideals which in their minds pulsed and throbbed, leading in their minds them more upward in the grand march of existence. Brotherhood was destined to be supreme and was spreading its roots in the earth. The great question of peace was becoming one of the most important international affairs. The time would come when the world would not think at its ideal. To promote this great time was the mission of the Christian Church. They could not tolerate the contrast between poverty as they knew it and riches was one of the abominations of modern life that in the immediate future would need drastic treatment, which it was bound at all costs to receive. The great industrial unrest needed consulting. When men received the minimum wages, oftentimes the price of commodities of life rose simultaneously. What was the use of a national guarantee when they were always left huddled together in one room? The duty of the Church was to hear the cry of the poor. They must not only minister to their needs, but to their souls. They must teach them to live for service and duty. They must strike the note of hope so that the future would be theirs indeed. (Applause).

Rev. R. Barber, of Harehills Avenue Church, Leeds, said they recognised a tendency in every age which might be termed the spirit of the ages and which determined its needs. In the first great work of the Christian era was by the light of history. Their position in the nation's life would be tested by their adaptation to the needs of the present time. The average man had a profound contempt for sensational matters. The Church must not attempt to keep up with the Hippodrome. There was a tendency to lag to put a cargo of coke into the lighter and consider class distinctions. There must be no Lunacy.

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ACCIDENTAL FISHER LOSES HIS TACKLE.—His Honour Judge Greenwood gave judgment in the Otley County Court on Wednesday in a case of interest to farmers and cattle dealers. Joseph Hastings, of Burley, claimed £40 15s. from Ernest Todd, farmer and cattle dealer, Burley, for damages for the loss of tackle and alleged breach of warranty on the sale of a cow, or, in the alternative, for damages for alleged fraudulent representation. Plaintiff's case was that he purchased the cow at a public auction Mart by the defendant, who, prior to its being offered for sale, called the plaintiff aside and told him that the animal had been a good cow in every way. He explained its thinness by saying that it had been put in a poor place. When the cow was offered for sale the auctioneer turned to Todd, and said, "Is that correct?" and Todd replied in the affirmative. A few days after the purchase, the cow developed a cough, and later was found to be suffering from tuberculosis, and had to be slaughtered. Defendant's contention was that he had bought the cow a couple of days previously, and there was then no sign of disease. His Honour held that there was an expressed warranty, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff for the full amount.

RESERVIST KILLED.—Frederick John Finley, of Wood-end Observatory, Armley-park, employed as a labourer, at the Ordnance Oil and Cake Mills, Stourton, was killed on the Selby Cottage Hospital on Monday evening, when he was knocked down by shocking injuries received while on the jetty of the mill near the river Ouse. It appeared that he was about to put a cargo of cake into the lighter with the hydraulic crane.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.—Mr Percy Barker, of Cross-street, Castleford, was knocked down by a motor-cycle and sidecar driven by Mr Arthur Hall, of Wakefield, on Saturday night, and died from his injuries on Sunday morning. Mr Hall was driving at a moderate speed, and was not to blame for the accident.

WETHERBY CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

LIBERALS' CONFIDENCE—A BOAST TO BE IGNORED.

SPEECH BY CAPTAIN BOYD CARPENTER

The annual dinner of the Wetherby Conservative Association was held on Tuesday night in the Town Hall, Wetherby. About a hundred members sat down to an excellent repast. Mr. J. S. Clarke-smith (chairman of the association) presided, and supporting him at the table were Capt. Boyd-Carpenter, Harrogate; Mr. W. H. P. Ivey, Mr. K. F. Severs, Mr. J. Harrison-Broadley, Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. J. P. Allen, and Sergt. and Mrs. McGregor (hon. secretary). Mr. G. Lane Fox, M.P., being absent, was unavoidably absent, partly due to ill-health, and partly to the fact that he was having a meeting at Lincoln by his Parliamentary colleague. Letters were also received from others who were apologies for their absence were Lord Helmsley, Lord Esher, Major Dent, Mr. Brodrick, Dr. Dalton, Mr. H. C. Wilson, Mr. E. Lane Fox, Mr. J. Bolton, and others.

TOASTS AND SUCCESS

In the course of the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, submitted the toast of "The Members—Mr. G. Lane Fox," the motion to which he came was the signal for an outburst of enthusiastic applause. The Chairman said he was sure glad all would agree with him when he expressed regret at the absence of their member. (Applause). This was doubly regretted, because one of the reasons of his absence, but they were because of that doubly proud of him that in spite of ill-health he remained where his duties as his constituents lay, namely, at his desk. He was detained in London by his Parliamentary duties. Mr. Fox had taken a leading part in maintaining the integrity of the Empire, and as a Unionist like the present it was only right that he should be helping at headquarters. But they had obtained a gentleman who was well-known to them all—Captain S. Boyd-Carpenter, to address them. Referring to the statements recently made at the annual meeting of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association, that they (the Liberals) were confident of winning the seat at the next election, the Chairman said that it was a boast all Conservatives in the division might well ignore, for they were confident Mr. Fox would be returned not merely with a majority, but with a majority larger than his last. (Loud applause). Nevertheless they did not mean to rest on their laurels. As Mr. Redmond would put it, they were going on full steam ahead. Mr. Fox had addressed meetings all over the division, and that his personal popularity and the popularity of his cause were growing there could be no doubt from the enthusiasm evinced at those meetings.

SPEECH BY CAPT. BOYD CARPENTER

Captain Boyd Carpenter said that some might think that an election would come very soon, but whether it came soon or late they could be assured of one thing, and that was that the Government would not face the country on the cry of Appeal. There was, too, every reason to believe that the Court of Appeal would uphold the decision already given. That would mean had the £3,500,000 collected illegally from the landowners of this country would have to be restored to them, and the total result of the land policy would be that the burden of taxation had unnecessarily been forced on the country, and without any good result. This was not all the Government had done from the point of view of national burdens. They had increased the expenditure on the civil services from £29,000,000 pounds to £34,000,000 in 1914, and there was a permanent increase of £5,000,000, most of which was due to the enormous increase of officials and offices in this country.

"NO ONE IS SORRY."

When one considered that the Government had created 5,253 new officials, most of them without examination or with any other apparent qualification, it would be seen that they were drifting towards a system which Mr. Gilbert in Sullivan described in one of their comic operas as a condition when "Everyone is somebody, who from no one is nobody." (Laughter and applause). They had expended £4,750,000 on Insurance Stamps—a large part of which was to cost £600,000 to distribute. £4 insurance medical benefits. The only reason why this sort of thing went on was because the Government thought there was an unlimited supply of money to be drawn upon. But that was not so. He had the British people were taxed to-day heavier than any of the great countries of the world except one, and in the long run the greatest burden of taxation fell upon that portion of the people least able to endure it. (Hear, hear). The poorer classes of the country were those who were badly hit by increased taxation because their resources were smallest, and the part upon which they had to draw was less than in the case of the rich. He was sure that the time must come to hardship and reduction of their small comforts of life. It belonged to the Unionist party to see that there should be no waste of public money, and that the taxpayers received their full value for every penny they paid. (Applause). He was sure that could be done. It would be a splendid thing if they got rid of a large number of the non-productive officials which the Government had created, and of their large salaries and such useless expenditure as shone up by the land clauses in the Budget.

WORK FOR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The question of the cost of the administration of the National Insurance Act must also be an object of the Unionists. (Applause). The existence of four separate commissioners to administer the Act led to friction, delay, and expense. That should be got rid of at once, and by securing the cost of administration would be reduced. There must be more intimate working with the great friendly societies, who would be glad, if given more assistance with the working of the Act, to reduce the cost of the Act by removing the chief objection to the Act. (Applause). And, said Captain Boyd-Carpenter in conclusion, their aims were the restriction of financial expenditure on unnecessary officialism, and to use all the resources of the State to develop agriculture by giving opportunities to the agriculturists to become owners of the land in areas where there seemed now to be difficulty in obtaining possession of it by a system of land banks and co-operation. The same principle would be pursued in towns where they were wishful of seeing the small man own the property he lived in or gained his livelihood in. He pressed for less of shortness of cottages in the country and business in industrial districts, and for more of it. If such a power of possession (Hear, hear). If such a power of possession were placed within the reach of the small man it would give a stimulus to the building of cottages and houses, and it would be bound to have the effect of assisting the social mind, and forever silencing the cry of progress. (Loud applause).

After the Chairman and visitors had been toasted, a thoroughly enjoyable musical programme was rendered during and particularly during the evening and brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM AT TADCASTER.

ANNUAL SYNOD

At the opening services in connection with the Leeds District annual synod at Tadcaster, the Rev. E. W. Challenger, G.E.D. (Pontefract) preached the official sermon. A large congregation listened appreciatively to his discourse.

The Synod services created great interest locally. Four young men (candidates for the ministry) came to take their written examination for the ministry. They were Mr. J. Saxton, Barnsley second; Mr. F. E. M. Kelley, Leeds second; Mr. E. Banks, Castleford; and Mr. F. Kellett, Morley. The Rev. E. Barrett conducted the examination.

The Synod opened its session on Saturday morning, and appointed as its chairman the Rev. Wm. Younger, of Harrogate; secretary, the Rev. Wm. Hullington; assistant-secretaries, the Rev. W. G. Scaffby (Bradford), and the Rev. C. T. Bissell. The preachers were the Rev. F. W. Norris and the Rev. R. H. Auty.

The various departmental committees were dealt with: Sunday schools, chapels, and the training of ministers within the district for the next connexional year. Special cases of stationing were the Rev. B. Hershaw (Leeds 1), fourth year; the Rev. F. W. Norris (Leeds 11), fifth year; the Rev. J. Henderson (Leeds 11), fourth year; the Rev. C. T. Bisbell (Leeds VI.), fourth year; the Rev. E. W. Challenger (Pontefract), fifth year; the Rev. J. W. James (Dewsbury), fourth year; the Rev. W. Pulley (Horbury), fourth year; the Rev. W. Younger (Harrogate), ninth year; the Rev. E. Lacey (Otley), fourth year.

The ministerial delegates to the annual conference at Middlesbrough are the Rev. E. W. Challenger (Pontefract), the Rev. S. Hershaw (Leeds), and the Rev. E. H. Pittwood (Castleford). The next place fixed for the next district meeting is Pontefract.

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MEETINGS AT SELBY

At the Hull District Primitive Methodist Synod, held at Selby on Saturday, the Rev. Fred Firth, B.A., of Hull, was elected chairman of the district, and Mr. W. Townend vice-chairman. The Rev. F. Winterburn was appointed secretary.

Delegates were elected to the conference. The ministerial members were the Revs. J. H. Hirst (Hull), A. J. Bull (Selby), and W. Swailes (Hull); Mrs. Ingleby (Goole), and Mrs. Jackson (Hull). Those among the lay delegates appointed.

A long discussion took place on the relation of the Sunday School to the church. A closer relationship of the two organisations was generally urged.

The Sunday School report showed a decrease of 280, but the percentage worked out at a very minor figure.

It was decided that next year's district meeting be held at Beverley.

A more substantial decrease was noted in the temperance committee's report as to the bands of hope, the membership being less by nearly 700.

In the evening a social service meeting was held in the chapel under the chairmanship of Mr. Colin Fisher. There was a large attendance. The principal address was given by the Rev. J. C. Firth on the subject of "The relation of the Church to the Manse."

The services on Sunday included a large camp meeting on the Bowling Green, at which several ministers delivered addresses.

SEACROFT v. SHADWELL.—At Seacroft, Scores:—Shadwell—T. Birrett, c T. Toft, b J. W. Pickersgill, o; A. Heaton, c T. Toft, b G. Stead, 2; G. Smith, b J. W. Pickersgill, o; Mytcalfe, b J. Lidsey, o; J. Mills, c J. Lidsey, b J. W. Pickersgill, 5; H. Richardson, b J. W. Pickersgill, o; Freeman, run out, 33; Cooper, c and b D. Burton, 1; Peel, b D. Burton, o; W. Burnett, not out, 10; Petty, st Meakin, b J. Lidsey, o; extras, 12; total, 92. Seacroft—T. Toft, b Peel, 21; G. Thompson, not out, 23; F. Taylor, b Peel, 2; G. Stead, not out, 7; extra, 1; total (for 2 wkts.), 49.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

QUALIFICATION OF KIRK DEIGHTON, CROSSGATES AND GARFORTH PLAYERS

A meeting of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Cricket Competition was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Tuesday evening—Mr. W. B. Pardar (President) in the chair. Other members present were the hon. secs. (Mr. E. D. Pawson), Messrs. E. Umpleby (Crossgates Wes.), W. H. Smith (Crossgates), E. Lumb (Barwick), K. Ward (Great Preston), A. Flowith (Sec. county), H. Mosley (Barwick), W. Dawes (Hollin Wesl), A. Johnson (South Milford), E. Taylor (Shadwell), A. D. Garton (Church Fenton), Richardson (Seacroft), F. Heaps (Hallow), (Church Fenton—Scott-Lee), F. Heaps (Hallow), R. Hall (Aberford), H. Townend (Micklefield), and J. Grimshaw (Ledsham).

A letter was received from Kirk Deighton asking for the reinstatement of J. Allatson's club to the competition. It was stated that the players on our Micklefield ground had been transferred to the Micklefield Rugby club, and practically all his men.

The President: How do you say how long it is going to be played as a professional?

The Hon. Sec. said he had inquired, and he had been told that he played for Micklefield season, but that was engaged more as a groundsman than anything else.

The President: It seems to me as if he will have to wait until next season before he is reinstated as an amateur.

The Hon. Sec.: That is according to rule.

Mr. Morley asked what the man was to do this season. Was he to have no cricket?

The President: No League cricket.

The hon. sec. said that according to the rules they could not reinstate Allatson.

Mr. Ward said the rule was revised last season, and the rule in question was a good one.

The President said it might be a hardship in some cases, but it was a good rule.

Mr. Morley inquired why the rule was passed.

The President: So that men may be genuine amateurs.

It was agreed to inform Kirk Deighton that Allatson could not be reinstated according to the rules, which state that "the committee may reinstate any player as an amateur if he has not played as a professional for a period of twelve months."

Mr. Smith (Crossgates) applied for the reinstatement of Southwick, who is employed as a gardener at Templenewsam. He stated that in season 1912-13 he was employed by Mr. Claude Leatham at Wembridge, and he was paid for playing cricket. Mr. Leatham died, and Southwick was kept on as a gardener, and he was not paid for playing cricket. He did play with Worthridge last season, but not as a professionals.

Mr. Ward said that Mr. Leatham died at the end of last season, so Southwick must have been paid last year.

Mr. Smith said that Southwick stated he was not a professional last season.

Mr. Flowith said it was rather hard on the man if he could not play League cricket. Was he not eligible?

The President said that on the statement made he doubted it.

Mr. Flowith: If he has not played as a professional for twelve months he can be reinstated.

It was decided that the hon. sec. make enquiries regarding Southwick's eligibility, and also to intimate that he is qualified, he will give him permission to play.

Saxton asked permission to re-arrange their fixture with Crawood for June 13th, the date of their sports, and the matter was left with the clubs to arrange.

It was decided that the appointment of umpires for the season be left with the hon. sec.

Mr. Garforth) said that they had a player named Fordham, who worked in the colliery offices during the week, and went home to Wade field at the week-end, and they wanted to know if he was eligible to play in the League.

The President said he thought he was. His home was more in Garforth than in Wakefield.

Mr. Smith proposed that Fordham be declared eligible, and this was seconded.

Mr. Lumb: He may leave his work in a month.

The President: Then he would lose his qualification. What we have to consider is whether or not the man is a bona-fide resident.

Mr. Mackey: If he is not a resident of Garforth he is not a resident of anywhere. It is childish to argue otherwise.

The resolution declaring Fordham eligible was passed.

GREAT PRESTON v. CROSSGATES WES.—At Great Preston. Scores:—Great Preston—T. Wiggle-worth, run out, 5; W. Blackburn, c and b A Beaumont, 38; F. Cockerham, b A. Beaumont, 0; J. Ward, b A Beaumont, 0; A. Thompson, c D Umpleby, b G Umpleby, 8; P. Firth, b G Umpleby, 0; C Yarley, b G Umpleby, 0; H Wiggleworth, not out, 1; extras, 12; total, 97. Crossgates Wes.—E Webster, c Blackburn, b Green, 0; D Umpleby, bw, b Thompson, 22; G. Umpleby, b Cockerham, 37; T Yeadon, b T Wiggleworth, 0; C Bradley, b Blackburn, 19; C Brook, b K Ward, 13; A. Wiby, b T Wiggleworth, 29; E. Clough, not out, 10; E Mills, not out, 0; extras, 13; total (for 7 wkts), 153.

CROSSGATES WES. A. v. GREAT PRESTON A.—At Old Manston. Scores—Crossgates Wes. A.—H Thompson, c Taylor, b Oldham, 0; F. Hewitt, c Taylor, b Oldham, 3; F Mills, b Oldham, 0; J Collingham, c and b Beaumont, b Greenwood, 6; A. Brook, b Oldham, 1; G. Wilkins, b Wrigglesworth, 7; H Rodgers, c and b Oldham, 0; E. Holliday, b Oldham, 0; J. Greenwood, 12; J. Selman, not out, 1; G. Holland, c Colley, b Greenwood, 0; extras, 2; total, 65. Great Preston A.—J W Taylor, b E Beaumont, 6; E. Beaumont, 1; H Wrigglesworth, c Rodgers, b J Selman, 42; A Hirst, b J Selman, 0; T Greenwood b J Selman, 41; W Oldham, c Rodgers, b J Selman, 4; H Lilley, b J Selman, 10; W. Thompson, b J Selman, 3; S Smart, b H. Brook, 3; H. Haddaway, not out, 2; extras, 3; total, 39.

HALTON A. v. CROSSGATES A.—At Halton. Scores:—Crossgates A.—W H Willkinson, c Clark, b Ball, 0; F Brookes, b Ball, 14; T. Hague, c H Guest, b F Nicholson, 6; C. Whitwg, b Ball, 6; Curtis, b Brush, 14; W H Smith, b Ball, 2; W Waltzer, b Ball, 0; Crossland, b Ball, 11; W Glover, not out, 9; Burton, b Ball, 0; W Slater, b Clark, 0; extras, 11; total, 65. Halton A.—H Guest, c Smith, b Wilkinson, 8; W. Bowers, c Whiting, b Brookes, 1; F. Nicholson, st Smith, b Wilkinson, 13; J Guest, bw, b Wilkinson, 5; N. Ball, bw, b Wilkinson, 16; S Clark, b Wilkinson, 33; H. Haigh, not out, 10; F Nicholson, b Wilkinson, 3; E Weatherill, not out, 0; extras, 8; total (for 7 wkts.), 67.

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION.

The first meeting of the Executive for the season was held on Tuesday, and there was a very large attendance of members. No matter of prime importance was discussed, but the flagship of three men directed the attention of the members to the revised rules. Two cases concerned the reinstatement of players, and one was about a man's residential qualification at Garforth. If a man works and lives in a place two days a week he is, in my view, a bona-fide resident, and this was the opinion of the committee. Every case has to be judged on its merits, but the ruling consideration should be a bona fide resident.

The Barkston Ash League season opens on Saturday, and an excellent programme will receive the attention of enthusiasts throughout the Division. Church Fenton will be at home to their near neighbours, Saxton, and the game should be an interesting one, as my own the list, Church Fenton Steamore are at home, too, and their opponents are the strong Tadcaster team, so that Featherstons have splendid fare provided them. South Milford journey to Cawood, and should prove a profitable outing.

In division two, three doughty rivals, Garforth and Seacroft, will try conclusions on the Garforth ground, and Micklefield, at home, will have an opportunity of measuring their strength against Great Preston, who have shown themselves an improving team. Halton, who were very successful in the Junior League last season, go to Barwick, and they will probably make a good show.

In division three Crossgates, at home, have a stiff task against Halton Wes., and Whitkirk will find a strong opposition at Old Manston, where Crossgates Wes play. Shadwell will go to Collingham, and the homesters expect to do well. It is impossible at present to say much about the competing clubs, but by the end of the month cricketers will be able to form some idea as to their relative strength. What all want is good sport, good feeling, and good weather.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Several new clubs have entered the Junior League, and their progress will be closely watched. Kirk Deighton, who once got into the Senior League final, play Tadcaster A., and Ulleskelf, who distinguished themselves in the days of Herbert's captaincy, have returned, and will open against Barkston, while Milford A. will try their luck with Bramham. In division two Seacroft A. tackle Barwick A., Halton A. are at home to Micklefield A., and Garforth A. will trek to Preston, In division 3 Halton Wes. A. play the Senior League team, and Garforth Wes. have a game with Swillington and Colton, and Whitkirk A. will be at home to Crossgates Wes. 3.

MOORTOWN DEFEAT WHITKIRK.

Whitkirk came a cropper on Saturday afternoon, when their opponents were Moortown. The match was at Whitkirk, and Moortown excelled in batting form, sending up the creditable total of 78. Milford contributed 25, Loveday 15, and Arthur Shepherd 11. Their bowling, however, was very weak, and Moortown had to play for the necessary runs for a loss of only four wickets. Fraance compiled 31, and Wilson 23, while Barnfather made 13. Whitkirk seem to have a good team, and they should have a successful season.

SHERBURN v. CHURCH FENTON S.

These teams met at Sherburn, the homesters being put on to bat, and Church Fenton won by 19 runs. Sherburn were dismissed for 41 (J. Potts 11 and J. Batty 10), and their opponents replied with 60 (Wilkinson 18, and Moore 23). Batty travelled effectively for Sherburn, securing five wickets for 17 runs.

SEACROFT DEFEAT SHADWELL

Seacroft proved greatly superior to Shadwell at Seacroft, and the visitors were sent back after scoring 49, Metcalfe (16) and W. Burnett (10, not out), being the only players who made any show. J. W. Pickersgill bowled remarkably well, his 4 wickets costing only ten runs. Seacroft won handsomely with only wickets down. T. Toft making 21 and G. Thompson 23 (not out).

COLLINGHAM OPEN WELL.

On Saturday afternoon Collingham were at home to Bramham Park, and the homesters won by nine runs. Scores:—Bramham Park—Martin 15, Harland 3, Rillor 0, Simpson 0, Pearson 4, Holdsworth 1, Roberts 0, Booth 10, Barkes 2, Callaghan 1, Saynsbury 2, extras, 12; total 56. Collingham and Linton—Harland 1, Forster 10, Smithson 7, Newsome 3, Whitehead 3, Emmerson 0, Gibson 5, Young 2, Twiddle 0, M. Dalby 10, A. Dalby (not out) 12, extras, 12; total, 87.

ROUNDHAY DEFEATED BY HEADINGLEY.

Roundhay, at home, had a splendidly-contested game with Headingley, and the homesters lost by nine runs. Scores:—Headingley—Marshall 0, Parsons 0, R Boad 33, Jackson 2, Parker 15, Morris 1, Eitches (not out) 6, Freeman 11, Ellis 0, T Boad 0, extras, 12; total 86. Roundhay—Hanmore 4, Bentley 1, Lawrence 0, Craven 29, Childerson 23, Watson 0, Morris 0, Brown 0, Oliver 11, Boothman 2, Blenkinsop (not out) 6; extra, 1; total, 77.

HALTON V. HALTON WES.

Halton and Halton Wesleyans had an interesting game on Saturday afternoon, and the visitors were victors by five wickets. Halton, who are a promising team of young players, were got rid of for 57 (Smales 18, not out, and Haigh 14), and the Wesleyans put on 58 for a five wickets. Dyson (3) and Dyson (2) were the chief bowlers.

SHERBURN WHITE ROSE v. MICKLEFIELD A.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Micklefield A.—H Goodman, b B Hey, 1; T. Dearey, c Cawthorne, 9; H Garforth, b B Hey, 10; G Shilitto, c Peacock, b Cawthorne, 0; J. Wallis, not out, 10; S. Simpson, b B Hey, 0; Townend, hit wkt., b Cawthorne, 1; L Mealin, b Petch, 0; Sherburn—B Hey, c Longdon, b Simpson, 18; J. E Elliff, b Simpson, 4; W Lunn, c Mpakes, b Simpson, 4; H Cawthorne, c Tomlinson, b Simpson, 5; C Cooke, c Wallis, b Simpson, 0; W Smith, c Meakes, b Tomlinson, 18; E Townend, b H Garforth, 21; J. Peacock, run out, 22; E Petch, not out, 8; Yeoman, b A Meakes, 11; J Smith, c and b Meakes, 3; extras, 9; total, 87.

CHURCH FENTON V. N.E.R. LIFTERS, YORK.—At Church Fenton. Scores:—Church Fenton—J Potter, c Watson, b Brawerson, 3; H Keates, b Brawerson, 15; W Dodson, b Lloyd, 21; H Cawthorne, 7; A Foxton, run out, 0; W D Foxton, b Kenny, 0; J A Thompson, c Fenderson, b Cawthorn, 11; J Jackson, b Cawthorn, 4; H S Holt, b Cawthorn, 0; J Fawcett, not out, 3; T Lakin, b Cawthorn, 0; G Cawood, c Cawthorn, b Kenny, 2; extras, 6; total, 34. N.E.R.—J Kenny b Dixon, 0; G Hall, b Dixon, 10; T Watson, run out, 0; W Cawthorn, b Potter, 5; T. Gretton, b Dixon, 12; A Bagnall, b Dixon, 8; J Hutchinson, c Jackson, b Dixon, 9; J. Bolton, run out, 3; H Brawerson, b Dixon, 9; J. B Ashton, b Dixon, 0; T. Brotherton, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 49.

OULTON V. ROBIN HOOD.—At Robin Hood. Scores:—

Oulton—H J Butler, run out, 0; R Higgins, c Bramley, b Kirkby, 0; P. Butler, b Kirkby, 11; P. C Higgins, b Frost, 5; B Chappell, b Higgins, b Frost, o; H Cope, b Frost, o; W. Hutchinson, not out, 3; B. Walker, c Giles, b Frost, 4; F Pallreeman, c G Armitage, b Kirkby, 1; extras, 7; total, 46.

Robin Hood—J H Lamb, b Walker, 4; E Smith, run out, o; P Wormald, retired hurt, 15; W Frost, b Cope, o; G Giles, not out, 18; G Armitage, c P C Higgins, b R V Higgins, o; extras, 10; total (for 5 wkts.), 47.

ROTHWELL A. V. KIRTAX A.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Rothwell—E. Loughry, b Cripwell, 24; F. Stringer, b Cripwell, 12; G Drury, b Cripwell, 11; W Ingleby, b Booth, 8; N Gimbaldbw, b Bickerdike, 17; J W Paley, b Bickerdike, 57; L Inson, b Cripwell, 11; G S Ingleby, b Bickerdike, 2; W Hudson, b Cripwell, 2; E Beckwith, c Hault, b Bickerdike, 5; G. H Palmer, not out, 6; extras, 5; total, 155. Kippax—R Stoker, c Drury, b G. H Palmer, 12; J. Bickerdike, b Grimshaw, 29; T. Booth, c Loughry, b Grimshaw, 2; A Cripwell, b Grimshaw, 1; A. Bullard, bw, b Inson, 24; J. Palmer, c and b Grimshaw, 3; S Cockerham, c Eastwood, not out, 2; E. Stoker, c Nelson, b Loughry, 7; extras, 14; total, 138.

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ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

KIPPAX V. ROTHWELL.—At Kippax. Scores:—Rothwell—A Clark, b Lloyd, 1; J Newton, b Cripwell, 11; C Tiffany, b Lloyd, 2; W. Fox, b Cripwell, o; H Hemsworth, b Lloyd, 21; H Hodgkinson, b Lloyd, o; W Bedford, c Edwards, b Smart, 11; W Nelson, b Cripwell, 1; J Povey, not out, 2; H Banks, c Eddison, b Cripwell, o; H Lane, b Smart, 3; extras, 2; total, 55.

Kippax—H Limbert, b Banks, o; W Lloyd, b Bedford, 1; B Eddison, c Lone, b Banks, 2; E Bielcerdike, run out, 18; J. Chew, b Bedford, o; Alle Cripwell, b Tiffany, 4; T Edwards, b Bedford, 6; Aaron Cripwell, not out, 2; E. Plows, not out, 3; extras, 2; total (for 7 wkts), 38.

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Robin Hood—J H Lamb, b Walker, 4; E Smith, run out, o; P Wormald, retired hurt, 15; W Frost, b Cope, o; G Giles, not out, 18; G Armitage, c P C Higgins, b R V Higgins, o; extras, 10; total (for 5 wkts.), 47.

ROTHWELL A. V. KIRTAX A.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Rothwell—E. Loughry, b Cripwell, 24; F. Stringer, b Cripwell, 12; G Drury, b Cripwell, 11; W Ingleby, b Booth, 8; N Gimbaldbw, b Bickerdike, 17; J W Paley, b Bickerdike, 57; L Inson, b Cripwell, 11; G S Ingleby, b Bickerdike, 2; W Hudson, b Cripwell, 2; E Beckwith, c Hault, b Bickerdike, 5; G. H Palmer, not out, 6; extras, 5; total, 155. Kippax—R Stoker, c Drury, b G. H Palmer, 12; J. Bickerdike, b Grimshaw, 29; T. Booth, c Loughry, b Grimshaw, 2; A Cripwell, b Grimshaw, 1; A. Bullard, bw, b Inson, 24; J. Palmer, c and b Grimshaw, 3; S Cockerham, c Eastwood, not out, 2; E. Stoker, c Nelson, b Loughry, 7; extras, 14; total, 138.

OULTON A. V. ROBIN HOOD A.—At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton A.—C Butterick, b F Wormald, 4; E Parkinson, c E Wormald, b F. Wormald, 7; J Davey, b F Wormald, 6; C Higgins, b J Holroyd, 11; T Hurdas, run out, 0; J Jones, b Booth, 7; W Waide, c F Wormald, b J Holroyd, 18; A Jones, c Waller b Booth, 6; F. Firth, c Armitage, b Fenton, 0; G Higgins, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 79. Robin Hood A.—C Fearnley, b Whitworth, 4; E Wormald, b Whitworth, 0; H Blackburn, run out, 1; E Armitage, b Whitworth, 41; F Wormald, b Whitworth, 4; J Waide, b Whitworth, 8; H. Fenton, b Davey, 13; J. Waller, b Whitworth, 0; John Waller, b Whitworth, 11; A Catton, b Whitworth, o; J. Holroyd, not out, o; extras, 11; total, 35.

SHERBURN V. CHURCH FENTON S.

These teams met at Sherburn, the homesters being put on to bat, and Church Fenton won by 19 runs. Sherburn were dismissed for 41 (J. Potts 11 and J. Batty 10), and their opponents replied with 60 (Wilkinson 18, and Moore 23). Batty travelled effectively for Sherburn, securing five wickets for 17 runs.

SEACROFT DEFEAT SHADWELL

Seacroft proved greatly superior to Shadwell at Seacroft, and the visitors were sent back after scoring 49, Metcalfe (16) and W. Burnett (10, not out), being the only players who made any show. J. W. Pickersgill bowled remarkably well, his 4 wickets costing only ten runs. Seacroft won handsomely with only wickets down. T. Toft making 21 and G. Thompson 23 (not out).

COLLINGHAM OPEN WELL.

On Saturday afternoon Collingham were at home to Bramham Park, and the homesters won by nine runs. Scores:—Bramham Park—Martin 15, Harland 3, Rillor 0, Simpson 0, Pearson 4, Holdsworth 1, Roberts 0, Booth 10, Barkes 2, Callaghan 1, Saynsbury 2, extras, 12; total 56. Collingham and Linton—Harland 1, Forster 10, Smithson 7, Newsome 3, Whitehead 3, Emmerson 0, Gibson 5, Young 2, Twiddle 0, M. Dalby 10, A. Dalby (not out) 12, extras, 12; total, 87.

ROUNDHAY DEFEATED BY HEADINGLEY.

Roundhay, at home, had a splendidly-contested game with Headingley, and the homesters lost by nine runs. Scores:—Headingley—Marshall 0, Parsons 0, R Boad 33, Jackson 2, Parker 15, Morris 1, Eitches (not out) 6, Freeman 11, Ellis 0, T Boad 0, extras, 12; total 86. Roundhay—Hanmore 4, Bentley 1, Lawrence 0, Craven 29, Childerson 23, Watson 0, Morris 0, Brown 0, Oliver 11, Boothman 2, Blenkinsop (not out) 6; extra, 1; total, 77.

HALTON V. HALTON WES.

Halton and Halton Wesleyans had an interesting game on Saturday afternoon, and the visitors were victors by five wickets. Halton, who are a promising team of young players, were got rid of for 57 (Smales 18, not out, and Haigh 14), and the Wesleyans put on 58 for a five wickets. Dyson (3) and Dyson (2) were the chief bowlers.

SHERBURN WHITE ROSE v. MICKLEFIELD A.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Micklefield A.—H Goodman, b B Hey, 1; T. Dearey, c Cawthorne, 9; H Garforth, b B Hey, 10; G Shilitto, c Peacock, b Cawthorne, 0; J. Wallis, not out, 10; S. Simpson, b B Hey, 0; Townend, hit wkt., b Cawthorne, 1; L Mealin, b Petch, 0; Sherburn—B Hey, c Longdon

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CHAPTER XII.

It was after dinner on that same night that Miss Patricia had an opportunity to speak alone with Paul Colthurst. The young people went out. Where else could they expect to be? There was a glorious full moon riding majestically in the sky, and the weather was perfect at Connop Grange. They wanted to walk on the soft, delicious night, they wanted to talk of those things which engaged couples imagine they have discovered for themselves alone, and always will go on imagining as long as the world lasts.

Mrs. Colthurst was very kind to Miss Patricia. She took her guest into one of the drawing-rooms, put her in an easy-chair by the open window, and, sitting not far from her, took out her knitting and began to make herself busy. In all Mrs. Colthurst's life she was commonplace. She was fond of giving utterance to little saws.

"Now," she said, just as though she were stating a fact which had never before been revealed to the world, "I think it wrong to be idle a moment. I keep my knitting for odds and ends of time. You can't imagine how much I get done by this means."

"It's an excellent plan," said Miss Patricia; "but doesn't it hurt your sight?"

Mrs. Colthurst laughed. "Of course not," she said. "I could knit with my eyes shut."

"It must be very pleasant," said Miss Patricia.

She leant back in her chair, and gave a little sigh. It was so slight it did not reach the ears of Mrs. Colthurst. Patricia was thinking of No. 10, James-street, and the people who were now most probably assembled in the Perkins' drawing-room. She thought of Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, of Clara and of Jane, and their terrible musical instruments; then of the Oswalds, who did not know one musical sound from the other, pretending to admire, and flocking to hear the innumerable quartettes. She wondered what Mr. Oswald had tried to get out of Mrs. Luck and Hattie with regard to herself. She hoped it not much. She had taken very great care not to breathe to him that she was going to Connop Grange, and she had begged Mrs. Luck and Hattie not to give her address to those two persons, lest, by some means, they should quickly, all too quickly, avail himself of it. His object was, of course, to prevent the marriage of Peter and Pamela. He was clever enough to invent all sorts of schemes to help him in this direction, and Patricia was the sort of man who would not hesitate to stoop even to crime to carry out the great wish of his heart.

"You look tired," said Mrs. Colthurst to Miss Patricia.

It was just at that moment that Paul came in. He had stayed a little longer than usual in his study. He wanted his wife and his guest to become acquainted with each other, he knew well the vast difference that lay between them. He knew well that Miss Patricia and Mrs. Colthurst could never be real friends. As it was, however, his great desire to give poor Miss Patricia as good a time as possible, and to extend that time over as long a period as possible, it made it essential that his wife should at least like her. He came in now just as Mrs. Colthurst was about to suggest that Miss Patricia should retire to bed.

"You are tired," she said. "The young people may be out for some time longer. Pray don't dream of sitting up, Paul dear, for I have discovered that Miss Ransome is very tired. Do you object to her going to bed?"

"What I should like best," said Miss Patricia—she stood up as she spoke; she turned and faced Paul Colthurst—"what I should like best would be to go out for a little. The air outside would revive me far more than anything else."

"Why didn't you say so?" exclaimed Mrs. Colthurst. Her tone was one of very slight annoyance. "I'd have gone with you with pleasure."

"I will take you now, Patricia," said Paul. "I should like to," he added—"I think you will come too, won't you, dear?" He turned to his wife as he spoke.

On the whole, I think not, Paul. Miss Ransome is your old friend, and you will look after her. But please don't be tempted to sit down while you are out, for if Miss Ransome is as tired as she looks she would be very apt to take a chill in the night air. I have a few words I want to write for the mail, and will take the opportunity while you are out."

"Come," said Paul, his voice very eager. The eagerness in those tones penetrated even to Mrs. Colthurst's somewhat dull ears. She paused for a minute as though she wanted to think about something. A puzzled expression swept over her comely face. Then, shaking herself as though she would shake away a disagreeable sensation, and smiling, she sat down and began to write her letters. Before she had finished the first page of her long letter she had forgotten all about Paul and Miss Patricia Ransome.

Meanwhile, Colthurst and his guest paced up and down on the terrace. Miss Patricia was glad. This was her opportunity, and she must use it. She did not mind who saw her, but she could not bear to have her words overheard. On the terrace, no one could approach without being seen.

"I am not really tired," she said, when she got out. "but I wanted to speak to you."

"I saw that. Patricia. What is it about?" asked Paul.

"The children—Pamela and Peter."

"Colthurst gave a happy laugh. "I, too, want to speak of them," he said. "I think it wonderful, Patricia, how you have taken to you, and don't you think our little Pam is one of the sweetest girls in the world?"

"I do, most truly; she is the sweetest girl, and—Peter——"

"Yes, what do you think of Peter?"

"He is the son of my dreams. He is all that I hoped for. Paul, you give me such pleasure, such rejoicing, when I come to you to stay for a short time in the house with him, that I can find no words to thank you."

"Don't trouble to thank me," said Colthurst; "it is a pleasure to have you here. I have always had an affection for you, Patricia, you know that very well."

"We hold a secret together," said poor Miss Patricia.

"I thought," said Colthurst, speaking rather slowly, "that when you came here as my guest we had mutually made up our minds not to touch on that subject."

"I find it necessary to touch on it, Paul. But, first of all, please tell me when the child-Pamela—first knew that she loved Peter."

"Think of being married!" said Colthurst. "They are barely engaged. I don't know when they will marry. Perhaps in a year; perhaps in two years. There's time enough. According to the will, Peter must have for long years touched the evil thing—he touched it so often that I have got accustomed to it. You are here, and it seems terribly terrible to you. If you were in my shoes, you would have got over that feeling which now upsets you. Peter and Pamela are engaged. Peter is what I have made him, Patricia, there's no use looking back on the past. No one guesses it. If you and I are wise, no one will ever guess it. I have persuaded myself by now that the wrong is right. I shall risk it all hazards. I'll tell you what I said to that dying man shall remain the guide of my life, and I am not afraid. I have done well. I don't believe—I don't believe in the fact that I have what is called sinned. Peter and Pamela are following out the wishes of my life. They love each other. Circumstances would indeed be very different were it my cruel mission to force matrimony upon them. It is not necessary. They love each other. They would, under any circumstances, marry. But to force immediate marriages on them is a different matter. Besides, the old house must be put into perfect repair, and that alone will take time."

"What old house?"

"Brabazon Hall. They will live there; I have long made up my mind on that point. During Peter's minority the house has been let from time to time, but for the last few years it has been without a tenant. It is a magnificent place, and I shall give Peter an income large enough to keep it up as it ought to be kept. Money to me is only interesting as far as it helps my children to be happy. You know that, don't you, Patricia?"

"I do, Paul; I do. How long will it take to get Brabazon Hall into order?"

"It is my intention to go over and see it. It cannot possibly be ready for the children to occupy under several months—the greater number of years, I should say. The roof is badly out of repair, and some parts of the house have fallen, more or less, into ruins. They will have to be put into the hands of paperers and painters and decorators. Then I mean to have a certain part newly furnished. I was talking to Pam's mother last night on the subject, and she says the child should have modern things around her, so that Pam used to be called the nursery wing is to be completely redecorated and got up in the modern way. The rest of the house will be left much as it was—everything in keeping, but, of course, in splendid condition. By the way, Patricia, you must have never seen Brabazon Hall. You would like to come with us to pay a visit. That would be an excellent idea. It will make a little party and go there. I could wire to the housekeeper, Mrs. Goodenough, and she would prepare beds—and rooms for us all, and you, my dear friend, with your excellent taste, could give advice with regard to the redecorating of the place. What do you say?"

"I should like it; I should like it well. When can we go?"

"There is no special hurry, but we can go as soon as possible, and to-morrow is the first time is, therefore, at the disposal of those who want it. I must, of course, speak to Mrs. Colthurst, and find out what her plans are. It will take us the greater part of a day to get to Yorkshire, for we shall have to go from here to London, and then take train direct. But we can easily manage. Yes, that will be a splendid plan."

"You couldn't, I suppose," said Miss Patricia, "by any chance, Paul, go to-morrow?"

The moonlight fell full on her thin and anxious face. It seemed to accentuate the lines which trouble and care had left in it. Those lines which trouble and care had left in it gave her a sort of ghastly appearance. She was so thin as in the early light to look almost ghostly. Paul felt a strange thrill of fear, unaccountable fear, rushing through him as she turned abruptly and looked him in the face.

"You couldn't, by any possibility, go to-morrow?" she repeated.

The first impression of her words were off when she said them again. He uttered a light laugh.

"My dear friend," he said, "this sort of thing can't be done all in a hurry. We can't not by any possibility go to Brabazon Hall until the end of the week. I can, of course, wire to Goodenough, who will prepare the rooms and get in the extra beds from the village, and also provide the necessary food; but I must give her at least two days' notice, or the poor old body would be distracted; she would think us most unkind if we invaded her without warning. We must give her time, Patricia; it is only fair. There is no sense in our going to-morrow."

"There is every sense," said Miss Patricia. Again that curious feeling of unacknowledged and yet very perceptible fear took possession of the man. The figure of the young woman was heard in the distance—Pamela's pretty voice was heard in the distance—Pamela's gay laugh, Peter's reply. Then there was silence. They were not coming up on the terrace, but had gone down them? Doesn't it make your heart rejoice?" said the father. "They are going to leave us alone. They only want to be together just now."

"Paul, if you want them to be together always you will have to go to Brabazon Hall or somewhere—you will at least leave here—to-morrow."

"Now, my dear friend, you must explain yourself."

"I will. The Oswalds—you know they came into the room when we were having tea?"

"What of them? As things stand at present, I have nothing to fear from Oswald or any of his people."

"I beg you, Paul, that he had read the will."

"And even that does not disturb me. Peter and Pam will marry, and Oswald will be out of the running for ever and ever. I have seen him, and I am glad of it."

"He knows a very long time," said Miss Patricia, "he knows a very long time," only one part speaking to the other, but I there is any of our secret. I do not think there is any possibility of his learning the other, but I must warn you, Paul, that he is an exceedingly sharp and determined man. I must also tell you that he discovered who you were, who Peter was; and he did this Pamela was, who Peter was; and he did this in the most apparently innocent way in the world. Poor Peter, little knowing what mischief he was doing, came back to No. 10, James's-street for Pamela's parasol. Thomas Oswald opened the door for him, and asked him baldly who he was. The poor dear boy saw no reason to hide his name, and frankly told him. not only who he was, but who Pamela was, and who you were. Thomas Oswald then asked him where he lived, and he mentioned Connop Grange, in Surrey. Peter went away light of heart, little guessing the mischief he had done. In the course of the evening Thomas Oswald saw me, and told me that he knew that Pamela and Peter were engaged to one another, and that his one determination was to prevent the marriage. He said that he would prevent it—that he would take every one sure unturned to effect this purpose. He further suggested—dear Paul, it seems too awful even to repeat!—that his son, should marry your dear little Pamela, and that his daughter should marry our Peter, thus bringing into his family at once the twenty thousand pounds which you would have to hand over to the young people if they married without your consent.

"And the old scoundrel thinks that by just talking of these things he can arrange them?" said Paul.

"There is no doubt whatever, Paul, that he is a dangerous man. Our great object is to keep him from getting even the slightest clue to the real secret of Peter's birth. If that reaches his ears, all is lost. Now, my plan is this. Don't waste time over getting Brabazon Hall into order. Let the young people go there as they be married at once—by special licence, if necessary. Afterwards they can go away. They can spend a year if they will be husband and wife; they will be safe. The terms of the will are then fulfilled—Brabazon Hall, Connop Grange, all the property belongs eventually to Peter. During your lifetime you can make him a splendid allowance. Let them be married at once. Thomas Oswald will be sick with disgust. He will give up following you. He will consider the case quite hopeless. He will not be close by to pry out further and more terrible secrets. Oh! Paul, believe me, I am wise; I am right. Let us go to Brabazon Hall, or anywhere. Don't allow Thomas Oswald to come here and poke about the place to find you out, to find Mrs. Colthurst. Keep him away from here. Don't be at home. Oh! I speak earnest myself," continued the poor lady, "but I beg of you to follow my advice."

(To be continued.)

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

IN THE SICK-ROOM.

Here are a few hints for the sick-room.

Keep all medicines bottles out of the reach of the patient, and as far as possible out of sight.

Never leave an unfinished meal in the room, even if it is only a basin of bread and milk. Nothing looks worse in a sick-room, and the effect of it is likely to have a bad effect upon the patient's appetite.

Keep fruit and flowers out of the room. The scents and the other exhausts the air; especially is the former the case where ripe apples are concerned.

Do not hold a whispered conversation with another person either in the sick-room or by another person either in the passage. Sick people have strange fancies, and the patient may think you are whispering about her; and quiet is absolutely essential in the sick-room.

DYSPEPSIA AND CHANGE OF AIR.

When a person is given to dyspepsia, as many people are by inherited constitution and many more from acquired habit, a great variety of circumstances may lead to recurrent attacks, says a writer in the *Family Doctor*. With some people an impure atmosphere or hot, sunny, and exhausting weather, or to extremely cold and chilly weather, will be quite sufficient to encourage the approach of the enemy and to throw wide the doors for him to enter. If a confirmed dyspeptic fails into a lower than ordinary state of general health, his one particular for has it is change of air, and makes life a perfect misery. Bad air, and makes life a perfect misery. Bad air, distressing symptoms it is not for the robust, is very far from purity, cannot make the blood pure for the system to get rid of the waste tissues of the body so completely as they should be got rid of.

THE COOL HOUSE.

Houses need never be so hot and stuffy as many are in the summer if the following hints are put into practice.

In the morning, as early as possible, open every door, house and room, back and front, and draw up all blinds and curtains. The earliest riser should do this. Bedrooms, as vacated, should be seen to by their occupants. This ensures the house of foul air.

After breakfast, pull down all blinds on the sunny side, and close the windows with the exception of two or three inches at the top. Leave, however, the attic or upper story windows and doors wide open, and arrange that a draught of air from front door is also open, so that there can sweep through the house a current of fresh air.

The brick readily sown up in felt maker an excellent door stopper. As the sun moves pull down other blinds and open the windows in the shade, until as the evening comes on in the shade, until as the evening comes on everything can be opened again.

TENDER FEET.

Anyone who does much walking, and suffers with tender feet, will find the following very effective. Take a small portion of common soda in a p. 32 of vinegar, and when dissolved bathe the feet once or twice a week with the lotion.

Baked Tomatoes.—For this purpose the tomatoes should be fairly large and firm. Cut a small round opening at the stalk end, and with a teaspoon scoop out a little of the pulp. Then fill the cavity with a little butter to obtain away all excess of moisture, and remove as many seeds as possible. For four or five tomatoes mix with the pulp about a good tablespoonful each of the drained pulp a good tablespoonful each of grated or finely-chopped cheese and fine bread-crumbs. Flavour with a little nutmeg and powdered mixed herbs, season generously with salt and pepper, and moisten with liquid butter. Fill the mixture inside the tomatoes, piling it rather high on the top. Bake them for about twenty minutes in a moderate oven. They make a nice little supper dish. Chopped mushrooms may replace the cheese.

Bees have already swarmed at Witherby this year.

HUNSLET GUARDIANS AND RELIEF.

PROPOSED INCREASED ALLOWANCES.

The Permanent Relief Committee of the Hunslet Board of Guardians have had under consideration the regulations for the "administration of out-door relief in the Union," but at several of the meetings not more than half of the members were present. Most of the resolutions were arrived at on a small vote, and by very slight majorities, and it is not intended to suggest that they all command the approval of a majority of the committee.

They recommended that the scales of relief should be increased, as follows (the figures within parenthesis being the present scale):—

	Living with			
	Living alone.	relatives.		
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Single or widowed men or women	5 0	(4 0)	4 0	(3 4)
Married couples	9 0	(7 0)	7 0	(5 0)
Other cases—				
Men or women	5 0	(3 6)	4 0	(3 0)
First child	4 0	(2 6)	3 0	(2 0)
Each other child	3 0	(2 0)	2 6	(1 6)

It is stated that the foregoing scales represent increases of from 25 to 75 per cent., and that under them relief of 9s a man and a wife and six children (apart from a possible 5s. weekly from other sources) would be 29s. weekly irrespective of whether or not the man would be able to earn that sum if seeking.

To enable recipients to receive greater benefit from their own or their children's earnings the scale of maximum income was revised to be close by to pry out further and more terrible secrets. Oh! Paul, believe me, I am wise; I am right. Let us go to Brabazon Hall, or anywhere. Don't allow Thomas Oswald to come here and poke about the place to find you out, to find Mrs. Colthurst. Keep him away from here. Don't be at home. Oh! I speak earnest myself," continued the poor lady, "but I beg of you to follow my advice."

The following tables of maximum weekly incomes were recommended for adoption:—

	Living with			
	Living alone.	relatives.		
For one adult person.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Without children (in family)	10 0	(5 0)	9 0	(4 0)
With one child (2 in family)	14 0	(8 0)	12 6	(7 0)
With 2 children (3 in family)	17 0	(11 0)	15 0	(9 0)
With 3 children (4 in family)	20 0	(14 0)	17 6	(12 0)
With 4 children (5 in family)	23 0	(17 0)	20 0	(14 6)
With 5 children (6 in family)	26 0	(19 6)	22 6	(16 0)
For each additional child	3 0	(2 0)	2 6	(2 0)
For two adult persons.				
Without children (2 in family)	15 0	(10 0)	13 0	(8 0)
With 1 child (3 in family)	19 0	(12 6)	16 6	(10 6)
With 2 children (4 in family)	22 0	(15 0)	19 0	(13 0)
With 3 children (5 in family)	25 0	(17 0)	21 6	(15 0)
With 4 children (6 in family)	28 0	(20 0)	24 0	(17 0)
With 5 children (7 in family)	31 0	(22 6)	28 6	(19 0)
For each additional child	3 0	(2 6)	2 6	(2 0)

The committee recommended that the proviso to rule 14 be amended so as to read:—"Provided that in any case where there is a sick allowance from a Friendly Society or any benefit under the National Insurance Acts, the Relief Committee shall be empowered as they necessary in allowing relief to exceed the maximum herein provided for."

The increased estimated cost per annum is £3,771.

At the last meeting of the Board the report of the Committee was referred back, and it will come up for consideration in three weeks.

WORK-A-DAY WONDERS.

IV.—TELLS OF A FAMOUS EXPERIMENT IN FEATHER-DYEING.

"I'm not a confident woman," said Patty, "and never shall be. So when it came to keeping my promise about helping Mrs. Hendry Diamond-dye her feathers, and sash-ribbon, I fair trembled within myself. So I asked her if she minded my practising on her own feathers and ribbons, and told them out on the parlour table, and who do you think should come in but Mr Garrett, the minister? And I had to tell him all the story—he was that curious. I brought down my skirt and showed him, and told him about Mrs Finch's silk blouse, and Mrs Bridges' linen, and I don't believe he ever enjoyed a cup of tea better.

"All my fears went out of the door along with him, and I just set to work with the feathers and the Diamond Dyes, and told him how I ran along to tell Mrs Hendry that the feathers were done all but curling. They were two beauties—and I tell you they did look nice and the ribbon and all of them exactly. We were making merry over our success when back came the minister and, "Mrs Dye," said he, "Mrs Garrett wants to know if you will come up to the Manse on Friday, and have a Diamond-dyeing day with her."

(To be continued).

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TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

HALTON AND WHITKIRK AFFAIRS.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held at the Wesleyan School, Halton, on Friday night—Mr Tindale Rippon (vice-president) in the chair.

The Hon. Sec. (Mr Wilkinson) said that he had been done in regard to acquiring a playground for Whitkirk, as reported at the Parish Council meeting. The question is now in the hands of a committee consisting of members of the Parish Council and the Ratepayers' Association. He stated that the position of the field and the rent had not been decided upon.

Mr Martin said they could not discuss the question then.

Mr Wilkinson said that they could do nothing until Mr Marsden stated the position of the field and the rent.

Mr Martin: Before it becomes an accomplished fact will we have an opportunity of discussing it?

Mr Wilkinson said that it would be dealt with by the Parish Council, who were accepting the responsibility.

The Chairman said they might congratulate themselves that a playground was practically assured at a nominal rent. The arrangements were at that stage that they could not say anything more about them.

The question of the allotments came up again, and Mr Young said that at the parish meeting it was suggested the Parish Council should decide what was a safe balance to keep in hand and then arrange to do something with the remainder. The matter was no doubt having consideration.

Mr Rhodes said the balance in hand was £9 os. 1d.

Mr Young: As practical men they ought to keep a good balance in hand.

The Chairman said the matter did not affect the ratepayers and they would have to leave it.

In regard to the proposal of Leeds to "include Halton sewage works in their town-planning scheme, Mr Verity said that a deputation of the District Council had met the Leeds Improvements Committee. They hoped to drive a road through the sewage works, which would be destroyed, but the Council considered that the road arranged for further up the hill was better. The road proposed by Leeds would be practically no good to the district.

The Chairman said that all this looked as if Leeds were manoeuvring for the best position. There was no doubt Leeds people meant business.

Mr Rhodes said that his attention was called after last meeting to the fact that there was a "plague" of rats in Hollyshaw Lane. A member intended bringing the question up, but the meeting was closed abruptly. It seemed that drains in Hollyshaw Lane were open, and there was an idea that the rats had come from them.

Mr Rhodes said he could not say.

Mr Wilkinson said that a ditch had been piped and filled in, and that some places had been left for the water to run down. He thought there were four or five openings.

Mr Young asked if it was right to call it a "plague." They had rats in Wellington Road, Hallam, but they had not a "plague." They did not want to get into a panic over a small thing that should be dealt with by individuals. On that ditch the drains of the house had taken steps to rid himself of rats, and that had been the cause of sending them further up, and some of them had got down. Certainly they could not call it a "plague," however, unless they were over-run.

The Chairman: Was it not brought before the Council?

Mr Young: Yes.

Mr Cousins: If there is one rat in a house there is more than there ought to be. Plague, he said, had come from Asia.

Mr Morton said that one resident had had rats in both his greenhouse and house.

Mr Cousins said that in another case rats entered the house and carried bacon off a plate into the coal cellar.

Mr Rhodes said he thought there ought to be gratings put over the open drains.

Mr Morton suggested that they should endeavour to find out whether they were sewer rats or field rats.

After further discussion it was decided that the hon. sec. write the sanitary inspector on the matter.

Mr Coulter brought forward the question of danger to the public at the tram terminus at the Swan and Halton Hill.

Mr Young said the jury at the inquest on the body of Mr Taylor, farmer, made a recommendation that the tram-cars should be run down the hill in the direction of Whitkirk, which would be a run of at least one road clear.

Mr Verity said the jury recommended that the tram-cars should go as far down the hill as possible. They had acted on the recommendation already.

Mr Cousins said that when a cyclist was pitched through a window at the weigh-house they put the trams further down, but the arrangement lasted for a few weeks only.

The Chairman said it was a very dangerous spot.

Mr Morton suggested that they should send a resolution to Leeds Tramways Committee supporting the jury's recommendation.

Mr Young said they were carrying the recommendation out, and it seemed like in the day to pass such a resolution.

After further discussion Mr Morton proposed that they support the jury's recommendation to the Leeds Tramways Committee to see that it was carried out.

Mr Cousins seconded, and this was agreed to.

HALTON

THE LATE MR A. BENNETT.—On Monday afternoon the remains of the late Mr Abraham Bennett, J.P., were interred at Bramley. Deceased, who was 49 years of age, was for many years landlord of the Woodman Inn at Halton, and was well-known in the district. He was keenly interested in Halton Cricket Club, and at one time he was a member of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Cricket League.

WHITKIRK V. MOORTOWN.—At Whitkirk Scores:—Whitkirk—A R Milford, b Glossop, 25; A Shepherd, b France, 11; W Cuttle, b Keighley, 3; J W Shepherd, b Keighley, 2; W E Taylor, c and b Barnbarker, 42; F Lowday, c Wood, b France, 15; W L Moss, b France, 0; E Ingle, b France, 1; C Romford, b France, 0; A Pickles, b France, 0; E D Pawson, not out 7; extras, 12; total, 78. Moortown—M Topham, b Pawson, 6; A Wilson, b J Shepherd 13; B France, c Ingle, b A Shepherd, 31; D Barnbarker, b Romford, 13; T Little, not out 7; extras, 5; total (for 4 wkts.), 80.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Rather out of season! A fancy dress ball has been held at Boston Spa.

The Rev. R. Hemsworth's zoo at Monk Fryston Park has been enlarged.

Another landmark going! The mill chimney at Garforth is to be razed to the ground.

New tramway shelters are to be erected in Prince's Avenue, Roundhay, and at Moortown.

The letting of Corporation grounds at Roundhay for cricket pitches brings in a revenue of £200.

Some does not come with age apparently. A septuagenarian has been sent to gaol at Wetherby for drunkenness.

Mr "Abe" Bramett, of Halton, whose passing is chronicled this week, was well-known to cricketing enthusiasts in Barkston Ash.

The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., of Temple-newsam, has been confined to his room with a chill, following on a recent attack of influenza.

The Aberford youths who smashed the windows of an empty house at Scholes have been dearly for their mischievousness. Why not join the Territorials?

By the roadside at Monk Fryston, there is a dilapidated seat. So it appears that Wetherby, Boston Spa, and Halton are not the only places where seats are damaged.

It is stated by the medical officer that in Rothwell there is a scarcity of houses "due to a great extent to overflow from colliery development outside the Rothwell area."

A new stained glass window has been placed in Bahwith Parish Church near Selby, by Mrs Hampden, as a memorial to the late Sir Henry Mervyn Vavasour, Bart., and his wife.

Mr James McInnes, who is well-known to people in Rothwell district, has resigned the secretaryship of Normanton Division Liberal Association. At one time he was a newspaper man.

With reference to the scheme for building a new Abbey Institute at Selby, the Vicar (the Rev. De Soliway) has received from the Archbishop of York a letter commending and supporting the scheme.

Mr R. Crosland, who has been appointed Chairman of Paddington Guardians, is a brother of Mr Walter Crosland, J.P., of Bath House, Milford, who is one of the oldest members of Tadcaster Board of Guardians.

Much of the success of the Yorkshire Choral Competitions is due to the energy and enthusiasm of Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, hon. sec. and manager (Chairman of Tadcaster District Council). This is one of his hobbies.

The very severe frost of Friday night did an immense amount of damage to fruit in the Wetherby district. When the sun came out on Saturday morning the ground beneath the trees was covered with the ravished fruit.

Motor-car responsibles. At the Wetherby Show it is intended to drop most of the classes for hackneys. Horse-flesh, however, might prove useful in connection with motors. It is suggested that it is a "cure" for cancer.

In the Halton Wesleyan School premises the following excellent motto is displayed:—

To keep your lips from speaking guile,
Eye things observe with care,
Of whom you speak, to whom you speak,
And how and when and where.

With those in authority of the district of Barwick-in-Elmet, writes correspondent, see that the disgrace and nuisance of old carts and ladders placed in the lanes of the district no longer remain. Such old conveyances should be broken up and the wheels passed over the bicycle. What did the officer up there he saw of the ruins?

Ripley's postmaster escaped. A perambulator containing a child was left unattended on the platform at Ripley station. Just after it left Leeds express had passed through the station, the wind got under the hood, and the carriage moved along the platform. A gentleman opened after it, but could not reach it before it toppled over the "pitch" and the baby child was uninjured.

A well-known Walton potato grower said the frost on Friday night was the most severe local growers had experienced for many years. Some growers had looked to spud for the first time of the year. "And now," he said, "they are just like fallow fields, you cannot see a bit of potato left. Without doubt the whole crop will be practically ruined, and even then the crop will be irretrievably damaged."

The attendance returns for the Wetherby education district for April show a decrease as compared with March and also to March, and of 87.86, compared with 89.05 in April of last year. No school has the full 100 per cent., but eleven have more than 90, and only one school falls below 80 per cent. The figures are as follow:—Long Marston 97.36, Wighill 96.66, Linton 96.15, Harewood 95.34, Bardsey 93.54, Sicklinghall 92.85, Clifford Council 92.10, Little Ribston 91.06, Thorner Council 91.41, Wike 90.99, Tockwith Church 90.74, Thorner Council 89.65, Wetherby Church 88.97, Bilton 88.46, Clifford Roman Catholic 86.60, Wetherby Council 86.53, East Keswick 86.53, North Deighton 86.51, Thorparch 85.24, Bramham 84.65, Tockwith Wesleyan 84.37, Spofforth 83.16, Collingham 82.45, and Boston Spa 79.19.

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Rothwell Council was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Offices, Robert St. (or Monday). Those present were Messrs. Thos. Hodgson (chairman), Jno. Sharpe, Jno. Hall, Jno. Hodgson, Jno. Hall, Jno. Hodgson, Jno. Hall, Jno. Hodgson

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

"Coal and the Miner," by William J. Claxton, should be of especial interest to any one engaged in coal-mining, which is the greatest industry in the area. Thousands of men and boys are employed at the Micklefield and Lofthouse Colliery, Garforth, Allerton Bywater, Bowers Row, Allerton, Micklefield, Rothwell, and Robin Hood Collieries, and in Barkston Ash Division there is evidence of greater activity, inasmuch as the Micklefield Coal Co. recently bought from Col. Gascoigne a large acreage of coal in the Newthorpe district. Many miners now reside at Aberford, Sherburn, and Milford, and probably were houses available many of the men who live in Leeds would make their homes in the country. That, however, is by the way.

The little book "Coal and the Miner," written in interesting style, tells us all about the black diamond and the great industry it has brought about, and is should be read by every boy and girl in the district. Describing the formation of coal the author says:—

Probably at the time known as the Coal Age the climate over a great part of the earth was warmer and much moister than it is now, and plant life flourished. There were enormous forests, but these were not of oak, elm, or pine. We should have marvelled could we have seen the plants of that period; they were mostly of the moss and fern kinds, but growing to the height of great forest trees. It is believed that the plants which formed the coal grew in large swamps or marshes at about the sea level. As the climate was very warm and moist, these plants grew very rapidly, and also died quickly. They sank into a tangled mass, and in time were buried up either by rivers spreading mud over them, or by the land sinking below the sea level, so that the sea washed over it. As years went by, the sea bottom became filled up, and new plants grew. These in turn were buried, and the process was repeated over and over again."

The explanation as to the different kinds of coal will bring enlightenment to many. The author says that at first the trunks of the trees and leaves of the ferns and mosses decayed and were changed into a brownish-black mass much like peat.

Peat may be said to be the first stage of coal. As it sank lower and lower, and greater pressure was put upon it by the layers of earth above, it became harder, and was changed into a substance called "lignite," which is often called "brown coal" or "wood coal." Thousands of years passed by and the "lignite" was buried deeper still, until it was so compressed that it was almost like stone. It had now become the common coal which we use in our grates. When the common coal in turn sank, by added layers above, it was turned into an even harder rock, and this we know as "steam" coal, or "anthracite," the hard as coal of all.

The book deals with boring, pit-sinking, coal-getting, etc., and it is excellently illustrated.

Once more the diminished popularity of the agricultural show is being discussed, but in Barkston Ash Division I don't think we have very much to complain about. In recent years the Cross-gates Committee, who offer prizes for horticultural exhibits as well as horses, have dropped a tidy sum of money, but it has been largely owing to bad weather, which has deterred Leeds people from venturing into the country. The principal shows in the district are held at Selby, Tadcaster, Wetherby, Sherburn, Monk Fryston, Cross-gates, and Thorner, and, on the whole, they are well supported. "Nearly every town in Yorkshire," says a contemporary, "has its show of horses and cattle." If one excepts the Smithfield Show, Leeds has no such exhibition, but it now probably claims Cross-gates as its own.

What is the opinion in Barkston Ash agriculturists? In connection with the decline of certain shows, one secretary says that "the difficulty is to get the ordinary farmer to exhibit at all. He possibly has a good horse or cow, but his one and only fear is that it he goes he will be beaten." This is an attempt to prove that the farmer is a bad "sport." My own view is that he cannot be bothered. Mr Crossley, of Wetherby, thinks there are too many shows, and while he believes that the old-established shows will be continued, he says that "if in place of the many shows which are popped up by professionals, I should like to see in every village a little afternoon exhibition for a three-mile radius, where farmers and small holders could exhibit the result of their year's handiwork." That is what we all desire to see, but if farmers won't bother to send stock to shows now, they will hardly support smaller meetings?

Bunkum! In connection with the Cross-gates town-planning scheme, a worthy alderman told the City Council that the Hunslet Rural Council had protested against the Halton sewage works being established in the area, but the Improvements Committee considered that the Council had the very best site on which a main road could be made and through the sewage beds. When the Local Government Board inspector held an inquiry in connection with the Templenewsam town-planning scheme Leeds people had no scheme of their own ready, but they urged that a road should be made through the sewage works instead of further up the hill. The inspector would not listen to the suggestion. The road proposed by Leeds would be of very little value and would be very costly, and its object is simply to destroy the sewage works in order to compel the local authority to send the sewage into the Leeds sewers. The City officials, I admit, are "cute, but this dodge is too smart by any means. When an inquiry is held in connection with the Cross-gates scheme the Hunslet Rural Council will oppose the city authorities making any encroachments in their area which would involve the destruction of sewage works on which thousands of pounds have been expended, and on which £3,000 will be spent shortly. This new expenditure has the sanction of the Local Government Board, who are not likely to do anything that would cause a huge waste of the ratepayers' money.

After certain property-owners had failed, on request, to repair two of the private streets, the Garforth Urban Council decided to put the Private Street Works Act in operation, and they at once engaged a surveyor, and advertised for tenders. Tenders were sent in, and then the Council declined to accept one of them. The reason given for this action was that the work was too costly. One property-owner has kept his part of one of the streets in good repair, but the others have done little or nothing, and it is certainly hard fines that the only man who has done anything should have to pay heavily for his enterprise. It was so at Crossgates and elsewhere, and the best plan, in my opinion, for obtaining the streets after they are made. In any scheme which may be adopted care should be exercised, if at all possible, to give property-owners who have given their tenants a decent road to walk on value for what they have done.

Towcon very rarely furnishes a case for the magistrates to deal with, the residents are so well-behaved, but they have "blotted their c.c.'s book," as the saying goes. A young woman appeared before the justices on Monday on a charge of using language which could not by any stretch of imagination be called polite, but the magistrates took a merciful view of the conduct and they allowed her to go. It must not, however, be imagined that because Towton has only had one slip that it is not liable to fall again, and a word of caution was uttered by the Chairman. The Chief of Police said to a girl, in an interrogative way, that she did not hear bad language at Towton, but she was compelled to say "Sometimes." "And when you do hear it," suggested the Chief, "You get out of the way?" "Yes, sir," was the reply. So it all Towtonians make themselves scarce as soon as any one chooses to use words which are not to be found in any standard dictionary there will be no fear of the ancient place having its fair record spoilt.

I understand that the bonus scheme instituted by the directors of John Smith's Brewery at Tadcaster has met with wonderful success. The firm, out of pure goodwill, have decided to pay to each man over 21 years of age in their employ £1 per quarter, and to every youth whose conduct and work are satisfactory, and who has been with the firm on April 1st, every year a bonus. The idea of the firm is to encourage the men to give good, honest work, and the bonus is an appreciation of it. Of course, the scheme is a source of great satisfaction to the men, because it is something they never expected, and the money will come in very handy. Nowadays some workmen, when receiving payment from employers, simply fritter time away, or, as it is put, they simply "put time in," and this is neither fair nor honest. If a man can be induced by a employer to give certain service he should fulfil his engagement. A little appreciation sometimes goes a long way, and the example of the great Tadcaster firm will probably be copied by other employers.

Tadcaster Guardians have a difficulty apparently in obtaining the services of women to act as officials, but there are many other Boards in the same plight. Although they have advertised twice, the Tadcaster Board cannot get applications for jobs, and it appears to me that they will have to raise the scale of salaries before they manage to secure the servants they require. As I have before pointed out, the Poor Law service offers opportunities for capable, intelligent young men and women, and all they have to do is to make themselves efficient by training.

Do the people of Garforth know how much infectious disease is costing them? The Urban Council have an agreement with Tadcaster District Council whereby the latter take cases from Garforth into the isolation hospital at the Cliff, and the charge made is, I believe, two guineas per week per patient. At the meeting last week the Urban Council passed an account for £327 in connection with hospital charges for six months, and it was stated that for the corresponding six months the account was £413, equal, I believe, to a fivepenny rate. Scarlet fever has been the worst scourge, and it may be well to point out that it has no connection with insanitary streets. It is spread by infection, and people should be more careful. Negligent parents cause no end of suffering and expense. Personally, I should give these people no quarter, and one prosecution is worth a hundred letters of warning.

Another Barkston Ash man to the fore! A good many years have elapsed since Mr J. P. Houlton, J.P., of Mansfield, a son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, manager of Micklefield Colliery, left the district, but he has kept in touch with it, and he has many friends in and around Garforth who will follow his fight in Derbyshire to enter Parliament with great interest. Mr Houlton, who, like his father, is a prominent member of the Wesleyan Church and has a sister married to a Wesleyan minister —Rev. G. H. Armitage, formerly of Rothwell—has been eminently successful in his profession as a mining engineer, and he is now at the head of the prosperous Bolsover Collieries. Apparently he has been a keen politician for many years, for at one time he was President of the Division Liberal Association, but it was not thought that he had Parliamentary ambitions. He has the reputation of being a good speaker—I heard him speak at Garforth, but it is no long ago that I have forgotten about it—and it is thought that he will make a good show. There are, however, other two candidates—Conservative and Labour —in the field, so that his failure to secure first position would cause no surprise.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace "Irish and Proud of It" is the title of a revue presented this week, and it has more merit in it than many revues seen in Leeds so far. It depends for its success not at all upon dress, or undress, and there is not a joke that is remotely risky. The plentiful Irish humour is much more palatable, and songs and dancing characteristic of the country pass the time very pleasantly. All things Irish are introduced, including a jaunting car and an eviction scene, and Paddy's indifference to rent paying, and partiality for poaching, and delight in dodging the Excise are given a fine study of an Irish carman, and Jamieson Dodds, whose singing is very good. Other good items in the bill are provided by Fitz Olracts, George Newburn, the mimic, Madame Lucie Gillespie and Miss Kathleen Kingsmore are Ben Albert.

A very interesting engagement at the Leeds Empire on Monday next will be Eugene Stratton, who will revive several of his favourite songs during his stay. He finds that new songs which can compete with the old ones are practically impossible to obtain, in addition to which by least one old one is generally demanded by his audience. Mr Stratton, who has been blacking his face for forty-three years, is the man who introduced the coon song into the music-hall. Before he went on the variety stage, in 1892, he was Moore and Burgess's principal corner man. Other turns of exceptional merit include the popular May Moore Duprez. A visit from Miss Duprez is always a popular event with the Empire habitues, for apart from her clever assumption of a Dutch girl role, apart, too, from her fund of humour and sparkling wit, she possesses, as few variety artistes do, the capacity to infect her hearers with her own vivacity. Bubbling over with merriment, bright in everything she does, she brings to Leeds next week a budget of new "business" to charm old friends and captivate new ones. The remainder of the programme includes the Paris Trio; The Gascoignes; Edwin Lawrence; Arthur Sutcliffe; Alfred Wellesley; Eddy Martyn; Lizzie Glenroy; and Miss Florence Turner in a Vitagraph scene play, "Under The Make-Up." Miss Turner will appear in person next week.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Leeds Hippodrome the revue "A Year in an Hour" is submitted this week, and the scenes depict the four seasons, with the addition of the "football season," a clever burlesque. It abounds in topical jokes, coon-tains some new and haunting melodies, provides the usual picturesque dress parades, and is free from anything of an objectionable nature. One of the most amusing scenes represents a schoolroom, where a reincarnated edition of the famous political celebrity or other notability. The picture palace craze is also singled out as the object of a skit which is very funny. The revue is staged by Mr Gus Sohlke, the producer of "Come Over Here," and is presented by a clever company. Included in the general programme are "The Kebbles," clever duettists and dancers; Alice Hollander, who possesses a fine voice; "The Three Orlocks," a singing and dancing trio; and Silbon's performing cats.

Next week at the Hippodrome Bert Coote and his company will present "A Lamb on Wall Street," being an episode of the New York Stock Exchange, and the Four Ascots, described as the greatest dancers ever seen in this country. Mignonette Kokin will appear. "A Day at the Races" will be presented by Galetti's Baboons, and other turns include Harry Blake, in his comedy scena, "The Man from the Moon"; Mignonette Kokin, described as the new smart girl; and Ivor Vinter, the little surprise. Two of the leading turns will be given by Morny Cash, the Lancashire lad, and Alexandre and Hughes, whose crosstalk is a delight. Pictures will be shown on the bioscop.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week Mr Stanley Carlton's company are appearing in a Venetian drama, entitled "The Little Fortune Teller; or An Italian's Revenge." It is the old story of love, hatred, and revenge, wherein no less than three suitors are keen antagonists for the hand in marriage of a young and beautiful fortune teller in an English country fair. Before the favoured one reaches his ambition, however, his fiancee emerges successfully from a keen knife duel with her adversary, and to keep up the excitement participates in another pistol duel with one of her lover's rivals. Miss Rubie Maude is the outstanding figure in the play, and as Cynthia, the fortune teller, she goes through a fairly heavy part in praiseworthy style. Mary Elton is also prominent as Cynthia's rival, as is Mr Ernest Outrim as the hero.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Miss Henrietta Schrier (from the Lyceum Theatre) and Mr Lodge-Percy and Co. will appear in their two most recent successes. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday the amusing and interesting play "The Laughter of Fools" will be staged, and on Thursday and Friday the celebrated Corsican romance "Mr Barnes of New York" will be played, with Miss Schrier as "Marina" and Mr Lodge-Percy as "Mr Barnes."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week a popular "turn" is an entertaining sketch, entitled "What A Sport!" which tells how a well-made man asserts a noble lord and his son out of financial difficulty, although he himself is somewhat ungenerously treated. The cast includes Mr Herbert Landeck, Mr F. Brook Warren, and Miss Lily Grammonde. Albert Joyce creates a good impression with his "newspaper song," and it is followed by judicious moralising which never fails to appeal. He is a comedienne with a pleasing voice, has one or two good songs, and Andre Romanoff, who adopts the guise of an Apache, contributes violin solos. "A Doctor's Romance" and "His Majesty the Baby," two cinematograph films, are also shown.

Next week at the City Varieties the principal turns will be given by Cullen and Carthy, the renowned comedians; and Rowland, the brainstorm juggler, assisted by Kitty Grenelle; Dick Evans and Poppie Holland, the comedy couple introducing the cinema engine and cinema motor. Others announced to appear are Stevanos, acrobatic eccentrics; introducing the most original comedy tricks; Phil Bransby, Cockney character comedian, and Jack Baxter, dancing comedian. The films to be exhibited are "On a great steel beam" (drama) and "When the hurricanes took up farming" (comic).

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Leeds Theatre-de-Luxe "The Bucking Trial" was the principal film screened in the early part of the week. Gems of beautiful love scenes and the powerful dramatic situations Miss Florence Turner, the famous picture actress, is highly successful, while the film itself is a sterling quality, strong in plot, introducing many sensational incidents, an excellent cast, and well-chosen backgrounds.

Three strong dramas are the attractions for the week-end. "The Man of Destiny" tells a fine story of Napoleon's early days, "Broncho Billy and the Settler's Daughter" introduces an old favourite, and the "Throw of the Dice" is a very novel drama.

On Monday next, "The Black Spot," a thrilling Russian drama, is to be screened.

HOUSING AT SPOFFORTH.—The Public Health and Housing Committee of the County Council have reported with regard to the housing at Spofforth that an inspection of the village of Spofforth points to the need for drastic action being taken. The principal property owner in the village has done good work, but there are about 20 houses unfit for habitation. Several other houses are not kept reasonably fit for habitation. There are no empty houses in the village for tenants who may be displaced. There does not appear to be any possibility of private enterprise meeting the demand. The District Council are fully aware of these conditions, and have therefore failed to exercise their powers.

FORMER WETHERBY RESIDENT.—Mr Berthold Robert Stansfeld, who formerly resided at Wetherby, died at Scarborough on Tuesday night. Mr Stansfeld, who was highly esteemed for his geniality, ability, and fairness, was revising barrister for Scarborough, clerk of the peace for Wakefield, and for some time was assistant stipendiary magistrate for Leeds. He received his appointment as revising barrister for Scarborough in 1903, and his conduct in that position was always such that he was held in the highest esteem by both political parties, who had implicit confidence in his decisions. He was called to the bar at the Middle Temple about 35 years ago, had chambers at Leeds, and regularly practised on the North Eastern Circuit. He had appeared on many occasions at the Scarborough Quarter Sessions, and such was the opinion held of him by the Bench and Bar Record is that Charles Haigh, that on two occasions when illness prevented Mr Haigh from sitting at the Quarter Sessions, his position was taken by Mr Stansfeld. The deceased gentleman, who was 65 years of age, was the son of the late Mr George Stansfeld, of Settle, who was a barrister and banker. After taking up residence at Scarborough Mr Stansfeld became a member of the Ganton Golf Club. He was a Freemason and a Conservative, although of course he took no active part in politics. His eldest brother was the late Colonel George Stansfeld, of Field House, Sowerby Bridge. He leaves a widow and a daughter, the latter being the wife of the Cavaliere Varo, of the Italian Legation, who after a stay of two years at Pekin had only returned from China with her husband and children a fortnight ago, and was on a visit to her father and mother.

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WINDOW GARDENING.

Flower lovers who dwell in a town, and have no garden, may derive much pleasure from the cultivation of a few plants in a window box or hanging basket. This phase of gardening is carried out extensively in some districts. Visitors to the annual gala held at York in June must have noted the beautiful effects obtained in all the main thoroughfares by the use of hanging baskets. In arranging window decorations aspect and position are two important considerations. In a sheltered, sunny position, almost any kind of sun-loving bedding plant may be used. In bleak, shady positions, the choice of plants is naturally much narrowed. Another important point, often overlooked, is the provision of a box capable of holding sufficient soil to satisfy the requirements of the plants. A suitable size is 8 inches in width and 9 or 10 inches in depth. If possible, the box should be fixed immediately under the window in preference to placing it on the window sill as is usually done. By this means, the plants get the benefit of more light, air, dew, and rain, and they do not darken the room to the same extent as when grown on the sill. Cover the box with rough cork to give a rustic effect, and to shade its front. This will reduce the necessity of watering. Fill with good soil and press it firm. At each end of the box a climbing plant should be put in. This may be trained around the window. Sweet peas do well in a sunny position and in partial shade canary creeper or nasturtiums may be substituted. Strong strings should be fixed for the plants to climb to. Along the front of the box a few plants of drooping habit may be planted. Japanese honeysuckle is suitable, or if a flowering plant is wanted, campanula hoopkyla alba may be used. These will grow in almost any aspect. A few plants of blue lobelia should also be included in the front row. In sunny aspects the remainder of the box may be filled with geranium Paul's Crimped, centaurea, candidissima, Sutton's Golden yellow, petunias, salvia patens, ivy-leaved pelargoniums, or marguerite Mrs Sanders, according to taste. For a shady aspect fuchsias, calceolarias, tuberous begonias, stocks, ferns, and marguerites may be given as suitable subjects to select from. In any case two, or at most three colours should be relied upon. A mass of mixed colouring is gaudy and never proves satisfactory. A hanging basket should be suspended well away from the window. This should be filled with similar plants to those used in the box. Watering must be attended to about every second day and when the plants get thoroughly established they should be assisted by weekly applications of liquid manure.

SWEET PEAS.

All sweet peas should now be in their flowering quarters. The provision of suitable supports is the next matter for consideration. Special trainers like the Simplicitas Netting are remarkably good and easy to fix. These may not be available, fresh cut bushy tree branches may be used, or even posts and strings. The tendrils of the peas cling freely to any of the above, and very little hand training will be required if they are used. Whichever supports are used should be placed in position immediately the plants are put in. This removes the risk of root injury and the plants get away quicker as soon as the tendrils commence to cling.

Plants from pots or boxes should be well watered immediately after being planted. Those of our readers who followed our advice and sowed seed in October should now have strong plants showing flower buds. The mild winter has favoured the steady growth of sweet peas, and on May 1st we noticed several varieties showing bud. Plants in pots, under glass, are flowering splendidly. These should be fed twice a week with farmyard liquid manure. If the flowers are cut as fast as they open the plants will continue to bloom for a long time. No cutting should be done at mid-day. Cut early in the morning, while the flowers are fresh and firm, and they will keep in a vase longer than they do if cut later in the day. Keep a look out for green fly.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS.

Perpetual-flowering carnations are now largely used as bedding plants. It is not advisable to plant them in a conspicuous position, as their rather leggy habit detracts from their beauty. A sheltered, sunny position suits them admirably, and it is really wonderful the amount of bloom they will produce when planted out in the open air. Young plants just commencing to bloom are the most suitable, but these are not available for the purpose old plants that have been blooming under glass may be hardened off and used. Cut away any straggling growths, and stake the remainder securely. If placed in the cold frame now, they may easily be hardened off in time to plant out the first or second week in June. When planting, tread the soil firmly around the roots.

VEGETABLES.

SCARLET-RUNNER BEANS.

Considering the prolific cropping properties of the scarlet-runner it is remarkable that its cultivation is not more extensively carried out. To obtain the best results it is necessary to thoroughly prepare this soil before sowing the seed. Deep digging and liberal manuring are essential details, especially on light soils, where it is advisable to prepare a position in the same way as is done for celery. The seed should be sown about six inches apart in drills three inches deep. The seedlings grow rapidly and should be provided with suitable supports as soon as they make their appearance. If available, 8 or 10 feet poles should be used, and these should be lined with strong string to keep them in position. Dryness at the root must be avoided, and this is best accomplished by giving a good mulch of rotten manure when the plants are about 3 feet high. In very dry weather an occasional soaking of water may be given, and overhead syringing is very beneficial in gardens where full supports are not available. For exhibition purposes the practice of stopping is often practised. The leading shoot is removed when about a foot high. This encourages the production of side shoots, which are stopped in turn when a few inches long. They are then allowed to grow naturally, with the exception of removing a few gross shoots which show a tendency to "run." There are numerous good varieties, some of which do not develop the coarseness so noticeable in old varieties. Sutton's Prize winner is exceptionally good, and Hackwood Park is good in every way. The pods should be gathered when quite young, as they are then at their best, whilst early gathering encourages the plants to continue cropping.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

INSECT PESTS.

Greenfly, thrip, red spider, and other garden pests are very troublesome at this time of the year under glass. It is false economy to postpone fumigating because only a few insects are visible. They become in such a rapid rate that a few days' delay may be sufficient to cause the ruin of a house full of plants. All fumigating should be done in the evening, after sunset. As a means of preventing the insects gaining a firm foothold, it is advisable to use a spray insecticide once or twice a week. A decoction of quassia chips, or some other bitter preparation, is best for the purpose. Spraying must not be practised on plants bearing flowers.

HARDENING BEDDING PLANTS.

The hard-ning off process as regards summer-bedding plants is simple when understood. Plants reared in the congenial atmosphere of a warm greenhouse are naturally tender. To harden them sufficiently for bedding purposes, it is necessary to gradually reduce the heat until they will withstand outdoor conditions without suffering injury. This is done by placing them in a cold frame, which must be kept closed very carefully for a few days. More air is then given, gradually increasing the amount daily until the lights can be removed every morning. About the middle of May a few inches of air may be left on in the evening, and again the amount is increased nightly until the lights may be dispensed with altogether, unless frost threatens.

IMPATIENS SULTANI.

The branching perennial balsams, known as Impatiens, have thick, fleshy stems, and are of pyramidal bloom-ess. During recent years a variety known as I. Holsti has been introduced. It has bright red flowers and is extremely useful for warm-house cultivation. Hybrid forms of Holsti vary considerably in colour and may easily be raised from seed. I. Herdogi is a comparatively new variety and bears beautiful glowing salmon coloured flowers. There are also several other varieties, all resembling the old I. Sultani to a greater or lesser degree. Cuttings root freely in a propagating frame and will thrive in any ordinary potting compost. They flower almost continuously throughout the year.

CYTISUS RACEMOSUS.

This dense-flowering subject is now going out of bloom and should be encouraged to make free growth. Prune into shape and place in a temperature of about 60 degrees. Syringing on bright days will help the plants to make strong growth. When the young shoots are about an inch long repotting may be done. Slightly reduce the ball of soil and place in rather larger pots, using a compost of two-parts fibrous loam, one-part peat, and a sprinkling of sand, bone-meal, and wood ashes. Grow on in the greenhouse until the end of July, and then place the plants in a sheltered position outdoor. Young plants may be raised from cuttings. Sever the shoots from the parent plant with a "heel" attached and dibble them into sand in a propagating frame. Put off when rooted and grow on in a warm greenhouse. Stop occasionally to encourage bushy growth.

Mr E. Parker, Newton, and Messrs Pollard, of Myer Allerton, were among the prize-winners in the horse classes at Otley Show

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN.
Lecturer to the Herts County Council; Editor of "Monthly Hints on Poultry," &c.
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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January, and to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

REGULATION BEFORE COMMENCING INCUBATION.

It is most important to ascertain that your machine is perfectly regulated and properly level before placing your eggs in the egg-chamber or drawer. Every machine has its own specific instructions for regulation; these should be closely followed, and it is an error to use right from the machine to run at the required temperature, empty, for three or even four days, rather than fill it with eggs immediately it is ready.

Mention may here be made that in the case of a new machine, or the first time an incubator is used during the season, it is really essential to run it empty for a few days. It requires thoroughly warming; damp to a greater or lesser extent has got into the machine, and it is advantageous to dry it out in order to secure even running.

CARE OF THE LAMP.

Readers must almost be wearied by my continued insistence on the necessity of attention to detail, yet without it success cannot be expected.

The lamp must receive attention daily. I grant you many will burn for forty-eight hours or even more, but my advice is: see to it daily—it will not then be forgotten—and, further, have a regular time for attending to it.

Personally, mine are always trimmed in the morning. If they are done at night time, to my mind there is a danger of them increasing their flame, and, owing to the operator having retired, this might escape attention; the danger, however, is remote.

Trimming a lamp is quite a science; the first particular to remember is scrupulous cleanliness. Never overfill the lamp no-even, never cut the wick, rather push it up, if necessary, a particle of burnt material. Employ only a high-grade American oil; cheap oils are disastrous and even constitute a distinct danger. Use a new wick for every hatch, remembering it is advantageous to purchase special wicks rather than the common material frequently sold by Italian warehousemen.

In good machines the consumption of oil is very small—this is more noticeable still in hot-air machines—this implies that a small flame only is necessary. So after attending to the lamp, see that it is burning brightly and clearly, and just sufficient to keep up the required temperature.

Carelessness in this direction, employment of inferior-grade oil, neglect in trimming, and draughts are the principal causes of chimneys smoking; a smoky chimney means an accumulation of soot, and, in turn, the presence of soot implies the inability to keep up the required temperature. If the trouble should happen by any cause, I cannot too strongly advise you to cease operations until the soot is removed, for, apart from the fact that soot is also a menace it, safety, sooner or later it will fire, and such a danger, perhaps in the middle of the night, is a serious one. The obnoxious effluvia from a smoky chimney or dirty lamp is only of secondary importance, none the less it frequently appeals to one before the more serious reasons here detailed. A final word on this subject: the attention the lamp receives should be such that the incubator could remain throughout the hatch in your living room, or even bedroom, without causing annoyance.

SELF-FEEDING LAMPS.

I have used them, and willingly concede that great improvements have been made in them during recent years; at the same time I greatly prefer to use the ordinary lamp. A self-filling lamp may act perfectly for years, but sooner or later it will fail, and that failure probably involves the loss of the hatch. Yes, there is also the attendant risk of an ordinary lamp, but as much as that risk is, I consider, every twenty-four hours, against twenty-one days on the other hand, that risk is greatly minimised. Naturally, opinions differ on this point, and should you determine to use a self-feeding lamp, be careful to buy a good one, and from a reputable firm.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were Rev. H. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr C. M. Wormald, Mr W. N. Chewmoor, Dr. G. D. Todd, Mr Harris Anson, Dr. Somers, and Mr T. S. Ullathorne.

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WHARFEDALE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

LOCAL PRIZE-WINNERS.

The 16th annual show of the Wharfedale Agricultural Society was held at Otley on Friday. The entries were very satisfactory; over the whole show the pleasing increase of 476 was recorded, but the total of 3,510 was still many short of the "record" of 1912. Unfortunately, however, the satisfactory figures were entirely due to an increase of some 200 in the exhibit sections, and it is an error that the right side to allow the machine to run at the required temperature, empty, for three or even four days, rather than fill it with eggs immediately it is ready. In both cattle and horses both showed a decrease; while in the dairy produce classes the numbers were considerably short of the usual.

Mr J. Leake, of Aberford, was one of the judges of sheep, and Mrs W. R. Holgate, of Scarcroft, of butter and bread. Local prize-winners were:—

Farmers' Cattle—Bull calf, under 12 months —2, Mrs Cass, Ribston, Bull calf, 1 year and not exceeding 2 years old—1 and 2, Mrs Cass; Bull, 2 years old and upwards—1, Mrs Cass; Heifer calf, under 12 months—3, G. Lax, Cowthorpe, Wetherby. Heifer, over 1 year and not exceeding 2 years old—1, G. Lax. Cow or heifer, 2 years old and upwards—2 Mrs Cass.

Horses—Draught and Agricultural—Yearling colt, gelding or filly, bred by tenant farmer (2no m'hs' ruling): 1, E. T. Parker, Ledsham; 2 and 3, J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton. Entire colt, foaled in 1913: 2, E. T. Parker. Gelding or filly, foaled in 1913: 1, J. W. and A. Pollard; 2, T. Harrison, Kirkby Overblow; 3, G. W. Hardcastle, Carlton. Gelding or mare, any age: 3, J. Harper, Kirkby Overblow. Hackney stallion, any age: 1, Mrs Fletcher and Sons, Angram.

Sheep—Wensleydale shearling or aged ram: 2, G. P. Wright, Ogthorpe, Tadcaster. Three gimmer hoggs, Wensleydale: 2, G. P. Wright.

MOTORISTS' OFFENCES IN THE DISTRICT

HADDLESEY AND CAWDLESFORTH.

At Selby on Monday Harold Edwin Powell, automobile engineer, London, was fined £5 and costs for driving a motor-car beyond the legal speed limit of 20 miles per hour on the Selby and Doncaster road at Chapel Haddlesey on April 22nd.

Evidence was given by the police that defendant was timed over a measured mile, and it was found that he was travelling at 34 miles an hour.

Mr W. T. Silvester, of Goole, who defended, said that no damage to anyone was incurred, and it was unfair that traps should be laid in a rural district.

Three were three convictions against defendant for exceeding the speed limit in the London district, but Mr Silvester stated that those were special limits of 10 miles an hour in particular districts.

Dennis Moss, cloth finisher, of Morley, had to pay a fine of 5s. and costs for driving a motor-car at the rate of 25 miles per hour on the same road.

John Withers, a manufacturer, of Duffield, Derbyshire, was summoned for driving a motor-car at the rate of over 25 miles an hour at Cawdle-forth, on April 24th, and he was fined 10s. and costs.

It was stated that there were four dangerous bends in the road, and a day school had to be passed.

BOILER EXPLOSION AT ROBIN HOOD QUARRIES.

THORPE YOUNG MAN'S DEATH.

An inquest was held at the Leeds Town Hall on Friday on Harry Crowther, aged 25, of Oakley Street, Thorpe, who was killed in a boiler explosion at the Robin Hood Quarries, of Messrs Goorg Armitage and Sons, on May 1st.

Crowther, who was unmarried, and lived with his parents, died in the Leeds Infirmary on Thursday, from shock, following the scalds he received.

Crowther had charge of the boiler, and there was no one except himself near at the time it exploded. A fellow workman heard the noise of the explosion, and saw the boiler lifted into the air. He found Crowther lying about ten yards away from where the boiler had been standing.

Joseph Horner, of Thorpe, manager of the firm's quarries, said the boiler was used for drawing water from a quarry into a reservoir. The boiler, which was a cylindrical one, was examined in June last by the insurance company, and their report stated that no repairs were necessary.

The boiler was blown 40 yards away, and subsequent examination showed that some of the inside plates had been rivited round by the explosion, while one of the cross-tubes had been forced through the outer shell.

Crowther could not account for the explosion. He saw inside the boiler quite recently, and it then seemed to be in a perfect state of repair.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

A Morley Case of Tuberculous Glands Cured.

(Copy). 57, Commercial Street, Morley, Near Leeds.

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Yours truly,
WM. D. HOLROYD.

Another point is that the infective power of this scarlet fever germ is very persistent, and may be dormant for months in clothing which has been in contact with a scarlet fever patient, only to fight up into activity when the articles of clothing are again brought out and used.

We must again recollect that our district is an industrial, and not a residential one, which implies that the houses are not large, and that in few working-men's homes is there opportunity for having spare rooms. It is obvious that in a working-class home with a number of children, it is necessary for several children perhaps to sleep in one bedroom, and in few cases indeed has a bed only one occupant It is obviously impossible in such circumstances for a child who starts to be ill to be properly isolated, and it is an every day occurrence to find that a child who is confined as suffering from scarlet fever or diphtheria has spent at least one night in bed with other children, and this with an intimate knowledge that one of the family for a shorter or longer period after the commencement of the illness. The opportunities here for spreading infection are infinitely greater than would be the case in a house where a child could have been efficiently isolated from the moment it began to show signs of illness.

Discussion of this question of limited accommodation in working-men's houses recalls to one's mind the fact that in many instances in which a case of scarlet fever or diphtheria occurs in a house, especially during the winter months, a child spends the period prior to its removal to hospital in the kitchen which in many cases abuts upon a public highway, thus again enormously increasing the risks of the infection being passed on to others, as the presence of the infectious child really renders the kitchen for the time being into a fever ward opening on to the highway. This state of affairs necessarily implies that other members of the household are for the time being in intimate contact with the infected child; some children from this house may be attending school and the dust going to work, while the danger here from "neighbouring" cannot possibly be exaggerated. Such instances may to a considerable extent be unavoidable in working class homes, but surely the Otley Show scene lights on the the persistency of scarlet fever in our midst.

In this connection it might be mentioned that one of the most important features in checking the spread of a disease like scarlet fever occurring in houses where there are no facilities for proper isolation, is the removal of such cases to hospital as the earliest possible moment, followed by prompt disinfection of all clothing and also of the house. Our experience during 1913 shows conclusively the value of school closure in such outbreaks.

A perusal of the list of notifications for 1913 is most suggestive in showing the astonishingly large number of children between two and five years of age, who figure in the list, many of whom are school attenders. I know quite well in working-class homes with large families there are many advantages in having even the youngest children at school (I should say what is wanted in this connection obviously is a crèche rather than a school), but as to whether the sending of such children to school is a wise course is certainly a matter for discussion. My own view is that in the case of children under five years of age they are better at home, and in fact I much regret that the legal age for commencing school is not six rather than five years.

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DIPHTHERIA AND SCARLET FEVER IN THE DISTRICT

ROTHWELL MEDICAL OFFICER'S INSTRUCTIVE REPORT.

HOW DISEASE IS SPREAD.

In his annual report Dr Stevenson, medical officer of health for Rothwell district, has some interesting remarks on diphtheria and scarlet fever. Last year there were 40 cases of diphtheria and membranous croup in Rothwell district. He states:—

There are certain circumstances which seem to me to have an obvious bearing on this question, and a consideration of them shows the difficulties in the way of eradicating a disease like diphtheria. In the first place it is no unusual thing to find a child with quite an appreciable amount of membrane on the throat when (contrary to the usual observer) may not appear to be at all serious, with the consequence in some cases, that either no doctor is called in at all, or is not called in until a later stage, with the result that an infectious child is allowed to have free communion with other people and is allowed to use feeding utensils common to its household.

A second point bearing on the difficulty from a public health official's point of view of dealing with diphtheria outbreaks is the fact that a child with no "throat" evidence whatever may have—and often has—the diphtheritic bacilli present in discharging ear or nose, and that such discharge may persist for indefinitely long periods during which the child contracts the power of infecting other children, especially when it is remembered that such children may, by contamination of their own fingers by the discharge, transfer the bacilles in question on the inside of books, and the same remark of course applies to cases in which children, with a possibly infectious discharge from nose or ear, use handkerchiefs which may thus become a very obvious source of danger to others.

A third point of difficulty arises from the fact that the specific germs of diphtheria are present, sometimes, and are most difficult to destroy, even when a case is under treatment under the most favourable circumstances. I mean that in some cases of diphtheria the germs may be found in an active state in the throats from which all traces of membrane have long since disappeared. It is no very unusual thing in fever hospitals for diphtheria patients who have recovered, and who are to all appearances perfectly well, to have to remain in hospital for a further period, sometimes of weeks, until bacteriological examination shows the throat and nose to be free from infection. If this be so in hospital, how much more must it be so in cases nursed in their own homes?

I might here take the opportunity of putting forward publicly one or two points observed by others, and no such child should be allowed to return to school until a medical man has declared it safe to do so.

In the second place, a child with discharging ear or nose should always be subjected to medical examination, and should be rigidly excluded from school until, as in the former case, a medical man has declared it safe to return.

What I have said previously in this report will show the danger of allowing children with discharging noses or ears, in whom there may be no the slightest cause for infection, to use pocket handkerchiefs, and it is obvious that the use of pieces of rag which could be immediately destroyed by burning would be a much safer course to adopt, and at the same time care should be taken to prohibit the use, by the child, of words common to the household. Were these points attended to, I feel sure that many children now away from school would have the fact discovered at a much earlier period and would not have been allowed to go about as "infection carriers," though at the same time I am not unappreciative of the importance of health, thus unwittingly adding to the worries and troubles—sufficiently great at any time—of those concerned with the public health.

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It might be remarked here that, regrettable though an outbreak of any zymotic disease be, an outbreak of scarlet fever has not the same significance, nor costs the same reflection upon a district as an outbreak of, say, typhoid or diphtheria would. In the case of an outbreak of either of the two latter diseases there may possibly be grave reflection cast upon the sanitary conditions of the district, as disease like that fever bears no relationship whatever in its incidence to the sanitary, or otherwise, condition of a locality. That is the one ray of comfort to be extracted from an influx of scarlet fever such as we were subjected to in 1913.

In endeavouring to find some explanation of the exceptional scarlet fever rate during 1913 one is faced with difficulties. To begin with, scarlet fever stands almost alone among the more common epidemic diseases so far as tracing a connection between one case and another, or in tracing the original case of cases in any given outbreak, is concerned. We cannot, in scarlet fever, as we can for example in diphtheria and typhoid summon bacteriology to our aid, and until we can do so the history of scarlet fever will be discovered (as has been done in the two above-mentioned diseases), thus enabling its presence to be proved or otherwise in suspected cases, so long will scarlet fever remain a disease difficult to eradicate. Again, in scarlet fever, after the first acute signs have passed off as in mild cases they do in a few days, it is impossible to say whether the child is clear of infection or not, unless by waiting for peeling, which, in mild cases may not show itself for three weeks or longer, during which suspected period it is impossible to ensure absolute isolation in the majority of cases.

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A Selby Reservist's Funeral.—The funeral of Frederick John Pinter, Army Reservist, who met with fatal injuries at the Selby Olympia Rink while assisting in loading a boat with oil cake, took place at Selby on Friday, in the presence of a very large gathering. The Olympia Mills were closed for the funeral, and some hundreds of the employees, who are chiefly ex-Army men, formed the cortege, led by the Olympia Military Band, which played Chopin's Funeral March and Beethoven's Funeral Marche on the way to the Selby Cemetery. The hearse was drawn by the deceased's comrades. The Rev. E. C. Illingworth (Selby Abbey) conducted the funeral service. The closing hymn "Rock of ages," was sung at the graveside by the assembled people, the Olympia Band accompanying. Wreaths were placed on the grave by the directors of the Olympia Oil and Cake Company (Limited), the directors of the Selby Wagon Building and Transport Company (Limited), the "engineers" department at the works, and from other fellow-workers at the mills.

Killing the fatted calf: Mr. H. Crossley, of Wetherby, who is a farmer, says it is ridiculous to kill veal at the present time. He considers that for the highest profit, Mr Crossley says, "then undoubtedly the calves should be earmarked, and not allowed to be killed under a year old unless suffering from disease." He must talk to Mr Runciman about it.

FORMER TADCASTER CURATE SCANDAL.

HEARTLESS CONDUCT TO A GIRL.

£400 DAMAGES.

An extremely painful story of the perfidy of a clergyman, who under the cloak of friendship took the father, betrayed his daughter, was tried before the Under Sheriff (Mr Edwin Gray) at the County Town Hall, on Monday, when £400 damages were assessed against the Rev. Percy Reper, a curate, formerly of Sheffield and Wigan, for his seduction of Alice Kendrick, an eight-en-year-old girl, of 29, Oakdale Street, West Bar.

In some quarters of his conduct, defendant, who did not put in an appearance, and is said to have gone abroad, has been deprived of his living.

Mr A. Neal, of Sheffield, who appeared for the plaintiff, said that Mr Joseph Kendrick, the father of the girl, was the manager of a large business in Sheffield, and brought the action to recover damages for the seduction of his daughter by the defendant, a Church of England clergyman. The defendant had been allowed every facility by Kendrick, and the only question was to assess the damages. The proceedings which led up to the occurrence were of an extraordinary and disgraceful character. Alice Kendrick, who was now in her 19th year, was the eldest of seven children. For seven or eight years plaintiff's family were worshippers at St. Peter's Church, Abbeydale Sheffield, and some four or five years ago defendant became curate at that church. He was naturally admitted to the friendship of his client's household, and at that time the girl Alice was a boy at a boarding-school, where defendant and Mr Kendrick sometimes visited her. She left school in May, 1912, and she was then in years of age, becoming 17 two months later. Almost immediately she came home the defendant began to make advances to her, and a month or two after he was allowed to be outside her father's house. The girl, quite a child, made what resistance she could, and she was very much upset. Familiarity ripened into a number of other occasions, the last time being about the month of June, 1913. The whole of the time defendant was keeping up an apparent friendship with the father of the girl and her parents had not the slightest idea that the cloak of friendship was only the cover for wickedness. In July, 1913, he got notice to leave his curacy, and went to a church at Wigan. In order to show the duplicity of defendant Mr Neal read a letter sent from Wigan by defendant to Mr Kendrick on October 21st, 1913, in which he wrote:—"Dear Mr Kendrick, It was a great treat to hear you on the telephone yesterday. . . . I am a bachelor now. I have a spare bed, and I shall be quite delighted to put you up when you next come over and see me."

Mr Neal went on to say that the condition of the girl Alice was found out in the early part of this year, and as a result of this discovery Mr Kendrick went over to Wigan on the 17th January, taking his daughter with him. He happened to see defendant outside Wigan Station with a lady, and Mr Kendrick said: "I want to see you at your house on very important and serious business." Mr Kendrick then hired a cab, and on reaching defendant's residence Mr Kendrick told him what had happened. Mr Kendrick remarked: "This is a horrible, rotten piece of business on your part. I thought better of you. I had treated you as a friend." Defendant replied: "I quite understand your position." Mr Kendrick replied: "I don't have no money." Mr Kendrick replied: "It's not your money I want. It's my daughter's honour I'm thinking about." Defendant turned to the girl and said: "Will you marry me, Alice?" She replied: "I was too much overcome, and did not look at him. Defendant and Mr Kendrick then went out for a walk to talk the matter over. Defendant said he would have to resign his Church and had no money, and Mr Kendrick replied that he would help to start him in business. Defendant said he would think about it, and promised to let them know within fifteen days. He ignored his promise. Mr Kendrick then made a communication to the Vicar, and a communication was also sent to the Bishop. On the 3rd of February defendant wrote an extraordinary letter. He consulted a Leeds solicitor, who wrote to the plaintiff's solicitor about the matter, and said: "I shall be pleased to know whether you are prepared to apologise." The defendant went over to Sheffield unknown to his solicitor, no doubt, and in a telephone communication made suggestions against this young girl which had not the slightest foundation. Mr Kendrick declined to discuss them with him. Plaintiff took no further step in the matter, and the next thing they heard was from defendant's solicitor, who said he had now nothing to do with the case, and he was credibly informed defendant had gone abroad.

Until now was then given by Alice Kendrick, a tall, big-boned, refined sort of a girl, neatly dressed in a blue serge costume with a Peter Pan blue collar. She sat beside her mother, who escorted the child.

She said she would be 19 in July next. She spoke to being at a boarding-school, when defendant occasionally came along with her brothers. About two months after she came home something took place between her and defendant.

On one of those occasions of intimacy her mother was out, and the defendant and she were in the dining-room. The child was born on the 3rd of March this year.

The girl's father then gave evidence, and a detailed account of the interviews between him and defendant at Wigan. "When I saw him," said Mr Kendrick, "I said 'And you professed to be a friend of mine.' I asked him what he was going to do with her. He said, 'Well, my parents have cheated me. What can I do?' I said 'My daughter's here. It's my honour I'm thinking about.'

"He replied, 'I've no money' and I retorted again 'It's my daughter's honour and mine I'm considering.' He turned round to me and said, 'Will you marry my daughter?' but she was so overcome," said Mr Kendrick in a bewildered voice "that she could not look at him.

"We eventually got outside, when I said, 'It's a most rotten piece of business on your part,' and he replied, 'I ought never to have been a curate. I shall have to leave the Church.' I replied, 'I should think so, too.' He said, 'If I kept it that will do me no good, and possibly acid that will do no good either.'

"I then said 'If you will marry my girl I will find you fifty of a hundred pounds to set you up in business?' He replied 'that he would think it over and let me know.'

In addressing the jury the Under-Sheriff described the case as an extraordinarily painful one. In assessing damages the jury were entitled to take into consideration the grief of the parents and the aggravations of the case in view of the relation between Mr Kendrick and the defendant and also the defendant's position.

After not more than two minutes' deliberation the jury assessed damages as mentioned.

The Rev. John Roper went to Sheffield from Tadcaster, and on leaving last Whitsuntide, he went to a curacy at Wigan. He was an extreme High Churchman, and it is said that his teachings were not in accord with the congregation there or St. Peter's. During his stay at Sheffield he lived in apartments near the church. It is further said that after his misconduct had become engaged in another lady, but this was broken off before the disclosures became public. The Bishop of Liverpool has, of course, refused him of his office.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

KIPPAX, ALLERTON, MILFORD, AND SHERBURN AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster —Mr J. W. Richardson (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were Rev. Canon Greenwood (terms-up), Col. Cocqhill (Garforth), Messrs W. A. Young (Alberforth), T. P. Fawcett (Ansborough), H. Sykes, H. P. Clerch, T. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), T. H. Prater (Darlington), J. W. Dobson (Newsharpe), W. Simpson (Lead), R. Wordsworth and H. H. Lowe (Great Preston), R. Wright (Barwick), J. E. Cawkhan and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), J. Peck (Ulleskelf), J. Lailey (Kirkby Wharfe), H. Sayles, F. Phillip, and Pearson (Allerton Bywater), J. Harding and W. A. Dickinson (Kippax), B. Braham and H. Green (Garforth), E. Parker (Ledsham), White (Barkston), W. Cleasby, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), A. Chippendale (Scholes), J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), and E. Mildgley (Colton), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Simpson), the relieving officer (Mr Scott), and the inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £3,870 in hand.

It was reported that Mr J. Wordsworth had been appointed chairman and Mr J. H. Scholefield vice-chairman of the Relief Committee. The committee had under consideration the question of mental deficiency, and it was decided that the Clerk write to Wharfedale Union with regard to the proposed joint scheme.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been three admissions and three discharges from the workhouse. The inmates numbered 109 in the workhouse and 17 in the children's home—107 against 103 at the corresponding date of last year.

The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 91 and 42 against 22 and 20 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

Mr Prater was appointed chairman of the Finance Committee and Mr Dobson vice-chairman.

Mr Parkin was elected chairman of the Boarding-out Committee.

At a meeting of the House Committee it was reported that Canon Greenwood had been appointed chairman and Miss Bethell had been elected to the vice-chair. The master's application for an increase of 10s per week was adjourned. No application had been received for the posts of assistant nurse and general assistant and laundress.

At a meeting of the Ulleskelf House Committee Mr Wheatley was elected to the chair and Miss Bethell to the vice-chair. Miss Webster and Miss Garbutt, the matron and assistant matron, had given in resignations, and Miss Hetty Robinson was advertised for a master and matron at £45 per annum. The thanks of the Board was given to Mrs Peters and Mrs Brooks-bank for gifts to the children.

Messrs Wordsworth and Nettleton were appointed to attend the Yorkshire Poor Law conference at Bridlington.

It was reported that no overseers had been appointed for Colton and Towton, and appointments were made.

The Clerk was instructed to get out the annual statement of accounts.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the District Council meeting it was reported that the treasurer had a balance of £2,039 in hand.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee Mr Parker was appointed chairman and Mr Hey vice-chairman—in regard to the crossing at Barwick-in-Elmet. Tadcast. the deputation recommended that a turnabout on crossing be made, and the work is to be carried out—A report was made on proposed road improvements at Allerton Bywater, and the surveyor was instructed to prepare plans and estimates of the cost of carrying out the work, including the cost of land required—It was resolved to take-proxy the village streets at Allerton Bywater, Ledston, Newton, Barwick, Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy, and Colton at a cost of £200—Application for the position of Sanitary Inspector at Milford, Barwick, Bolton Percy, and Colton at a cost of £200—Application for the position of Sanitary Inspector at South Milford, Barwick, Bolton Percy, and Colton at a cost of £200—Applications

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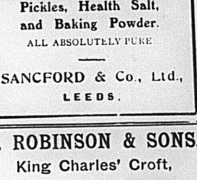
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Rothwell Courier & Times
SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 1914.

How is it, when so many people have a knowledge of music, that interest in the competitions which are arranged at York and Pontefract is confined to certain well-defined districts? These competitions have had a wonderful effect in stimulating the study of good music in the villages, and the singers have profited thereby, but it is somewhat discouraging to find that the field of influence is not being steadily enlarged. Life in the country villages is frequently condemned as being dull and depressing, and excursions are made to the towns at intervals in search of pleasure and enjoyment, the young people completely ignoring the fact that they themselves possess the ready means of entertainment. Every person is not gifted with musical talent, but a good many in each village community are capable of taking a part in a musical organization, and, if they would only realize it, a great deal more satisfaction is derived from association with musical societies than can possibly be obtained from wasting precious hours lounging about street corners and getting into mischief, or going to the towns at nights. They not only learn something—their knowledge is extended—but the mixing of all classes in this way tends to improve social relationships and brighten rural life. Certain movements can be traced to their sources, and the influences which inspired them can be named, and in villages the personal influence is a great factor. It would be easy to show how individuals have turned opinion, tastes, and recreations in particular directions; they have had sufficient character to take an independent line, and, knowing their own mind, they have speedily turned others to their way of thinking. These are the people who exert an influence in rural communities, and they are the means of making life more profitable for others. In regard to musical organizations, the individual can do much, and there is no doubt practically every large village in the district could turn out a creditable choir were the attempt made. It is perfectly true that many musical associations have been started in the district only to collapse, but presumably had they undertaken competitive work interest would have been stimulated, and failure would not have to be written down.

A few years ago, after the regulations had been relaxed, and Sunday play was permitted on a golf course in the district, the residents were very angry, and to show their indignation they gathered on a footpath and hissed the men who had the temerity to indulge in sport on the first day of the week. They were unaccustomed to such a spectacle as men playing games on Sunday, and it ran counter to their notions of what was right, but now, although their opinion may have undergone no modification, they think nothing about what was termed a desecration, because they have become accustomed to seeing men on the links on Sundays. Those people condemned the practice as being wrong, although they had probably given no thought to the morality of the question, and they were ready to sit in judgment on their fellows. The Bishop of Knaresborough, the other day, said "I am not prepared to say that it is a sin to play golf on a Sunday any more than it is to take a walk." Of course, this is no new attitude for the clergy to assume, because many years ago cricket was played all over England on Sundays, and it is recorded that one vicar used to open the season, after morning service, by sending the first ball down. Moreover, cricket is a legalised game. Apparently the old customs died out, and in comparatively few places is the great summer game now played on Sunday. It, however, provides many illustrations in sermons, and if the cricket field is silent, the game is not forgotten in the pulpit. Cricket stands for everything that is straight and true in English life, and it exercises its influence in a wonderful way. That it would be advisable to reintroduce the playing of it on Sundays, however, is another matter. Sunday recreation is a question for the individual himself or herself to decide. Some persons advocate it, and few condemn it, although they may deplore its effect on church attendance, which is quite another question. The playing of golf on Sundays has become so common that it causes little or no remark, and many wonder what it will eventually lead to. If it is right to play golf, many argue, it is not wrong to play tennis, cricket, or football on the first day of the week. The games of the masses are cricket and football, and it is possible that in years to come the working people, following the example of the leisured classes, will spend their Sundays on the cricket or football fields. The responsibility assuredly rests with the people who set an example; they cannot escape the result of their own actions; and if spectacular games became popular on the first day of the week they would probably be the first people to bow to the inclination. Most people say they desire to limit the field of Sunday labour, but neither their pleasure nor their convenience demands changed conditions. Labour is employed on the tramways and railways entirely to meet the demands of the public, and how many hundred are engaged every Sunday catering for pleasure parties in one way or another. Things have a way of growing, and if the public recreation needs labour there will not be any great objection to its employment. People have a right to ask themselves what Sunday sport will lead to. It does not concern themselves alone; it concerns multitudes, and for that reason it deserves the consideration of every serious-minded man and woman. The craze for pleasure, to the exclusion of questions vitally affecting the happiness and welfare of the people generally, has a firm hold on all classes, and there is no need to give encouragement to any movement that will extend it.

IN DARKNESS.—On Saturday at the Eastern Airedale Petty Sessions at York George Woodhouse, labourer, of Aconber Malbis, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light. Police Constable Bradley, of Bishopthorpe, proved the case, and the defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

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MARRIAGE.

GOODALE—WATSON—May 5th, at Birmingham, Herbert Goodall, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Ivy, second daughter of the late Henry Thomas and Ada Ward, of Tadcaster.

DEATHS.

CROWTHER.—On May 9th, at the Leeds Infirmary, the result of an accident, Harry, the beloved son of Tom and Sarah Ann Crowther, of Thorpe, aged 26 years.

DENISON.—On May 7th, at "The Dene," Collingham Bridge, in her 70th year, Elizabeth the beloved wife of John Denison.

FEY.—May 7th, at Hill House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, aged 64, Tom Hough Hey.

HICK.—May 7th, at 1, South View, Ilkley, in her 77th year, Bessy, widow of the late Henry Hick, The Manor House, Whitkirk.

KENDREW.—May 10th, aged 60 years, John Kendrew, Hillingston, John Pickard, Rothwell.

RICHARDSON.—May 7th, at Cawood, aged 18, Leslie Parker, the dearly beloved son of George and Emily Richardson.

WOOD.—May 7th, at Fourneville View, Roundhay, aged 72 years, Emmie, widow of the late Benjamin Wood.

WAINWRIGHT.—May 11th, at Bland's Arms, Micklefield, aged 81 years, Lucy, wife of the late George Wainwright.

IN MEMORIAM.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

On Wednesday at the Leeds Wesleyan Synod Mr William Stephenson, of Rothwell, was appointed to attend the Representative Session of the Conference.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sugar-Macgregor, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr C. Holliday, Mr R. H. Foster, Mr J. Hirst, Mr H. Evans, Mr Pickard, and Mr G. Wilson.

AMBULANCE.—In the preliminary round of the Miners' Ambulance Competition the results for Normanton Division were:—At the Church Institute, Wakefield, 1, Pope and Pearson's, 303; 2, Newmarket Silkstone, 1843; 3, St. John's Colliery, 1791; 4, 5, 6, and 7, Mines from Wakefield Colliery, whose marks were 1644, 1561, 1316, and 1173 respectively.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and 5, Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application—Joseph Rafferty, Dewsbury, improvements in means for communicating on trains. Patent accepted—H Walsh and A. Pybus, Queensbury, improvements in regenerative furnaces. Patent renewed—D. W. Freeman, Hunslet, improvements in chain couplings.

AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS' WAGES.—A conference was held at York on Saturday of all the branches in Yorkshire of the Agricultural Labourers' Union, Alderman R. Morley (Halifax) presiding. Mr C. Duncan, M.P. (general secretary), and Mr H. Schlosser addressed the meeting, and it was decided to modify the demand for advances in wages to an all-round increase to 22s. per week, instead of 24s. as previously demanded. It was hoped that by modifying the demand friction would be avoided with the farmers, who regard the demand of 24s. as excessive. The conference expressed the strong opinion that the increase should take effect before June 5th.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.—During the past week-end brass plates bearing the word "fireman" have been fastened on the doors of the houses of members of the newly-formed fire brigade. The first fire practice and drill took place on Wednesday night, under the direction of Mr. J. Southwart, who had been appointed captain. The operations were carried out in the grounds of the Council offices and also in Commercial Street, where the movements of the men were followed with no small interest by a large crowd. Everything passed off satisfactorily with the exception of the wetting of some clothes which had been hung out in the neighbourhood to dry. In future hose pipes should be on the lookout whenever the brigade are practising in their district.

HOUSING.—On Saturday Mr Westwood liberated 523 birds from the clubs in the Leeds Federation, and the following are the Federation winners:—E. Linley, Crossgates, 795; A. Hedgkinson, Rothwell, 765; Barber and Limbert, Crossgates, 753; A Hodgkinson, Rothwell, 752; A. Nunns, Carlton, 746; F. Kidd, Rothwell, 744; J. Charlesworth, Carlton, 744; J. Newton, Carlton, 737; James Armitage, Rothwell, 734; E. Linley, Crossgates, 734; J. Fox, Crossgates, 729; E. Linley, Crossgates, 728 and 723; A. Hodgkinson, Rothwell, 723; E. Generall, Carlton, 716; Hall and Pritchard, Woodlesford, 714; Barber and Limbert, Crossgates, 711; Jackson Bros., Carlton, 709; P. Higgins, Woodlesford, 708; E. Bedford, Rothwell, 707; Harland and Mottershaw, Carlton, 707.

MR HOUPTON AND HIS FATHER.—Mr J. P. Houlton, J.P., the Liberal candidate for North-East Derbyshire, is a son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, of Garforth, who was manager of Micklefield Collieries. In his election address Mr Houlton says to the miners of the constituency that he is proud of the fact that he is the son of a man who was a working miner, and who, by hard work and perseverence, raised himself to a position of eminence in the mining world. He (the candidate) is of the same flesh and blood as the miners, and descended from the same stock, and though he may have risen in life, he claims to be one of them, and to be able to represent them in Parliament better than a man who would be bound hand and foot to the Labour party, and who would be compelled to obey its behests regardless of their desires and wishes.

The Yorkshire Miners' Association Council at their meeting at Barnsley on Tuesday decided on account of the recent strike no demonstration should be held this year.

ALLERTON BYWATER

HOMING.—On Saturday nine members of Allerton Bywater Homing Society sent 118 birds to take part in the race from Ambergate (48 miles). Results:—Booth Bros 834-07 (wins 6d. pool), Hutchinson 833, Barrett 825, Booth Bros. 821, Collinson Sep. Townsend 802.

LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR OSSOLDCROSS.—At Goole, on Saturday evening, the Osgoldcross Labour party held a conference, Mr George Lodge, of Castleford, presiding, over seventy delegates, representing twenty thousand members of the Miners' Trade Union and four thousand members of other Trade Unions in the division. It was decided to run a candidate at the Labour interest at the next election, and Messrs. John Potts, of Hemsworth, Edward Hough, of Featherstone, and Isaac Burns, of South Kirkby, were nominated. Mr Potts was ultimately selected as the prospective candidate.

AMBULANCE.—The preliminary rounds in the Wood Shield Competition of the Yorkshire Miners' Ambulance League took place on Saturday at various centres. The following are the results for Castleford Division.—Seventeen teams competed, and the first two in each subdivision go forward. Sub-Division 1.—Allerton Bywater No. 1, 229 points; Hemsworth 2, 208; Allerton Bywater 2, 205; Hemsworth 1, 190; Allerton Bywater 3, 102; Hemsworth 3, 188; Whitkirk Silkstone, 176; Whitkirk Deighton, 104; Whitkirk Warmfushaw, 153. Sub-Division B.—Ikeston Hall 1, 250; Ikeston Hall 2, 241; Glass Houghton 1, 240; Glass Houghton 1, 223; Prince of Wales 1, 220; Prince of Wales 2, 160; Prince of Wales 3, 140.

BOWERS ALLERTON

PRESENTATIONS.—The members of the Bowers Allerton A.F.C. brought a very successful season to a close on Saturday, when a knife and fork tea was served at the Angel Inn, Allerton Bywater, to 46 members of the club. Mrs Phillips very kindly prepared the tea. A very pleasant evening followed. Songs were sung by members, and violin solos were rendered by Mr C. Eastwood. The accompanist was Mr Chadwick, and Mr Rhodes Firth presided. Presentations were made during the evening. Mr Jas. Smith was the recipient of a gold medal, an acknowledgment of his services as secretary to the club during the past season; and Mr Geo. Mills, the trainer, was presented with a gentleman's case.

CARLTON

HOMING.—On Saturday thirteen members of Carlton H.S. sent 142 birds to take part in the race from Ashby (69 miles). Results:—A. Norris 740, 699; J. Charlesworth 744 (wins pool), 698; J. Newton 737, 688; E. Gomersal 710, Jackson Bros. 709, Harland and Mottershaw 707, 694.

CROSSGATES

N.B.W.T.A.—The May meeting of the Crossgates and District Branch was held in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall. Mrs Haste Carr presided, and Mrs Nisbet Barr, of Leeds, who was the speaker, gave a very interesting and inspiring address, taking for her subject the words "Response and responsibility." Miss Ruston, of Whinmoor, was the soloist. Tea was served at the close.

GOLF.—On Saturday a golf match was played at Crossgates between the local club and Pontefract. Scores:—Crossgates 8, Pontefract 5. Details (Crossgates names first):—J. Nowell 1 v. Dr. Stephenson 0, S. Holmes 1 v. Chapple 0, v. Clayton-Smith 0, v. Hartley 1, Cowling 0 v. Mc'Callum 0 v. Hartley 1, Cowling 0 v. Feamley, 1, Townsend 1 v. Turner 0, Sutherland 1 v. Holliday 0, Thewlis 0 v. Oliver 1, Bromby 1 v. Bagley 0, Dixon 0 v. Bellamy 1, Hunter 0 v. Gandell 1, Appleyard 1 v. Rendall 0, Ken. Bean 1 v. McGuiness 0, Findlay 1 v. Horne 0. McKechnie, the Crossgates professional, halved the match with Young, the Pontefract professional.

BOWLING.—A friendly match between the Crossgates Bowling Club and the New Leeds Constitutional Bowling Club was played on the Crossgates green on Wednesday last, and resulted in a win for Crossgates by 360 to 270. Details (Crossgates names first):—J. C. Nowell 21 v. A. T. Walker 18, J. Nowell 21 v. R. Riddle 18, H. Whitfield 21 v. J. Bramit 14, J. A. Rymer 21 v. E. Rush 15, G. Danby 21 v. E. Hardwick, 16, H. Barnett 21 v. D. Lumsden 12, J. Shutleod 16 v. J. Reid 21, A. Hughes 21 v. W. Jackson 17, J. Dransfield 17 v. W. C. Carter 21, G. W. Burch 21 v. C. Sabels 16, J. Coultas 21 v. C. Edwards 20, I. Semper 18 v. J. Baker 21, W. Holdsworth 21 v. C. Butler 8, J. Firth 21 v. T. Hughes 15, F. Hardcastle 21 v. J. Todd 9, J. L. Herbert 21 v. W. Wright 20, and C. Holiday 21 v. J. Weaver 6

AMBULANCE CLASS.—At a meeting of the Crossgates Station Ambulance Class at the Station on Sunday—Mr Lister presiding—Dr. Haygarth, the class lecturer, presented certificates, etc., to the members who had qualified at the recent examination. The successful students were:—First year certificate—Messrs F. Dunhill, C. D. Learoyd, and J. Stothert. Second year voucher—Mr H. Beard. Third year medallion—Mr C. E. White: labels—Messrs A. Bowes, J. Harvey, W. Lister, J. Varey, and H. Dyson. Thereafter, on behalf of the class, Mr White asked Dr. Haygarth's acceptance of a bronze clock, purse and vases as a small token of esteem and appreciation, and the lecturer, in accepting the gifts, thanked the members for their kindness, and said it was a pleasure to him to teach them, and he hoped that next winter a number of new members would join the class.

FAIRBURN

Mr. T. E. Makin, of Fairburn, won a first prize in one of the horse leaping classes at Otley Show on Saturday.

HOMING.—On Saturday seven members of Fairburn Homing Society sent 91 birds to take part in the race from Cambridge (48 miles). Results:—J. Fox 831, 804 (wins 3d. pool), Lunt and Son 802, 800, Barker and Granger 790.

FERRYBRIDGE

The Ferrybridge Choral Society won third prize for female voice choirs and second for choral sight reading at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday. They were also third in the competition for large village choirs

GARFORTH

At the annual meeting on Friday in Leeds Mr C. R. Baker, of Garforth, was elected a director of Messrs Joseph Watson and Sons, soap manufacturers.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday three Garforthians were summoned for non-payment of the poor rate, and the usual orders were made.

Mr J. J. Wallis, of Garforth, won third prize in the tenor solo contest at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday.

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges receipt of £57 5s. 6d. from the officials and workmen at Garforth Colliery, per Mr J. W. Dobson.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Hamilton, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on May 2nd, P.C. Jackson stated that about 9.40 p.m. on the day in question he was on duty in Main Street, Garforth, when he saw Hamilton in a very drunken condition and making use of obscene language. He stopped him and gave him a warning, telling him to go home. Defendant took a bottle from his pocket and threw it in the middle of the road, where it broke. He refused to pick up the pieces of glass when told to do so by the officer. Defendant, who did not appear in answer to the summons, but wrote to the Clerk apologising for his absence, was fined 10s. and costs.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Excellent entertainment has been provided at the popular Picture House this week, and the large audiences have shown every appreciation of it. For to-night and Saturday the films screened will include "The Dead Man's Child," a thrilling and sensational drama, and "Grandad" and "Our Baby," pictures with much of the fun of their own. For next week splendid programmes will be provided. On the first three nights the chief films will be "The Escape of Jim Dolan," an exciting and sensational drama of the Wild West, and "The Diver," a powerful vitagraph photo-play which was produced at Niagara Falls. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the great attraction will be the racing drama "Kissing Cup," depicting the exciting scenes on the race-course, and culminating as the finish for the big race. It is stated that this film stands above all the finest racing picture ever produced for the motion picture camera. Other good films will be exhibited. For times and prices see advt.

KIPPAX

On Saturday Halton bowlers had a League match with Garforth Conservatives, and Halton won by 202 to 129.

NO CONTROL.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Dawson, a carrier, of Bradford, was summoned for having no control of a horse and waggon under his charge. P.C. Taylor stated that about 5 p.m. on April 30th he was at Whitkirk, when he saw a horse and waggon standing about halfway across the road. The animal had to be moved in order to allow a motor-car and other traffic to pass. Witness stood by it for about five minutes before the defendant came up. Defendant denied that he was away from the horse two minutes, and said it was only left three minutes. A fined of 10s. and costs was imposed.

KIPPAX

On Wednesday night at a meeting of the N.C.U. at Leeds permits to hold sports were passed to Ripon and Ledstone Medical Charities Committee on Aug. 15th, and Kippax and District Horticultural Society on August 19th.

WEDDING.—A marriage has been arranged and will take place on July 8th between Joseph Edward Austin, Holby House, Holtby, York, youngest son of the late Sir John Austin, Bart., and Katherine Matilda, (Kitty), third daughter of John Ryan, F.R.C.S., and Mrs Ryan, The Townlees, East-town, co. Limerick.

DAMAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Varley, a labourer, of Kippax, was summoned by James Legg, farmer, of Kippax, for doing damage to growing crops. The prosecutor stated that about 6.30 p.m. on May 2nd he saw the defendant chasing across one of his fields, sown with oats and barley, on horseback. The damage was to the extent of 5s. Defendant said the horse had got loose from his brother's field. He chased it until it was caught and then he rode out of the field. Asked how he assessed the damage prosecutor said he judged it by the way the field was cut up. Defendant was ordered to pay the damage and a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs.

METHLEY

HOMING.—On Saturday six members of Methley Homing Society sent 47 birds to take part in the race from Ashby. Results:—Simpson 729, Armitage 628, Wright 601, and Gallagher 593.

OULTON

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Ernest Britton, labourer, of Oulton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Oulton on May 2nd. P.C. Abbott stated that when on the Aberford Road on the night in question, along with P.C. Bennett, he came across the defendant, who was staggering about the road. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

OULTON GOLF CLUB'S BOWL COMPETITION.—The result of the Qualifying Round (Flag Competition) is as follows:—L. N D Long (2); 2, A. P. Bolland (6); 3, J. T. Tomlinson (12); 4, Mrs Bolsley (17); 5, R K Swales (8); 6, Geo. Parish (18); 7, F Parish (23); 8, Mrs N D Long (24). The above-named players now meet each other in match play under the American tournament system.

MONTHLY MEDAL.—Winner, N. D. Long, 72; 2, 75.

WEDDING CHIMES.—The services at the Oulton Wesleyan Church on Sunday were conducted by Mrs Casey, of Sheffield. At the afternoon service Mr. Halstead, of Oulton, presided, and addresses were given by Mrs Casey. Solos were rendered during the afternoon by Miss Schofey, of Carlton, and Mr C. Arnott. On Monday a public tea was held, at which 130 people partook. Following the tea Mrs Casey gave the lecture "The story of my life," which readily appealed to a large audience. Mr Idle, of Outwood, presided.

BOWLING.—In the Monk Fryston Trophy Competition on Saturday Oulton defeated Hunslet. Scores:—Oulton 243. Hunslet Parish Church 166. Details (Hunslet names first):—J. Holmes 21 v. E. Rayner 14, J. Grabham 23 v. J. Graham 21, J. Evans 12 v. G. Williams 21, H. Austwick 21 v. J. Harrison 20, J. Rhodes 21 v. F Bell 20, E. Burgess 19 v. W. Smith 21, T. Dawes 4 v. W. Hutchinson 21, W. Hall 11 v. W. Lockwood 21, Hall Fawcus 8 v. T. Collin 21, G. Hardcastle 17 v. G. Steele 21, A. Emmerson 10 v. B. Heafey 21, S. Cheetham 6 v. G. M. Astley 21.

ROUNDHAY

On Saturday at Otley Show Mrs. A. M. Barrett, of Roundhay, won third prize for pointer or setter dog or bitch.

Mr W. Greenwood, of Roundhay, and 92, Briggate, Leeds, won third prize at Otley Show for hackney, in harness, exceeding 14 hands, that had never won a prize value £4.

SEACROFT

On Saturday night, it is stated, the people of Seacroft declined to go to bed until the Leeds National Reservists, on their tramp to York, went by, and cheered them an inspiring cheer.

SUCCESS.—On Saturday at Otley Show Mr M. Rayner, of Whinmoor, Seacroft, won first prize for cow in milk for dairy purposes. He also secured second for cow in milk, for dairy purposes, under 10 cwt.

SWILLINGTON

A sum of 10s. 4d. collected at Swillington Common Wesleyan Chapel has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Swillington between the Park team and Moortown. Scores:—Moortown 172, Topham 17, Wilson 32, Frame 40, Barnfather 7; A Topham 1, Little 0, H Wood (not out) 2, W Wood (not out) 2, extras 12; total (for 6 wkts.) 125. (Declared). Swillington—Tiffany 12, E Gummerson 5, Jackson 0, A. Jackson 2, Lister 0, E Gummerson 6, Somers 2, Firth 0, Binks 0, Fisher (not out) 2, extra 11; total 33.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—The usual weekly P.S.A. service was held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, when the address was given by the minister, the Rev. W. Spencer.

STOURTON ST. ANDREW'S BILLIARD CLUB.—This Club having come into permanent possession of the "Spice" Shield (Non-Political League) the members spent a very enjoyable evening together on Friday at the King Edward Restaurant, Leeds, and a complementary dinner was given to them. There was a good number present, and after the dinner a smoking concert was arranged, and the following gentlemen rendered songs:—Messrs A. Atkinson, C. Evans, Gil Evans, R. S. Park, H. Phillips, and R. Spence. The Rev. W. C. Allan (Vicar) presented medals to the members of the team, and Mr W. Atkinson proposed, and was supported by Messrs Tom Park, W. Coggill, H. Stoner, W. H. Turner, and J. Roberts.

WHITKIRK

SUCCESS.—Mr Arthur Hughes, son of Mr A. Hughes, of Claremont Villa, Whitkirk, has passed the recent examinations qualifying him as an associate of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents' Institute. He passed the preliminary examination a year ago. Mr Hughes is at present with Messrs Dacre and Son, agricultural auctioneers and valuers, Otley.

WOODLESFORD

HOMING.—On Saturday nine members of Woodlesford Homing Society sent 113 birds to take part in the race from Ashby-de-la-Zouch (69 miles). Results:—Hall and Pritchard 714, P. Higgins 708, H. Dickinson 691, A. Jackson 683, J. Newbould 675, T. W. Nettleton 674.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Delaney, hawker, of Hunslet, was charged with having been drunk when in charge of a horse and cart. P.C. Abbott stated that about 9.5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2nd, he was in Church Street, Woodlesford, when he saw the defendant driving a horse attached to a flat cart. The horse was wandering about the road, so he stopped Delaney, who he found to be in a very drunken condition. Witness put the cart up at Sowerbutts' stables and took Delaney to the Police Station in a cab. Answering the Chairman, witness said there were a lot of people about at the time. Delaney was fined 20s. and costs.

Mrs Hemsworth, of Monk Fryston, gained first prize in the pianoforte accompaniment at the competition of Pontefract Musical Competitions on Thursday.

The York Wesleyan Synod has elected the Rev. R. W. Davidson, of Boston Spa, to the Pastoral Sessions Conference. He is assistant secretary of the Synod.

Captain Charles Wickham, one of a well-known Bramham Moor family, has been appointed Staff Captain at Cork, Ireland. His regimental service has been passed in the Norfolk Regiment.

CRICKET.—On Saturday at Thorparch Boston Spa defeated Roundhay. Scores:—Roundhay—Hanmore 25, Bentley 5, Craven 0, Bowman 0, Whitfield 21, 25, Chilberson 21, Morris 0, Watson 0, Bennett 0, Oliver 20, Blenkinson 0, extras 8; total 82. Boston Spa—Dearlove 15, Preston 17, Hardy (not out) 20, Rev. R. G. Glennie 16, W. Milner 6, Fleming (not out) 6, extras 3, total (for 4 wkts.) 83.

THE LATE REV. S. MILES.—On Tuesday at York Wesleyan Synod special reference was made to the death of the Rev. S. Miles, of South Milford. The Rev. W. C. Poles (superintendent of the Selby Circuit), the Rev. J. E. Walmsley, and the Rev. E. Martin paid high tribute to the genial character, marked ability, and devoted service of Mr Miles, extending over a period of forty years.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Harewood made a poor show against Headingley (above the match was at Harewood, and the homesters were defeated by over 100 runs. Scores:—Headingley Grove—McEwan 57, Denham 11, Rhodes 20, Petty 0, Davenport 16, Rhead 12, Whitfield 21 not out, 12, Illingworth 4, Clark 1, Coupe 0, extras 6; total, 143. Harewood—Taylor 0, Harland 5, Hardcastle 3, Brook 2, Lacey (not out) 0, White 0, Bryant 0, Ibbotson 0, Stanidge 0, Wood 0, Stevenson 0, Lacey 0, total, 19.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES.—On Wednesday afternoon at the Pontefract Musical Competitions Misses Edith and Rhoda Dunning, of Church Fenton, secured third prize for vocal duet. The first prize-winners secured 82 marks, while Misses Dunning got 68, being four behind the second winners. In the vocal quartette the first prize was "I love my love" (Elliot Burton), and the first place was taken by a Wentbridge party, with 82 marks. Second prize was awarded to Misses Edith and Rhoda Dunning, and Messrs Burton and P. Hardcastle, of Church Fenton, with 70 marks. These singers are members of Church Fenton Wesleyan Choir.

RECTOR OF KIRK DEIGHTON.—Lieut. year Canon Goddart, whose death is noticed in another column, as a thanksgiving for 30 years' appointment to the living restored and enlarged the organ, which was erected in Kirk Deighton Parish Church by public subscription in 1872. In 1900 he gave land for the site of the vicarage of Deighton. He took his field, and mowed the grass each week, and provided a marquee for the cricket club; he built a church institute, and allowed the trustees to purchase it for the parish. He built a rectory, and supplied papers for the reading room. Although Canon Goddart did not often follow the hounds he was very fond of riding, and contributed a month to the funds. The parish church was much improved during his incumbency, and the beautiful peal of bells installed by his father were repaired.

POLO.—The Leeds Polo Club have opened their season on the ground at Alwoodley with the brightest prospects. Several new players have joined the club, and as most of the clever and experienced members who have figured in the matches in past seasons are also on the thusiastic list, the committee are in a happy position of having a list of eighteen playing members. Mr Edward Lane Fox is again the President, and is supported by an influential list of vice-presidents. The players have already had some successful practice in members' games. Two attractive home and away fixtures have been arranged with the Clitheroe Polo Club, and the first is to be played on the Clitheroe ground on May 23rd, and the return game at Alwoodley on June 6th. A members' game was played on Saturday afternoon.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr T. Thomas) presiding. Other members present were:—Mr J. Atkins (Conservative), Dr. G. Brown, Father T. Cody, Messrs J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, D. W. Hargreaves, G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Flanagan, J. R. Chappell, J. Bannister, H. I. Pullan, W. A. Appleyard, E. B. Pickersgill, W. Stead, and J. W. Welby, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mey).

The minutes of the Children's Homes Committee held on April 29th showed that Mr J. R. Chappell was elected chairman and Mrs E. A. Dickinson was elected to the vice-chair. The minutes of a subsequent meeting showed that the tender of Messrs James Batty and Sons for boys' suits, etc., at £47 19s. was accepted; and the tender of Mrs Rawding for girls' hats at £10 13s. was also accepted.

A letter was received from the Rothwell Urban District Council stating they do not propose to grant any permission or concession to the Guardians so long as their account for water supplied remains unpaid, and that if the same is paid they will arrange an appointment to meet a deputation. The Clerk reported that the account was returned to the Council in November last after waiting 5 months for a reply to the application for a supply by rent, and that he had arranged with Mr Marshall, collector, to furnish another copy.

A letter was also received from the superintendent with reference to corrections of the outdoor account. It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to pay £15 on account, pending the proposed interview, and that Messrs Bennett, Chappell, and the Clerk be appointed to meet the representatives of the Council.

It was ordered that the absence of a further reply from the Bishop of Ripon in the matter of the prayer taught the scholars in the Rothwell Church Sunday School be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The minutes were passed.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Committee held on April 29th Mr T. G. Conyers was elected chairman of the committee for the ensuing year, and Mr W. A. Appleyard was elected vice-chairman for the same period.

Four applicants for the position of female assistant relieving officer were seen by the Board, and it was decided that Miss Hilda Conyers, of Hunslet, be appointed to the post.

WEST RIDING EXPENDITURE

Apropos of the outcry against the increasing expenditure, and alleged extravagance of the West Riding County Council, an important letter was read at the meeting of the Thorne Guardians, from the county treasurer at Wakefield, Mr John Coppock.

The letter was in reply to a vigorous protest from the Thorne Board. Mr Coppock wrote:—

The recent increase in County Council expenditure has been practically thrust upon the county ratepayers by Parliament.

The growing disparity between the amounts provided by the Imperial Exchequer and the county rates has become more pronounced year by year, and although the Government admit that the grievances of the county ratepayers (more particularly in the growing expenditure upon education) is a real one, no further assistance has been given from the National Exchequer.

After pointing out the heavy burdens imposed by the Board of Education, the Insurance Act, and the Standing Joint Committee, the county treasurer concludes by expressing the hope that the "grants in aid" promised in the report of the Departmental Committee upon local taxation may be speedily realised, and the burden of semi-national services, now placed upon the county ratepayers, considerably lightened.

COLLIER STEALS A PURSE CONTAINING £43.

Alfred Smedley, collier, was remanded at Doncaster, charged with stealing a purse, containing £43 from Joseph Swain, another collier.

Prisoner lodged with the prosecutor at 4, Rose Road, Carcroft, and slept in the same bedroom, where there was an unlocked oak chest, in which the purse and money were placed. On Wednesday the prisoner left his lodgings and said he was returning to Manfield. Prosecutor's sister became suspicious, and on looking into the oak chest found that the money had gone.

To the police, who had been informed, the prisoner admitted the offence and handed over the £43.

Monk Fryston Choral Society secured third prize in the male voice choir contest at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday. There were seven entries.

In the boys' solo competition at Pontefract Musical Festival on Tuesday the winner secured 93 marks, and Harry Hodgson, of Monk Fryston, who scored 88 marks, shared the second place with a Normanton lad.

HORSE LEAPING.—On Saturday at Otley Show William Bros. were second for leaper, to Jeep Hill Farmers' Sheriffs, best in hunting style, and they shared first and second prizes for leaper, any age or height, over three hurdles. They secured first for leaper, any age or height, over plain hurdles, single pole, broad-out jump, limitation show wall.

THE LATE MR T. H. HEY.—On Saturday the remains of the late Mr T. Hough Hey, of Hill House, Sherburn, were laid to rest in the churchyard. The deceased was one of the best-known residents of the ancient village, and was held in the highest esteem by the people of the district. He was of a very generous disposition, and gave liberally to every deserving cause. He had been president of the Sherburn Farmers' Club since its formation, and was most regular in his attendance at the meetings, displaying a very keen interest in the success of the organization. He was also president of the Choral Society and a member of the Sherburn Conservative Association. Deceased, who owned a considerable amount of landed property in the district, was a great lover of music, and he could play both the piano and violin. He was a prominent member of the Choral Society Orchestra. Mr Hey had served both as a churchwarden and sidesman at Sherburn Church, and there was a large gathering on Saturday to pay a last tribute to a kind and generous friend. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including floral tributes from relatives, friends, the Conservative Association, the Choral Society, and the Farmers' Club. Mr Hey, who was a widower, leaves no family.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BELLRINGING AT ROTHWELL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On perusing the pages of the Rothwell Parish Magazine for May, I see that the Vicar (Mr Birney) has allowed the correspondence which passed between he and myself on the above subject to be published in it. Although I myself have not the slightest objection to this being done, I think that every gentleman might at least have informed me of his intention before doing so; this would, in my opinion, have only been fair to me.

Some people I have spoken to had partly formed the opinion that we (the old ringers), not having a full company of eight men, but still holding out for the £100 per year, were making something in excess of previous payments. This is not so, as, since I joined the company in the year 1894, it has always been £100 per year, paid at Easterlde, and never, to my knowledge, has the question of how many ringers had we, been asked. During my time of service the company has varied in number greatly; sometimes composed of six, sometimes seven, and, again, eight members, but I can safely assert that the six bell-ringing has greatly exceded the eight, that is, for Sunday services. As one man has left, we have always endeavoured to train another, and kept as near full strength as possible. The Vicar, in his letter to me, says that if we could regularly ring the eight bells, then the £100 would be unhesitatingly paid. Let me point out that to be able to guarantee eight bell ringing regularly, you must have at least nine members, as it is well-known that casualties arise through various causes when a man is unable to fulfil his obligations with regularity. Now suppose we had nine members, (the above alike) the regular attender would be required to put in over one hundred appearances at church for Sunday service ringing (I will omit practices on week nights) and at the end of the year, when we pay day arrived, he would receive the munificent sum of £1 14s. 5d.; that is, slightly under fourpence for each attendance of an hour's duration. Of course, I do not consider the extra remuneration paid to the steeple-keeper. During the major portion of the hour he is there he is working both with body and brain in the belfry, both for the church itself, and his interest in the art of change-ringing. This, I am afraid, receives scant consideration at the hands of the authorities, who, as Mr Bruce states, would like the ringing to be voluntary. But why, I should like to ask, are the ringers alone asked to forego their slight remuneration. All I can say to this is that when other parts of the church's organism are willing to make their work a labour of love alone, then I for one will willingly throw in my little mite, and do my share with the best. In concluding this remarks in the magazine, Mr Bence states that, having received no reply, he concluded that the ringers did not wish to continue. I did not think his letter needed any reply, as it simply told me his final decision on the subject.—Yours, etc.,

G. W. STELL.

A ROUNDHAY STORY.

A young gentleman residing Roundhay way found a five-pound note (says a writer in the "Evening News.") Now, although he lived at Roundhay he was a square man, and he did not go and cash that fiver, but neither was he fool enough to take it to the Town Hall.

He didn't want to have his own little bit of tramway profit appropriated to the relief of the rates, as they have a way of doing behind Queen Victoria's back, so he put the note in his pocket and his eye on the "Lost and found" advts., wherein he presently saw its loss notified, with the vague and cryptic reference to the finder being rewarded.

The day after the advt. appeared he repaired to the address given, which proved to be that of a tailor's shop, and after satisfying himself that the proprietor of it was the rightful owner of his treasure trove he handed it over. The resulting "snip" was loud in his admiration of the finder's honesty, but didn't seem anxious to come to business touching that little matter of the reward, so he had to be reminded about it.

"Ah, yes," he said, "the reward. I've been thinking about that. Well, I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll make you one of my fifty shillin' suits, as advertised, for thirty bob."

By the gathering of the Primitive Methodist District Synod, at Selby, £65 has been raised on behalf of local church and circuit funds.

A movement, which is receiving considerable support, has been started for the erection of a memorial hall in Selby Abbey, with which he was intimately associated for over fifty years, to the late Mr William Litthewood, who died suddenly a short time ago.

CRICKET.—The opening match on the new ground, which has been leased for the Rev. B. Hemsworth has generously provided to the members of the Monk Fryston Cricket Club, took place on Saturday. The visiting team was Mr H. S. Lyon's Hillam Hall Club, and there was a good muster of spectators. The home team batted first, and on a very wicket they fared badly before the bowling of Mr. Heyman and Sunley, they were dismissed for 27 runs. Hillam Hall responded with 58 runs, Morley being top scorer with 30. The hero of the match was J. Long, of Monk Fryston, who took all the wickets for 25 runs, performing the "hat trick." After the match the President entertained both teams to tea in the Concert Hall, and about 80 were present. Mr. Heyman presided, and he was supported by Mr H. S. Lyon, Mr W. C. Heyman, and others. The Chairman, proposing the toast "Monk Fryston Cricket Club," said that Mr Monk had been for a long time at a low ebb. He had made inquiries about the state of affairs, and, after serious thought, he had taken the club on new ground, etc. He was sorry Monk Fryston had lost their first match, but he thought they were short of practice, and he was looking forward to better things in the future. Mr T. E. Foster, on behalf of the Monk Fryston Club, responded, and said they were all greatly thankful to Mr Hemsworth for what he had done.

Mr. Sunley said he had given away 30 wickets, and there was a large gathering on Saturday to pay a last tribute to a kind and generous friend. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including floral tributes from relatives, friends, the Conservative Association, the Choral Society, and the Farmers' Club. Mr Hey, who was a widower, leaves no family.

Lord Harewood paid 600 guineas for a horse that won a race at Newmarket on Tuesday.

Viscount Lascelles has been elected on the Grand Council of the Primrose League for the county of York.

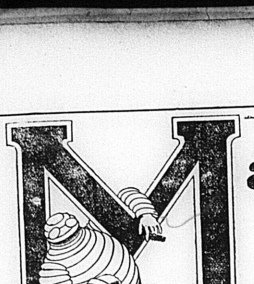
A sum of £2 5s. has been sent to Leeds Infirmary by Mr. T. H. Davison, being the proceeds of the annual smoking concert at the Fox Inn, Thornet.

Receiving orders were made on Tuesday at York, on their own petitions, against David Robertson, 14, Westfield Avenue, Selby, and carrying on business at 60, Wide Street, Selby, as a watchmaker and jeweller; and John Ernest Chew-brough, Hambleton, near Selby, butcher.

CRICKET.—Aberford entertained Harrogate Nomads on Saturday and had a very interesting game. G. Connell took 7 wickets for 25 runs. Scores:—Aberford—J. Binkey 8, T. Abbott 0, O. Griffin 1, J. Parkinson 0, A. Connell 1, F. Walton 14, J. Connell 2, A. Lupton 3, A. Nutton 5, H. Jakeman 5, W. Dickenson (not out) 0, extras 8; total 49. Harrogate—Pleasg 0, J. Mutrie 6, H. Downs 0, P. Jennings 3, E. Barrett 2, G. Mutrie 8, C. Storey 2, Chippendale 1, Voukes 16, W. Mart 3, W. Roberts (not out) 4, extras 5; total 59.

TWO SURE THINGS.—Dr. E. P. Pickersgill, of Sherburn, who was assisted by Mr J. Potts, of Sherburn, was examiner in the eighth ambulance competition for the Rowden Church Lodge Shield at Leeds on Saturday. Clarence Iron and Steel Works won the trophy for the third consecutive year, and it has been passed to their property. A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Pickersgill for his services, and, in reply, the doctor said he had given the competitors two simple tests—a remark which was greeted with loud laughter from the competitors. Mr J. W. Dee, of Crossgates, is hon. secretary of the competition.

SUCCESS.—Aberford Choral Society won third prize in the choral sight reading contest at the Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday. Mr E. Wilson, Mr W. Harrison, Mr G. Webster, Mr W. H. Pettinger, Mr G. Bromley, and others. The Chairman proposed "Agriculture" Last year and the year before it fairly good one for the farmers, and he hoped this year would be a better one. There, on the whole, he thought, had not much to complain about. Referring to the lot of the farm labourers, he was glad to see that a movement had been made to give them higher wages. In some parts of England they were certainly very badly paid



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CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION—ITS GROWTH.

Barkston Ash cricketers may well congratulate themselves on the steady headway which the Competition has made during the last two or three years, and they ought, as sportsmen, to be proud to belong to such an organization, linking up every part of the district in the furtherance of the great summer game. The League is no small proposition now-a-days. The season was opened on Saturday afternoon, and there were nearly 200 players out in connection with the eighteen matches on the card. It may be assumed that twenty persons on the average were interested in each match—a modest estimate, I think—so that there were many people following League cricket in the Division. The day was very cold, and, while some good scores were made, it may be accepted that the conditions prevented some of the teams doing full justice to themselves. There were some unexpected results, but they will only tend to intensify interest in the Competition.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Sexton made a bad start, for they journeyed to Church Fenton with only nine men, and, although they were beaten, they nevertheless made a very plucky fight. Church Fenton were in good batting form, and they registered the respectable total of 88. Thompson was top-scorer of the match with a meritorious 37, and Mosby (14) and W. D. Foxton (15) backed up his effort splendidly. J. Sissons bowled with effect for Sexton, his five wickets costing only 18 runs, and P. Lawn secured second honours, with 4 wickets for 41. Sexton made a very creditable show with the willow, and their score of 67 was good in the circumstances. Sissons contributed 17, Lawn 14, and J. Finn 13. Mosby had the best bowling figures of the day—6 wickets for 17—and Cawood secured 2 for 10 runs. Church Fenton's victory should be an encouragement to them.

South Milford came a cropper at Cawood, and the result must be attributed to the fine bowling of the homesters, although the Milford outlook was almost as good. Intending to field to the contest with the modest score of 52, and towards this Stockdale and H. Lund contributed 13 each, while C. O. Lund had no less than four runs. A. Dyelley secured 3 for 18 runs, and H. Chilton 3 for 26. If Cawood did not gibe a strong batting exhibition, South Milford showed greater weakness, for they were trundled out for 46. Bob Sutton making 14 and Hodgson 10. S. Lund's deliveries were very difficult to negotiate, and his record of five wickets for no runs was an excellent one. C. O. Lund secured four wickets for 23 runs.

Church Fenton Seamoner, at home, were completely outclassed by Tadcaster, who, fancied, would prove too strong for their opponents. It was assuredly a depressing start for the homesters, but it will not dishearten them. Tadcaster had great use of the wicket, and they batted magnificently. For a loss of one wicket they rattled up the big score of 150, and Mason gave a masterly exhibition, his contribution being 70 runs out of Harry Todd's total top-score of 84 before Bessrell the ball into Moore's hands, and Baker registered 30 (not out). Church Fenton tried no fewer than seven bowlers, and E. Poulter was the only one to meet with success, his wicket costing 35 runs. Harrison batted pluckily for his score of 18, but he received little support from the others, the Church Fenton innings realising only 96. Baker was in great form with the leather, and his figures—7 wickets for 17—speak for themselves.

Halton, who played in the Junior League last season, made a promising start at Barwick, where the homesters were well beaten by five wickets. Barwick did not show anything like their usual form, the batting being unworthy of the team, and they were all out for the meagre score of 30. T. Robshaw making a dozen. Credit must, however, be given to the bowlers, and C. Sunter, with 7 wickets for 12 runs, had the best figures obtained in the match. It was a remarkably fine performance. Benson secured 2 wickets for 3 runs, and W. Smales had 1 for 13. For a loss of five wickets Halton put on 52, and H. Cowell had 11 to his credit. Bowers captured 2 wickets for 5, Hartley 2 for 11, and Fred Lumb 1 for 16. The Halton team also fielded better than their opponents, and frequently it is smart work in the field that wins games.

Micklefield made a good start against Great Preston, who did not fulfil the promise of the previous week. The losers were dismissed for 90, and J. Green (12) and P. Firth (11) were the only players to get double figures. While Munro (4 for 15 runs) and A. Smith (3 for 16) handled well, J. H. Townend did better, and annexed three wickets at a cost of one run each. Micklefield's score was 99. Hobson, including 20, Munro 18, and A. Smith 17 (not out), and the form of these players should be some satisfaction. For Preston A. Thompson captured 3 wickets for 10, J. Green 3 for 21, and Blackburn 2 for 11.

The match between Garforth and Seacroft furnished a splendid contest and a close and exciting finish. For once in a way, several of Garforth's best batsmen failed, and the first five men had nineteen among them. Wilson (10), however, improved matters, and Balland (15), Firth (10), and Mosby (12 not out) formed a "stiff" that wagged to some purpose. The total was 81. Pickersgill secured the bowling honours for Seacroft, with five wickets for 26, while Dennis Burton had 2 for 20, and C. Johnson 2 for 18. On going to bat Seacroft soon lost Dennis Burton, but G. Thompson (35) and Tom Toft (15) offered a stout resistance, and, in fact, it may be said that they made victory possible. After Johnson had made 8, there was a collapse, and Garforth looked like winning, but the two last men managed to make Seacroft secure, and they won by a wicket. Wilson had the bowling honours for Garforth—5 for 13 runs—while Bellamy secured 3 for 20, and G. Read 2 for 18.

Crossgates Wesleyans and Whitkirk met at Old Manston, and the visitors won comfortably by 55 runs. Whitkirk, who batted first, opened well, Milford (21) and J. Shepherd (34) setting the team a capital example, and their efforts were worthily supported by Lowerday (16), Wainwright (15), and Pawson (24). It must be confessed, however, that the Crossgates men were in a measure responsible for the good batting put on against them, and they should give a little more attention to the fielding department. Ted Clough trundled well for the losers, taking 7 wickets at a cost of 7 each. Crossgates Wesleyans found the fast bowling of Fred Wainwright, who, at one period of the game, had actually six wickets for 2 runs, and it was fortunate for them he did not maintain his figures. D. Umpleby and Verner Beaumont, however, batted well, having no luck, and Ted Clough (17 not out) and V. Thompson (17), coming in at the end, trounced the bowling merrily. Their efforts, however, did not compensate for other failures, and the innings closed for 91. Fred Wainwright's final figures were 6 wickets for 26, while E. Ingle had 2 for 24, and E. Pawson 2 for 12. Whitkirk's fielding was good, and they will do well if they keep up this form.

Crossgates and Halton Wesleyans had a well-contested game, and the former proved themselves slightly better than their opponents, and won by 14 runs. The winners made an excellent start, Burnell (23) and Sykes (21) batting well, and to them was due a large share of credit for the win. The total was 85, and Spivey contributed a dozen. The Bell and Sykes bowling honours for Halton, G. O. Bell scoring 6 wickets for 34 and C. Bell 3 for 18. The losers were dismissed, after a stern tussle, for 72, and Kilburn made 12. J. W. Popplewell, G. O. Bell, and Powell 10 each. Burwell again proved the most useful man on his side, capturing 8 wickets for 23 runs.

The defeat of Collingham at home by Shadwell must be put down as a personal triumph for Arthur Heaton, who was in irresistible form with the leather. Shadwell had first knock of the wicket, and they registered 68, of which Barrett had a well-played 19 and Chapman 12 (not out). Heaton captured 3 wickets for 11, and Newsome 2 for 6. Emmerson 2 for 13, and Sutton 2 for 24. Collingham were soon dismissed for 30, Heaton securing no fewer than 8 wickets for 13 runs—four clean bowled.

Ulleskelf's Matches.

Nine matches are down for division on Saturday. Tadcaster will be at home to Cawood, and, while I fancy the homesters, they should take no liberties with their opponents after South Milford's surprise packet. South Milford, at home, will be expected to succeed against Church Fenton, and Saxton, with choice of ground, have an advantage over Church Fenton Seamoner. Barwick will create a surprise if they succeed at Seacroft, and Halton have a hard task against Micklefield, while Garforth will be careful at Great Preston, where they have had their calculations upset before now. Whitkirk, if they maintain their form, should account for Collingham, and Shadwell will be at home to Crossgates, who can most assuredly be relied upon for runs. A keen game will be seen at Halton, where the Wesleyans try conclusions with their Old Manston friends. Both teams lead on Saturday, so there will be a race for the points.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Ulleskelf celebrated their return to the Competition by gaining a victory in their first match. Barkston were their opponents, and they were sent back for 31 (Hoyston 14). Stronach captured six wickets for 8 runs—a performance that will be hard to beat. Ulleskelf won with five wickets down, Lacy scoring 12. For the losers J. White had 2 wickets for 5 runs.—Kirk Deighton were at Tadcaster, and they made a really good fight against the homesters, who are a smart lot. Tadcaster batted first (G. Oxley 20 and C. Oxley 10), and A. Shrasenith captured five of their wickets for 15, while Kettlewell had 3 for 12. Tadcaster replied with 61 for 8 wickets (Atkins 18 and Garland 17). For the losers H. Oxley bowled finely, taking 6 wickets for 12 runs.—Bramham gave South Milford a sound drubbing, being supreme for every department of the game. The visitors started splendidly, and the first wicket fell with the score at 52. Cass knocked up 33, Gibbons 28, and Dawson 20, and the total was 144. Ally Lindley bowled out four Milford's scoring eight wickets for 36, while Brown had 2 for 18. Milford's score was 34, and Shaw obtained five of their wickets for 18, and Dawson 4 for 12 runs.

In division 2 Garforth had an easy victory over Great Preston by seven wickets. The match was at Preston, and the homesters were got rid of for 46 (Colley 10 and Cooper 13). Hancock captured six wickets for 16, and H. Pickersgill 3 for 12. Garforth scored 49 for 3 wickets (J. Pickersgill 15 not out, G. Fretham 14 not out, and W. Hemsworth 13). The Preston bowling was weak.—Halton accounted for Micklefield by nine wickets. The losers put together 44, and Mealkin contributed 19. Hezel trundled well, having 6 wickets for 23, while Longden had 4 for 17. For Halton H. Dobson (20 not out) and B. Nicholson (17 not out) soon made victory secure.—Seacroft beat Barwick by 10 wickets. The feature of the Seacroft innings was the batting of E. Gause, who compiled 83—the largest score got on Saturday—while P. Taylor made 21. Dervish (6 for 30) and Lindley (5, Smith 13, and B. Johnson 10. The score was 186 or 7 wickets. Beswick put on 44, of which Walton had a dozen, and J. Lindley captured four of their wickets for 15 and W. Lindley 5 for 25 runs.

In division 3 Crossgates A defeated Halton Wes. A by nine wickets. The Wesleyans were dismissed for 38 (S. Sunter 11), and Brooks secured five of their wickets for 10 runs and Wilkinson 5 for 18. For a loss of one wicket Crossgates made 42, and Wilkinson and Brooks (not out) had a down each.—Garforth Wes. met in excellent form, and their Swillington friends had cause to know of it. The Garforthians rattled up 133 for 6 wickets and declared, and V. Silberry made 40, H. Goodall 29, H. Ward, 21, and Johnson 20 (not out). T. Barraclough was the best of the Swillington bowlers, his two wickets costing five runs, with A. Dobson had 3 for 25. Swillington batted well, scoring up 63, and A. Dobson made 28 and G. Barraclough 13. Ward's six wickets cost 25 runs, and F. Gent's 3 cost 20.—Whitkirk A were not strong enough for Crossgates Wes. A, who won by over 50 runs. The winners scored 115, and the batting of H. Thompson (39) and H. Brook (33) was a feature of the game. Bruce did good work with the leather for Whitkirk, securing seven wickets for 36, and H. Nowell took 3 for 38 runs. Whitkirk's total was 52, and Cuttle contributed 17 by good cricket. Thompson captured 4 wickets for 3 runs, and E. Beaumont had 5 for 14.

YORKSHIRE CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Middleton Park, playing in the Yorkshire Central League on Saturday, defeated Kirkstall Old Boys by 6 wickets. Scores:—Middleton Park—Barraclough 1, Spink 1, Speak 10, J. W. Place 3, Goldthorpe 21, Clarkson 8, Rhards-on 11, G. H. Place 11, Ramsden 6, Butler 8, Coley (not out) 2; extras, 2; total 90. Kirkstall Educational—Stables 1, Kaye 8, Crowther 6, Gill 12, Barrett 8, Lee 11, Gomes 4, Hirst 6, Wright 3, Hall 2, Kelly (not out) 2, extras 4; total, 61.

ROTHWELL CRICKET LEAGUE.

Rothwell fires eleven were decidedly off form on Saturday, when they played Carlton at Carlton. They batted first, and the sum total of their efforts amounted to eighteen runs. Illingworth and Sykes bowled throughout for Carlton, and made short work of their opponents. Illingworth secured seven at a cost of nine runs, and Sykes got two for seven. The Carlton eleven had sadly passed the Rothwell score at the fall of the third wicket, and won easily. Rothwell batted eleven, although defeated by Carlton second, made a better display, being dismissed for 70. Five of the wickets fell to J. Ashton at an average of 2.8 per wicket, Falkner and Nelson did well for Rothwell, making seventeen and eighteen respectively. Carlton, who won by three wickets, registered 82, G. Dixon being the chief scorer with thirty runs. Wilson obtained six fours. W. Parish for Rothwell claimed five wickets for sixteen runs.

On Saturday Oulton first eleven were at home to Outwood, and they were defeated by the narrow margin of one run, the scores being 132 and 133 respectively. For the Oultonians P. L. Butler and H. J. Butler made a long stand, and the former was not caught out until he had secured 32. H. J. Butler's wicket fell just when he had knocked up thirty. Outwood had four good batsmen in J. W. Lamb, D. Whitley, Colley, and A. Hargreaves, who, with the exception of the latter (19), made over twenty each. For Oulton, Hutchinson took six wickets for 48, and R. V. Higgins three for thirty. The second team of Oulton were defeated by Outwood. The homesters declared at the fall of the seventh wicket, when the score stood at 159. H. Lees, who went in first, made 77. W. F. Jones was also in grand form and totalled 44 before being bowled by Parkinson. Oulton were got rid of for 57.

Stanley Church defeated Altofts United by 85 runs to 40, and Stanley Church A overcame Altofts Wes. by 87 to 41.—Robin Hood A were greatly superior to Robin Hood B, who went down by eight wickets. The losers made 59 (Hare 19 and Morton 14) and Robin Hood replied with 53 for 2 wickets (E. Wormald 26).

ELTOFTS WIN.

On Saturday afternoon Eltofts played the Old Leedsensians, and the former won by five wickets. The visitors scored only (Rigby 30 and Turner 32), and Turner secured five of their wickets for 12 runs. Eltofts replied with 102 for eight wickets, and Turner made 35, Pickersgill 28, and Hudson 20.

BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	For	Ag.
Crossgates	1	0	1	199	206
Crossgates Recreation	1	0	1	262	267
Garforth	3	2	1	548	453
Garforth W. M.	1	1	0	188	165
Garforth Con.	1	0	1	129	131
Halton	2	2	0	396	288
Halton Travellers	2	0	2	291	383
Tadcaster	2	2	0	411	244

Points are given on the result of the home and home games.

The Hoover Club have withdrawn from the League.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Halton v. Crossgates.
Garforth Con. v. Tadcaster.

ELTOFTS v. OLD LEODENSIANS.—At Eltofts

Scores:—Old Leodensians—Lambert 1, Turner, 1; Ramsden, c Pickersgill, b Turner, 7; Vause, c Foster, b Arrowsmith, 37; Cooper, st and b Turner, 0; Sykes, b Turner, 0; Rigby, b Turner, 30; Turner, c J. Rigby, c Turner, b Maltby, 30; Evans, c Hudson, b Arrowsmith, 0; Jackson, b Maltby, 5; Carson, st Hudson, b Maltby, 4; Outram, not out, 1; extras, 37; total, 136. Eltofts—Pickersgill, run out, 28; Maltby, b Carson, 8; Arrowsmith, c Rigby, b Carson, 0; Silversides, c Evans, b Cooper, 4; Foster, b Cooper, 0; Turner, b Rigby, 35; Hudson, b Jackson, 20; Graydon, not out, 3; extras, 4; total (for 8 wkts.), 102.

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BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

CHURCH FENTON v. SAXTON.—At Church Fenton. Scores:—

Church Fenton—A Foxton, b Sissons, 1; H Dolphin, c Sissons, b Lawn, 5; W D Foxton, lbw, b F Finn, 15; E Holt, c W. Firn, b Lawn, 0; J A Thompson, b Lawn, 37; W Mosby, c W Firn, b Sissons, 19; T Laikin, b Sissons, 0; G Cawood, b Sissons, 7; F Eden, b Sissons, 0; G Steal, not out, 5; F Jackson, c Parker, b Lawn, 0; extras, 4; total, 88.

Saxton—J Firn, b Mosby, 13; N Lawn, b Mosby, 3; W Firn, c Steall, b Mosby, 8; A Parker, b Mosby, 2; P Lawn, b Cawood, 14; T Sissons, c Laikin, b Mosby, 17; B Lawn, lbw, b Mosby, 0; F Firn, c Thompson, b Cawood, 8; H Marshall, not out, 0; total, 67.

CAWOOD v. SOUTH MILFORD.—At Cawood. Scores:—

Cawood—C O Lund (capt.), c Terry, b Chilton, 10; W Barker, b Lindly, 2; H Lund, lbw, b Lindley, 13; S Lund, c Sutton, b Chilton, 7; J Ward, c E Atkinson, b Chilton, 0; F Thompson, b Hesselgrave, 4; F Ward, b Lindley, 0; G Stockdale, c Hutchcroft, b E Atkinson, 13; G Milner, b Hesselgrave, 0; C Jackson, lbw, b E Atkinson, 0; J. Turner, not out, 0; extras, 3; total, 52.

South Milford—H. Chilton, c Stockdale, b C O Lund, 5; R Sutton, b S. Lund, 14; E Atkinson, b H Lund, 5; A Atkinson, b S Lund, 2; J Hodgson, lbw, b S Lund, 10; H Hutchcroft, c S Lund, b C O Lund, 1; H Hesselgrave, b S Lund, 1; A Lindley, b C O Lund, 0; D Terry, not out, 0; C Hey, lbw, b C Lund, 3; F Crawford, c C O Lund, b S Lund, 3; extras, 2; total, 46.

CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE v. TADCASTER.—At Church Fenton. Scores:—

Tadcaster—H Todd, c Moore, b E Poulter, 31; J F Mason, not out, 80; R T Baker, not out, 30; total (for 1 wkt.), 150.

Church Fenton Sycamore—J Horrison, c Baker, b Todd, 15; A Moore, c Grimston, b Baker, 3; E Beitton, b Baker, 0; C Poulter, c Holden, b Baker, 33; A Holt, b Baker, 1; E Poulter, b Baker, 1; F Poulter, run out, 5; A Poulter, c Nettleton, b Baker, 0; C Whittingham, run out, 4; F Wedgwood, b Swinden, 0; S Wade, c retired batt, 0; extras, 7; total, 38.

HALTON v. BARWICK-IN-ELMET.—At Barwick. Scores:—

Barwick—J Robshaw, c Smales, b Sunter, 0; W Armitage, b Sunter, 0; T Robshaw, b Sunter, 12; G. Bowes, b Sunter, 2; F Lamb, b Smales, 4; W Hartley, b Sunter, 3; J W Birch, c Cowell, b Sunter, 0; V Robshaw, c Heaps, b Benson, 1; H Howcroft, b Sunter, 3; A Lowell, b Benson, 1; G. Coulthard, not out, 2; extras, 2; total, 30.

Halton—S Haigh, b Hartley, 1; W Smales, b Lumb, 0; C Sunter, c Armitage, b Bowers, 9; H Cowell, b Hartley, 11; W Benson, b Bowers, 4; H Taylor, not out, 7; total (for 5 wickets), 32.

MICKLEFIELD v. GREAT PESTON.—At Micklefield. Scores:—

Micklefield—J Munro, lbw, b Ward, 18; T Deaire, b Thompson, 1; E Hardwick, b Thompson, 2; G Tomlinson, b Thompson, 11; F Hobson, b Cockerham, 20; E. A. Stone, b Blackburn, 8; A Smith, not out, 17; A Godber, b Green, 1; J H Townend, b Green, 5; S Walton, c Blackburn, b Green, 0; S Taylor, b Blackburn, 0; extras, 0; total 90.

Great Preston—T Wrigglesworth, c and b Munro, 1; W Blackburn, c Godber, b Munro, 0; W. Cockerham, b A. Smith, 4; G Wrigglesworth, c Townend, b Smith, 1; J Ward, run out, 1; H Wrigglesworth, b J Munro, 2; A Thompson, c Walton, b Smith, 1; J Green, c Taylor, b Townend, 12; P. Firth, b Townend, 11; J Blackburn, not out, 0; E Swales, not out, 0; extras, 7; total, 49.

GARFORTH v. SEACROFT.—At Garforth. Scores:—

Garforth—H Prime, b Pickersgill, 3; S. Gaveron, c Stead, b Burton, 6; H Williamson, c H Toft, b Burton, 1; W Glover, b Stead, 7; H Gascoigne, c Burton, b Pickersgill, 2; J Wilson, b Pickersgill, 10; R Birch, b Johnson, 6; T Bellamy, b Pickersgill, 15; Firth, c Burton, b Pickersgill, 10; R Morley, not out, 12; G Read, c Stead, b Johnson, 4; extras, 5; total 84.

Seacroft—D Burton, b Reed, 1; G Thompson, c Gascoigne, b Ballance, 35; T Toft, c Prime, b Read, 15; C Johnson, c Morley, b Glover, 8; G Stead, b Ballance, 3; C Taylor, c Bellamy, b Read, 1; H Pickersgill, b G Taylor, b Wilson, 1; J W Pickersgill, c Morley, b Wilson, 1; S Simpson, b Ballance, 1; H Atack, not out, 3; F Hunter, not out, 3; extra, 1; total (for 9 wkts.), 81.

CROSSGATES WES. v. WHITKIRK.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Whitkirk—Milford, c and b Coultas, 21; J Shepherd, c Thompson, b Webster, 91; J Shepherd, c Umpleby, b Clough, 34; E Ingle, c Clough, b Umpleby, 1; F Lowerday, c Mills, b Clough, 16; F Wainwright, c Umpleby, b Clough, 15; W Taylor, b Clough, 0; C Rumbold, b Clough, 0; W Moss, b Clough, 1; E Pawson, b Clough, 24; Coultas, not out, 3; extras, 2; total, 126.

Crossgates Wes.—J Webster, lbw, b Wainwright, 2; D Umpleby, b Wainwright, 19; G Umpleby, c Coultas, b Wainwright, 4; C Brooks, b Wainwright, 0; A Withy, b Wainwright, 0; P Coultas, b Wainwright, 3; E Mills, b Wainwright, 2; E Beaumont, b Pawson, 10; E Clough, not out, 17; T Yeadon, b Ingle, 1; V Thompson, b Ingle, 17; extras, 2; total, 91.

CROSSGATES v. HALTON WESLEYANS.—At Crossgates. Scores:—

Crossgates—Burrell, b C Bell, 23; Sykes, c Kilburn, b O Bell, 21; Goodall, b O Bell, 0; Spivey, b C Bell, 12; White, c J. Popplewell, b O Bell, 2; Fairburn, c C Bell, b O Bell, 0; Gascoigne, c and b O Bell, 6; Harvey, c and b C Bell, 2; Craven, not out, 7; Yeates, run out, 0; Glover, c J A Popplewell, b O Bell, 4; extras, 9; total, 86.

Halton—Kilburn, c Harvey, b Burnell, 12; J W Popplewell, c Craven, b Burnell, 10; J A Popplewell, run out, 5; Moore, c Wilson, b Burnell, 8; G O Bell, c Burnell, b Burnell, 10; Batty, b Goodall, 0; Powell, b Burnell, 10; C Bell, c Sykes, b Burnell, 3; Stephens, b Burnell, 7; Wilson, not out, 6; F Popplewell, c White, b Burnell, 0; extra, 1; total, 72.

COLLINGHAM AND LINTON v. SHADWELL.—At Collingham. Scores:—

Shadwell—Heaton, c M Dalby, b H Twidale, 2; P Barrett, c Dawson, b H Twidale, 19; W Metcalfe, c M Dalby, b W Emmerson, 8; J W. Barnett, c R. Smithson, b W Emmerson, 0; J W Mills, b W Emmerson, 0; W Cooper, b R Gibson, 2; J Freeman, b R Gibson, 5; E Peel, b A. Newsome, 0; H Petty, b R Gibson, 0; J Wetherill, run out, 2; Chapman, not out, 12; extras, 11; total, 68.

Collingham and Linton—T M Harland, st Barrett, b Heaton, 1; F Whitehead, b Heaton, 5; H Twidale, b Heaton, 4; R Smithson, c Peel, b Chapman, 11; A. Newsome, b Heaton, 0; W Emmerson, c and b Heaton, 0; R C. Gibson, c Cooper, b Heaton, 4; A Young, run out, 1; M Dalby, b Heaton, 2; J Dawson, not out, 1; A Dalby, b Heaton, 2; extras, 6; total, 40.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BARKSTON ASH v. ULLESKELF.—At Barkston. Scores:—Barkston Ash—G Liddle, c Brownbridge, b Stronach, 1; C Bayston, c Lacy, b Stronach, 0; A Lazenby, c Potter, b Stronach, 1; W Smith, lbw, b Stronach, 2; J White, b Lacy, 2; J Liddle, run out, 2; J Craft, b W Bean, 1; A Bayston, not out, 14; A Smith, b Stronach, 0; W Wood, b Stronach, 0; J Natrice, c and b Potter, 5; extras, 3; total, 31. Ulleskelf—J Potter, b W. Smith, 0; G Lacy, b A Smith, 12; W Bean, c J Liddle, b J White, 7; F Smith, b A Smith, 2; R Wood, not out, 0; H Brownbridge, c G Liddle, b White, 0; F Holt, not out, 1; extra, 1; total (for 5 wkts.), 32.

TADCASTER A v. KIRK DEIGHTON.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—E Nicholson, c and b Shearsmith, 26; E Kettlewell, c J Oxley, b Shearsmith, 26; E Linfoot, b Kettlewell, 0; H Oxley, c Chatfield, b Kettlewell, 0; G Waite, b Shearsmith, 9; A Swann, b Smart, 3; C Oxley, c H Taylor, b Chatfield, 10; J Beasley, b Shearsmith, 0; R Bateman, b Shearsmith, 1; R Nicholson, b Shearsmith, 7; W Jewitt, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 64. Tadcaster A—H Garland, run out, 16; H Chatfield, c J Oxley, b Beasley, 0; A Atkins, b H Oxley, 18; A Shearsmith, b H Oxley, 8; J Kettlewell, c C Oxley, b White, 4; H Taylor, b H Oxley, 2; A Smart, not out, 0; G Pearson, b H Oxley, 0; J Iredale, b Oxley, 0; G Turner, not out, 3; extras, 3; total (for 9 wkts.), 65.

BRAMHAM v. SOUTH MILFORD.—At South Milford. Scores:—Bramham—J Lindley, 33; T Gibbons, b Lindley, 28; Dawson, lbw, b Lindley, 20; R Hebbron, b Lindley, 2; G Eastwood, b Lindley, 2; A Stockdale, b Lindley, 7; H Shaw, b Lindley, 3; G Shaw, b Lindley, 2; extras, 5; total, 114. South Milford A—J Hill, b H Shaw, 2; H G Wice, c Gibbons, b H Shaw, 6; E Brown, b J Dawson, 0; L Butcher, b J Dawson, 1; C P Lister, run out, 3; J Terry, not out, 8; A Calder, c and b J Dawson, 0; B Smithson, b G Shaw, 1; Albert Hindley, c and b Shaw, 3; W Hill, b J Dawson, 0; H Wilson, b J Dawson, 0; extras, 4; total 34.

GARFORTH WESLEYANS V. SWILLINGTON AND COLTON.—At Garforth. Scores:—Garforth Wes.—F Silberry, b Dobson, 7; H Ward, c Dobson, b Mosby, 21; H Goodall, c Gascoigne, b Dobson, 20; F Gent, c Dobson, b V Silberry, c Gascoigne, b Barraclough, 40; J Johnson, not out, 20; H Silberry, c Wainwright, b Barraclough, 0; extras, 6; total (for 6 wkts.), 133. (Declared). Swillington and Colton—W Gascoigne, c H Silberry, b Ward, 0; J Wainwright, c H Silberry, b Ward, 0; H Wainwright, c H Silberry, b Ward, 0; H Wainwright, c H Silberry, b Ward, 0; H Gascoigne, c Ward, b Gent, 0; G H Gascoigne, c Ward, b Gent, 0; G Farndale, c F Silberry, b Ward, 6; F Wright, c Bulmer, b Ward, 3; G Barraclough, c Goodall, b Gent, 13; E. Gascoigne, c Gent, b Ward, 4; T Barraclough, not out, 1; G Mosby, run out, 1; total, 63.

HALTON v. V. MICKLEFIELD.—At Halton. Scores:—Micklefield, A—J Simpson, b Longden, 8; H Goodman, b Brazil, 5; H Garforth, b Brazil, 0; G Shillito, b Brazil, 0; T Mealen, c and b Longden, 19; T Lindsell, b Brazil, 1; J Goodman, c H Guest, b Brazil, 3; J Wallis, not out, 1; W Sutton, b Longden, 0; extras, 4; total, 44. Halton—A-H Guest, b J Simpson, 5; H Dobson, not out, 20; B Nicholson, not out, 17; extras, 33; total (for 1 wkt.), 45.

GREAT PRESTON A v. GARFORTH A.—At Great Preston. Great Preston—Hartley, c and b W Hancock, 0; E Colley, b W Hancock, 19; A Hirst, c F Hancock, b W Hancock, 0; J Cooper, b W Hancock, 11; Hy Lilley, c Hirst, b W Hancock, 0; T Greenhow, c Hewitt, b F Hancock, 0; F Hutchinson, c Pickersgill, b W Hancock, 5; W Oldham, b Pickersgill, 5; W. Thompson, b Pickersgill, 0; W Hopwood, lbw, b Pickersgill, 0; H Colley, not out, 0; extras, 3; total, 46. Garforth A—J Kilburn, b Cooper, 32; H Pickersgill, b Oldham, 4; W Hemsworth, b Oldham, 13; G Fretham, b Hy Lilley, 14; J Pickersgill, not out, 15; total (for 5 wkts.), 49.

HALTON WES. A v. CROSSGATES A.—At Halton. Scores:—Halton Wes.—Jos Clark, b Brooks, 0; W Wilkinson, 46; J Clark, b Brooks, 0; G Palmer, not out, 5; H Schofield, b Brooks, 2; S Sunter, c Brooks, b Wilkinson, 11; H Marrows, b Wilkinson, 1; A W Taylor, b Wilkinson, 0; C A Goodall, c and b Wilkinson, 0; A Hudson, c Smith, b Brooks, 0; A Sykes, b Brooks, 1; extras, 3; total, 31. Crossgates A—Wilkinson, c Schofield, b Sunter, 12; Holliday, not out, 5; extras, 3; total (for 1 wkt.), 32.

WHITKIRK A v. CROSSGATES WESLEYANS A.—Scores:—Crossgates Wes. A—H Whitkirk, b Bruce, 3; H Thompson, c Cuttle, b Bruce, 36; E Holliday, b H Nowell, 10; F Mills, at Firth, b Bruce, 4; G Holliday, c Woodward, b Bruce, 11; H Brook, b Bruce, 35; A Withy, lbw, b Bruce, 8; E Beaumont, b Nowell, 3; H Rodgers, c Cuttle, b Bruce, 2; F Hewitt, b Nowell, 2; A Brook, not out, 0; extras, 12; total, 116. Whitkirk A—C Nowell, b Cuttle, b Beaumont, 2; H Stott, b Beaumont, 0; H Nowell, c H Brook, b Hewitt, 6; W Cuttle, b Beaumont, 17; G Bruce, b Holliday, b Beaumont, 4; S Woodward, c H. Thompson, b H Beaumont, 0; G White, b Thompson, 7; L Firth, c H Brook, b Thompson, 5; F Rhodes, c H Brook, b Thompson, 3; F Rhodes, c Carbon, b Thompson, 0; R Bruce, not out, 0; extras, 8; total, 52.

SEACROFT A v. BARWICK A.—At Seacroft. Scores:—Seacroft A—P Taylor, b Pollard, 24; E Gause, c Pollard, b T Robshaw, 83; J Dervish, c Deake, b A Robshaw, 15; B Johnson, c A Robshaw, 10; C Avison, c Morkham, b Pollard, 1; J W Smith, run out, 13; J Hardy, b T Robshaw, 9; F Derwick, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 186. Barwick A—A. Robshaw, b J Lindley, 0; H. Walton, run out, 12; W. Lowell, c S. Bell, b W. Lindley, 3; T Robshaw, 8; J Pollard, c F Deake, b A Robshaw, 3; J Lindley, c Backhouse, b W. Lindley, 0; F Pullan, b J Lindley, 22; W Woodhead, b W Linley, 4; T Markham, run out, 7; M Lindley, b J Lindley, 2; J Deake, b W Linley, 0; extras, 4; total, 44.

GARFORTH WESLEYANS v. CROSSGATES WESLEYANS (NO ELEVEN).—At Old Manston. Scores:—Crossgates Wes.—E Lacy, b Wolfer, 5; J Oxtoby, c Stevenson, b Goodall, 8; Goodall, b Walker, 5; C Johnson, c and b Beaumont, 27; P Backhouse, b Beaumont, 1; J Beaumont, c and b Weatherill, not out, 15; W Smith, c Williams, b Beaumont, 0; G Godfrey, st Umpleby, b Broadbent, 6; T Thompson, c and b Beaumont, 12; extra, 1; total, 88. Crossgates Wes.—W Williams, c Johnson, b Weatherill, 4; A Umpleby, b Beckhouse, 0; J Stevenson, b Oxtoby, 0; R Beaumont, b Broadbent, 0; E Walker, b Goodall, 0; G Broadbent, b Goodall, 0; H Wynne, b J Shore, 9; H Beaumont, b Weatherill, 24; A Morris, not out, 4; extras, 6; total, 67.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

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CHAPTER XIII.

The Oswalds and the Perkinses were great friends. They found they had many things in common. What delighted the Perkinses so much with regard to the Oswalds was the fact that their musical ears were so bad that they did not mind when the four instruments were out of tune. They sat and listened, and expressed immense admiration, and Thomas Oswald was beside himself with glee when he insisted, notwithstanding Mrs. Luck's prohibition, in waltzing round the room with his arm round Mrs. Perkins's waist. But he did not often venture on this amusement. He did not often venture on this amusement. He liked to talk to the Perkinses; they made the place very bright and agreeable to him. They were sufficiently in the musical world to be able to get tickets for good concerts, and occasionally for plays, and these they shared with the utmost good nature with their neighbours. They all, with the exception of Jane, loved the Oswalds; but that young lady still refused to play the piano when Tom Oswald was in the room.

On the day after Miss Patricia had gone into the country, Thomas Oswald went downstairs and interviewed Mrs. Luck. He existed to have a busy and active day before him. But he wanted to see Mrs. Luck before he undertook anything else.

"Can I have a word with your mother, Miss Hattie?" he said, as Hattie brushed past him.

"I'm afraid mother's very busy just now, Mr. Oswald. Can I take her place?"

"No, you can't. I want a woman like your mother—one soft and yielding; one who will see the reason of things—in fact, a reasonable lady still refused to play the piano when Tom Oswald was in the room.

"And you think I won't?" said Hattie, laughing, and then looking very grave.

"I don't think you will. You're a sharp 'un, Miss Hattie."

"Well, if you'll go into the dining-room, Mr. Oswald, I will tell mother that you want to see her."

"And tell her not to keep me, please. I am a busy man. If it is her intention to fill her house check-a-block with P.G.'s, she's got to see to their comfort. Now then, hustle away, and ask her to be good enough to come to me immediately."

Oswald entered the dining-room. The cloth was already laid for the hot midday meal. The windows were shut. The room felt very fusty. It had a smell of stale food about it. Oswald went to one of the windows and flung it open. Immediately a shower of smuts came in. He shut down the window again with a bang of disgust.

"Horrid place, London!" he said to himself. "I could wish myself back in South Africa, and if it were not for the important business which has brought me over—the stopping of that marriage—I wouldn't stay an hour longer in this beastly hole. Ah! sorry to trouble you, Mrs. Luck."

"It's no trouble, Mr. Oswald; that is, if I can do anything for you," said Mrs. Luck, as she was pulling down her sleeves as she spoke. She had been busy making pastry for the early dinner when Hattie summoned her.

"The old beast wants you and you must go, Mum," said Hattie. "Here, I'll finish this pie. You wash your hands and go. He's up to all kinds of devilment, I'll be bound he was."

"You are prejudiced, Hat; I wish you wouldn't be," said her mother.

Hattie smiled, took her mother's place at the pastry-board, and Mrs. Luck went upstairs.

"Yes?" she said, turning to her paying guest.

"We are all going out for the day," said Mr. Oswald.

"Indeed!" answered Mrs. Luck.

"Yes. When I say all, I mean we four Oswalds and the four Perkinses. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have been kind enough to invite my son Thomas and my daughter Laura and my good wife to join them on a little river expedition. They are taking the banjo with them, and will sing some negro melodies. They often do that sort of thing, and, in consequence, get their trip for nothing. It's very plucky of them, I think. It's a charming day to be on the river. What I wanted to say to you was that as there won't be any lunch required, nor any afternoon tea, nor some of the party will be here until late for dinner—you will, of course, make a reduction in your weekly bills."

"Oh—excuse me," said Mrs. Luck. "I charge extremely little as it is. It isn't my fault if my guests choose to go away for the day. I have already provided an excellent dinner for you all; I have to pay for that dinner whether you eat it or not. I am sorry, but I really cannot be obliging."

"Please yourself," said Mr. Oswald. "I simply mentioned it. It's what is universally done. I just alluded to it to Mrs. Perkins, and she said, of course you would be quite certain to allow us at least a shilling a head off our principal meal—two meals, indeed, early dinner and tea; but if you don't choose to do it, there is always a remedy, you understand."

"The pastry is finished, and there's no remedy," said Hattie, coming in at that moment.

"Miss Luck, I did not ask to see you."

"We can't do it, can we, Hattie? It does seem hard," said poor Mrs. Luck.

"It is not to be thought of," said Hattie. "Those who wish to leave us can leave us. Our terms are remarkably reasonable—ludicrously so; and we can let—sell—easily; so you can please yourself about going."

"Well, I call it extremely disobliging, of course, and I shall give notice at the present moment; but it isn't likely we will any of us stay long. I say as well tell you, Mrs. Luck, that, lucky as you consider yourself, your luck may not last."

"Oh, please don't pun on mother's name!" said Hattie. "It is such bad form."

"I don't want you to teach me what I ought to say and do, Miss Hattie Luck. However, you will doubtless enjoy the pleasant meal which you have provided for eight people who will not be present, and we shall expect a very first-rate supper to-night."

"You shall have a good supper; I will see to that," said Mrs. Luck, a relieved expression coming over her face.

"By the way," said Oswald, "you are really wanting, my dear madam, in Eve's attributes."

"Eve's attributes!" said Mrs. Luck.

"What do you mean?"

"You have shown no curiosity. You haven't asked me where I am going to spend the day. The rest of the party are going on the river—a delicious day for the river—but I——"

"Yes; where are you going?"

"How do you know that I will tell you?"

"If you don't wish to, sir, I think I can survive," said Mrs. Luck.

"Mrs. Luck, you're not the sort of woman to suspect a house full of paying guests to let me tell you that frankly. A woman who fills her house with P.G.'s ought to mother them. She ought to be full of devotion to them; she ought to know how to treat them. She ought to pet them; she ought to be interested in their lives; she ought to sympathise."

"As to mothering," exclaimed Hattie, "poor mother can't be the parent part to a person a great deal older than herself."

Here she stared boldly into Thomas Oswald's face.

"Thank you for nothing, my lass. Dear, dear! Well, I've no time to lose. You're a bad woman to have P.G.'s, Mrs. Luck; and as to you, Miss Hattie, you're as pert as they're made. If I see our house empty before I leave England, and, let me tell you, it will give me no small pleasure—no small pleasure, Miss Hattie—no small pleasure, Mrs. Luck. Well, as you don't ask me where I am going, I'll tell you for the fun of the thing. I'm going hunting up that old lady from Yorkshire—Miss Patricia Ransome. Queer name—Patricia Ransome. Queer name—Patricia Ransome—and I guess pretty well where I'll find her. I'll find her with her grand-friends at Conmop Grange. I'm a cousin of Mr. Coldhurst of Conmop Grange. I intend to spend my day there. I am going by the very next train. I think that is about all. I may not be back to supper, but if I am, I expect something good, and hot—hot, do you hear. Good, and hot. Now, good-bye."

Thomas strolled out of the room. He went upstairs to the drawing-room. "It's no go," he said to the Perkinses. "She's as stingy as the rest of Perkinses can possibly offer. It's the only house in London where they'll put up with the piano, the banjo, the mandoline, and the guitar. We've tried and tried, and Mrs. Luck is the only woman who will bear it. We'll have to stay whatever happens."

"Then nothing will induce us to leave you," said Mr. Oswald. "You make life so cheery. It's almost as nice since you have come as it was in South Africa. Mrs. Perkins, let me get in a word—my wife is a hopeless chatterbox. Whenever you come to South Africa you'll have a welcome from us. You shall be taken in—yes, in, madam—into our family, and not a penny will you have to pay. We don't like paying guests—that we don't. Thank you, Mr. Perkins, for the treat you are giving my son and my daughter. I'm off now on important business. I may as well mention, however, that I am extremely likely to be a man of enormous wealth. I have expectations. When a man has expectations, you never know where you may find him. He is on the top of the ladder, or at the bottom of the ladder, there's a warm corner for you, Perkins, for you, Mrs. Perkins, and you, Miss Jane, and for you, Miss Clara."

"You've spoken very beautifully, pa," said Laura, when all this time had sat silent (she was generally a silent sort of girl) on the sofa in the Perkinses' drawing-room, "but if you will be me, I want to say a word to you."

"Isn't she a dear, cuddling little thing?" said Oswald, turning round and taking hold of his arm. "Ah, I'm a whale on my girl—I'm a whale on her. There's nothing I wouldn't do for her. Come along, then, Laurie, my little pet, come along. What does 'oo want to say to little pa?" he continued, in imitation of a father and daughter retired on to the landing.

"You mustn't be cross with me," said Laura, "but we are the only go on this expedition without some money in our pockets."

"Money! The Perkinses are taking you," said Oswald, in a puzzled voice. "I can't expect the Perkinses to pay for everything."

"Most certainly they'll pay for everything. We'll pay everything for you when they come to see us in South Africa."

"Oh, but, father, you know we may not be in South Africa for years."

"We may never be there again," said Oswald, with a laugh which nearly reached a roar; "that's the fun of the joke! But they'll think no end of the invitation all the same. No, my dear little Laurie, not a penny do I give."

"Then, father, neither mother nor I will eat anything."

"What folly!"

"And then very likely I'll faint."

"You really are the most disagreeable girl."

"You praised me so frightfully before the Perkinses!"

"Of course I did. I like to pose as an affectionate pa. It suits my character. But there—I'm in a good humour, and there's no withstanding a pretty child. Some day, perhaps, you'll have dresses as smart as that nice young lady you met yesterday."

"Oh, father! Do you think I ever shall?"

"If you ever do, you will owe it to your dear cute old dad. Well, I just want a little money you must have it. How many of you are going? Three? Here's a shilling. Bring back sixpence. Twopence each will be plenty for your food. You can have a glass of milk for a penny, and a bunch of bananas for a penny, and a penny for yourself, you're got indigestion. That's all I've got to give, and I expect to get sixpence back."

"Where is the shilling, father?"

Oswald very reluctantly let it drop into his daughter's hand. She clutched it tightly and dropped it into her pocket.

"I'm going to spend every farthing of it," she said.

"You wicked child, you are not! Give it back to me."

"No, daddy, I want it all, and you're miserably stingy, but you won't see a farthing back."

Oswald might have pursued Laura, and even fought with her, had not at that moment Mr. Perkins—tall, thin, and enhavemount Mr. Perkins—tall, thin, and enhavemount taking—appeared on the landing.

"You little duckie duck!" exclaimed Oswald, changing his tone at once. "Father's got you, and you refuse you nothing. She's been getting the chink out of me, Perkins; just like them all. *Like—them—all.* Ha, ha! Now there's no refusing her."

"This is my feast, you mustn't forget that, Miss Laura," said Perkins.

"Perkins, my good fellow, you mustn't spend your money on my family. Laura is richly provided for, I assure you, richly. Now then, I must be off; I am going to see my wealthy relation. I'm going to open a fountain; I'm going to open a barrel full of goodly treasure. My child—my pretty one—don't keep me. Perkins, take care of her. She is so the apple of my eye."

(To be continued.)

Kippax is provided with a new service on Sundays. Socialists preach politics at openair meetings.

A MISTAKE RECTIFIED.

SHORT STORY

Rue Wilbeck had just struck when Major Alexander Lindsay of the Royal Artillery, main his slow way through the crowded hall-room of a certain mansion in Mayfair. Though he was neither slashing nor brilliant, his reputation was that of a gallant, fearless soldier, and his unerring tact and kindly nature endeared him to all who knew him.

Suddenly his whole face lit up as his eyes rested on a slim girl of nineteen, Lady Norah, she youthful beauty of this brilliant scene, and the only child of the major's old friend and fellow-Horrokian, Sir James Nolan.

All at once she met his intent gaze, and the next he gave her such a big wave of colour chase the white across her cheeks, and linger there.

"Can it be possible that she, so young and fair, loves me, a grave, stern soldier of forty-seven?" he asked himself. "And yet my heart tells me she does. Before the night grows old, I will learn the truth from her lips. My hope, my very life, are centred in her."

He remained for a while wrapped in pleasant musings. The whole scene had cast a glamour over him. It was all so fairy-like and bright. Everywhere was life and colour, the enlivening music, the gorgeous display of flowers.

A smart tap on the shoulder broke his reverie. He wheeled round to encounter the humorous glance of his young and handsome brother, a man of nine-and-twenty years.

"Mick, I want a word with you. Come into the conservatory. We shan't be missed in this crowd."

"Well, what is the matter cow?" the major enquired.

"The matter is," in an embarrassed tone, "that I am in the hands of a money-lender pressing me for enormous sum of money that I can't possibly meet."

"The same old story, Rodney. A man so poor he cannot afford to be as recklessly extravagant as you are. Times without number I have helped you, but on the last occasion I warned you not to expect another penny-piece from me."

"Then I am a ruined man. Before God, I Mick, I swear to turn over a new leaf, if you will side me over this difficulty."

"You have broken your word on more than one occasion," replied the major quietly. "How can I be sure that you are in earnest?"

"I will tell you what. I have an incentive now. I hope soon to win Norah for my wife."

Major Lindsay drew a difficult breath.

"And Norah, does she love you?" he asked with an unnatural composure.

"I have every reason to hope that she does, at any rate, I am quite certain that there is no other man in the case."

"Then I refuse the honour of your liabilities, Rodney, and I will settle them for you."

The kind tone in the voice touched the younger man, and all his best feelings responded to it. "Mick, you are the best fellow in the world. Mick, I am a selfish brute, quite undeserving of your generosity."

"Put, tut, let us change the subject. Suppose you join the dancers. I will come presently."

A minute later the major was alone.

He rose stiffly from his chair and moved hesitatingly to the window. There he stood with his head bent low, and the cool air breathed upon his fair head.

"I feel 4 ars older than I did an hour ago," he muttered thickly.

Just then came a light footfall, the swish of a skirt, and Lady Norah laid a white-gloved hand on his sleeve.

"A penny for your thoughts," she said in a mischievous voice.

He turned a pale, but composed face towards her, and gave a sad little laugh.

"They are too valuable for sale. Will you let me have yours instead?" he asked.

There came no reply.

She sat down and drew her white draperies aside to make room for him.

"I am going to-morrow," he began, "to Crimea to-morrow," he informed her quietly.

"You?" she said with a little catch in her voice.

"Yes. I have only had a few hours' notice."

"Oh, that terrible war. I wish it was over, and you were safe home again," she said with an irresistible touch of feeling.

A pause that followed, he wondered. "Did she mean those words, or was she merely playing a part like so many of her sex."

Then he rose and spoke again, "Our paths lie in opposite directions, mine to work and duty, yours, I trust, to love and happiness."

The words struck her as incomprehensible and strange. And her heart felt hot and pained. What had caused this sudden change in his manner?" she thought.

She strove for utterance, but speech seemed impossible.

He bent and kissed her hand.

"Goodnight and good-bye," he said, and was gone before she could answer.

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Two years had passed.

In a pretty, white-panelled room of a house on Campden Hill, two girls sat facing each other beside a big fire.

Without the sky was grey and dull, the day cold enough to heighten the pleasure of a warm room.

"Tigo and Jerry are always on their best behaviour when I allow them into my sanctum," said Mrs Rodney Lindsay, gfancing at two Scotch terriers that lay curled up side by side on the Persian rug.

"Why are the sky decorated with ribbons?" enquired her cousin, Lady Norah Nolan, slowly sipping her tea.

"In honour of their master's return. He will be here this evening."

"I did not know Major Lindsay had returned," said Lady Norah with a catch in her voice, which did not escape her cousin's notice.

"Did you not? I thought I had mentioned his return in my note to you yesterday. He has been in town a few days."

There was a pause.

"He—he is," she went on. "What do you think? Until he received Rodney's last letter, Mick thought you were to be his sister-in-law."

"But why. What made him think so?" exclaimed Lady Norah in a bewildered tone.

"I will tell you. First, Do you remember this hall at your house two years ago?"

"Yes," answered Lady Norah, toying with the dark velvet on her waist. "It was the night before Major Lindsay left for the war."

"Exactly. Well, in the conservatory that evening, he and Rodney had a long tete-a-tete. Among other things, Rodney remarked, he hoped to win Norah for his wife."

"But he meant you," said Lady Norah, looking helplessly at her cousin for further explanation.

"Of course, he did," she replied with a becoming blush. "But, you goose, can't you understand the rest? Mick simply took it for granted that there was but one Norah in the world—and she," in a dry tone, "was your ladyship."

In the silence that followed, Mrs Rodney glanced at the clock on the mantelpiece and saw that the time was a quarter past five. "You won't mind my leaving you for a few minutes," she said rising from her chair. "I want to try on my new dress."

Shortly afterwards Major Lindsay entered the room.

"Norah," he began in the old quiet voice, "when I left England, I thought you and Rodney cared for each other. Have I found out my mistake too late?"

She whispered almost inaudible "No," and her fingers trembled in his grasp.

In a moment, with a stifled cry of rapture, his arms were about her, and his lips pressed passionate kisses upon her face.

"Say the dream of my life is to be realised after all," he said presently. "Tell me, dearest. Have you always loved me?"

"You were my hero from the time I wore short frocks," she answered simply. But her heart spoke through those words, and he knew he had gained that love which passeth all understanding.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

EVIDENCE OF INDIGESTION.

Coldness of feet and limbs is almost invariably an evidence of indigestion. The coldness is due not to the weakness of the heart or feebleness of circulation, as is generally supposed, but to the contraction of the small arteries, preventing blood from entering the parts, says *Health*. There is generally an irritation of the abdominal sympathetic nerves, which hinders and retard the circulation of the lower extremities. This difficulty is not to be removed by exercise—or by any special application to the limbs, but by removal of the causes of irritation. This may be a prolapsed stomach, chronic indigestion, a blotted and cold foot-baths are valuable. These act not simply on the feet and limbs, but by reflex action they benefically the abdominal sympathetic centres, which are in a diseased condition.

DELICIOUS GINGERBREAD—Beat six ounces of butter and six ounces of sugar together in a basin until creamy; add three eggs and eight ounces of golden syrup; then add eight ounces of flour, into which has been thoroughly stirred a teaspoonful of ground ginger and a tea-spoonful of bicarbonate soda; add four ounces of blanched and shredded almonds. Pour into a greased and papered baking-sheet, and bake about three-quarters of an hour in a moderate oven. Turn on to a pastry-board to cool, and cut into fancy-shaped pieces of tea.

APPLE JELLY.—A delicious jelly can be made from the parings and cores of apples that have been used for tarts, &c. To each lb. of parings allow one pint of water and a thin strip of lemon-peel. Bring to a boil, and let it simmer about half an hour. Then strain through a piece of flannel, and take the kernels from the stones. For about two pounds boil together for twenty minutes the juice, over closely and quickly, a half-teacupful of water. Add this syrup and the kernels to the juice, pour closely into a little pan about an hour, or till it sets in a little in a plate. It will be quite firm, and will keep for any length of time if properly made. Put in glass jars and tie down like jam.

MACARONI AND OYSTER PUDDING.—Divide four ounces of macaroni into short lengths, and boil in a saucepan of boiling water. Boil drop into a saucepan of boiling water. Boil until tender. Then butter a fireproof dish, line with some of the macaroni, and cover with a layer of shelled oysters. Season with pepper and salt, place small pieces of butter here and there; cover with some of the macaroni, and oysters, and repeat the layers until the dish is full. Pour a little more butter over the top, sprinkle with fine breadcrumbs, and brown in the oven.

A NICE COLD SWEET.—Halve and stone a pound of apples

Disappearance of a Stourton Relieving Officer.

STATEMENT AT HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

BOOKS IN GOOD ORDER

On Wednesday at the meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding—the members considered the following item which appeared on the agenda, "Letter from Mr V. Sharp, relieving officer. Absence from duty."

It appears that Mr Vincent Sharp, who lived at Haigh Park Terrace, Stourton, left his work last week without notice, and has not since been seen in the district. Mr Sharp, who is a married man, 42 years of age, carried out his duties up to Wednesday. He had been employed by the Board about seven years, and his books had been left in good order.

The Clerk said he received a letter from Mr Sharp on Friday morning, and it had evidently been posted in Leeds at 8 p.m. on May 7th. It was dated, like all others written by Mr Sharp last week, "May, 1914," without any day. The letter said:—

"Enclosed please find keys of my safe. You will find £4 10s. less postage. Should be pleased if you will have cash checked by yourself. I am going away for private reasons."

Mr Mee said he had balanced up the cash and found that Mr Sharp had a balance in his favour. This intimation came to him (Mr Mee) as a shock, and, after verifying his cash, he went out to see his (Mr Sharp's), wife, who had received a letter on the previous day saying that he was seeking fresh employment. The letter also intimated that he might write to her at the end of the week. As a matter of fact, she received a further letter on Sunday morning, which had been posted from Skipton on Saturday. The first letter she had received was posted at midnight, or rather, 12.30 a.m. on Thursday morning. The cash was right, and there was no obligation for him (the Clerk) to find out what had become of Mr Sharp, but he thought it would be essential if he acted for the Board to find out what had become of him, and he had made inquiries, and if the Board desired it, he would be willing to give information.

Mr Bennett moved that the Clerk give all the information he could, and this was carried.

It appeared, said the Clerk, that this was only the end of something which had been going on for months. He found that Mr Sharp had been going about his work in a slovenly way. Mrs Sharp had told him that some of his books, instead of being done at the office, had been taken home on Sunday, and he had told her that he had been so hard worked at the office that he had no time to do them there. He had also told his wife that he had been kept regularly at the office until ten o'clock at night, and by way of proof he had submitted documents—which he (Mr Mee) had handed to another officer of that Board—which showed that he had been sent to Northallerton to make enquiries on behalf of the Guardians. That, of course, was not true. He added that in this matter Mr Sharp was not alone.

At this juncture Father Cody asked if such allegation might be left out.

Mr Bennett: It is information the Board has asked for.

The Clerk said it was a very difficult task for him to give further information regarding Mr Sharp's relations with his wife without bringing in others.

Mr Bennett said they had put the task to the Clerk, but they did not want him to give information which would jeopardise him.

Mr Butterick moved that the remainder of the discussion be taken in committee.

Mr G. Armitage, who agreed, called attention to the "half-score" reporters who had come for the "spicy" bits, thinking they (the Guardians) were going to fill up their papers.

Dr. Groves asked what the Board was to do. Could they claim anything from him? Was there any salary to claim from him?

The Chairman: There is nothing of that kind.

Dr. Groves: Then it is waste time going any further. We ought to advertise for another.

The Chairman: He has been an officer for whom we have been responsible.

Father Cody: Why not leave it to the Permanent Relief Committee?

Mr Schofield asked if there would be any liability on the Clerk were he to read on. If there was no danger then the Clerk ought to read on and the public should know.

The Clerk said so far as nce nearly the Board should know.

Upon a vote being taken ten voted for the matter to be taken in committee, and eight against.

In the end the Board decided to dismiss Mr Sharp. The question of appointing a successor was left to a sub-committee.

Wetherby Orpheus Male Voice Choir won second prize in the male voice choir competition at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday.

Mr Jack Wormald, who is leaving Spofforth Hall in a few months' time, has purchased and will take up his residence at Foston Hall, between York and Malton.

E.C.U.—A series of services and meetings were held on Wednesday in connection with the 40th annual Commemoration of the West Leeds Branch of the English Church Union. At Woodhouse the Rev. Cyril M. Cowdrey, chaplain at Stockeld Park, preached on "The Catholic Religion and Life."

Bowling.—On Saturday Hollhe Travellers had a League match at Lancaster, and the scores were:—Lancaster 205, Travellers 123. Details (Lancaster names first)—A. Blamires 21, W. Adams 18; T. Dodd 21, G. Mosby 13; T. Hitchcock 16, R. Dickinson 21; E. Waller 21, H. Archdale 14; C. Moverley 21, T. Booth 4; D. Hill 21, J. Hebden 8; J. H. Hull 21, A. Gilbert 7; N. Rhodes 21, J. W. Dixon 5; W. Milsom 21, A. Mosby 10; R. Rycroft 21, H. Bowers 17.

Wesleyans and Sunday Closing.—At the York Wesleyan Synod on Wednesday the following resolutions were passed with regard to temperance legislation:—"That this Synod of the York District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church desires to express regret at the rejection of the 9 o'clock closing of the English Sunday Closing Bill, and urges the Government to provide early facilities for the passing of the Bishop of London's proposed Bill constructed on similar lines, and for the purpose of furthering the same great object." "That this Synod of the York District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in view of the alarming increase in the National drink bill reminds the Government of their repeated promise to introduce and pass through all its stages a comprehensive measure of licensing reform." It was resolved that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

First Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Outw od F.	3	3	0	0	6
Robin Hood	3	2	1	0	4
Allotts United	2	1	0	1	3
Carlton	2	1	0	1	3
Kippax	2	1	1	0	2
Oulton	3	1	1	0	2
Rothwell	2	0	2	0	0
Stanley	1	0	1	0	0
Woodlesford	2	0	2	0	0

Second Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Oulton F. A	3	3	0	0	6
Sifetlev Church A	2	2	0	0	4
Carlton A	1	1	0	0	2
Robin Hood A	3	1	2	0	2
Rothwell A	2	1	1	0	2
Kippax A	2	1	1	0	2
Oulton A	3	1	2	0	2
Woodlesford A	2	0	2	0	0
Allotts W.	2	0	2	0	0

R. Hoyland, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Rothwell v. Carlton.—At Carlton. Scores:—

Rothwell—A. Clark, c Butterworth, b Illingworth, 0; J Newton c Brown, b Sykes, 4; C Tiffany, c Butterworth, b Illingsworth, 0; W. Fox, b Illingsworth, 0; H. Hemsworth, b Illingsworth 4; F Stringer, b Illingsworth, 0; H Hodgkinson, b Illingsworth, 4; W Bedford, run out, 0; J Povey, b Illingsworth, 1; H Banks, b Sykes, 3; H. Lane, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 18.

Carlton—H Corns, b Banks, 4; J. Illingsworth, b Banks, 2; A. Sykes, not out, 9; R Ellis, b Banks, 1; W Brown, not out, 2; extra, 1; total (for 3 wickets), 19.

Oulton v. Outwood.—At Oulton. Scores:—

Oulton—B Chappell, c Wheeler, b Pickard, 12; R. Higgins, c Colley, b Pickard, 1; P L Butler, c Lunn, b Harrop, 32; H J Butler, b Hargreaves, 30; J E Jackson, b White, 13; W. Hutchinson, c Wheeler, b Hargreaves, 7; P C Higgins, b Hargreaves, 15; H Cope, b Hargreaves, 1; R V Higgins, c Thompson, b Pickard, 5; B Walker, b Hargreaves, 8; Palfreyman, not out, 1; extras, 7; total, 132.

Outwood—H Dixon, c Chappell, b Hutchinson, 5; W H Pickard, c H Butler, b Hutchinson, 6; J W Lunn, b R V Higgins, 26; D White, c H Cope, b R V Higgins, 25; J Haerop, c H Cope, b R V Higgins, 0; A Hargreaves b Hutchinson, 19; M Wheeler, c and b Hutchinson, 0; J Jones, b Hutchinson, 10; J. Colley, c R V Higgins, b Cope, 21; E Thompson, not out, 8; R Hoyland, c Chappell, b Hutchinson, 0; extras, 4; total, 133.

Woodlesford A v. Robin Hood A.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—Woodlesford A—H. Hare, b Booth, 19; T Morton, c Featherstone, b Booth, 14; L Taylor, lbw, b Booth, 0; H Abbey, c Caton, b F Wormald, 6; J Hamer, b F Wormald, 1; J Holmes, b F Wormald, 3; L Wilkinson, c and b Booth, 5; W Carter, b F Wormald, 4; J Jaques, not out, 1; H Baxter, b Booth, 4; extras, 3; total, 80. Robin Hood A—B Booth, b Baxter, 0; E Wormald, b Baxter, 26; C Fearnley, not out, 4; F Wormald, not out, 0; extras, 5; total (for 2 wkts.), 53.

Oulton A v. Outwood A.—At Outwood. Scores:—Outwood—H. Law, b Whitworth, 77; H Parker, c sub., b Jones, 1; W F Jones, b Parkinson, 44; H Whiteley, c Butterick, b Higgins, 17; J Whiteley, b Whitworth, 0; F Tattersall, b C Higgins, 2; F Woodley, b C Higgins, 5; extras, 7; total (for 7 wkts.), 159. (Declared). Oulton A—C Butterick, b Whiteley, 0; E Parkinson, b Whiteley, 0; P Nettleton, b Whiteley, 7; C Higgins, b F Tattersall, 2; T Jones, c Parker, b F Tattersall, 0; R Whitworth, b Tattersall, 3; A Gibson, b Whiteley, 5; A Jones, c Finnigan, b Ashton, 0; A Higgins, b Whiteley, 5; J W Elmy, b Lund, 0; T. Hurdus, not out, 2; extras, 4; total, 37.

Rothwell A v. Carlton A.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Rothwell A—S Falkiner, b Ashton, 17; W Nelson, b W. Newton, 18; E Longley, b W Ashton, 1; E. Tiffany, b W Ashton, 7; F G'Rowe, c Fox, b G Dixon, 11; J W. Paley, c Newton, b J. Ashton, 0; A Womack, b W Ashton, 1; W Parish, b J. Ashton, 0; G Ingleby, b G. Dixon, 0; L. Ineson, b G. Ashton, 1; E Beckwith, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 76. Carlton A—G. Dixon, c Nelson, b Falkiner, 30; A Book, b W Parish, 2; A Austin, b W Parish, 0; A Turner, b W Parish, 7; W Ashton, b Falkiner, 1; J. Ashton, c Longley, b Falkiner, 0; W Newton, not out, 0; Arthur Austin, b W. Parish, 8; J Nunns, lbw, b W Parish, 0; W Fox, not out, 7; extras, 8; total (for 8 wkts.), 82.

A Change.—Consequent on York having decided to hold a market for the sale of store stock every Thursday, instead of alternate Thursdays, the Wetherby Markets Committee have decided to hold its sale of store stock on alternate Mondays, on the same day as the fat stock sale, instead of on alternate Thursdays as in the past. The change will take effect from next Monday.

Wetherby Golf Club.—In the Scaled Medal Competition on Saturday the scores were:—R Lee (14 handicap), 34 nets; W D Pearson (16), 35; S Pollbigg (16), 35; W Graydon (11), 36; H Heap (18), 37; J A Willans (8), 38; J Pearson (10), 38; R L Bath (22), 38; W H Platts (6), 39; J A Hudson (24), 40; Rev. G S Charlewood (14), 40; N Graydon (14), 40; C E Whitaker (24), 40; T Bath (18), 42; C C Fraser (26), 42; C C Doidy (3), 43.

Golfing Ladies.—On Wednesday a match was played at Wetherby between Bradford Moor Ladies and Wetherby Ladies. Scores:—Wetherby Ladies 7, Bradford Moor Ladies 0. Details (Wetherby names first)—Mrs Dalby 1 v. Mrs Mitchell 0, Miss L. Metcalfe 1 v. Mrs Feather 0, Miss Dawson 1 v. Mrs Booth 0, Mrs Birkmyre 1 v. Mrs Shepherd 0, Miss Durrant 1 v. Mrs Bell 0, Hon. Mrs Jackson 1 v. Mrs Greenwood 0, Miss M. Metcalfe 1 v. Mrs Whitehead 0.

Brayley at Ulleskelf.—The Castleford Amalgamation of Anglers did honour on Saturday night at the Star and Garter Hotel, Castleford, to Mr Fred Morrell, one of their members, for gallantry displayed in saving the life of a youth named Brooke, also of Castleford, while fishing at Ulleskelf last year. Mr Morrell was made the recipient of a gold medal. It appears that Brooke was seated on the river bank with rod in hand when the ground gave way and he slipped into the river. A treacherous current was running at the time, and Brooke was speedily carried into the middle of the stream. Seeing the youth's great danger Mr Morrell dived in and held the lad up until a boat in charge of Mr J. Atkinson, of Dewsbury Road, Leeds, came to the rescue. Artificial respiration was applied by Mr Atkinson, and the youth's life was saved.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O. (Chairman), Rev. B. Hemsworth, Mr Walter Crosland, Mr William Crosland, and Mr F. G. Lund.

The licence of the Junction Hotel, Church Fenton, was transferred from Mr James Chatterton to Mr Frederick Grayson, while the licence of the Crooked Billet Inn, Saxton, was transferred from Mr W. E. Warrington to Mr John Strangeway.

George Sutcliffe, miner, Fairburn, was charged with using obscene language on the 20th ult., at Fairburn. Defendant did not appear. Fined 5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Geo. Wm. Poole, railway porter, Ferrybridge, was charged with riding a bicycle without a light on the 4th inst. at Brotherton. Fined 1os. and 7s. 6d. costs.

OTTER HUNTING AT COLLINGHAM.

A FINE HUNT.

On Tuesday at Collingham Bridge there was a meet of Mr W. Thompson's otter hounds. Notwithstanding the adverse conditions of a bitterly cold north-westerly wind, and water that felt as if it consisted mainly of the melted snow from the hills at the head of the valley, good sport was obtained. There was a fair-sized field assembled when the Master arrived with twenty couples of hounds, and proceeded to draw up stream. Hounds first ogrked at a small fragging pool on the north bank of the river, and spoke to a drag intermittently until nearing Wood Hall, when they "marked" at a small rood, and put their otter away at once. They drove him down stream until he reached the first shallow, when he turned back, and, feeling himself master of the situation in this deep pool, swam leisurely from one root to another, frequently raising himself out of the water and looking around. Scent was fairly good, and hounds began to hustle him, but after an hour's good swimming he went through the shilds at the shallow at a great pace, finding refuge in a long deep, under the shadow of Langwith Wood, known as "Dead Man's Hole." Here scent was very poor, and for two hours it was a slow game. Then once again the otter made off down stream, and for an hour or more the hunting was much brighter, as hounds were very keen, and on more than one occasion, with the least bit of luck, would have caught their game. But the icy-cold water told on the young hounds, and they were getting slack after five hours' swimming, and when this otter gave up its "sticky" tactics, and boldly made a dash for liberty, gaining the comparative safety of the mile of deep water, with its abundant cover, above Linton Bridge, hounds had to acknowledge themselves beaten. It was a fine hunt, under adverse conditions, of six hours from find to finish.

HOW SHE PAID THE DEBT.

Mrs Isabella Fyvie Mayo, the novelist, whose death was announced on Wednesday, had a hard struggle in her early years. Her father died when she was quite young, and the family found themselves under a debt of £100. She bravely determined to clear this off. She began with her needle, and she and her eldest sister using all their spare time earned 1s. 6d. a week between them. Next she addressed envelopes at 3s. per day, later earning better wages as a copyist for lawyers and others. Her early literary efforts met with little success; but at last she was asked to write a series of articles which ultimately took the form of a novel, for the "Sunday Magazine." This procured plenty of literary work for her at good pay, and the debt was cleared off at last.

On Saturday a cricket match between Wetherby and Clifford ended in a "tie." The scores were 84.

Mr R. J. Foster, of Stockeld Park, won third prize for hunter, gelding, or mare, any age, at Otley Show, on Saturday.

In the girls' solo contest at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Tuesday Elsie Allen, of Ulleskelf, was placed fourth.

Tadcaster Burials Committee.—At the first meeting of the Burials Committee held at the office of Mr W. H. Green (Clerk) the members present were:—Messrs J. J. Shilleto, Jos. Shilleto, J. Jennings, J. T. Kettlewell, W. Crossley, J. Smith, J. A. Grimston, and J. Nettleton. The Clerk produced the names of the persons appointed to represent the Parish Councils on the Burials Committee as follows:—Tadcaster West, Messrs J. Jennings, J. T. Kettlewell, J. Nettleton, and J. J. Shilleto; Tadcaster East, Messrs W. Crossley, Jas. A. Grimston, and Joseph Shilleto; Oxton, Mr Jas. Smith; and Stutton, Mr Jas. Brown. Mr Grimston was appointed chairman and Mr Crossley vice-chairman for the coming year. The whole of the committee were appointed a General Purposes Committee, and the same members were appointed a Visiting Committee as last year. The rules were adopted for conducting the business as before. The committee were requested to view the footpaths at the cemetery and report at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the Local Government Board auditor had audited the accounts for the year ending March, and the same were satisfactory.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Until recent years the importance of good streets and yards and their relation to the public health were not discerned, and Dr. Hugh Stevenson's remarks in another column should be perused by every house-holder and property-owner. Dealing with the question of consumption he says:—

It is evident that this question is not limited to one merely of housing, but that the outside of the houses are of almost equal importance. It is little use having a house brought up to a habitable standard unless the outside surroundings are at the same time brought up to a similar standard.

It is to be feared that sometimes people who live in good houses amid nice surroundings do not appreciate the conditions under which many people live, and the ratepayers, too, are not without blame, because in every case they could return men who would insist upon healthy conditions being provided in every district.

In the Templenewsam district the Rural Council, by their enterprising policy, have within the last few years turned quagmires into excellent streets, and it has been accomplished without any fuss or trouble. When Tadcaster Rural District Council had jurisdiction over Crossgates they carried out a splendid scheme, and property-owners have reaped enormous advantage from it, because now their property is well let. Moreover, Crossgates is a remarkably healthy suburb, and it may be safely assumed both at Templenewsam and Crossgates the public health has benefitted greatly from the improvement in the yards and streets.

Apropos of the making-up of private streets at Garforth, in his last report Dr. Stedman stated that Helena Street, Kippax, and Robinson and Victoria Streets, Allerton Bywater, would have been better dealt with under the Private Streets Works Act "than allowing the owners to do the work themselves. The two former already require further attention." Where is the saving to the owners? These streets are still repairable by the property-owners, who will soon be called upon to make another outlay, whereas had they allowed the District Council to do the work they would have had no further liability. Again, I say it does not pay property-owners to tinker with streets; they invariably lose money by it.

For the none farm hands in Barkston Ash have ceased from troubling, but I suppose the men were represented at the conference at York at which a demand for a minimum wage of 22s. per week by Jun. 5th was adopted. It will be observed that the men have modified their demand, which was, in the first instance, for 24s., and in asking for 22s. they cannot be accused of being particularly greedy. In the district farm hands are receiving 24s. and over, but there are others working for less than the new minimum, and it is patent that a certain class of farmers will not concede it until they are forced. My contention is that if one farmer can pay the wage his competitor should be in a position to give equal rates to labour. Were those neighbour extravagant in the men's demands one would soon hear of it, but numerous farmers have told me that they remunerate men at a rate equal to 24s. a week, and that is considerably over the industry can afford at better wage than certain employers are disposed to give. Farmers resent combined action on the same courses together, and nothing pleases him more than if I managed to beat him in the examinations." The work of Charles Hatton has certainly borne good fruit.

In those early days, however, there were some fine men among the mining population of the district. I have heard the late Mr Charles Bickerdyke, one of the old officials at Allerton Bywater, who was no mean mathematician—he was a member of Tadcaster District Council for several years—relate how he and the late Mr Christopher Hick, probably the most popular man in Kippax in his time, used to conduct an evening school, and among the pupils—many grown to manhood—was the late Mr Bee Pickard, M.P. No kindly Education Authority encouraged the aspiring youth of those days, and the school was conducted on very humble lines, indeed. The pupils, I was told, had to bring their own candles to guide them through the mazes of arithmetic, etc., but some of them made their mark. It is doubtful that the young men value the great educational advantages they now have, otherwise the evening classes would be better attended.

When the fatality occurred on the railway bridge at Church Fenton several months ago there was an agitation for the erection of lights on the road in order to provide protection for the public. The N.E.R. Co. declined to light the bridge, and the District Council stated that it was not their duty, so the responsibility was thrown on the ratepayers of Church Fenton. A parish meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the question of adopting the Lighting Act, and the ratepayers, by an almost unanimous vote, declined to support public lighting. It is possible, however, that the question will be thoroughly understood. Had the meeting adopted the Act, it was not compulsory on the Council to light the streets of the village, but they would have had power to come to an arrangement with the N.E.R. Co. for the erection and maintenance of lamps on the bridge. This expenditure would have amounted to only a few pounds annually, and it would have been no burden on the parish. As it is, the Council cannot spend a farthing in this direction, otherwise they would be surcharged. If it is desired to bring the question up again a year must elapse between the dates of the meetings.

Apparently it's no joke being a publican. At Tadcaster ample illustration of this was given recently. A man, who, it was stated, had been drinking, entered a pub., and soon there face had cause, presumably for his own protection, to inform him that his absence was preferred to his company. The would-be customer, however, did not take the warning in the proper spirit, and the licence-holder had to forcibly eject him—a rather stiff job, it was, too. Quietness was no sooner restored than the ejected keeper, who had returned to the house, heard a sound of broken glass, and, on going out, he discovered that his visitor had smashed his windows. To add to the licence-holder's worries, his wife fainted, and the window-smasher was left in possession of the street. It is seldom that licence-holders require as much protection as other people, for they have to deal with all sorts of customers.

Will Garforth win the ambulance shield presented by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of

A Rothwell Colliery Owner's Speech.

MR J. HARGREAVES AND MINERS' WAGES IN THE OLD DAYS.

The third annual dinner of the members of the Yorkshire Coal Exchange was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Tuesday, when the principal guest was Mr C. E. Charlesworth, the High Sheriff of Yorkshire and head of the firm of J. and J. Charlesworth (Limited), colliery proprietors, Rothwell.

Mr James Hargreaves, of Moor Allerton (formerly of Rothwell), presided, and was supported by a large company including Mr J. S. Charlesworth (ex-president of the Exchange), Mr F. J. Kitson (President of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Mr J. Robinson (President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce), Mr C. Scriven, Mr Johnson Shaw, Mr J. W. B. Wilcock, Mr Williamson (North-Eastern Railway, Hull), Mr R. Morby, and Mr E. J. Addley (Hull Coal Exporters). Mr T. Whittaker (Leeds Coal Trade), Mr Brown (N.E.R. Co., Leeds), Mr Llewellyn Jones (Askern Main), Mr H. Sandy (Allerton Bywater), Mr J. W. Dobson (Garforth), and Mr Lee (Rothwell Haigh Collieries).

In replying to an invitation from the President, Mr C. E. Charlesworth first addressed the members. He announced that after fifty years' connection with the coal trade he proposed shortly to retire. In the past, he said, the coal trade had suffered from too much legislation which had crippled it in many ways. A great deal of it was absolutely useless. He could not supply a better illustration than the introduction of electric safety lamps into the mine. The other day he gave an order for £7,000 worth of these lamps, which was a serious item in the cost of coal production, when he had many thousand pounds worth of other safety lamps on hand, and he had to send down these lamps to see whether the others were safe or not. The electric lamps gave a better light, but he doubted whether the collier would find it an advantage to use them. This led him to speak, he said, of another question which would have to be taken up by the capitalists of the country. They as colliery owners, had no chance of getting into the House of Commons. If they stood in the districts where they were known, and, he hoped, respected, the organisation of the miners' unions was brought against them by agitators who had the cleverness to poison the minds of the electorate, and thus secure the return of their own nominees to Parliament. This had a deleterious effect, because all the laws he had referred to had been thrust upon them by agitators who had no sense those who were paying them, and who had to bring forward grievances for their own aggrandisement.

Proceeding, Mr Charlesworth said he wanted to see if it was possible for capitalists of every trade to combine and ask that a committee should be formed of business men who should assist in the work of the Second Chamber. Lord Rosebery made an exceeding suggestion when he said that they ought to have in the Second Chamber men who knew the requirements of the different trades. These men would be able to act as a brake on the coach which, he believed, was fast travelling to destruction. They were told that they were going to have considerable relief in the rates. They ought certainly to have some relief in the matter of education. Too much money was spent in the effort to find genius, with the result that youths never took to labour afterwards. Youths ought to be taught to read and write, to become good workers and good citizens. His complaint was that they did not get the results they were entitled to.

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held on Wednesday evening at Garforth—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn (Aberford), Messrs J. M. Rayner and J. Pemberton (Scholes), W. Y. K. Young (Lotherton), J. B. Bread, H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, F. Richardson, and T. S. Slater (Garforth), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

It was reported that the County Authority had advanced the salary of Mr W. Freeborn, of Aberford, by £5.

The Committee decided to recommend that the salary of the head teacher of Garforth Parochial Infants' School should be advanced £5.

The Clerk reported that last month the percentage of attendance in Garforth district was 91.91, but Sherburn district was higher with 93.06. The Chairman said it was very satisfactory.

It was reported that the Scholes School had been closed owing to an epidemic of measles, and would not be re-opened until June 8th.

The Clerk submitted the report of the medical inspection of the schools, and stated that at East Garforth there were three defective children, at Garforth Parochial School, mixed, 3, and infants' department, 5, Garforth R.C. School 2, Garforth Council 9 (seven cases of defective vision), and infants' department 6. At Aberford there were five cases of defective children and at Barwick 3.

Mr Rayner inquired if there were any cases at Scholes?

The Clerk said there were none.

Arrangements were made for looking after the cases reported upon.

An excellent report on East Garforth Council School was made by the county inspector, who remarked on the decreased numbers in recent years.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn inquired the reason for the decreased attendance.

The Clerk said the school population had fallen in Garforth.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn asked if the population of Garforth had grown.

The Clerk said it had, but he did not know how much.

The Chairman said the decreased attendance was due to people having smaller families.

When the county nursing scheme came up for discussion, the Clerk inquired if the members on Garforth Urban Council had anything to report.

Mr Slater: I don't think they have.

The Chairman: At Tadcaster they have formed a committee to deal with the question, but it is difficult to say at present who will be the authority.

Mr Gascoigne said he thought it was the intention of Garforth Council to join with Tadcaster.

The Chairman: We have not had a meeting at Tadcaster yet.

Mr Gascoigne said that Garforth Council were waiting to see what was done.

The Clerk, in answer to a question, said that if it was decided to have a full time nurse, she

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Disappearance of a Stourton Retiev g Officer.

STATEMENT AT HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

BOOKS IN GOOD ORDER

On Wednesday at the meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding—the members considered the following item which appeared on the agenda: "Letter from Mr V. Sharp, relieving officer. Absence from duty."

It appears that Mr Vincent Sharp, who lived at Haigh Park Terrace, Stourton, left his work last week without notice, and has not since been seen in the district. Mr Sharp, who is a married man, 42 years of age, carried out his duties up to Wednesday. He had been employed by the Board about seven years, and his books had been left in good order.

The Clerk said he received a letter from Mr Sharp on Friday morning, and it had evidently been posted in Leeds at 8 p.m. on May 7th. It was dated, like all others written by Mr Sharp last week, "May, 1914," without any day. The letter said:—

"Enclosed please find keys of my safe. You will find £4 10s. less postage. Should be pleased if you will have cash checked by yourself. I am giving away for private reasons."

Mr Mee said he had balanced up the cash and found that Mr Sharp had sixpence in his favour. This intimation came to him (Mr Mee) as a shock, and, after verifying his cash, he went out to see his (Mr Sharp's), wife, who had received a letter on the previous day saying that he was seeking fresh employment. The letter also intimated that he might write to her at the end of the week. As a matter of fact, she received a further letter on Sunday morning, which had been posted from Skipton on Saturday. The first letter she had received was posted at midnight, or rather, 12.30 a.m. on Thursday morning. The cash was right, and there was no obligation for him (the Clerk) to find out what had become of Mr Sharp, but he thought it would be essential if he acted for the Board to find out what had become of him, and he had made inquiries, and if the Board desired it, he would be willing to give information.

Mr Bennett moved that the Clerk give all the information he could, and this was carried.

It appeared, said the Clerk, that this was only the end of something which had been going on for months. He found that Mr Sharp had been going about his work in a slovenly way. Mrs Sharp had told him that some of his books, instead of being done at the office, had been taken home on Sunday, and he had told her that he had been so hard worked at the office that he had no time to do them there. He had also told his wife that he had been kept regularly at the office until ten o'clock at night, and by way of proof he had submitted documents—which he (Mr May) had handed to another officer of that Board—which showed that he had been sent to Northallerton to make enquiries on behalf of the Guardians. That, of course, was not true. He added that in this matter Mr Sharp was not alone.

At this juncture Father Cody asked if such allegation might be left out.

Mr Bennett: It is information the Board has asked for.

The Clerk said it was a very difficult task for him to give further information regarding Mr Sharp's relations with his wife without bringing in others.

Mr Bennett said they had put the task to the Clerk, but they did not want him to give information which would jeopardise him.

Mr Botterick moved that the remainder of the discussion be taken in committee.

Mr G. Armitage, who agreed, called attention to the "hellsecret" reporters who had come for the "spicy" bits, thinking they (the Guardians) were going to fill up their papers.

Dr. Groves asked what the Board was to do. Could they claim anything from him? Was there any salary to claim from him?

The Chairman: There is nothing of that kind.

Dr. Groves: Then it is waste time going any further. We ought to advertise for another.

The Chairman: He has been an officer for whom we have been responsible.

Father Cody: Why not leave it to the Permanent Relief Committee?

Mr Schofield asked if there would be any liability on the Clerk were he to read on. If there was no danger then the Clerk ought to read on and the public should know.

The Clerk said so far as nee mary the Board should know.

Upon a vote being taken ten voted for the matter to be taken in committee, and eight against.

In the end the Board decided to dismiss Mr Sharp. The question of appointing a successor was left to a sub-committee.

Wetherby Orpheus Male Voice Choir won second prize in the male voice choir competition at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Wednesday.

Mr Jack Wormald, who is leaving Spofforth Hall in a few months' time, has purchased and will take up his residence at Foston Hall, between York and Malton.

F.C.U.—A series of services and meetings were held on Sunday in connection with the 50th Annual Commemoration of the West Leeds Branch of the English Church Union. At Woodhouse the Rev. Cecil M. Cordroux, chaplain to Stotfield Parish, preached on "The Catholic Religion and Life."

BOWLING.—On Saturday Hilton Travellers had a League match at Tadcaster, and the scores were:—Tadcaster 205, Travellers 123. Details (Tadcaster names first)—A. Blamires 21, W. Adams 18; T. Doyle 21, G. Mosby 13; T. Ellerbeck 16, B. Dickinson 21; E. Waller 21, H. Archbold 14; C. Moorcroft 21, T. Booth 4; D. Hill 21, J. Hebden 8; J. H. Hull 21, A. Calvert 7; N. Rhodes 21, J. W. Dixon 5; W. Milsom 21, A. Mosby 19; R. Ryecroft 21, H. Bowers 17.

WEDDINGS AND SUNDAY CLOSING.—At the York Wesleyan Synod on Wednesday the following resolutions were passed with regard to impending legislation:—"That this Synod of the York District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church desires to express regret at the rejection of the second reading of the English Sunday Closing Bill, and urges the Government to provide early facilities for the passing of the Bishop of London's proposed Bill constructed on similar lines, and for the purpose of furthering the same great object." "That this Synod of the York District of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in view of the alarming increase in the National drink bill reminds the Government of their repeated promises to introduce and pass through all its stages a comprehensive measure of licensing reform." It was resolved that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

First Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Outw od F.	3	3	0	0	6
Robin Hood	3	2	1	0	4
Methodists United	2	1	0	1	3
Carlton	2	1	0	1	3
Kippax	2	1	1	0	2
Oulton	3	1	2	0	2
Rothwell	2	0	2	0	0
Stanley	1	0	1	0	0
Woodlesford	2	0	2	0	0

Second Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Oulton F. A	3	3	0	0	6
Stanley Church A	2	2	0	0	4
Carlton A	1	1	0	0	2
Robin Hood A	3	1	2	0	2
Rothwell A	2	1	1	0	2
Kippax A	2	1	1	0	2
Oulton A	3	1	2	0	2
Woodlesford A	2	0	2	0	0
Methods W.	2	0	2	0	0

R. HOYLAND, Hon. Sec.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

ROTHWELL V. CARLTON.—At Carlton. Scores:—

Rothwell—A. Clark, c Butterworth, b Illingsworth, 0; J Newton c Brown, b Sykes, 4; C Tiffany, c Butterworth, b Illingsworth, 0; W. Fox, b Illingsworth, 0; H. Hemsworth, b Illingsworth 4; F Stringfor, b Illingsworth, 0; H Hodgkinson, b Illingsworth, 4; W Bedford, run out, 0; J Povey, b Illingsworth, 1; H Banks, b Sykes, 3; H. Lane, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 18.

Carlton—H. Corns, b Banks, 4; J. Illingworth, b Banks, 2; A. Sykes, not out, 9; R Ellis, b Banks, 1; W Brown, not out, 2; extra, 1; total (for 3 wickets), 19.

OULTON V. OUTWOOD.—At Oulton. Scores:—

Oulton—B Chappell, c Wheeler, b Pickard, 12; R. Higgins, c Colley, b Pickard, 1; P L Butler, c Lunn, b Harrop, 32; H J Butler, b Hargreaves, 30; J E Jackson, b White, 13; W. Hutchinson, c Wheeler, b Hargreaves, 7; P C Higgins, b Hargraves, 15; H Cope, b Hargreaves, 1; R V Higgins, c Thompson, b Pickard, 5; B Walker, b Hargreaves, 8; Palfreeman, not out, 1; extras, 7; total, 132.

Outwood—H Dixon, c Chappell, b Hutchinson, 5; W H Pickard, c & H Butler, b Hutchinson, 6; J W Lunn, b R V Higgins, 26; D White, c H Cope, b R V Higgins, 25; J Harrop, c H Cope, b R V Higgins, 0; A Hargreaves b Hutchinson, 19; M Wheeler, c and b Hutchinson, 9; J Jones, b Hutchinson, 10; J. Colley, c R V Higgins, b Cope, 21; E Thompson, not out, 8; R Hoyland, c Chappell, b Hutchinson, 0; extras, 4; total, 133.

WOODLESFORD A V. ROBIN HOOD A.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—Woodlesford A—H Hare, b Booth, 10; T Morton, c Featherstone, b Booth, 14; L. Taylor, lbw, b Booth, 0; H Abbey, c Caton, b F Wormald, 6; J Hamer, b F Wormald, 1; J Holmes, b F Wormald, 3; L Wilkinson, c and b Booth, 5; W Carne, b F Wormald, 4; J Jaques, not out, 1; H Baxter, b Booth, 4; extras, 3; total, 50. Robin Hood A—B Booth, b Baxter, 0; E Wormald, b Baxter, 26; C Feamley, run out, 4; F Wormald, not out, 9; extras, 5; total (for 2 wkts.), 53.

OULTON A V. OUTWOOD A.—At Outwood. Scores:—Outwood—H. Love, b Whitworth, 77; H Parker, c sub., b Jones, 1; W F Jones, b Parkinson, 44; H Whiteley, c Butterick, b Higgins, 17; J Whitaker, b Whitworth, 0; F Tattersall, b C Higgins, 2; F Woolley, b C Higgins, 3; extras, 7; total (for 7 wkts.), 159. (Declared). Oulton A—C Butterick, b Whiteley, 0; E Parkinson, b Whiteley, 0; P Nettleton, b Whiteley, 7; C Higgins, b F Tattersall, 2; T Jones, c Parker, b F Tattersall, 0; R Whitworth, b Tattersall, 3; A Gibson, b Whitteley, 3; A Jones, c Finnigan, b Ashton, 0; G Higgins, b Whiteley, 5; J W Elmy, b Leand, 0; T. Hurdus, not out, 2; extras, 4; total, 37.

ROTHWELL A V. CARLTON A.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Rothwell A—S Falkiner, b Ashton, 17; W Nelson, b W. Newton, 18; E Longley, b W Ashton, 1; E. Tiffany, b W Ashton, 7; F Gibson, c Fox, b G Dixon, 11; J W. Paley, c Newton, b J. Ashton, 0; A Wemack, b W Ashton, 1; W Parish, b J. Ashton, 0; G Ingleby, b G. Dixon, 0; L. Ineson, b G. Ashton, 1; E Beckwith, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 70. Carlton A—G. Dixon, c Nelson, b Falkiner, 30; A Brook, b W Parish, 2; A Austin, b W Parish, 0; A Turner, b W Parish, 7; W Ashton, c Beckwith, b Falkiner, 14; J. Ashton, c Longley, b Falkiner, 0; W Newton, not out, 0; Arthur Austin, b W. Parish, 8; J Nunns, lbw, b W Parish, 0; W Fox, not out, 7; extras, 8; total (for 8 wkts.), 82.

A CHANGE.—Consequent on York having decided to hold a market for the sale of store stock every Thursday, instead of alternate Thursdays, the Wetherby Markets Committee have decided to hold its sale of store stock on alternate Mondays, on the same day as the fat stock sale, instead of on alternate Thursdays as in the past. The change will take effect from next Monday.

WETHERBY GOLF CLUB.—In the Scaled Medal Competition on Saturday the scores were:—R Lee (14 handicap), 34 net; W D Pearson (16), 38; S Mallaig (16), 38; J W Graydon (11), 36; H Heap (18), 37; J A Willans (8), 38; J Pearson (10), 38; R L Bath (12), 38; W H Plats (6), 39; J A Hudson (24), 39; Rev. G S Charlewood (14), 40; N Graydon (14), 40; C E Whitaker (14), 40; T Bath (18), 42; C C Fraser (26), 42; C C Doutt (5), 43.

GOLFING LADIES.—On Wednesday a match was played at Wetherby between Bradford Moor Ladies and Wetherby Ladies. Scores:—Wetherby Ladies 7, Bradford Moor Ladies 0. Details (Wetherby names first)—Mrs Dalby 1 v. Mrs Mitchell 0, Miss L. Metcalfe 1 v. Mrs Feather 0, Miss Dawson 1 v. Mrs Booth 0, Mrs Birkmyre 1 v. Mrs Shepherd 0, Miss Durrant 1 v. Mrs Bell 0, Hon. Mrs Jackson 1 v. Mrs Greenwood 0, Miss M. Metcalfe 1 v. Mrs Whitehead 0.

BRAVERY AT ULLESKELF.—The Castleford Amalgamation of Anglers did honour on Saturday night at the Star and Garter Hotel, Castleford, to Mr Fred Morrell, one of their members, for gallantry displayed in saving the life of a youth named Brooke, also of Castleford, while fishing at Ulleskelf last year. Mr Morrell was made the recipient of a gold medal. It appears that Brooke was seated on the river bank with rod in hand when the ground gave way and he slipped into the river. A treacherous current was running at the time, and Brooke was speedily carried into the middle of the stream. Seeing the youth's great danger Mr Morrell threw off his coat and left the lad up until a boat in charge of Mr J Atkinson, of Dewsbury Road, Leeds, came to the rescue. Artificial respiration was applied by Mr Atkinson, and the youth's life was saved.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O. (Chairman), Rev. B. Hemsworth, Mr Walter Crosland, Mr William Crosland, and Mr F. G. Land.

The licence of the Junction Hotel, Church Fenton, was transferred from Mr James Chatterton to Mr Frederick Gravener, while the licence of the Crooked Billet Inn, Saxton, was transferred from Mr W. E. Warrington to Mr John Strangeway.

George Sutcliffe, miner, Fairburn, was charged with using obscene language on the 20th ult. at Fairburn. Defendant did not appear. Fined 5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Geo. Wm. Pooke, railway porter, Ferrybridge, was charged with riding a bicycle without a light on the 4th inst at Beadertion. Fined 1d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

OTTER HUNTING AT COLLINGHAM.

A FINE HUNT.

On Tuesday at Collingham Bridge there was a meet of Mr W. Thompson's otter hounds. Notwithstanding the adverse conditions of a bitterly cold north-blowing wind, and water that felt as if it consisted mainly of the melted snow from the hills at the head of the valley, good sport was obtained. There was a fair-sized field assembled when the Master arrived with twenty couples of hounds, and proceeded to draw up stream. Hounds first ogried at a small fregging pond on the north bank of the river, and spoke to a drag intermittently until nearing Wood Hall, when they "marked" at a small rout, and put their otter away at once. They drove him down stream until he reached the first shallow, when he turned back, and, feeling himself master of the situation in this deep pool, swam leisurely from one root to another, frequently raising himself out of the water and looking around. Scent was fairly good, and hounds began to hustle him, but after an hour's good swimming he went through the sedge of the shallow at a great pace, finding refuge in a long deep, under the shadow of Langwith Wood, known as "Dead Man's Hole." Here scent was very poor, and for two hours it was a slow game. Then once again the otter made off down stream, and for an hour or more the hunting was much brighter, as hounds were very keen, and on more than one occasion, with the least bit of luck, would have caught their game. But the icy-cold water told on the young hounds, and they were getting slack after five hours' swimming, and when this otter gave up its "sticky" tactics, and boldly made a dash for liberty, gaining the comparative safety of the mile of deep water, with its abundant cover, above Linton Bridge, hounds had to acknowledge themselves beaten. It was a fine hunt, unlike adverse conditions, of six hours from find to finish.

HOW SHE PAID THE DEBT.

Mrs Isabella Fyvie Mayo, the novelist, whose death was announced on Wednesday, had a hard struggle in her early years. Her father died when she was quite young, and the family found themselves under a debt of £100. She bravely determined to clear this off. She began with her needle, and she and her eldest sister using all their spare time earned 18. 6d. a week between them. Next she addressed envelopes at 3s. per day, later earning better wages as a copyist for lawyers and others. Her early literary efforts met with little success; but at last she was asked to write a series of articles which ultimately took the form of a novel, for the "Sunday Magazine." This procured plenty of literary work for her at good pay, and the debt was cleared off at last.

On Saturday a cricket match between Wetherby and Clifford ended in a "tie." The scores were 84.

Mr R. J. Foster, of Stockeld Park, won third prize for hunter, gelding, or mare, any age, at Otley Show, on Saturday.

In the girls' solo contest at Pontefract Musical Competitions on Tuesday Elsie Allen, of Ulleskelf, was placed fourth.

TADCASTER BURIALS COMMITTEE.—At the first meeting of the Burials Committee held at the office of Mr W. H. Green (Clerk) the members present were:—Messrs J. J. Shillito, Jos. Shillito, J. Jennings, J. T. Kettlewell, W. Crossley, J. Smith, J. A. Grimston, and J. Nettleton. The Clerk produced the names of the persons appointed to represent the Parish Councils on the Burials Committee as follows:—Tadcaster West, Messrs J. Jennings, J. T. Kettlewell, J. Nettleton, and J. J. Shillito; Tadcaster East, Messrs W. Crossley, Jas. A. Grimston, and Joseph Shillito; Oulton, Mr Jas. Smith; and Stutton, Mr Jas. Brown. Mr Grimston was appointed chairman and Mr Crossley vice-chairman for the coming year. The whole of the committee were appointed a General Purposes Committee, and the same members were appointed a Visiting Committee as last year. The rules were adopted for conducting the business as before. The committee were requested to view the footpaths at the cemetery and report at the next meeting. The Clerk reported that the Local Government Board auditor had audited the accounts for the year ending March, and the same were satisfactory.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Until recent years the importance of good streets and yards and their relation to the public health were not discerned, and Dr. Hugh Stevenson's remarks in another column should be perused by every house-holder and property-owner. Dealing with the question of consumption he says:—

It is evident that this question is not limited to one merely of housing, but that the outside of the houses are of almost equal importance. It is little use having a house brought up to a habitable standard unless the outside surroundings are at the same time brought up to a similar standard.

It is to be feared that sometimes people who live in good houses amid nice surroundings do not appreciate the conditions under which many people live, and the ratepayers, too, are not without blame, because in every case they could return men who would insist upon healthy conditions being provided in every district.

In the Templenewsam district the Rural Council, by their enterprising policy, have within the last few years turned quagmires into excellent streets, and it has been accomplished without any fuss or trouble. When Tadcaster Rural District Council had jurisdiction over Crossgates they carried out a splendid scheme, and property-owners have reaped enormous advantage from it, because now their property is well let. Moreover, Crossgates is a remarkably healthy suburb, and it may be safely assumed both at Templenewsam and Crossgates the public health has benefited greatly from the improvement in the yards and streets.

Apropos of the making-up of private streets at Garforth, in his last report Dr. Stedman stated that Helena Street, Kippax, and Robinson and Victoria Streets, Allerton Bywater, would have been better dealt with under the Private Streets Works Act "than allowing the owners to do the work themselves. The two former already require further attention." Where is the saving to the owners? These streets are still repairable by the property-owners, who will soon be called upon to make another outlay, whereas had they allowed the District Council to do the work they would have had no further liability. Again, I say it does not pay property-owners to tinker with streets; they invariably lose money by it.

For the more farm hands in Barkston Ash have ceased from troubling, but I suppose the men were represented at the conference at York at which a demand for a minimum wage of 22s. per week by Jan. 5th was adopted. It will be observed that the men have modified their demand, which was, in the first instance, for 24s., and in asking for 22s. they cannot be accused of being particularly greedy. In the district farm hands are receiving 24s. and over, but there are others working for less than the new minimum, and it is patent that a certain class will not concede it until they are forced. My contention is that if one farmer can pay the wage his competitor should be in a position to give equal terms to labour. Were there anything extravagant in the men's demands one would soon hear of it, but numerous farmers have told me that they remunerate men at a rate equal to 24s. a week, and that is conclusive proof that the industry can afford a better wage than certain employers are disposed to give. Farmers resent combined action on the part of the men, but why should they do so? Agriculturists in modern are combining for the purpose of protecting their own interests, and the employers have a right surely to do precisely the same thing.

How is it that at some collieries the relations between masters and men are nearly always good and at others there is frequent trouble? A reason must exist for it. At Allerton Bywater the management and men are on excellent terms, and in these days when there is so much criticism of workers and their ways, it is refreshing to read the words of commendation uttered by Mr Drake and the manager, when a motor ambulance was needed, and the colliery-owners wanted to bear a share of the cost, but the men, determined for once to show what they could do, decided to pay every farthing themselves. It showed a fine spirit of independence.

Allerton Bywater, however, is one of those places which have a way of settling its own problems by the application of the collective principle. Miners, as a rule, are keenly interested in sport, and the Allerton Colliery possesses its own cricket, football, and athletic club, which has a good ground. For the maintenance of this institution every miner, I believe, pays a penny per week, and everything works smoothly. It will be remembered that last season the Allerton team, with whom the manager plays, made a bold bid for the Hepworth Cup, and they annexed other trophies. The team is undoubtedly the strongest in the district.

While on the subject of collieries, and miners, I am reminded of a little story related by Mr J. P. Houlton, son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, of Garforth, who was manager of Micklefield Collieries, and who did not seem to have any difficulty in preserving good relations with his men. Mr J. P. Houlton, although he is a very wealthy man, had his early struggles, and, whether one agrees with his political principles or not—and I am a North-East Derbyshire—everyone is bound to admit that it is an honour to his profession. "I left school at 13," said Mr Houlton, "and started work, but my father did his utmost to encourage me to attend night classes and study every subject connected with mining. I studied geology, mine construction, engineering, and a lot of other subjects, and to encourage me my father attended the same classes. We went through the same courses together, and nothing pleased him more than if I managed to beat him in the examinations." The work of Charles Hilton has certainly borne good fruit.

In those early days, however, there were some fine men among the mining population of the district. I have heard the late Mr Charles Bickerdyke, one of the old officials at Allerton Bywater, who was no mean mathematician—he was a member of Tadcaster District Council for several years—relate how he and the late Mr Christopher Hick, probably the most popular man in Kippax in his time, used to conduct an evening school, and among the pupils—many grown to manhood—was the late Mr Ben Pickard, M.P. No lordly Education Authority encouraged the aspiring youth of those days, and the school was conducted on very humble lines indeed. The pupils, I was told, had to bring their own candles to guide them through the mazes of arithmetic, etc., but some of them made their mark. It is doubtful that the young men value the great educational advantages they now have, otherwise the evening classes would be better attended.

When the fatality occurred on the railway bridge at Church Fenton several months ago there was an agitation for the erection of lights on the road in order to provide protection for the public. The N.E.R. Co. declined to light the bridge, and the District Council stated that it was not their duty, so the responsibility was thrown on the ratepayers of Church Fenton. A parish meeting was convened for the purpose of considering the question of adopting the Lighting Act, and the ratepayers, by an almost unanimous vote, declined to support public lighting. It is possible, however, that the question was not thoroughly understood. Had the meeting adopted the Act, it was not compulsory on the Council to light the streets of the village, but they would have had power to come to an arrangement with the N.E.R. Co. for the erection and maintenance of lamps on the bridge. This expenditure would have amounted to only a few pounds annually, and it would have been no burden on the parish. As it is, the Council cannot spend a farthing in that direction, otherwise they would be surcharged. If it is desired to bring the question up again a year must elapse between the dates of the meetings.

Apparently it's no joke being a publican. At Tadcaster ample illustration of this was given recently. A man, who, it was stated, had been drinking, entered a pub., and soon Bonifacc had cause, presumably for his own protection, to inform him that his absence was preferred to his company. The would-be customer, however, did not take the warning in the proper spirit, and the licence-holder had to forcibly eject him—a rather stiff job, it was, too. Subsequently there was no sooner restored than the inebriate, who had returned to the house, heard a sound of broken glass, and, on going out, he discovered that his cycle had been damaged by the window. To add to the licence-holder's worries, his wife fainted, and the window-smasher was left in possession of the street. It is evident that licence-holders require as much protection as other people, for they have to deal with all sorts of customers.

Will Garforth win the ambulance shield presented by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam? They came out first in the competition at the Leeds centre, and they are very hopeful of success in the next stage of the contest. In Garforth's case persistence has had its reward, for, although ambulance work has been studied for several years, the workers did not secure high honours at the outset, and it ought to be an encouragement to the teams at other collieries to persevere. Allerton Bywater are going ahead, too, and they will make their mark if they do not weary in the work.

KICKED BY A MARE.—As a result of a kick from a mare of which he was in charge, at Woodside Farm, Scarcroft, John Brown, a groom living at North Street, Wetherby, sustained a fractured Pitt thigh and had to be removed to the Leeds Infirmary on Saturday.

WETHERBY GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday a competition took place between Ladies and Gents. Parkinson (handicap 9) 2 up. Darcy P. A. Gray (18) 2 down, J. Pearson (20) 2 down, C. E. Whitaker (24) 3 down, C. Fraser (20) 5 down, W. H. Platts (9) 7 down, C. S. Sykes (9) 1 down, G. Williams (8) 7 down.

LADIES' GOLF MATCH.—A match was played at Wetherby between Rufford Ladies and Wetherby Ladies. Scores:—Wetherby Ladies, 5, Rufford Ladies 2. Details (Wetherby names first):—Mrs Dalby v. Miss Kay 1, Miss Lucy Metcalfe 1 v. Miss F. Fell 0, Miss Dawson 0 v. Miss Fell 1, Mrs Birkmyre 1 v. Miss Lamb 0, Miss Durrant 1 v. Mrs Carr 0, Hon. Mrs Jackson 1 v. Miss Cooper 0, Miss M. Metcalfe 1 v. Miss Rimer 0.

MR LANE FOX AND EDUCATION RATES.—In the House of Commons on Monday Mr Lane Fox asked the President of the Board of Education whether the new grant to local education authorities would be paid in respect of parishes where the amount to be met by rates for elementary education exceeds the produce of a rate of 18d. in the £ even if the produce of the rate for elementary education of the local education authority in whose area a parish of the above description is situated was less than the produce of a rate of 18d. in the £.—Mr Pease: If the area as a whole is not recessitious, i.e., if the expenditure as a whole falling upon the rates does not exceed the produce of an 18d rate over the whole, then no grant will be paid even though the area contains parishes which are obliged, through the operation of Section 18 of the Act of 1902, to raise rates exceeding 18d.

A Rothwell Colliery Owner's Speech.

MR J. HARGREAVES AND MINERS' WAGES IN THE OLD DAYS.

The third annual dinner of the members of the Yorkshire Coal Exchange was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Tuesday, when the principal guest was Mr C. E. Charlesworth, the High Sheriff of Yorkshire and head of the firm of J. and J. Charlesworth (Limited), colliery proprietors, Rothwell.

Mr James Hargreaves, of Moor Allerton (formerly of Rothwell), presided, and was supported by a large company including Mr J. S. Charlesworth (ex-president of the Exchange), Mr F. J. Kitson (President of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce), Mr J. Robinson (President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce), Mr C. Scriven, Mr Johnson Shaw, Mr J. W. B. Wilcock, Mr Williamson (North-Eastern Railway, Hull), Mr R. Morby, and Mr E. J. Addeley (Hull Coal Exporters), Mr T. Whittaker (Leeds Coal Trade), Mr Brown (N.E.R. Co., Leeds), Mr Llewellyn Jones (Askern Main), Mr H. Sandy (Allerton Bywater), Mr J. W. Dobson (Garforth), and Mr Lee (Rothwell Haigh Collieries).

In replying to an invitation from the President, Mr C. E. Charlesworth first addressed the members. He announced that after fifty years' connection with the coal trade he proposed shortly to retire. In the past, he said, the coal trade had suffered from too much legislation, which had crippled it in many ways. A great deal of it was absolutely useless. He could not supply a better illustration than the introduction of electric safety lamps into the mine. The other day he gave an order for £7,000 worth of these lamps, which was a serious item in the cost of coal production, when he had many thousand pounds worth of other safety lamps on hand, and he had to send down these lamps to see with her the others were safe or not. The electric lamps gave a better light, but he doubted whether the collier would find it an advantage to use them. This led him to speak, he said, of another question which would have to be taken up by the capitalists of the country. They, as colliery owners, had no chance of getting into the House of Commons. If they stood in the districts where they were known, and, he hoped, respected, the organisation of the miners' unions was brought against them by agitators who had the elevens to go down to the polls of the electorate, and thus secure the return of their own nominees to Parliament. This had a deleterious effect, because all the laws he had referred to had been thrust upon them by agitators who had to serve those who were paying them, and who had to bring forward grievances for their own aggrandisement.

Proceeding, Mr Charlesworth said he wanted to see if it was possible for capitalists of every trade to combine and ask that a committee should be formed of business men who should assist in the work of the Second Chamber. Lord Rosebery made an excellent suggestion when he said that they ought to have in the Second Chamber men who knew the requirements of the different trades. This seemed to him would be a check to act as a brake on the coach which, he believed, was fast travelling to destruction. They were told that they were going to have considerable relief in the rates. They ought certainly to have some relief in the matter of education. Too much money was spent in the effort to find genius, with the result that youths never took to labour afterwards. Youths ought to be taught to read and write, to become good workers and good citizens. His complaint was that they did not get the results they were entitled to.

The question of the maintenance of the roads (he went on) was like that of education, an Imperial matter. As a holder of coal royalties and one who leased a great deal of coal, he thought it was unfair that the lessor should sit in his comfortable home and not pay towards the cost of local burdens when he was receiving the benefit. In his own district, for instance, he paid two-thirds of the rate for the local drainage scheme, when he did not put a spoonful of matter into the sewers. Such things needed looking into, and if they could form some good working committees which would go up London and, without any hardships to Cabinet Ministers they would do good. He congratulated the Exchange on its appearance of prosperity. They had, however, a serious position to face. He did not know how, when a slump in trade came, they were going to bear the taxation which had been put on them.

"The Coal Trade and the Yorkshire Coal Exchange (Limited)" was proposed by Mr J. S. Charlesworth, who said he hoped they would soon day have a building of their own, and be housed together with the other trades in Yorkshire. They had had a good time in the coal trade with the exception of one upheaval which might have led to serious trouble.

In responding the President (Mr James Hargreaves) referred to the price of coal compared with what it was forty years ago. He could remember, he said, men underground getting from 3s. 6d. to 4s. a day, and topmen from 2s. 6d. to 3s. These figures to-day had more than doubled. He would not like to see the day come again when the miner's wage would go down to 4s. a day. No man in the world was more worthy of his hire than the miner, and no man took a greater risk. (Hear, hear). He sometimes wished that the British working man would get it out of his head that they in England alone had coal to sell, and that whatever price was asked for it, both at home and abroad, people were bound to give it. In view of the foreign competition which they had to meet this was an altogether mistaken idea. With regard to the opening out of a colliery by a German syndicate in the South Yorkshire coalfield, Mr Hargreaves said that it was nothing new to have foreigners engaged in the English coal trade, and there was no need to fear that such competition would re-act to the detriment of Yorkshiremen.

The other toasts included "The City of Leeds," proposed by Mr C. Scriven and responded to by Mr F. J. Kitson. "The Railway and Canal Companies," proposed by Mr Johnson Shaw and responded to by Mr J. W. B. Wilcock (Hull).

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was proposed by Mr Joshua Smith, and the vote was carried with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held on Wednesday evening at Garforth—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn (Aberford), Messrs J. M. Rayner and J. Pemberton (Scholes), W. Y. K. Young (Lotherton), J. B. Breed, H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, F. Richardson, and T. S. Slater (Garforth), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

It was reported that the County Authority had advanced the salary of Mr W. Freeborn, of Aberford, by £5.

The Committee decided to recommend that the salary of the head teacher of Garforth Parochial Infants' School should be advanced £5.

The Clerk reported that last month the percentage of attendance in Garforth district was 91.91, but Sherburn district was higher with 93.06. The Chairman said it was very satisfactory.

It was reported that the Scholes School had been closed owing to an epidemic of measles, and would not be re-opened until June 8th.

The Clerk submitted the report of the medical inspection of the schools, and stated that at East Garforth there were three defective children, at Garforth Parochial School, mixed, 3, and infants' department 5, Kippax Council School 2, Garforth Council 9 (seven cases of defective vision), and infants' department 6. At Aberford there were five cases of defective children and at Barwick 3.

Mr Rayner inquired if there were any cases at Scholes?

The Clerk said there were none.

Arrangements were made for looking after the cases reported upon.

An excellent report on East Garforth Council School was made by the county inspector, who remarked on the decreased numbers in recent years.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn inquired the reason for the decreased attendance.

The Clerk said the school population had fallen in Garforth.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn asked if the population of Garforth had grown.

The Clerk said it had, but he did not know how much.

The Chairman said the decreased attendance was due to people having smaller families.

When the county nursing scheme came up for discussion, the Clerk inquired if the members on Garforth Urban Council knew anything to report.

Mr Slater: I don't think they have.

The Chairman: At Tadcaster they have formed a committee to deal with the question, but it is difficult to say at present who will be the authority.

Mr Gascoigne said he thought it was the intention of Garforth Council to join with Tadcaster.

The Chairman: We have not had a meeting at Tadcaster yet.

Mr Gascoigne said that Garforth Council were waiting to see what was done.

The Clerk, in answer to a question, said that if it was decided to have a full time nurse, she could do the school work and also the work under the Girls' Notification Act.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn said there was a probability of something being done at Aberford.

The Clerk: Of having a nurse for Aberford?

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn: Yes.

The Clerk: Then it would be better to leave the matter over for full time.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn: Yes, because I think the scheme will mature.

It was agreed to leave the matter over until next meeting.

Mr Chappel inquired what the grant would be to Garforth were they to employ a full time nurse.

The Clerk said the grant from the County Council for the work in connection with the schools and Notification of Births Act would be £28. The Urban Council had power to make a grant towards paying a nurse, and if they did so there would not be a great amount to be raised by private subscriptions if they decided to employ a full time nurse.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn asked what the county grant to Aberford, Lotherton, Parlington, and Sturton would be.

The Clerk said it would be £9 or £10 but if they took in Barwick it would be more.

Mr Rayner asked what the County Council contribution would be for Barwick.

The Clerk said it would be £10.

Mr Rayner asked if it would be possible to co-operate with Aberford in a nursing scheme.

The Rev. B. W. Shepheard-Walwyn said they thought the Aberford district was large enough for a nurse, but if Barwick had any suggestions to make they would be considered.

Mr Rayner said that Barwick was a rather small place to appoint a full time nurse.

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EXCELLENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

—The school attendance in Sherburn district last month was excellent, the percentage for the eight schools being 93.06—the highest in Garforth division—against 88.44 for April last year. The figures for the Sherburn schools were:—Endowed School, 96.39 against 86.88; Girls' School, 92.76 and 91.19; and Infants' School, 89.29 and 81.81.

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FLOWER GARDEN.

The weekly routine work of the flower garden will occupy a considerable amount of time from now onwards. The value of a tidy appearance is very high, and it is a remarkable fact that tidiness often makes an otherwise indifferently cultivated garden look better than an untidy one, even when the latter is filled with healthy, vigorous plants.

The lawn should be mown twice over each week, that is, the machine should be passed forwards and backwards over each part. Grass edging should be regularly trimmed with the shears, and on no account must weeds be tolerated on walks, beds, or borders. Free use of the hoe or rake will keep the surface soil fresh and neat.

Delphiniums, pyrethrums, and many other herbaceous plants will require staking and tying, and spent flowers should be cut away as soon as they begin to look untidy.

In the case of tulips, daffodils, etc., going out of bloom, there seems to be considerable doubt as to the best means of preserving the bulbs so as to ensure a shoot of bloom the following year. Much has been said and written about the "drying" and "ripening" of these bulbs. Personally we do not think it necessary to subject them to such unnatural treatment. Nature is the best teacher, after all, and the treatment of these bulbs should be as nearly natural as possible. If their present quarters are required for the bedding out of summer flowering plants, the bulbs may be lifted with a fork and transferred straight away to the borders in some position not required for the other plants. The leaves of the bulbs are performing an important function in the building-up of next year's flowers. To take them up and dry them off now is courting failure. Under natural conditions the bulbs remain in the ground all the year, and a little thought will show how unreasonable it is to expect them to do well the following year if they are subjected to the harsh treatment of baking them in the sun. We have some tulips in bloom at the moment of writing that have flowered for five years without a miss, and they have never been disturbed since we first planted them. It may be argued that to leave them in the ground must leave a blank space during the summer months. This difficulty may be overcome by sowing seed of a few quick-growing annuals amongst the bulbs as soon as the foliage of the latted commences to shrivel. The May-flowering tulips will live and do well for many years if left undisturbed, and the same remark applies to the Parrot or Eye narcissus, and the beautiful double white narcissus, Alba-plena Odorata.

VIOLAS.

For garden decoration the violas are more popular than the useful Viola. They possess many virtues, not the least of which is their extreme hardiness. There is, in fact, to be had in almost endless variety of shades, the individual flowers last a long time, and their flowering period extends over a long season. The ground intended for their reception should be deeply dug and well broken up. They are grass feeders and must have a generous supply of old manure, and if available, a sprinkling of soot must may be added. Their adaptibility to circumstances make them very useful. Sun or shade seems to make comparatively little difference to them, although it is advisable to select dwarf varieties for planting in shaded positions. Dryness at the root is a condition which the viola objects to, and on light land it is no uncommon thing to see the plants die off while-side during the dry weather. Handwatering is a hopeless kind of task where huge quantities are grown, and under these circumstances it is advisable to resort to mulching with manure. This is often objected to because of the unsightly appearance, but if the mounds is lightly covered with fine soil, the difficulty would be overcome. There are so many varieties now in commerce that it is very difficult to give a selection without omitting a number of really good ones. For garden decoration, however, the following are all well worth a place:—Fred Williams, Lady Chichester, Edina, Maggie Mott, White Swan, G. C. Murray, Maddy Perfection, Primrose Dame, Amy Burt, Hector Macdonald, Kitty Bell, and Cream King.

CALLA LILIES.

These outdoor-loving plants are now passing out of bloom, and may be placed in a sheltered position outdoor. Some growers keep them perfectly dry for some weeks after flowering, but we prefer to keep them moist. In our gardens they are planted out in trenches for the summer, and lifted and repotted again early in autumn. We have tried various methods of dealing with them, and find the following to give the best results:—Stand outdoor after flowering as suggested above, until the middle of June, then shake them out of the pots and remove a good portion of the soil. Repot into as small a pot as will hold them, using a mixture of 3 parts loam, 1 part rich leaf mould and thoroughly rotten manure, and a sprinkling of sand and bone meal. Pot firmly and stand the plants in a shaded position where they will be sheltered from strong winds. Water should be given them when required but not before. The old leaves will gradually turn yellow and die and when new growth commences it will be found to be strong and healthy. By the end of August repotting will be necessary and a similar compost may be used again. Even this point the advantage of keeping the plants in pots will manifest itself. Those that have been planted out suffer severely after being lifted, whereas the ones grown in pots grow away freely and may easily be had in bloom at Christmas time. If an increased stock is required the plants may be divided into single crowns at the June potting. Single plants invariably produce finer and larger spathes than the clump-ed.

TOMATOES.

The fruit of the tomato is as popular as ever, and it is fairly safe to assume that no plant is more likely to find its way into the amateur's greenhouse than this one. Its cultural requirements are very simple and are often understood. The first essential is a light, sunny position, although the variety known as Princess of Wales will give a fairly good crop in a comparatively shady house. The compost used for potting should be firm and fibrous, but only a small amount of manure should be used. A rich compost would cause the plants to produce thick, sappy growth at the expense of the fruit. Water should be given sparingly until the fruit commences to swell; afterwards copious supplies will be needed. About midday the roof may be gently shaken to distribute the pollen and ensure a good "set" of fruit. When two or three trusses of fruit are set liquid manure may be given without danger of causing sappy growth.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—HARDENING OFF.

Chrysanthemums grow rapidly at this time of the year, and it will be necessary before long to put them into their flowering pots. Before this is done, however, they must be gradually hardened off so that they may be used in the open air. The sharp frost that occurred on May and gave a severe check to many plants that were standing outdoor. Undue haste in getting them outdoor is a dangerous proceeding in this part of the country, but if the ventilation of the frames has been given in gradually increasing quantities, it will be quite safe to stand them out the third week in May. There is more danger from strong winds than from frost after that time, and the plants should be stood in a position where they will be sheltered from the east and the west.

CINERARIAS.

Vast improvements have been effected during recent years in both the large-flowered and the cluster section of cinerarias. Colour, firmness of flower stalk, and general habit of the plant have all received attention, and today we have a type of plant immeasurably better than was available a few years ago. For conservatory decoration a batch of plants should be grown to flower immediately after the chrysanthemums. In many gardens bulbs are relied upon to succeed the "Mums," but it must be admitted that the cost of the bulbs is so high as to make one pause before purchasing sufficient to make a really bright display early in the year. A half-dozen packets of the choicest strains of cinerarias such as Suttons', will produce two or three hundred plants, sufficient to fill a fairly large conservatory. For such early flowering the seed should be sown not later than the middle of May. By placing the seed pan in a warm house rapid germination is secured but often at the expense of the stamina of the plant. A cool cold frame is quite warm enough even in the night-time, and during the day a little air should be given to prevent the temperature being run up by sun heat. Shade from bright sun is essential while the plants are small, but when they are a few inches high no more shade than is absolutely necessary should be given. The seed germinates quickly even under cool treatment, and as soon as the seedlings are large enough to handle they should be transferred to boxes filled with light loam and a little sand. No manure should be given to the young plants. Strong, robust seedlings often produce coarse, badly-coloured flowers, and if plenty of medium-sized and small plants are available the strong ones are discarded. The frame should be kept fairly close for a week or ten days after pricking the plantlets into boxes, and it is very important that a moist atmo-phere should be maintained. This will not only encourage the plants to grow, but will act as a deterrent to the development of their greatest enemy, greenfly. Under cool, moist conditions growth is very rapid, and in about three weeks' time the plants will be ready for potting into 3½ inch pots. It is still unnecessary to add animal manure to the soil, but a little clean leaf-mould and a sprinkling of boneymeal will prove beneficial. Pot firmly, shade, and repeat the shady treatment for a few days until the plants recover from the shock of removal. Subsequent repotting, etc., we shall deal with in due course.

ACCIDENT TO A NONAGENARIAN.—Mr John Townend, a nonagenarian Selby resident, was riding his tricycle through the town when he had a collision with a cyclist. Mr Townend and the cyclist both fell to the ground, but happily neither received any injury.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one).

WHEN GAS IS EMPLOYED.

Every season sees the use of gas for running incubators steadily on the increase. It is an economical as-el, at all events in large towns; it is certainly more cleanly, much labour is avoided, and in results it is equally successful.

When gas is employed, however, there is one very important detail to observe; the burner should have an automatic governor, otherwise when the domestic lights are turned out at night time the increased pressure on the incubator jet would cause increased heat, and possibly upset the regulation of the machine. There is no difficulty whatever in procuring these; every appliance manufacturer today handles them, and as the initial expense is only a matter of one or two shillings every operator who elects to run his machine by gas will do well to procure one.

TESTING THE EGGS.

When you are thoroughly assured that the machine is perfectly regulated and running at an even temperature, the eggs may be placed on the tray or in the drawers. My own observation is that the best results are obtained when the eggs lie flat and the tray is not overcrowded. You want the air to circulate round them; obviously if they are packed as tightly as possible this result cannot be obtained.

When the eggs are first placed in, the temperature will naturally fall. Don't let this worry you; the eggs have got to get warmed, and this process will take from two to eight or nine hours, according to the machine. A great error is frequently made here by operators immediately altering their regulator because of this fall in temperature; this upsets the regulation of the machine, and the practice is to be reprobated. As the temperature of the eggs gradually rises, so incubation commences, and immediately Fit are brought into existence animal heat is generated.

This practically means an increase of two to three degrees in the egg-chamber, so that after the eggs are heated it may be necessary to give your regulator fatal adjustment. The regulator of an incubator is a very delicate piece of mechanism; the slightest change is attended by great variation, so that this must be very carefully manipulated, and after this final regulation is made it should be unnecessary, with a good machine, to touch subject it. Rarely do more failures result from continually playing (no other word expresses it) with the regulator than any other cause.

THE THERMOMETER.

The importance of regulating the machine before entrusting it with eggs has already been noted, and, as a general rule, it will be safe to regulate it to 103deg. when empty. During incubation, however, the correct temperature will vary to a certain extent, according to the position of the thermometer. My own practice is to allow the bulb of the instrument to just touch two fertile eggs. In this position I consider a temp-rature of 103deg. will give the best results. The position of the thermometer in this case is generally about the second or third row from the front of the tray or drawer. In some incubators the position is provided for the thermometer so that it registers the air temperature practically on a level with the top of the eggs. Generally in such cases the thermometer is suspended from the centre of the drawer. Under these conditions a temperature of 102deg. will probably give the best results. Again with certain machines, owing to their construction, specific instructions are issued by the manufacturers, and in such cases I strongly advise operators to adhere to them rather than to employ knowledge which has been derived from their acquaintance with other machines.

My own experience is that failures in artificial incubation rarely result from the temperature question, excepting in cases of gross carelessness, but rather to errors in ventilation and moisture. There is little difficulty in managing a machine that will keep an equable temperature. Practice will, of course, however, be required to combat the two other difficulties just mentioned. Suffice it, then, to say all violent fluctuations in temperature are unnatural and injurious. A good machine, properly handled, if-machine has been originally purchased, and attention paid, as directed, to preliminary regulation, such a cooling may should never appear.

(To be continued).

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Local Authorities and the "White Scourge."

MEDICAL OFFICER'S SCATHING REMARKS.

WINDOWS WON'T OPEN—WALLS DAMP.

In dealing with the eradication of consumption—the "white scourge," as it has been termed—Dr. Hugh Stevenson, of Rothwell, says that at one time the idea that much could be done to cure a curable and certainly from an administrative standpoint was not seriously entertained, and the fact that such a person was suffering from an infectious disease and consequently had the liability of passing on his infection to others, it received in, was certainly seldom acted upon, but all that is now changed, and there is no infectious disease in the consideration of which so much time and effort and research are now devoted as is the case in tuberculosis.

Efforts are directed on the one hand to the question of trying to effect either a cure in the individual case or of so greatly improving his condition as to considerably prolong not only his life but his period of usefulness as a member of his society, and on the other hand—and this is very important—to the question of preventing as far as possible the afflicted person from being a standing menace to those around him.

Means of dealing with the ordinary mild, or at least non-advanced case is provided by sanatoria followed by domiciliary and dispensary treatment and supervision, but the question of dealing effectively with the advanced case, which is the type of case with by far the greatest potentiality for evil so far as the public is concerned, is a very difficult one, and is one which is giving a good deal of concern to those responsible for the control of tuberculosis. For such cases sanatorium and even dispensary treatment is out of the question, and domiciliary treatment and supervision are unable to touch many of the difficulties in the way of rendering such cases harmless to those living in the same house. It is self-evident that by the time a man reaches this advanced stage of phthisis and even for some time prior to this he has ceased to be a wage earner and may, as a result, have from stress of circumstances to live in'a house of the lowest possible rent and one which consequently has little room in it, or possess few, if any, opportunities for isolating such a case from the rest of the household. There can be little wonder then in such circumstances that the germs of tuberculosis find much fruitful soil to their development and propagation, and the day is far distant indeed when tuberculosis will be eradicated unless some effective means are found for dealing with these advanced cases.

The obvious remedy is the segregation of such cases as are beyond the stage of possible benefit by ordinary treatment, and which constitute such danger zones of infection. It is obvious that the removal, to some institution provided for the purpose, of this class of case would remove from the house in which he or she lived a great source of danger to others, but it is just as obvious that the compulsory removal from home of an advanced consumptive and compelling him to spend his remaining days in a workhouse or public institution has just a sufficient tinge of inhumanity about it to make the problem one bristling with difficulties.

It will have been noticed that those engaged in this work of tuberculosis investigation have not limited their efforts to the question of treatment or even to the question of infection, but have directed their attention to the question of causation of the disease and in this connection have decided that it is hopeless to attack consumption unless at the same time you attack and remove those conditions which most favour its propagation.

Not only is it necessary to give treatment to the individual suffering from tuberculosis, and not only is it necessary to take every precaution to prevent the spreading of infection, but the attempt must at the same time be made to ensure that people shall not live in insanitary houses and amid non-hygienic and unhealthy surroundings, that is to say, under conditions which are simply ideal for the propagation of tuberculosis.

In our district, while the newer property is good—some of it very good—the older houses are—as one would naturally expect—in many instances far from ideal, and in many cases require drastic treatment to bring them up to a possible standard for habitation.

This housing question is one full of difficulties, and these difficulties are only too well appreciated by the officials concerned in the matter, and no less by the Sanitary Committee as the responsible housing authority, but in common fairness it ought to be remembered, though their determination to improve the health and surroundings under which the people, for whose welfare as a Public Health Authority they are responsible, live, may possibly seem to inflict hardship on those who are in a position to spend no part considerable outlay on their property, it ought to be remembered, I say, that they are merely carrying out the law of the land, and that moreover if they did not deal with this matter themselves a still higher authority would intervene and take the work out of their hands. Apart from any question of this kind, however, it is obvious that the duty of the Council as authority to act as they consider the interests and welfare of the community demand, and if they fail to do so they would be unworthy of the position they hold.

It is little good mentioning about ventilation and fresh air when windows won't open, or of talking about the danger of fly infected food and milk, when the house is absolutely devoid of even any pretence at pantry accommodation, and it is futile indeed for a health visitor to attempt to teach mothers how to rear healthy children, when walls are damp, or to eloquently discourse on the manifold blessings of the presence of sunlight in a home when the windows are so small that unless carefully looked after their very presence may easily remain unnoticed.

It ought to be remembered that germs, like most other evil things, love to lurk in darkness and the fact also ought to be borne in mind that sunlight is one of the most germ destroying agencies we possess, and if we wish to have sunlight in our houses we must obviously provide a sufficiency of windows that can be easily opened, and to have a population of healthy children and on the other hand wish to stamp out such devastating diseases as consumption, then we must have people living in houses that are fit for human habitation, and not under those which by their very existence invite disease, and this, in short, is the motive underlying this question of housing reform.

It is evident that this question is not limited to one merely of housing, but that the outside surroundings of the house are of almost equal importance. It is little use having a house brought up to a habitable standard unless the outside surroundings are at the same time brought up to a similar standard. In these days when the only playground left to the children are the side streets and yards, it becomes increasingly necessary that such places should be made sanitary and not be left as quagmires as many of them undoubtedly are in wet weather.

If 1913 has been a year in some respects unsatisfactory from a zymotic point of view it must nevertheless remain a red letter day in the annals of this district, as having witnessed, by the establishment of a health visitor and a housing inspector, the inauguration of a system destined to play a not unimportant part in the work of the future in the direct battle for the health and sanitary.

SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM AND THE WELSH CHURCH.

CHURCH PARTY AND THE MONEY.

In the House of Commons on Monday, on the motion for the third reading of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, Mr Hume Williams (Camborne) moved it as rejection.

The Hon. E. F. L. Wood (C., Ripon) seconded the motion for the rejection of the Bill, and said he would ask the House to consider two facts. He thought there was perhaps something more than an accidental routine in the arrangement of business by which that Welsh Bill was given precedence over the Home Rule Bill, and he suggested that Hon. Members opposite, when they were passing this Bill a third and last time, should divest themselves of party, for one or three years had been the powerful support of the Nationalist Members, and allow the Irish party to be in a position to vote on the merits or demerits of this Bill without adverse considerations. (Opposition, cheers). The second fact was that the Government were prepared to concede to force in the case of the Home Rule Bill what they would not even attempt to concede with regard to claims which were not put forward with force. (Hear, hear). He asked the House wherein was the relationship between Church and State unjust or inequitable to Nonconformists? Whether the Bill passed or failed to pass, whether the Church was endowed or disendowed, the Church would remain the same, and would continue to be inspired with the same doctrine and ideals as she had always been, and if Hon. Members thought they were going to alter the character of the Church they were under a delusion. He noticed that in "The Times" of Saturday there was a remarkable letter from the Dean of Ripon. The Dean of Ripon was one for whom he entertained the greatest possible respect, though on controversial matters he disagreed with him, and in the letter to "The Times" the Dean said that he had been a Liberal all his life, and a consistent advocate of all measures which would place Nonconformists in a position in which Episcopalian and non-Episcopalian members of our Church nation might unite in common work. But it seemed to him that the present Bill would increase the evils complained of instead of removing them. They had repeatedly asked in what respect the relationship existing between the State and the Church of England in Wales penalised a single Nonconformist. The Church party fought the battle of disendowment, not because of the money to be got, but because they thought that money enabled them to do. (Opposition cheers). Every Nonconformist sect was appealing for endowment funds; the Chancellor of the Exchequer with regard to the right of his support to one of the greatest of those appeals; and how in face of that the Government substantiated their plea that by disendowing the Church they were also making disendowment, he was quite unable to understand. What folly it was, at the very time when the grip of materialism was becoming tighter, to quarrel about a fund that ought to be the Government's greatest ally. The result of the Government's policy would not be confined, and he doubted whether anybody could contemplate without dismay the result of this policy, when the news reached many parts of the world where the battle of Christianity was being most keenly contested at this moment. (Opposition cheers). The diversion of funds from religious purposes would be very detrimental to the cause of Christianity in such countries as China. (Opposition cheers).

BARKSTON ASH FARMERS AND IRISH CATTLE.

At the Selby Auction Mart on Monday the signatures of farmers and others were taken to a document, addressed to the Chairman of the Selby Division on the West Riding County Council, attended the auction mart. He made a few remarks from the auctioneer's stand, explaining that an expression of opinion was desired on the matter.

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GARFORTH LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

A SERVICE LEAGUE MEETING AT CROSSGATES.

SPEECHES BY REV. G. HOOPER AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

Under the auspices of the Garforth Liberal Association, an open-air meeting was held at its Town End, Garforth, on Friday night, when addresses were given by the Rev. George Hooper and Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C., the respective Liberal candidates for the Barkston Ash Division. Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, Chairman of the Barkston Ash Division Liberal Association, presided, and among those supporting the platform was Mr Martin Harvey. There was a highly satisfactory audience.

In introducing the speakers, Mr Sutcliffe said that some one had been telling him that Mr Foster was not advanced enough for Garforth people, and he had come to the conclusion that if Mr Foster had been a miner instead of a lawyer he would have been very much advanced. However, he could promise them that Mr Foster would do all he could for the working-men of the Barkston Ash Division. He had seen that at Crossgates they had had a meeting relating to the National Service League, and they were told it was non-political. Strange to say, the people who had a great deal to do with the meeting were connected with the Conservative Party, and all they clamoured for was compulsory service. The previous day, he said, he had along with Mr Foster, attended a meeting at Sheffield in connection with the Housing Scheme, and the matter in hand would be for the welfare of the working-men of the Barkston Ash Division. If they read the pamphlet which had been issued they would see that the Liberal Government had done more for them than any Government in the past.

Mr Hooper said he was pleased to be present that evening to support what he believed to be the cause—the Government of Mr Asquith. In his mind, the Government that was strong showed its strength by taking up the cause of those less able to defend themselves. (Hear, hear). If they were to judge the present Government in the best he had no doubt that if they did so with unprejudiced minds, they would all agree with him that it was the strongest Government. First of all, it had taken up the cause of the child, and child life was now protected and looked after as it never had been in the history of the country. (Hear, hear). Before he left London, he was chairman of one of the attendance committees for South London, and through that came into contact with the real condition of child life, and it was an appalling thing to find how much the child life was neglected in not what they might call Slumdom, but in better districts where they would expect to find nothing of the kind existing. He was also glad to see that the children of the schools to-day were not expected to go through their lessons without having food, and again he was speaking of something which Mr Lloyd George, because for over five years he had lived in East London trying to study its problems, and if possible to find a solution of them. There was no more touching thing to find one child and then another in the schools turn pale, and its hands go slower and slower until its head fell upon the desk in front, and upon making inquiry into the matter found out that the children had come to school without any food. Fifty-four thousand children of the schools of East London went there before having had food. It was simply a question of the sums of money on the education of children unless they were physically fit to take in the education provided. Some of his critics might say, "Now, you are letting away the sacredness of the responsibility of the parents." Parents, said Mr Hooper, were never looked after as they were to-day if they neglected their children. He never felt that they ought to make the child suffer because of its parents. If the natural parent neglected its child then the State, like a foster-mother, must feed the child and deal with the parents. (Hear, hear).

It was not at that end of life only for which the Government had done something. He was glad to know that a very different condition of things existed towards the aged people. He always felt that the Poor Law system was a premium on thriftlessness and a penalty on thrift. He was rejoiced to find that they were not dealing with the aged poor as they used. They no longer could call them paupers. He objected when they did so. He rejoiced in the Old-Age Pension Act. He had served on the Old-Age Pension Committee of South London, the largest committee in the country, and no one knew what a benefit it was unless they had sat upon one of those committees. Before the passing of the Act they were paying at the Camberwell Workhouse 14s. 3d. for every pauper they had—that, of course, included administration charges and everything else. Now, instead of the old people going to the workhouse they received a pension and were remaining outside. For instance, over two hundred old people came out of that workhouse when the Act was passed. Them, again, that money was spent loadily. He had been asked if the people were grateful. He did not care a button whether the people were grateful or not, it was a matter of justice, and he was confident that they were grateful.

He also rejoiced because they had a national system of insurance. He was a believer in it and he had to pay for his services just the same as anybody else. He had never felt like turning up his cards at having to pay sixpence a week for a woman when he paid 7s. 6d. a year for a dog. He objected to people sticking on national insurance licking stamps. Some women who did so did not object to kissing a poodle—(laughter and applause)—and while they thought it a degrade to push a perambulator down the street would carry a dog in their arms. When he reminded the great purpose Mr Lloyd George had in his mind when he tackled the great scheme of National Insurance, he rejoiced that it had lived to see the day when it has become not only a realised fact but a success. When he thought of the condition of the sick men they were called in today, he was proud to be a follower of the man who had produced those conditions. (Applause). He was a believer in the Liberal policy of Home Rule. He believed in it now just as much as he did before Carson kicked up his row. He believed in Home Rule as a Protestant and as a Nonconformist. A man had said to him "I am surprised that you, a Protestant and a Nonconformist, are in favour of Home Rule." He replied, "What does Rome Rule." He positively denied that it was so, as the facts were on the other side. They had to remember one or two things. First of all, the friends of Rome knew her failings as well as they knew theirs. When Home Rule was introduced by Mr Gladstone, the Pope of Rome sent a letter to all the churches against Home Rule. The English Catholic, said Mr Hooper, was an anti-Home Rule. English Church life in this country differed from that of recent years. He remembered as a boy how they had got a smack on the side of the head if they did not touch their hats to the clergymen. That had all changed. Why? First of all, they brought a new element into rural life. They gave the agricultural labourer a vote, and then he felt that he was some one, or rather he felt he had an interest that he never had before. Then they established rural district and parish councils and made them councillors, and then they put mufflers on one side and began to wear a wicker and collar. The Parish Council Act had brought a new phase into country life. A vicar had once said the Parish Council Act had not disestablished the Church, but it had re-established the vicar. He believed that when Home Rule became an Act of Parliament they would find the Irishmen coming together. There would no doubt be a bit of blustering, but what was being said had been said in '93. If they were to see the speeches of '93 they would think Carson had been making them during the past six months. He rejoiced that they were getting to the period when one man would have one vote. He was also glad that they were going to fight at the next election. They were not coming out just yet, gentlemen.

A voice: You very nearly did.

Mr Hooper: We are still twenty-one on the right side. (Laughter and applause).

In conclusion, Mr Hooper paid glowing tributes to the leaders of the Government. They were living in great times, he said; England had never seen a more noble man than he who leads the English Parliament in the House of Commons. Never had they had a man at the Treasury who so earnestly desired to benefit the people of this country as the present Chancellor of the Exchequer. He understood the struggles of the poor, and although he had got on in life he never forgot the conditions under which he had lived. At the next election greater things would be accomplished. If reforms were to strike deeply they had to travel slowly. He believed the best things were yet to come, and if the electors backed the Government they would be more than paid by the legislation which would raise life to a higher standard. (Applause). In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Hooper,

Mr E. H. Foster said that the next election would not be fought on Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, or on Plural Voting. All these would have been dealt with before then, but it would be on the voting of millions of money for the public health.

THE LATE MRS WAINWRIGHT, OF MICKLEFIELD

AN APPRECIATION.

[CONTRIBUTED].

On Monday evening, May 11th, there passed away from earth one of the best-known figures in the part of Yorkshire in the person of Lucy Wainwright, at the ripe age of 81. Mrs Wainwright was born at Kippax, her father being farm-keeper to the late Mrs Bland of Kippax Park. In early life Lucy Field was in service at the Park, and it was there that she met her future husband, Mr George Wainwright, who was butler at the same period. On their marriage they came to Micklefield, to the farm now in the occupation of Mr J. H. Bramley; but on the death of Mr Pearson, they removed to the Bland's Arms, where Mrs Wainwright has lived ever since. Her Wainwright having died some 18 years ago.

Mrs Wainwright was known to everyone for miles round, and it may be said of her, what was said of one of Gallio, the brother of Seneca, "whom to know was to love." The Bland's Arms has the reputation of being one of the best conducted houses in England, and to make no sort of doubt that Mr Tom Field, Mrs Wainwright's brother—a well-known follower of the Bramham Hunt—will carry on the old traditions, now that she is gone.

Mrs Wainwright had a long and weary illness, lasting some eight-en months. There was no organic disease; it was simply nature worn out. The last time she went to church was on Good Friday year; when, although so old, she stayed all through the "Three Hours' Devotion." On Easter Sunday while dressing for the late Mass she was taken suddenly ill, and from that time has been more or less of a confirmed invalid. When the news of her death got about there was unusual sorrow. Perhaps the general verdict on her life was best expressed in the words of one who was told of her death on the Tuesday morning, "I am sorry, another good soul has passed away from earth."

Lucy Wainwright must have been very pretty as a girl, and even as an old lady she had a delightful face, full of kindness and benignity. She was a most regular attendant at the village church, and up to two years ago she never omitted to be present at Mass, no matter what the weather might be. In the beautiful church of Micklefield—a costly gift speaks for her generosity, though few knew it during her lifetime, for she loved to give in secret. Amongst her many gifts was the beautiful copy of a Medieval Crucifix, which stands on the altar, and her very last offering was the beautifully decorated font cover.

The end came very peacefully, and she passed away so quietly that it was difficult to say when the end came. She died in the arms of her devoted friend Elizabeth, who was to her more than a daughter.

The funeral was on Thursday of last week. The day began with a Requiem Mass, at which there was a large attendance. The actual interment was at 3.30. The hearse—out of seven to the house, and it was a most impressive sight to see the procession, headed by the Thurifer, the incense ascending in sweet clouds, followed by the Crucifer and Acolytes. Probably nothing like it has been seen since the days of Faith. The large crowds were deeply impressed, and showed every sign of reverence. Mr Burnley, churmaster of Garforth, kindly took charge of the singing. On the way to the church the hymns "Jerusalem the Golden" and "Jesu, Lover of my soul" were sung alternately. The Vicar and the Rev. Father Cyril Farrar, Vicar and Priest of St. Anne's, Leeds, who were in beautiful violet copes were the officiating ministers. On reaching the church gates the body was placed on the bier, the opening sentences being read by Father Cyril Farrar, as the procession entered the church the hymn, "Ora the Resurrection morning" was sung. Then followed Psalm 100, while the body was solemnly censed. Round the bier six tall tapers were burning, and the beautiful altar was a blaze of lights. Mr Arthur Whitaker was Master of the Ceremonies. Father Cyril and Father Farrar took the Lessons, and then the Vicar resumed the cope, and the procession left the church singing the "De profundis."

At the graveside, the Vicar censed the grave and the body before it was lowered, and said the rest of the Office. Immediately after the blessing, the choir sang "Jesu, Lover of my soul," and then we left our dear old friend waiting in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead.

The church was filled with a crowd of genuine mourners, and many an eye was wet as the service proceeded. Among those present were:—Mr Bland and Mrs Hoste, of Kippax Park, Mrs and Miss Farrar, Mr and Mrs Ernest Farrar of Harrogate, Mr Miller (Kippax), Mr Lower, Miss Stopforth, Mr Walker (York), Mrs Craven, Dr. Abbott, Mr T. H. Bramley, Miss Telford, Mr and Mrs Ellis, Mrs Bramley, Mr Firth, Mr Sutton, Mr and Mrs Dalby, and a host of others.

The grave had been beautifully lined with ivy by Mr W. Lund and his men, and the wreaths sent numbered about 30, and when arranged by Mr Walker, after the grave had been filled in, resembled a magnificent carpet of flowers. "May she rest in peace, and may Perpetual Light shine on her."

A KIPPAX MINER'S ADVENTURE

HIS BICYCLE DISAPPEARS—REMARKABLE CASE.

MAGISTRATE SAYS IT WAS A "PASTARDLY PROCEEDING."

At Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday—before Mr J. W. Merkill and other magistrates—Clifford Gregory, a carter, of Hunslet, was charged with stealing a bicycle valued at £4, from William Gill, Kippax.

Supt. Symonds, in opening the case, said it was alleged that Gill was riding along the Leeds and Pontefract Road at Rothwell, when he was knocked off his bicycle, which was taken away from him.

Mr A. Willey appeared for Gregory.

William Gill, a miner, of Kippax, said that on Thursday, May 14th, about 10 p.m., he was cycling from Leeds to Oulton, along the Pontefract Road, and when descending the hill into Oulton, he saw a flat cart standing in the roadway and facing Leeds. As he approached he saw someone leave the cart and cross the road. He shouted and slackened down, but when on a level with the cart the man who had crossed the road stepped into the roadway and struck at him, catching him on the left shoulder and knocking him off his bicycle. The man who had done so used bad language, and Gill said "Nay, leave me alone, I have done nowt at you." As he was about to pick up the bicycle, three other men came from the cart towards him, and witness dropped the machine and ran back up the hill until he came across a miner, to whom he related the occurrence. A few moments later the cart came along, and when it was on a level witness shouted to the men and asked them for the bicycle. The only reply he got from them was a lot of bad language. Gill returned to the spot in search of the machine, but could not find it. From there he went on to Oulton and informed the police.

By Mr Willey: There appeared to be five men on the cart, they were making a lot of noise and he could not tell whether they were drunk or not. He did not fall from his machine but was knocked off by one of the men. The cart was standing at the proper side of the road.

James Sidbottom, the miner to whom Gill appealed for help, said he was near "Oulton Hill when Gill came up to him. He corroborated the story of Gill's effort to stop the men for his bicycle.

Mr Willey: It was what is now known as a joy ride, wasn't it?

Witness: Well, I don't know, but they seemed to be inebriated. (Laughter).

P.C. Abbott stated that he was on duty at Oulton about 11 p.m. on May 14th when Gill told him of the occurrence. The next morning, along with Sergeant Metcalfe, he went to some premises in Hunslet Carr, occupied by Mrs Wilkinson, whose daughter, they had approached the yard they saw Gregory, who ran away. The bicycle was found in the stable. Later Gregory was apprehended, and, in answer to the charge, said "I can't say anything. I am full. There were more besides me. I was not going to keep it. There were five of us."

Detective Sergeant Dunn said that Gregory said to him that Gill had run into them on the previous night, fell off, and then ran away.

Gregory, who is 21 years of age, gave evidence, and said that he was a carter for Mrs Wilkinson, Hunslet Carr. On Thursday night they set off for a drive. There were four men and a boy, and they had some drink. The first thing he knew of the bicycle was that one of the men had got off the cart and there was a man and a bicycle in the road. He put the bicycle on the cart, but previous to that the man had run off up the hill. They followed him up to the top, and Gill (who he (the boy) shouted to the driver to stop so that they could give him back the bicycle, but the driver took no notice. The machine was taken to the Nun Inn, Hunslet, where it was taken charge of by a man named Heaton. It was their intention to return the bicycle to the owner. The next day Heaton took the bicycle to the slaughter-yard.

Asked by the Chairman why he had run away when the officers came, Gregory said he was a "bit nervous."

John Wilkinson said he was driving the cart. He did not see the man run into the cart, but he knew something had happened to the machine.

Ernest Heaton, who was of the party, said it was their intention to return the bicycle and not to keep it.

Mr Willey contended that it could not be considered a case of theft, and no jury, if it was sent before one, would sustain it. Why were not the other men charged along with Gregory?

After a brief consultation the magistrates stated that they did not think there was sufficient evidence to convict on the charge. For that they were sorry as more distantly proceeding had never been before the Court. The case was accordingly dismissed, the Clerk intimating that there might probably be further proceedings taken against them.

HOW A GARFORTH MAN'S KINDNESS WAS REWARDED

SMART PUNISHMENT FOR UNGRATEFUL LABOURER.

A mean reward for a miner's kindness was related at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, when Richard Chaplin, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a bicycle, valued at £2 10s., from William Thomas Wilson, a pony driver, of Beech Grove, Garforth.

Supt. Symonds stated that early in February the prisoner was found in a destitute condition by Wilson, who took him home. On Sunday, April 26th, he (prisoner) asked him to lend him his bicycle for an hour. The machine was lent, but prisoner was not seen again.

Herbert Parkin, manager of the Grantham Cycle Stores, Grantham, said that on Tuesday, 28th April, the prisoner came to him and asked him to repair a bicycle for him. He was told the cost would be 5s., but prisoner said he could not pay and asked witness to buy the bicycle for 25s. Witness told him he did not buy second-hand machines, whereupon prisoner asked him to lend him 5s. to get back to Bradford, promising to return the money. Witness let him have the money.

P.C. Bevoor spoke to receiving prisoner from the Northampton Police. When charged, he said "I begged it and did go for a ride; I sold it to a cycle dealer at Bradford. I asked him to pay 25s., but we came down to 5s."

Prisoner asked the Bench to give him another chance, but the magistrates declared he had a bad record for similar offences, and sent him to prison for four months with hard labour.

THE LATE CANON GELDART, KIRK DEIGHTON.

TRIBUTE BY BISHOP OF KNARESBOROUGH.

The Bishop of Knaresborough, as Archdeacon of Ripon, conducted the visitation of his archdeaconry on Thursday by delivering his charge to a gathering of clergy and churchwardens at the rural deaneries of Ripon, Boroughbridge, and Knaresborough, in Ripon Cathedral.

The Bishop said: I cannot commence my charge to-day without referring to the sad event of which we have so recently heard—the death of the Rev. Canon Geldart. He left England on May 2nd for a voyage to South Africa. He was somewhat out of health, but it was hoped that the voyage would fully restore him. On May 9th a message was cabled from Cornwall "All well." Two days later a wireless message came saying that he was dangerously ill, and on Tuesday last another message came telling us that he had passed away. He will be greatly missed in his parish, where he served first as curate and afterwards as vicar for 52 years. He spared no effort to promote both the spiritual and material wellbeing of his parishioners. He will be greatly missed also in the diocese. As Rural Dean he gained the confidence and affection of the clergy in his rural deanery, and as a prominent member of the Diocesan Executive of the C.E.T.S. he did much to promote the cause of temperance. We learn from him a lesson of the unspeakable value of quiet, patient, faithful work. Our deepest sympathy will be with his widow in her bereavement.

ENGINEERS AT ALLERTON BYWATER COLLIERY

MR PEAKE'S TRIBUTE TO THE MINERS.

A party of members of the Midland Institute of Mining, Civil, and Mechanical Engineers and the Midland Counties Institution of Engineers, paid a visit on Thursday to the Allerton Bywater Collieries and the Ledston Luck Colliery. Altogether some 160 gentlemen of the Institute were the guests of the New Silkstone and Haigh Moor Coal Company (Limited), and, owing to the fact that, in recent years the Allerton plant has been greatly modernised, the visitors spent a profitable day.

The shafts of the collieries were sunk about 40 years ago, and five years ago the present company decided upon a policy for modernising the plant generally, and developing new coal, with the view of increasing the output. The most interesting feature of the new equipment is the arrangement of power.

A system has been adopted whereby the colliery company generate their own electric power from exhaust-steam during the working hours of the colliery, and use the Yorkshire Electric Power Company's supply at week-ends, holiday times, when overhauling the turbine plant, and as a stand-by in case of emergency. The result arrived at is that, whereas five years ago the collieries were drawing between 9,000 and 10,000 tons per week, and had in use seventeen Lancashire boilers, they are now drawing nearly 17,000 tons per week (with the requisite increase in horse-power) with steam from five Lancashire boilers.

The visitors were entertained to lunch at Allerton Colliery, when Mr G. H. Peake, chairman of directors, presided. He was supported by Mr C. E. Rhodes, consulting engineer; Mr R. E. Hodgson and Mr F. J. Dundas, directors; Mr H. E. Smithson, agent and manager; Mr H. Sandy, secretary; Mr H. S. Childe, Mr P. Greaves, Mr Walter Hargreaves, and Mr Geoffrey Jackson, of Messrs Henry Briggs, Son, and Co. (Limited).

In proposing a vote of thanks to the colliery company and their officials for their courtesy towards the members of the Institute, Mr Walter Hargreaves commented upon the great changes that have taken place in recent years at Allerton Bywater.

Mr H. S. Childe seconded, and the motion, which was heartily carried, was responded to by Mr J. Peake, Mr Rhodes, and Mr H. E. Smithson.

Mr Peake observed that work at the colliery had always been a pleasure, because of the good spirit that prevailed among the employees. As an instance of this, he mentioned that a fortnight ago a motor ambulance had been purchased, not by the company, but by the men themselves. The company met the men's representatives and offered to share the cost of the ambulance car, but the men preferred to bear the burden themselves. In those days, when they heard so much about the unsatisfactoriness of working men, he had great pleasure in bearing testimony to what had been done at Allerton Bywater. (Applause). The company also appreciated the splendid spirit shown. Alluding to the charter which, he hoped, the Mining Engineers' Institutes would shortly receive, Mr Peake said he thought it was time the charter was given. (Applause). He trusted that when they met again he would be able to congratulate them on having acquired it. (Applause).

Mr Rhodes said the experiments carried out by the Institutes had done much for mining science. Those experiments had borne fruit which had resulted in legislation, and made for safety in mines. (Applause).

Mr Smithson, referring to the acquisition of the motor ambulance, said he regarded it as a great achievement, and made the comment that "money could do a lot, but mercy could not buy a motor ambulance." (Applause). The men had bought it "off their own bat," and they had set an example to the district.

THE ABBEY LIVING.—A quantity of valuable freehold property in the heart of Selby has been purchased by the trustees of the endowments of Selby Abbey, which adjoins. It is proposed to utilise this for the purpose of augmenting the benefice of the church, which is now under £200 a year. The scheme is on foot to raise £7,000 for parochial work, which includes the building of a central church institute at a cost of £3,000; the removal of an undesirable yard near the church; the provision of a district mission church; and the increase of the endowment.

A ROUNDHAY MOTORIST IN A COLLISION

HOW A MOTOR-CYCLIST WAS KILLED.

MR A. M. LUPTON'S EVIDENCE.

The fatal motor collision which occurred in Roundhay Road, Leeds, was investigated by Mr J. H. Milner, the Deputy Coroner, on Friday, when the adjourned inquest was held on the victim of the accident, Mr John William Ambler (32), a woollen merchant, of 60, Markham Avenue, Leeds.

It will be remembered that a motor-car, driven by Mr Arthur M. Lupton, of Springwood, Roundhay, down Roundhay Road, came into collision near the Olympia Skating Rink with a motor-cycle and side-car travelling in the opposite direction. Mr Ambler was riding the motor-cycle, and in the side-car was Miss Hetty Robinson, aged 21, of Ashton Road, Harehills. The eleven-year-old son of Mr Ambler was sitting on the carrier at the back of the motor-cycle. Mr Ambler was thrown on to his head and instantly killed. Miss Robinson sustained a fractured collar-bone, and the boy's legs and face were cut and bruised.

Mr E. H. Dodgson appeared for Mr A. M. Lupton; Mr R. C. Davies for the Mutual Union Insurance Company; Mr A. W. Wray for the relatives of Mr Ambler; and Mr G. Snowden for the Leeds Corporation.

Police-Superintendent Haddon produced a map of Roundhay Road. Asked by the Coroner how the road was used, he said that it was usually regarded as a double road, but it should not be so. Some people preferred the macadam side, and each half of the road was used for up and down traffic. So far as the authorities were concerned, the traffic regulations of Roundhay Road were not different from those of any other thoroughfare in Leeds. There was a by-law which enacted that slow going traffic must keep on the left or near side. The general way of using the road was wrong, and cyclists and men with horses were the worst offenders in going for the macadam.

Miss Hetty Robinson, the occupant of the side-car, said that Mr Ambler drove along Harehills Avenue into Roundhay Road, and kept on the left side of the road. The machine was between the "up" tramlines, and the side-car between the extreme near line and the causeway. "We were going up like that," she continued, "and I noticed the motor coming down about the middle of the road. About ten or fifteen yards away from us, it turned suddenly to the right, and I don't remember any more."

The Coroner: Are you sure you did not turn to the right?

The Witness: Oh, no, we kept straight up the left-hand side. I am sure of that.

Dr. Sims said Mr Ambler's death was caused by a fracture at the base of the skull and laceration of the brain. The fracture was at the back of the right side of the head. There was another wound on the left side, and the body was badly mutilated. Judging by the injuries, the motors must have collided with great force.

There was considerable confliction in the evidence of the various witnesses who saw the accident, said the Coroner, as to what was travelling at full speed, and the witness heard no bows sounded.

The next witness, Harry Brown, of Sholebroke View, Leeds, said that the motor passed him, opposite the Skating Rink, in the middle of the road, and it was turning to the right side as if to take the macadam. There were no lights on the cycle, but the lamps on the motor were lighted. Fred Parkinson, of Ashton Street, declared that the motor-cyclist swerved to the right as if to avoid a cart. He was going on the "up" tram track.

Mrs Moorhouse, of 78, Francis Street, Leeds, sister of the late Mr Ambler, said that she was walking with her husband near Gledhow Wood Road, when the motor-cycle came along. She watched the machine as far as she could, and noticed two lights coming down. The lights suddenly swerved, and then there was a great smash.

Mr A. M. Lupton said that his car was a 10-14 h.p. Austin. He had one wheel on the macadam and one on the down tram line as he turned into Roundhay Road. He saw the motor-cycle coming towards him quite close and at an angle. Immediately he put on his brakes. That was all he could do. There was not time for anything else. He was not going fast—probably about 15 miles an hour, and certainly not more than 18 miles. He had run down on a free engine. The motor cyclist came in nearly head on, and swung the witness round. The cycling fell in front, somewhere, and the girl in the side-car came right up, actually brushing the wind screen. The bicycle itself slewed half on to the tram lines, and fell in front. "I didn't run him down," added Mr Lupton.

Mr Willey: Do I understand you to say that you didn't see the cyclist?—Not until it was too close for me to do anything. It was dark.

Of course, he could see you because you had lights?—Yes.

And you say he ran into you, although you had lights?—Yes.

Is it not more than probable you ran into him?—I should have run right over him if I had run him down.

Is it not a fact that you instantly came upon something in the darkness, and you hadn't time to get out of the way?—Yes.

Do you suggest that this unfortunate man, with a boy and a girl, ran into the motor-car?

Mr Lupton made no answer, whereupon Mr Willey declared "I will pass on. I don't wish to pursue a man in your position, in a case like this. Do you suggest you were driving discreetly, with being on the tram-lines there, with the whole of the macadam on the proper side of the road for you?" Very difficult to answer. It is done by everybody.

I suggest you had no right to be there at all. You had to feet on your proper side.

In reply to Mr Dodgson, the witness said he had been driving a car for six years.

The Coroner, in summing up, said Roundhay Road was used in a very queer fashion. Mr Lupton was going down on the near side tramlines. He was doing something which one might see every day in the week, in coming down on the down tram-lines. "If you don't do so," declared the Coroner, "you would be far more likely to run a person down on the causeway edge than you would be coming down on the proper side."

Mr Willey: I hope that won't—

The Coroner: It is so, Mr Willey. There it is, and you can't help it, and no regulations made by the police will avoid it. The police have tried their best to do it, but until the tramlines are exactly in the centre of the road you will always find this difficulty.

Mr Willey: What would avoid it would be to extend the setts another five feet.

After a brief retirement, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," and added a rider that, in their opinion, the police ought to extend on Roundhay Road being used as a single road.

The Coroner: Well, I am sure Mr Willey will see to it in his position on the Council.

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Interesting sidelights are thrown upon the life of the people in the West Riding by the annual report on the medical inspection of school children. When the system was instituted comparatively little interest was manifested in it by parents, who, perhaps, did not realize what it really meant for their children, but they are gradually coming round to the opinion that medical inspection is something that is of value to them. This attitude shows a commendable amount of caution; the people were not altogether ready to swallow what they were told; but they cannot withstand proof. When children are to be medically examined the parents are notified and invited to attend at the school when the examination is being made, and it is gratifying to know that increasing numbers are now availing themselves of the invitations. "The more intelligent and self-respecting the parents are," we are told, "the more they are likely to be present during the examination of their children." This is illuminating information. Parents are, by their own actions and outlook, ranging themselves into classes, and the authorities are now in a position to sift the self-respecting and careful from the indifferent and careless. Naturally, when greater interest is being exhibited in this matter, parents "are more and more appreciating the help and advice of the school medical inspectors." And in our own districts cases have come to light where that advice has proved of the utmost value. Defects which are not obvious to parents are revealed in children—defects which would cause a permanent handicap if not attended to, and remedial measures are adopted. Last year out of the 53,162 routine inspections 27,015 children were free from classified defect, and 26,147 were defective in one or more respects. In 17,094 cases advice was given to the parents, and in 1,564 cases to the teacher. It is to be noted that 49.18 per cent. of children examined were found to be defective in one or more respects. A large number of these defects were of a minor nature, and the figure shows an increase of 2.71 over that of last year. This increase is due mainly to (a) a slight increase in the figures for defective teeth, and (b) an increase in the number of enlarged tonsils, accounted for by the presence of sore throats during the past year. One satisfactory feature is the improvement in the personal condition of the children. The number of verminous heads has decreased, which proves that the work of medical inspection is gradually teaching the parents to pay more attention to the cleanliness of the girls' heads. Forty per cent. of defects have received attention—another advance. Only about one per cent. of the children come from bad homes, and we are told that the little ones who have been found dirty, ragged, and verminous come almost without exception from homes afflicted with poverty or drink, or both. Apparently in the mining districts the conditions are not all that could be desired, but there are mitigating circumstances, and the medical officer has a good word for the miners' wives. "The children of the mining districts," says Dr. Kaye, "are unquestionably not so clean and tidy as those in other areas, and this is no doubt due to the kind of work and general surroundings in the coal fields; the continued presence of dirt and grime and the irregularity of meals and working hours tend to make a struggle for cleanliness more strenuous in the mining districts than elsewhere, and it is a credit to the miners' wives that they do so well. There is perhaps in the factory districts a regularity and smartness inculcated by the mill training—a training that is missed in the mining districts where the girls on leaving school, too often remain at home learning careless habits as a preparation for early marriage." The inspection is revealing in rather a striking way the inefficiency in many homes, and it is doubtful that it arises altogether from lack of knowledge. Further investigation might show that in homes in the West Riding laziness among women is responsible for the state of affairs that exists. "It is disappointing that, though sewing has been taught for so many years in the schools," says the report, "the mothers and elder sisters seem to be incapable of doing the least bit of mending; clothes remain torn, unpatched, untidy, and unclean till they are almost falling from the wearer." Medical inspection, it is obvious, is bound to work out for the benefit of the children in many directions.

A few years ago enormous interest was aroused among local administrative bodies with reference to checking the ravages of consumption, and conference were held, reports made, and the necessity for decisive measures was accepted. Since then a county scheme has been launched, and the notification of cases of tuberculosis has been made compulsory, but the local authorities have ceased from displaying that active interest in the question which was so common when remedial measures were first proposed. It would be idle to criticise the work that has been done for consumptive patients in the county, because the period during which the scheme has been at work has been too brief to permit of people judging the results, but there is one phase of this important question which is not receiving attention, and until something is done it is hopeless to expect that tubercular disease will be eradicated. Remedial measures, as we have stated, have been adopted, but they only affect persons in the early stages of the disease, and it seems that nothing is being done in regard to the unfortunate people who are beyond cure. It was suggested at one time that two classes of institutions should be erected—one for persons for whom there was a chance of cure, and another for cases which were beyond medical aid, but up to now the second class has not received attention. To expect the disease to be stamped out when persons suffering from it are allowed to live at home is ridiculous; in fact, it if in this way that infection is spread and the number of patients augmented, and the authorities should be able to deal with these patients so that they may not be a danger to their fellows. Advice as to treatment and conduct is good, but unless these patients are removed to a home their power for evil in spreading the infection will not be materially decreased. A local medical officer suggests segregation, and this is a commonsense plan, although, as he says, it has a tinge of inhumanity about it to compel a person who is doomed to pass his few remaining days far removed from his family. But the same argument, so far as sentiment is concerned, could be applied to smallpox or to typhoid fever. No man nor woman would needlessly sacrifice family for sentiment, and if it were clearly pointed out that the fate of the consumptive would overtake others, owing to infection in the home, few of the unfortunate patients would hesitate as to their course of action. The public require education on this subject, and the local authorities should exhibit a little more interest in it, otherwise the results from the great expenditure of money will not be so satisfactory as they would have been had a thorough policy been adopted.

Nearly every great movement has had a small beginning, and it is not surprising to learn that the Boys' Brigade, which claims to have a membership of 70,000 officers and boys, was started in a mission hall in a dim Glasgow street. Its founder was Sir William A. Smith, who has just passed to the great majority, and what led him to start the Brigade was the difficulty of retaining a hold on lads after they had left the Sunday School—a difficulty which every church at the present time is called upon to deal with. Sir William saw that boys were fond of "playing at soldiers," and by eliminating entirely the combative element from his methods, he founded a movement which has accomplished splendid moral work throughout the whole country. Military in outward form, even in its uniform, the Boys' Brigade exists solely for religious training and the imparting of a manly code of behaviour. Its popularity shows its efficiency, and had it deserved the adverse criticisms which have been levelled at it, it would never have attained its present numerical strength. It was started in 1883 with the motto, "Sure and Stedfast," and the avowed purpose of "establishing Christ's Kingdom among boys, and promoting habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends to true Christian manliness." Its influence was seen in the formation of other organizations, and it is a living force in the nation's life. Then, look at the wonderful success of the Boy Scout movement. When General Baden Powell set out to educate the country along his own lines of thought, he introduced a novel scheme which in its first beginnings seemed to partake somewhat of the nature of a fad. But in a few months this illusion, natural as it was, was completely dispelled, and the Boy Scouts have become a part of the national life not only of this country but of almost all the countries of the world. Boys will be boys, and when an opportunity is given of turning their boyishness into proper channels, it is astonishing that the opportunity is let slip by parents. The Boy Scout movement is a game, yet not a game. Its methods are those of amusement, but its chief end is instruction. It is a solution to the problem of training boys to grow up good men without depriving them of the pleasures natural and necessary to their boyhood's days. In our own district the Scout movement has demonstrated its value, and, apart from the effect it has had on juvenile character—discipline must always count for something—it has been instrumental in imparting to boys knowledge which must be of use to them in after life. If it had done nothing else, it would have more than justified its existence. Probably the movement would make greater progress were a sufficient number of available men to act as Scoutmasters to volunteer their services, but this is self-sacrificing work which comparatively few well-equipped men will tackle, and it is understandable because it means that the work goes into inefficient or undesirable hands, or is not done at all. The movement, we are told, wants more good officers —men capable of influencing the lads in the right direction—and aspirants for service will be cordially welcomed by all.

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DEATHS.

Schofield—May 17th, at Station Road, Todcaster, Anna, the beloved wife of John Henry Schofield.

Stevens—On May 14th, at Ulleskelf, aged 70 years, James Cooper Stevens, late of Boston Spa and Wetherby.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

Owing to a breakdown the men employed at the Rose Pit, Rothwell, belonging to J. and J. Charlesworth and Sons, Limited, have been unable to work since Wednesday morning.

Sleeping Out.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Banks, a labourer, of no fixed above, was charged with sleeping out at Rothwell, and was sent to prison for three months.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr. J. W. Morkill (in the chair), the Hon. C. H. Wilson, Col. A. M. Sugar-Musgrave, Mr J. R. Cross, and Mr. Wm. Hall.

Homing.—On Saturday eighteen members of Rothwell H.S. sent 203 birds to take part in the race from Rugby (95 miles) Results:—Fox Bros. 12,357, A. Hodgkinson 12,201, J. Crossley 11,099, Thos. Hall 11,196, J. Armitage 11,196, W. Richardson 1,195.

Drink.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Beckwith, carter, of Rothwell, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on May 9th. P.C. Womack proved the case, and a fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Primitive Methodism.—In connection with the Primitive Methodist Church on Thanksgiving tea was held in the lawn behind the church on Saturday afternoon, and it was well attended. The goods which were unsold at the recent bazaar were for sale. In the evening a pretty cantata was rendered by the children of the Sunday School.

Wesleyan Church.—Rothwell Wesleyans had a visit from the Rev. J. W. Pearson (Leeds) on Sunday, who occupied the pulpit at both the morning and evening services, and drew good congregations. On Monday evening he delivered one of his popular lectures "Hugh Price Hughes," and there was a large audience, and the lecture was greatly enjoyed. Mr J. R. Seanor presided.

Aleep.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Cardiss, a carter, of Leeds, was summoned for having been asleep while in charge of a horse and dray. P.C. Bennett stated that about 11.15 p.m. on Monday, May 4th, he was on the Leeds Road, Rothwell Haigh, when he saw a horse attached to a dray coming along. The defendant, who was in charge, was fast asleep, and he (the officer) walked alongside the cart for about 70 yards before the defendant awoke. When spoken to by the officer defendant said that he did not know he had been asleep. A fine of 15s. and costs was imposed.

"A Nasty, Mean, Low Trick."—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Hales, a carter, of Wakefield, was summoned for having no control of two horses in his charge. It was stated by P.C. Bosomworth that about 4.30 p.m. on May 9th the defendant drove along the Pontefract Road at Rothwell Haigh in charge of two horses. He was seated on the shafts but did not hold the reins, which were coiled up and lying loosely on the shafts. When told he would be reported defendant said "Then it would be a nasty, mean, low trick if you did!" A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

A Farm Labourer's Offence.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Arthur Lever, a farm labourer in service at Rothwell Haigh, was charged with stealing a leather belt valued at 2s. 3d., John Michael Emmanuel Hoover, Rothwell Haigh, stated that the belt was in his possession in February last. On May 15th, when he was in need of it, he found it had gone. A search was made, in which Lever joined, but the belt was not discovered. The police were informed and the belt was found by P.C. Tait upon Lever. P.C. Tait stated that when spoken to about it Lever took the belt from his pocket. In answer to the Chairman, Lever said he knew Mr Gemmell had missed it; he was wearing it at the time and had been for some months, but did not like to own up to it. Lever was bound over and ordered to pay the costs.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a team representing the Rothwell Working Men's Club (Marsh Villa) played North Leeds Working Men's Club at Rothwell. The homesters, who batted first, made 98 and won by five runs, the visiting team scoring 93. Scores:—Rothwell W.M.—J. W. Fox 10, J. Parker 4, S. Pritchard 13, M. Naylor 4, E. Dacre (not out) 27, J. Hill 14, J. Tayloe 4, F. Lunn 3, H. Dacre 0, J. Barnett 0, T. W. Copley 0, extras 14; total, 98. North Leeds —H. Brownhill 0, O. Oddy 14, A. Gillon 1, G. Lancaster 1, A. Dobson 0, J. Russell 11, E. J. Walton 7, G. Topler 25, S. Grant 1, W. Ward 1, J. Booth (not out) 2, extras 25; total 93.

BOWLING.—The Rothwell Bowling Club entertained the bowlers from the New Farnley on Monday evening, and Rothwell lost by eighteen points, the aggregate scores being New Farnley 216, Rothwell 198. Details (Rothwell names first):—J. Harrison 12 v. J. Cowburn 21, G. W. Nodding 13 v. T. Drake 21, J. Oakland 21 v. F. Sharp 13, J. Chapman 21 v. P. Burgoyne 9, A. Chapman 21 v. A. Fletcher 13, J. Tiffany 5 v. E. Newton 21—W. E. Richardson 20 v. R. Thornton 21, O. Price 20 v. S. Barraclough 21, D. Barker 14 v. L. Alderson 21, A. Denton 21 v. G. Mountain 13, W. Ward 11 v. D. Normington 21, and E. Dobson 19 v. M. Simpson 21.

TRADESMEN'S C.C.—On Wednesday afternoon Rothwell Tradesmen's Cricket Club were to have played Hunslet, but the match, greatly to the Rothwell men's disappointment, had to be postponed. However, two sides, under the captainey of Messrs J. Newton and T. Hampson, had a match, and an enjoyable game was the result. The team captained by J. Hampson beat the opposing side by twenty-three runs. Scores:—J. Newton's Team—E. Tiffany 11, J. Newton 24, Parish 1, W. Copley 0, A. Lunn (not out) 0, S. Munteon 5, Nash 5, extras 3; total 55. T. Hampson's Team—B. Mathews 4, R. Firth 28, A. Womack 1, S. Baines 7, T. Hampson 20, O. Clarkson (not out) 0, Nettleton 2, extras 16; total 78.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Education Sub-Committee was held at the Robin Hood Council School on Friday evening—Mr J. Burfield Chairman—presiding. Other members present were Mrs Stoner, Mr S. R. Chadwick, and Mr Walton, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr W. Steele). Applications for increases of salary were received from the headmasters of the Carlton, Robin Hood, and Thorpe Schools, and from an assistant at the Rothwell National School. The granting of advances was recommended to the authorities at Wakefield. The attendance returns for the past month were considered satisfactory considering the prevalence of illness in the district.

POLICEMAN'S COSTS.—At a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee at Wakefield on Wednesday there was a recommendation that the costs (£53) in the case of Willsey v. P.C. Ackroyd (formerly of Rothwell) be paid. The Rev. L. B. Morris stated that Ackroyd, who was stationed at Batley, was charged with indecent assault at the last Quarter Sessions at Wakefield, but he was acquitted, and his character was by no means injured. The costs were £31, and in view of the decision of the magistrates and the fact that the policeman had a good character the Finance Sub-Committee, after an interview with the Chief Constable, recommended that the money be paid. The recommendation was agreed to.

TEACHERS' MEETING.—The half-yearly meeting of the Rothwell and District Church Sunday School Teachers' Association was held in the Church Schoolroom at Kippax on Saturday, and representatives attended from the parishes of Rothwell, Woodlesford, Kippax, Allerton Bywater, Hook Lane, Oulton, Great Preston, Garforth, Swillington, and Methley. Tea was served in the schoolroom, and 150 persons attended. The tea was served by the following ladies, viz., Mrs Smith, Mrs Hall, Mrs Howell, Mrs Biscomb, Mrs Veitch, Mrs Jackson, Mrs A. Cripwell, and Mrs Gosling. Choral evensong was held in the church at 5 p.m., the choir leading the singing which was well heralded at the organ. At the conference which was held in the schoolroom in the evening, Canon Garrood gave a most interesting address on "Our Lord as a Teacher," dealing chiefly with His mode and use of illustration. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Canon for his address at the close.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Sir J. Compton-Rickett, M.P., addressed the members of the Leeds Luncheon Club on Monday.

HOMING.—On Saturday the members of Allerton Bywater Homing Society sent 140 birds, to take part in the race from Burton (69 miles). Results:—Hutchinson Bros. 1,252, 1,235, Atkinson 1,247, Simpson 1,231 (wins 6d. pool), Booth Bros. 1,230, Townsend 1,218, Biscomb 1,214.

ALLERTON BYWATER AND THE CUP.—An unfortunate dispute between the Rev. W. Warde-Aldam, of Frickley Hall, and the committee of the Pontefract and District Cricket League had a regrettable ending on Thursday night. The trouble has arisen as to the conditions governing the custody of the cup given by Mr Warde-Aldam for competition among the clubs in the League, and which was won by Allerton Bywater. Shirley last season. Mr Warde-Aldam's solicitors drew up an agreement which the League committee declined to sign. Mr Warde-Aldam thereupon wrote to the Frickley club: "The Pontefract League do not seem to have behaved very well in the matter, so I shall wash my hands of the matter, and now present the cup to the Frickley Athletic Club to do as they like with; withdraw it from the League if they like altogether. On receipt of this letter the Frickley Club wrote to the secretary of the League (Mr George Box) notifying that the cup was withdrawn and could not be competed for this season. The committee considered these letters at their meeting on Thursday night. The Chairman (Mr G. E. Gurst) said he considered the club had behaved very foolishly in the matter. The general impression was that when the cup was presented it was understood that the League Committee should have sole control. Mr Dixon, representing Allerton Bywater, the present holders, said the cup would take a lot of getting from them. The Frickley representative could give no further information as to why Frickley wished an agreement to be drawn up, and the committee decided to inform Mr Warde-Aldam that no satisfactory explanation of the matter could be obtained from the Frickley club. Unless oil is poured on the troubled waters all the ten clubs in the League will be without fixtures on the second Saturday in each month.

BOWERS ALLERTON

At Bowers Allerton School the percentage of attendance last month was 94·64 against 95·68 for April last year.

CROSSGATES

LEEDS INSURANCE GOLFERS' SOCIETY.—The qualifying round for the Challenge Cup and President's Prize was played over the Horsforth course, and among the sixteen who have qualified are Mr J. Simpson (Crossgates) 91, 4, 87; and Mr P. Cowling (Crossgates), 105, 16, 89. Mr E. Hawkesworth, of Crossgates, has been elected a member of the Council of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society.

HOMING.—On Saturday eleven members of Crossgates Homing Society sent 96 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—Barber and Limbert (special pool vase) 1,217, 7, E. Linley 1,189, H. Linley 1,178, H. Turner 1,174, H. Gladdiney 1,172, E. Linley 1,159, 1,164, and 1,167, Barber and Limbert 1,153 and 1,166, J. Middleton 1,146, A. Hornby 1,143.

CARLTON

HOMING.—On Saturday thirteen members of Carlton H.S. sent 130 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Details:—A. Nunns 1,189 and 1,168, A. Ashton 1,186, Jackson Bros. 1,182, H. Lewis 1,168, E. Nunns 1,167, J. Charlesworth 1,163.

BILLIARDS.—During the week a handicap has been concluded at the Temperance Hall. The finalists were Messrs E. Brown and A. Tate. Brown was the scratch man in a game of 150 up, while Tate received 85. The result was E. Brown 150, A. Tate 110. At present a billiard tournament is in full swing.

FAIRBURN

HOMING.—Seven members of Fairburn Homing Society sent 95 birds to take part in the race from Barton on Saturday. Results:—Barker and Sons 1,175 (wins 3d. pool), Green Bros. 1,159, Fox 1,139, Lunt and Son 1,068, Powell 1,059, Barker and Grainger 1,056.

GARFORTH

In the first round of the Yorkshire Bowling Consolation Cup competition Garforth W.M. will play Holbeck at Ossett.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday afternoon an accident occurred to a man named Wilson, employed at Garforth Station. It seems that whilst unloading a waggon in the sidings he fell from the vehicle to the ground, slightly on his head, and suffered concussion. Dr. Sykes was sent for and attended to the injured man.

MR HOUFTON UNSUCCESSFUL.—Polling took place in North-East Derbyshire on Wednesday, and the result was:—Major H Bowden (U), 6,469; Mr J. P. Houfton (L) 6,155; Mr J. Martin (Lab.), 3,669. Mr Houfton said he had lost through the split in the Progressive vote. The result showed that through the Miners' Association pressure had been brought to bear upon Ministerialists which they found it impossible to resist.

I.W.T.A.—A meeting in connection with the Garforth Branch of the British Women's Temperance Association was held at St. Mary's Hall, and it was presided over by Captain Pakes, who gave a very interesting and well thought out address on temperance. Miss Piddock, of Garforth, was the soloist, and Mrs Cauldwell (President) invited those present to sign the pledge and join the Society. Seven pledges were taken.

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE RETURNS.—Last month the percentage of attendance at the schools in Garforth area was 91·91, and Garforth R.C. were first in the division with 97·62, the figures for April, 1913, being 80·95. At Garforth Council, mixed, the percentage was 93·84 against 93·07, and infants, 86·62 against 90·63; East Garforth, 93·48 and 93·21; Garforth Parochial, mixed, 94·44 and 93·66, and infants, 90·28 and 88·76.

GOLF.—On Saturday afternoon at Garforth golf links the qualifying round for the West Riding Cup was played, the following qualified:—J. A. Taylor handicap 26, net 69; H. Sandy, 18, 70; H. Clark, 26, 70; C. Sixt, 18, 72; J. Prime, 26, 73; W. Tate, 18, 74; W. Bean, 21, 75; J. M. Wade, 30, 76; C. T. Denby, 18, 76; W. Simpson, 26, 76; W. J. Turnbull, 28, 76; G. H. Walker, 14, 79; J. Beevors, 26, 79; E. G. Smatt, 28, 80; H. F. Smithson, 8, 80.

AMBULANCE.—In connection with the Yorkshire Collieries Ambulance League, twelve teams competed on Saturday in the second round of the Wood Shield Competition at the Leeds Tram Exchange. The judges were Dr. G. Murray, of Scarborough, and Dr. Fell, of York. The results were as follows:—Garforth 268 points, Allerton Bywater 250, Pope and Pearson's 230, Acklam Hall No. 1 195, Grimethorpe 194½, Newmarket 188½, Stanley 188, Robin Hood 186½, Hemsworth 182, Acklam Hall No. 1 178½, Monk Bretton 173½, and Hemsworth Clough 122. The high-at number of points obtainable was 383.

PICTURE HOUSE.—In the early part of the week pictures of interest—"The Diver" and "The Escape of Jim Dolan"—were shown at the Picture House before good audiences, and to-night and Saturday "Kissing Cup," the finest racing picture ever produced, should attract crowded houses. For next week excellent films have been booked, and the leading features on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be "The Fruits of Vengeance" and "In Convict Garb," two-reel dramas. The first is a sensational story dealing with circus life, and the title of the latter gives an indication to the tale it describes. Other good pictures will be exhibited. For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the sensational play "The Fortune Hunters" will be the principal attraction, and it will give satisfaction to everyone who likes exciting fare. During the week-end exciting flights by Mr Hedworth Havens, the American aviator, will be introduced, and a feature of the piece will be a fight in an underground water mill. Another fine film—"The Green Eye of the Yellow God," from the poem by Mr J. Milton Heyes—will be shown, in addition to pictures of interest and humour. For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

At Great Preston School last month the percentage of attendance was 90·19 as compared with 91·02 in April last year.

ASSAULT ON THE POLICE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Gibbons, described as a farm labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Little Preston and with assaulting Police-Constable Thomas, it appears, was spoken to by P.C. Eadon owing to his conduct, when he produced a poker and attempted to strike the officer. He became very violent and in a struggle which ensued he hit the officer on the left arm, making a serious wound. Fortunately P.C. Holmes was close at hand and came to Eadon's assistance, and together the officers succeeded in getting the man to the police station. P.C. Holmes also gave evidence as to the prisoner's conduct. Inspector Ramsden said the man was placed in a cell he kicked at the door throughout the night until about six o'clock the next morning. Defendant, said the inspector, had only been in the country about a month, having come from Ireland. For the first offence Gibbons was fined 5s. and costs, and for the assault was sent to prison for two months.

HALTON

BOWLING.—On Wednesday, in the Mosley Trophy Competition, Halton played Chapeltown on the green of the latter. Scores:—Chapeltown 236, Halton 168. Details (Chapeltown names first):—T. W. Wilkinson 18 v. J. W. Walker 21, A. Waring 13 v. H. Thomas 21, C. Moss 21 v. F. Vince 20, E. Briggs 21 v. G. Simpson 11, P. Oliver 21 v. T. Bedford 12, J. Jones 21 v. R. Morris 3, J. Boddison 21 v. C. Lambert 12, H. Crampton 21 v. R. Pinder 8, F. Ewing 21 v. G. Cowell 9, S. Warburton 21 v. W. Green 14, J. C. Dixon 16 v. A. Caine 21, J. Lewthwaite 21 v. A. Raye 6.

The Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., was on Wednesday promoted to a captaincy in the Yorkshire Dragoons (Queen's Own) Yeomanry, in which he got his first commission as second-lieutenant in September, 1904. He was promoted lieutenant in May, 1908.

WHITKIRK AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY.—This Society made a profit of £11 on the season, which terminated on Saturday last. The members, however, have given £3 to the District Nurses' Fund and £2 to the Crossgates and district medical charities.

HALTON SCHOOL BOYS' SUCCESS.—The Halton School Rugby Football team have finished their first season in the Leeds Schools Rugby League, and they have played 16 League matches, winning 10, losing 5, and one was drawn, while they have been successful in reaching the semi-final of all the trophies presented by the Leeds League, viz., Wynne Trophy, Goldthorpe Cup, and Championship Shield. The team are waiting anxiously for the opening of the next season, when they hope to do still better. They have also had a successful season financially. The income was £21 10s. 10d., made up as follows:—Gate collections £1 5s. 9½d., Hon. E. F. L. Wood £1, Mr P. S. Marsden 10s., Mr G. R. Lane Fox 5s., four friends 10s., boys' collection 2s. 3½d., proceeds from ball £16 8s. 9d. The expenditure was:—Goal posts, extra jerseys, knickers, printing, etc., £1 9s. 2d., travelling expenses £1 9s. 4d., set of 13 leather hand bags £6 3s. 6d., total £19 2s., so there is a balance in hand of 19s. 10d. A set of dark knickers and football caps have been ordered.

KIPPAX

The women's service which was held in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon was well attended, and the Vicar gave an address on "The Ascension."

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—In the Kippax district last month the percentage of attendance at the schools was 91·56 against 91·69 for April last year. The figures for the Kippax schools were;—Boys' School, 94·44 against 93·69; Girls' School, 91·12 and 90·78; and Infants' School, 87·91 and 89·61.

AN OVERSIGHT.—A motor-cyclist named Harry Prince, of Kippax Mill, Kippax, was fined 10s. and costs at the Leeds Police Court on Tuesday, for not obeying a policeman's signal at the corner of Briggate and Upperhead Row. Instead of going round the constable in taking the corner, he cut across on his wrong side of the road.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Wednesday evening at the Commercial Hotel, Kippax, Messrs Oliver, Appleton, and Kitchen offered for sale a freehold shop and house, and a through house. No. 2 and 4, Robinson Lane, Kippax, in the occupation of Mr G. W. Walker and his sub-lenant. The net annual rental of the premises is £26. and the lot was sold for £285. Messrs Bulmer, Lawson, and Ward were the solicitors.

KIPPAX LEADING.—The West Riding Cycling League are offering a trophy for their attendance competition, which the club has held for one year, and the conditions being the attendance of club members at Boston Spa and Selby during the season. The first month's attendances are:—Kippax Road C.C., Boston Spa 7, Selby 25, total 32; Castleford Wheelers 3, 22, 25; Stanley Wheelers 12, 7, 19; Alverthorpe C.C. 9, 2, 11; York Clifton C.C. 7, 3, 10.

SIR J. C. RICKETT, M.P.—On Sunday afternoon Sir Joseph Compton Rickett, M.P., was the principal speaker at the Lady Lane Central Mission, Leeds. He suggested a number of methods which could be used for church parlours to be thrown open to young people of both sexes, for music and entertainment. Was it not desirable, he asked, to provide an antidote to what could often attract evil. People needed amusement as well as recreation. God knew that people needed something of a light, easy, and amusing character in their lives as well as serious. Some people got gouty in their goodness, and were always denying themselves things until at last they lost their good temper.

ANNIVERSARY.—The Primitive Sunday School anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, when Mr Jas. Blackburn was the preacher morning and evening. The children's service in the afternoon attracted a large congregation, and special hymns were sung, under the direction of Mr Norman Wheatley, by the teachers and scholars, assisted by the following instrumentalists, viz., Mr G. Firth (organiste), Mr J. Prince, Mr F. Cripwell, Miss Ida Cripwell, Mr Haydn Hollyhead, Mr J. Wright, Mr P. Gummerson, and Mr H. Nelson (violinists), and Mr A. Denton (cornet). The children's choir also rendered, and did their parts well, and credit was due to Mr W. Cripwell, Mr H. Hobson, and Miss Edith Mosby, who had trained them. Mr J. E. Ogden, of Shepherdson Hall, presided. On Monday the teachers and scholars sang their hymns at various places in the village. The children's tea followed the parade, and was held in the schoolroom, which was well filled. The tea was attended, was served by Mrs J. Beckerdike, Mrs Beeston, Miss Jones, Mrs A. Firth, Mrs A. Denton, Mrs J. Willman, Miss Gertie Beeston, and Miss Evelyn Beeston. Subsequently the children marched to Kippax Park (by permission of Mr J. D. Bland, J.P.), the Kippax Old Band heading the procession. Games and amusements were conducted in the evening by the teachers, and dancing to music supplied by the band was engaged in by the young men and women. The collections, which were taken on the Sunday and the proceeds from the tea, were considered satisfactory.

LEDSHAM

At Ledsham School the percentage of attendance last month was 81·25 against 89·09.

MICKLEFIELD.

THE SCHOOLS.—The number of children on the school registers on Monday was 412. In the mixed department last month the percentage of attendance was 93·22 against 93·65 in April last year, and in the infants' department 90·24 against 91·20.

METHLEY

HOMING.—Six members of Methley Homing Society sent 50 birds to take part in the race from Rugby (94 miles) on Saturday. Results:—Wright 1,220, Simpson 1,207 and 1,187, Gallagher and Wilkinson 1,137 and 1,117, Armitage 1,063.

RECTOR'S ADDRESS.—The Rev. H. Armstrong Hall, of Methley, in an address at Richmond, referred to the falling off in the attendances at the ring services in schools, and asked if something could not be done to make those teachings more bright and attractive. Concluding, he said they lived in solemn times. New forces, political, social, and industrial, were continually arising and coming into play. All over the world men were alarmed. The troubles of Ireland, the disestablishment of the Church in Wales, the new Socialist democracy, the lower tone, as they thought, of political life, the thinly veiled immorality of much modern literature, the growing impatience at the restraint of old fashions and custom—that was what they saw. But he implored them to put their faith and trust in the Lord God Omnipotent at such a time, and rely upon Him to guide them aright and bring them to the eternal life.

OULTON

SCOUTS' CAMP.—A contingent of the South-East District of the Leeds Boy Scouts' Association held a district week-end camp at Oulton in the Vicarage grounds, under the charge of Divisional Scoutmaster Brining. On Sunday morning the lads attended St. John's Church, where the service was conducted by the Chaplain of the Oulton Troop of Boy Scouts, the Rev. H. T. Pattinson. On the afternoon a drumhead service was held in the vicarage grounds, and it was attended by a large number of the general public.

FATALITY.—Edward Fleming (28), a colliery bye-workman, living in lodgings at Oulton, has lost his life under circumstances which seem to point to suicide. About seven o'clock on Wednesday evening he left his lodgings in Bentley Square, Oulton, along with Michael Joyce, a youth of nineteen, and they walked as far as Swillington Bridge. On the way Fleming asked Joyce to exchange caps, and this was done. Arriving at the bridge Joyce sat down upon the low stone wall at the side of the road, while Fleming wandered down the river bank. A little later, upon looking round, Joyce saw his companion in the water. He shouted to him "Teddy," and Fleming replied "Good-bye, Joyce." Becoming alarmed Joyce appealed for help to some men who were passing, but when the party reached the bank Fleming was sinking. The police at Oulton were informed of the occurrence, and P.C.'s Coldwell and Abbott dragged the river until about 10.55 p.m., when the body was recovered. It appears that the deceased had complained during the last three or four weeks of severe pains in the head, both to his landlady and to his companions, but he had not been attended medically. An inquest was held at Oulton on Friday.

STOURTON

STREET BETTING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, George Pitts, bookmaker, of Stourton, was charged with street betting. Sergeant Mathews stated that about 12.10 p.m. on Thursday, May 14th, he watched the prisoner from a place of concealment, along with P.C. Sowray, until 12.45 p.m. During that time they saw various men go up to him and hand him slips. At 12.50 witness went up to him and asked him to go to the station, where he was charged. He was found to possess a number of slips relating to shilling and sixpenny bets up to the value of 15s. Some of the bets related to horses running in the Newmarket race. He also had a sovereign, £1 5s. in silver, and 14s. 8½d. in copper. Pitts said that he had been off work owing to a broken leg and was taking the slips for a friend. In imposing a fine of £5 and costs, the Chairman said he thought it quite clear that they were exposed to gambling.

SWILLINGTON

Swillington Common School had the best attendance of the schools in Kippax district last month, the percentage being 96·29, while at Swillington Parochial the figures were 90·69.

WOODLESFORD

HOMING.—On Saturday nine members of Woodlesford Homing Society sent 64 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—P. Higgins 1,211, T. W. Nettleton 1,198, 1,192, Hall and Thompson 1,189, Hall and Hall 1,169, H. Dickinson 1,157, A. Jackson 1,142, A. Bayliss 1,126, J. Nixbould 1,121, A. Jackson 1,105.

WHITKIRK

THE SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM.—The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., seconded the motion for the rejection of the Welsh Disestablishment Bill in the House of Commons on Monday. The Western Mail and South Wales" (Liberal) says:—The speech in which Mr Hume Williams moved the Bill's rejection was manifestly too long, yet the last half hour was much the best, and of this effort, as Mr Wood's, which followed, one may say without reservation it presented the Church case with dignity and earnestness. Lord Halifax, who from the Peers' Gallery listened to his son must have felt, as the House felt, that the Church was well represented by these two laymen, and many points made by Mr Wood were cheered in all quarters. "The Church will be free," he said, "and under the same in doctrine and discipline—whatever laws you pass." It was a fine declaration of the spiritual supremacy of a spiritual communion—the very quintessence of the doctrine preached by Dr. Dale and Mr Silvester Horne. "Religion is a force that is underpinning society," was another loudly applauded sentence.

THE BISHOP OF NEW GUINEA.—The Bishop of New Guinea, who is at present on a visit in England, appealing for help in the work of evangelising the heathen Papuans, preached at Kirkstall Parish Church on Sunday morning. Speaking of the people of the Church work in New Guinea, he said the inhabitants had been cannibals and savages, and until the end of the last century no one ever went near them to tell them of Christ. Now all was brighter day was dawning, indeed, had already dawned, for them. The Church was being set up, and had become a spiritual force in the island. Cannibalism was totally dead, and it was not now a factor in their lives. Some people who take a superficial view said it would be better if the heathen were left alone in their benighted, but those who knew what heathenism really was could not possibly say that it would be better if they were left alone. No one could get on well without Christ. His Lordship mentioned that the Mission maintained a staff of 25 European and 45 native workers, 300 children as boarders, schools for 1,400 children, and 32 mission stations actively influencing the native. The missionaries, he said, were perfectly happy in their work. More money, however, was needed to carry it on. The Bishop said he would be glad to preach again in the afternoon, and on Sunday night preached at Bramley Parish Church. The Committee concerned in the Mission are appealing for £2,000 to enable the Bishop to open new stations and accept new workers.

Mr John Firth Fryer, of "Dunedin," North Park Avenue, Roundhay, left £27,230.

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.—On Wednesday at a meeting of Leeds Parks Committee a resolution was passed authorising the Parks Superintendent (Mr A. J. Alsop), in conjunction with Dr. Mackenzie, of Leeds, a golf architect with a wide reputation, to prepare plans and estimates of cost for the provision of a municipal golf course on land situated at Roundhay, known as North Hill Fields. The Committee have been advised that at a comparatively small cost, probably less than £200, the tract of land embraced under the above term, with the woods and quarries adjoining, will form a golf course possessing quite remarkable properties.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NURSING AT TEMPLENEWSAM AND WOODLESFORD.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton Education Committee was held at the Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night—Mr G. M. Abbey presiding. The other members present were Mr S. H. Young, Mr H. E. Catton, Mr J. P. Allison, Mr T. H. Myton, Mr J. H. Tomlinson, and Mr B. W. Higgins, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

A letter was read from the Clerk to the West Riding Education Committee stating that the plans for the extension of the Woodlesford School had been approved, so that the new accommodation would provide for 381 children in the mixed department and 200 in the infants. The accommodation, said the Clerk, had gone up from 400 to 581.

Mr Taylor, an assistant teacher at the Woodlesford School, wrote tendering his resignation to take place at the end of the present month. The resignation was accepted.

The Clerk reported that so far three had been seven applicants for the post.

It was decided that three of the selected applicants should be asked to attend before a committee of the Woodlesford members.

With regard to the combined nursing scheme, the Clerk said he had received anything further from the ladies at Whitkirk, and he could not say at what decision they had arrived. Mrs Lowther, of Swillington, had written stating that she had considered how she might be of use in the Woodlesford district, providing they could come to terms.

Mr Myton: According to the medical officer to the Hunslet Rural District Council they are not qualified.

The Clerk: Mrs Lowther had said that the remarks of the doctor were not as reported. Mr Powell added that it was a technical point which would have to be settled. With regard to the ladies at Whitkirk, they did not seem to want the County Council to step in.

Mr Catton: I think the ladies do not agree I suppose they will go on with their work, and the County Council will appoint a nurse for the children.

It was decided that the different parties be written to.

The attendance returns were considered highly satisfactory, especially with regard to the infants' departments in the district. One member suggested that the weather might, in a degree, have been responsible for it. The percentage for the whole district for the month of April was 90.62 as compared with 89.07 in the same period of last year. Oulton St. John's (mixed department) had the highest percentage in the district, being 94.14. The infants' department was next highest with 92.73. The figures for the respective schools were as follows:—Woodlesford Council (mixed), 91.30; Woodlesford Council (infants), 87.59; Halton Council (mixed), 89.53; Halton Council (infants), 84.6; and Colton Council (mixed), 90.76.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GRAMAPHONE NUISANCE AT COLTON AND ELSEWHERE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—You are incorrect in stating that there is no way of suppressing the gramaphone nuisance, as your correspondent states, makes the walk to Colton and Templenewsam Park hideous to visitors, however it may appear to the natives.

There are two remedies. One is to seek an injunction in the Law Courts, and the other is for villagers and visitors to petition the landlord to remove the offenders. That has been done before in the case of those who delight in making themselves obnoxious to villagers and visitors alike.

In travelling about I find that the easy payment system has caused a multiplication of these nuisances, and the poor deluded owners often throw wide their doors, so that passers-by may know they are the proud possessors of a gramaphone. But passers-by do not admire; they silently curse, and as they behold the children on the steps, often say to themselves "The money would be better spent on clothes for the children, and in rending (a larger house, so that the members of the household could at least sleep under modest and healthy conditions."—Yours truly,

HAREHILLS.

May 20th, 1914.

The percentage of attendance at Aberford School last month was 93.10 against 86.69 for the corresponding month of last year.

At Saxton School the percentage of attendance last month was 93.13 against 86.30 in April last year, and at Barkston 94.74 against 91.07.

Mr J. Brabbs, assistant gas manager to the Selby Urban Council, has been appointed gas manager to the Bollington Gasworks, near Macclesfield, at £200 per annum.

Playing with Mr H. B. Snell on Saturday at Adel, Mr Edward Platts, the hon. secretary of the Headingley Golf Club, did the third hole (150 yards) in one stroke.

Miss Nellie Stubbs (Saxton) was successful at the recent examination in obtaining the diploma of Associate of the London College of Music in pianoforte playing.

The Rev. H. B. Greeves, vicar of Bromsdale with Fenwall, in the Yorkshire Dales, owing to of the veteran vicar of Wistow (the Rev. Henry Greeves) has been offered, and has accepted, the living of Denaby Main.

Scholes School, which has been closed owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever, had the second best attendance in Garforth district during last month. The percentage was 96.77 as compared with 86.84 in April last year.

RAILWAYMAN'S RETIREMENT.—After forty-two years' service with the North-Eastern Railway Company, at Selby, Mr William Hanley, of Barlby, is retiring this week on pension. Mr Hanley, who is sixty-six years old, is one of the original members of the local branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

SELBY FIRM WIN.—Lord Justices Buckley and Kennedy and Mr Justice Scrutton in the Court of Appeal on Saturday delivered judgment in the plaintiffs' favour in the action of Produce Brokers Co., Ltd., v. Olympia Oil and Cake Co., Ltd., of Selby, against a judgment of Mr Justice Pickford sitting without a jury. There was a counterclaim for damages for alleged wrongful dismissal. The question now in dispute was whether or not there was a concluded contract between them respecting a large cargo of soya beans. The Court without calling on counsel for the respondents, held that Mr Justice Pickford was right, and that there was no concluded contract. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

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At Barwick School last month the percentage of attendance was 86.62 against 90.68 for April, 1913.

BROKEN GLASS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Fields, a greengrocer, of Leeds, was summoned for throwing broken glass upon the highway at Kiddal on Sunday, May 10th. P.C. Simpson said there were many cyclists about at the time, as it was York Military Sunday. The defendant had been selling aerated waters. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Boston Spa and Roundhay had a match, and the former won by six runs. Scores:—Boston Spa—Preston 6, Hartley 2, Smith 0, Glennie 40, Milner 8, Dearlove 1, Fleming 16, Allison 0, Wilkinson 0, Carlisle (not out) 2, Mountain 0, extras 15; total, 90. Roundhay—Hanmore 12, Bentley 3, Umpleby 32, Skirrow 0, Bowman 0, Craven 14, Watson 16, Brown 1, France 0, Oliver 1, Blenkinsop (not out) 0, extras 8; total, 84. On Saturday Boston Spa play Harrogate Nomads.

NATIONAL RESERVE UNITS.—In the House of Commons on Tuesday Mr Lane Fox asked the Secretary for War whether he was aware that a large number of former members of the Regular and Territorial Royal Army Medical Corps units have joined the National Reserve and had signed on either for general service or for home defence, and would the Army Council recognise them as a Royal Army Medical Corps unit entitled to wear the Geneva Cross under the Geneva Convention.—Mr Tennant: It is not the policy of the Army Council to recognise any medical or other unit in the National Reserve.

A BARWICK ACTRESS.—Perhaps some Leeds people have been in a dilemma over Miss Dorothy Hick, who has given such a brilliant performance as Lawyer in "The Question of Property," for, in truth, the make-up has been so excellent as to hide entirely the identity of the lady (says the "Evening Post"). She is not the pretty daughter of Mr Richard Hick, of Barwick-in-Elmet, who is exceedingly well-known in Yorkshire. Educated at the Leeds Girls' High School, Miss Hick has always had a leaning towards the stage, and it will be readily recalled, she came on tour with Mr Jame's Welch in "When Knights were Bold." She has been with the Manchester Gaiety Company quite little time now, and has appeared with them at the Court Theatre in London last year, where she played in "Prunella." Naturally she is some what nervous when appearing in her native town, but no one can deny that in the curtain-raiser and in "The Shadow" she has given evidence of possessing histrionic abilities which place her in the forefront of the younger actresses.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—The annual general meeting of the Bramham Moor Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the Trustees' Hall, Boston Spa, on Monday evening, but was only very poorly attended. Mr R. S. Markingdale, Ruling Councillor, presided. An expression of sympathy was passed with Mrs Wadeson, Bramham one of the wardens, in her recent illness and that of her husband, the Rev. E. G. Wadeson.—A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Hewitson for her past excellent services.—Mr M. Imeson read the annual report and the balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £5 15s. 5d. against £8 13s. 8d. a year ago.—Mr Markingdale was re-elected Ruling Councillor, and Mrs Edmondson was appointed treasurer and secretary pro tem.—The members of the Executive Council and the wardens were all re-elected. The former are Miss Mildmay, Mrs E. Lane Fox, Mr Markingdale, Mrs Gosse, Mr Ingham, Mr Topham, Mr J. W. Adkin, Mr W. W. Bickerdike, and Mr Elvidge; and the wardens are Mrs Hafton, Mr Preston, Miss Johnson, Miss Bickerdike, Mr Bluett (Boston Spa), Mrs Edmondson (Thorparch), Mrs Wadeson, Mrs Lipscomb, Mr Walker, and Mr Harland (Bramham), Mr Kirby, Mr Wood, and Mr C. Carr (Clifford), and Mr A. Lister (Walton).

FOOTBALL.—The annual general meeting of the Sherburn-in-Elmet A.F.C. Club was held on Monday evening at the Oddfellows Arms—Mr W. A. Osborn presiding, and there was an excellent attendance. The club, which was only formed last September, has had a splendid season, both from a playing and financial point of view, there being a good balance to the club's credit at the bank. The following officials were elected for next season:—Hon. treasurer, Mr Allan Hodgson; hon. secretaries, Messrs R. Grice and H. Hodgson; captain, Mr W. Shepherd; vice-captain, Mr J. Cook. Cromack. A strong committee was formed of non-playing members, viz., Messrs R. Adamson, J. Rawnsley, J. Wilson, A. Hayes, P. Townend, J. Cromack, and J. Bramley. It was decided, in the event of the Barkston Ash Association putting the Junior Cup up for competition during the next season, that the club join the League, and there is every reason likely that the Templenewsam and Barkston Ash Association Cup Competitions will be joined. The hon. secretary was instructed to write and thank Mr G. Wheldrick for his kindness in allowing the use of his field, and this gentleman is to be asked to accept the presidency of the club. The club are anxious to encourage local lads, and it was decided that the entrance fee for those under 19 should be a nominal one.

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BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION.

A number of clubs competing in the Barkston Ash Competition are experiencing a difficulty in getting young players, but are they not themselves to blame? The clubs, as a whole, have persistently ignored the claims of the village boys to consideration, and, as there are few attraction grounds in the district where the youngsters may learn to play the game, their out-door interests have gone in other directions. What a good batting display, registering the 160 runs, Barkston made towards this K. Ward could have done! If, Wheatley 14, and G. Wiggles-worth 10. The bowling honours of the match went to T. Ballance, who captured six wickets for 18 runs, and he got valuable assistance from H. Gascoigne (5 for 13) and G. Reed (2 for 15). Harold Prime and Sidney Glover opened the Garforth innings, and they batted splendidly, delying the efforts of the five Preston bowlers to dislodge them. Prime made 54 and Glover 23, and there were 9 extras. If Garforth could keep up this form they would cause the other clubs some uneasiness.

Scarcroft had-risen well in the picture on Saturday, and made a fine exhibition, no fewer than seven claimed double figures. Their opponents were Barwick, who were completely outplayed, but the defeat will in nowise dishearten the losers, who are an excellent sporting team. Seacroft rattled up the huge score of 197, and G. Stead compiled 49. D. Burton 42, Pickersgill 28, H. Toft 26, F. Taylor 15, Thompson 12, and Hunter 10. For Barwick the best bowler was B. Robshaw, whose four wickets cost 55, while G. Bowes had 2 for 38 and W. Hartley 2 for 42. Barwick's innings produced 130, and Fred Lamb contributed 36 and Hartley 11. Stead, who captured 4 wickets for 8 runs, secured them all in the last over, and he performed the "hat trick." S. Simpson obtained 2 wickets for 8 runs, C. Johnson 2 for 10, and Pickersgill 2 for 23.

Crossgates gave a wretched account of themselves at Shadwell, and the boosters must be congratulated on winning when the outlook was black enough against them. Shadwell, it must be confessed, did not give an inspiring batting display, and the score 96 was quite unworthy of them. Heaton was the principal scorer with nine. Yates bowled with telling effect, as his record of six wickets for 11 runs shows, and Goodall had three for 17. The prospect of an easy victory for Crossgates was very bright, indeed, but they simply collapsed before the attack of Heaton and H. Smith, and were all out for 31. Smith secured four wickets for six runs and Heaton 5 for 11 runs.

Whitkirk have begun the season well, and one pleasing feature is the fine batting of some of the members. Arthur Shepherd, who did not do himself justice last season, compiled 73 (not out)—the highest score on Saturday in the League—and he did not give a chance until he had put on fifty. Milford, one of the most dependable batsmen, helped himself to 38 off the Collingham bowling, and Rombold scored 23, and Taylor and Pawson to each. The total was 171. G. Foster secured 4 wickets for 40, Gibson 3 for 62, and Newsome 2 for 17. Collingham made a disastrous opening, and the first five chosen side were among them Gibson (17), Smithson (10), Dawson (10), A. Dalby (12), and M. Dalby (0 not out) put a better complexion on the game, but they fizzled out badly, only 100 runs being added their opponents. Pawson was the best of the home trundlers, capturing 4 wickets for 17, and Wainwright secured 3 for 19, and J. Shepherd 2 for 19. The batting of the Whitkirk side shows a very satisfactory advance.

Halton Wes. and Crossgates Wes.—keen rivels—had an excellent match on the Halton ground, and the honours went to the homesters. Crossgates had first knse of the wickets, and they put together the respectable total of 85. Ted Clough and P. Coultas batted well for their scores of 25 and 19 respectively, and Withy made a very useful contribution of 13. Halton tried four bowlers, and G. Bell's figures were the best—5 wickets for 27. C. Batty got two wickets for 14, and Powell had 2 for 17. The feature of the Halton innings was the admirable display of Milburn, who had 38 (not out) to his credit, and he received substantial support from Stephens (18) and Muirland (12). Halton won by four wickets. In the bowling department Clough was the most useful man on his side, obtaining four wickets for 25 runs.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Bramham got away well in division 1, and their victory over Tadcaster A was a very creditable performance. The Calcarians, who are a good team, were dismissed for 29 (Kettlewell 11), and Bramham replied with 42 for the loss of two wickets (Dawson 26 and Cave 10). Dawson bowled finely, too, for he had 7 wickets for 18, and Shaw had 3 for 18.—Ulleskelf are forging ahead in division 2, and Saxton A by two runs. The winners rattled up 102 (H. Haigh and F. Nicholson 20 each, A. Sunter and S. Garth 14 each, Beard 13, and Longden 11), and Garth replied with 100 for 9. Pickersgill 38, Howitt 13, and F. Hancock 12).—For Halton H. Dobson secured five wickets for 22 and Longden 4 for 30, and for Garforth F. Hancock had 3 wickets for 22, Hewitt 2 for 16, Stead 2 for 16, and W. Hancock 2 for 34).—Micklefield A were defeated by Great Preston A by four wickets. The match was at Micklefield, and the home-sters made 76 (Dyson 19). Oldham had five of their wickets for 19 and G. Varley 3 for 10. Preston scored 71 for a loss of six wickets, and J. Cooper contributed 30 (not out). G. Varley 13, and Hutchinson 11. A. Moakes, with 3 wickets for 16 runs, was the pick of the home bowlers.

In division 3 Crossgates A came a cropper before Garforth Westeyans, the match being notable for the fine bowling on both sides. Crossgates were sent back for 23, and H. Ward captured five of their wickets for 10, and F. Lewis 4 for 11. The Wesleyans had not a difficult task set them, but they lost seven wickets before they completed it, H. Linley having five wickets for five runs.—Crossgates Wes. A easily accounted for Halton Wes. A at Old Manston. The visitors made 45, and J. Selman claimed 9 of their wickets for 20 runs. Crossgates for a loss of four wickets, registered 47 (C. Holliday 16 not out and A. Brook 17 not out). Taylor's two wickets cost 12 and H. Dewhirst's two 13.—Swillington and Colton lost to Whitkirk A by six wickets. The match was at Colton, and the homesters scored 52 (A. Dobson 11, J. H. Wainwright 10, and T. Barraclough 10, not out). R. H. Bruce took five wickets for 20 runs. Halton are a long way ahead of their wickets for 21, and W. Cuttle two for 14. For a loss of 4 wickets Whitkirk put on 53 (W. Cuttle 18 and C. Nowell 19).

HEPWORTH CUP—MIDDLETON PARK'S WIN.

Middleton Park were opposed to Burmantofts in the Hepworth Cup Competition, and the Park team had a rather easy win. Burmantofts scored 96, but they were weak in bowling, and their opponents responded with 97 for four wickets. W. Barraclough was top scorer of the match with 45, S. Goldthorpe made 22 and W. Clay 21.

ALLERTON BYWATER'S BIG SCORE.

At Allerton Bywater the homesters played Oulton in the Hepworth Cup competition, and the Allertonians gave a brave batting display. It is rarely that a local team scores 275—it is more in the county team's line—but that is what Allerton did, and some big individual scores were made. Nicholls registered 79, Allen 77, B. Atkinson 24, Carter 18, Buxton 17, and Bert. Wall 16. Walker captured seven wickets for 56 runs. Oulton's response was splendid, for they put together 95 for a loss of three wickets, P. N. Butler scored 38 before he was hurt and had to retire, and Percy Higgins made 16 and H. J. Butler 11. The match was not completed, and Oulton forfeit it, owing to their inability to again visit Allerton Bywater.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Rothwell first eleven had their first victory of the season on Saturday, when they entertained the Stanley Church team. The visitors, who batted first, had to be content with a modest 49, which was soon passed by Rothwell, who scored 51 at the expense of three wickets only. Cawthorn was top scorer for Stanley with 14, and C. Butterfield was second with 11. Throughout the innings Rothwell put on only two bowlers, H. Banks and W. Bedford, and the former captured four wickets for thirteen runs, and Bedford had five for thirty-two. Rothwell opened the batting for the second time, and at the fall of the third wicket was still batting merrily, having obtained 32 runs. Stanley tried six bowlers, J. Balmer taking one wicket for one run, and J. Nolan one for five.

Carlton and Woodlesford had an interesting meeting, and the Woodlesfordians had to admit defeat by five wickets. They compiled 97, of which Harrison had 21, Wilkinson 12, and Homer 11. Carlton's score was by far the five wickets, L. Brown making 23 (not out), and W Brown and Illingworth 11 each. Carlton A also defeated Woodlesford A, who were got rid of at home for 79, Carlton, for the loss of 3 wickets, got the winning 15.—Lack of time prevented Allerton United from being beaten by Outwood Friends, who registered 195 for 9 wickets and declared. Allerton had four eighter wickets to fall when time was called, so the game was drawn.

Rothwell second team were at Stanley, where they upset the calculations of the homesters, winning by twenty-four runs. Rothwell batted first and the innings realized 97. W. Nelson was top scorer with 43. Kirkham captured 6 wickets for nine, and Mr. Matthewson took four for 32. Stanley could only reach the seventy-three mark, C. Poole obtaining 22, and L. Hargreaves knocked up 11. For Rothwell F. Stringer took seven wickets for 24.

Oulton A played Altofts A at Oulton. The homester-' efforts only realised twenty-three, Bailey being the highest scorer for the side with nine runs. Altofts safely passed the homesters' score at the fall of the second wicket.

MONK FRYSTON PARK V. LEDSTON HALL.

On Saturday afternoon Monk Fryston Park and Ledston Hall met at Ledsham, and the homesters won. Monk Fryston scored 51, and Pickering contributed 15, while Ledston Hall registered 68, of which G. Brown had 14 (not out) and H. Durant 13.

ELROTTS WIN EASILY.

On Saturday afternoon Elrotts were at home to Leeds Grosvenor, and the visitors sustained a crushing defeat. The homesters were in great batting form, and they registered no fewer than 187, and towards this Pickersgill made 50. Arrowsmith 34, E. Turner 23, Silverside 22, Hudson 15, Graydon 14, and Midgley 13. The two bowlers in the match were Cook for 38, and Turner captured six wickets for 13 runs.

HEPWORTH CUP.

ALLERTON BYWATER V. OULTON.—At Allerton Bywater. Scores:—

Allerton Bywater—W Milner, c Cope, b Hutchinson, 0; J Allen, b Walker, 77; A Simpson, c Lockwood, b Cope, 4; A Nicholls, c Cope, b Walker, 79; S Buxton, b Higgins, 17; H F Smithson, b Walker, 1; T Carter, c and b Walker, 18; B Atkinson, b Walker, 24; H Wall, b Walker, 16; I. Dinsdale, b Walker, 4; T Pointon, not out, 7; extras, 28; total, 373.

Oulton—H J Butler, c Dinsdale, b Buxton, 11; P N Butler, retired hurt, 38; J E Jackson, b Buxton, 6; B Cope, c Milner, b Wall, 33; W. Hutchinson, not out, 6; P. C. Higgins, not out, 16; extras, 15; total (for 3 wkts.), 95.

Oulton forfeit the match, owing to inability to again visit Allerton Bywater.

HOUSING.—On Saturday ten members of Lofthouse Homing Society sent 121 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—H. H. Armitage, 1,205.1,201, A. Colvert 1,203, 1,152, T. Ward 1,203, 1181, W. Ramsden 1,194, 1,181, W. Chappell 1,190, 1,093, S. Walton 1,162.

ELROTTS V. LEEDS GROSVENOR.—At Elrotts. Scores:—Elrotts—Pickersgill, b Davenport, 50; Maltby, b Petty, 0; Arrowsmith, b Davenport, 34; Foster, b Davenport, 0; E Turner, c McKinnon, b Davenport, 23; Hudson, b Ross, 15; Graydon, c and b Pickersgill, 14; Midgley, c Exley, b Davenport, 13; Silverside, b Exley, 22; B Turner, not out, 7; Stabler, c Exley, b Rhodes, 11; extras, 8; total, 187. Leeds Grosvenor—McEwan, b Stabler, 0; Denham, b Stabler, 0; Rhoda, b Turner, 41; Petty, b Stabler, 15; Davenport, b Turner, 0; Rose, b Turner, 9; Exley, b Stabler, 2; Davenport, b Turner, 6; Clarke, b Turner, 0; McGeorge, b Turner, 10; Cowper, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 38.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	2	0	0	4
Church Fenton	1	1	0	2
Cawood	1	1	0	2
Saxton	1	1	0	2
South Milford	1	1	0	2
Church Fenton Sycamore	0	2	0	0

Division 2.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Micklefield	2	0	0	4
Seacroft	2	0	0	4
Halton	1	1	0	2
Garforth	1	1	0	2
Barwick	0	2	0	0
Great Preston	0	2	0	0

Division 3.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Whitkirk	2	0	0	4
Shadwell	2	0	0	4
Crossgates	1	1	0	2
Halton Wes.	1	1	0	2
Collingham	0	2	0	0
Crossgates Wes.	0	2	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bramham	2	0	0	4
Ulleskelf	2	0	0	4
Tadcaster A	1	1	0	2
Sherburn W. R.	1	0	0	2
Barkston Ash	0	2	0	0
Kirk Deighton	0	2	0	0
South Milford A	0	2	0	0

Division 2.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton A	2	0	0	4
Seacroft A	2	0	0	4
Garforth A	1	1	0	2
Great Preston A	1	1	0	2
Micklefield A	0	2	0	0
Aberford	0	1	0	0
Barwick	0	1	0	0

Division 3.

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wes.	2	0	0	4
Crossgates Wes. A	2	0	0	4
Crossgates A	1	1	0	2
Whitkirk A	1	1	0	2
Halton Wes. A	0	2	0	0
Swillington and Colton	0	2	0	0

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BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE

SAXTON V. CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE.—At Saxton. Scores:—

Church Fenton Sycamore—A Holt, b Richardson, 2; E Britton, c Sissons, b Richardson, 0; A Moore, b Sissons, 5; J Harrison, b Sissons, 2; S. Wade, c Richardson, b Sissons, 0; C Poulter, b Sissons, 2; E Poulter, b Sissons, 6; A Poulter, b Thirkill, 1; C Whittingham, b Sissons, 7; Albert Poulter, not out, 4; J. Wrightson, c J. Firn, b Sissons, 0; extras, 9; total, 44.

Saxton—T Richardson, b E Poulter, 4; J Firn, b C Poulter, 8; W Firn, not out, 18; W Thirkill, b C Poulter, 3; T Sissons, c Poulter, b Wade, 0; A E Parker, b E Poulter, 5; F Firn, not out, 3; extras 2; total (for 5 wkts.), 43.

—South Milford v. Church Fenton.—At South Milford. Scores:—

Church Fenton—A Foxton, b Chilton, 0; W D Foxton, b Chilton, 0; W. Dixon, c Hutchcroft, b Chilton, 0; J A. Thompson, b Chilton, 1; W Mosby, b Chilton, 4; T Hy, b Lindley, 1; F Jackson, not out, 10; G Stead, c Wilkinson, b Lindley, 0; J Fawcett, b Chilton, 0; G. Cawood, b Lindley, 1; T Lakin, st Sutton, b Chilton, 1; extra, 1; total, 19.

South Milford—R Tindall, not out, 8; E Wilkinson, c and b Lindley, 3; W Matthewson, b Dixon, 0; J Hodgston, b Dixon, 3; A Atkinson, not out, 3; extras, 3; total (for 3 wkts.), 20.

TADCASTER V. CAWOOD.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—

Cawood—C O Lund, c Nettleton, b Swinden, 41; J Ward, b Swinden, 23; H Lund, c Grimston, b Nettleton, 4; S. Land, b Swinden, 11; F Ward, c Harrison, b Swinden, 0; N Beomb, b Nettleton, 3; W Barker, b Harrison, 6; F Thompson, b Swinden, 0; G Milner, b Harrison, 6; G Steeklenle, not out, 3; C Jackson, b Todd, 0; extras, 11; total, 98.

Tadcaster—H Todd, b S Lund, 1; J F Mason, b G Stockdale, 27; J Hepworth, c Milner, b S Lund, 2; H Raper, b C O Lund, 0; W Warhurst, c and b H Lund, 35; G Nettleton, run out, 1; C Harrison, not out, 4; J A. Grimston, not out, 20; extras, 9; total (for 6 wkts.), 99.

HALTON V. MICKLEFIELD.—At Halton. Scores:—

Micklefield—J Munro, b Benson, 3; G Thompkinson, b Sunter, 6; E Hardwick, c Haigh, b Sunter, 4; E A Stones, c Taylor, b Benson, 5; J Smith, Ball, 18; F Robson, b Sunter, 0; A Smith, Ball, b Ball, 2; J Wallis, not out, 0; S Taylor, b Ball, 0; A Godber, b Ball, 16; S Walton, b Sunter, 1; extras, 5; total, 80.

Halton—S Haigh, b Munro, 4; F Mason, c Hardwick, b Smith, 1; H Cowell, b Munro, 0; C Sunter, c Stone, b Smith, 22; H Taylor, b Munro, 3; N Ball, b Smith, 11; W Benson, not out, 17; C Harrison, c Hobson, b Smith, 0; W Smales, Lbw, b Munro, 5; F Heaps, b Smith, 0; G Dunbar, c Hardwick, b Smith, 0; extras, 2; total, 36.

GREAT PRESTON V. GARFORTH.—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Great Preston—F Wheatley, b H Gascoigne, 14; W Blackburn, b T Ballance, 2; R Wiggleswortth, c S Glover, b Ballance, 33; T Wiggleswortth, c Firth, b Ballance, 8; Geo. Wiggleswortth, c Firth, b Gascoigne, 10; K Ward, c Prime, b Ballance, 17; F Firth, b Ballance, 6; H Wiggleswortth, b Ballance, 4; J Gascoigne, b Reed, 5; E Stones, b Ballance, b Reed, 0; A Wiggleswortth, not out, 1; extras, 13; total 83.

Garforth—H Prime, not out, 54; S Glover, not out, 23; extras, 0; total (for 0 wkts.), 86.

SEACROFT V. BARWICK.—At Seacroft. Scores:—

Seacroft—D Barton, c and b W Hartley, 42; T Toft, b G Bowes, 4; C Johnson, c and b G Bowes, 0; T Pickersgill, b Armitage, 1,205. 1,201, A. Colvert 1,203, 1,152, T. Ward 1,203, 1181, W. Ramsden 1,194, 1,181, W. Chappell 1,190, 1,093, S. Walton 1,162.

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Barraclough, not out, 10; G Mosby, b Bruce, 1; extras, 5; total, 52. Whitkirk A—C Nowell, c W Gascoigne, b Mosby, 10; Nowell, c and b Dobson, 8; W Cuttle, b Southwick, 18; G White, bit wickets, b Mosby, 1; Stott, not out, 7; Firth, not out, 3; extras, 6; total (4 wkts.), 53.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Church Fenton v. Cawood. Messrs J. Lupton (South Milford) and T. Carroll (Tadcaster).

Saxton v. Tadcaster. Messrs H. Watson (Barkston Ash) and E. Smith (Ulleskelf).

Church Fenton Sycamore v. South Milford. Messrs G. Westerman (Sherburn) and W. Turner (Tadcaster).

Micklefield v. Barwick. Messrs T. Ambler (Church Fenton) and H. Boston (South Milford).

Garforth v. Halton. Messrs H. Jackson (Seacroft) and C. Plews (Leeds).

Great Preston v. Seacroft. Messrs A. Gascoigne (Kippax) and W. Crosland (Barwick).

Halton Wesleyans v. Whitkirk. Messrs. H. Jackson (Crossgates) and Limbert (Micklefield).

Crossgates Wesleyans v. Shadwell. Messrs T. Mathers (Great Preston) and J. Dobson (Garforth).

Crossgates v. Collingham. Messrs J. L. Kitching (Leeds) and A. Bailey (Garforth).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Kirk Deighton v. Bramham. Messrs R. Firn (Cawood) and J. D. Snow (Wetherby).

Tadcaster A v. Ulleskelf. Messrs C. Thornton (Barkston Ash) and H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton).

South Milford A v. Sherburn White Rose. Messrs T. Crosland Micklefield) and P. Hardcastle (Church Fenton).

Seacroft A v. Great Preston A. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and W. Nicholson (Halton).

Aberford v. Garforth A. Messrs H. Ward (Great Preston) and E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton).

Barwick A v. Micklefield A. Messrs J. Fox (Swillington and Colton) and G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton).

Swillington and Colton v. Crossgates A. Messrs T. Blackburn (Great Preston) and A. Barton (Seacroft).

Whitkirk A v. Halton Wesleyans A. Messrs T. Goodall (Garforth Wesleyans) and J. Johnson (Seacroft).

Garforth Wesleyans v. Crossgates Wesleyans A. Messrs A. Thompson (Great Preston) and F. Hebden (Garforth).

LEDSTON HALL V. MONK FRYSTON PARK.—At Ledsham. Scores:—Monk Fryston Park—J. Long, c Foster, b Tee, 0; F. Pickering, b Tee, 13; W Long, c Tee, b Foster, 8; R Harrison, b Tee, 2; T Atkinson, b Tee, 0; A Laycock, c Hale, b Tee, 1; J Foster, c Foster, b Tee, 0; H Archer, b Foster, 0; C Hester, b Foster, 1; S Robinson, c Brown, b Foster, 0; C Hill, not out, 3; extras, 5; total, 51. Ledston Hall—T Foster, b J Long, 9; A Holmes, b J Long, 6; C Wilkinson, b J Long, 0; A Brown, b Harrison, 0; W. Tee, b Long, 0; H Durant, c Pickering, b Harrison, 13; E Tindall, b Harrison, 0; G Brown, not out, 14; T Kershaw, run out, 0; E Hale, c Robinson b Harrison, 11; G Palfreyman, b Long, 6; extras, 10; total, 68.

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ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

STANLEY V. ROTHWELL.—At Rothwell. Scores:—

Stanley—A Davison, c Banks, b Bedford, 2; E. Cawthorn, b Banks, 14; Robinson, c Hodgkinson, b Bedford, 0; J Heaton, b Banks, 0; C Butterfield, lbw, b Bedford, 11; P Butterfield, lbw, b Bedford, 4; E Dobson, run out, 2; C Dickinson, c Bedford, b Banks, 1; J. Holmes, b Banks, 2; J. Nolan, not out, 7; J Bulmer, st Lane, b Bedford, 3; extras, 4; total, 49.

Rothwell—J Newton, not out, 32; C Tiffany, c Hargreaves, b Nolan, 8; W Fox, run out, 6; A Clarke, lbw, b Bulmer, 0; H Hemsworth, c Davison, b Nolan, 0; J Greaves, b Nolan, 5; total (for 3 wkts.), 51.

OULTON A V. ALTOFTS A.—At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton A—E Palfreeman, b W Carter, 1; E Parkinson, b W Carter, 2; A Jones, b T. Hobson, 1; P Bailey, c and b Jones, 9; T. Hobson, 0; Cliff Higgins, c T Hobson, b Brown, 2; R Whitworth, c Gibbons, b Carter, 0; G Higgins, b Hobson, 0; P Nettleton, b W Carter, 1; A Gibson, c Haigh, b Carter, 0; T Jones, b Carter, 0; extras, 7; total 23.

Altofts A—J Brown, lbw, b Whitworth, 0; J Hollis, not out, 9; A Plant, b C Higgins, 4; extras, 5; total (for 7 wkts.), 18.

ROTHWELL V. STANLEY CHURCH.—At Stanley. Scores:—Rothwell A—S Falkiner, c Hargreaves, b Dobson, 1; W Nelson, c and b Kirkham, 43; W Ingleby, c Kirkham, b Dobson, 0; F Gibson, b Hargreaves, 3; F Stringer, c Hargreaves, b Dobson, 0; J Grimshaw, c Hargreaves, b Timbler, 0; E Tiffany, run out, 0; E. Lengley, b Kirkham, 0; J W Bailey, c Hargreaves, b Dobson, 13; J Lunn, b Dobson, 13; Johnson (Crossgates) and P. Johnson (Micklefield). not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 97. Stanley Church—J Dobson, b Stringer, 6; Jack Dobson, b Stringer, 8; T Timbler, b Stringer, 0; P Hargreaves, c Longley, b Stringer, 0; C Poole, b Stringer, 22; L Hargreaves, c Tiffany, b Stringer, 11; G Kirkham, b Stringer, 0; E Gledhill, c Longly, b Stringer, 11; C Nobby, c Tiffany, b Parish, 4; G Brown, run out, 5; T Boynton, not out, 3; extras, 12; total, 73.

DRAYMAN KICKED BY HORSE.—Alfred Barrett, a Selby drayman, in the employment of Messrs Hunt, brewers, has received a compound fracture of the right leg through being kicked by a horse that he had charge of. The accident happened on the Haddlesey road.

CROSSGATES WES. III. V. ROUNDHAY A.—At Old Manston. Scores:—Roundhay A—H. Oliver 0, A Oliver 3, Blackburn 36, Longbottom 7, Tuke 15, Whitley 2, F Carlton 1, G Dilworth 0, Riley (not out) 8, G Stott 4, G Wood 0, extras 11; total 85. Crossgates Wes. III.—F W B Williams 2, A Umpleby 4, R Beaumont (not out) 32, H Wynne 0, T Danks 6, H Beaumont 11, J Stevenson 2, E Walker (not out) 0, extras 7; total (for 9 wkts.) 64.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF SELBY STATION.—Extended accommodation, which is much needed, will be afforded by the proposed scheme of alterations at Selby Station. The North-Eastern Railway Company, in their Bill before Parliament, are seeking powers to use the land opposite the station, which they purchased for extension purposes. This is to be used for re-setting back the offices and a part of Station Road, thus increasing the space available for the arrival platforms on the town side, and the improvement of Station Road towards the Ousegate end.

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CHAPTER XIV

Notwithstanding all Miss Ransome's words, she failed in her object. Paul Colthurst could not see the possibility of leaving his house and home, of taking his wife, his son, and his wife's daughter away with him on the following morning. The thing might be done later, but not at once. It was impossible. As he laid his head on his pillow he said to himself:

"The old lady is nervous, but the very worst that can happen is a visit from Thomas Oswald. I shall soon put Thomas Oswald to the right about face. He cannot guess the real secret, and as to the other, we will be careful to allow him no voice in the matter."

So Colthurst slept soundly, and it was, after all, poor Miss Ransome who lay awake thinking many and anxious thoughts, and wondering if that happiness might soon be theirs to have and to keep. Like many another woman, she felt certain that if her advice were only taken things would come right; also, like many another woman, she had to submit to the obstinacy of a man who could not see that he was in the slightest danger.

The next day dawned brilliantly over the world. Miss Patricia was down in good time to breakfast. During the meal the young people suggested several plans for enjoying themselves. They might go for a picnic; but there might be for a ride; they might motor; or they might go to a distant part of the country. They might take Miss Ransome and show her some of the most lovely parts of Surrey; or they might stay at home, and spend long hours in the boat, or sit together under the shade of the trees. Their love was new to them just then, and they found it all sufficient to their happiness to be together. Each plan that was suggested which meant the departure of the Colthursts to a distant part of the country on any pretext whatsoever was hailed with delight by Miss Patricia, who, try as she would, she saw after a time that they were determined to spend the day quietly at Copthorp Grange.

"For my part," said Mrs. Colthurst, "I rich relations. My dear Paul, you have not consider it far and away too hot to spend the day in the open air. Talk of picnics," continued the good woman, "I positively hate them. When one can have a well-cooked nicely cooked and properly served on one's own table, why take it away in baskets to eat and drink uncomfortably under the shade of trees, with gnawings running about it, and spiders, and all drinks, what I should like best would be some sorts of other abominations. Then I am sure always so frightfully tortgented by midges. They bite me so unmercifully. No, I am very partial to picnics, but, of course, if the young people wish it——"

"No, mother, we'd rather stay at home," said Pamela.

"Then this is how we'll occupy our day," said Mrs. Colthurst, looking at her watch. "You and I, Miss Ransome, will go round the gardens after I have seen my housekeeper and given her directions for the day's work. We will both rise early, and rest quietly in our rooms afterwards. You would like a novel? You shall have several new ones from the library room. We can have tea out of doors, and after tea we will take a motor drive together. What do you say to that?"

"It will be heavenly," said Miss Patricia. She knew, however, as she uttered the words, that there would in all probability be the invasion of a serpent into her Paradise. As to Colthurst, he avoided Miss Ransome that morning. He was mainly engaged over various matters in connection with the estate, and although he did not wish to be rude to her, the old lady he was not going to worry himself listening to what he considered the serious affairs of an elderly woman.

Miss Ransome went up to her room, and the morning passed quietly away. Lunch was on the table when Thomas Oswald put in an appearance. Thomas Oswald was really in as high spirits as Peter or Pamela. The gods seemed to be favouring him. The sun shone brightly on his path, and then, to make everything agreeable, and, as it were, just the right moment, Miss Ransome, the young Peter Colthurst crossing the lawn just as he was approaching the house. Thomas, who fully intended the Colthurst family to drive him back to the railway station, had walked to the Grange. When he saw Peter he at once stopped at once, took out his handkerchief, and mopped his forehead.

"Now, this is a pleasant meeting," he said. "How little we do we do, my dear young sir?"

Peter came forward, some astonishment on his face.

"I see I must reintroduce myself," said Thomas. "My name is Thomas Oswald. You met me the other day at Mrs. Leek's. You forget? Young man, I didn't give you credit for possessing such a very short memory."

"Of course, I remember quite well now," said Peter, his eyes brightening. "You were the gentleman who was so very kind as to fetch me Miss Lennox's parasol. I thought I knew you when I saw you coming up the avenue, but was not sure at first."

"Well, I am the gentleman—yes, I am the gentleman."

"Can I do anything for you, sir?" said Peter, who was hungry, and anxious to join the rest of his party at lunch.

"You can do a vast deal, my boy," Thomas Oswald slipped his hot hand inside the young man's arm. Peter felt a sensation of annoyance. He tried to shake off the hand, but the hand would not remove itself. "I must explain things," he said. "Your name is Peter Colthurst?"

"Yes," said Peter.

"And you are engaged to that most lovely girl, Miss Pamela Lennox?"

"It is my happiness," said Peter, "to be able to say yes."

"My boy, I congratulate you. You are, of course, the son of Paul Colthurst?"

"Of course," said Peter.

"Well, then, my boy"—here he gripped the young man's arm still more tenaciously—"you see in me a relation—yes, a relation."

"Excuse me," said Peter.

"My son, it is the case. You may be astonished, but it is the case. I am your father's cousin—far removed, it is true; but still, in his veins and mine the same blood flows. I come from South Africa, and whereas he is rich, I am poor; but, to judge from your face, young Peter Colthurst, you are the last sort of person to turn against a man because he is down on his luck."

"For my part I rather like poverty," said Peter. "I hadn't any idea you were a relation, Mr.—Mr.——"

"Oswald, my son, Oswald—Mr. Thomas Oswald. Now, I have come here to have a chat with your good father. Can I see him?"

"Of course you can, Mr. Oswald; and you are a relation—really a relation?"

"Peter, my boy, if your father, Paul Colthurst, turns me out of his house because I am not a relation, I will give you leave to horsewhip me—there. Now take me into your father's presence. I am hot and tired, and more hungry for my lunch than you are, young man. Come, Peter, my dear boy—my handsome lad—take me into your father's presence."

Colthurst was standing by the sideboard cutting some very delicate slices of pressed beef when Peter entered, accompanied by Thomas Oswald.

"Father," said the young man. "I am so astonished, more astonished than you can imagine, but a relation of ours from South Africa has just come, and I have brought him in to have some lunch with us."

Miss Patricia's eyes flashed an angry fire. Mrs. Colthurst turned her soft face and mild countenance, interrogative, to the visitor. Pamela said, in an excited voice: "Why, surely we saw you yesterday!" And Paul, without uttering a word, bowed, held out his hand.

"Thanks, Paul," said Thomas; "then you acknowledge me!"

"You are my distant cousin," said Colthurst.

"I know I am not welcome, but I mean no harm. It's rather hard for a poor relation to be so shabbily received by his rich relatives; but I bear no malice. Ah! Miss Ransome—dear Miss Ransome—my old, true friend! Why, you do not forget me. Isn't this a stroke of luck! I can't tell you how we miss you at Copthorp Grange. In the absence of the woman, Mrs. Luck; excellent woman—the best of her kind. But—well, you and I, Miss Ransome, know the difference between her meals and the sort that are served up to my cousin, Paul Colthurst."

"I rich relations. My dear Paul, you have not consider it far and away too hot to spend the day in the open air. Talk of picnics," continued the good woman, "I positively hate them. When one can have a well-cooked nicely cooked and properly served on one's own table, why take it away in baskets to eat and drink uncomfortably under the shade of trees, with gnawings running about it, and spiders, and all drinks, what I should like best would be some sorts of other abominations. Then I am sure always so frightfully tortgented by midges. They bite me so unmercifully. No, I am very partial to picnics, but, of course, if the young people wish it——"

"Thomas was not particular as to his style of eating. In notwithstanding the fact that he gulped his food. Pamela shrank a little away from him, while Patricia struggled with her feelings. Thomas Oswald's self-control, Patricia was, alas! accustomed to the way in which people ate their food. Thomas Oswald's sparkling, foaming ale, he held it up and pointed to it in the direction of Mrs. Colthurst.

"I drink to your good health, fair madam, and to the health of all my cousins at Copthorp Grange."

Mrs. Colthurst bent towards Peter.

"Peter, is he really a cousin of your father's? What a peculiar looking man."

"I suppose he is," whispered Peter, "as father doesn't deny it."

"Come, now," called Thomas. "I don't know many manners, we South Africans have few opportunities of acquiring them, but I've always heard that it was bad form to whisper in the society of others. Talk your little private auspicions about me when you are alone with your stepmother, Cousin Peter."

Peter coloured angrily. He said afterwards that it was with the utmost difficulty he could keep from kicking the man out of the house, but Pamela pushed her chair as near her cousin as she could. Paul Colthurst came and took his seat at the head of the table. Miss Patricia glanced at him; then her heart gave a wild leap of pleasure. He sat least was quiet. He looked as calm, as gentle, as firm and decided as usual. He began to eat his food. Notwithstanding the bottle of ale, he absorbed interest. Thomas drank more and more, talking as he did so more and more loudly, while Peter's manner became more courteous each instant. Suddenly he turned to his wife.

"Dear," he said, "if you have finished, and if Pamela has finished, do not on any account stay. I will take Mr. Oswald into the smoking-room and hand-bye. You, also, Patricia, would like to go."

"I am going too, dad," said Peter.

A minute later the room was cleared of four of the luncheon party.

Thomas looked after them. "Dear, dear!" he said. "I could have done with another helping of that excellent beef. I never get anything of that sort at No. 80, James-street, How they all have fled! I'm a bit rough for them, eh? But you, old chap, you at least recognise me as bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh."

"Just eat as much as ever you wish, Oswald," said Colthurst, in his most gentle tone. "Afterwards, we will smoke in my study."

"Then I will have some more roast beef," said Oswald. "Your pressed beef, Colthurst, is so tender and delicious—yes, quite delicious—and another bottle of ale, please, Colthurst. There's nothing, after all, like your English ale. We can't get it in our part of Africa—though we may be willing to export any price in reason. Of course, poor people like myself fair badly in South Africa. Even rich people have to rough it, so you can imagine what we poor ones have to live through."

"Yes, I can quite imagine," said Colthurst. The butler entered the room. "Not at present, Seaman; I will ring when I require you."

The man withdrew softly. Oswald went on eating. As he ate, he looked around him. He examined everything—the style of the room, the furniture, the glass on the table, the beautiful, crested silver, the fineness of the napery; there was nothing that did not meet his observant eye.

"Good—good; the very best," he said to himself.

His second helping of pressed beef was followed by fruit tart, then by a plateful of fresh fruit, which had just been sent in from the garden.

"And now I think I am about full," said Oswald, rising, "and I am ready for my pipe. You don't object to a pipe, do you, Colthurst, old man?"

"Certainly not. Will you come with me to my study?"

"With pleasure. I have come, as of course you know, to have a chat with you, Colthurst."

Colthurst made no answer, but conducted his guest to the study. The study was neatly kept; like every other room at Connop Grange, it showed the influence of a lady's presence. It was carefully dusted, the books were neatly arranged, the pipes laid out in trays, a jar filled with fragrant tobacco. There were different guns and revolvers hattened on the walls. There were trophies of the chase arranged here and there, some large stuffed animals which Colthurst during the wandering part of his life had killed stood about in corners of the room. The floor was covered with a thick Turkey carpet of the very best quality.

The day was a very hot one, and the windows of Colthurst's study stood wide open so as to admit the soft summer breeze. The men found seats by the open window. From there, they had a good view of the garden. In the far distance, Colthurst and his cousin caught a glimpse of a girl's white dress. It passed in and out, in and out amongst the trees. It was distinctly not one moment, and was lost to view the next. Then there came on the breeze the sound of happy laughter, the gay laughter of Pamela herself. Her heart was full of bliss.

Oswald smiled, even in the delicious fragrance of a brand of tobacco which he had not tasted for years, and enjoyed himself. His bitter feelings were, for the time, laid to rest. He was well fed; he was soothed. The tobacco, the charming view, the comfortable seat in which he found himself, all combined to rest him, to make him forget his own very different lot. But suddenly, like a flash, memory returned to him. This house belonged to Paul Colthurst; and the boy who walked with the girl in the white dress was Paul's son, Peter; and because of Peter, and because of this girl, Thomas Oswald was out of all the wealth was cut away from the goodly possession. It was his lot to live at No. 10, James-street when in London, and respectable to live with extreme economy, to deny, if not himself—for it was his nature to deny himself as little as possible—at least to deny all those who belonged to him everything but the barest necessaries of life.

If he was not specially invited to his son, Tom Oswald. Tom, he had to own to himself, was at his best a rough diamond. He had even sometimes to confess to his own heart that Tom was not even a rough diamond; he was not a diamond at all. He was a rough piece of coal, unlaked fire, which would polish him. Nothing would make him anything whatever but the solid good-for-nothing, bonstiful, worthless youth that he was. Nevertheless, he was Tom Oswald's own heir. Although he was not lone part of him and blood, we are scarcely human if we do not take a certain pride in them, and Thomas Oswald would have given a good deal to have his son if by so doing he could also help himself.

Between him and that help lay the marriage of Peter and Pamela. Peter was indeed the sort of young man whom any father would be proud of, but for such a perfect gentleman—so kindly, so sweet in his manner, so obliging to all those with whom he came in contact, and although he possessed extreme good looks and was highly educated, and had every prospect of the world's goods rolling before his young feet, he put on no side at all—not even as much as did Tom Oswald, the father of Pamela, the elder by years.

Yes, Tom Oswald was disappointing, but Laura was not. Laura was a nice little thing. Thomas would have her dressed in pure white on a summer's day. He would like to give her not three or four pence for her amusements, but at least as many pounds. As to his wife, well, she was a good creature, but he was not troubling himself about his wife just then.

He turned and fixed his eyes on Paul Colthurst.

"Well?" said Paul.

"I suppose, Paul," said Thomas, "you know what I have come about."

"I don't know that I do," said Paul.

"I am prepared to explain. A little bird has told me—no matter how—no matter when—that you son Peter—a fine lad, that boy of yours—has engaged himself to the fair young step-daughter, Miss Lennox. That is in accordance with old Walter Colthurst's will. Now, I am not quite fairly treated by you, Paul. I have watched Walter Colthurst from afar. There have been days—rough days, hard days, starvation days on the Veldt—when I have thought of Walter and his wealth, when the memory of it has sweetened all my brought back hope after hope. He died, and I was cut off. It was a mighty cruel shame—yes, I repeat it—here Tom Oswald stood up—it was a beastly shame, it was a rank injustice, and I don't mind saying it to your face, Paul Colthurst."

(To be continued.)

THACKERAY AND DICKENS.

In "Anthony Trollope," by T. H. Escott (John Lane), there is an interesting reminiscence of Trollope's membership of the Garrick Club:

"The details of facts and figures already given show that, during most of the sixties, Dickens, Thackeray, and Trollope were all members of the Garrick together. "We were, however," to quote Trollope's own words, "two years in it before we exchanged words with each other, and as selfmodest intermingling, as if we had been assembling at Dickens's writing, during which I never saw Thackeray and Dickens engaged in any regular conversation. Either of them entered a room and left the other and only one or two more, perhaps, were its occupants, he seemed to have no business to look for anything he had mislaid, and, if he did not make rather an abrupt exit, stayed only for a few words. I was a newspaper, in which I used to write articles, and I can recall Thackeray making a remark about Dickens's writing, during which I myself saw then it occurred to Armstrong that there was another possible danger which they had so far overlooked. Wolves! As the thought flashed through his brain there came out of the forest a long, sustained howl. Ivan, on hearing it, picked up one of the Cossack's rifles, and blessed the chance which had put those weapons in their possession. Nathalie shivered, and drew a little closer to her lover. Armstrong drove on steadily, but presently cast a glance over his shoulder.

"We shall have to make for Torshok after all," he called out.

In the gathering darkness the eyes of the wolves glowed like rubbed coalers. They turned in his seat, took steady aim, and fired. One of the brutes rolled over, and instantly the others had piled themselves on its carcase, snarling and tearing it to pieces in a moment. This occurred over and over again, so that for the better part of an hour the ravening beasts were kept at the rear of the flying sledge. Then Ivan announced that the good friend, the last cartridge from the three magazine rifles.

"Take my revolver," replied Armstrong. Then: "All serene," he cried; "the post-house is in sight."

The wolves slackened and paused, and finally gave up the chase, for their number had been thinned out considerably. A few minutes after the sledge drew up at the post-house, and the horses was flung open by the man in charge. He looked curiously at the foam-flecked horses.

"You travel quickly, little father," he said to Armstrong.

"The wolves hurried us," replied Armstrong, with a grim laugh. "Can you give us a change of horses, for we have far to go and no time to waste?"

Before the man could answer, two other figures appeared at the door. The first was the officer of the Cossack escort, who had—to safe his own convenience—remained behind at his post. He was followed by one of his men carrying a lantern. They both walked over to the sledge, out of which Nathalie had that moment stepped. Over her own clothes she wore a man's big fur overcoat, which Ivan had insisted she should put on, as the cold was so intense. By the light from the lantern shone full upon her face.

"The prisoner—Alexis Maraloff!" shouted the officer. "What does this mean? and who are you, Ivan Petrovitch?" he added, in the tone of one who has authority.

"Let me answer you, monsieur," said Nathalie, in a sweet, musical voice, which even the officer had to admit to himself could not be a man's, "that I am a woman."

"You are the prisoner who was handed over to my charge," persisted the officer, "whatever your sex may be; and I shall not allow you to proceed."

"Will you show me the written order authorising you to arrest this lady?" demanded Ivan.

"I have the necessary authority," stormed the officer, "for taking Alexis Maraloff——"

"We know nothing about that young man," said Ivan. "If he has escaped you it is not our concern. Nor does it concern us if you have made some foolish mistake. You will detain this lady at your peril. As it is, I may find it necessary to report your conduct to your superiors. Here is my card."

The officer read the name upon it, and gave in, puzzled, baffled, and savage.

Ten days later Armstrong met the officer of Cossacks at a restaurant in St. Petersburg. He greeted him politely.

"But you look worried," said Armstrong. "Are you still puzzled over that—eh—question of sex? If so you can set your mind at ease. The lady, our companion, was married yesterday to Ivan Sternberg. You will see an account of the ceremony in the "Gazeta." The fact that she has married a man may be regarded, I suppose, as sufficient proof that she is a woman?"

WORK-A-DAY WONDERS.

VI.—TELLS OF THE TREASURE HIDDEN IN THE BOTTOM DRAWER OF AN OLD BUREAU.

"Well," said Patty, "of all the pleasant takedes I ever had this never was one. I was quite came up to what I got on that Tuesday afternoon that I Diamond-dyed Mrs King's parlour curtains.

"When I got to the house I found the dear old soul muddling about with the curtains, trying her hardest to get them ready for me, and her poor old hands were all of a tremble with excitement. So I made her let me bring her armchair out into the washhouse, where she could sit and watch me—and I did everything; talking to her all the while and telling her how many millions of packets of Diamond Dyes are than the one-packet-for-everything dyes, and explaining all about the Diamond Dye Book of Directions which the chemist gives away with each packet.

"Old Mrs King's curtains were a beautiful quality pinky damask, most dreadfully faded, and I suppose with them till I had got them to a lovely deep crimson, and the dear old soul cried with delight over them.

"And then came the surprise. She opened the bottom drawer of the bureau and took out an armful of peach-blossom poplin—the rich lovely quality they used to make sixty years ago. "Twas my wedding dress, dearie," she said; "elegant widths in the skirt; and I've had it picked to pieces for years thinking of getting it dyed black. But now it's yours, and I'll love you to have it. The only thing I ask is that you Diamond-dye it in a light purple and let me come to your house to see you do it."

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WETHERBY

A FORMER WETHERBY RESIDENT.—The funeral of the late Mr. Berthold Robert Stansfeld, formerly of Wetherby, revising barrister for Scarborough and Clerk of the Peace for Wakefield, took place at Scarborough Cemetery. The coffin, covered with many wreaths, was borne by Crossgate pall bearers. The body was enclosed in a shell, the outer coffin was one of oak with cast fittings, and bearing the inscription: " Berthold Robert Stansfeld, born April 22nd, 1849; died May 12th, 1914."

LADY CYCLIST'S NARROW ESCAPE.—Mrs Jeffreys, wife of one the metropolitan officers in the Barthy Powder Magazine, near Selby, while passing the Olympia Oil Mills on her bicycle was knocked down by one of the trains, which crashed into the machine. The cycle was badly damaged, but beyond a nasty shock the lady had a miraculous escape.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Not in Barkston Ash! The hay harvest has begun in Dyon.

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Have the Garforth, Great Preston, and Halton Homing Societies fizzled out?

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Boating on the river at Wetherby is "booming." A water carnival is to be promoted.

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Will Garforth ever have a market? A beginning has been made with an auction mart.

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In a wood near Wetherby a rook of a uniform grey colour, but not fully fledged, has been shot.

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Any word of the enlargement at Tadcaster Station? It's urgn time the N.E.R. Co. made a move.

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Whitkirk children are getting anxious concerning the playground they are to get. Is the field settled upon yet?

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Judging by the bell tents planted all over the district "camping out" is losing none of its popularity. The simple life!

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Kippax cricketers are this year taking part in a League. They have joined the Rothwell and District League. Good luck to them!

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The Rev. R. W. Davidson, of Boston Spa, who was one of the secretaries, received the thanks of the York Synod for his services.

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Because York has changed its market day for store stock Wetherby has been compelled to make a change. Hard times on Wetherby.

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Aberford and Monk Fryston singers distinguished themselves at Pontefract Musical Competitions, and they are an example to others.

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The squire of Monk Fryston states that he is pleased with the movement for increasing agricultural labourers' wages. What have the farmers to say?

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Kippax has more cyclists than any place of a similar size in the county, and is responsible for the attendance trophy of the West Riding Association.

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A Halton man who walked to York on Midsummary Sunday says that after he left Tadcaster it was a "nubble." He does not seem to see much good in the military display.

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Do the Boston Spa "fathers" intend going in for the electric light?

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Barkston Ash farmers still "suspect." The prophets predict that beef will be dearer.

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Alberton Bywater, equally with Garforth, is distinguishing itself in the anti-cuckoo line.

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The late Mr T. Hough Hey is described as "the last of the wealthy Heys of Sherburn."

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Kippax is still growing! Plans for a number of houses were passed at last District Council meeting.

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How do you like it? "The West End Institution!" That is the suggested address for Wetherby workhouse.

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A long time! The squire of Monk Fryston—one of the best in the district—says his ancestors got the estate in 1680.

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The equipment at Allerton Bywater colliery is apparently such as to excite the envy of mining engineers. Of course, money can "talk."

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It is suggested that the Garforth Council should use the Mill chimney, which it is proposed to pull, as a observatory. The residents might object.

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Will Barkston Ash farmers register? The Agricultural Labourers' Union has decided upon a minimum wage of 22s., and all hands expect it before June 5th.

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Mrs Walsworight, of Micklefield, whose passing is chronicled, had served in the capacity of churchwarden. She was one of the best-known bandladies in the district.

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In Crossgates, Allerton Bywater, Rothwell, Woodlesford, and other places there are hundreds of young people who are fond of singing, and they are not all the property of miners.

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A prayer taught the Homes' children in Rothwell Cunrch Sunday School is both ring. Hunslet Guardians, how do you like to discuss it again. Why not have a panel of parsons to settle the question?

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Why not at Wetherby? The first local show of the season is at Wetherby, and the promoters might follow the example of a Welsh Show Committee, and offer a prize for the best scarecrow. Nothing like enterprise.

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At Whitehouse, of Aberford, showed me (says a writer in the "Evening Post") a marvellous ash tree. Its branches have been trained to wire frames to form arcades, under which one may walk. The full circumference is some 84 yards. In one part we were shown the entrance to the nesting hole of the kingfisher, and also the retreat of the otter, which Mr Whitehouse contends is not a sufficiently quick swimmer to catch trout and lives on eels.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week a popular turn is given by Eugene Stratton. His manner of imparting drama into the sentiment of a song is irresistible, be it in the role of the love-sick negro, the ill-starred horse-thief, or any other of the diverse characters he portrays. Withal he makes the most of the melody of his popular ditties, and nothing gives more pleasure to the audience than to hear, even though it might be for the fourteenth time, the time-honoured "Lily of Laguna," with its haunting chorus. Amongst the other turns on the bill are Alfred Wellesley and Company, whose comedy "Uncle's Courtship," contains some funny situations; and Edwin Lawrence, who is a clever and amusing exponent of the ridiculous, in his well-known role of the Scout. May Moore Duprez is one of the most vivacious of comediennes, and a graceful dancer into the bargain, and others appearing are the Paris Trio, in an aerial gymnastic display; Eddy Martyn, a clever American dancer; Arthur Sutcliffe, comedian; Lizzie Glenroy, Scotch comedienne; and the Gascoignes, in a juggling act.

The greatest cinema actress of the day, Miss Florence Turner, known as "The Vitagraph Girl," will make her appearance in person at the Leeds Empire on Monday next. Miss Turner specialises in character studies of every description, be they tragic, comic, melodramatic, or burlesque. According to American newspapers, Miss Turner is conceded to be the greatest actress of the day either on or off the stage. She will give a series of studies of her own conception. Paul Spadoni, the great Continental athlete, known as the modern Hercules, will present his new entertainment, entitled, "The Juggler in his Home." The Hanlon Bros., in a pantomimical novelty, entitled "The Haunted Hotel"; Jack Marks, the juvenile Hebrew comedian; Tennyson and Wallis, comedians; Park's Eton Boys, in a vocal and dancing act; the Miller Bros., comedy gymnasts and back-stage wrestlers, are other popular attractions. The greatest of all animal mimes, Mr Fred Conquest, and a full London company will present "What a Dog," the fareical absurdity in one act. In this Mr Conquest enacts the part of a Newfoundland dog possessed of human intelligence. He is the recognised animal actor of to-day.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Leeds Hippodrome this week the Four Ascots, a troupe of the finest dancers to be seen, are highly popular. The gentlemen are, in particular, extremely agile steppers, and with their charming partners work with a vigour which draws deserved applause from the audience. Their dancing, showing how the various tongues are danced, is interesting. Bert Coote and Company, in "A Lamb on Wall Street," are too well-known to Leeds audiences for us to say much about them; suffice it that the "episode" seems to be as fresh as when it was first produced. Monty Cash, the lad "through Lancashire," sings three songs. His latest song, "Poor, simple John" is full of humour, besides having a catchy refrain, and it will be heard of in the future. Alexandre and Hughes, a pair of persistent patterers, keep the house vastly amused with their jokes and songs. Harry Blake, in a comedy scena "The Man in the Moon" has some refreshing yarns; and Ivor Vinter, who is billed as the "Little surprise," is a capital little fellow, who should be heard of again. Galetti's Baboons, in a novel act "A Day at the Races," are exceedingly clever. One of the monkeys is a born comedian. Miss Mignonette Kelcie, comedienne, is also appearing.

Next week at the Hippodrome the company will include the musical comedy favourite, Marie Dainton, in selections from her repertoire of imitations and impressions of "stars" of the stage; Fay, Two Colleys, and Fay, in up-to-date nonsense; Rachel Walker, described as the Creole nightingale; Fred Colley and Minnie Scott, in comedy titbits; Tom and Vic. Collins' No. 1 Company in the farcical burlesque "Buying a Pub"; and the charming costume comedy "David Garrick," presented by Sinclair Neill and full London company, including Alec Miller; and B. P. Earle.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week the Lodge-Perey Company are appearing and they are old favourites. The piece staged on Monday was that delightful comedy-drama "The Laughter of Fools," which tells how a well-connected Society lady, who differ much scheming to get her daughter mated to a wealthy captain with an annual income of £15,000. It is ultimately successful. The company is one of all-round excellence, though Miss Henrietta Schrier's impersonation of Dot's Hetley, the once despised competitor in the race for wealth, stands out most prominent, while Mr Lodge-Perey, as the captain, also plays the part in his usual cool and confident manner. The play will be given on Saturday, while on Friday the celebrated Corsican romance, "Mr Barnes, of New York" is to be staged, with Miss Schrier as Marie Pardi, and Mr Lodge-Perey in the title role.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Miss Henrietta Schrier and Mr Lodge-Perey and Co. will again be the attraction. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the play "The Cracksman" will be staged, on Thursday "The Laughter of Fools," and on Friday and Saturday (for the first time in Leeds) "Fraud," or "The Romance of a Typist."

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week an excellent programme is submitted. At the head of affairs are Cullen and Carthy, assisted by a diminutive comedian. They cause endless laughter, and the reception on Monday night was deserved. Dick Evans and Poppie Holland (who, by the way, is forging ahead) bring a new act exploiting the cinema, and their turn is evidently to the liking of the audience. Jack Baxter, a Leeds man, is a first-rate dancing comedian, and Rowland, the "brainstorm" juggler, assisted by Kitty Grenelle, goes through a smart act. Others who help are Phil Brandon, a Cockney character comedian, and the Stevanos, acrobatic eccentrics.

Next week at the City Varieties the Vega Trio will appear in an original comedy act, and it is described as a wonderful show. Others in the bill are Tawakow Doughton, the renowned baritone, from Queen's Hall, London; Dancing Maddies, in their novelty dancing act; Billy Marsden, the comedian with the concertina; Vera Hind, comedienne; and Irvin and Morton, in a ritual singing, talking, and dancing act. Pictures will also be shown on the variescope.

LEEDS THEATRE DE LUXE.

At the Theatre de Luxe this week "The Black Spot," a story of Russian intrigue beautifully set in England and Russia, is a fine example of the British producer's enterprise. The acting is a remarkable feature, Miss Jane Gail, an imposing conspirator, and Mr Arthur Holmes-Gore, a powerful Grand Duke, being excellent. Mr G. M. Anderson is seen to advantage in "Broncho Billy's Conscience." "Love and Dynamite" is a capital Keystone comedy.

On Friday "Barnett Parker, Detective," will be introduced in the "Staircase of Death" and "Neath the Animal's Paw," a fine animal film, will be screened on Monday.

Next week Mr Davies is featuring Miss Florence Turner, who is appearing at a Leeds music-hall next week, in "She Cried," a delightful comedy, and a beautiful drama "Wanted, a Grandmother."

At South Milford School last month the percentage of attendance was 94·27 against 86·73 in April last year.

Miss Hilda Harrison (Church Fenton) was successful in the junior division, theory examination, of the London College of Music.

Mrs Fielden and the Misses Fielden and Mr John Fielden have arrived at 77, Cadogan Square, London, from Grimston Park, Tadcaster.

PROPERTY MARKET.—On Wednesday night at Collingham Mr J. B. Hindle (Messrs Howe and Hindle, Leeds) offereded for sale by auction 10,423 square yards of building land, part of the Langwith Park estate, situate at Collingham. Mr N. Elliott, Leeds, was the solicitor. The highest bid obtainable was 8d. per yard, at which figure the lot was withdrawn.

CRICKET.—On Saturday at Moortown the Thorner Mexbro' team were defeated. Scores:—Moortown—Wilson 24, M. Topham 2, France 6, Barnfather 6, Layton 3, Little 8, A. Topham (not out) 23, H. Ward 0, C. Wood 2, L. Wood b Boothman, 0; extras, 11; total 85. Thorner—Thompson 3, Flint 26, Adkin 2, Jarratt 2, H. Randerson 8, Hardisty 1, Revis 3, E. Randerson 0, Hanson (not out) 1, Jater 0, Dixon 1, extras 5; total 52.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Spofforth entertained Leeds (an eleven), and the home-team won. Scores:—Leed—Swift 41, Summerscales 0, Gray 14, Brown 19, Balkwill 1, Edwards 1, Garnett (not out) 1, Lewis (not out) 1, Smith 4, J. C. Town 2, extra 1; total 88. Spofforth—Smithson 1, King 10, S. H Hill 29, Odds 4, Proctor 0, A. Hill 15, Morrison 1, Darwin 2, Howard 6, Richmond (not out) 2, F. Thompson 0, extras, 10; total 88.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—Walter Walsh, Morley, an improved stripper for carding machines; A. Wilkinson, Ilkley, tubular framed bodies for motor-cars and other vehicles; J. H. Micklethwaite, Dewsbury, automatic winding motion for self-starting mules. Patent sealed—J. H. Wilkinson, Doncaster, improved 12-jet carburettor.

CYCLING ACCIDENT.—While cycling down Church Hill, Thorner, on Saturday afternoon a girl of thirteen named Elsie Lanham, living at 40, Sholebrook Place, Leeds, lost control of her machine and could not turn the corner at the bottom. The machine ran into a house and the girl was thrown, sustaining injuries to the head, a bruise over the right eye, and several cuts about the hands. It appears that the girl only recently learned to ride and was cycling along with her brother. After receiving attention from Dr. Hargreaves, of Collingham, she was taken home.

TRAVELLING WITHOUT A TICKET.—On Tuesday at an Occasional Court at Sherburn Michael Moran, labourer, of Leeds, was charged with travelling on the North-East-rn Railway without having previously paid his fare, with intent to defraud the company on Monday. From the evidence it appeared the prisoner travelled by a "trace" train from Leeds, and on account of York Races, tickets were examined at Church Fenton Station. Prisoner was without a ticket, and had the appearance of having travelled under the seat, his clothes being covered with dust. He gave an address at Leeds, and the railway officials telephoned there and the address was found to be a false one. Fined 20s. and costs, or 14 days in default.

LORD HAWKE'S INFLUENCE.—Lord Hawke captained the Yorkshire team for many seasons, and a better sport I can never hope to meet (writes S. Haigh). Winning or losing, he was always the same genial fellow. If you did badly you were cheered by his hearty "Never mind," and if you did well you thought it was worth it to have him come and give you a smack on the back and an equally sincere "Bravo!" I have seen people ponder over the career of his lordship and decide that he was hardly worth his place in the side. Don't you believe it. Lord Hawke was a better bat than many give him credit for, but if he had never made a run he was worth a place in the Yorkshire side for his generalship. Above everything else he made the professionals his particular concern, he made it his business to see that they were well treated, he looked after them on the field and off, and their affairs were his affairs all the time.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—On Friday night the annual meeting of the Collingham Habitation of the Primrose League was held in the schoolroom at Collingham, and was presided over by Mr James Beaumont, Ruling Councillor. The Habitation now consists of 7 knights, 8 dames, and 127 associates, a total of 143, an increase of five over last year. The receipts had been £26 16s. 11d., and the expenses £16 7s. 2d., leaving a balance of £10 8s. 11d. Lady Gunter was re-elected Dame President, but Mr Beaumont intimated that he would be unable to continue as Ruling Councillor. No nominations were made for the vacancy. Miss Smith was re-appointed treasurer, and Mrs Foster was appointed hon. secretary in place of Miss Waddington (resigned). A strong executive committee was also appointed, with Mr P. Christie as auditor. Mr R. Ludge, Selby, gave an address on the questions of the Welsh Disestablishment and Home Rule Bills, and an excellent entertainment was given by Professor Cunningham. Mr Hamar presided at the piano.

TADCASTER LADIES' CHOIR.—At the Pontefract Musical Competitions this choir, conducted by Mr E. W. Herbert, was successful in gaining a second prize in the open competition for female voices. The test pieces were "Where is the Nymph" for four voices, unaccompanied, by Dr. Green, and "Gentle Spring," for three voices, by Holbrooke. The adjudicator was Dr. McNaught, whose remarks on the choir were as follows:—First piece—"Slow but still effective because of the sostenuto and purity of intonation. Admirable in contrast, some rich chords, and a constant appeal in the expression. Beautifully proportioned in force, and very effective treatment. (91 marks out of 100)." In the second piece the remarks were: "Pretty start, very shanty and subtle rhythm. A well-controlled choir, and the words were a feature. The tonal attack nearly always in the centre of the pitch. The chords were all good, and were full, rich, and pure. Here we had an elastic rhythm, and the natural accentuation of the words was good. The conductor knows his business. (89 marks out of 100)."

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

OUTWOOD F. v. ALTOFTS UNITED.—At Outwood. Scores:—

Outwood F.—H Dixon, run out, 56; W. H Pickard, lbw, b Dean, 1; J W Lunn, c Kirk, b Knowles, 48; D White, b Arthur Bednall, 11; M Wheeler, b Knowles, 18; J R Jones, c Kirk, b Knowles, 3; W Walker, lbw, b Knowles, 1; J Colby, b Knowles, 6; L Ackroyd, b Knowles, 3; E Thompson, not out, 23; R Hoyland, not out, 17; extras, 9; total (for 9 wkts), 195.

Altofts United—J Bednall, c Thompson, b White, 0; J Dolan, c Thompson, b White, 12; H Frith, run out, 1; W Hall, b Ackroyd, 27; Arth. Bednall, not out 22; R Bednall, b Ackroyd, 33; W Knowles, c Wheeler, b Ackroyd, 0; B Kirk, c and b Wheeler, 4; J Hampson, lbw, b Hoyland, 12; R Deakin, not out, 0; extras, 10; total (for 8 wickets), 94.

STANLEY v. ROTHWELL.—At Rothwell. Scores:—

Stanley—A Davison, c Banks, b Bedford, 2; L. Cawthoen, b Banks, 14; Robinson, c Hodgkinson, b Bedford, 0; J Heaton, b Banks, 0; C Butterfield, lbw, b Bedford, 11; P Hargreaves, lbw, b Bedford, 4; E Dobson, run out, 3; C Dickinson, c Bedford, b Banks, 1; J. Holmes, b Banks, 2; J. Nolan, not out, 7; J Bulmer, at Lane, b Bedford, 3; extras, 4; total, 49.

Rothwell—J Newton, not out, 32; C Tiffany, c Hargreaves, b Nolan, 8; W Fox, run out, 6; A Clarke, lbw, b Bulmer, 21; H Hemsworth, not out, 0; extras, 5; total (for 3 wkts.), 51.

CARLTON v. WOODLESFORD.—At Carlton. Scores:—

Woodlesford—O Wilkinson, b Sykes, 12; J B Hare, b Illingworth, 0; H Hamer, run out, 11; E Dawson, b Illingworth, 2; W Harrinson, lbw, b Bulmer, 21; C Baxter, c Illingworth, b J Brook, 0; N. Williams, c Sykes, b W. Brown, 0; E Hitchen, b W Brown, 5; A Evans, b J Brook, 2; D Johnson, not out, 1; T Collins, c Sykes, b W Brown, 0; extras, 7; total, 67.

Carlton—J. Illingworth, c Wilkinson, b Hamer, 11; L Brown, not out, 23; W Sykes, lbw, b Collins, 7; R Butterworth, b Wilkinson, 2; H Corn, b Collins, 1; W Brown, c Hamer, b Collins, 11; J. Brook, not out, 0; extras, 4; total (for 5 wkts.) 69.

OULTON A v. ALTOFTS A.—At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton A—E Palfreeman, b W Carter, 12; E Parkinson, b W Carter, 2; A Jones, b T. Hobson, 11; E Lee, not out, 9; C Higgins, b T Hobson, 0; Cliff Higgins, c T Hobson, b Brown, 2; R Whitworth, c Gibbons, b Carter, 0; G Higgins, b Hobson, 0; P Nettleton, b W Carter, 1; A Gibson, c Paigne, b Carter, 0; T Jones, b Carter, 0; extras, 7; total 23.

Altofts A—J Brown, lbw, b Whitworth, 0; J Hollis, not out, 0; A Plant, b C Higgins, 4; extras, 5; total (for 2 wkts.), 27.

ROTHWELL A v. STANLEY CHURCH.—At Stanley. Scores:—Rothwell A—S Falkiner, c Hargreaves, b Dobson, 2; W Nelson, c and b Kirkham, 43; W Ingleby, c Kirkham, b Dobson, 0; F Gibson, b Hargreaves, 3; F Stringer, c Poole, b Hargreaves, 6; S Grimshaw, c Hargreaves, b Timbler, 6; E Tiffany, run out, 9; E. Longley, b Kirkham, 0; J W Paley, c Hargreaves, b Dobson, 13; J Lunn, b Dobson, 3; W Parish, not out, 7; extras, 6; total, 97.

Stanley Church—J Dobson, b Stringer, 6; Jack Dobson, b Stringer, 8; T Timbler, b Stringer, 0; P Hargreaves, c Longley, b Falkiner, 14; C Poole, b Stringer, 22; L Hargreaves, c Tiffany, b Stringer, 11; G Kirkham, b Stringer, 0; E Gledhill, c Longley, b Stringer, 1; C Noble, c Tiffany, b Parish, 4; G Brown, run out, 5; L Royston, not out, 3; extras, 12; total, 73.

CARLTON A v. WOODLESFORD A.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—Woodlesford A—L Taylor, lbw, b Dixon, 8; J. Morton, b Dixon, 0; H Williams, c J Ashton, 1; H Abbey, c Nunns, b Dixon, 4; J Mirfin, b Dixon, 11; H Hare, c Fox, b J. Ashton, 1; J Hamer, b J Ashton, 4; I. Williamson, b J Ashton, 0; J Jacques, c Ashton, b Newton, 2; F Baxter, c Ward, b Ashton, 0; C Simpson, not out, 1; extras, 6; total, 20.

Carlton A—W Newton, not out, 6; W Fox, b Williams, 13; A Ward, b Baxter, 1; J Dixon, b Williams 2; W Ashton, not out, 6; extra, 1; total (for 3 wkts.), 31.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Matches for Saturday.

Carlton v. Outwood F.
Robin Hood v. Altofts United.
Stanley v. Kippax.
Oulton v. Woodlesford.

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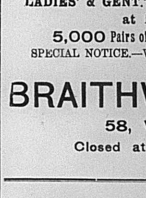
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Following the letter in the "Courier" last week on the "Gramophone Nuisance at Colton," a Leeds evening paper has taken up the matter, and it is remarked that the poorer class of the working-class are the mainstay of the business. "This may well be believed by any one who has occasion to pass through an industrial artisan neighbourhood in what ought to be the quiet of an evening, and has heard the volumes of "tinned music" pouring forth through the open windows. Even the villagers round about the city—this is a reference to the letter in the "Courier"—have caught the craze badly, and there is talk by those who speak of the "gramophone nuisance," of a petition to the landlord to remove his tenants who make one popular and beautiful country walk "hideous to visitors." "It is quite true," said a dealer, "the poorer people spend far more on gramophones than those who could afford it better. And they do not, as a rule, want the cheapest machines, but are prepared to spend quite a lot of money. It is the working-class owner, too, who comes back regularly for new records."

In order to extend their knowledge the farmers of Wetherby district are talking of making a trip to the Continent, and they evidently think that they have something to learn from the Dutchmen. As everybody who takes an interest in agriculture knows, the Danes can teach Britons a lot with respect to our oldest industry, but apparently the Wetherby farmers do not propose to include Denmark in their itinerary. Of course, at one time Britons thought they had nothing to learn from anybody, but the old conceit has been knocked out o them in recent years, and it is well to recognise that there are other go-ahead nations in Europe besides our own.

In consulting the farmers as to the importation of store cattle from Ireland, the County Council have acted wisely, and the Wetherby agriculturists are apparently grateful to them. This question, while it affects the public, is of prime importance to agriculturists, and it is obvious that if they do not get supplies the markets in the Riding will be seriously affected eventually.

Crossgates and District Agricultural Club has not had a meeting for some time, and farmers may wonder what is being done, but I understand that the arrangements in connection with the registration of the organization have not been completed. It is evident that the activities of the club must this year be limited, but if the members are loyal they will gain very materially by it.

A number of places in the districts, including Seacroft and Kippax, have benefitted by the munificence of Mr Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire, and it is just as well that they send early applications to the great organ-giver, otherwise they might have been disappointed. Some time ago Mr Carnegie formed a trust to deal with organs and other gifts, and the trustees now announce that considering the heavy expenditure to which they are liable in respect of existing claims, they cannot until further notice consider any more applications for organs.

Crossgates, as a correspondent observes, has been deprived of public lighting, and presumably the new order of things will exist throughout the summer months. The residents thought that Crossgates would be dealt with in precisely the same way as other parts of the city, but the Lighting Committee seemingly think that, in addition to preferential ratings, would be too much to give to Crossgates. For annexing Crossgates, the City Council have been ordered to pay a substantial sum to Tadcaster District Council, and they are not likely to confer greater privileges on the suburb during the period of preferential rating than they can help. Had public lighting not been definitely promised at the inquiry, it is possible that Crossgates would not have got it during the winter.

One of the most popular Whitsuntide gatherings in the North, Wetherby race meeting on Monday will attract thousands of people to the old market town, where, it is said, horse-racing was engaged in during the Roman occupation. For the seven races on Monday splendid entries have been received, and the stakes, amounting to £586, are greater than those offered at any Whitsuntide meeting under National Hunt rules. Various improvements have been carried out on the course, and arrangements have been made for the accommodation of a very large crowd of pleasure-seekers, so, provided the weather is favourable, the outing should prove a very enjoyable one.

Kippax is described by a Leeds paper as "the little colliery village situated midway between Garforth and Castleford." It certainly is not a large place compared with Leeds, or with Castleford for that matter, but it has a larger population than Garforth, and when the time comes for counting heads again, I should not be surprised were the inhabitants to number 5,000—a tidy population for a "little colliery village." Kippax is the second largest place in Tadcaster Union, and at last census it had over 4,000 inhabitants.

Tadcaster district, according to one of the magistrates, is getting a bad reputation owing to persons using language of a strong flavour, but the assertion is, I think, a gross exaggeration. Comparatively few cases of this kind come before the Justices; in fact, the charges in Tadcaster district are a dwindling quantity, and I consider the people of the district, compared with the residents of some places I could name, are extremely well behaved. To put it another way, the inhabitants of Tadcaster petty sessional division are no worse than some folks, and they are better behaved than others.

Congratulations to Garforth Colliery ambulance team on winning the handsome shield presented by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., for competition among the collieries of Yorkshire. It is a very high honour, indeed, and it is thoroughly well deserved, because the men have not spared themselves in any way to gain the efficiency that has landed them in the position of champions of Yorkshire. Garforth has become, under the direction of Mr R. Routledge, jun., one of the principal ambulance centres in Yorkshire, and it plays a very prominent part in the affairs of the Aberfordia League.

The Tadcaster Guardians have now the nucleus of a picture gallery, and, as Mr Prater suggested, the walls should be covered with the portraits of the men who have served the ratepayers in one capacity or another. The first portrait is that of Mr J. A. Bennet, who was Clerk to the Board for many years, and who is now living in retirement at Scarborough, and it is the gift of the Rev. Canon Greenwood, whose example will probably be copied by other members. Why should not the prominent men who have served on the Board—the Late Mr Hill, Mr T. B. Smith, the late Mr Addisell, the late Mr Serjeant, etc.—be thus honoured, along with the Chairman, vice-chairman, and other leading members?

Garforth's school population is declining, and, although the area has a much larger number of inhabitants than it had a few years since, the little army of children grows smaller every year. The Chairman of the Education Committee attributes this to people having smaller families, and assuredly customs have changed, for I could name old families in Garforth consisting of a dozen or more, whereas to-day parents are contenting themselves with two or three children. About a decade ago the birth-rate in the colliery districts was about 35, and now it has dropped to about 25. I have not the figures for Garforth, but I find that in 1877 the birth-rate in Templenewsam was as high as 46.2.

If the people in the district would act upon the good advice which is given them they would escape half their troubles. When typhoid breaks out, as it did at Garforth, the residents wonder who is to blame, but they do not get usually to know the cause of the outbreak. Sometimes typhoid follows the carelessness of householders, and the medical officer of Rothwell advises people, now that the warm weather is on us, to avoid throwing arsenal or vegetable matter into the ashpits, to be most careful never to leave milk or animal food uncovered during the hot season, and also to be careful never to leave crumbs and particles of food lying about upon the tables or floors, as flies will soon leave a house where there is no food to be obtained."

Unless the leading residents take up the question, there is little chance of a Nursing Association being started in Garforth, and, after the rebuff they received a few years ago from the working-class population, they may not feel disposed to do so. However, they should, for the sake of their suffering fellow mortals, give the matter further consideration. It is pointed out that the grant from the County Council for work done in connection with the schools and the Notification of Births Acts would be £28, and if the Urban Council gave £25 to the Nursing Association, it would leave less than £56 to be raised annually. The Medical Charities Committee would probably give £10, and employers of labour might come down handsomely. In no places is there greater need for nurses than the colliery villages, and, as I have pointed out, the Rothwell Council have, largely at the instigation of the Labour members, engaged a health visitor at a salary of £80 per annum, so that people are beginning to realize what can be done in this direction.

Every large village should, in my opinion, have a district nurse living among them, and the value of the work done by trained nurses is fully recognised in Barkston Ash, for associations exist at Tadcaster, Monk Fryston, Bramham, Sparkford, Wetherby, Templenewsam, and other places. These institutions do not seem to lack funds, and, although it must entail self-sacrifice on the part of the ladies responsible for their management, the work could give more satisfaction to a community. Aberford has a prospect of securing an association, and why should not Garforth come into line?

Miners, have, unlike some farmers, no yearning for a return of the so-called "good old days." Mr James Hargreaves, who was for many years associated with the great Rothwell colliery firm, and who was at one time one of the most prominent public men in the district, recalled, at the Coal Trade dinner the other night, the time when miners received 3s. and 4s. a day, but he has no wish for a return of low wages. No one knows better than he does the risks the miners run, and he thinks they should be well paid for their work. In the seventeenth century when the collieries in Garforth and Templenewsom districts were in full swing the price of coal was very low, indeed, and the wages of labour were equally low. In the Whitkirk churchwardens' accounts for 1662 it is stated that they paid "fivepence for a load of coal and bringing them." Of course, money had a much greater value in those days, but when all is said the price paid was not calculated to make either carters into wealthy men.

Tadcaster, Kirkby Wharfe, and Ulleskelf are beloved of the angling fraternity, and it is a beautiful district. Sunday matches are, we are told, very popular just now, and if they are not very attractive competitions, they furnish the anglers with an excuse for getting into the country. No doubt the men from the colliery districts enjoy themselves. The Vicar of Kirkby Wharfe, I believe, issued an invitation to the "fishermen" to attend divine service at his church, and I wonder if it received any response. Usually, like golfers, when the anglers are bent on sport they give little consideration to other matters, and on fine Sundays they probably prefer to remain outside church walls.

It is said that motorists are driving people off the roads, but it is evident that the district has fascinations for pedestrians yet. In the York paper a correspondent states:—Let the motorist be envied in his possession of the exhilaration of speed, but let him be pitied in his exclusion from the secrets of the country-side's sunshine and shade. He captures many dusty miles, but he misses many golden moments. How many and how golden one may measure by citing a stretch of country which forms a triangle with York as its apex, the River Wharfe as its baseline, and the main roads to Tadcaster and Wetherby as each of its sides. Within this fairly broad area the traveller may be careless where he treads, but he cannot lose the treasures. They are of infinite variety, of unending richness, of surpassing charm. By beauty no less than by history is the whole landscape hallowed and sacred. Its associations reach back far beyond the brave days when England was in the making. By its remaining relics the memory renews acquaintance with the deeds and the men who helped the nation to its modern maturity. The name of Fairfax alone suffices to suffuse it with glamour and greatness; but its immemorial treasures neither begin nor end with the great-souled Fairfax who sleeps in the cold shadows of Bilbrough Church. They are in all truth so many that they retard progress. The mind is taken back, when its more immediate purpose is to go forward. The imagination is illuminating the darkened recesses of history when all the while the sunshine is setting the verdant land aglow. Itinerancies in such circumstances are unnecessary and unoriginal. They are more often a hindrance than a help. The better plan is to wander where the fancy wills it. It may lead one through Askham Bryan and Askham Richard to the lodge-garbed village of Bilbrough, poised wonderfully on the eminence from which the eye greets the panorama of the unfolding Plain of York, or it may lead one still further afield to the seculsion of picturesque Healaugh, and then through avenues of trees and undulating landscape to the interesting village of Wighill. It has been a varied and glorious experience.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE

At the Empire Palace this week Miss Florence Turner, "The Vitagraph Girl," as she is perhaps best known, is giving the principal turn, and her character studies are as charming as her style is original. There is, of course, no doubt about her nationality, and her breezy little sketches of the American shop girl and the gum-chewing youth in the gallery, though perhaps a trifle exaggerated, present types that are readily recognisable. Miss Turner's wonderful mobility of countenance and her keen sense of humour are her greatest assets. The Hanlon Brothers, in their pantomimic absurdity, "The Haunted Hotel," have some very amusing business, and the clever juggling of Paul Spadoni is well supplemented by the antics of his assistant. "What a Dog!" is the title of a new farce presented by Fred Conquest and Company, and among the other turns are those of Miller Bros., comedy gymnasts; and Jack Marks, a precocious Hebrew youngster.

At the Leeds Empire Monday next the first performance of a new and original farcical sketch, in three scenes, entitled "Parker on the Panel," will be enacted. Mr Charles Austin, the popular comedian will not only create the title role, but take unto himself honours as part author with Chas. Ridgwell. Many remember him as Parker P.C., who eventually—on another visit—blossomed into a fully fledged detective. This time, by what might be termed a masterpiece of opportunism, he takes up, or rather drops into, the medical profession. As might almost be guessed, and as an assistant of a practitioner, he meets with a business to his liking; and if he does not cure his patients, he evidently achieves the rest of the adage—and kills them. It is a part which thoroughly suits Mr Austin. Other very attractive additions to the programme include The Viennese Trio, in their delightful music and quaint comedy act; Frank and Vesta, the famous American dancers who recently appeared by command before their Majesties, The King and Queen; Flora Cromer, the popular and brilliant contralto entertainer; The Griffiths Bros., in their new skit "Nero, Faro, Casino, and the Lion"; George Prince, comedian; Halma, the original crazy dancing juggler; Fred Poplar, comedian; Kitty Wager, comedienne; and the American bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week Miss Marie Dainton, gives some side-splitting imitations of many of our present-day leading stage artistes, her impressions of Miss Evie Greene and Miss Vesta Tilley being remarkably good. Quite a novel turn is supplied by Fay, Two Coleys, and Fay, rollicking fun being judiciously interspersed with excellent harmony. So-called humorous sketches are for ever with us, but Tom and Vic Collins' latest, "Buying a Pub," is one that keeps the audience amused the whole of the time it occupies the boards. A condensed version of the famous costume comedy, "David Garick," presented by Mr Sinclair Nott and company, is very highly appreciated. Mr Neill's portrayal of the hero and Miss Alice Miller as Ada Ingot being excellent. A refined entertainment is offered by Eva, Betty, and Wessell Gordon; and B. P. Earle does some daring feats with chairs and tubs. Rachel Walker sings a couple of songs in taking style. Fred Colley and Minnie Scott also create plenty of amusement in their comedy tit-bits.

Next week at the Hippodrome The Meymotts, supported by Miss Rochie Webshith, will submit "In the Future," described as one of the funniest and cleverest sketches on the stage. Others billed to appear are Coakley, Hanvey, and Dunlevy, minstrels, from the Oxford and Tivoli, London; Jimmie Pullin, character patter comedian; Gracie Graham, comedienne; Fred Curran, comedian; Flying Martins, sensational wizards of the air; Bell-Hattons, musical experts; Gaston Chevalier, Mdlle Etoile Le Noir, and Co. in an episode "On a Western Ranch," introducing the Mexican rebel dance. The race for the Derby will be shown on the bioscope.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The patrons of the Queen's Theatre are fortunate in having another week of the Lodge-Percy company in repertoire, for the whole cast are artistes of more than ordinary merit, while the popularity of Mr Lodge-Percy and Miss Henrietta Schrier is sufficient guarantee for another successful week at the Hunslet house. The piece staged is a powerful and enthralling drama, from the pen of Miss Schrier, entitled "The Cracksweenan." It deals with the undying devotion of a mother towards her disreputable son, and to extricate him from financial difficulties she commits numerous thefts in high-class society houses where she is staying as guest. The authoress gave a fine impersonation of the title-role, while Mr Lodge-Percy was equally successful in the role of a barrister and M.P. Mr G. Leslie Buxton was also prominent as an aristocratic card-sharper.

To-night and to-morrow (Saturday) a new play, "Fraud," or "The Romance of a Typist," is to be presented.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mrs Frank Bateman and company, supported by Mr Fred W. Goddard, will be the attraction. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday they will play "Between Two Men," or "The Tale of a Rosary"; on Thursday and Saturday "From Washerwoman to Duchess" will be staged; and on Friday night "The Ticket of Leave Man" will be submitted.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

At the head of the City Varieties bill this week are the Vega Trio, who give a combination of comedy, gymnastic feats, and balancing, all being cleverly presented. One of the trio is a lady of remarkable strength. Irene and Marton appear in a refined singing, talking, and dancing act. Tavalaw Doughton, a powerful bass-baritone from the Queen's Hall, London, is loudly applauded for his renderings of "The Storm Fiend" and "Soldier's Son." Other attractive items include The Three Dancing Middies, in a novelty dancing act; Vera Hind, in songs; and Billy Marsden, a comedian with a concertina.

Next week at the City Varieties Alix Lukos will appear in new songs and old favourites, and she will be supported by the Andersons, a comedy duo, in "After the Matinee"; Dainty Danes, duettists and speciality dancers; Harry and Mutch, trombone kings; Jack Walsh, comedian; Thorne and Leopold, in a speciality act, introducing singing, boxing, and dancing. Pictures will be shown on the Variescope.

SELBY PORTHOLME MILLS.—The Selby Portholme Mills, which have for a considerable time been carried on by Messrs Moss, Rimmington, and Co., Ltd., twine and thread makers, were offered for sale at the Londesborough Hotel, Selby, on Wednesday, by Messrs Hepper and Sons, auctioneers, Leeds. With the mills were offered the dwelling-house, cottages and market garden attached. There was a small attendance. No bid was made for the property, which was offered in one lot, and the auctioneers intimated that they would negotiate privately with any intending purchaser.

SOUTH MILFORD AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society was held at the White Swan Hotel, on Wednesday, and Mr G. D. Cliff presided over a large attendance of members. The treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £14 3s. 8d., and it was unanimously adopted. The Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P. (Monk Fryston Hall), was re-elected president by a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the great interest taken in the society, as evidenced by his attendance to open the show each year. All the patrons were re-elected with the addition of Messrs C. N. Goode (Bletsloe), Fletcher (Sherburn), J. Calrns (Church Fenton), J. Sykes, R. Batty and J. R. Batty (South Milford), J. Carr and T. Pettinger, and J. T. Jackson. Mr G. D. Cliff (Lumby Hall) was re-elected chairman, and Mr W. N. Harvey (Peckfield Lodge), vice-chairman. Mr Percy Paver was re-appointed hon. sec., as were Messrs A. Jackson and J. Wice as treasurer and auditor respectively. The following committee was elected by ballot:—Messrs L. Muskill, W. G. Lambert, J. Gill, C. E. Cawthorne, G. Cliff, G. Holgate, C. Newby, G. H. Ambler, H. Readley, R. Sutton, W. Morris, W. Tindall, C. P. Lister, A. Johnson, R. Laycock, J. W. Levitt, F. Wyman, E. Thorpe, W. Thorp, and J. Smith. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all the last year's officials, and Messrs Cliff and Paver suitably responded. The date of the 1914 show was fixed for Wednesday, November 11th, and various suggestions were made as to new classes in poultry, pigeons, and rabbit sections. An egg show was held in an adjoining room, and some splendid exhibits were shown. In the blake egg class the winners were:—1, C. Newby; 2, P. Paver; 3, Mr. Roy. The winners for white eggs were:—1, G. D. Cliff; 2, G. Holgate; 3, Mrs P. Paver. Messrs G. H. Ambler and G. Cairns (Church Fenton) very kindly officiated as judges. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the proceedings, and everything points to a most successful year's work. A handsome challenge trophy has been presented by Messrs J. and J. Colman, of Norwich, for the best bird in poultry section at the forthcoming show.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The arrangements for summer bedding should be carefully thought out before planting commences. Colour seems to do not always work out as expected, the green foliage of the plants having a good deal to do with the ultimate effect. In making plans for the disposal of the various available plants the following points should be borne in mind. Blue, purple, and brown shades are more as penetrating as white, yellow, and red, and should be allocated to positions near to the windows or regularly frequented paths. If possible they should be given a background of white or pale yellow flowers; as this helps to break the somewhat dull appearance, and emphasises the richness of the darker shades. The pale shades and the bright scarlets may be planted in positions where they can be seen from a distance. Huge masses of scarlet give a garish effect when viewed at short range, but when planted well away from the windows, or regularly used paths, they are splendid. In all cases where such brilliant flowers are that of the Paul Crampel Geranium is used, the ground should be toned down by the use of white flowers, such as Swan Violas, Mrs Sanders Marguerite, or White Lobella. The importance of including a few tall plants should not be overlooked. They remove any suspicion of stiffness, and give a decidedly more graceful appearance to the beds and borders. A few of the best for the purpose are Dracena Indivisa, Kochia Trichophylla, Artemesia, Viridifolia, striped Maize, Nicotianas in variety, and standard Fuchsias.

HARDY PLANTS

Many varieties of hardy herbaceous plants are now rapidly developing flower stems, and in most cases it is necessary to provide good stable supports. If this task be neglected the plants cannot give of their best, and in some cases will be practically ruined. Pyrethrums are exceptionally pretty flowers for the market, are so frail that a shower of rain is sufficient to weigh them down. When this occurs it is utterly impossible to coax them into an upright position again. Early staking is exceptionally important in their case. Delphiniums, Campanulas, and the old crimson peony should also be attended to in good time. On the other hand, English and German Iris, perennial Phlox, and similar wiry-stemmed plants will usually hold themselves erect in all but the most wind-swept positions.

EARLY CHRYSANTHEMUMS

If not already done the early-flowering varieties of chrysanthemums should now be planted in their flowering positions. They require a deep rich soil, and should be planted firmly. Loose planting will be followed by the the production of tall, soft growth. Our own practice is to tread firmly around each plant, finishing off with about an inch of loose soil at the top to allow the water free admission. Dryness at the root is very bad for these plants, and to guard against it a top dressing of decayed manure should be given about a month after planting. Stake immediately planting is completed.

ROSES

Rose trees will require constant attention if really good results are to be achieved. It seems to be the law of nature that the more charming a flower is the more attention it will require. Insect and other pests play house with unless regular attention is paid to the work of keeping them in check. Greenfly is a persistent enemy, but fortunately is easily destroyed. This does not mean that once the trees are cleared the trouble will be over. Winged specimens soon find their way to the roses, and this insect is so prolific in reproduction that unless constant efforts are made to destroy them they will soon disfigure both flowers and leaves. Soapy water, if mixed sufficiently strong, will destroy them, and the suds from the weekly clothes washing may be utilised for the purpose. The rose mildew can only be destroyed by hand picking. It will be found curled up in the leaves.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

In the majority of gardens the vegetable plot becomes a secondary consideration as soon as summer bedding is commenced. It is advisable to push forward all necessary work at once to avoid having awkward breaks in the crops of peas, kidney beans, salads, etc., later on.

KIDNEY BEANS

This is a vegetable which rarely gets the generous treatment it deserves. The ground should be well tilled and liberally manured, and the plants should be allowed plenty of room to develop. The rows should be about three feet apart, and the plants nine inches apart in the rows. As growth progresses fresh soil should be drawn to the sides of the rows. This keeps the plants erect, and encourages the production of more roots. It also obviates the necessity of giving water. Canadian Wonder and No Plus Ultra are two of the best varieties in existence.

BRASSICAS

The Brassica family includes savoys, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, broccoli, and brussels sprouts. The latter should be planted on ground that was bravily manured last year, but has had no manure added to it this year. Allow the plants a yard of space each way. All other brassicas require heavily manured ground, and the cauliflowers should be planted exceptionally firm. A good watering should be given immediately after planting. If weather follows the planting it will be necessary to water once or twice a week until free growth commences. Afterwards it will be sufficient to keep the surface soil broken up with the hoe, and to occasionally draw an inch or two of soil to the sides of the rows.

Sow lettuce, radishes, carrots, beet, onions, spinach, parsley, turnips, etc., for successional crops.

MINT

There is no more trouble-some occupant of the kitchen garden than this useful herb. It is quite true that in many gardens it will grow freely for years with little or no attention, but on the other hand in the majority of districts it will die off from no apparent cause. What is worse, we often hear complaints from gardeners that they cannot get it to grow at all. The best means of establishing a stock is to insert cuttings at this time of the year. Young shoots, about four inches long, with a small portion of root attached, are best for the purpose. They should be dibbled into pulverised garden soil, about 9 inches apart. Give a good watering to settle the soil around them, and syringe night and morning until they begin to grow. When they have grown an inch or two pinch out the lead to encourage them to form bushy growths.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS

TOMATOES

A sowing of seed may now be made to provide plants for autumn fruiting. Germination is very rapid at this time of the year, and it is advisable to have soil and small pots in readiness to pot off the seedlings as soon as they are large enough. Draw over the glass to encourage firm, short-jointed growth. Early batches should now be setting their fruit and notwithstanding the repeated assertions of some writers that a moist atmosphere is conducive to free setting, we still consider a dry atmosphere the best. Experience has proved to us that the blossom sets freely during a spell of hot dry weather, and this certainly implies that the pollen is most active when in a dry state. Ventilate freely on mild days, and top the rods with the hand daily about mid-day. Feed when the second truss commences to set.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The final potting of all except the latest varieties should be taken in hand as soon as the frame will permit. The plants are full of roots and delay in transferring to final pots is unavoidable, a top-dressing of some approved chemical fertiliser should be given. This will keep the plants moving until time can be spared to repot them. The final potting must be conscientiously carried out or the plants will suffer later on. Few plants require ramming so firm as these. Use a blunt stick for the purpose and avoid damaging the roots when ramming the soil after the plant has been placed in position. See that the plants are not needing water at the time of potting. Any that are approaching dryness should be watered, and stood aside for an hour or two to drain. Place the strongest plants in the largest pots, and secure each to a stake as the work proceeds.

GREENHOUSE CLIMBERS

Nothing adds so much to the attractiveness of a conservatory as a few climbing plants trained judiciously on the roof. Care should be taken that they do not become so rank as to overshade the plants underneath. There are numerous varieties to select from. The Japanese are extremely graceful, their waxy blooms hanging like so many white bells. The white variety is very floriferous, and the blooms are largely used by florists for wreaths and similar floral designs. A tough fibrous compost suits them best, and a fair amount of good peat should be used. Climbers broken to the size of a cricket ball may also be added. They are impatient of remoulding, and if possible should be planted either in large tubs or a prepared border. Efficient drainage is essential.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

Flowering plants should be fed once or twice a week. Soot water is good for them, and any kind of liquid animal manure will help to build up the flower stalks. Several chemical manure manufacturers are offering a special carnation manure, and growers who experience a difficulty in getting their plants to grow strongly should do well to give the special manure a trial. It must be distinctly understood that unless a light, airy house is available, no amount of feeding will give the desired result. The present is a good time for planting strong young plants outdoor. These may be lifted late in summer and potted up for winter flowering. Young plants should be moved on before the pots get full of root.

SOILS FOR POT PLANTS

Friable, rather loose, and porous soils are essential, the best being undoubtedly those that are somewhat light, without being light enough to dry up too quickly. Such are prepared by mixing good, unriddled garden loam with rotted fibry soils, leaf-mould or thoroughly decayed stable manure, and enough sharp sand to prevent the compost feeling sticky to the hand. It must been clearly borne in mind that all ordinary soils contain sufficient food-matter for the growth of plants for a time; and as we can easily supply further nutriment by means of liquid manure, the choice of soils must be guided, not by their richness, but by their mechanical powers of permitting the circulation of the atmosphere through them, of absorbing nutritive substances, and of retaining water. Suitable soils fall apart after being lightly pressed in the hand. The particles of clayey soils and of those that have been carefully riddled become so compacted in a short time as to hinder the all-important action of the roots of plants growing in them, while too rich earth is morally results in excessive foliage growth.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

[Readers are part cularly requested to note that his series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

(To be continued).

VENTILATION DURING INCUBATION

Under this heading many incubators are lamentably weak. During the process of incubation the development gerums absorb oxygen and emit carbon dioxide, or carbonic acid gas as it is more commonly known. If the latter is allowed to accumulate it stands to reason that the germs are weakened; in fact, a well-known American expert, Professor Horace Atwood, states: "It is my impression that bowel trouble and non-absorption of the contents of the yolk—sometimes very common ailments of infant chicks—are frequently caused by lack of fresh air in the incubating chamber during the hatch." Plenty of fresh air, then, is necessary; but even ventilation can be overdone This brings us to

THE MOISTURE QUESTION

Too much ventilation means that the eggs will evaporate too quickly, causing the chicks to dry fast to the shell, producing cripples and drowning chicks. Vice versa, if sufficient evaporation does not take place, the chicks are weaklings, and have insufficient room to break their shell and so make good their escape. The difficulty, then, therefore confronts us, "What is the happy medium as regards evaporation during incubation to produce best results? More attention has been paid to the solution of this in the United States of America than in this country. Over there it has been brought down to a hard and fast rule, whilst with us it has been left to the skill (or lack of it) of the operator, with about 90 per cent. of luck. I cannot do better than reproduce an extract from bulletin No. 73 which was issued by the U.S.A. Government, portions of which have been quoted before. Prof. Horace Atwood, in an able article, which he contributed to the "Reliable Poultry Journal" on this subject.

Experiments which have personally conducted coincide with these results; but they have gone more deeply into the matter than time and opportunity have permitted me. The extract from bulletin No 73 is as follows:

LOSS IN WEIGHT OF EGGS DURING NATURAL INCUBATION

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WETHERBY CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.

IMPORTATION OF IRISH CATTLE.

VIEWS OF LOCAL AGRICULTURISTS.

A meeting of the Wetherby and District Chamber of Agriculture was held on Thursday afternoon at the Town Hall, Wetherby, to consider the advisability of allowing cattle landed from Ireland to be admitted into the West Riding. Action was taken in consequence of a letter from the Clerk of the Peace at Wakefield inviting Chambers of Agriculture and farmers' societies to express their views on the matter. The President (Mr J. Thompson) presided, and there were also present Messrs J. H. Thompson (secretary), H. Crossley, G. P. Wright, A. Burnett (Bardsey), R. Machin, W. L. Kendall, J. Spencley, W. Walker, W. Lax, T. Dawson, H. Knowles, Bladen, J. N. Atkinson, C. T. Sherston, R. F. Farrow, H. Whitehead, H. Elvidge, J. T. Allan, J. F. Holdsworth, etc.

THE LATE CANON GELDART.

The President moved that a vote of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Canon Geldart, who, he said, had always taken a great interest in agriculture, who was a member of the Chamber from its inception, and by whose death the neighbourhood had suffered a great loss.

The motion was adopted by the members rising from their seats.

THE CATTLE QUESTION.

The President said the chief item on the agenda was the letter issued by the Clerk of the Peace for the West Riding relative to the admission of Irish cattle into the district. The Board of Agriculture, it appeared, had given County Councils the power to say whether or not store cattle from Ireland should be allowed into their districts. Some County Councils had allowed it; others had not. The Cattle Diseases Committee of the West Riding County Council wished to obtain the views of those interested in the matter. Letters had been received from several gentlemen expressing regret at their inability to attend this meeting.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

Major J. W. Dent, Ribston Hall, Wetherby, wrote:—

I think farmers ought to consider the risk not only to store cattle, but to others, the effect of an outbreak later on when fat cattle are just ready for market, and the loss to pedigree breeders by the closing of the ports. I do not think the risk so great now as, perhaps, a little later, when the cattle from the North of Ireland have been all moved. There is no doubt that there is a very serious state of things in the south, and all depends on how far the Irish department have got it under control.

Mr Matthew Tomlinson wrote:—

I certainly am in favour of admitting Irish cattle, both landing and being dispatched to graziers in the West Riding. To prohibit the Irish store cattle as we simply making legislative restrictions that will ultimately prove worse for the country than if we had foot and mouth disease in the Riding. In my opinion there is no risk as we have known it thirty years ago, is not half so serious as it is thought to be by the Board of Agriculture, and I am of opinion that we with a ten-mile radius (which would be effectively closed) that the rest of Ireland or any other country should be allowed to export healthy store cattle to England. I certainly am in favour of store cattle being booked direct to the graziers' holdings in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Mr P. North, in a letter to the secretary, stated:—

There are very few farmers in Wharfedale who have got one-third of the cattle they require, and if they were stopped now from coming it would be ruin to very many. The feeders had a bad time last year, and they cannot possibly have a good one this year, but if the County Council debar them from coming into the West Riding it will simply be disastrous. I trust your Chamber will take this into consideration, and pass a resolution in favour of them being allowed to come.

Another letter was received in which the writer said:—

I think the stoppage of Irish cattle now would be very serious to all farmers in Wharfedale. Being entirely dependent on Irish stores for grazing, many farmers about here have not got half what they require.

THE RESOLUTION.

Mr Crossley said he thought there was no need to close Yorkshire to cattle from the North of Ireland, but in regard to cattle from the South of Ireland it was very different. He moved the following resolution:—

That in the opinion of this meeting there is little danger of foot and mouth disease from cattle imported from the North of Ireland, and this meeting considers that the West Riding authorities should admit such cattle on the ten hours' detention proposed by the Board of Agriculture without restrictions; but it further considers that the risks are too great to admit cattle from the South of Ireland, where the disease may be raging, on the four days' detention at the ports and fourteen days' isolation on the farms.

Mr J. T. Dawson, who seconded, said the County Council might be congratulated on taking such a wise step as to consult every farmers' club. It was a step in the right direction, and they ought to be grateful to them for their action. (Hear, hear).

Mr H. Knowles, Mr Machin, and Mr J. N. Atkinson supported the resolution.

Mr Sherston said he supposed that in Ireland the regulations were so strictly enforced that cattle could not get from the infected areas to the North of Ireland.

Mr Crossley said the authorities were much more careful now about the entrance of stock from the south into the north.

VIEW OF THE CENTRAL CHAMBER.

The President said that when he attended the last meeting of the Central Chamber of Agriculture in London the feeling of the majority of farmers was entirely against admitting Irish stores at all. Some thought they ought to be admitted, but the general tendency of the meeting was against it. Perhaps there might be a certain amount of risk, but he quite recognised that there was a very great loss to the English grazier who could not get cattle to eat his land. At the same time the Irish farmer had his land over-stocked, and things must be in a very deplorable condition. He quite agreed with the resolution, but he would emphasize that they would not have Irish stores from the south where there had been a bad fit of disease. The Department of Agriculture in Ireland had, perhaps, not looked after their business as well as they might have done—perhaps the police authorities had been a little bit misled in another direction. (Laughter). One great man had told him that it was quite a common occurrence to see cattle in a field at bedtime, and find them ten or fifteen miles away at breakfast time next morning. If that was a fact there was certainly an element of danger in it. There was also danger of the disease lurking about in railway trucks, steamboats, and lairages where diseased cattle had been recently.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

PROPOSED CONTINENTAL TOUR.

An informal discussion afterwards took place regarding a proposed continental tour, and correspondence was read from railway agents suggesting an itinerary in which the farming and dairying of Holland might be inspected.

No final or definite arrangement was come to.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN

SELBY, Monday.—A fair attendance, but a small show of grain. Prices firm, as follows:—Wheat 35s. to 39s., oats 21s. to 22s., rye 25s. per qr.

PROVISIONS

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 12 and 13 for 1s.; butter 10d. and 11d. per lb.; chickens 5s. 3d. to 5s. 6d. per couple; goosebones 2s. 6d. to 3s. per stone.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Show trade for old potatoes remaining on hand. Sound Up-to-Dates 6os. sand King Edwards 6os. to 65s., surp King Edwards 72s. 6d. to 75s. per ton; retail, 5½d. to 6d. per stone. New potatoes from Barbley, grown under cover, were offered at 6s. per score.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son dispos'd of 97 beasts, 47 sheep, and 54 pigs. A good attendance of butchers and dealers. Trade was of a dragging character, but beef not making more than 7½d. A good enquiry for nice quality calving heifers and cows. Trade was good for clipped sheep, English lambs making 18s. per lb. The pig trade was slow, no improvement in price being obtainable. Prices as follows: Fat bullocks up to £26 15s., fat heifers to £19 7s. 6d., fat cows to £22 5s., store cattle to £14, heifers in calf to £18 10s., cows in milk to £13, fat sheep to £3 1s. 6d., fat lambs to £2 7s., bacon pigs to £6 15s., pork pigs to £5 18s., store pigs (small) to £1 15s. 6d.

TADCASTER, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had only a small show of stock, and the attendance of butchers and dealers was up to the average. Trade for beef was in advance of a week ago, best beef making from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone; cows and heavy beef from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Sheep met a good trade from 8d. to 9d. per lb., lambs from 10d. per lb. Pigs made more money. Calving cows a good demand. Numbers sold: 41 beasts and calves, 119 sheep and lambs, 45 pigs. Mrs Sykes, of North Milford Hall, had a good lot of beasts, making £23 10s., £22 12s 6d., £10, £18; Mr T. Richardson, of Healaugh, had three good beasts and a bull, making £27 12s. 6d., £22 7s. 6d., £19 17s. 6d., £14; three very choice heifers from Mr J. W. Lazenby, Boston Spa, made £20 2s. 6d., £22 5s. and £19 17s 6d; a grand bullock from Mr T. L. Wickenden, Bramham Park, made £24 15s; two heifers and a bullock from St. John's Institute, made £21, £21, £18 2s. 6d.; a cow from Mr Sykes made £22 10s.; two heifers from Mr Withers made £15 5s. and £14; two cows in calf, from Mr Tomlinson made £20 17s 6d and £18 10s.; three beasts bred by the Auctioneers made £29 17s. 6d., £23 17s. 6d., and £23 15s.; cows in calf, from Mr Tomlinson made £22 17s 6d and £18, a newly calven heifer from Mr Fowler made £17 17s. 6d.; from Mr Sykes to £19. Prime fat sheep from Mr J. Gowland, of Marston Grange, sold from 60s. each; from Mr J. Simpson, Cross Roads, to 61s.; from Mr Sampson, 50s.; from Mr B. Blacker, to 47s.; from Mr Fowler, to 47s.; from Mr B. Greaves, to 40s.; fat lambs from Mr Bramley, to 52s. 6d.; from Mr B. Blacker, to 49s. 6d.; from Mr E. Jackson, to 44s. 6d.; from Mr C. F. Ryder, to 43s.; from Mr Lumley, to 37s.; from Mr E. Parker, to 44s.; from Mr Wilson, to 40s. 6d.; Askham, to 61s.; from Mr H. Jackson, to 62s. 6d., and from Mr C. F. Ryder, to 70s. Stores made from 14s. to 35s. 6d. each.

WORK-A-DAY WONDERS.

VII.—TELLS OF TRANSFORMATIONS WORKED UPON A WEDDING-GOWN

"I never told you, did I?" said Patty, "that on a widow with a nice foundation of an income, which I add to by taking private orders for millinery. Well, I never did talk much about it—and I shan't begin now.

"But about the first order I had to me is this. There was I one Monday afternoon—working away with that peach-blossom poplin Mrs. King gave me for Diamond-dyeing her parlour curtains, and there was she herself bubbling away about her wedding-day when she first wore the poplin, and begging me not to dye it too dark. 'Keep it flowery, my dearie,' she said—'just the colour of full-blown roses that I've got a notion that I'll be a wedding-gown again.'

"Well—it was silly, but true as I'm telling you I had a bit of a cry as I hung out the poplin with every care, to dry in the garden that I went back—and set to reading the Diamond-Dye Book of Directions to the old lady—and was glad it interested her.

"Then I brought in the poplin—and pressed it with a hot iron—well—I was thinking my own thoughts when in burst a man, knocking and opening the door at the same time—and 'Mother,' said he, 'Where are you?' He took her clean in his arms—and carried her round my kitchen—and then set her down again—and looked at me and at the lavender poplin and laughed like a happy boy.

"Well, I don't say more—but my cheeks just flamed as his mother told him about the wedding gown and what she had said to me an hour before."

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CANON GREENWOOD'S GIFT—EX-CLERK'S PHOTO.

A WATER TROUGH NEAR TADCASTER.

KIPPAX, TADCASTER, ALLERTON, AND ABERFORD AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster —Mr J. W. Blackburn (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were the Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs T. H. Prater (Partington), E. Parker (Lecklumb), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., W. Sykes, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), W. Simpson (Lead), T. Hey and J. E. Cawthorn (Sherburn), F. Myers (Hillthorpe), R. Wright (Barkwith), T. Wordsworth and E. H. Lowe (Preston), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton, J. Pick (Ulleskelf), Watson (Stutton), W. Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), Copley (Riccall), F. Phillips, W. Robinson, and G. Pearson (Allerton Bywater), and J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet), the medical officer (Dr Hill), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

THE HOUSE

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been 6 admissions to the workhouse and 5 discharges, and the number of inmates was 91 in the workhouse and 17 in the children's home—108 against 99 at the corresponding date of last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 18 and 44 against 13 and 23.

At a meeting of the House Committee a letter was read from the secretary of the Yorkshire Poor Law Unions' Association stating that the Local Government Board have sanctioned the way ticket system for dealing with casual paupers, and he asked the Board to appoint a representative on the Vagrancy Committee. Mr Nettleton was appointed.—Plans and estimates for the alterations proposed to be made to the workhouse were submitted, and it was decided that specifications be got out.—The thanks of the Board were given to Mrs Scatchard, Mrs Sykes, and Mrs Brooksbank for gifts to the inmates.

The minutes of the Ribbrough Home Committee showed that twenty-five couples applying for the position of foster parents are to be asked to appear before them.

A GIFT—FORMER CLERK'S PHOTO

Mr Prater proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Greenwood for presenting the Board with a framed photograph of Mr J. A. Bromet, the former Clerk to the Board. They were all delighted to see Mr Bromet's photo there; he was one of the most courteous and efficient gentlemen any Board could ever have as a Clerk.

The Chairman seconded, and the proposal was adopted.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the District Council it was reported that the treasurer had a balance in hand of £3,859. On district roads a sum of £280 was spent during the fortnight.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that in regard to the proposed road improvements at Allerton Bywater the question of the land required had not been definitely settled.—The Local Government Board forwarded a copy of correspondence they had had with Aberford Parish Council relative to a quarry and asked their observations thereon. The Clerk's reply was submitted and approved.—In regard to the market place at Tadcaster, a letter was read from property complaining of inconvenience and obstruction by stalls being placed on it. The matter was adjourned.

A ROADS LIST

Mr Prater proposed that a list be supplied of the roads suggested by the surveyor to be scheduled as first and second class.

Mr Cawthorn seconded.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and Mr Crosland said that they wanted to know all the roads that had been scheduled by Mr Scott.

Mr Wright said that he wanted to know if any good purpose would be served by such a return. He understood that the list had to be in by last Friday, and he contended that it would be a waste of time for Mr Scott to prepare a list.

Mr Scott said he had the plans there and they could be seen.

Mr Parker said he could not see any objection to a list being supplied.

The resolution was agreed to.

A WATER-TROUGH—PATHETIC LETTER

Mr W. Simpson, hon. sec. of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association, wrote on May 13th as follows:—"The enclosed is a copy of a pathetic letter I have received from Mrs Edward Cox, of Beechlands, York. Will you kindly give the question of water at the trough your early attention?" The letter is as follows:—

I think your Society has put the new trough for cattle on the Tadcaster Road (not far from Tadcaster)? This trough would be an immense boon to the hundreds of cattle which pass along this road on their way from Tadcaster and other places to York. On the 12th May a cow, utterly exhausted, lay down in front of our gate. I asked the drovers why they had not given her some water, on the eight miles from Tadcaster here, and they said they were very disappointed to find the new trough quite dry, and that they would have been any water in it during the time it has been put up. It would be such a blessing for the animals if they could drink there; that I am venturing to write to you to draw your attention to the matter.

The Clerk said that the matter had been before the Council and it had been referred to the local Water Committee at Tadcaster, who stated they would supply water to the trough at the usual rate.

Mr Myers said it would be difficult to estimate the amount of water that would be used.

Mr Parker said that it seemed to him that they had no power to supply water. He believed the Highways Committee would be quite willing to pay for the water if they had the power.

The Clerk suggested that they should apply for the sanction of the Local Government Board to the charge being laid on the whole district.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood said it seemed unfair to ask Tadcaster to supply the water for nothing. In the case of the trough he asked if there was any automatic arrangement whereby there would be no waste.

Mr Ingleby said there was.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood suggested, in the interests of the poor beasts and Tadcaster, that the District Council pay for the water if possible.

Mr Sykes said it was felt that it was a precedent that might be followed in half-a-dozen places, and Tadcaster water area was entirely separate from the place where the trough had been put. The giving of the trough was a great kindness, and was very much appreciated, but if they saddled the ratepayers of Tadcaster with the cost of the water some of them might be turned out at next election. (Laughter).

Mr Parker proposed that the Clerk write to the Local Government Board, and ask for their sanction to this District Council supplying the water.

This was agreed to.

Mr Parker explained, in regard to a roadman's wages, that at last meeting he had been granted an increase of 1s. per week, and it was not for the maintenance of a bicycle.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Buildings Committee the Garforth Hospital Sub-Committee was reappointed. Mr Prater wrote stating permission to supply a house in Berwick with water from the Garforth mains, and the necessary permission was given.—It was reported that nothing had been done in regard to the Newton water supply, and the Clerk is to write to the owner.—Plans were submitted by John Smith's Co. for 14 cottages to be erected on York Road, Tadcaster, and they were approved.—Mr Ashburn Bayon it was reported that the out-fall required cleaning, and the inspector was instructed to have the work done.—A letter was received from the County medical officer in regard to the Milford water supply, and the matter was referred to Dr Hill and the inspector.—A sewer in High Street, Tadcaster is to be repaired.—In regard to the collection of water rents at Lock Lane and Allerton Bywater, it was resolved to pay £15 to Mr T. C. Lightley (Coalfield) for the work he has done, and Mr J. Hutchinson was appointed collector, the remuneration to be 5 per cent. on the collection.—In regard to the Tadcaster water supply, it is proposed to make a new bore hole, and a tender (£1,100) for the work was accepted.—A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Leeds stating that the Corporation were resuming negotiations with Tadcaster, and he asked if the Council wanted a water supply to reply at once. The letter was referred to the special Water Committee, and it was reported that the Rivers Board had agreed to receive a deputation with respect to the Kippax sewage works.—A letter was received from a person at Allerton Bywater stating that he could not get his ashpit cleared out. The inspector will attend to the matter.—It was reported that during the month there had been four cases of scarlet fever, two of enteric, and two of tuberculosis. It was recommended that Askham Bryan should have a water supply from York, and the Clerk was instructed to write for terms.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

LANGUAGE—DISTRICT GETTING A BAD NAME

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Mr E. M. Lawson Smith (in the chair), Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Mr Wailes Fairbairn.

A poor rate of 1s. and 2s. was passed for Catterton.

The license of the Britannia Inn, Tadcaster, was transferred to Mr John Oddy Walker.

Mr A. J. Mortimer, of the Roebuck Inn, Appleton Roebuck, and Mr Herbert Scruton, Sun Inn, Bolton Percy, were granted an hour's extension for village feasts

AN OLD SOLDIER'S SLEEP

Arthur Hastings-Wright, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with having slept out in the open at Tadcaster on May 25th.

Defendant said that he had walked from York, and having got within about a mile of Tadcaster, he sat down and fell asleep.

The police evidence was that at 2.20 that morning defendant was found asleep on the grass at the York Road.

Supt. Slack said the man was an old soldier, and had the Egyptian medal and the South African star. He suggested that he should be allowed to go on promising to clear out of the town.

The magistrates allowed the defendant to go.

LANGUAGE AT STUTTON

Charles Nicholson, labourer, of Stutton, and Mary Lynes, married woman, of Stutton, were charged with using obscene language.

Nicholson, who was working, did not appear, but the woman said she was not guilty.

P.C. Hardy said that at 10.55 p.m. on the 16th inst he was in Stutton Lane, Stutton, and he heard some persons shouting and using bad language. He went up the road and came upon the defendants, who appeared to have been falling-out. Nichol-on was very abusive, and he had to threaten to lock him up before he would go away.

Supt. Slack: Can you read?—Lynes: No, I am no scholar, sir.

Defendant: What did I say? You could not see one's because you were sticking in the hedge, I had never seen him in my life before.

Supt. Slack: Was it possible to hear the language all over Stutton village?—Witness: Yes.

Defendant: They were all asleep. I have never seen that man in Stutton.

Supt. Slack: He was there that time.

Defendant: It is very hard that an owd woman turned no should be brought up here.

Supt. Slack: We have not often cases of bad language at Stutton, and we don't want them.

The Chairman: We don't want to be hard on you, but this language is getting rather common about here, and the district is getting a bad name for it, and you will have the penalty to pay if you indulge in language of this sort. We shall not deal hardly with you this time, but if you come again you will get it hot.

A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed in each case.

In a stable in Green Lane, Selby, a pair of sparrows have built their nest in the muzzle of a horse's bridle, which has been hanging on the stable wall.

In regard to Crossgates Scouts, a writer says:—"Forming a troop in a much easier task than re-establishing one, and Scoutmaster Marsden, who gallantly stepped into the breach consequent upon the resignation of Scoutmasters Simpson and Hall within a short period of one another, is finding it hard to re-imbue the troop with its old Spirit of zest and emulation. The inability to apply the funds raised by the bazaar some two years ago to the practical purpose of providing a club house, for which the money was intended, has seemed to cast a damper on the movement among their one-time ardent supporters.

TADCASTER CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.

FARMERS AND IMPORTATION OF IRISH CATTLE.

DRINKING TROUGH AT COLTON LANE END.

A meeting of the Tadcaster and District Chamber of Agriculture was held on Tuesday in the Longdesborough Hotel, Tadcaster, for the purpose of discussing the question of the advisability of excluding from the district animals from Ireland, and also to consider the question of a drinking trough situated at Colton Lane, on the York Road. Mr C. B. Lamb (President of the Chamber) occupied the chair, and others present were Messrs F. Myers, A. Kendall, J. J. Slater, T. Midgley, W. K. Steel, L. Sampson, F. Jackson, and T. B. Watson (secretary).

COUNTY COUNCIL'S QUERY

The question of excluding cattle from Ireland was placed before the Chamber in a letter from the West Riding County Council asking for the Chamber's opinion on the subject.

Mr Sampson said he did not think they could do anything in the matter, because they had already opened the ports.

Mr Myers said he had heard they were admitting cattle from the South of Ireland, and he thought they ought to protest against that.

Mr G. Midgley: I think we ought to express an opinion, or they will be grumbling afterwards. I suppose they (the West Riding County Council) will be guided by what is said to them on the matter.

"A SERIOUS THING."

Mr Myers: We shall be pleased to have stock cattle admitted from the North of Ireland, but not to come from any place near where there is foot and mouth disease. It would be a serious thing, especially in view of the breed of herds.

Mr Midgley: It is a question whether we can keep them out of the West Riding.

Mr Myers: We are not keeping them out of the West Riding now. They are coming in every day.

The Chairman: I gather they are only coming from the North of Ireland.

Mr Watson: I understand that is so.

Mr Jackson: I have heard they are running a few over the fire.

The Chairman: But they are pretty 'cute over there.

Mr Myers: I have heard of a few cases where they have been removed during the night.

The Chairman suggested that they should reply to the letter from the County Council, stating that they did not object to cattle being brought in from the North of Ireland, but objecting to them coming in from the South of Ireland, where there had been disease.

Mr Midgley thought that if the County Council did take steps to keep them out it would create strong feeling.

The Secretary thought it was rather late to object to cattle coming into the Riding.

THE RESOLUTION

Mr Midgley moved, and Mr Slater seconded: That this Chamber is of the opinion that cattle be allowed to come into the West Riding from the North of Ireland subject to restrictions being placed upon them from time to time by the Board of Agriculture.

Mr Sampson objected, stating that such a state of affairs existed already.

The meeting ultimately decided to adopt the Chairman's suggestion.

TROUGH WITHOUT WATER.

The question of providing water for the drinking trough at Colton Lane end, on the York Road, arose out of a letter sent to the Chamber by Mr E. C. Brooksbank. The letter mentioned that the trough was placed there on the understanding that the Tadcaster District Council should supply the water from their main, but the Tadcaster Water Committee had refused to supply the water. He thought it was a matter that should be brought before the Chamber, as it was one of interest to farmers.

The Chairman said he did not consider it was a matter for the Chamber. They ought not to be called upon to supply the water.

The Secretary read a letter from a lady who said that to allow the trough to stand dry on a dusty road was not a condition of affairs that ought to be allowed in a Christian country.

The question of cost was raised, and Mr Myers said he had heard that the probable cost would be £10 per annum.

Mr Midgley moved that no action be taken in the matter.

This was agreed to.

Garforth has a school population of 797 and Kippax has 899.

A SWILLINGTON BRIDGE TRAGEDY.

BYE-WORKMAN DROWNS HIMSELF.

An inquest was held at Oulton on Friday morning by the Coroner for the West Riding (Mr F. P. Maitland) on the body of Edward Fleming (28), a colliery bye-workman, living at lodgings at Oulton, who drowned himself in the River Aire at Swillington on Wednesday night.

James Marrion, who lodged along with the deceased at 3, Bentley Square, Oulton, said he had known Fleming since September last. He was a bye-workman at the Robin Hood Pit, and had worked "on nights" regularly up to Monday night. He was a native of Creeve, Roscommon, Ireland. As a rule, he had enjoyed good health, with the exception of an occasional cold when he would complain of pains in his head. He had not been off work, neither had he been medically attended. On Wednesday he appeared somewhat strange and had made the remark to his landlady that "many a man in Wakefield (meaning the Asylum) was not as bad as he was." There was no trouble that he knew of.

Michael Joyce, a labourer, nineteen years of age, said he came to lodge along with the deceased at Oulton on Wednesday afternoon. In the evening, about 6.45 p.m., Fleming asked him to go for a walk, and they went towards Swillington. He had noticed that deceased appeared strange. On reaching the first bridge crossing the Aire and Calder Canal he (deceased) asked him to "swop" caps, but witness pointed out that his cap was an old one while that of Fleming was practically new. Fleming answered "It will do for me," and the exchange was made.

The Coroner: Why did you exchange caps? Were you afraid of him?

Witness: No.

The Coroner: You would not do it to any man?

Witness: Yes, I would; it was better than mine. (Laughter).

Joyce said they proceeded to the bridge leading over the river Aire, which is but a few yards further on. Witness sat on the low wall facing the road, and Fleming stood inside the bridge on the bank, and looked over the bridge for a short while, and then walked along the bank. A few moments later when he looked round for Fleming he saw him in the water, but he had heard no splash. He shouted to him "Teddy," and deceased answered "Goodbye, Joyce."

After so said he shouted to some men who were coming along, and they ran towards the river bank, but arrived too late for deceased had sunk, and all they saw were a few bubbles on the surface. The men then proceeded to Oulton where they informed P.C. Coldwell, who, together with P.C. Abbott, grappled for the body, which was recovered about 11 p.m.

P.C. Coldwell, who spoke to recovering the body, said that twopence was found on the body along with an insurance card.

The Coroner, in advising the jury to return a verdict of "Suicide whilst temporarily insane," said the action of changing caps was a strange one, but the idea seemed to be economical as his cap was not worth 6d.

The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind."

GAME TRESPASS AT TEMPLE-NEWSAM.

A POLICEMAN'S CHASE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Patrick Hawkins, labourer, of Leeds, was summoned for trespassing on land in search of game.

Evidence was given by William Day, gamekeeper, who said that about 7.20 p.m. on 20th inst he saw the defendant, who was accompanied by a dog, enter land attached to White Beck Farm, Halton, and belonging to the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P. A rabbit was chased and caught.

Defendant said that as he was passing the field he saw the rabbit and gave chase. The rabbit hid under some thorns, and he went towards it. When he saw the rabbit it was very tempting, and he took it. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed, and defendant was told to keep his dog away from rabbits.

Defendant: I thank you very much.

Michael O'Donald, labourer, of Leeds, was charged under the Poaching Prevention Act with coming from land and being in possession of game recently killed.

P.C. Stothard stated that about 5.20 a.m. on May 14th he was on duty at Templenewsam, when he saw two men come from land belonging to the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., and they were carrying a sack. The men ran away, and he gave chase and succeeded in catching the defendant, who was searched. In his possession was a gun and two hares, which had recently been killed.

There was a bad record against O'Donald, who was fined £5 and costs, the full penalty, or, in default, two months.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET ENDOWED SCHOOL.

A NEW SCHEME.

Sherburn-in-Elmet, like many other ancient Yorkshire towns formerly of some importance, still has its own Grammar School Foundation, dating back to those days when men of means gave liberally to further movements for the instruction and care of the young. In this case it was one Robert Hungate, a local landowner, who became the benefactor. By his will, dated May 10th, 1619, he founded a "hospital" as it was then termed, otherwise an almshouse, together with school, in which 24 orphan boys were to be maintained, provided with clothing, and educated. The annual income of the endowed land, derived from neighbourhood lands, amounted to about £132, but in course of time it assumed bigger proportions, as was ascertained when the foundation came under the direction of the Court of Chancery in 1860. To-day the gross amount is much more than double the original sum available, including, as it does, interest on investments of accumulated funds, and it seems to have attracted the notice of the Board of Education. At all events, under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, they have stepped in and devised a scheme, and, subject to possible modification as the result of objections, this is likely to come into force early next month.

The proposed rearrangement consists largely of an alteration in the method of administration. First of all, in place of the two trustees appointed by the owners and occupiers of land in Sherburn and Saxton, there are to be two representative trustees, one appointed by the Sherburn Parish Council and the other by the West Riding County Council; nevertheless, the present trustees are to remain in office for their lives as supernumerary members. Then, after setting aside certain sums of money for specific purposes, in accordance with the will of the founder, an "Educational Advancement Fund" is to be established with the balance, to be administered by a separate governing body of seven persons, three appointed by the trustees, two by the Sherburn Parish Council, and two by the West Riding Council. This fund really represents the modern development of the institution, inasmuch as it allows not only for exhibitions open to children within the privileged area, but for payments in aid of further education, such as evening classes or continuation schools, as well as special instruction, technical training, and so fourth. Moreover, a sum of £20 a year is earmarked in respect of the health or physical condition of children attending any public elementary school in the area.

The "York-shire Post" says:—Such is the scheme in outline. But it is apparently more than it looks on paper. For one thing, by means taking full control out of the hands of purely local persons. That, at least, is what is feared. For 297 years the affairs have been administered by people on the spot, and the changing times and methods are to transfer the direction more or less to outsiders. For instance, all the property and investments are to be vested in the Official Trustee and the Board of Governors is to be settled by public vote and the County Council. The significance of the scheme will be understood when it is stated that this is the only boys' school in Sherburn. While there are, and have been for many years, only four inmates of the "hospital," the day school can count over 100 boys on the roll. Under the benevolent Hungate's estimate of a future demand has been exceeded even in greater degree than the financial resources have increased. One purpose of the new scheme, in fact, admits of the use of the building as a public elementary school instead of on the system of upper and lower schools; and it is stipulated further that if the school-master object to act as overseer of the hospital a separate overseer can be appointed. A sum of £127 a year is to be allowed for the purposes of the "hospital," with £20 for the trustees to use for the benefit of the school. The residue, exceeding £20 as a pension to the post overseer, is to be dealt with by the governors' body part of the "Educational Advancement Fund," one of whose powers will be to provide land and suitable buildings for special instruction. In that connection, there would appear to be some proud old picturesque Sherburn, who hope sincerely it does not mean the demolition of the ancient structure which the present trustees have preserved all these years, or that any part of it is to be carried away, the men ran away, and he gave chase and succeeded in catching the defendant, who was searched. In his the building of the Norman nave of Sherburn Church.

MOTORIST'S OFFENCE AT MONK FRYSTON.

MARRIAGE OR ENGAGEMENT?

The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Mark Sutcliffe, Mr W. H. Cheesman, Dr J. Somers, Mr Harris Anson, and Mr T. S. Ullathorne.

Lyndon Hill, motor engineer, Chapel Allerton, was summoned for driving a motor cycle and side-car to the danger of the public at Monk Fryston, on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst.

Mr W. T. Silvester, Goole, defended.

The police stated that there was a good deal of traffic in the village owing to the holding of a bazaar at Monk Fryston Park, and that the defendant drove at the rate of 25 miles an hour.

Defendant denied that he drove at a dangerous pace, and his evidence was supported by Miss Lilian Lee, South Parade, Leeds, who was riding in the side car. The young lady said that on the country road the speedometer showed a rate of not more than ten miles an hour.

Superintendent Stafford: Your name is not Lee now, I think.

Witness: Yes, it is.

Have you not got married to the defendant since that occasion?—No, I do not think so. (Laughter).

Perhaps you are engaged to him, then?—Yes.

Defendant was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

Harold Poskitt, motor engineer, Selby, was fined 1s. and costs for driving a motor cycle at a dangerous speed through Gowthorpe Street, Selby, on the 8th inst.

William Handa, motor car proprietor, Matlock, was ordered to pay 2s. 6d. and costs for not having the weight painted on a heavy motor car driven at Chapel Haddlesey on the 19th inst.

WHAT HAPPENED AT WOODLESFORD.

WOMAN CHARGES MINER WITH ASSAULT.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Fred Mitchell, a miner, of Woodlesford, was summoned by Mrs Clara Thorpe, of Woodlesford, for assault.

The prosecutrix stated that about two o'clock on Friday, May 15th, she went out of her house to take in some washing, when she saw a pelican boy sitting on a wall, and went to talk with her. They were talking of a trip to Blackpool when the defendant came out of his house, and, after using bad language to her, struck her on the breast. She could not give any reason for his doing so unless it was his wife.

Mrs Goodall, a neighbour, said she was seated on a chair on the pavement when Mrs Mitchell came out of her house and commenced a conversation. Mitchell came up and made use of bad language and struck Mrs Thorpe.

The Chairman: Was he sober?

Witness: No, he was drunk.

Called by the defendant, a witness named Stead said that she never saw Mitchell leave his doorstep. Mrs Thorpe was attending outside her door and using bad language. She also threatened to throw a bucket of water over him.

P.C. Coldwell spoke to hearing the defendant use a steady man and a good worker.

Both parties were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep peace for six months.

BARKSTON ASH FARMERS AND IRISH CATTLE

Signatures were again taken on Monday at Selby Auction Mart on the question whether or not Irish cattle should be imported into the West Riding at the present time, taking into consideration the prevalence of foot and mouth disease in certain parts of Ireland.

Altogether 52 voted in favour of importation under proper restrictions and regulations. On the other hand 26 were against importation until Ireland had a clean bill of health.

The signatures are to be presented to the West Riding County Council.

MEMORIAL HALL EXTENSION.—Through the generosity of Miss Stansfeld, of Selby, who in addition to other gifts to the town is the founder of the women's ward at the Cottage Hospital, a great addition is being made to the Standeng Memorial Hall, the cost of which is being defrayed by that lady. A large building is being erected over the billiard-room for the further extension of St. James's parochial work.

LOCAL GENTLEMEN AND HOME RULE.

A NON-PARTISAN CALL FOR COMPROMISE.

At a non-party meeting held at the Queen's Hotel, Leeds, Mr E. C. Meysey-Thompson, M.P., presided, the following resolution, moved by Mr Henry Barran (Shadwell Grange), seconded by the Hon. Henry Wentworth Fitzwilliam, was passed unanimously:—

That we, Yorkshiremen of moderate views, putting aside all party considerations, wish to record our deep conviction that, although a large number of people in England may be unaware of it, the intensity of feeling which exists in Ulster, and in other parts of Ireland, with regard to the present Home Rule Bill is such that it cannot be forced upon Ireland without civil war.

We, therefore, call upon all Members of Parliament to avert this catastrophe by insisting upon a settlement by consent, and as the result of sacrifices on both sides. A satisfactory settlement must, in our opinion, secure to the province of Ulster exclusion from the Dublin Parliament until such time as it shall voluntarily come in, and also include such alterations in the Bill as will satisfy moderate opinion with regard to the government of the rest of Ireland.

The gentlemen supporting this resolution include:—

Henry Barran, Shadwell Grange.
Henry Barry, Moortown.
James Blacker, Thorp Road, Selby.
G. Braithwaite, Selby.
H. J. Bowring, Moor Allerton.
F. T. Brooksbank, Eccabourne, Pontefract.
W. N. Cheesman, Park Street, Selby.
Lawrence Clayton, Hawdell, Moortown.
J. E. Eddison, Adel.
Joseph H. Fowler, Selby.
H. Foster, 14, Goldthorpe Street, Selby.
W. M. Minkley, Selby.
Joseph H. Hopps, Selby.
Alfred Hobson, The Gables, Roundhay.
J. H. Ingleby, Fircroft, Tadcaster.
W. G. Jackson, Bramhall Hall, Boston Spa.
Richard Lupton, Roundhay.
Matthew Kitchen, Roundhay.
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A. H. Meysey-Thompson, Roundhay.
Fred Sanderson, Ashlea, Selby.
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Arthur Simers, Selby.
W. H. Staniland, Selby.
W. S. Sykes, Roundhay.
H. V. Secker-Walker, Roundhay.
Joseph Watson, Linton Spring, Wetherby.
John Wetherell, Selby.
G. W. Whitfield, Selby.
W. Wilkinson, Oakfield, Selby.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

A meeting of the Rothwell and District Friendly Societies' Committee was held at Rothwell on Saturday, Mr A. Blackburn (President) presiding. Others present were Mr J. Wade (secretary), Mr W. H. Blacker (treasurer), Messrs Wm. Naylor, and Watson (Governors), and the following delegates:—Mr F. Brown (Greensfield Order of Oddfellows), Mr H. Twohey (Woodlesford branch of the Rechabites), and Messrs E. Ward, Linley, and Brook (Ancient Order of Romans).

The President reported on the steps which had been taken by the committee with regard to the demonstration to be held in July. Three neighbouring Councils are to be invited to attend.

It was reported that there were at the present time only about three societies who were not affiliated with the Council.

The President said he regretted that societies in the district had not joined Friendly Councils. He wanted, he said, to see the Council a fighting Council, and a vigorous and a healthy one.

Referring to the doctors and the Insurance Act, he said that at present doctors were making small fortunes out of the Act, yet they wanted to filch more out of the working classes.

The following resolutions were moved by Mr J. Wade and carried:—

(1) "That in the opinion of the Council it is not desirable as a general rule to encourage transfers between societies and branches affiliated with Friendly Councils."

(2) "In accordance with section 16, subsection 4 of the National Health Insurance Act, which empowers Insurance Committees to provide, in whole or in part, the expenses of maintenance of an insured person to and from a sanatorium or institution to which he may be sent for treatment, the Council are of opinion that an extension of this section is necessary, whereby Approved Societies may distribute a sum of money to all such persons as may be sent for rest or for the expense incurred in the case of sick pay during the period of the insured person's treatment in the institution."

In moving the latter resolution, Mr Wade said that there were three modes of treatment for tuberculosis. One was institutional or sanatorium treatment, dispensary treatment, and domiciliary or home treatment. The Act permitted that certain expenses be allowed by the Insurance Committees to persons who had no travel to institutions. Very often in the case of poor sons who were the bread-winners of the family for treatment, there was staring them in the face the difficulty of what, if they went, would become of their wives and families. A certain sum of money was allowed under the Act for institutional treatment, and he believed that if the money was efficiently used and applied there would still be a balance out of which provision of domiciliary treatment could be made. Any difficulty that might be in their way so far as going into a sanatorium was concerned. There would be nothing so disconcerting to him if he had the thought that his property and goods had to be sold to pay the rent.

Mr A. Blackburn seconded the resolution, which was supported by Mr E. Ward, and carried.

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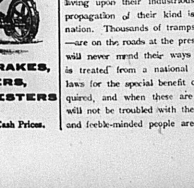
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, MAY 30th, 1914.

The Local Government Board has approved of the scheme promoted by the Yorkshire Poor Law Unions' Association whereby vagrants will be dealt with on an inter-union basis, and it will be formulated and managed by a committee consisting of a representative from each Union. Guardians have, in past years, made various attempts to reduce vagrancy, but with comparatively little success, and the way ticket system is the latest plan which has received the support of Yorkshire Boards. In certain counties in the South where the scheme has been tried it is stated that vagrancy has undergone a great reduction, but this only means that tramps have not sought public assistance in the same degree; it is not suggested that they have been driven off the roads and compelled to seek employment. One feature of the way-ticket system is that it makes special provision for the genuine working-man, who will no longer have to run the risk of being classed among the flotsam and jetsam of our civilization, and if it does any good to him the Guardians will have accomplished something. It is, however, impossible to deal successfully with the tramp question without going to its root, and the wasted money of the past decade or two in attempts to find a solution is a serious commentary upon English methods. Boards of Guardians throughout the country have, at the ratepayers' expense, built special buildings for the housing of vagrants, they have employed officials to deal with them, and they have had to feed them, yet they have had to admit failure. And so it will be to the end unless more drastic measures are taken. Vagrants have an aversion to work, and they will not labour unless they are compelled, and the only way by which they can be dealt with effectually is to wean them back to the paths of industry. Guardians may start whatever schemes they please, but so long as the tramp is a free agent, they will never eradicate vagrancy, although they may mitigate the evil for a time. Vagrants have forfeited every claim to be dealt with as free Britons—they are parasites, living upon their industrious fellows, and the propagation of their kind is a menace to the nation. Thousands of tramps—men and women—are on the roads at the present time, and they will never mend their ways until the question is treated from a national standpoint. New laws for the special benefit of vagrants are required, and when these are passed Guardians will not be troubled with the problem. Lunatics and feeble-minded people are housed in special institutions, bad boys are sent to industrial schools and reformatories, and law-breakers are put into prison, but vagrants are allowed to roam about the country, and do practically as they please. Why should they not be detained by the police and sent to labour colonies, where they may learn the value of honest work?

Just as some people, who would be filled with indignation were they charged with dishonesty, have no qualms of conscience at defrauding the railway companies by travelling without paying their fares, there are others who apparently think it is no sin to defraud the State. With them, honesty is a virtue to be practised when convenient. Malingering among insured persons, we are told, is widely practised, and the difficulty of detection seems to encourage these offenders in their erring ways. In one large society women and men over sixty years of age are stated to be the principal sinners, and this opens out the interesting question of the comparative honesty of men and women. Numerous societies having large numbers of female members have been hard hit, and the heavy drain upon the funds has brought some of them to a state bordering on insolvency. It has been asserted that the average woman lives longer than the average man, but probably those insured females who have to work hard physically in order to earn their daily bread will yield no low mortality. Before the Insurance Act came into operation, these women had to maintain their efficiency in the best way they could, and they could not afford to take much rest, but now it is feared that many of them, whenever they feel out-of-sorts—a condition that would not have been marked prior to the Insurance Act coming into operation—they too readily inconvenience their employers and avail themselves of sickness benefit. It may be assumed that they are not well, but a day's rest sets them up again, and cases have occurred in which women, drawing 7s. 6d. a week, have been discovered busily engaged in performing heavy tasks in their own homes. No doubt they think that they are entitled to some benefit from the State, seeing they have to pay a few coppers a week, but they cannot see the difference between illness, which incapacitates from work and an indisposition which a rest of a day or two would get rid of. Many of these women, it may be admitted, are not deliberately dishonest in thus milking the State exchequer, because they believe they are acting fully in accordance with the spirit of national insurance, the aim of which is to keep the worker healthy, but they fail to discern that it was never intended a worker should seek sickness benefit immediately he or she had an attack of indigestion or some slight trouble. Many cases of male malingerers have come to light, and one of the worst was that of a man at Hulme who was receiving benefit from his society whilst all the time he was at work. Of course, malingering is no new thing. It was the bane of Friendly Society work in the old days, but as a much greater number of persons are now insured, and as all sorts and conditions of men and women—good, bad, and indifferent—have come within the purview of the Insurance Act, the army of malingerers has, of course, increased. No doubt hundreds of cases go undetected—people quite able to work are cheating both the doctors and the State—and when offenders are discovered no quarter should be shown to them. Malingering is a mean thing—a dishonest action, robbing both the State and the Insurance society, and bringing the class to which the malingerer belongs into disrepute. In many case in towns it is to be feared that doctors have too many patients in order to efficiently supervise every case, and there is a tendency to carelessness. In one instance a medical man was known to have signed a certificate for a man who all the time his wife was drawing the sickness benefit was in gaol. In order to obtain better supervision, it is surely advisable that the number of insured persons allotted to each doctor should be limited.

Mr G. Lane-Fox, M.P., and the Hon. Mrs Lane-Fox have gone abroad for the Whitsuntide recess.

On Tuesday Messrs Hepper and Sons sold by auction for £3,250 a freehold residential estate known as Belle Vue, Adel, with the lodge, outbuildings, and gardens. The residence was recently in the occupation of Mr R. Humble. The area of the estate is four acres.

Sharp's New Town Hall—At the Selby Town Hall, on Thursday Mr Edgar Dudley, F.S.I., Local Government Board Inspector, held an inquiry into the application of the Selby District Council for sanction to borrow £3,300 for the purchase of the Missionary interest of the Museum Hall, which is to be converted into a new town hall. There was no opposition.

Had Been to the Races.—William Stranack (67), of Cawood, was charged at York with begging in Fossgate on May 20th. Police Constable Holliday proved the case, but the defendant denied the charge. He had, he said, been to York races that day. The Bench dismissed the summons, and the defendant promised to leave the city at once.

Sir J. W. Ramsden's Will.—Sir John William Ramsden, of Byram Park, left £489,028. Sir John Frecheville Ramsden, of Byram, his son, is the sole executor. Testator leaves 50,000 £1 shares in the Tali Ayer Rubber Estates in trust for his grandson, Richard Brinsley Ford, and his wife, and issue; £5,000 and £5,000 a year to his daughter, Hermione Charlotte Ramsden; £21,000 to his cousin, Jonkyn Francis Lord Muncaster; £1,000 to William Henry Wadham Powell, formerly his private secretary, for the assistance he has rendered him for so many years; £20,000 to his son, "as applied in a manner in which I intend to acquaint him." The residue of his property is left to his son, John Frecheville Ramsden.

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DEATHS.

Logg.—May 23rd, at West View, Kippax, aged 54, Lewis, the beloved husband of Hadassah Logg.
Thompson.—May 23rd, at Roland House, Wetherby Road, Roundhay, John Thompson, contractor, aged 61 years.
Todd.—May 21st, aged 36, Emily, the beloved wife of John Todd, Alwoodley.

IN MEMORIAM.

Hebden.—In ever loving memory of a dear husband and father, Walter Hebden, who was accidentally killed on May 28th, 1912.
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Off to Rome.—The Rev. W. G. Softley, the resident Primitive Methodist Minister at Rothwell, has left for a tour in Rome, along with the Rev. E. Barrett (Leeds). He will be away for about a month.

Miners' Enforced Holiday.—The men employed at the Rose Pit, Rothwell, have been unable to resume work this week owing to the breakdown, reported last week. It had been anticipated that work would be resumed last Tuesday.

Honours.—Seventeen members of Rothwell Homing Society sent 175 birds to take part in the race from Banbury (116 miles). Results:—W. Illingworth 927, Fox Bros. 922, J. Armitage 919, S. Harrison 910, The Nunns 906, F. Kelsall 902, A. Hodgkinson 894, 879, J. Crossley 888, G. Ward 885, Fox Bros. 883 (two birds), W. Blackburn 877.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr J. Hirst, Mr Evans, Mr F. M. Lupton, and Col. A. M. Sagar Musgrave. Before commencing the business of the Court the Chairman announced that owing to the Whitsuntide holidays the Court would not be held next Tuesday.

Drink.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Annie Mawson, a married woman, living in Hunslet, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell, on Sunday night. PC Bennett said she had been spoken to on Commercial Street defendant refused to give any information regarding herself, and had to be taken to the police station at Leeds. Mawson said she had been visiting some friends, and had a little too much to drink. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

Bibby's Annual.—"Bibby's Annual," which has just been published, is beautifully printed and splendidly illustrated. It would be difficult to find better pictures in any publication, and the whole production is a work of art. The "annual," which extends to sixty-four large pages, contains numerous articles of an interesting and instructive character. These include "Idealization," "Truth in Art," "Child Education," "The Principal Factor in Success," "A Saunter Round the World," "Parades and Fairy Tales," "Creative Evolution and the Sex Passion," "The Feminine Renaissance," "Health and Healing," "Success and Failure," "Letters on Socialism," "Practical Education," eac.

Cricket.—On Saturday afternoon at Beeston a match was played between Rothwell W.M. Club (Marsh Villa) and Beeston Wed. Club, and the latter won easily. The winners batted first and after scoring 177 for 3 wickets, they declared. Scores:—Beeston—J. W. Sutton, lbw, b A Thurwl, 18; A. Leonard, c and b Thurwell, b J. Barrett, 80; Kellett, b A. Thurwell, 0; F. Johnson, not out, 24; extras, 9; total (for 3 wkts.), 177. Declared. Rothwell—J. Parker, b A Leonard, 18; S. Pritchard, b W. Warburton, 0; Fox, c Kellett, b A. Lconard, 11; L. Stringer, b W. Warburton, 0; J. W. Fox, c Leonard, b G. Pearson, 19; J. Taylor, c Leonard, b W. Warburton, 0; A. Thurwell, b W. Warburton, 13; J. Mack, not out, 2; G. Ashton, b W Warburton, 0; A. Thurwell, bit wkt., b W. Warburton, 0; J. Barrett, b W. Warburton, 0; extras, 6; total, 69.

Football.—The annual meeting of the Rothwell White Rose Football Club was held in the Old Band Room, Rothwell, on Saturday night, when there was a large gathering of the supporters of the club. Mr Humphrey presided. The report and balance sheet were discussed, and passed as being satisfactory. The election of Presidents was left over until the next meeting. It has been resolved that Mr J. Bradley was unanimously re-elected corresponding secretary, and Mr G. Tiffany was elected financial secretary. Mr W. Armstead was appointed treasurer. The following were appointed the committee:—Messrs. A. Fox, T. Banks, J. Lunn, J. Briggs, A. Padlor, J. Field, C. Tiffany, R. Whitehead, D. Copley, H. Copley, and F. Bickerdike. Mr J. Bradley is again to captain the first team, while Mr E Tiffany will act as vice-captain. It was decided to join the English Cup, the West Riding Cup, the Leeds and District Cup, and the Rothwell Charity Cup Competitions. A second team will be formed.

A Reply to Mr Charlesworth.—A correspondent, writing to a contemporary, says:—There is a report of a speech by Mr C. E. Charlesworth, in which he uses, as an illustration of the "too-much-legislation" which had crippled the coal trade "in many ways," the instance of his having the Openshaw given an order for £7,000 worth of electric lamps, when at the same time he had many thousands of pounds worth of other safety lamps on hand, and he had to send down those lamps to see whether the others (electric) were safe or not, and that he doubted whether the colliers would find the electric lamps of advantage. In making that statement, Mr Charlesworth seems to be under some misapprehension, as legislation has not been passed insisting upon the use of electric lamps, and from information obtained by the writer from headquarters, there seems to be not the slightest likelihood of this class of legislation being passed. It would, therefore, appear that if the £7,000 had been spent on increasing the miners' wages or some other possible more necessary improvement to the pit, it would have been put to better use.

ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the first of the anniversary services in connection with the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Sunday School took place. At all the services there were large congregations, and the singing of the special hymns by the children was an enjoyable feature. Mr E. H. Plows (Robin Hood) conducted the singing, and Mr J. C. Harrison presided at the organ. Recitations were given by the scholars, who had been carefully trained by Miss A. Kilburn. In the morning and evening sermons were preached by Mr W. Thurwell (Rothwell).

QUARRIERS AND THE WORLD'S MONEY.—On Friday at Wakefield John Dobson, grocer, Rothwell Haigh, was summoned by his wife, Lydia Dobson, for neglecting to maintain her. They parties were married on 19th February, 1913, each having children by a previous marriage. Complainant stated that shortly after their marriage she lent defendant £30; and since she refused two or three months ago to lend him another £40 he had made her life unbearable. He had refused to give her money to buy necessaries for the house, and had gone off drinking, leaving her to look after the shop. She asked for a separation order, with an allowance of 5s. per week. The Bench dismissed the case, considering that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant them in making an order.

CROSSGATES

The treasurer of Leeds Infirmary acknowledges receipt of £30 from Crossgates and District Medical Charities Society.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon a League match was played at Tadcaster between the home team and Crossgates Recreation. The visitors sent only six players, and the full points of the other four games fell to Tadcaster. Scores:—Tadcaster 206, Recreation 56. Tadcaster names first.—D. Hill 21 v. Heron 1, W. Dyson 21 v. W. Elliott 0, T. Elliott 21 v. M. Elliot 8, L. S. Collins 17 v. J. P. Cowe 21, W. Milsom 21 v. Vimall 12, J. H. Hull 21 v. E. Preston 5.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.—It is proposed to have a University Tutorial Class for Crossgates and district for next winter, and a preliminary meeting has been held with a view to obtaining support for it. There is every indication that a demand exists for such a class in the district, and, as the opportunity may not occur again for several years, it is hoped that a sufficient number of students will come forward to make the scheme possible. The class must contain not more than 32 students, and not fewer than 18, and any liberal subject may be chosen, viz., general history, literature, economics, philosophy, biology, etc. There are 24 meetings in the session, and the fee is nominal. Half of the class time is devoted to discussion, and there is no examination of individuals, comradeship in education for its own sake being the basis of the class.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.—In connection with the Crossgates Baptist Church Sunday School anniversary a children's festival was held in the Hall on Saturday night. Mr John Brockhouse presided, and there was a large audience. The children, who had been trained by Mr Wright, and a number of choruses, and solos were sung by Phyllis Nussey, Kathleen Porteus, and Thomas English, while recitations were given by Alice Thomas, C. Hyde, Stanley Stringfellow, Thomas Cornforth, Margaret Jesper, Lilian Goldsack, John R. Haygarth, Frederick Anderson, Walter Exley, G. Coleman, Leonard Thorp, and Thomas English, the last-named giving "Britain and Kingdom"—with Marion English as "Britannia," was a very popular item. Mrs Hamilton presided at the piano. A Lord Wharncliffe Bible was presented by Mr Bairman to Walter Exley. A vote of thanks to the children, Chairman, Miss Diggle, and Mrs Hamilton was proposed by the Rev. J. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr Bairman, and carried amidst applause. The preacher on Sunday was the pastor (the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton), and a meeting in the afternoon was addressed by Mrs Herries, of Bradford, and Mrs. Goodall presided. The proceeds of the anniversary were over £10.

PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—The annual meeting of the Crossgates and Templenewsam Habitation of the Primrose League was held at The Grange, Whitkirk (the residence of Mr and Mrs P. S. Marsden). The following were elected officers for the years:—Dame President, Lady Dorothy Wood; deputy dame president, Mrs Marsden; ruling councillor, Mr P. S. Marsden: hon. treas., Mrs Dawson; hon. secs., Mrs Gabbert and Miss Flynn; executive council—Mrs Heywood, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Green, Mrs Dockray, Miss Bramley, Miss Elliott, Mr Pindar, Mr Braithwaite, Mr Bramley, Mr Fitton, Mr Young, and Mr J. Townend, junr.; delegates to Divisional Council—Miss Flynn, Mrs Heywood, and Miss Bramley. The hon. secs.' report showed that the Habitation has a membership of about 500, including 8 knights and 11 dames. Although the past year was rather heavy, there was a substantial balance in hand. The Habitation joined the Conservative Association in a successful fete at Temple Newsam Park, and also in a social gathering in Manston Schools in January of this year. On each occasion the gathering was addressed by Mr G. R. Lane-Fox, M.P., whilst others have been given on April 23rd, at Halton, when Lieut. E. H. Boughey, R.N., was the speaker. The Habitation secured over 600 signatures for the British Covenant against the Home Rule Bill.

GARFORTH

At Garforth six degrees of frost were registered on Tuesday morning, and it is stated that considerable damage has been done to the potato and bean crops.

DRINK.—Alfred Bockhouse, miner, of Garforth, was summoned at Leeds West Riding Court on Tuesday for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Saturday, May 16th, and was fined 5s. and costs.

COUNTY WORTHS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Hamilton, a miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having used abusive language at Garforth. P.C. Bray stated that he was on duty in Main Street, Garforth, about 9.40 p.m. on May 16th, he heard the defendant using the language complained of to two young men. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was allowed.

GOLF CLUB.—On Saturday the qualifying round for the Portington Cup was played, and the following qualified:—W. J. Turnbull, handicap 25, 73; W. Shaw (14), 78; J. S. Sedgley (14), 80; W. H. Tatham (23), 80; G. B. Walker (13), 80; L. Smith (23), 80; T. C. Simpson (13), 81; W. Tate (13), 82; E. Tate (23), 82; E. Prince (26), 82; H. Peirse (20), 83; J. Bowker (23), 84; H. F. Smithson (6), 84; A. Taylor (20), 85; H. Sandy (14), 86; R. Tate (28), 86.

BOWLING.—Garforth W.M. had their first League match at home on Saturday, with Crossgates, and resulted in a win for Garforth by 203 points to 103 points. Details (Garforth W.M. names first):—D. Richmond 21 v. F./W. Jubb 11, G. Freeman 21 v. J. Firth 16, C. T. Cockerham 21 v. C. Holiday 16, W. H. Monks 14 v. J. Conner 21, M. Morritt 21 v. I. Semper 11, J. Whitley 21 v. J. McLeod 1, A. Reed 21 v. J. G. Armitage 5, T. Simpson 21 v. G. Birch 4, G. Hill 21 v. G. Danby 11, and J. Backhouse 21 v. I. A. Rymer 7.

GARFORTH WIN.—The final round in the Yorkshire Miners' Ambulance League Competition for the Hon. E. Wood Shield at Doncaster, was won by Garforth Colliery. Dr Pill, of York, was the judge, and among those present were the Mayor (Mr P. Stirling), who handed over the shield to the winners; Mr T. H. Mottram, H.M. Divisional Inspector of Mines, Doncaster; Mr C. L. Robinson, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Leeds, the Executive Officer; and Mr A. H. Barnard, of Conisborough, the secretary. Details:—1, Garforth Colliery, stretcher case 1003 points, individual tests 105 points, total 2054; 2, Manvers Main Colliery, 74\frac{1}{2}, 1214, 1963; 3, Woolley Colliery, 83\frac{1}{2}, 1103, 1943; A. Allerton Bywater Colliery, 85, 75, 160.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At Garforth Picture House the attractions for this week end are "The Fortune Hunters"—an exciting story—and "The Green Eye of the Yellow God," and there will no doubt be crowded "houses." For Whitsuntide the management have arranged special programmes of a first-rate character, and patrons will thoroughly enjoy the excellent fare that will be provided. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday "What the Gods Decree," described as the greatest mystery drama ever produced, will be screened, and there will be other fine pictures, including the Keystone "screem" "Get Rich Quick." On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "Confederates in Crime" will be the principal attraction. It is a very exciting story, and the hero is shown bound and gagged, succeeding in flooding a cellar to prevent the explosion of a bomb. A terrific fight between police and swell mobsmen is also depicted. "A Face from the Past," a pleasing and interesting drama of a shattered romance, will be shown, as well as a Keystone, featuring Fred Sterling, the comedy star, in "A Muddy Romance." For times and prices see advert.

GREAT PRESTON

A SUCCESSFUL OPERETTA—The ability of children when properly trained was in evidence at the Infants' School on Tuesday evening, when the children of the St. Aidan's Band of Hope gave to a full schoolroom of parents and friends the operetta entitled "Robin and the Babes." The operetta consisted of three parts:—(1) a village green, (2) a forest evening, and (3) an out-of-date dame's school, each part being accompanied by suitable scenery. The parts of "Jack and Jill" and "The Babes of the Wood," were very neatly carried out by Doris Wylie and Ernest Manners, while Master Fred Milner as the role of "Robin Hood" well deserved the appreciation he received. Master A. Owbridge created roars of laughter by his clever impersonation of the "Inspector," and Miss Lily Rye as "schoolmistress" was also a marked success. Miss Fanny Smart took the part of "Eliza Trot, the inspector's wife" in good style, and Edgar Goodall proved a good milkman. The part of fairy queen was carried out by Hilda Spurden with becoming dignity, and Job Trot was the cruel uncle. There was also a chorus of village children. The Rev J. Gregory was the conductor, and Mr G. Bell the pianist. The Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar of Kippax) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the various performers and especially to the Rev. J. Gregory for the successful training of the children. The proceeds are to be given to the Band of Hope Fund established for the purpose of providing a trip to the seaside during summer for the members.

HALTON

NO LICENCE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Ernest Hoon, a commercial traveller, of Halton, was fined 7s. 6d. and costs for having a dog without a Fennce.

CONSERVATISM.—It has been decided to hold a demonstration in Templenewsam Park on Saturday, July 18th, under the auspices of the local Conservative Association and the Crossgates and Templenewsam Habitation of the Primrose League. The Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., who is allowing the use of the park for the occasion, will preside, and it is expected that Sir Edward Sykes, M.P., and Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., will be among the speakers.

DANGER AT YORK ROAD TERMINUS.—In the minutes of the Sub-Tramway and Electricity (Traffic) Committee of the Leeds City Council it appears the following:—"A letter was read from the Coroner of the West Riding of Yorkshire calling the attention of the sub-committee to a recent fatal accident at the terminus of the York Road tramway, and forwarding suggestions from the jury." It was decided to inform the Coroner (Mr Maitland) that an alteration has been made in the position of the cars standing at the terminus referred to, and that an extension of the tramway is contemplated in the near future, which will meet the suggestions of the jury.

KIPPAX

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—Services in connection with the Sunday School anniversary were held in the chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Leeds, of Castleford, had good congregations. Special hymns were sung by the teachers and scholars at the afternoon service and recitations were given by the scholars. Mr J. Brockhouse, of Whitkirk, presided.

ACCIDENT.—An accident befel a little boy about four years old, the son of Mr and Mrs Varley, who reside in Butt Lane, on Tuesday afternoon. While playing in Back Hill, he was run into by a cyclist, and was trailed on the ground fully a dozen yards, the boy's face being badly cut. Mr W. Hold rendered first-aid, and carried the boy home.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Temple Dixon, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly in Leeds Lane, Kippax, on Saturday, May 16th, and was fined 5s. and costs. P.C. Davies proved the case. Levi Adams, a miner, of Kippax, was also summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Kippax on May 16th, and a fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

THE LATE MR L. LOGG.—There has passed away in the person of Mr Lywis Logg a man who was well respected in the village. Deceased, who lived in Gibson Lane, within 40 yards of his home fell down and expired immediately. As a member of long standing in the Wesleyan Connexion his loss will be greatly felt. He was also a member of the last Parish Council, and one of the overseers. He leaves a widow and family.

KIPPAX AND ITS CYCLISTS.—The assertion made in the Parish Council that Kippax has more cyclists than any place of a similar size in the county has been investigated by a Leeds evening paper. It states:—A cycling authority, asked his opinion upon the statement, said he saw no reason to doubt it. "It is well known," he said, "that colliers are ardent devotees of the wheel, and as the male members of the community at Kippax nearly all earn their living underneath the pit, it is extremely probable that this little mining village has, in comparison, more cyclists than any other place in the country. The miner first takes to the bicycle in order to shorten the journey from his home to the pit head. Then he begins to take a fancy to long distance riding, and by degrees he transfers his enthusiasm to track racing. For many years now quite a large percentage of the track riders have been miners."

POLITICAL MEETING.—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening on the Cross Hills, and was presided over by Mr A. A. Redpath, of Castleford. The Chairman, before introducing the deputation that was chosen to interview Sir Joseph Compton Rickett, M.P., as to the shares that was rumoured to hold in many companies, but more especially shares held in a certain coal company in South Yorkshire, referred to the very different outlook of the working-classes to-day to that of 40 years ago. The latter facilities which had been given for the getting of education were bearing fruit, and the worker was thinking for himself, and utilising the means at his disposal to better his position. The deputation (Mr W. Farrar and Mr J. W. Mackenzie), in giving their report of the interview with the Member, were evidently impressed with the idea that the shares in question were in no way detrimental to the workers in the division, but if so considered Mr Rickett would willingly sell them. Mr Rickett, it was explained, entirely disapproved of the treatment meted out to the South African labour leaders. The question was asked that in order to qualify for disablement benefit in connection with Insurance, was it required of an employed contributor in paying off arrears to place a 2d. stamp or a 4d. stamp on his arrears card. A difference of opinion was in evidence in regard to this matter, and no solution was arrived at. A resolution that the deputation's report be accepted was passed at the close.

METHLEY

A METHLEY MOTHER'S NEGLECT.—On Friday at Wakefield Amy Armitage, married, Methley, was summoned for cruelly neglecting her four children, aged 11 years, 10 years, 6 years, and 13 years. A sad story was related by Mr T. H. Wordsworth, who appeared for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The woman, he said, for some years had given way to drink, and appeared to have lost all self-control and self-respect. Her husband was an engineweight at a colliery and had been in the habit of handing his wife £2 a week. She had pawned furniture and other things in order to get money for drink. She had grossly neglected her household duties, and had not looked after the children properly. Only on the 7th of this month, added Mr Wordsworth, the defendant went to Castleford in the morning and came back shortly before one o'clock absolutely incapable of walking. She had the youngest child with her, and she went into a hen-cote to sleep off the drink. Defendant promised to give up the drink, and she was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mrs Elizabeth Myers, of Dalton Holme, near Beverley, and formerly of Moor Allerton, left £1,112.

OULTON

BOWLING.—On Wednesday evening the Oulton bowlers were at home to Rothwell, and sixteen games were played on the green. The home team won by 12 points, the aggregate scores being Oulton 305, Rothwell 232. Details (Oulton names first):—F. Jones 21 v. J. Frobisher 0, F. Thompson 21 v. J. Vinton 4, Graham 21 v. J. Harrison 10, T. Brown 21 v. H. Morgan 7, K. Ripley 16 v. J. Oakland 21, G. Steele 21 v. E. Dobson 12, H. W. Matchinson 21 v. T. Hudson 11, J. Nuttall 21 v. W. Richardson 21, W. Lockwood 21 v. G. Carroll 9, W. P. Peters 15 v. J. Chapman 21, E. Raynor 20 v. J. Hobson 21, G. Williams 21 v. J. Wilson 11, J. Hobson 21 v. C. P. Ward 12, W. Fairy 15, J. Dobson 21 v. A. Denton 13, J. Harrison 21 v. W. Ward 15, and B. Healey 21 v. D. Barker 17.

ROUNDHAY

Mr A. L. Burrow, of Lyngarth, Park Avenue, Roundhay, left £28,081.

PROPERTY SALE.—On Tuesday Messrs Oliver, Boyle and Pearson offered for sale the Gledhow Lodge, Gledhow Wood Road, the bidding for which started at £1,000, and the property was withdrawn at £1,450. Also at Headingley freehold land adjoining Ash Grove, at 9d. a yard.

MARRIAGE.—The marriage took place on Tuesday at St. Michael's Church, Headingley, of Francis Rowland, second son of the late Jonathan Dewhirst, of Meanwood, and Mrs Jenkinson, of Roundhay, to Amy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Skitt, Wanstead House, Burley, Leeds. The bride was given away by her father, and the best man was Mr F. G. Denison. After a reception at Wanstead House, the couple left for Paris and Switzerland, where the honeymoon will be spent.

ST. JOHN'S, ROUNDHAY.—At the adjourned yearly meeting of St. John's Church, Roundhay, on Friday night, the Vicar (the Rev. T. Liddesdale Palmer) presiding, Alderman Thomas Oldroyd was nominated vicar's warden, in succession to Mr Harold Tetley, and Mr Lionel Smith was elected people's warden, in place of Mr Alfred White, who has resigned owing to ill-health. It was unanimously resolved to form a Leeds, York, and District of England Men's Society in the parish, and preliminary arrangements were made for an open-air parochial gathering, to be held some time in June.

TOWN PLANNING.—With reference to the representations made by a deputation of Roundhay residents to the Improvements Committee of the Leeds Corporation that a portion of the Roundhay Park estate should be included in the proposed town-planning scheme for Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates, the Committee have visited these districts, and have arrived at the following conclusions:—"That in view of the conditions upon which the Roundhay Park estate was purchased by the Corporation, which include provisions restricting the erection of buildings on that part of the estate immediately adjoining the lands included in the proposed scheme other than dwelling-houses costing less than £1,000 to erect, this Committee do not deem it necessary to include such part of the estate in the proposed scheme."

PROPOSED NEW GOLF COURSE.—On Wednesday at the meeting of Leeds City Council the question of a suggested municipal golf course was raised by Councillor Hall, of the Parks Committee, who had instructed the superintendent, with the assistance of Dr. A. Mackenzie, to get out estimates showing the cost of adapting the land at the north-east of the Upper Lake at Roundhay (comprising the North Hills Wood estate) for the purposes of a nine-hole municipal golf course. Mr Leslie Owen, Chairman of the Parks Committee, said there had been some opposition to the resolution. In his judgment the resolution, as it appeared in the minutes, ought to be allowed to go through. It was only a preliminary resolution, and not a resolution which committed the Council to the construction of a course. He was uncertain whether there was a demand in Leeds for such a course. The land proposed to be occupied for the purpose was now used for grazing. It was a good way out, and whether it was sufficiently accessible for the public for the purpose it was intended was doubtful, but it was the only land belonging to the Corporation that was available for the purpose. In answer to Alderman C. H. Wilson, Mr Owen said the passing of the resolution did not bind the Council to the principle of a municipal golf course. Mr A. E. Masser stated that the resolution merely enabled the Committee to get an estimate of the cost. The Council were not committed by it to anything, and when the matter came up for consideration and report, upon the estimate, the general question could be discussed. It would be a waste of time to discuss the matter now; that could be done when the proposal was brought forward in a concrete form. The minutes were adopted

SUGGESTED DANCING AT THE PARK.—London, Birmingham, and other large cities allow dancing in the parks during the summer months. Ought Leeds to follow suit? Mr J. H. Midgley, the hon. sec. of the Roundhay Park Band Committee, is confident the idea would not find favour with his co-workers, and no one would be more strongly opposed to the suggestion than himself. Whether dancing would be acceptable in some of the other parks in the city he is not prepared to say, but at the premier park he thinks it would "wreck the whole show." If dancing were permitted it would, he says, in all probability, bring to the band a performances an undesirable class, and that would drive away those who attended with the sole idea of listening to good music in the pleasant and healthy surroundings. It will be remembered that some years ago dancing was indulged in near the mansion at Roundhay Park, to the accompaniment of a small orchestra. Nowadays there is no such frivolity, gala days being the only occasions when visitors to the park trip the light fantastic toe.

SEACROFT

DERBY DAY HUMOUR.—At Leeds Police Court, on Wednesday, before the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr H. Marshall—Mr A. W. Willey had to apologise for the absence of Harry Dorsey, a well-known bookmaker and building breeder, of Whitfield House, Harehside Street, Roundhay, who was summoned for driving a motor-car at an excessive speed. With a twinkle in his eye, Mr Willey remarked that Dorsey had an important engagement near London that day. Mr Marshall smiled, and allowed the case to proceed, Mr Willey entering a plea of guilty. It was stated that shortly after noon on Monday, May 4th, the defendant was driving a motor-car at Seacroft at a speed of over twenty-eight miles an hour. A fine of 20s. and costs was imposed.

STOURTON

SUICIDE.—The body of a man was taken out of the Thwaite Gate Locks at about 6.15 on Friday morning by the lock-keeper. It was that of Thomas Hiley (57), of 102, Cancel Street, Hunslet. "Suicide whilst of unsound mind," was the verdict at the inquest on Friday afternoon.

PENNINE METHODISM.—There was a large attendance at the P.S.A. meeting at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon to hear an address by the minister, the Rev. W. S. Spencer. The chair was taken by Mr J. Sutcliffe, and his place had to be taken by Mr J. Collinson. Mr Waterton was in his usual place at the organ.

WHITKIRK

DEED OF ARRANGEMENT.—Harry Wilkinson, 97, Beckside Road, Bradford, and Walter Solitt, Grove House, Whitkirk, Headingley with Burley, Leeds, trading as Harry Wilkinson and the Sanitary Seat Company, sanitary seat manufacturers.—Secured creditors, £60; liabilities unsecured, £1,052; estimated net assets, £316. Filed May 20th, 17th. In a deed of arrangement with creditors the majority of the debtors fell to W. Williams, who took six for thirteen. Scores:—Woodlesford—H. Hamer, b Walker, 0; W. Harrison, b Cope, 12; O. Wilkinson, c C. Higgins, b Cope, 0; E. Dobson, run out, 40; E. Baxter, c Lockwood, b Higgins, 29; T. Collins, retired hurt, 6; A. Brittlebank, c Chapp'l, b Cope, 6; A. Evans, b Higgins, 0; V. Williams, b Higgins, 0; A. Dennison, not out, 0; extras, 9; total, 127. Oulton—H. Butler, c Harrison, b Williams, 7; P. Butler, c Sub, b Williams, 33; W. Hudson, c Evans, b Hitchin, 6; J. Jackson, b Hitchin, 0; P. Higgins, b Williams, 0; B. Walker, lbw, b Williams, 0; B. Chapp'l, b Williams, 0; C. Higgins, b Williams, 12; S. Walker, c Hamer, b Williams, 4; H. Cope, not out, 22; extras, 6; total, 90. The Woodlesford second team played at Oulton, and won by nine runs. The bowlers for Woodlesford were Jones and Dawson, and for Woodlesford Bennett took six for thirty-seven.

Restoration work is being carried out at Wilson Church, the contract being in the hands of Messrs Ullathorne, Selby. The scheme altogether is to cost about £400, and a bazaar in aid of the fund is to be held next year.

Pianos for sale compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossby Street, Halifax:—Applications:—A. L. Brockmann, Leeds, improved time table apparatus; Leeds Forge, for; J. W. Harrap, Earlsheaton, improved nonslip motor rug, etc.; A. E. Morgan, W. Dorman, and E. Linsley, Leeds and Durham, apparatus for automatically locking and unlocking railway carriage doors.

CREDITORS' MEETING.—A meeting was held at York on Wednesday of the creditors of John Thomas Cheesborough, formerly of Hambleton, but now of Selby, corn and seed merchant. The statement of accounts showed that his gross liabilities were £141 17s. 11d., and £141 17s. 11d. was expected to rank for dividend. His assets amounted to £99 12s. 4d., leaving a deficiency of £42 5s. 7d. Debtor attributed his failure to heavy losses resulting from cattle dealing.

DAMAGE BY FROST.—The district around Selby was visited by another severe frost on Monday night, and the reports to hand show that great damage has been done to potatoes, acres of which have been attacked in a disastrous manner. The plants had "picked up" somewhat from the blast of a fortnight ago, but on Tuesday morning there was a sickening spectacle presented to the view, and acres of potatoes at Wistow, Barlby, Brayton, and around are lying blighted and drooping.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

DISPUTE WITH ROTHWELL COUNCIL

WATER CHARGES FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, the Chairman (Mr T. Thomas) presiding. Other members present were:—Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman), Dr. E. Groves, Father T. Cody, Messrs J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Cooper, H. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, W. Lunn, Peace, Hemingway, J. Bannister, H. I. Pulford, W. A. Appleyard, E. B. Pickersgill, W. Stead, and J. W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Riley).

At the meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the Clerk reported that he had received the specimens of suitable for boys and girls from the Salvation Army, and was satisfied that they were good value for the £3 per head which the Local Government Board required to be expended. A letter was received from the superintendent reporting that he had seen the nine Pantes-tant children off from Liverpool on the 9th inst., and was very pleased with the arrangements made for their comfort during the voyage to Canada. The children seemed very happy.

The deputation appointed to meet the representatives of the Rothwell Urban District Council on the question of water supply and charges, reported upon an interview with the Waterworks Committee on Thursday last, and they were asked to write and state the maximum rent the Guardians are prepared to offer. The Clerk further reported that in consequence of a statement made by the Waterworks Committee that the meter showed an average consumption of 25,000 gallons per day during the ten days ended the 7th inst., he had had the taps turned off when the meter consisted to register, and the rate of about 9,000 gallons per day. It was proposed by Father Cody, and seconded by Mr Schofield that the Guardians be recommended to make a final offer of £50 per annum for water supplied to the Homes for domestic purposes, and that steps be taken to stop the leakage at once. An amendment was proposed and seconded, to substitute "That the matter be adjourned for a month for the pipes to be repaired, and for a report as to the then consumption." The amendment was carried.

The Clerk reported he was still without any further reply from the Bishop of Ripon with reference to the Guardians' complaint concerning the prayers taught in the Rothwell Sunday School. It was resolved that the Bishop of Ripon be asked for a further reply to the Guardians' letter.

Mr Lunn, referring to the item relating to the Children's Homes, and the water supply and charges, said he wished to warn the Board and Children's Homes Committee. The members of the Rothwell Council, he said, were feeling very sore about the action of the Board and of that Committee in seeking to get preferential treatment over other ratepayers in the district, and if the minute as it appeared was carried out, a grave strain might be established between the authorities, while it would be injurious to the Rothwell district. If it was granted it would mean that other ratepayers would be compelled probably be given the same treatment. He thought the Guardians ought to be satisfied with being charged equal to other people. The Council did not expect to get anything out of the Board that was unfair, and he hoped the Board and the Committee would act fairly towards the Council.

Mr Butterick suggested that Mr Lunn move an amendment to that effect. He thought the fairest way would be to pay for the consumption according to meter. He had been assured by the Chairman of the Rothwell Water Committee that the Council were making nothing out of the Guardians.

Mr Lunn said the minute had been adjourned for a month, and so it would be dealt with again. If he was present he would raise the question.

The minutes were carried.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Committee the letter from the master applying for additional clerical assistance in his office was considered, and a reference from the Board. It was proposed by Father Cody, and seconded by Mr W. Verity that the Board be recommended to provide a junior clerk in the master's office, and that the Clerk be instructed to make enquiries and report as to a suitable youth for the post as the next meeting. An amendment was proposed by Mr Stead and seconded by Mr Pulford to substitute "That before making any recommendation enquiries be made as to whether there is a suitable boy in the Children's Homes." On a vote being taken the amendment was lost.

The minutes were carried.

With respect to the recommendations of the Special Committee to draw up fresh regulations with regard to the relieving officers' duties, Mr J. Butterick took objection to one of the recommendations that a man with experience would be preferred for the vacancy, as, he said, there were several suitable men in Hunslet who he knew would be competent for the post, who were quite capable for the position, and who would be debarred by the recommendation. Mr Butterick also suggested that six and not three candidates be selected to attend before the Board for a final choice.

Mr Lunn, who also agreed with Mr Butterick regarding the preferential treatment of men with past experience, took up another point in the recommendations, and asked if the Clerk was to have all the control over the officers, such as the submitting of reports to the Clerk and the issuing of orders by the Clerk. He did not, he said, agree with all the strings being pulled by one man.

The amendment of Mr Butterick that the ward experienced be deleted, and that six applicants be selected to interview the Board was carried.

The recommendations of the Committee were passed with the above amendments.

The Selby licensing magistrates on Monday sanctioned a plan of alterations at the Friendship Inn, Selby, upon the application of Messrs John Smith, Tadcaster.

TRAMP IN A SURPLICE.—The Rector of Spofforth (the Rev. W. Pearson) was considerably surprised on a morning, wearing a white cloak; morning to find his surplice missing. It is usual in country villages to leave the doors of the church open, and it is surmised that some one entered after the services on Sunday and took the garment. The local constable was passed in a country lane, on Sunday, by some tramps. It happened that he noticed one of the party apparently a woman, wearing a white cloak; a rather unusual covering for members of that fraternity, but he had no suspicion of the theft until he was notified of the loss next morning. He then toured the district on his bicycle with a view to discovering the thieves, but without success.

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ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District District Council was held at the Council offices, on Monday last, when Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs G. W. Blakey (vice-chairman), S. R. Chadwick, T. P. Wade, J. Armitage, H. Kielsby, S. Dobson, T. Ellis, H. Gordon, J. Hewson, R. Rowbotham, W. Lunn, W. Wade, W. Speake, and W. Robinson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer (Dr H. Stevenson), the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse), and the surveyor (Mr J. Southwart).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Highways Committee, Mr Hirst on behalf of Major Calverley, Mr Elliott on behalf of Mr Hindle, Mr Ridyard on behalf of Mr Walter Hargreaves, and Mr Ellis on behalf of himself and Miss Arundel, met the committee and asked that the sewage works on Mr Hirst and Mr Elliott were asked to leave the matter over for further discussion. Mr Hirst on behalf of Mr Calverley, Mr W. H. Thurwell and another on behalf of Joshua Tetley and Son, Ltd., and Mr Wm. Armitage, were interviewed on their objections to the streets adjoining Carlton Lane, and the matter was adjourned until the next meeting. Mr Elliott asked the Council to remedy the dust nuisance in the outlying parts of the district. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Local Board of Health that 7 days' notice be served on the Yorkshire West Riding Tramway Co., Ltd., to disconnect a drain at Lofthouse which interfered with the sewage disposal, and had been constructed without statutory notice to the Council, and in default of compliance the surveyor was instructed to disconnect. It was also resolved that the application of the Yorkshire West Riding Tramway Co., Ltd., to make a connection with the road gulley near the Old Engine be refused, but that the Co. be invited to submit plans for connecting the water into the sewer. Clerk reported he had received a circular from the County Council with regard to the classification of the whole of the roads in the district. The surveyor reported that he had notified the County Council of the following 3 census points:—Ivridge Hall, Carr Lane, and Long Bridge. It was resolved that the Highway Committee be authorised to purchase the frontage on Whitehall Field for widening Oulton Lane, and that a plan of the suggested widening be submitted to the Council. A list of streets and yards for paving prepared by Mr Moorhouse, was submitted to the committee, and it was resolved that the surveyor's report on it be considered at the next meeting. The minutes were passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was resolved that Mr Wm. Schofield, of Wakefield, be asked to attend the next meeting in respect of closing orders for 8 houses at Carlton. The committee decided to visit four houses at Potterly Fold; and also to inspect Mr H. Thurwell's Cottage at Scisserton, which was reported to be 180 feet from a public sewer. It was resolved that the inspector's report on the paving of yards and ashes be handed to the Highways Committee to be dealt with, and that the surveyor give the levels, distances, and estimates for the John O'Gaunt's easement and sewer and paving prepared by Mr Moorhouse, was submitted to the committee, and it was resolved that the surveyor's report on it be considered at the next meeting. The minutes were passed.

BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Buildings Committee it was resolved that notice be served on the owner of a house in Meynell Avenue for breach of bye-law by altering his property without plan. It was also resolved that Mr Asquith be asked to stick to his plans. The committee's attention was drawn to the advanced state of town planning on their borders, and the advisability of moving in the matter.

The minutes were passed.

WATER COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Water Committee showed that the average daily consumption of water during the month ending April 30th, was Rothwell 143,000 gallons as against 170,000 gallons during the same month of last year; Thorpe 87,000 gallons as compared with 84,000 gallons; and Stourton 47,000 gallons as against 51,000 gallons; making a total consumption of 277,000 gallons as compared with 305,000 gallons in the same period of last year. The Midland Railway Co. consumed during the period 75,000 gallons, which is 17,000 gallons less than last year's figures. Private meters and domestic purposes and leakages accounted for 7,768,000 gallons. A deputation from the Children's Homes, along with the Clerk to the Guardians, attended before the Committee, and asked the committee to reduce the charges for the water supply to the Children's Homes below the ordinary amount charged for trade purposes in view of the fact that the supply was for domestic purposes. It was resolved that if the deputation are not willing to accept the ordinary meter charges, the matter be referred to the whole of the Council, and the Guardians be asked to state the maximum amount they are willing to offer as a compromise. It was resolved that Emily Bailey, of Langley Farm, be allowed £3 8s. off her meter charge for water supplied during half-year ending June 30th, 1914, in respect of leakage. It was also resolved that Mr Brook be asked to give a general report on the water supply and distribution in the district, setting out any deficiency and how it can be improved. The surveyor was instructed to get out levels, distances, and estimates for dealing with the John O'Gaunt's sewer and submit the same to the Sanitary Committee, the Water Committee being satisfied that their pipe could be taken in any direction suitable to the sewer. Mr A. Marshall asked for instructions how to charge for water to institutions, and the Clerk was instructed to get a copy of instructions from Mr B. Marshall, and report on the matter to the next committee. It was resolved that pipe scraping be done in the daytime, and that the surveyor get assistance if Mr Wright is called off for other work during the scraping.

BURIAL BOARD

The Clerk intimated that he expected the Bill sanctioning the Joint Board of Burial Board would pass through the Commons that afternoon. The composition of the Joint Board would be as follows:—Rothwell, six members, one constituted for elected area, one member who would be the chairman of the Council; Woodlesford, three members, one elected and two co-opted members, who would be the representatives of Oulton and Woodlesford on the Hunslet Rural District Council.

FISHING FOR EELS AT TADCASTER.—A correspondent writes:—"I notice the mention of an eel and flounder match at Tadcaster. I read the week previous in the Wharfe, at Tadcaster. As this is the close season for coarse fish, would you please answer the following question? Is it illegal to fish for eels and flounders during the close season for coarse fish? There seems to be a great difference of opinion among anglers on this point." In order to be as brief as possible, I will (replies Mr Bailey in the "Mercury") state without comment that:—Eels are exempt from the close season for coarse fish by the Act of 1884, and can be taken all the year round in nets, snares, and by means other than legitimate angling. The Honourable Company of Fishmongers exempt eels in their circular re the illegality of fishing freshwater fish during the close season. There is no restriction on the sale of eels from March 15th to June 15th. Although there is undoubtedly an implied illegality in fishing for and taking eels with rod and line during the period under notice, the Act imposes no penalty for so doing. In the Yorkshire Fishery District holders of trout licences are never interfered with for taking eels. In this connection, as in many another, the law is a perfect "hass!" The mere supposition that it should be legal to net, spear, trap, and destroy by every conceivable method a species of fish which must not be angled for by rod and line is simply ridiculous. And if eels can be sold without let or hindrance during the most sporting method of catching them should be recognised as "legal!" Again, if it be legal for an angler holding a trout licence to catch eel, it is certain

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

LANE FOX CUP COMPETITION.

The preliminary round of the Lane Fox Cup Competition will be played on Saturday, and six clubs will be engaged. Crossgates, at home, have an advantage over Halton, but I expect a keen tussle, and Crossgates will have to show improved form if they are to win. Great Preston are due at Whitkirk, and the homesters, although they have been doing better than their opponents, will take no liberties, inasmuch as Preston come off unexpectedly at times. South Milford will entertain Roundhay, and the homesters should, by careful cricket, manage to get into the next round.

Only one Senior League match—Saxton v. Cawood—is down for decision, and the former are given a chance of improving their position in the league table.—In the Junior League one of the keenest matches will be played between Ulleskelf and Kirk Deighton, Tadcaster A expect to beat Sherburn W.R., Barkston will create a surprise if they defeat South Milford A, Halton A will play Aberford, Great Preston A and Barwick A will try conclusions, and Micklefield A intend to make a bold bid for points against Garforth A.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

On Saturday morning rain fell heavily, and the prospect of cricketers fulfilling their engagements in the afternoon was the reverse of bright, but, fortunately, the weather improved, and the League programme, with the exception of one match, was completed. Cawood should have gone to Church Fenton, but I understand that Church Fenton Club hon. sec. wired to Cawood not to make the journey. The destination of the points in this match will be settled at next meeting of the League Executive.

Church Fenton Sycamore have struck a bad patch this season, and neither in batting nor bowling have the players shown the form of previous years, but it is probable they will come again. On Saturday afternoon they were at home to South Milford, and they were completely outplayed. The Milfordians scored 74 for five wickets and declared, and A. Atkinson made 23 (not out) and J. Hodgson 16. C. Poulter was the best of the Sycamore bowlers, capturing 4 wickets for 34 runs. Church Fenton offered a feeble resistance to the Milford attack, and the innings closed for 37, of which F. Poulter had 10. A. Lindley secured 4 of their wickets for 10, E. Atkinson 2 for 4, and H. Chilton 3 for 10.

Details of the match at Saxton have not come to hand, but Tadcaster, I understand, had a decisive victory. The homesters were unable to put up any fight against the Calcarians' bowling, and they were quickly dismissed for 32. This was a very easy task for Tadcaster, who are showing great promise this season, and they soon made 34 for a loss of 4 wickets.

Micklefield and Scarcroft continue their victorious career in division 2, and, with Garforth pressing closely on their heels, a splendid tussle for supremacy may be expected. For the second week in succession Great Preston had the misfortune to be beaten by opponents without the loss of a wicket, and I fancy this is a record for the League. Garforth accomplished the performance first, and Scarcroft followed suit on Saturday. Preston must wake up and show some of their old-time skill. They gave a wretched batting exhibition, being all out for 71, and Dennis Burton secured no fewer than eight of their wickets for 13 runs—a fine feat and no mistake. Tom Toft got two wickets at a cost of 12 runs. D. Burton (25) and G. Thompson (16) obtained the runs necessary for victory.

Micklefield entertained their Barwick friends, and the match was a comparatively low scoring one. The homesters were dismissed for 64, of which Stone put on 18, and W. Brown captured four of their wickets for seven runs. If he maintains this form Barwick should win a few matches before the season ends. B. Robshaw's four wickets were obtained at a cost of 27. Barwick discovered the Micklefield bowling much too good for them, and they had to be content with exactly half of their opponent's total, the chief contributor being Hartley (13 not out). Stone's five wickets were got at an expenditure of 10 runs, and Munro had 3 for 15.

Halton made a really good show at Garforth, and at one time it looked as if they were to secure the points. The losers batted first, and registered 74, towards which S. Haigh contributed 17, E. Daniels and W. Smales 14 each, and H. Cowell 12. Garforth tried all bowlers, and T. Ballance had the best figures (5 wickets for 19). W. Glover secured 3 for 13 runs, Morley one for 9, and Cassegrave one for 11. The home side made a capital start, H. Prime (27) and S. Glover (16) setting the team a good example, and Williamson followed with a useful 11. Then there came a collapse, and eight wickets had fallen ere the necessary runs were obtained. Beeson had 2 wickets for 7, Daniels 3 for 30, Bell 1 for 12, and C. Sunter 1 for 19.

Now that four teams have on equal number of points in division 2, a very interesting situation has arisen, and it is evident that there is not much to choose between the competing elevens. Collingham are not doing so well as was expected, and on Saturday they sustained their third defeat. Crossgates were their opponents, and the teams played on even ground. The losers' innings realized only 41, and the feature of it was the batting of Emmerson, who claimed no fewer than 23 (not out). B. Spivey secured two wickets for 4, Yeates 2 for 14, Goodall 2 for 16, and White 1 for 5. For a loss of five wickets Crossgates scored 42, and Barnell made 22 (not out) and Wilson 11. Emmerson was again the most useful man on his side, taking 3 wickets for 14, while Smithson had 1 for 5, and Tweddale 1 for 16.

Whitkirk came a cropper on the Halton Weslevans' ground, and, after their recent fine displays, I think they were not as careful as they might have been. Nevertheless, Halton might have won an easier victory than they secured. The visitors opened, as usual, with Milford and Arthur Shepherd, and the former, by making 17, showed that he is the most reliable batsman on the side. Taylor made 10 runs and A. Shepherd 8, but none of the others did much, and the innings closed for 46. Powell, with 4 wickets for 3—a capital performance—had the best figures among Halton bowlers, while Muirland had 2 for 9. O. Bell 2 for 14, and Wilson 2 for 24. Halton's first wicket—Kilburn 18 and J. W. Popplewell 13—put on over 30 runs, and things looked bright enough for Whitkirk, but they stuck to their task, and Halton actually lost nine wickets in getting 47. E. Ingle captured four wickets for 15, and Fred Wainwright had 3 for 17.

Shadwell gave an inglorious exhibition at Old Maccabeans, but they have the consolation that the score of 17 is not the lowest ever recorded in the League. It stands at eight. They had only ten men, and Ted Clough and Coultis soon had them out, the former claiming five wickets for 9 runs, and the latter 3 for 5 runs. It was no doubt a disheartening job for Shadwell, but I doubt that Heaton, who is the mainstay of the team, was unduly depressed. For a loss of one wicket Crossgates secured their first points, and D. Umpleby made 12 (not out).

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Bramham have received their first defeat, and Kirk Deighton brought it about. The losers were dismissed for 54 (Kerridge 15), and G. White captured four of their wickets for eight runs, while E. Linfoot had 4 for 16, and Beasley 2 for 10. Kirk Deighton made 55 for 9 wickets, and J. Beech played a fine innings of 29. Cawood improved their form by 5. Dawson 3 for 28, and Shaw 2 for 20.—Ulleskelf met with a check at Tadcaster, and were beaten, after a good match, by 13 runs. The Calcarians made 36, and Garbutt, coming in at the finish, knocked up 17 (not out). Potter captured 5 wickets for 20, Bean 3 for 24, and Stronach 2 for nil. The Ulleskelf team were dismissed for 37 (Smith 11), and A. Taylor had 4 of their wickets for 12, Smart 3 for 12, and Shearsmith 2 for 10.—Sherburn W.R. went to South Milford, and they were badly beaten. The Millfordians settled up 148 for 9 and declared (Illsley 55, Butcher 30, Alf. Atkinson, jun., 22, not out, and Stainburn 11), and Sherburn made only 91 (Dixon 14). J. Hill (Milford) gave the best bowling performance of the day—four wickets for no runs—while Crawford had 2 for 8, and Mr. Lindley 2 for 16. On the Sherburn side E. Hunter had 3 wickets for 19, and Popplewell 2 for 23.

In division 2 Scarcroft A, whose opponents were Great Preston A, got a fright. The match was on the green, and the homesters scored 97 (J. Dennell 21, J. Linley 5, Ball, and W. Linley 13 each), and J. Cooper obtained four of their wickets for 28. Then there was a collapse, and the remaining six wickets realized only five runs. J. Linley trundled with great effect, bowling 7 wickets for 18, while Ernest Hunter had 2 for 2 runs.—Barwick A brought off their first victory, and they are to be congratulated. Micklefield A were their opponents, and they made 42 (Simpson 17). Six wickets for 17 runs was T. Robshaw's bowling record, and Micklefield succumbed for 5 wickets for 21. For a loss of five wickets Barwick put on 44, and Lovett had a good innings of 20.—Garforth A defeated Aberford by nine wickets. The losers made 28 (G. Connell 10), and Garforth scored 29 for the loss of a wicket, the Piersegills batting well. For Garforth W. Hancock had 5 wickets for 12 and F. Hancock 5 for 13.

In division 3 Crossgates Wes. A. have assumed the leadership. Their opponents on Saturday were the Garforth Wes., who were defeated by 16 runs. Crossgates innings, which realized 106, was distinguished by the fine display of T. Yeadon, who made 54 (not out), while G. Willans put on 13. F. Gent trundled well for Garforth, taking 6 wickets for 26. Garforth made a great effort to get on terms with their opponents, but they had to be content with 88, H. Goodall securing 21, F. Siberry 19, and R. Brownridge 19 (not out). Selman secured 5 wickets for 32 and E. Beaumont had 4 for 26.—Crossgates A received a severe drubbing at Colton Mill, and the irony of it was that the bulk of the score was got by Southwick, the man whose reinstatement Crossgates applied for. Swillington and Colton led off with 114 (Southwick 50, not out), and the best of the Crossgates trundlers was H. Linley, who had 7 wickets for 45. Crossgates batting were poor, and 28 was no score for the team. They must "buck up." Mosby trundled splendidly, five wickets for 7, while Dobson had 4 for 19.—Whitkirk A managed to defeat Halton Wes. A by 3 wickets. The losers led off with 56 (Dewhirst 22) and Whitkirk replied with 48 for 7 wickets (H. Nowell 15 and Webb 13). For the winners W. Cuttle had 4 wickets for 8, H. Nowell 4 for 21, Tate 1 for 2, and Bruce 1 for 9.

ROTHWELL'S WINS.

Rothwell, in their friendly match with Wingate at Rothwell, won by seven wickets. The visitors were got out for a total of 39, the home eleven making matters safe with 42 for three wickets. W. Bedford contributed largely towards the success of Rothwell with his bowling, and eight of the visitors' wickets fell to him for 23 runs. The highest individual scores made among the Wingate men were those of W. and J. Wilkinson, who each made nine. A noteworthy performance with the bat was made by W. Fox for Rothwell, who secured 21 (not out), while C. Clark made ten off Firth's bowling before he was caught.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

On Saturday afternoon Carlton gained a decisive victory over Outwood Friends. The match was at Carlton, and the homesters sent up the respectable total of 83, and L. Bowin played splendid cricket for his score of 41, receiving valuable assistance from E. Fozzard (13). Outwood were gog rid of for 46, Ackroyd making 19 and Lunn 12. Carlton A., however, were not so successful. Outwood A. entertained the, and by honours are scored 100 (Richardson 27), and W. Ashton captured four of their wickets for 22, and W. Newton 4 for 23. Carlton A. were disposed of for 83 (Newton 23 and J. Ashton 13, not out).

Robin Hood were too good for Alotts United, who were dismissed at Robin Hood for 46. W. Hall making 14. The winners responded with 18 for six wickets, and E. Smith made 15 (not out), and P. Wormald 21 (not out).

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Garforth v. Tadcaster.
Crossgates Recreation v. Halton Travellers.
Crossgates v. Garforth Conservatives.

A match between the Barkston Ash Association and Airedale Association will be played on the Crossgates Club's green on Whit-Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m.

GENERAL WEAKNESS CURED.

(Copy). 53, New Lloyd Street, Kirkstall.

To Prof. Crosswaite.

Dear Sir,—Eight years ago my head broke out in two or three different places, for which I was under four different doctors, and received absolutely no benefit. Two years ago my general health failed, and I gradually got worse and worse until I was unable to follow my usual employment. I was gradually losing flesh; in three weeks I lost 18 lbs in weight, and was in great despair of recovering. Eventually I was recommended to try what you could do for me, and under your treatment I gained 11lbs. in three weeks. My head is now completely better, and I feel better now than I have been for 13 yrs. I can strongly recommend your treatment to all suffering humanity.

With sincere thanks,

I am, yours truly,

J. KINGHAM

SKIN SPECIALIST MEDICAL HERBALIST PROF. CROSSWAITE 64, KIRKSTALL Rd. LEEDS

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE:

Morning:	Afternoon:	Evening:
10 to 12.	2 to 4.	5 to 8.

WEDNESDAY (Evenings only) 6.30 to 8.

No Attendance on Sundays.

COMFORTABLE WAITING ROOM.
PRIVATE CONSULTING ROOM

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	3	3	0	0	6
South Milford	3	2	1	0	4
Church Fenton	3	1	1	0	2
Cawood	3	1	1	0	2
Saxton - - -	3	1	2	0	2
Church Fenton Syc.	3	0	3	0	0

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Micklefield	3	3	0	0	6
Scarcroft	3	3	0	0	6
Garforth	3	2	1	0	4
Halton	3	1	2	0	2
Barwick	3	0	3	0	0
Great Preston	3	0	3	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Whitkirk	3	2	1	0	4
Shadwell	3	2	1	0	4
Crossgates	3	2	1	0	4
Halton Wes.	3	2	1	0	4
Crossgates Wes.	3	1	2	0	2
Collingham	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bramham	3	2	1	0	4
Ulleskelf	3	2	1	0	4
Tadcaster A.	3	2	1	0	4
Sherburn W.R.	3	1	1	0	2
Kirk Deighton	3	1	1	0	2
South Milford A.	3	1	2	0	2
Barkston Ash	3	0	2	0	0

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft A.	3	3	0	0	6
Halton A.	3	2	0	0	4
Garforth A.	3	2	1	0	4
Great Preston A.	3	1	2	0	2
Barwick	3	1	2	0	2
Micklefield A.	3	0	3	0	0
Aberford	3	0	3	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Crossgates Wes. A.	3	3	0	0	6
Garforth Wes.	3	2	1	0	4
Whitkirk A.	3	2	1	0	4
Crossgates A.	3	1	2	0	2
Swillington and Colton	3	1	2	0	2
Halton Wes. A.	3	0	3	0	0

E. D. PAWSON, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY

LANE FOX CUP—PRELIMINARY ROUND

Crossgates v. Halton. Messrs H. Ward (Great Preston) and J. Dobson (Garforth).

Whitkirk v. Great Preston. Messrs. J. L. Kitching (Leeds) and C. Atack (Micklefield).

South Milford v. Roundhay. Messrs W. Crossland (Scholes) and H. Jackson (Seacroft).

SENIOR LEAGUE

Saxton v. Cawood. Messrs T. Carroll (Tadcaster) and H. Watson (Barkston Ash).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Ulleskelf v. Kirk Deighton. Messrs W. Turner (Tadcaster) and R. Firn (Cawood).

Tadcaster A. v. Shrvburn White Rose. Messrs E Smith (Ulleskelf) and T. Ambler (Church Fenton Sycr.).

Barkston Ash v. South Milford A. Messrs P. Hardcastle (Church Fenton Syc.) and H. Bell (Saxton).

Sherburn W.R. v. Bramham. Messrs G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton) and E. Levitt (Swillington).

Great Preston A. v. Barwick A. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and J. Fox (Swillington and Colton).

Micklefield A. v. Garforth A. Messrs H. Boston (South Milford) and W. Nicholson (Halton).

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

Alotts United v. Oulton.
Stanley v. Outwood Friends.
Carlton v. Robin Hood.
Woodlesford v. Rothwell.

BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

League Table including Saturday, May 23rd.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Garforth	4	3	1	758	539	2
Crossgates	3	0	3	357	600	0
Crossgates Recreation	3	0	3	318	603	0
Garforth Conservatives	2	1	1	331	340	0
Garforth W.M.	2	2	0	391	268	0
Halton	3	3	0	587	423	0
Halton Travellers	3	0	3	371	595	0
Tadcaster	4	3	1	757	500	0

Points are given on the result of the home and home games.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

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BARKSTON ASH TEAM TO MEET AIREDALE TEAM.

The following will represent Barkston Ash Association in the match with Airedale Association on Tuesday at Crossgates:—

H. Hutchinson (Thornes), President.
T. Simpson (Garforth W.M.), vice-president.
W. Green (Halton), hon. sec.
A. Cain (Halton).
H. Thomas (Halton).
F. Vince (Halton).
A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M.)
G. Hill (Garforth W.M.).
J. Firth (Crossgates).
C. Holliday (Crossgates).
W. Hardcastle (Crossgates).
F. Jubb (Crossgates).
I. Semper (Crossgates).
A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster).
C. Moverley (Tadcaster).
G. Barker (Garforth Conservative).
B. Dickinson (Halton Travellers).
J. P. Cord (Crossgates Recreation).
E. Walker (Garforth).

RESERVES

A. Reed (Garforth W.M.).
B. Smith (Halton Travellers).
S. Hoyle (Crossgates Recreation).
J. T. Young (Garforth Conservative).

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

SOUTH MILFORD V. CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE —At Church Fenton. Scores:—

South Milford—R. Sutton, lbw, b C. Poulter, 0; H. Chilton, c E Hodgeson, b C Poulter, 9; E Atkinson, b C Poulter, 9; R Tindale, b E Poulter, 5; A. Atkinson, not out, 23; J. Hodgson, b C. Poulter, 16; H. Hutchcroft, not out, 0; extras, 5; total (for 5 wkts.), 74. Declared.

Church Fenton Syc.—E. Britton, b Lindley, 0; J. Harrison, c Lindley, b Chilton, 2; A. Moore, lbw, b Chilton, 0; A. Holt, b Chilton, 0; R. Chilton, c Hodgeave, b Lindley, 4; C Poulter, b Lindley, 2; F. Poulter, b E Atkinson, 10; E. Poulter, b Lindley, 1; G H Ambler, b E Atkinson, 2; C. Whittingham, not out, 0; T. Wrightson, not out, 0; extras, 7; total, 37.

GREAT PRESTON V. SEACROFT.—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Great Preston—F Wheatley, b D Burton, 2; W Blackburn, b D Burton, 1; T Wiggleswortb, c Simpson, b D Burton, 0; A Thompson, c Piersegill, b Toft, 9; P Firth, c Taylor, b D Burton, 1; H. Wigglesworth, b Toft, 4; J. Green, b D Burton, 0; A Wigglesworth, b D Burton, 2; C Thompson, c Thompson, b D Burton, 4; E. Thackray, st Atack, b D Burton, 2; H. Ward, not out, 3; extras, 2; total, 38.

Seacroft—D. Burton, not out, 25; G. Thompson, not out, 16; extra, 1; total (for no wkt.), 42.

GARFORTH V. HALTON.—At Garforth. Scores:

Halton—S Haight 17, W. Mason 1, C. Sunter 2, H. Cowell 12, J. Balmer 0, E. Daniel 14, W Benson 3, H Taylor 3, N Ball 4, W Smales 14, H Dobson 1, extras, 2; total, 73.

Garforth—H. Prime 27, S. Glover 16, H. Williamson 11, W. Glover 0, H. Morley 2, H Gascoigne 0, J Wilson (not out) 5, T Ballance 0, A Firth 1; extras, 6; total (for 8 wkts.), 74.

MICKLEFIELD V. BARWICK.—At Micklefield. Scores:—

Micklefield—A Godber, b B Robshaw, 4; J Wallis, c and b Bowes, 2; J Munro, b Robshaw, 8; E Stone, b Robshaw, 19; A Smith, c Hartley, b Brown, 5; F Hobson, b Robshaw, 6; E. Hardwick, c Robshaw, b Brown, 2; J H Townend, c Lamb, b Brown, 0; S Taylor, not out, 8; S Wilson, b Brown, 0; J Hardy c T Robshaw, b Brown, 1; extras, 9; total, 64.

Barwick—B. Robshaw, b Stone, 1; W. Hartley, not out, 13; G. Bowes, b Stone, 2; F. Lamb, b Munro, 0; T Robshaw, b Stone, 1; H Walton, b Stone, 2; J. Pollard, b Munro, 1; V. Robshaw, c Hardwick, b Munro, 1; W. Armitage, c Hardwick, b Stone, 5; K. Birch, b Munro, 0; W. Brown, c Godber, b Smith, 0; extras, 6; total, 32.

CROSSGATES V. COLLINGHAM.—At Crossgates. Scores:—

Collingham—Harland, b Yeates, 2; F. Whitehead, c Harvey, b Goodall, 3; R. Smithson, c and b Yeates, 5; A. Newsom, b Goodall, 0; W. Emmerson, not out, 25; E. Dawson, run out, 2; A. Young, b White, 1; Twidale, run out, 0; Burnett, b Spivey, 0; Whitehead, c Brookes, b Spivey, 0; extras, 3; total, 41.

Crossgates—J. Burnell, not out, 22; B Spivey, b Emmerson, 0; H. White, b Emmerson, 0; O. Goodall, c sub, b Twidale, 3; J. Harvey, b Emmerson, 0; T. Wilson, c Dawson, b Smith, 0; Yeates, run out, 5; L. Stephens, lbw, b Smith, 0; extras, 9; total (for 5 wkts.), 42.

HALTON WES V. WHITKIRK.—At Halton. Scores:—

Whitkirk—A. R. Milford, c Powell, b Wilson, 17; A. Shepherd, c Stephen, b G. Bell, 8; J. Shepherd, st Stephen, b Wilson, 1; W E. Taylor, c and b Powell, 10; F. Lowsley, b Muirland, 5; E. Ingle, c Crosthwaite, b Powell, 5; C. Coultas, b Muirland, 0; E D Pawson, b Powell, 0; W L. Moss, c Steven, b Powell, 0; J. Berry, not out, 0; total, 46.

Halton Wes.—C M Kilburn, run out, 18; J W Popplewell, b Ingle, 13; J A Popplewell, c Taylor, b Ingle, 1; A Powell, b Ingle, 2; C W Moore, b Ingle, 0; A T Muirland, b Wainwright, 0; G O Bell, b Wainwright, 3; G. O Crosthwaite, run out, 5; L. Stephens, lbw, b Wainwright, 0; C. E. Batty, not out, 2; H. Wilson, not out, 0; extras, 3; total (for 9 wkts.), 47.

SHADWELL V. CROSSGATES WES.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Shadwell—Heaton, b E Clough, 2; Scott, c Webster, b E Clough, 2; Metcalfe, c Thompson, b P. Coultas, 3; Freeman, b Clough, 0; Burnett, c Mills, b Clough, 4; Mills, c Brook, b Coultas, 0; Weatherill, b Coultas, 1; Peel, b Webster, 1; Mawson, run out, 0; Taylor, b Clough, 2; extras, 3; total, 17.

Crossgates Wes.—D. Umpleby, not out, 12; P. Coultas, c and b Peel, 6; G. Umpleby, not out, 2; total (for 1 wkt.), 21.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

KIRK DEIGHTON V. BRAMHAM.—At Kirk Deighton. Scores:—Bramham—J. Glass 8, J. Whitaker 1, J. Dawson 1, H. Tindall 1, A. Stockdale 8, D. Kerridge 15, H. Shaw 0, R. Hebbron (not out) 3, G. Brown 7, G. Eastwood 1, J. Bullock 0; extras, 9; total, 54. Kirk Deighton—J. Oxley 6, F. Nicholson 5, T. H. Raine 0, H. Oxley 0, E. Linfoot 4, J. Forth 29, R. Nicholson 3, A. Swann, 4, J. Beasley 0, G White (not out) 1, C. Oxley (not out) 1, extras, 2; total (for 9 wkts), 55.

TADCASTER A V. ULLESKELF.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—Tadcaster A—A. Smart 6, H. Chatfield 5, A. Atkinson 0, A. Taylor 3, A. Shearsmith 0, W Iredale 3, J T Kettlewell 2, G Turner 0, G Iredale 1, H. Taylor 7, J. W. Garbutt (not out) 17, extras, 6; total, 50.—Ulleskelf—N Ward 5, W Bean 0, G Lacy 0, F Holt 5, J Potter 2, D Varey 2, J Sykes 0, F Smith 11, F Stronach 4, J Robinson 1, T Tristram (not out) 4, extras, 3; total, 37.

SOUTH MILFORD A. V. SHERBURN W.R.—At South Milford. Scores:—South Milford A—J A Cain (Halton), 0; Hey 6, L. Butcher 36, Albert Lindley 0, B. Stainburn 11, J. Hill 0, Alf. Atkinson, jun. (not out) 22, F. Wyman 4, Arthur Chilton (not out) 6; Walt. Lindley 7, F. Crawford 3, extras, 8; total (for 9 wkts.) 158. Sherburn W.R.—C. Dixon 14, J. E. Elliff 2, W. Lunn 7, J Gallagher 1, E Townend 0, B Hey 7, S. Oliver 0, W. Smith 0, T. Popplewell 0, C. Cook 3, J. Wilson (not out) 0; extras, 3; total, 39.

MICKLEFIELD A. V. BARWICK A.—At Barwick. Scores:—Micklefield A—T. Lonsdale 0, J. Simpson 17, G. Tomkinson 2, L. Mvalcin 0, T. Walton 0, H Garforth 4, J. Fitchett 0, G. Sellitoe 5, W. Kilburn (not out) 8, A. Meakes 1, W. Townend 1; extras, 4; total, 42. Barwick A—W. Lovett 20, W. Ingham 7, M. Lumb (not out) 7, W. Parker 2, T. H. Robshaw 0, F. Puffan 0, F. Scargill (not out) 2; extras, 6; total (for 7 wkts.), 44.

SCARCROFT A. V. GREAT PRESTON A.—At Seacroft. Scores:—Seacroft A—J. Linley 15, F. Derwick 0, S. Ball 15, E. Hunter 1, B. Johnson 1, J. W. Smith 0, J. Dennell 21, J. Hardy 5, W. Linley 15, C. Linley 7, W. Brooke (not out) 5, extras, 12; total, 97. Great Preston—E Colley 4, G. Varley 24, G. Wrigglesworth 5, J. Cooper 7, F. Hutchinson 15, E. Swailes 0, W. Howson 2, H. Lilley 0, H. Wrigglesworth 0, W. Oldham, (not out), 9, C. Mason 0, extras, 17; total, 74.

GARFORTH WES. V. CROSSGATES WES. A.—At Garforth. Scores:—Crossgates Wes. A.—H Thompson 8, C Holiday 7, G Wiltans 13, N Brooks 9, T. Yeadon (not out) 54, A. Brook 4, E Beaumont 0, B Beaumont 1, J Selman 3, F Hewitt 3, A. Rodgers 0, extras, 4; total, 106. Garforth Wes.—H Nowell 4, F. Siberry 19, H Goodall 21, V. Siberry 3, J. Johnson 0, A. Hewitt 0, H Siberry 3, R Brownridge (not out) 19, F Gent 3, W. Turner 0, H. Dibb, 7; extras, 8; total, 88.

SWILLINGTON AND COLTON V. CROSSGATES A.—At Colton Mill. Scores:—Swillington—W. Glasoigne 4, A. Dobson 4, J. Southwick (not out) 59, J. H. Wainwright 0, H. Wainwright 9, G W Gascoigne 6, G Barraclough 2, F. Wright 6, S. Barraclough 3, T. Barraclough 1, G. Mosby 4, extras, 13; total, 114.—Crossgates A.—Wilkinson 0, Brookes 11, Holliday 4, Hague 2, Smith 6, Linley 1, Turner 1, Whiting 0, Oliver 1, Walker 3, Curtis (not out) 3; extras, 2; total, 28.

WHITKIRK A. V. HALTON WES. A.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—Halton Wes. A.—S. Clarke 5, W. Taylor 7, Dewhirst 12, G Hardcastle 0, G Palmer 6, Sunter 0, T Clarke 4, H. Schofield 2, H. Sykes 0, G. Goodall (not out) 0, Rep. 4; extras, 6; total, 46. Whitkirk A—C. Nowell 0, H. Nowell 15, W. Cuttell 1, G. White 0, W. R. Tate 1, H. M. Webb 13, L. Firth 3, S. Woodward (not out) 2; E. Mackay (not out) 4; extras, 9; total (for 7 wkts.), 48.

ABERFORD V. GARFORTH A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—A Lupton 0, F. Walton 5, A. Nutton 0, J. Blakey 4, J. Connell 10, J. Addy 1, H Abbott 2, E. Capper 1, T. Lindley 1, A Stringer (not out) 0, A. Pratt 1, extras 3; total, 28. Garforth A—J Hudson 2, H Pickersgill (not out) 14, A. Piersegill (not out) 10, extras, 3; total (for 1 wkt.), 29.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

ROBIN HOOD V. ALTOFTS UNITED.—At Robin Hood. Scores:—

Altofts United—J. Bednall, b Frjst, 2; H. Firth, b Kirkby, 2; Arthur Bednall, b Frost, 1; W. Hall, c Kirkby, b Frost, 14; E. Adams, c Wormald, b Frost, 1; W. Knowles, b Kirkby, 6; B. Kirk, b Frost, 1; Alf. Bednall, b Frost, 1; J. Brown, b Fearnley, 9; R. Deakin, not out, 0; J. Hampson, b Frost, 13; extras, 8; total, 46.

Robin Hood—E. Smith, not out, 15; J. H. Lamb, b Alf. Bednall, 5; L. Armitage, b Alf. Bednall, 2; C. Fearnley, c Knowles, b Arthur Bednall, 1; F. Wormald, b Arthur Adams, 0; W. Frost, b Alf. Bednall, 0; S. Fearnley, b Alf. Bednall, 0; P. Wormald, not out, 21; extras, 4; total (for 6 wkts.), 48.

CARLTON V. OUTWOOD FRIENDS.—At Carlton. Scores:—

Carlton—J Illingworth, c and b White, 0; J. Brown, b White, 1; L. Bowin, c Thompson, b Hoyland, 41; E. Pozzard, c Wheeler, b Lunn, 15; Y. Sykes, b Lunn, 0; J. Brook, c Lunn, b Hoyland, 2; R. Ellis, b Hoyland, 1; R. Butterworth, b Lunn, 7; W. Brown, run out, 0; S. Lawrence, not out, 7; W. Holroyd, c Colley, b Lunn 0; extras, 8; total, 83.

Outwood—H. Dixon, c Pozzard, b Sykes, 1; E. Thompson, b Illingworth, 8; J. W. Lunn, b Brook, 12; D. White, b Sykes, 1; M. Wheeler, b Sykes, 0; A. Hargreaves, run out, 1; R. Hoyland, b Illingworth, 0; J. Colley, c Brown, b Illingworth, 0; L. Ackroyd, b Illingworth, 19; H. Whiteley, b Brook, 0; W. Bedford, not out, 2; extras, 2; total, 46.

CARLTON A. V. OUTWOOD A.—At Outwood. Scores:—Outwood A.—E. Ackroyd 4; H. Lees 9, W. Jones 8, P. Tattersall 1, J. Whitaker 1, W. Richardson 27, W. Ashton 13, F. Woolley 0, W. Finnigan 10, J. Land (not out) 4, G. Fowler 0, extras, 16; total, 100. Carlton A.—W. Fox 3, G. Dixon 2, A. Turner 2, W. Newton 23, W. Ashton 3, J. Nunne 3, H. Hardwick 4, J. Speak 7, S. Dobson 6, J. Ashton (not out) 13, J. Newton 6; extras, 11; total, 83.

OULTON A. V. WOODLESFORD A.—Scores:—Woodlesford—L. Taylor 21, Dunnett 32, T. Morton 11, Wilkinson 0, Holmes 0, Collin 2, Hamer 0, H. Abbey 2, Baxter (not out) 0, Carter 1, Williams 0, extras, 3; total 72. Oulton A—D. Nettleton 0, C. Butterick 0, J. W. Davey 10, E. Lee 2, E. Parkinson 11, F. Flockton 4, A. Jones 1, T. Jones 4, Whitworth 8, T. Hurdus 2, G. Higgins (not out) 18, extras, 3; total, 63.

ORDINARY MATCH.

ROTHWELL V. WINGATE.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Wingate—S. Jessop, b Bedford 0, W. Wilkinson, b Banks, 9; J. Wilkinson, b Bedford, 9; W. Whitton, c Moss, b Bedford, 5; J. Firth, c Fowler, b Bedford, 11; E. Hepworth, b Banks, 2; C. Walker, c Fox, b Bedford, 1; G. Wright, not out, 2; G. Braithwaite, b Bedford, 2; A. Malcolm, b Bedford, 0; S. Coleman, c Dowey, b Bedford, 3; extras, 5; total, 59. Rothwell—A. Clarke, c Wilkinson, b Firth, 10; J. Newton, b Whitton, b Walker, 1; W. Fox, not out, 21; S. Faulkiner, b Wilkinson, 4; C. Moss, not out, 2; extras, 4; total (for 3 wkts.), 42.

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

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CHAPTER XV.

"Sit down," said Colthurst. His voice was exceedingly quiet. He also at least kept himself under absolute control. The quietness of his voice surpassed the other man's rising excitement.

"You say you have read the will?"

"I have; and the news that you were left everything, and that I and my children had nothing at all—that my boy Tom was cut off with a penny, and my girl Laura was no more to the old man than if she had never existed —rankled and rankled in my mind. At last I determined to come to England. I have a bit of a farm in South Africa, and I let it to a neighbour; he rents it from me, and will do so for the next couple of years. I and my wife and children are now living on that little bit of rent. I can tell you, Cousin Paul, it isn't a large sum. It only means a few hundreds a year. It means living with great care and economy. It means shabby rooms to sleep in, and a shabby dining-room to sit in, and people like the Fetherstones to amuse oneself with. It means poor clothes for Laura, who is quite a pretty girl, and it means a beastly dog, good-for-nothing life for Tom. There was a bit of luck, however, in going to that woman whose name is Luck. Tom's luck, I mean, is decent. I came across a friend of yours—Miss Patricia Ransome. She is a nice old woman, and she became rather friendly with me. I drew her out, and—has it ever struck you, Paul Colthurst, that that woman is bothered with a secret?"

"By no means," said Paul. He changed colour quickly, and was vexed with himself for doing so.

"Well," said Tom, fixing his eyes on his cousin's face, "to be frank, I do not agree with you. I think she is worried with a secret, and, what is more, I mean to get it from her."

"You have nothing to get. I have known Miss Ransome for a long time. I knew her during my first wife's lifetime; she was a great friend of hers, and since then I have, to a certain extent, kept up the connection."

"Have you? Now, I greatly wonder if you have."

"Fill your pipe again, won't you?" was Colthurst's reply.

"I am going to be quite frank with you," continued Oswald, as he filled his pipe fragrant tobacco into the bowl of his pipe, adjusted it skilfully, and dexterously applied a light to it. "I say, Paul, this tobacco is worth smoking. You can't think what a treat it is to a poor man to taste the wealth of a rich man once in a while. It's almost worth being poor —the enjoyment it gives one to taste the pleasures of the rich. However, let me speak. I went to Somerset House and read the will. It seems to me that a vast lot hangs on the marriage of these two young people, and that if anything occurs to prevent the marriage you are somewhat up a tree, old man, and I eventually—eventually, not at present, Paul, but I eventually am the person who holds the golden coin; I enter into the possession of the rich man. You are gathering your fathers, and I, if I am alive, or, if not, my son Tom and my daughter Laura secure the wealth. Now, the wealth (except a mere trifle bagatelle), which once belonged to Walter Colthurst. That is so, isn't it?"

"If you have read the will you ought to know," said Colthurst, in a quiet voice.

"I have read it. And I don't see why you must feel rather uncomfortable about it, don't you, Paul, old man?"

"Not at all. Why should I? The young people love each other, and are engaged."

"Ah!" said Tom. "Ah! but engaged ain't married."

Paul was silent.

"I wish to say to you very distinctly that engaged ain't married, and I wish to say more: that it will be my object—not to commit a crime; no, no, nothing of that sort—but it will be my object to prevent, by some wheel of young love, to present, by some means—a quite natural means—oh! I will keep well within the arm of the law—to prevent the marriage of Peter and Pamela. Now, I must be a very fool-people, not honourable, honest sort of fellow to come to you with a honest sort of fellow to come to you with a statement of this sort. But there, you see what I am. It is my way. Above board is the way of Tom Oswald; paying his debts to the penny is Thomas Oswald's line. Keep within the arm of the law is Thomas Oswald's motto. And now, Paul Colthurst, you know."

"I know that you cannot possibly prevent these two dear young people from marrying each other, and the sooner you get that idea out of your head the better," said Colthurst.

Oswald sat and watched his cousin for a little. After a moment or two he said:

"I may, perhaps, have more myself an income by coming here to-day."

"You have done yourself neither good nor injury. I take no notice of your words."

"Nevertheless," continued Oswald, "it will be to your interest to hurry on the marriage."

"No, I shall not hurry it on. My children shall please themselves."

"You are acting very unwisely, let me tell you. I mean every word I say. It is to my interest that they should not marry, and I will prevent it if I can."

"It is well for you to add the last few words: 'If I can.' You can't."

"You mean, then, that you are not in the least afraid of me?"

"Not in the very least."

"Then you're a pluckier man than I took you for. I say now, suppose——"

Paul had not been smoking. He had taken a few whiffs from his pipe, and then laid it down on a slab near him. He fixed his grave, thoughtful eyes on his cousin's face.

"Suppose," said Oswald, and he coloured slightly, "we were to make it a matter of business that I do not interfere in this matter."

Paul felt inclined to utter some very strong language, but he restrained himself. He sat with his eyes fixed on the other man's face.

"After all," said Oswald, "they—poor pretty young things—they are fond of each other, and it is possible for me to stand aside, not to interfere, not to make them miserable for all their days. I may be bought, you know. I am open to an offer."

Silence on the part of Colthurst.

"It would have to be," continued Oswald, watching his host very narrowly, "a substantial offer—a substantial sum down; something that would put me in mine out of the reach of want—say, twenty thou. How would twenty thou do? If you were to settle twenty thou on me, giving me the capital right away, why, I'd go back to South Africa with my wife and Tom and Laura and never worry you again. What do you say—twenty thou on the nail? It's worth it, old man—Then you can let those two stay engaged to each other as long as ever you please. It's worth it. Think of it, old man. Duty be so high and mighty. Think of it, and save your children. I'm a dangerous man when I'm opposed, and I tell you, I have my heart in this matter—my heart, and the future of my children. Twenty thou may close the deal. Is it a go, or is it not?"

"It is no. I am not afraid of you. I shan't buy the prevention of your evil ways with a single penny."

Thomas Oswald coloured an ugly mottled red. "Very well," he said. "Then you leave me to do my worst?"

"I leave you, Oswald, to do anything you can. You can do nothing."

"We'll see, we'll see. I suppose, quite apart from this, you wouldn't object to *lending* me a couple of hundred at the present moment? It would be such a bagatelle to you, and such a welcome assistance to me."

"Do you really want the money?"

"Want it? Of course I want it."

"I have no objection to giving it to you, Thomas; but as to lending it—I don't lend money."

"I am not proud, Paul. I am willing to take it as a gift, you see."

"Very well. I will write you out a cheque."

"Thanks."

Paul rose, went to his writing-table, filled in a cheque for two hundred pounds, and brought it across to his cousin.

"Paul," he said, "you are welcome to this. But please understand—it is not to be repeated, and I would rather you did not visit here except by invitation. I am sorry for you, but, after all, I do not see that you have any cause to be disappointed. You are, compared with me, an exceedingly distant relation of Walter Colthurst. He would naturally leave his property to his nearest of kin."

"I am very much obliged for this," said Thomas, folding up the little cheque carefully and putting it into his note-book. "Now, I suppose I am not one bit the richer, eh? Trying things to wish them happinese, must I?"

"I think they have left the place. They were going for a motor drive."

"Well, give them the kindest wishes of good Cousin Tom and remember me to your precious lady-pet—charming woman, my lady, very charming. Keep poor Miss Patricia as long as you can. They treat her shamefully at the Cedars. That room she sleeps in isn't fit for a cat. Keep her here, and make her happy. She's a good old soul, and deserves to be. And to your son Peter. Well, Paul, we might have made a bargain, and I might, in case you chose, change your mind. But thanks all the same for this drop in the ocean."

Tom pushed his waistcoat pocket as he spoke. A minute later, Paul Colthurst saw him to the gates. He did not offer to send things to the station. He was disgusted with the man, and, although the gift of two hundred pounds was not seriously trouble to him, he was determined not to encourage him to come to the place again.

CHAPTER XVI.

Thomas Oswald parted from his host with all appearance of outward friendliness. Some neighbours who were driving past saw Colthurst talking to a very rough-looking man—a man who clapped him on the back, and said, "I think you've got the whip," and then disappeared down the dusty road.

Paul did not wait to watch him out of sight. He returned slowly to the house. It took Thomas some time to reach the railway station. He had a cheque for two hundred pounds in his pocket. He had ordered a first-class meal; he had smoked the best tobacco that had touched his lips in the whole course of his life. He had sat for a couple of hours in the midst of luxury—luxury which he sincerely thought ought to have been his. Now he was away, but he had done good "biz." He had got two hundred pounds for nothing. He had made an offer which, if accepted, would put him and his family out of the reach of want practically for ever, and which, if refused, meant no open declaration of war.

"I'm above board, whatever else I am," thought Thomas to himself. "Now then, the thing to do is to see Silas Luke without a moment's delay. If there is anyone who can help me at this juncture, it is Silas. It is on account of him I got that two hundred pounds, for he's such a 'cute dog he'll do nothing for nothing."

Tom kept his mind and thoughts fixed on Silas Luke all the way up to town. He reached London at six o'clock in the evening. Instead of going back to No. 10, James-street, he hired a hansom—this he felt he could well afford with his cousin's cheque in his pocket—and drove to 17, Fisher-street, Pimlico. He thought it would look well to arrive there in a hansom.

Fisher-street was a decidedly low part of that somewhat fashionable neighbourhood. Close by were the houses of the enormously rich, the fashionable, those who loved society, and who bartered their wealth for the pleasures of life. But in the background there were always the slums, and amongst the many slums was one a trifle slummier than the rest, and this was Fisher-street. It was here that Silas Luke lived; or, rather, it was here Silas Luke could be found at the present moment. There had been a time, years ago in South Africa, when Tom and Silas were very much on a footing, and when, through a stroke of good fortune, Tom had been able to save Silas's life. Silas had been very nearly carried away by a raging lion, when Tom, who had abundance of courage, rushed to the rescue, shot the brute behind the ear, and delivered Silas from a death of awful horror. Since then Silas had formed one of those extraordinary attachments which come now and then in the life of a very rough man.

Thomas got out of his taxicab, desired the chauffeur to wait, and went upstairs. The front door of No. 17 was never shut, and he had no difficulty in reaching the fourth floor. He knocked with a stick on the door of a back room. A gruff voice said: "Who's there?" Tom made a few inarticulate, puzzling sounds. Instantly there was a noise within. The door was flung open, and a man in his shirt sleeves stood before him.

"I say, Oswald!"

"Yes, it's me," said Oswald; "and I've got a job for you, Silas, old man, which I want to talk over with you. Now, look slippy. Put on your things; make yourself as smart as you please. It's my turn to treat you to-night, please. I've got a few shillings in my pocket, so we'll go a buster, you and I, and afterwards I will tell you what I want you to do."

"I'm your man," said Silas. "Will you stay here, or go for downstairs?"

"Well, I can't say the air of this room is too pleasant," said Tom. "I have my taxi at the door, with a crowd of young savages round it. I'll go and wait for you there. But be say, an honest man; and I am not, no—I'm quick, there's a good chap. Look slippy, as I said."

"I will, Tom. I'll be with you in next to no time at all."

Thomas Oswald went down the dirty stairs. A woman pushed out her head and looked at him. "Say, you," she said, "you comin' along to see poor folk like us with your taxicabs indeed? It's such as you that grinds the faces of the poor."

"It isn't I who grind the faces of the poor, my good woman," said Thomas. "Here's and I will never drag you into this thing"? my good woman, and I am not, no—I'm ingly shabby. Oswald looked at him with some disfavour. He was a small, rather pale man, with a thin face and rather flat, tened in feature. There was something singularly insignificant about him. He looked like a person who would be by any possibility in be anything but mediocre. There was a timidity in his eyes which gave him an aggressive, even a furtive, expression. In moments of extreme peril—and Silas had passed through these in his somewhat adventurous life—owing to his very timidity he had been known to squint violently.

"I say!" exclaimed Tom; "you don't suppose I'm going to take you into a fashionable restaurant in that sort of attire?"

"My best is up the spout," said Silas.

"Where?"

Silas named a pawnshop which at present contained his exceedingly shabby best suit.

"We'll go and fetch it out," said Tom. "I can't be seen with you like this. There are flourishing days ahead of you, Silas, so you can look as cheerful as you please."

Silas's rugged face lighted up. He regarded with downright affection at Tom.

"We'll stop outside Victoria Station, and you can go to that pawnshop and get into your best toggery. Afterwards you can join me, and we'll go together and have a right good feed."

"Thank you, Tom. There never was your like in this world."

Tom felt it quite pleasant to be regarded in the light of a benefactor even by so low down a person as Silas Luke.

They stopped outside Victoria Station. Tom thought it best to get rid of his taxicab. He told the driver to go to Chatham and Dover part of the station until Silas returned, which he did in an incredibly short space of time. He was now dressed loudly, but in a suit of fair garments which were whole. His trousers were obsolete in cut, and were of a large check pattern. He had a big yellow tie fastened in a whisp round his neck, a brown coat, and a brown waistcoat.

"I feel something like now," he said, gazing with affection at his best clothes.

"We'll go to Claridge's, and have a meal," said Thomas, naming a restaurant not far off.

The two men entered. Thomas was a man of large appetite, but his excellent lunch at Connop Grange prevented his being as insatiated by quite as usual. He supplied his guest, however, with the best of everything, and when they had both finished he went to the manager and begged for the use of a private room.

"I want a room for an hour," he said, "for which you don't I am willing to pay for it."

The landlord considered, and presently conducted Thomas and Silas to a shabby little room which contained one window looking out on a very dismal area.

"Here we are," said Silas. "This is what I call cosy."

"It may be cosy to you, my man, but it ain't cosy to me. Now, Silas, you look here."

"I am looking," said Silas.

"You know I'm a friend for you once?"

"Thomas Oswald, I'll never forget it."

"So you say. Now I want you to prove your words."

"I am abundantly willing."

"Well, it's like this. I want you to do a job for me."

"Tom, I am your man."

"I want you to do it, and I want you to do it this night. If it is successful, it means no more rough days, no more misery, no more poverty for Silas Luke as long as he and Tom remains in his body."

"Then I am certain I'm your man," said Silas.

"Hold a bit; I haven't done yet. The good things I talk about happen if you are successful. If you are not successful there is, at the best, prison; at the worst—well, we won't talk of that."

"I don't understand you," said Silas. He felt a choking sensation coming up into his throat.

"If you've got to face it," said Thomas. "I want you to do something for me, and I don't want you to tell me how you do it. If you succeed you'll be a rich man. I'll give you succeed you'll be a rich man. I'll give you my word of honour that you will act on my behalf. You said to me after I had saved you from the jaws of the lion that there was nothing you would not do for me. Well, hold you to your word. You can do this thing for me, and if you fail and get into trouble, I will keep quiet, and don't drag me in. This is what I want you to say—I want you to say to me——"

"Yes, Tom, yes!"

"I want you to say this: 'I, Silas Luke, will do what you want, Thomas Oswald, and I won't stop day nor night, I won't rest a single moment, until I have accomplished what you require, and I will draw back at nothing to accomplish your wishes. If I succeed, I succeed; and if I fail, I keep your secret, even if I am hanged for it.' Now, are you prepared to say that?"

"It seems a very big thing," said Silas. "I am not, to say, a good man; and I am not, to say, an honest man; and I am not, no—I'm a bad lot, but I have never been inside a prison except for small things—a fortnight at a time at the most—not such very big things, nothing more. I've never done anything big. You want me to undertake a big thing. What is to be my reward?"

"Two pounds a week for life if you bring it off; and while you are at it one pound a week to keep you well and travelling expenses. Now, is it done? Do you put your hand in mine and say: 'I swear to do what you want Think of the lion, Silas, and of the promise you made."

"Yes," replied Silas, "I cannot help thinking of the lion and the promise I made, *but I will do it.* But don't let it be too long, Tom; for I am not a cruel sort—I am not, really and truly."

He lay back against his chair. "Well," he said, "that is all right." He said nothing about cruelty. "Now I will tell you simply what I want you to do. There's a place in Surrey called Connop Grange. It's near a little town called Lush. You can get there straight from Victoria, and get to Lush in an hour. Your third-class fare to Lush is one and sixpence. You take luggage as Lush, and look around you. You make friends with the people there, and you get them to talk to you. That's all easy enough. Connop Grange is two miles and a half from Lush. You can walk over there any day. There is living at present at Connop Grange a certain old Colthurst—an elderly man, somewhat about my age, but not like me a bit—a stately, stand-off sort of cove; and there is his wife—commonplace—you need have very little to do with her—that is, unless she can help you. But the people you have to manage I'm coming to presently. The Colthurts are rich, and they keep a number of servants—gardeners and indoor servants—and they're all devoted to Paul Colthurst. He has also a great many visitors. Staying there from time to time, in particular, at the present moment, he has got a lady called Miss Patricia Ransome. She is three and old—at least old—as am—older, in fact. I want you to watch her, and if she returns to London, or leaves the place, you are simply what I want you to do. There's a lady there called Pamela Lennox. They are engaged to be married—I rather think very soon.

"Now, you listen to me, Silas. *They are not to marry!* You have got to prevent it—oh! I'm not going to tell you how you are to do it. You and I and Tom, we're practical men, we've spoken in their wheel. You will know how to get at them. You can work it through the girl—it doesn't matter a bit to me. But they are not to marry. That is your job, Silas."

"I don't like it," said Silas.

"I daresay you don't, but a man can't earn a pound a week for life and travelling expenses, and if he is successful two pounds a week for the remainder of his days, for nothing? What do you like—eh, my friend Silas, eh?"

"That is true enough," replied Silas; "but there are possible things in the world and impossible things. There are things that are worth while and things that are not worth while."

"I don't doubt that you are driving at," said Tom. He spoke in an angry voice. The mellow colour came to his cheeks. It was always very plain when he was disturbed in mind.

"You see," said Luke, "it is like this. You give me no reason for anything. You want a thing done, and it is done, and there's an end of it. I'd like to know how I am to prevent——"

"For goodness' sake don't ask me!" said Oswald. "That is your affair."

"Well, but I don't see my way. I don't, truly."

Oswald came close to Luke, and, stooping down, looked into his anxious, small, poor face. "When I put a job of that sort into the hands of a man of your sort, you know what I expect," he said. "Don't talk to me of ways and means. Find them out, and do the job. Follow those young people and them. Keep them within your sight—day and night if necessary. There are thousands of ways that can come to the mind of a man who has had thousands of ways that a delicate-minded person such as I am could not think of for a moment. You are in receipt of £2 for a month, your travelling expenses, and your lodgings or hotel, wherever it is you put them up, and two pounds a week after the job is done, and if you get into a scrape, *I'm out of it.* You understand that? Yes or no?"

Silas sat very quiet. He did not dare to look Tom Oswald in the face. He kept gazing straight before him. The pipe which had been between his lips was now held listlessly in one hand. His thin, poor, skimpy features were strained and pale. After a time, tears rose to his eyes.

"Tom Oswald," he said, "I think you are very hard on me."

"Hard!" said Oswald. "Who delivered you from the lion?"

"I'm not saying nothing about that."

"Of course you are not. You're the sort that's a pauper all your life, and you know who wouldn't. I could have taken no notice, and you weren't even worth the powder and shot I spent in putting that poor brute out of the way. You are grateful enough at first, but you don't want to think of your bones being crunched and your body torn limb from limb. But you will, when a man's in a bit of trouble, and wants a thing done for him, you shrink back."

"Only I don't know how to do. You'd best take this to someone else."

"I won't take it to anyone else. I am putting it into your hands. Is it yes or no?"

Silas sat again very quiet. After a time he raised his eyes to Oswald's face.

"I suppose it is yes," he said.

"Swear it, man, on the Bible."

"I don't want no Bible. It's yes—it's yes. Can't you help me? It is yes!"

"Very well. Now clearly understand—you don't drag me into it. Here's money for you. I am pretty well off, as things turn out, at the present moment. I have a cheque in my pocket which will put me and mine in funds, but I can't cash that before to-morrow. I don't want to see you again. You had best go right away, and attend to your business. You had best go down to the village of Lush to-night, and sleep there. You can easily put up at Tadcaster's inn and be quite comfortable. You must appear just as you are—a weak sort of chap, with no harm in you. You're just the man for the deed."

"What deed?"

"Your deed! Am I going to tell you what your deed will be?"

"Tom Oswald, you frighten me. I am trembling as far in as my marrow."

"Don't bother me about your marrow. Now, I'm here. I will give you three pounds a week to any address you like to give me. That ought to cover your travelling expenses and your hotel bill, and leave a pound in your pocket."

"It won't," said Silas—"isn't enough. I may have to travel far, and you won't be within reach. Make it five pounds a week, and afterwards we can settle the balance."

"Very well. But remember, that is the limit of my generosity."

Silas looked fixedly at Oswald, and made no answer. Oswald thrust his hand into his pocket and took out five sovereigns.

"There you are," he said. "I will send you the money by postal order once a week. You write to this place, the Crocodile. I'm not going to give you a real address. You can call here once a week. I shall get your letter, and will send you the money. Now, be as sharp and incisive and quick as you can. There's no time to lose. You clearly understand—there must be no hitch, no delay, no step—no step is to be hesitated over that will prevent their marriage."

"All right," said Luke.

"If you fail, there are certain things in your past life that I can bring up against you."

"What things?" said Luke, his face turned cadaverous.

"Ah!" said **the other man, "we needn't talk of them now; but there was that murder** on the Veldt."

"You think that is hushed up, but I can soon bring evidence to bear on the right man. You'd best leave me now, Silas. I don't want to see your face again. You understand me; I understand you."

Silas stooped, took up the five sovereigns, clipped them into his trousers pocket, and, without glancing at Oswald or bidding him good-bye, left the room.

(To be continued.)

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

HEART PALPITATION.

An examination of the habits of the individual will usually suffice to show that the heart disturbance is due to an unwise mode of life, says Dr. Wilson in "Before the Doctor Comes." Thus excessive tobacco-smoking will produce palpitation, just as it tends to give rise to eye troubles. Taking a heavy supper at night, and the attempt to sleep whilst digestion is taking place in an overloaded stomach, is more than sufficient to cause palpitation, seeing that a distended stomach presses a large amount of pressure on the heart, and thus gives rise to irregular action of that organ. Even ordinary indigestion may be accompanied by palpitation; and neglect of the rule that rest after food tends to promote easy digestion is also a factor that is taken into account when palpitation is complained of. An anæmic person is also liable to suffer from irritability of the heart, by reason of that organ being, like the rest of the body, supplied with blood of inferior quality.

THE IDEAL BEDROOM.

The room in which one sleeps is the one in which one breathes and absorbs, whether it be pure or impure, air. A dust-laden atmosphere will clog up the lungs in a very short time, and will lay the seeds of consumption, fevers, and all the horrors which flesh is heir to, and which come through carelessness of the simple laws of life as anything else.

The ideal bedroom, says "Pepita" in the *Manchester Express*, is airy. It opens on free air, and is bathed in sunshine all day. It has nothing in it but what is clean. Every paint is luxurious by nature a rug of fur or wool is placed in the centre of the floor, and is easily removed. Screened from cracks by well-fitting frames and leather strips, and so obviate the necessity for heavy curtains which accumulate dust and germs. The muslin curtains which adorn the windows, hung on slender brass rods, are washed as soon as they are dusty.

The furniture is to suit the occupant's fancy, but it is also unincumbered to be easily moved aside and frequently dusted. Hygienic wall-paper which can be washed with a damp cloth covers the walls. The bed is of brass or iron, without draperies, with spring hair mattress and a few downy pillows. The sheets are light and warm, blankets being used instead of heavy quilts.

In this healthful room the occupant should sleep from eight to ten hours, going to sleep before twelve.

The nothing should be wiped up with a damp cloth every day or every other day, and dust should be fought as one would fight an enemy. After a working day of ten hours there was brought to the surface the enormous quantity of 3,000 tons 10 cwts., which constitutes an average of 78 rops pulled per hour.

Sunday eid and "flattie" matches are all the "go" at Tadcaster. These competitions are not exciting "events," but they provide a good excuse for getting away from the town to the country, and at the present time any excuse is excessfle for with the crab and apple in flower, and the hawthorn bursting into bloom, the country is lovely.

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"The regular cleansing and limewashing of cowsheds (says Rothwell sanitary inspector) have been well observed, and the grooming of flanks and hind quarters of milk cattle, the washing of hands before milking, the wearing of aprons during milking operations are coming to be more recognised as part of the daily routine work by the cowkeepers."

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

What has been done at Garforth under the Housing and Town Planning Act? What!

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Is a town-planning scheme for Scholes to be undertaken? Have Tadcaster District Council given up the idea?

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Tadcaster and Wetherby farmers are in favour of the importation of Irish cattle, and Sherburn farmers are against it.

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A demonstration in connection with the Aberfordia Ambulance League is to take place at Parlington early in July.

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A GARFORTH GENTLEMAN'S SUCCESSFUL ACTION.

SEQUEL TO A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

At Pontefract County Court on Wednesday Thos. Percy Fawcett, maltster, Barrowby Hall, Garforth, brought an action against the West Riding of Yorkshire Tramways Company, Ltd., to recover £4 1s. as damages to his motor car, etc., caused by the alleged negligence of the driver of one of their tramcars.

Plaintiff, who was represented by Mr R. H. Branthwaite (for Mr Arthur Willey), stated that at noon on Monday, January 26th, he was driving his Wolseley car out of Eastfield Lane, Castleford, where his offices were, when he observed a tramcar in the Pontefract Road, about 20 yards behind him.

A little distance down the road he had to proceed very slowly to avert danger to children just running out of a school, and he observed the tram approach to within about three yards of him and apparently stop. A moment later, however, it suddenly spurted forward, and ran into his rear off mudguard. This cost £3 4s. to repair. Plaintiff also asked for one month's nominal depreciation, and 7s. for the four gallons of petrol required to take the car to Huddersfield for repairs and back.

Plaintiff said his own opinion was that the driver deliberately ran him down. There was no other theory on which he could account for such an extraordinary accident.

Plaintiff was supported by Mrs Garrett, of Ferrybridge Road, Castleford, and P.C. Thomas, who witnessed the occurrence. The latter added that when a tramways inspector called on him later he told him "the best thing you can do is to pay Mr Fawcett's damages, and shut him up." (Laughter).

The driver of the tramcar, John Hargrave, and a man named Clifford Simpson, whom he was instructing at the time, said that plaintiff came so quickly round the corner out of Eastfield Lane that nothing could prevent the tram and his car colliding.

Several passengers who were in the car gave similar evidence.

His Honour said he had no hesitation in accepting plaintiff's version, which was absolutely supported by two perfectly independent witnesses. He gave judgment for £4 and costs.

WETHERBY RACE MEETING.

The race meeting at Wetherby on Monday will attract large crowds of visitors to the district, and as the course, following the recent rain, is in good order, and as the entry in all the events is large, excellent sport is expected. Ever since the Easter meeting the committee have had a number of men at work on the course, improving it and making better arrangements for the convenience and accommodation of visitors. A new exit for motor cars, to divert a portion of the traffic, has been made from the motor car enclosure to the Walton Road, the entrance to which has been improved. In soft places stone has been put down, and the whole length ashed and rolled, at a considerable cost. This should make a much quicker disappearance of the road, and people may find it to their advantage to use this exit, and instead of coming to Wetherby, where there might be a block again in the streets, go a mile further round, over Thorparch Bridge, and by Boston Spa, and join the Leeds Road at Collingham.

The 10s. motor car enclosure has been made exactly as large again since the Easter meeting, as it was quite inadequate to hold the cars. An improvement has been made for those standing in the ring, by the taking away of the railed fence outside the enclosure, and placing there unclimbable fencing. People at Easter climbed the fence and obscured the view.

A new race card box has been erected at the entrance to the Paddock, and the whole of the dining room floor covered with linoleum, which has given it a tasteful appearance. Other improvements have been made, and after the summer considerably more alterations are contemplated for the comfort of visitors.

Racing commences at two o'clock. Special express trains will leave Leeds at 10.40, 11.5, 11.20, 11.40, 11.55, 12.15, 12.35, and others if necessary. The 12.18 ordinary train from Leeds will call at Crossgates. Return trains will depart every few minutes from 5.45 to 7 o'clock.

ACTION AGAINST N.E.R. CO. FAILS.

At the Middlesbrough County Court on Wednesday, an action of considerable public interest was heard by his Honour Judge Templer.

The plaintiff was Stewart Welch, of Saltburn, and he sued the North Eastern Railway Company for 30s. for alleged breach of contract. He stated that he was returning home from Berwick by the 7.45 p.m. train which was due to Darlington at 10.1 p.m., the last train for Saltburn being timed to leave Darlington at 10.15 p.m. Unfortunately his train was late, and he missed the connection. He spoke to several railway officials, and as it was urgent that he should reach home that night he took the last train to Middlesbrough, and completed the journey in a taxi for which the hire was 30s., and he claimed this amount from the company.

In a letter to the plaintiff the Railway Company pointed out that connections were not guaranteed, and that the company did not hold themselves liable for delay or consequences arising therefrom.

Mr Gaunt, for the company, pointed out that the tickets were issued subject to the regulations in the time-table, and under these regulations the company were not liable for delay.

Plaintiff submitted that such regulations were unreasonable.

His Honour said that was a matter for the Railway Commissioners. If they thought it unreasonable it would be struck out. If plaintiff read the conditions he would have known that he had to take his chance of catching connections.

Judgment was given for the company with costs.

A cable message was received at Kirk Deighton from South Africa on Saturday that the Rev. Canon Goldart, rector of Kirk Deighton, Wetherby, who died at sea on May 14th, while on his way to South Africa, was buried at sea the same day.

DAMAGE.—The frost on Tuesday morning was particularly keen in the Wetherby district, and did considerable damage to potatoes, apples, mangolds, etc. Probably more damage was done by it than by the severe frost at the beginning of the month.

SMOKEOUS IN TROUBLE.—At a juvenile court at Wetherby two 13-year-old schoolboys were charged with entering a dwelling-house and stealing £1 6s. 6d. The parents of the boys were bound over in the sum of £10 each for each lad's good behaviour for twelve months.

YORKSHIRE COLLIERY ON FIRE

TWO MEN RESCUED AFTER 27 HOURS.

A serious fire broke out at the South Hiendley Colliery, near Barnsley, the property of Henry Musgrave, Ltd. The colliery is a comparatively small one, employing about 200 men. At the time of the outbreak there were fortunately only 20 men in the workings. The fire, it is stated, broke out near the haulage engine, and is stated to have been caused by the bursting of an oil lamp. All but two of the men were happily in a position which enabled them to ascend to a place of safety. The two other men were: Charles Townsley, miner, South Hiendley; and Charles Beain, trammer, of Hemsworth. They were not rescued until they had been in the pit 27 hours. Being at the rear of the fire, they were in a position of considerable danger. The rescue teams from Brierley and Frickley stations were sent for, and these, together with local officials, were engaged throughout the night in trying to subdue the fire and rescue the entombed men. Townsley and Beain, after an imprisonment of 27 hours, were, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, safely brought to the surface amid scenes of rejoicing among the watchers. Both were able to walk out.

The pit where this battle between life and death was waged is situated in open country, about 10 miles from Barnsley, and, compared with the big collieries in Yorkshire, is a comparatively small undertaking. It is a day pit, the property of Messrs Musgrave, Ltd., and employs from 200 to 250 men, who walk into the workings. The average daily output of coal is from 400 to 500 tons. The origin of the fire, it is stated, was owing to a kerosene lamp bursting in a place near the engine house, which is situated about 1,800 yards from the main entrance, and about 100 yards below the surface of the ground. The woodwork, the brattice, and the general contents of the engine house being highly inflammable, were soon caught by the fire, which spread with amazing quickness.

The fire was first seen by John Hall, who is the engine house tenter, and he tried his best to extinguish the flames, but they mastered his efforts and grew rapidly in heat and volume. A deputy had the alarm given, and the men who were finishing the afternoon shift all escaped to safety with the exception of the two referred to.

The wonder is that the alarm was so effective, in view of the great speed with which the fire gathered force; indeed, it is not too much to say that for a brief spoon all the men working in the pit at the time of the outbreak were menaced by grave danger. Mr J. Fairs, the manager of the pit, was quickly on the scene, and telephonic messages for assistance were sent to the surrounding pits, with the result that with commendable promptitude rescue teams from Wath, Beierley, Grimethorpe, and Frickley were hurried to the pit, which was soon in the grip of raging flames. Under the direction of Mr Fairs, the rescue teams donned their apparatus, but even their valuable equipment could not enable them to penetrate through the fiery barrier, and it was not until two o'clock on Wednesday morning that they were able to open a door of the air shaft situate near the engine house. The fierceness of the fire was an altogether unusual experience, even to such experienced men as the members of the Wath rescue team. Their superintendent and instructor, Mr Winch, stated that the best following the explosions in the Cadeby disaster two years ago was not so intense as they experienced in the South Hiendley pit on this occasion. In the circumstances nothing could be done except to supply by the fire burn out, and to concentrate the rescue efforts upon working round the fire, and, so to speak, short circuiting the air current.

WHITKIRK HORSE SALE.

Messrs Bartle and Son held their monthly sale at Whitkirk on Wednesday, the catalogue containing 75 horses, consisting of 45 being sold on commission. Quotations:—Four-year-old draught geldings and Shire mares, 35gs. to 45gs.; five, six, and seven-year-old draught geldings and mares, 29gs. to 39gs.; three and four-year-old half-bred geldings and mares, 26gs to 32½gs.; aged working horses, 19gs. to 24½gs; six-year-old harness horses, to 33gs.; aged harness horses, 14gs. to 19gs.

"AN AMAZING DERBY."

The Derby of this year will long be remembered. In the first instance, it will be remembered as "The Tetrarch" year, although the famous horse never ran in it or ran a race in the year. The fact that for twelve months "The Tetrarch" was the favourite and then was "scratched" at the last moment, was the dominating factor in connection with the race. The next fact is that a French horse, owned by an American, won the Blue Ribbon of the Turf. The third is that not one of the favourites got even "a place" in the great race. Well may the Derby of this year be described as "an amazing Derby." It certainly had an amazingly depressing effect on the thousands of racegoers who collected on Epsom Downs to see the classic race run.

CRICKET.—On Wednesday afternoon Wetherby Tradesmen had a cricket match with Hunslet Tradesmen at Hunslet. Scores:—Wetherby Tradesmen—J. Hill 1, Denham 5, Hall 7, Armitage 8, Woodward 5, Marwood 0, D. Hill 2, Snape 0, Varley 2, Tempest 8, Johnson (not out) 10, extras, 12; total, 60. Hunslet Tradesmen—Clark 23, Goodall 2, Jackson 0, Johnson 0, Hullgan 2, Langton 27, Allsop 0, Scruton 6, Hepworth 0, Hardaker (not out) 2, Woolford 2, extras, 3; total, 67.

CREDITORS' MEETING.—A meeting of the creditors of David Robertson, watchmaker and jeweller, of 60, Wide Street, and 14, Westfield Avenue, Selby, was held at the Official Receiver's office, Duncombe Place, York, on Wednesday. Debtor's statement of accounts showed that his gross liabilities amounted to £4859 11s. 2d., and £4119 6s. 2d. was expected to rank for dividend. His assets were £1129 3s. 3d., leaving a deficiency of £3689 17s. 11d. Debtor attributed his failure to lack of capital and bad trade.

MARRIAGE.—The marriage has taken place at the British Consulate, Constantinople, of Mr Leslie James Darley, second son of the Rev. E. P. Dondney, M.A., vicar of Bilton, Wetherby, to Marjorie Eileen, daughter of Mr James Binns, of Belek, Constantinople, and the parties were married in the chapel of the British Embassy by the chaplain, the Rev. Canon Whitehouse, M.A. Mr Doudney is on the staff of the British Imperial and Helsby Cables Co., Prescot, and for the past two years has been engaged on a large contract in Turkey. Early in July Mr and Mrs Doudney will sail for Melbourne, where they will stay probably for four years.

CORRESPONDENCE

CROSSGATES AND PUBLIC LIGHTING.

(To the Editor).

SIR,—I should like to know, through the columns of your valuable paper, what our representative on the City Council is doing in allowing us to go without public lighting.

The City "fathers" were very anxious to get hold of us, and I cannot understand why we should be treated differently to any other part of the city.

What would the residents of Holbeck say if they were crossed off the lighting list for summer?

Crossgates is no doubt a prosperous place—judging by appearances, at any rate—but it is a mistake to suppose that the majority of the residents are so fortunately situated that they can afford to take a holiday extending throughout the summer and so overlook our "father's" latest dodge.

If the City Council have decided upon this as one of the little economies they are to adopt in order to make up some of the loss sustained by the strike, I can only say it's an extremely mean policy.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN O' CROSSGATES.

A NUISANCE AT CHAPELTOWN

To the Editor.

SIR,—Can you, or any of your readers, say where all the waste paper that finds its way into Town Street and Church Lane comes from? To find this out may be the first step towards abating a great nuisance to others as well as.—Yours, etc.,

A RESIDENT.

HOW A FAMILY OF SEVEN LIVED.

Details of how a family of seven persons had lived and slept in a room twelve feet by nine and a half feet were unfolded at the Sheffield Police Court, when Griffith Pugh, a newsagent and tobacconist, Beamsll Lane, and his wife Emmeline, were summoned at the instance of the Health Authority for neglecting their five children in a manner likely to cause injury or suffering to their health.

Robert Riley, miner, of South Milford, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 10th inst. in Low Street, Sherburn, P.C. Parkinson, who stated the case, said that he had previously been refused drink at the Red Bear Inn, and had to be ejected owing to his conduct. Fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Fred Wilson, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 21st. inst. P.C. Parkinson stated that the defendant was very drunk and violent, and he had to be locked up. He had smashed some windows with a big stick. Fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Frank Tunnicliffe, gas stoker, of no fixed abode, was charged with drunkenness on the 16th inst on Milford Road, Sherburn. Defendant pleaded guilty. P.C. Parkinson stated he found defendant lying on the road side drunk. He and P.C. Simpson shifted him, and after awhile he was so incapable they had to take him to Sherburn lock-up. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Harry Fletcher, Edmund Booth, Harry Pullen, and Clarence Farrar, miners, of Kippax, were charged with gaming with coins on the 10th inst at Ledsham. Defendants pleaded not guilty. P.C. Wickham stated he was watching defendants playing with coins at pitch and toss in Ledsham Lane. There were other men besides defendants, but they ran away. Booth said he was innocent as a new born baby. He had nothing to do with gambling; he did not understand it. By Supt. Stafford: He had been previously convicted for gambling. He passed Pullen and Farrar in the lane. Farrar said he saw some men running away. By Supt. Stafford: He saw a policeman near the Vicarage. The men were 100 yards away. He denied gambling. Pullen also denied the offence. Booth was fined 10s. and 8s. 6d. costs, and the others 2s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. costs.

LAUNCH.—On Tuesday Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Limited, launched from their shipyard at Selby a steel-screw trawler built for the the Yorkshire Steam Fishing Company, Ltd., of Hull. It was named Lord Denman by Miss Doris Watson, of Hull.

SHIPYARD DEVELOPMENT.—Messrs Cochrane and Sons, the well-known trawler building firm, of Selby, have just acquired two valuable sites adjoining their shipyard, including several acres on the east and west of their works, the whole giving them an additional frontage on the River Ouse of about 400 yards. This will allow of at least two new berths being laid down, and to ships at once can be put on the stocks, besides allowing space for the erection of additional machine shops, sheds, etc.

FIRE.—An outbreak of fire was discovered during Friday afternoon on the premises of Mr Thos. Longbottom, farmer, Monk Fryston. The discovery was made by Mr Longbottom's son, who happened to go into the stackyard, and he found a wheat straw stack on fire. A number of willing helpers were quickly on the spot, and a good water supply being close at hand, the flames were quickly subdued, but not before some damage was done. A staff of workmen from the Rev. B. Hemsworth's estate acted very promptly, and in a short time they attached a hose from the Concert Hall and played on the fire and some adjoining buildings. If it had not been for the excellent water supply close at hand, very serious damage would have been done. The Rev. B. Hemsworth recently laid water all over the village, and it runs through the Hall grounds. In case of fire he keeps an excellent equipment of hose-pipes. The damage is covered by insurance.

SHERBURN FARMERS' CLUB.—A meeting of the Farmers' Club was held on Friday.—Mr C. W. Helm (vice-president) presiding, and others present were Messrs T. Tomlinson, T. Bradley, H. Farrar, F. Bramley, T. Hey, T. Sykes, D. Greenwood, R. Lamb, J. Addinson, T. Jones, G. Hill, E. Hills, and C. Esbesby (secretary). The Chairman, in referring to the death of Mr T. Hugh Hey, said it needed no word from him to inform the members what a keen interest the late president had taken in the welfare of the club, and it now fell to his lot to propose that a resolution be placed upon the minute book of the club expressing their sense of the loss which had been sustained by the death of Mr Hey. Mr T. Hey seconded the resolution, and it was passed, all the members standing. Mr Helm then proposed and Mr Tomlinson seconded that Mr John Elston Cawthorn, of Elmete House, be the president, and this was adopted. The secretary read a letter from the West Riding County Council anent the importing of Irish cattle into the district. It was resolved that the club protest against it, and that a letter be sent to Wakefield conveying this decision.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster defeated Crossgates Recreation, and on the same day the opening rounds of the Yorkshire Individual Merit Bowling Competition took place. In the first round Mr A. W. Westerman, Tadcaster, defeated Mr J. Payner, Kirkstall, by 21-6, and in the second round Mr M. Cockerill, Garforth, by 21-19. In the third round, however, he succumbed to Mr D. Rider, Bramley Liberal, by 21-17. The monthly handicap of the Tadcaster Club for the President's Cup was concluded on Tuesday evening. About 50 players took part in the April handicap, just concluded. In the semi-finals Mr D. Hill scored 21 against Mr T. Bilsbrook 20, and Mr H. H. Wise 21 against Mr C. Moorsley 16. In the final on Tuesday Mr Wise did not show his usual form, and he was beaten by Mr Hill by 21-12.

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Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr G. G. H. Wheler, Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr William Crosland.

A poor rate of 9s. 6d. and 1s. 3d. for Little Fenton was passed.

The licence of the Bland's Arms, Micklefield, was temporarily transferred to Mr Tom Field.

Mr George Firn, Plough Inn, and Mr J. Dennett, Grey Hound Inn, Saxton, were granted an hour's extension for Saxton Feast.

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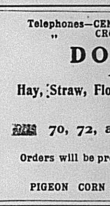
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Some of the comments in the county medical officer's report are interesting and instructive, and parents will know how far the following has application to this district:—

It is disappointing that, though sewing has been taught for so many years in the schools, the mothers and elder sisters seem to be incapable of doing the least bit of mending; clothes remain torn, unpatched, untidy, and unclean till they are almost falling from the wearer. Of course, it is impossible for children to keep clean, when playing on muddy ground or in grimy surroundings, but cleanliness can be restored by soap and water, and patching and mending would improve the condition of the garments. Further, the boys' suits are not washed and kept clean as they ought to be; much of the shabbiness of rooms is due to the unclean and soiled clothing of the boys. The boys' collars, too, deserve remark; they are often enlisted, or of inferior material; are broken, chipped, unattached to any stud, and so always awry, and never seem to be clean. In many cases "best only" function is to hide an unwashed neck. If collars are not to be kept clean and neat and in a proper state their use should be discouraged, because the average boy flatters himself he is above reproach if he wears even the ruins of a collar.

Sometimes, he states, children are found covered with flea-bites, and when the clothes are opened fleas are seen hopping about "like morris-dancers."

Temple newsam Park will be open to the public every Sunday afternoon during the present month, and, judging by the number of people who visited the grounds last month, the privilege accorded by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., will be appreciated. A sexagenarian informed me the other day that when he was a lad the grounds were always open, and swings were erected for the amusement of the youngsters. The privilege was, I believe, enjoyed for many years, but the people of Leeds abused it, and the late Hon. Mrs. Meynell Ingram was reluctantly compelled to close the park against the public.

But it is always so. When owners of park grounds give permission to the public to share the pleasure to be derived therefrom, care should be taken to do no damage, and if anyone sees a visitor causing destruction of trees or plants information should be given, because that is the only way by which the public may retain the privilege given them. So long as no damage is done, I think property-owners are acting wisely in throwing grounds open. It gives enjoyment to a great number of people—and this must be a source of satisfaction to the owner—and it tends to create good feeling between all connected with the estate and the public. It is unfortunate other landowners do not follow the Hon. E. L. Wood's example, but common sense will do no good.

At one time it was suggested that Sherburn should get a supply of water from Leeds, but the defeat of the Doncaster scheme by the city ratepayers caused the District Council to look elsewhere. In the district, I understand, there is a spring of good water—it is said to be rather hard—and instructions were given to obtain information concerning it. Since then the Leeds Corporation have stated they propose to again take up the Doncaster scheme, so that the main would go through Tadcaster rural district, but there is a strong opposition in the city to the project, and it may never be carried out. It would be much better were a local scheme, to supply a large area, adopted, but it seems impossible, with so many interests to conciliate, to get any agreement on the District Council.

To expect Tadcaster ratepayers to provide a water supply for the drinking fountain at Colton Lane end was unfair, because it is outside their area, and concerns them as little as residents at Allerton or Kippax. The fountain was a gift, and when it was erected it was thought the local Authority would provide the water for it, but it appears they have no power to do so. Of course, Tadcaster District Council have no more responsibility than either York or Leeds, because the trough has been put down for cattle passing along the highway, and not for local needs, but it is in the Tadcaster area, and the District Council do not provide the water the trough will remain empty. It has, therefore, been decided to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to pay for water used in this connection.

Crossgates folks are very proud of their railway station—the finest wayside station on the system, they will tell you—but it is not ever thus. Many of us remember its old looking-office, like a hen-coop, perched on one end of the discarded footbridge, and the present waiting-rooms, but others can recall a time when the only access to the station was on the Halton side, and the ladder by which they descended to the platform was not without its dangers. Of course, the oldest inhabitants can recall the days when there was no Crossgates Station—when the few trains that passed along picked up passengers at Old Manstone and Halton stations, but the district had a small population then.

The other day I came across a publication containing an amusing description of Crossgates station as it was before the alterations. The writer states:—"Crossgates is an inconvenient station, in a cutting, where the North Eastern Company seems to keep its wind, and where you can get a very good illustration of the answer to the old conundrum "What gives a cold, cures a cold, and pays the doctor?" Different opinions for use on the station, and for transmission east, west, north and south, find their proper level here in many ways more or less extraordinary. Coals are shot down on the permanent way to be quickly shovelled up at the earliest possible moment; portmanteaux, tin boxes, etc., have to be wheeled down a very awkward pathway, so much on the incline that the willing and energetic porter has often to pull very hard to keep his horseless two-wheeler from running away with him. But bundles of chips and other things that will stand any amount of banging about are dealt with in a much more easy fashion, as they are pitched down from the road above, neck and crop, on to the platform—a drop of about five-and-twenty feet. This latter mode of delivery, although undoubtedly expeditious, would, if applied to packages of delicate materials, addressed on labels printed with the well-known exhortations to tender handling, as "With care," or "This side up," would obviously be possessed of many disadvantages." They do not pitch things from the roadway on to the platform nowadays. Gone are the old station and old methods.

How it was done at Harewood! The county medical officer, in his annual report, states:—

It is not right that cleanly parents should be compelled to send their children to sit at school beside the verminous child from a neglected home, and as exclusion of verminous children is without effect so long as the home remains unclean it is evident that nothing short of home visitation and constant, sharp supervision of the parents will suffice in these cases. In cases where parents will not take the means that are required to clean the heads of the children creeping of the hair should be insisted upon. The head teacher of Harewood School adopted an unusual but effective procedure for stimulating the self-respect of the girls. He showed to the senior scholars a louse under the microscope; within a week there was a marked improvement in the state of the girls heads which has since been maintained.

Nitty and verminous heads are common in mining communities such as Castleford, he states, but some agricultural districts are nearly free. Ringworm and ringworm again required attention from the central staff during the year.

Recently in local medical officers' reports comment has been passed on damp houses and dirty streets and yards, and the following extract from the county medical officer's report will be read with interest:—

Rheumatism is uncommon in children under three, but the percentage of heart disease from this cause increases after that age, and as rheumatism is associated with damp, and further, as rheumatism is more common among the children of the working-classes than among those of the upper classes, it is a fair inference that the damp and insanitary conditions of old and many new cottages are to blame for the incidence of the disease. If all medical men were to report to the Authority concerned cases of damp houses or streets which have caused disease, or were likely to do so, a great deal of good would be done, but I suppose the doctors will say it is not their business to do so.

Garforth is not so fortunate as Rothwell. In both areas the removal of the refuse is carried out by contract, and apparently at Rothwell there is no difficulty whatever in getting rid of the rubbish, which is tipped on to the land, but at Garforth objection is taken to the refuse being used in this way. What Garforth Council will do with it when they do the scavenging work themselves remains to be seen, but if they are not allowed to throw it on the land, they will either have to find a tip for it or erect a destructor.

It is not surprising, however, that protest is made against the emptying of refuse on land. Not long ago I noticed hedges and fields in Scholes and Barwick decorated with papers, and it was explained to me that they had come from Garforth direction. In Rothwell area the same difficulty is experienced apparently of keeping land and hedges in a decent condition, and an order has been issued for the burning of all paper within twenty-four hours of its being deposited on the land. This is a wise precaution, and it should be adopted in other parts of the district. It is a great pity that the beauty of country districts should be spoilt by deposits of filthy papers, tins, etc., and means should be adopted by the authorities for dealing with the matter.

Has Mr Charlesworth been caught napping? This well-known Rothwell colliery owner, who is High Sheriff for Yorkshire and resides at Knaresborough, lamented the other day that the coal trade was heavily hampered by useless legislation, and he stated that at his pits he had had to expend £7,000 on electric safety lamps for miners whilst having plenty of lamps of another kind. A correspondent points out that legislation has not compelled Mr Charlesworth to buy the lamps—that Parliament has not interfered with colliery owners to that extent, but Mr Charlesworth has made no reply, so one must conclude that he has made a mistake.

AFTER 27 YEARS.—To the regret of the members, Mr H. Crossley has decided to retire from the office of secretary of Wetherby Show. He has been in harness now for 27 years, and is, therefore, fully entitled to the relief he claims. Few who have not done the work realise the amount of detail which the secretary of a show has to get through, but Mr Crossley has done it with thoroughness and consistent courtesy.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PRIVATE STREETS AGAIN—COUNCIL AND PUBLICITY.

AUDITOR'S SUGGESTION AS TO WATER CHARGES.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), E. R. Archer, R. Routledge, sen., W. W. Hartley, H. Gascoigne, H. Chappell, and T. S. Slater, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the water inspector (Mr Naylor), and the surveyor and sanitary inspector (Mr T. Abbott).

Plans for a stable for Mr J. H. Watson were passed subject to the medical officer's approval.

A letter was read from Mr T. H. Prater in regard to the supplying of three cottages with water from the Council's mains. He thanked the Council, and stated he had got the Tadcaster District Council's permission, and he would be responsible for the water rent.

Permission was given to Mr E. Dixon to fix a water tap in his yard provided it is boxed in.

The medical officer's report showed that during the month there had been seven births and two deaths. A case of tuberculosis and a case of scarlet fever had been notified, and several cases of mumps had occurred.

COMMITTEES.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee a letter was read from the Council's tenants complaining of a nuisance caused by the dust from the mill, and the Clerk reported that he had written Mr Bursell that the nuisance must be abated at once.

At a meeting of the Water Committee a letter was read from Mr Prater stating that he was proposing to convey water to three cottages near Sturton Grange Farm, and was anxious to arrange for supplying water to the cottage occupied by Fred Goodall, off Barwick Road, and asking for the necessary permission, and stating that he was arranging the matter with the Tadcaster Rural District Council. It was proposed by Mr Dobson, and seconded by Mr Goodall, that the Council be recommended to grant such permission subject to the Tadcaster Rural District Council's consent being obtained, and Mr Prater being responsible for the payment of the water rent. This was agreed to. The surveyor reported that the consumption of water from April 25th to May 25th, 28 days, was 126,500 gallons, 45,171 gallons per day. It was agreed that the Working Men's Club be allowed to have water for six months for use at their bowling green at 1s. 3d. per quarter.

At a meeting of the Fire and Lighting Committee it was reported that Mr Blight had resigned the vice-captaincy of the fire brigade, and Mr J. Dale was appointed to the position.

DEFICIT IN WATER REVENUE.

The auditor's report was read, and, referring to the deficit on the water revenue account, he said it was desirable that the whole cost of the water supplied in the district should be borne by the water consumers themselves. At present a large sum represented by the deficit on the water revenue account was found by the general ratepayer, who might or might not be a consumer of water. It was probable, therefore, that the cost was not justly borne by those persons who enjoyed the benefit of the water service. He suggested that the Council should consider whether it would not be more equitable to raise the amount of the water rate now levied.

The Chairman said the deficit was £382, and it included the loans.

The Clerk said the deficit was going down.

The Chairman, in reply to Mr R. Routledge, jun., said the revenue from the sale of the water was more than they paid for it, but they had two loans on the area—one in connection with the old supply, and the second in connection with the supply from Leeds.

The matter then dropped.

DEFECTIVE TAPS—WASTED WATER

Mr Hartley said he had had it reported to him that owing to defective taps a lot of water was wasted, and he wondered whether a periodical inspection of the water taps would prevent the waste. He saw by Mr Naylor's agreement that his duties included a regular inspection, and he wanted to know what that meant. He did not want to put any additional labour on Mr Naylor without paying him for it, and he thought that if washers were supplied the Council might save something.

Mr Routledge: It is for the people to put their own washers on.

Mr Hartley said it was, but it was a roundabout way of getting the work done, and the waste was going on.

Mr Naylor then stated what he did in regard to inspection, and said he did not think there was any great waste of water.

Mr Slater: Suppose we pass a resolution that Mr Naylor put on washers will the owners let him interfere with the taps? Suppose a new tap was needed would they come on to us for it? (Laughter).

Mr Gascoigne said he did not think anyone would object to Mr Naylor putting washers on.

Mr Chappell: It means that we would relieve the landlords of the responsibility of keeping their taps in repair.

Mr Gascoigne said they would have to alter the water regulations before they could supply washers.

Mr Routledge said they had better leave the matter at present.

Nothing more was said on the question.

Mr Chappel brought forward the question of water charges to the fish shops.

The Chairman said that when they went through the water regulations a resolution was passed that these shops should pay 2s. 6d. a quarter, and they had been charged that and on their rateable value as well. It was a mistake.

Mr Chappel said he would give notice of motion on the matter for next meeting.

PRIVATE STREETS AGAIN—"IN COMMITTEE."

When the minutes of the Highways Committee were read, Mr Hartley inquired what had been done in regard to the private streets.

Mr Routledge, sen.: You were here last Wednesday.

Mr Hartley: No, I am not on that committee.

The Chairman: Nothing was done, because we had no authority for it.

Mr Hartley: Did they recommend that the matter be proceeded with?

The Clerk: It will come before the Council to-night.

Mr Hartley: Is this not the time, on the reading of the minutes, to bring it forward?

The Chairman said it was thought desirable it should be taken after the other business.

Mr Chappel: No committee can recommend the Council to go "into committee."

Mr Hartley: I think this matter should be discussed before the minutes are passed.

The Chairman: We must pass the minutes as a correct record before anything is done.

The minutes were then passed.

When the rest of the business had been completed, the Chairman asked if they were to "go into committee."

Mr Chappel: I don't think it is necessary seeing the matter has been before the Council for two years.

Mr Routledge, sen.: It was passed at last meeting that it should be taken "in committee."

Mr Gascoigne: Yes, but it was out of order.

The Clerk: You can move a resolution now.

Mr Routledge, sen.: Then I move that the matter be taken "in committee."

Mr Routledge, jun.: I second that.

Mr Hartley: I propose that we proceed with it in open Council.

The Clerk: That is a direct negative. You can vote against the resolution.

Mr Gascoigne: I don't see why we should go into committee. There is nothing new to talk about, and I am not going to say anything more about it. I shall simply move a resolution.

The proposal to go into committee was then put and carried.

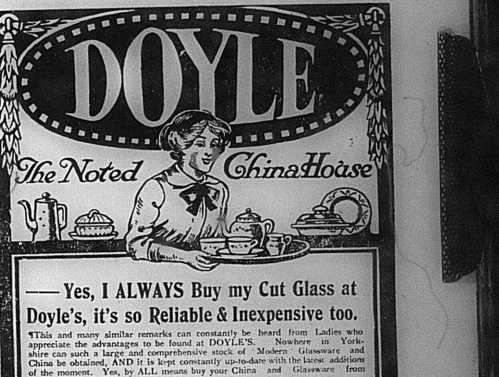
THE LATE MR G. H. LACY.—The funeral took place on Thursday at the Wetherby Cemetery of Mr George Henry Lacy, innkeeper, of Stamford Bridge, and formerly in business as an innkeeper at Wetherby, where he was highly respected. Deceased, who was in his 40th year, died in a nursing home at Leeds, after an illness extending over several weeks, caused by a growth on the brain. The mourners were Mrs Lacy (mother), and the deceased's brothers and sisters, Mr B. Lacy (uncle), Tadcaster; and Mr J. Pick, Ellesfield. There were also present Mr Walker (Messrs Walker and Scott, York), Mr Newman, Mr W. Dobbie, Mr J. D. Tiplady, Mr B. Jackson, Mr J. Hodgson, Mr and Mrs F. Simpson, Mr H. Hainsworth, Mr Fox, Mr S. Johnson, Mr G. H. Crossley, and Mr T. Fozzard (Wetherby), and Mr Jas. Oddy (Spofforth). Rev. A. G. Lockett (curate at St. James's Church), was the officiating clergyman.

OFFICER RETIRES.—Captain Bryan C. Fairfax, one of the well-known Yorkshire family, and a prominent member of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Elven, has retired on pension from the Durham Light Infantry, in which he was senior company commander. He had passed for field rank, but it was understood that he was going in for work with the Royal Flying Corps, and two of his juniors were promoted over his head last summer. Captain Fairfax joined the "Faithful Durhams" 21 years ago, and got his steps in 1896 and 1900. He qualified in the Chinese Regiment test for the Chinese language, and served with the Wei-Hai-Wei corps during the fighting for the relief of Pekin in 1900. He was at one time inspector of Chinese labourers in the Transwaal, and he saw active service in the Boer War. He has been aide-de-camp to General the Hon. Sir Neville Lyttelton in South Africa, and military secretary to the Hon. Sir Arthur Lawley, Governor of Madras.

WEDDING.—On Tuesday the marriage of Miss Myrtle Sunderland, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Sunderland, of Myrtle House, South Milford, and Mr Thomas Atkinson, only son of Mrs Atkinson, and the late Mr Thomas Atkinson, of Manor House, Monk Fryston, was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, South Milford, by the Rev. B. Heinsworth, M.A., of Monk Fryston Hall. The bride was given away by her father, and Miss Mildred Sunderland (sister of the bride) was the bridesmaid, while the best man was Mr Gledhill, Wakefield. A reception was held at the bride's father's house, where breakfast was served, and there was a large gathering, including Mrs Atkinson (mother of the bridegroom), Mrs R. Batty, Mr and Mrs Geo. Dixon, Mrs Gledhill, Miss Atkinson (Thirsk), Mr H. Batty, Mr H. Kendall, and Messrs F. and A. Sunderland. Later in the afternoon the happy couple left Monk Fryston Station, en route for Bristol and Ilfracombe, where they will spend their honeymoon.

ACCIDENTS.—There have been a few road accidents in the Wetherby district, but fortunately none attended with serious injury. At the Boston Spa cross roads a couple of cars, one coming from the direction of Bramham and the other coming from Boston Spa, collided. A lady in one of them was cut about the face by broken glass, and a gentleman in the other car was stunned for a while. Both cars were very badly damaged, one having to be towed into Wetherby. Within a mile on the Wetherby side of the scene of this accident, a hind wheel came off a waggonette pulled by a pair of horses, and the occupants were thrown into the road, but one only complained of injury, and that very slight, to his elbow. Just outside Wetherby, at the corner which has of late years become so notorious because of the number of accidents happening there, the occupant of a "knockabout" motor cycle ran into the chains at the entrance to the Wetherby Grange Park. A wooden post was smashed completely off, and the cycle damaged, but luckily the driver was not seriously injured.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Bedding operations are now in full swing. If the soil is very dry it should be turned over roughly and receive a good soaking of water a few hours before being planted. This will simplify the work of planting, and give the plants a better chance of growing away freely afterwards. If possible the bulk of the planting should be done at the later part of the day when the power of the sun is decreasing. In any case seedlings from boxes and nursery beds should not be exposed during the hottest part of the day. For plants such as geraniums, fuchsias, marguerites, etc., will not suffer much even if planted at mid-day providing their roots are thoroughly moist at the time. On rich ground geraniums should be planted in their pots.

TWO OLD FAVOURITES

Every year sees the introduction of a number of new plants, usually described in glowing terms by the raisers. After nearly thirty years of gardening experience, we are compelled to admit that many of the so-called improvements are no better than the old favourites of over a quarter of a century ago. Take the Sweet William as a case in point. A few new shades have been added, some of them certainly very pretty, but where shall we look for a new specie of plant to beat a well-grown Sweet William? The Canterbury Bell is another old favourite which can still hold its own with the best of the novelties. These two old favourites may be grown throughout without the aid of artificial heat, and if an early start is made, even the cold frame can be dispensed with. Towards the end of May sow the seeds in a warm, sheltered position outdoor. Sow thinly, and cover with finely sifted old potting soil. Attention should be paid to watering until the seedlings appear. When they are enough to handle prick the young plants into nursery beds, allowing them about nine inches of space each way. The beds should be matured and well broken up a few weeks before the seedlings are planted therein. The seed is cheap, and a large stock of plants may be secured for little outlay. A mixed packet of Canterbury Bells will probably include single, double, and Clematis-flowered varieties in many colours.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Provide Peas with suitable supports in good time. They never crop as well if they are once allowed to topple over.

Cabbage, cauliflowers, etc., do best when planted out during showery weather. If the soil is dry at planting time, and rain does follow immediately, hand-watering must be resorted to until the plants commence to grow freely.

Sow for succession, peas, lettuce, radishes, kidney beans, etc.

Lettuce should be transplanted into well-manured beds. Allow 9 inches of space to each plant.

Parsley requires plenty of room and should be thinned to about a foot apart. Crowded plants produce small leaves only.

Thin onions, parsnips, beet, carrots, etc., in good time.

There is still time to put in mint cuttings. Syringe daily until rooted.

CELERY FLY

The larvæ of the celery fly is very injurious. It is perhaps better known locally as the leaf-mining maggot. It makes mines or passages in the leaves, and feeds upon the soft substances. Its presence is indicated by the appearance of pale patches on the upper side of the leaves. If these are examined they will be found to contain a number of fat maggots. In course of time they will destroy the leaves, and in doing this the flow of sap is so much checked that the growth of the plants is seriously affected. In some instances, if the attack is very severe the plants die. The fly usually appears about the end of April, and places its eggs upon the upper side of the leaves. The eggs are hatched in about a week's time, and the larvæ from these bury themselves between the leaves. About a fortnight later the larvæ changes to a puna inside a puparium. From this the fly hatches out and in course of time lays more eggs, and thus the work of the reproduction goes on throughout the summer months. It is simply impossible to deal with the maggot whilst it is encased within the leaf unless hand-picking is resorted to, a slow and tedious task when the attack is severe. Preventive measures are best, and if these are carefully attended to there will be little danger of the plants suffering very much. A mixture of one part finely powdered lime to 3 parts of soot may be dusted over the plants about once a fortnight. It should be put on when the leaves are damp dew or rain.

Paraffin and soft soap is highly spoken of as a means of keeping the fly at a distance. One quart of paraffin and half-a-pound of soft soap to ten gallons of water is a suitable mixture. The paraffin and soap should be thoroughly mixed in a small quantity of hot water before adding the bulk of cold water. This preparation should be used two or three times during the growing season. If only applied once the young leaves will probably be attacked when they grow above the old ones, and the above remedies should be adopted even if no maggot has been noticed. Prevention is better than cure, and plants which appear to be clear may be attacked any time.

POT PLANTS

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

The earliest batch of cuttings rooted in December or January should now be ready for transferring to their final pots. Three parts fibrous yellow loam, one part clean leaf-mould or fibrous peat, and a generous sprinkling of wood ashes and charcoal, will provide a good rooting media. If available, Le Fruitier, or the rate of a six-inch potful to the barrow load of compost, may be added. Powdered lime rubble is also very good. Pot into six-inch pots, and ram firm. Avoid sinking the ball of soil deeper in the pot than it was previously. Stand in a cold frame, shade from bright sun, and syringe fairly close, and sprinkle overhead twice a day. Continue this treatment for a fortnight, then gradually give more light and air. Keep a sharp look out for greenfly as this pest is particularly harmful to carnations.

SEEDS TO SOW NOW

The stress of work in the flower garden must not be allowed to interfere with the work of sowing seeds of plants required for greenhouse or conservatory decoration during the winter and spring months. Primulas in variety, cinerarias, and calceolarias are three of the most important, and any or all of these should be sown now. Later sowings may be made to provide a succession. Schizanthus and cherkias in variety may be sown to provide plants to bloom immediately before chrysanthemums. It often happens that greenhouse flowers are somewhat scarce just before the early chrysanthemums commence to bloom, and the conservatory becomes somewhat dull. A number of colous cuttings should now be got in. These will provide nice plants to mix with cherkias and schizanthus.

SWEET PEAS IN POTS

Sweet peas are producing an exceptionally large amount of fine blooms this year. The bright weather have been all in their favour. It should be remembered that in producing a large amount of bloom the strength of the plants is being severely taxed, and compensation in the shape of liquid food must be provided, or they will soon weaken, and the flowers become small and short-stalked. Liquid manure may be given at alternate waterings, and once a week a topdressing of some approved chemical fertiliser should be used. Cut the flowers as fast as they open. If they are allowed to remain on the plants they will soon weaken them. It is a great mistake to cut sweet peas when the sun is shining upon them. Those cut early in the morning, or in the evening will last much longer.

QUESTION

I have a hanging basket. Will you advise me how to fill it with soil and plants? You not about the varieties of plants last week. An answer will oblige.—A. W. (Gildersome).

Pack the bottom and sides with some fresh sphagnum moss, or if not available gather some nice green moss from the woods. Mix some fibrous loam, fresh cow dung, and a little dissolved clay, and pack it next to the moss. Over this place a little of the soil, and stand the largest plants in position. Press the remainder of the soil firmly around the plants, and fill in with your smaller plants as the work proceeds. Do not overcrowd the plants. Leave sufficient space for light and air to get to them. They will fill all spaces later.

Owing to the large and ever-increasing number of Joneses in the Swansea Valley, there is serious difficulty in delivering letters to the proper quarters. Representations are being made to the local authorities that all houses should be numbered and all streets properly named. It often happens that four or five different families of Joneses live near one another.

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[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

(To be continued).

LOSS OF WEIGHT OF EGGS DURING NATURAL INCUBATION (continued).

"It is unnecessary to describe in detail the stages in the development of a chick. The chick, however, absorbs oxygen, and moisture and certain gases are thrown off through the shell. Under normal conditions the total amount of moisture and gases which have been thrown off at any particular time corresponds to that particular stage in the development of the chicken; in other words, when the egg is incubated under perfectly normal conditions the total loss in the weight of the egg corresponds, within certain limits, to the stage of development of the embryo.

"If the operator of an incubator knows how much a certain number of eggs have lost in weight since the beginning of the incubating period, and compares this loss with the normal loss of the same number of eggs for the same length of time, he will know definitely whether the eggs have decreased properly in weight. If they have lost too much, provided, of course, that the temperature has been normal, they are drying up too rapidly, and either more moisture should be supplied or the amount of ventilation should be reduced; but in reducing the circulation of air through the incubating chamber it must be remembered that pure air surrounding the eggs is just as important as a proper temperature. On the other hand, if the eggs are not losing weight as rapidly as they should they are either kept too moist or they are not receiving the proper amount of ventilation, or perhaps they may be kept too moist and insufficiently ventilated also.

"The object of this bulletin is to furnish sufficient data to enable the operators of incubators to exercise a more intelligent supervision over the operation of their machines. A number of experiments have been performed to determine the normal loss in the weight of eggs during the incubation, and for this purpose the natural method of hatching has been employed. Eggs have been weighed, placed under broody hens in locations suitable for a perfect hatch, re-weighed on a chemical balance at suitable intervals, and the loss determined."

As a result of the studies retailed in bulletin No. 73, directions were issued covering the practical points involved, and these directions are reproduced herewith.

DIRECTIONS FOR WEIGHING THE EGGS.

After placing the eggs upon the trays ready for the incubator, set the trays upon a pair of scales reading to ounces, and note the total weight of the eggs and trays. (The trays should be thoroughly dry). After a few days weigh again. Subtract this from the first weigh. This will give the actual loss in weight of the eggs.

AN EXAMPLE

Suppose that you have 208 eggs on the trays; that the first weight with trays is 24lb. 20z.; and that on the sixth day the weight is 23lb. 6oz. Then the loss in weight is 1202. Now look in the table for the loss in weight of 100 eggs for six days. This is 100z.; 100z. multiplied by 2.08 gives 20.80z., which is the calculated loss of 208 eggs for six days. Therefore the eggs have not been losing weight as rapidly as they should and the eggs should be given more ventilation or the incubator should be removed to a dryer location. It is assumed that the eggs are kept uniformly at the proper temperature). After the eggs have been tested for the infertile ones, weigh again and proceed as before.

TWO RULES

If the eggs have lost too much weight give more moisture or less ventilation; but in regulating ventilation great care must be used, as pure air in the egg-chambers is absolutely necessary.

If the eggs have not lost enough weight, open the ventilators or place the incubator in a dryer place.

Table showing normal loss in weight of 100 eggs in ounces for the first nineteen days of incubation.

Day.	Loss in Weight, ounces.
1	1.05
2	3.34
3	4.06
4	6.62
5	8.28
6	10.09
7	11.72
8	13.44
9	15.16
10	16.88
11	18.60
12	20.33
13	12.10
14	23.88
15	25.66
16	27.44
17	29.21
18	30.99
19	32.77

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WETHERBY RACE MEETING.

LARGE CROWD—GOOD SPORT.

The race meeting at Wetherby on Monday was favoured with ideal weather, the sun shining with considerable heat from a cloudless sky. As a result the patronage extended was quite satisfactory in every department, and the fixture was a decided success. The stake money offered for the seven events exceeded anything given by any other meeting under National Hunt Rules for the day, but this generosity did not meet with its due reward, as though the fields for the various events yielded a fair average considering the time of the year, the principal event ended in a walk-over for Rough and Ready. This was certainly disappointing, but the meeting is sure to go in the long-run. The course was in good order, as the jumps had been well protected, both on the take-off and the landing side, and with a plentiful supply of herbage on the course there was little cause for complaint. Since the Easter Meeting a new exit for motor-cars has been made from the back of the stands to the town, and the motor car enclosure has been made nearly as large again. Other minor improvements have been effected, and further schemes are under consideration. The most notable of these is the provision of an additional grand stand in the chief enclosure, the patronage of which has shown an increase during the past few years.

Racing commenced with the Bickerton Handicap Hurdle, for which Ballymac was preferred over his four opponents. The picking was by no means good, as Ballymac, after making a bad mistake at a hurdle a mile from home, was well beaten, and Millstream, who made all the running, was caught a quarter of a mile from home by Close-wood Boy, who, well ridden by Threlfall, challenged, and quickly getting on terms, won cleverly by a length. Ballymac was a bad third.

The Spofforth Selling Handicap Steeplechase was considered to be a good thing for 10 M.P.H., once sheltered in Mr Calman's stable. Of the others there was nothing to choose between Tuscalum and Cushington from a market point of view. The favourite never held a winning chance, neither did Tuscalum, but Dwarf II., half a mile from home, looked like doing so. Entering the straight, however, was very comfortable on Chessington, and when he got on terms with the leader at the distance it was palpable there was only one in it, the old horse forging ahead to win by four lengths. Tango fell, and Mr H. Trueman was badly shaken, being brought back in the horse ambulance. He was suffering from slight concussion, but it was hoped he would be all right. There was no bid for the winner at the auction.

The Linton Optional Selling Hurdle Race was voted a good thing for the Lambourne horse, Bullfinch, and he was duly installed favourite, with Samura the best backed of the remainder. He never had any chance with Parthia, a winner in Easter, and ridden by Halfack. The latter made the whole of the running, and though challenged by Bullfinch close home, Mr De Trafford's horse came on for more, and Parthia came away easily by a length and a half. He was led into the sale ring and bought in for 250gs.

The Whitsuntide Steeplechase, the most valuable event on the card, was a very disappointing affair as nothing turned out to oppose Rough and Ready, the Yarm horse consequently walking over for the stakes.

Rough and Ready confidently expected to supplement the victory of Pyrrhic for the Doncaster stable by taking the Ainsty Selling Hurdle Race, and was favourite from the outset. There was little money for Orchid at 3 to 1, whilst Claret Lad and Banger were also backed. It provided an excellent race between Orchid and Bestroot, the latter proving the better and finishing by a head. There was an objection to the winner subsequently for crossing, but the stewards, Mr J. C. Wilmot-Smith, Mr R. F. Meyrick, Mr Fairbairn, and the acting Starter, Mr R. F. Walnwaring—after a lengthy investigation, decided not to disturb the judge's verdict. There was no bid for Orchid when submitted for auction.

For the Fotherthorpe Handicap Steeplechase, Patches, a previous winner over the course, was made favourite, with Captain Farrell also a popular fancy. Patches was a winner by everyone except at the post. At the final fence he was first over, but could not withstand the challenge of Captain Farrell, the horse shaking up somewhat and winning by half a length.

Backers of favourites had to wait until the final event, the Tally Ho Hurdle, to see their selected score. The winner proved to be Puffical Billy, but there was an element of luck about it, as the danger, Media, came to grief at the first fence, whilst Sir Guy was pulled up, leaving Puffing Billy with only Flying Storm to beat, which he easily enough, but accompanied all the way round by the riderless Media, the latter gaining the post first.

The officials were:—Stewards: Mr J. C. Wilmot Smith, Heathlands, George Gunter, and Mr R. F. Meyrick. Stakeholder and Clerk of the Course, Mr J. Godfrey Lang, Spofforth, Harrogate. Handicapper, Mr F. W. Wilson, Llargfield, Surrey. Clerk of The Scales, Mr H. Ford, Nottingham. Judge, Mr Stanley Ford, Nottingham. Starter, Mr C. Lang, Spofforth, Harrogate. Auctioneer, Mr H. Walker, York. Secretary's Attendant, Dr Hargreaves. Veterinary Surgeon, Mr A. Ellison, Harrogate. Secretary, Mr J. D. Tiphaly, Wetherby.

A Tobermory correspondent states that genuine wild cat has been caught in Ardnamurchan deer forest, Argyllshire, by a gamekeeper. The animal is very large, measuring 45 inches in length. It has a short, bushy tail, and is dark in colour, with brown stripes. It stands very high on its legs and has a very tigerish appearance.

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ROTHWELL AND ITS REFUSE.

THE DESTRUCTOR QUESTION.

In his annual report Mr E. F. Moorhouse, sanitary inspector for the Rothwell urban area, states that last year 9,953 loads of house refuse were removed at a total cost, for the year, of 1s. 5¼d. per load of refuse and 9s. 4d. per ashpit.

Complaints in regard to tardy removal of the ashpit contents after 9 a.m. have been fewer than in previous years, and the ashpit contents have been satisfactorily disposed of for agricultural purposes, and there has been quicker despatch in dealing with the refuse after being tipped on to the land.

This district is particularly fortunate in having large tracts of agricultural land within, or bordering upon its boundaries which are suitable in every way for absorbing enormous quantities of house refuse, both on account of its nature and the class of crops grown upon it, and I see no reason why the refuse of this district should not continue to be disposed of for agricultural purposes for many years to come; but the disposal will require to be under strict supervision and control, if serious nuisances are to be avoided.

There is a natural tendency when suggestions are brought forward for improved methods of removal and disposal to infer that a refuse destructor will be the ultimate outcome, with the result that a check is given to the suggestions being put into force. The advocates of the privy-midden system also use this refuse destructor argument.

The surest, and, in my opinion, only way of preventing a refuse destructor with its enormous cost and unsatisfactory features, being brought into existence in this district is by a proper use of the natural advantages this district possesses for disposal of the refuse on to the land along with improved methods of removal.

The difficulty in this district is not with the refuse, but with the rubbish, consisting of tins, pots, etc., which are yearly becoming more difficult to dispose of and arrangements will soon have to be made for these materials to be sorted at depots and more suitable ways of disposal found. Were this done, many farmers and market gardeners, who at present object, would have the refuse upon the land, would gladly use it.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Not much business passing owing to the holiday. Wheat was quoted at 35s. to 36s., oats 21s. 6d. to 22s., and rye 25s. per qr.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 12½ for 1s.; butter 10d. to 11d. per lb.; chickens 6s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Supplies of old potatoes are being held for higher prices owing to the crops having been set back by the frosts. The demand is mainly for seconds. Small-to-Do. rose to 62s. 6d., sand King Edwards 70s. to 65s. and 67s. 6d., warp King Edwards 70s. to 72s. 6d. per ton.

CATTLE.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son offered 51 dairy and other cattle, 30 calves, 30 sheep, 12 pigs, and 2 calves. Just a fair trade prevailed for dairy cows, the best making up to £25, useful and secondary kinds £16 15s. to £19 5s., August calvers to £17 2s. 6d., and 18-months-old store beasts to £12 5s. each. A good demand for fat cattle, best bullocks and heifers making fully 7½d., good beef 7¼d., and cows to 6¾d. per lb.; heifers to £21 5s., 7¼d. per lb.; chickens 6s. per couple. Calves and bulls ruled steady. Sheep in brisk trade, and small hoggetts fetching 9¼d., heavier ditto and ewes to 8¾d., and lambs 11¼d. per lb. Pigs made from 6¾d. to 8d. per lb. 8s. 9d. per stone (14 lb.), eight-week-old store pigs to 23s., and stronger kinds to 36s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 59 beasts, 24 sheep, and 22 pigs. Owing to the holiday only a small show of stock. The usual attendance of buyers. A good trade was experienced, best beef making 7¾d. to 8d. per lb. Also a good enquiry for clipped sheep for the holiday trade, best 8d. to 8d. per lb. No change in pigs. Best quality in demand, for the moment. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £26 10s., fat heifers to £20 10s., fat cows to £20, store cattle to £13, cows in calf to £19, cows in milk to £21, fat sheep to £2 19s., pork pigs to £6.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of prime fat stock, for though beasts were fewer in numbers, there were more sheep and lambs. The attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average, and quality beasts made more money, from 8s. 0d. to 9s. 3d. per stone; cows and heavy beef 8s. to 8s. 6d. Shearling sheep met a good trade from 8¾d. to 9d. per lb.; ewes and heavy sheep 7¾d. to 8d. Lambs about late rates, rather in favour of buyers, from 10d. to 11d. per lb. Bullocks made up to £34 5s. each. Numbers sold: 38 beasts, 200 sheep, and 3 pigs. Mr R. Dutton, Bilton Grange, topped the sale for a fine little breed bullocks, making £34 5s. and £32; Mr W. Burniston, of Wharton Lodge, had two grand bullocks, making £28 5s. and £25 15s.; Mrs Otter, Dunsingore, had two good bullocks, making £24 7s. 6d. and £24 2s. 6d.; two very ripe bullocks from Mr J. H. Holmes, Linton, made £26 10s. and £25; three grand bullocks from Mr R. Machin, Cattal Grange, made £27, £27 10s., and £26 17s. 6d.; two very choice heifers from Mr J. Arnold, Toekington, made £24 and £22 2s. 6d.; a grand heifer from Mr S. Barker made £22 2s. 6d.; Mr B. Dunnington, Bilton, had a grand bullock, making £25 5s. 6d.; two beasts from Mr R. Bielby made £17 17s. 6d. and £16 15s.; four beasts from Bickerton Grange made £22 12s. 6d., £17 10s., and £15 5s.; a grand heifer from Mr Jewitt made £21 7s. 6d.; a grand young beast from Mr Wickham-Boynton made £20; two bullocks from Mr Holmes, Harewood, £20 17s. 6d., £20 10s., and £20 15s.; a heifer from Mr Burrell made £16 5s.; from Mr C. Maw, Harrison, £15 2s. 6d.; Far shorn from Mr G. Lax, Cowthorpe, made to 66s. 6d.; Mr R. O. Pick, Bickerton, to 64s. 6d.; Mr D. Robinson, to 60s.; Mr G. S. Hall, to 58s.; Mr J. Thomlinson's exors., to 54s. 6d.; Mr R. Bielby, to 56s.; Mr W. Walker, to 52s. 6d.; Mr S. Barker, to 54s.; Mr Holmes, to 52s.; Mr J. Gowland, to 50s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Atkinson, to 54s.; Mr Fearby, to 52s.; Mr R. Machin, to 58s. 6d. For lambs, from Mr Dunnington, Bilton, to 45s. each; Mr Grainger, to 42s.; Mr J. Britton, to 42s.; Mr W. Dunnington, to 39s. 6d.; Mr Sturdy, to 41s. 6d.; Mr Gowland, to 41s. 6d.; Mr Blaker, to 35s.; Mr L. Mason, to 38s. 6d.; Mr W. Lister, to 39s. etc.

A boy of sixteen, described as a labourer, who was sent to Borstal for larceny, at the London Sessions, was said to be unable to read or to tell the time.

There was an increase of 833 in drunkenness cases in Scotland last year, although the total number of commitments to prison declined by 1,401. "In proportion to population," says the annual report of the Scottish Prison Commissioners, "twice as many persons are sent to prison in Scotland as in England."

Mrs Elwin, wife of Mr C. J. Elwin, of Gainsford Street, Horselydown, Bermondsey, has given birth to triplets, all girls.

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CHLORODYNE

Result of Curious Courtship

SHORT STORY

Between the two places only business communications had passed along the wires, but a change came about in an unexpected way. A new telegraphic operator had been appointed to Dunwood, and one morning a message came to me, in this wise:—

"Good morning, Brandon."

I responded:

"Good morning, Danwood."

Then came the information:

"The former operation died last night, and I have taken his place."

"What is your name?" I asked.

"Nellie Merton. What is yours?"

A spirit of mischief prompted my reply "Ned Clayborn."

"Thank you," was the concise response.

Then a message in real earnest came along the lines, and we were obliged to attend to business.

She told me her history. She had run away from home because her parents insisted upon marrying her to a man she detested (and the description of him was a revelation in the way of a coward came clicking viciously from my end of the line). She would never marry him—never! I advised her not to, and hinted at an affection deeper and truer than any the presuming "Dolores" could offer.

Well, the outcome of it all was that I asked the unseen Nellie to be my wife, and even described the little home that was becoming awaiting her coming. I was floundering in deep water, and could but trust to a kind Providence to pull me out. My "fun" was becoming dead earnest. How I wished the wires stretched long between us, so that I might see the expression that I could perchance hear some exclamation, or gain some token of how my message was received. But this was not to be, and I had to possess my soul in patience.

That virtue was almost exhausted, when the well-known call fell upon my ear. I flew to the instrument. It was concise, and not very complimentary.

"Rather than marry that brute, I will risk it."

I was in for it now, and must perforce flounder still deeper by sending rapturous messages over the wires. I, Delia Brown, was engaged to be married to a young lady I had never seen. This was forcing the question of woman's rights.

I carried the "fun" on for over three months, and every day it grew decidedly less "funny," until I began to brood over the predicament into which I had giddily led my friend.

At last I vowed that it no longer, and one day, just three weeks before I was to travel to Danwood and claim my bride, I got into the train with altogether another motive. It was to "kiss and make up," after I had begged her with tears to forgive me, etc., etc.

I found a little house, with a little sign in blue and white swinging in the breeze, and going in I saw the little sign at Brandon. It was occupied at the time by a young man reading a paper. I looked at him, without speaking, and he returned the the compliment in kind.

"I wish to see Miss Nellie Merton," I said, and, as he did not speak, I went on to explain. "I am the operator at Brandon, and I have an important message which must be delivered to her at once. A moment's delay means——" I paused for a word, and he spoke for the first time.

"So you are the operator at Brandon, and desire to see Miss Merton. I am sorry to disappoint you, but you see, Miss Merton is at home at the present time, while I take her place. The fact is, she is going to marry a brute, and is compelled to do so against her will. Perhaps you can help me in the matter. I have an important message which must be delivered to her at once. A moment's delay means——" I paused for a word, and he spoke for the first time.

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His coolness nearly distracted me.

"I must see her!" I exclaimed, excitedly.

"But you cannot," he said, coolly. "I have instructions not to let any one know her whereabout for a day or two, until these preparations are well under way."

I was on the verge of tears, and, with a husky sob, I cried out, sinking into a chair, and holding up my hands deprecatingly:

"Don't say another word! You will set me wild. If you will not let me speak to find Nellie," I went on, in desperation, "will you please tell her this? I have been a bad, wicked girl, and—and—and there is no such person as Ned Clayborn. It started in fun, and—and—and—please let me go to her. She will understand me so much better than you can explain it."

"No such person as New Clayborn? My dear young lady, I must beg leave to differ with you. That is the name of the young man who, in three short weeks, is to marry Miss Merton. Surely, he is not dead?" he added, in consternation.

"Oh, will you not understand? It was all a joke at first. I thought it would be great fun, and so I—well, I am Ned Clayborn, and after a time I became engaged—in fun, you know" (here I laughed hysterically); "I tried to stop, but I was so wicked I could not, and now poor Nellie will break her heart, and—and—and—" and I broke down and began to cry in a miserable way.

Unlike most men, my companion was not in the least disconcerted at the sight of my tears, but simply laughed, loud and long.

Presently the laughter ceased; then I heard uneasy movements in the chair occupied by my companion; then he got up and paced about restlessly. Pretty soon a light touch fell upon my arm, and his voice, very gentle and kind, said:

"Nellie is here to receive your confession and forgiveness."

I dried my eyes, and looked up, but saw no one but the tall young man who was looking at me very earnestly.

"Where is she?" I asked, ready to cry again.

"Here," he said, holding out his hand.

Instinctively, I put mine into it, and it closed over it tightly.

"I also have a confession to make," he said, earnestly. "I thought you were another young fellow like myself, and, wishing to relieve the tedium of a long day's waiting, decided to play you a flirtation. I intended some day to meet the young man and have it out with him, when you came with your strange message. I knew it was a mistake directly I saw Nellie Merton. And you are Ned Clayborn? Come, dry your eyes, Ned; your Nellie is not heartbroken at the turn of affairs."

After standing him in silent amazement for a space of five seconds, the truth of the whole matter began to dawn upon my confused brain. My face grew hot with indignation, and I snatched my hand from his and stepped to my feet.

"You are a contemptible fellow!" I cried.

He did not reply, but stood looking down at me from his superior height.

"It was a hundred times more meaner in you, because your object was a woman. I will never forgive you, if I live to be a thousand."

"Isn't that rather paradoxical, considering the fact that you thought I was a woman, and you were enacting the role of the sterner sex?" he asked.

"You might have known," I answered, severely.

"But I did not," he said.

"Here is my train," I said, shortly.

"Goodbye," he replied, assuming me on to the train, despite my independence, and lifting his hat as it steamed out.

I travelled back to Brandon a sadder but a wiser woman.

"I have a fool," said I, to my reflection in the little mirror as I removed my hat."

A year rolled by, I had entirely recovered from my chagrin, and hurled in the direction of Dunwood every morning, was a vivid recollection of the voice, and manner, and appearance of the tall young operator at Danwood.

One morning I was answering and copying back a long message, when a long shadow fell across my papers. A glance upward told me who it was. The door of that secret and darkened chamber of my memory flew open, and I knew that the tall young man whom I had met at Danwood was not as yet quite consigned to oblivion. Standing with hat in hand, and without any preface of any kind, he said:

"Over a year ago you asked me to marry you, and I consented. I have come to-day to ask will you come. Or shall I enter an action for breach of promise?"

What could I do? And, after all, perhaps he would not have made me a better husband had I been left in the lurch, conventional way, and waited for him to propose to me."

"TAKING COLD."

Of all causes of "cold," most probably fatigue is one of the most common, says *Health*. A jaded man coming home at night from a long day's work; a growing youth losing some hours' sleep over evening parties two or three times a week, a young lady heavily "doing the season," or overburdened children overfed with short allowance of sleep, are common instances of the victim of "cold." Luxury is favourable to chill taking. Very hot rooms, feather beds, and soft chairs create a sensitiveness that leads to catarrh. Probably many chills are contracted at night or at the fag-end of the day, when tired people get the equilibrium of their circulation disturbed by either overheated sitting-rooms or under-heated bedrooms and beds. This is especially the case with elderly people. In such cases the mischief is not always done simultaneously, or in a single night. It often takes place individually, extending over days or even weeks.

Sixty-one couples were married on the same day in the parish church at Calugareasa, Roumania.

SHERBURN GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.

"FOR LEGITIMATE ORPHANS AND INFANTS ONLY."

Apropos of the new scheme for the administration of the Sherburn-in-Elmet Endowed School, the following account of the foundation and its charity is taken from Wheater's "History of Sherburn and Cawood":—

In Robert Hungate, second son of William Hungate and Anne Stillington his wife, "counsellor at law" of Lincoln's Inn (1570), and of Sand Hutton in 1605, Sherburn found a generous benefactor. It was he who founded and endowed, by will dated 11th May, 1619, the executors of which were his nephew, Sir William Hungate, and his neice, Margery Hungate, the hospital and grammar school at Sherburn, declaring that the several sums of £900, £700, and £1,300, moneys owing to him, should on recovery be devoted by his executors to that purpose. After the receipt of the said sums or any part amounting to the sum of £1100 or above, the executors were with all convenient speed to purchase to them and their heirs lands, tenements, and hereditaments, of so much yearly value as bona fide so much moneys would purchase in fee simple, upon the confidence and trust that his said executors and their heirs should for ever thereafter employ the yearly profits of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments as from time to time to be purchased, in erecting, building, and founding one convenient house or hospital, with a convenient school-house and rooms, within the town of Sherburn, for the town of Sherburn, for legitimate orphans and infants only, above seven or under fifteen years old, to consist of the number of 24 orphans in one time, and each child to be yearly allowed for their maintinance the sum of £5; and also to provide an able schoolmaster, being a preaching minister, to instruct the said orphans in the art of grammar; and to catechise the said orphans in the grounde of the Christian religion established in England, twice every week, and to preach once on every Sabbath in the parish church, where the said hospital should be erected, yearly for ever. The schoolmaster and instructor to have a convenient room there for his lodgment, and a solary of £30 per annum, and his diet assigned of as marks per annum. The master, usher, and orphans were to be chosen by his executors, or the survivor of them, and after their death by the Dean of York, for the time being, should act until there was a heir male, "being no Popish recusant," and then the eldest of that heir male by the name of William Hungate, his late father, "if he be no Popish recusant." The orphans of the towns of Sherburn and Sutton should be preferred, after the orphans of Sand Hutton, and then of York. In default of heir male of his father, or if such heir male should be a "Popish recusant," or if there be any default in choosing and placing such schoolmaster, preacher, usher, and orphans, his will was that the Dean of York, for the time being, should act until there was a heir male, "being no Popish recusant," and then the eldest of that heir male by the name of William Hungate, his late father, "if he be no Popish recusant." The orphans of the towns of Sherburn and Sutton should be preferred, after the orphans of Sand Hutton, and then of York. In default of heir male of his father, or if such heir male should be a "Popish recusant," or if there be any default in choosing and placing such schoolmaster, preacher, usher, and orphans, his will was that the Dean of York, for the time being, should act until there was a heir male, "being no Popish recusant," and then the eldest of that heir male by the age of fifteen years and a half at the most; but before and within that time, as they should be able and fit for it, should be sent to the University, or be placed apprentices to "some honest course of life within this Commonwealth." After these directions had been complied with, the grammar-school to have the said lands, etc., should belong to his executors, their heirs, and assigns, "to their sole and proper use for ever." Sir William Hungate, the executor named of the sums mentioned in the purchase of lands, which in 1628 were conveyed to the use of the charity, and then produced in yearly rents upwards of £250 (which must have been a very capital investment on the part of Sir William!). The several payments directed by the will amounted to £265 (or, 8d.

William at the same time provided a school-house. In 1671 the charity was endowed by one Francis Thornhill with land, which was thereupon demised by the trustees to the same Francis Thornhill at a yearly rent of £40. Sir William Hungate having survived the executors, acted as the patron of the charity until his death in 1655, and the heir male of the testator's father being then a Papist, the Dean of York acted as patron until 1780. In 1780 Sir Thomas Gascoigne, whose father had married the heiress of the Hungate estates, and had become entitled to the estates charged with the payments to the charity, conformed to the Protestany religion, and from thence until his death acted as patron of the charity. In the year 1770 Sir Thomas Gascoigne obtained an Act of Parliament for enclosing, among other lands, the estates charged with the payment to the charity; and thereupon by the interference of the then Dean of York, Sir Thomas at that time being a Papist, that in respect of the benefit which Sir Thomas derived from the enclosure, the charity payments should be increased by a further yearly payment of £12. Sir Thomas, who became by purchase the owner of the lease granted to Francis Thornhill, died in 1810, and thereupon Richard Oliver Gascoigne came into possession of the charity lands, as tenant for life, under the will of Sir Thomas Gascoigne, and from the time of such possession the payments made by him to the charity were upwards of £50 a year less than the amount of the payments directed by the will of the founder! The income of the estates at the time of filing the information amounted to £800 a year, and the object of the information was to have the whole of those rents applied to the purposes of the charity, by a scheme to be settled by the Master of the Rolls.

And now comes casuistry and a very feeble attempt at right—liberal pseudonotes! The master declared that "it a court of justice were to provide for that change in the value of money, which the testator had not in his contemplation, it would not be to execute the will, but to make a new will for the testator"; and therefore upon in the face of his own dictum he proceeded to make a new will for the testator, but clearly not such a one as the testator would have made. He determined that in addition to the stipulated payment, the owner of the estate was bound, at his own expense, to maintain and keep the school-house in good repair, and to pay for the fitting up and furnishing of the school, and to find the school books, and also the necessary furniture and bedding for the lodging of the scholars, so far as the yearly sum of £12, mentioned in the Enclosure Act, was not adequate to that purpose; and he directed the defendant, Richard Oliver Gascoigne, to account for the amount of the stipulated payments from the time of his possession, and to pay the costs of the information, and referred it to the Master to settle a scheme for the future management of the charity.

On the cause coming on for further directions on the Master's report, a question was raised as to the propriety of the introduction of a provision for the teaching of writing and arithmetic into the scheme for the management of the Grammar School. It was argued that writing and arithmetic, although best fitted for commercial purposes, were inconsistent with maturo of a "grammar" school. And yet the pupils of this particular grammar school, twenty out of twenty-four were "to be placed apprentices to some honest course of life within this Commonwealth," according to the very words and will of the testator. The lawyers had to admit that Lord Lyndhurst—whom men called Cyplex, as they did Bishop Grostete, another very clear-sighted man, who spoke plain truth and commen-sense, six hundred years before—had approved of the introduction of a provision for giving instruction in writing and arithmetic into a scheme for the administration of a free grammar school. And so the Master of the Rolls, "glad of an opportunity of holding, upon the authority of the case before Lord Lyndhurst," could not but see "that the teaching of writing and arithmetic might be well introduced into a scheme for the management of a free "grammar school." This account is taken from Myles and Keen's Chancery Reports.

The school was established at Sherburn, and in front of it is this inscription:—"Robertus Hungate de Fletate Eboruac Armiger. Natus Saxonis Fundator Prime, 1610. Major et Aldermanni Eborum in Memoriam Ejus Hoc Posuerunt, 1656."

This possibly may be the year of the erection of the present building. Robert Hungate also left £30 a year to the minister of St. Cuthbert's Church in York, and £30 to the minister of Sand Hutton Church and Sutton Church, which annual sums were to continue for thirty-five years after his death. This generous and noble-minded man is buried in St. Cuthbert's Church, Peaseholme, York.

TERRITORIALS' CAMP AT BOSTON SPA.

The Northern Command Companies, more popularly known as the Northern Signal Companies (R.E.), had their Whitsuntide Camp at Boston Spa. The men paraded at Leeds on Saturday afternoon at twelve o'clock, the mounted men and waggons journeying by road through Roundhay and Collingham, The dismounted portion were conveyed by rail at 4.35 p.m., marching from Collingham and reaching Boston Spa at 6.30. The cable waggons arrived at 7 o'clock. Owing to no fewer than a score of horses having been condemned before starting both the airline and wireless waggons were considerably delayed, and it was a late hour before all were completely fixed up. The preliminary arrangements, the erection of 40 tents and the laying of picket lines, had been well carried out by a small fatigue party. By 5 o'clock on Sunday morning the camp was astir, and soon after nine the airline waggons moved off to build lines in the immediate neighbourhood. All the cable companies went north of the River Wharfe to lay their cables and maintain communication throughout, spreading over a considerable distance. Both the wireless companies worked in different directions, erecting their tall masts and getting in touch with each other, the general results of the morning's work being considered most satisfactory.

Particularly good work was done on Sunday, by the four cable companies. An extensive intercommunication scheme, by which the waggons of all the Companies were connected one with another, was carried out. All the cable lines and waggons were occupied in instructional work between Newton Kyme, Clifford, and Boston Spa, while the wireless got as far as Bramham. Rain fell during the morning, but the afternoon was beautifully fine.

On Monday the airline and wireless waggons were drawn by six-horse teams for the first time. Second-class officers were fixed up by the former establishment at Thorparch, and at the cross roads between Walton and Wighill, where also there were four base offices of the Cable Detachments. The waggons made a more extended circuit than on Sunday, No. 1 section reaching Cattal. For the first time active use was made of a number of the motor cyclist branch, Lance-Corporal Blakeborough, Marsh carrying special messages fairly long distances.

Major-General Baldock, accompanied by Major Wilkins, arrived at Boston Spa by motor soon after 10 o'clock, and, prior to visiting the working detachments, inspected the camp in detail. Accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel J. W. H. Broan and Captain T. H. L. Speight, R.E. (Adjutant), he then went to Newton Kyme, where the wireless was in touch with Lieut. Barker's detachment at Compton, a distance of about six miles. From here the Inspecting Officer despatched a message. The airline second-class office at Thorparch was taken next, a "wire" being transmitted from the General to the Walton Lodge office, and whilst half-way between these he instructed an operator to "tee in" on the line, and despatch a further message asking "What time did the General go through," receiving a reply within five minutes giving the correct particulars. A short visit to the termination of the airline length was followed by a lengthy stay at the base cable offices, where Captain D. Hey explained the positions of the waggons, and the work they were performing. Major-General Baldock then followed the route laid by Lieut. Jackson's detachment towards Wetherby, and meeting them "reeling up" on their return journey, followed the waggon for half a mile, thoroughly inspecting the whole process. Before leaving Boston Spa Major-General Baldock expressed himself as being very pleased with the work of all the sections, and with the arrangements of the camp.

At 3.15 a general parade was called, but a welcome rest was accorded soon afterwards. On Tuesday morning camp was struck, the troops returning to Leeds soon after dinner.

HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AT ADEL.

THE DRAINAGE QUESTION.

At the meeting of the Wharfedale Rural Council on Friday the Clerk submitted for execution the revised agreement with the Leeds Corporation, under which the sewage from the residential portion of Adel will be sent for treatment into the Leeds sewers.

The Clerk (Mr E. C. Newstead) stated that after long refusal by the Local Government Board to allow a special drainage area to be created, the agreement had had to be re-drawn. The Council would make certain annual payments based upon the assessable value of the property to be treated. The agreement had been executed by the Leeds Corporation.

In regard to the work, the contractors were suggesting a variation of the terms by reason of the increased cost of labour. Sanction was given for the agreement to be executed.

In reply to a letter from the Local Government Board as to the progress of the negotiations for providing housing accommodation, the Clerk stated that the Council were proceeding as quickly as they could, but their first difficulty was in regard to the selection of a suitable site. Plans were being prepared of the class of houses the Council proposed to erect.

The Chairman (Mr Hornsby Jackson) said that Adel seemed to be the only district where cottages were wanted. They had heard of a very suitable site, but the owner was not disposed to sell the land for workmen's cottages. They had the offer of three sites on another estate, but all were some distance from the sewage and water mains, and inquiries were being made as to the cost of making the necessary connections.

HOUSING IN SELBY RURAL DISTRICT.

WHAT HOUSES AT HAMBLETON COST.

At the meeting of Selby Rural District Council on Monday—Mr Harris Anson presiding, a letter was read from the Local Government Board on the housing question, inquiring what action was being taken by the Council.

The former medical officer, Dr Stedman, in his last annual report, stated that the scarcity of houses was becoming a serious problem owing to industrial developments in and around Selby. The houses only had been built in the rural district during 1913. The report continued:—

In the villages near the town the demand is the greatest. Since the date that if Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act were put into operation, and a number of houses erected by the local authority, there would be no loss to the ratepayers and great benefit to the district.

Mr Parkin did not think the housing question was serious in villages like Drax.

The Clerk said that people working in and around Selby who could not get houses in the town went to villages in the district like Wistow.

Mr J. Pocklington added that when sufficient houses were built in Selby a number of people now occupying houses in villages would remove to dwellings nearer their work. Houses built by the Rural Council might be left on their hands.

Mr W. Abell agreed that outsiders coming in were making the houses scarce in villages.

The newly-appointed medical officer (Dr Bertram Hill) was present, and he was instructed to investigate and report upon the question.

Replying to a question as to the cost of houses, the Chairman stated that two he had built at Hambleton when materials were cheap cost £165 each. He had seen the price stated as low as £110, but it was only on paper.

Dr Hill said Adel had, drainage, and road-making were not always taken into consideration. He worked out the figures as to one of the cheap cottages at York, and found the cost came to £250.

The medical officer reported that during the past month there had been a case of diphtheria at Burn, the patient being removed to the Isolation Hospital.

ON A ROTHWELL TRAMCAR.

A SUNDAY NIGHT SCENE.

At Leeds, on Friday, the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr H. Marshall) fined Sydney Cammell, a young forgemhn, of Dewsbury Road, for being drunk and disorderly, doing wilful damage to the window of a tramcar, and for interfering with the comfort of passengers, 20s. and costs, together with 8s. damages.

Walter Armitage, twenty-one, of Moor Crescent, Dewsbury Road, for being drunk and disorderly and interfering with the comfort of passengers, was fined 10s. and costs, and James Myland, pit machineman, Gorra Street, Dewsbury Road, 20s. and costs on similar charges.

The case arose out of a scene on the outside of a car proceeding from Rothwell to Leeds on Sunday evening, the 24th ult. On the way the conductor, Walter Cliff, had collected their fares from Rothwell to Thwaite Gate, and then noticed, he said, that they had had some drink, but he "did not think they were bad enough to be put off the car."

Later a passenger, named Herbert Wright, saw one of the men taking one of the electric lamps off, and advised him to put it back. The man replied, "What's it got to do with you?" and Wright, after a further exchange of words, went downstairs and informed the conductor.

Wright added that previous to that incident the men had been singing and using very bad language, with the result that two other passengers—a lady and gentleman—had gone to the opposite end of the car.

Wright afterwards went to the top of the car with the conductor, and it was then seen that all the lamps had been taken off on one side of the car. At the request of Cliff, Wright held the door, and it was alleged that Cammell then struck at him through the glass panel, smashing the glass.

When Hunslet Police Station was reached the police were called in.

In the course of the hearing conductor Cliff gave, amid laughter, a new definition as to the speed of the men. He said he thought they were well half-way gone.

DISASTROUS COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

A disastrous explosion occurred on Saturday at the Pilley Pit of the Wharncliffe Silkstone Colliery Company, Tankersley, near Barnsley. Eleven men at work near to an electrical coal-cutting machine were instantly killed, and two others were badly injured. The outburst of flame and the cloud of afterdamp following the explosion quickly expended their force, and the damage was restricted to a small area of the Whinmoor seam. Two or three miners had narrow escapes from death, and their experiences in making their way to safety were distressing.

ESSAYS ON "FIRST-AID."

The competition amongst school children for essays on "First-Aid," organised by C. E. Fulford, Ltd., the sole proprietors of Zam-Buk, has just concluded. Nearly 10,000 essays were sent in from schools and scholars in practically every corner of the British Isles.

According to the judges' report, the essays disclose a much improved knowledge of "First-Aid," due probably to the introduction of the study in the regular curriculum. Council enough the standard of merit is higher in the case of girls than boys. The essay which secured the highest number of marks, written by Miss Mildred Swinscoe, aged 13, of the Berry Brow Council School, Huddersfield, displays a really high degree of skill and ingenuity for a schoolgirl.

The silver cup awarded to the teacher whose scholars displayed the best average knowledge of "First-Aid" has been won by Miss M. E. Barnes, assistant mistress of the Manor Road Girls' School, West Ham, Essex.

Francis James Macready, thirty-nine, labourer, was stated at a Manchester inquest to have died through swallowing a bone, which lodged in the intestines.

SELBY HOSPITAL SPORTS.

TADCASTER AND SELBY WINNERS.

The Selby Cottage Hospital sports were held on Monday in fine weather. There was a good attendance, including many holiday visitors. Over £40 was given in prizes, the programme being arranged by the Workingmen's Committee in aid of the local Cottage Hospital. A satisfactory entry was received for the open events, a good deal of interest there was, as usual, plenty of competition in the local contests. Prizes were offered in a walking match. A comic band and other entertaining items were included in the programme. Music was contributed by the Selby Town Band.

Mrs Solloway kindly consented to present the prizes at the close of the competitions.

The local troops of Boy Scouts paraded through the town with decorated cars, collections being made on behalf of the funds as the procession went along the streets.

The following are the results of some of the events:—

Walking Race (14 miles)—1, Fitz Harris (ahrs 13mins.); 2, A. Ryder; 3, H. Winship.

80 Yards Flat Race (handicap)—1, S. Lofthouse, Selby, (4); 2, A. Robins, Castleford, (scr.); 3, J. R. Smith, Selby, (7½).

100 Yards Flate Race (open)—1, V. Townend, Selby, (6½); 2, J. W. Garbutt, Tadcaster (9½); 3, J. R. Smith, Selby (12).

Half-mile Bicycle Race (handicap), open—1, F. J. Coulson, Tadcaster (110); 2, J. Spetch, Langfield (98); 3, J. Burton, Selby (115).

220 Yards Flat Race (handicap), open—1, V. Townend, Selby (19); 2, J. Quinlan, Hull (22).

One Mile Bicycle Race (handicap), open—1, H. Booth, Ferrybridge (100); 2, F. J. Cousins, Tadcaster (210); 3, J. S. Rutter, Howden (195).

100 Yards Flat Race (handicap), for men over 40 years of age—1, J. Moore (25); 2, A. Fawcett (8); 3, J. L. Taylor (8).

Displays with swords and Indian clubs were given by Mr Bert Williamson.

LOCK LANE CHARITY SPORTS.

The Lock Lane Medical Charity's Committee held their twelfth annual athletic sports on Monday in the old Rugby football field, Lock Lane, Allerton Bywater, in the presence of 3,500 spectators. This year all the cycling events had been withdrawn, and considering that only flat races were down for decision an entry of 273 was excellent. The following are the results:—

100 Yards Handicap—Heat winners—C. F. Watker, York City (10½); A. R. Munford, Leeds A.C. (7½); G. Fox, Bradford A.C. (7½) and J. W. Riddalle, York H. (8), dead heat; J. T. Gee, Longwood H. (7½); R. Dobson, Bradford A.C. (4½); Will Hanson, Yorkshire Champion, Salford H. (5½); D. R. Bullough, Allerton (6½). Final—1, Dobson; 2, Hanson; 3, Bullough. Time, 11-5s. An exceptionally fine finish; inches between winners.

100 Yards Schoolboys' Race—Heat winners—F. Pearson, Lock Lane (12½); F. Thorpe, Castleford (11); Wm. Murthick, Castleford (12½); A. Wilson, Stanley (9½); Thos. Lewis, Featherstone (12). Final—1, Lewis; 2, Pearson; 3, Wilson; 4, Thorpe. Time, 11 2-5s.

440 Yards Hand'cap—Heat winners—W. Simpson, Bradford A.C. (30); H. Heathcote, Longwood H. (36); O. Grieveson, Wilson Park (35½); F. Bolas, Bradford A.C. (39); T. Liversidge, Castleford (39); C. Lisg, Leeds St. Mark's, fastest loser (24). Final—1, Heathcote; 2, Simpson; 3, Ling. Won by a yard; game. Time 49 1-5s.

Tradesmen's Turn-Out (four wheel)—1, D. Liversidge and Sons, Castleford; 2, D. Sainter and Sons, Castleford; 3, Castleford and Allerton Co-operative Society.

Half-mile Handicap—1, F. Dobb, Bradford A.C. (80); 2, W. W. Mellor, Huddersfield (20); 3, W. H. Jacques, Leeds A.C. (55). Won by three yards. Time, 1m. 55 3-5s.

220 Yards Handicap—Heat winners—G. Fox, Bradford (16); A. R. Munford, Leeds (12½); D. R. Bullough, Allerton (16½); A. C. Pree, York (16); P. Taylor, Scarcroft (14); F. Turner, Golcar (16½); R. Dobson, Bradford (7½); J. Hardy, Armley and Wortley (20). Final—1, Munford; 2, Dobson; 3, Fox. Won by half a yard; same. Time, 22 4-5s.

Tradesmen's Turnout (two-wheel)—1, Greatbatch and Sons, Castleford; 2, D. Liversidge and Sons, Castleford.

Three Miles Harriers' Relay Race—1, Leeds East Ward Conservative Harriers; 2, York City A.C.; 3, Castleford Harriers. Won easily. Time, 17m. 13 3-5s.

900 Yards Scholars Relay Race—1, Pontefract Road School, Castleford; 2, Hunslet Carr Council School; 3, Lock Lane School.

Mile Handicap—1, W. H. Jacques, Leeds A.C. (135); 2, Frank Blythman, Leeds (176); 3, Fred Pollitt, Wakefield Trinity (155). Won by five yards; three yards. Time, 4m. 21 2-5s.



NEWS OF THE WEEK.

While practising in the Isle of Man, Berger, the racing motorist, was struck on his goggles by a bird. His eye was cut.

Walter Jackson, a young miner employed at Birch Coppice Colliery, Atherstone (Warwickshire), was run over and killed by a full tub of coal.

Goldfish in the Roman baths at Bath pull a string when they want dinner, and a meal of ants' eggs is automatically turned into the water.

Mr William F. Saul, a University graduate, has been appointed teacher of needlework in the public school for girls at Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

A woman named Suzanne Champagne was fined £8 at Bitrey-le-Francois, France, for selling as champagne a decoction of fruits and carbonic acid.

Fifty men are now engaged in painting the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Forty-five thousand pounds of paint will be used, and the work will cost £4,000.

A bridal wreath of cherries and baskets of fruit and flowers in place of bridesmaids' bouquets were features of a wedding at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London.

William Mitchell (65), residing as 2, Cornwall Terrace, Burlington, fell down dead in Northcote Terrace. He had for some time past suffered from heart trouble.

"Roads cannot now be used as playgrounds, it said the coroner at an inquest at Winsford, Cheshire, on a child who was killed by a motor-car when playing in the road.

Commander Eva Booth and about 680 Salvationists sailed from New York in the Olympic to attend the Salvation Army's International congress in London.

A boy named Dowson, who ran suddenly from behind a cart, was killed by a motor-car belonging to Captain Brown, son of Sir Alexander Brodie, at Holmwood, near Dorking.

Mr W. Dornan, a Sunbury hairdresser, has offered to give to the two leading prize-winners in the local horse parade a bi-weekly shave and a monthly hair cut until Christmas Eve.

At a meeting of the Northumberland Education Committee it was announced that there was a gratifying improvement in the quality of the evening class work shown by the examinations.

A wedding which was to have taken place at Poole, Lancashire, on Saturday, was stopped at the last moment owing to the bridegroom's father objecting that his son, a canal boatman, was out of work.

While Territorials were firing at Merthyr Mawr range, a bullet, which is believed to have been fired by one of the butts, wounded Mrs Margaret Bishop, of Bridgend, in the leg as she was walking on the sand dunes.

Miss Alice Brown, of Boston, who is fifty-seven years of age, has been awarded advance royalties of £2,000 for a play entitled "Children of Earth," in competition with 1,600 other authors.

At the quarterly meeting of the governors of the Newcastle Royal Infirmary, it was announced that a public appeal is to be made shortly for funds to enable the institution to obtain a supply of radium.

A tramp who took refuge from the intense cold in a blacksmith's forge near Guadalajara, Spain, was scorched to death by the heat of the ovens, while his companion, who lay down by the roadside, was frozen to death.

While the fire brigade were extinguishing a fire in New York thieves hacked the brass coupling from the hose of the engine and escaped with it before the cause of insufficient water pressure was discovered.

Leonard Turner, aged eleven, living at Enfield Lock, jumped fully dressed into the river Lea and succeeded, after much difficulty, in rescuing from drowning a six-year-old boy named Little who had fallen into deep water.

Sons bowing and a heated discussion followed the reading of a paper on "The Church and Modern Thought Criticism," read by the Rev. D. Heyn Jones at the annual assembly of the Northern Baptist Association at Middlesbrough on Tuesday.

Dr. Duncan McDougall, of Haverh'll, Massachusetts, states that an experiment by carried out with a dying man showed the body suddenly lost three-quarters of an ounce in weight at the moment of death. He declares this is the weight of the soul.

Sara Gurmina, a cigarette maker at Malaga, who was jealous of the beauty of her cousin, a girl of seventeen, gave her drugged coffee and then shaved off her eyebrows. When she was fined £3 17s., she declared that it was worth the money.

The six-year-old son of a Goole labourer died on Tuesday as the result of a gun accident on Monday night. The boy was asleep in a boat on the Ouse and above him was a loaded gun. His father thought it would be safer to unload the weapon, but on reaching for it something caught the trigger and the gun went off, the shot entering the boy's back.

A fatal accident occurred at Somerleyton, near Lowestoft, on Monday, when two Scout-masters and four Sea Scouts, members of the 1st Carlton (East Suffolk) Troop of Sea Scouts, were drowned. The boat in which they were returning after a week's camp by the riverside capsized, and only one of its occupants, another member of the same troop, survived.

Sir Edward Carson, speaking in East Belfast on Tuesday night, said that Ulstermen were more determined than ever not to be put into the position of a conquered province. Despite the fleet, he was going to have more Mausers. He had little faith in the Amending Bill. He was declined to see that they would produce it was d be a putrid skeleton of some past rejected of r, but if the Government were going to resurrect their past efforts they might as well let them rest in their coffins.

Mr Lloyd George, who received a party of Welsh Liberal officials at Criccieth on Tuesday, said the Parliament Act was now maturing, and the Government were not going to give up until they had reaped the harvest which had been sown at the command of the people who sent them to power. As to the demand that this Parliament should be broken up, the Government would do nothing of the kind. As to the defeats at recent by-elections, he said they could not keep up the fervour of a general election for five years.



A pet stag owned by a gamekeeper at Fuerstenberg, Bavaria, has been savaging poultry, and venison, its favourite drink being beer.

Harry Westwood, twelve, of Barlborough Street, Dewsbury, near Sheffield, while playing with a companion, slipped and fell head first into a burning tip. He died shortly afterwards.

Marguerite Benzini, of Thonon, on Lake Geneva, was found lying unconscious on the Swiss-Italian frontier with securities worth £3,320 in her possession. On recovering, she could give no account of her movements, and is believed to have lost her memory.

In recognition of the heroism displayed by Edna Walker, the ten-year-old daughter of a Wirksworth insurance agent, in saving the lives of her little brothers and sisters at a fire which occurred at her home recently, the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire have awarded her a silver watch.

Howell Parr, clad in a padded football suit and with his hands bound, won a wager of £400 by rolling for fifteen hours, with three short rests, along the streets of Baltimore. Parr was followed by a fashionable crowd on foot and in motor-cars.

Children broke into a Council School at Llanelly, rifled the desks, and set fire to place in five flames were extinguished by the Great Western Railway and town fire brigades.

In order to economise, the Town Council of Schaldy, Germany, has directed that on nights when, according to the calendar, the moon may be expected to shine, street electric and gas lamps shall remain unlighted.

A trial for the celebrated "Dunmow" Flitch, which was held at Ilford, attracted a large and boisterous crowd. Two flitches of bacon were provided, the claimants being called upon to avow that they had not offended each other by word or deed within a year and a day, or wished themselves unmarried, "since the clerk said 'Amen.'" The three pairs of claimants were Mr and Mrs F. G. Smith, of Enfield; Mr and Mrs L. Verbruggan, of Ilford; and Mr and Mrs Einhauser, of Forest Gate. The first two couples won the flitch, and a gammon of bacon was awarded to the third as consolation prize.

WORK-A-DAY WONDERS.

VIII.—ABOUT THE LUCK THAT COMES THROUGH HELPING PEOPLE.

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(To be concluded).

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

RURAL DISTRICT OF HUNSLET.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Rural District Council of Hunslet, being the Sanitary Authority for the above named district, did, on the 4th day of June, 1914, in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act, pass the following resolution, viz.:—

That the SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, SECTIONS, ESTIMATES, and PROVISIONAL APPORTIONMENTS prepared by the Surveyor, with reference to certain street works required to be executed in ROBERTS STREET, BACK ROBERTS STREET, KITCHENER STREET, BULLER STREET, WHITE STREET, FRENCH STREET, CLEMENTS STREET, AND POWELL STREET, all in the contributory place of OULTON WITH WOODLESFORD, in pursuance of the resolution to execute such works passed by the Council on the 9th day of April, 1914, be, and the same are hereby approved.

And notice is further given that for a period of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, copies certified by the Surveyor of the specifications, plans, sections, estimates, and provisional apportionments, referred to in the above resolution, will be kept deposited at the offices of the Council, Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds, and will be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1914.
W. B. PINDAR,
Clerk to the Council.

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BY Permission of the Hon. E. F. L. WOOD, M.P., parts of the PARK and PLEASURE GROUNDS at TEMPLENEWSAM will be THROWN OPEN to the PUBLIC on SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, May 31st, June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, from 2 to 6 p.m. Entrance by Whitkirk and Halton Moor Roads only.

The Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., relies upon the visitors to observe the printed notices and to see that no damage is done to the trees or shrubs. No bicycles, motor-cycles, conveyances, or dogs will be allowed inside the Park. 4

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT.

PROPOSED UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.

A MEETING will be held at the WESLEYAN SCHOOLS, CROSSGATES, on THURSDAY, June 11th, at 7.30 p.m.
Speakers:—
Professor F. W. MOORMAN, Leeds University, Mr GEO. H. THOMSON, Secretary, Workers' Educational Association.
Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock by
Mr ARMITAGE, Whitkirk.
All interested cordially invited. 1394

GARFORTH MEDICAL CHARITIES.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL AND SPORTS will be held
On SATURDAY, JULY 25th.
FRANCIS PRATT, Hon. Sec.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

GARFORTH WESLEYAN CHAPEL.
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY.
On JUNE 14th, 1914.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

62,162 (26th May, 1914).
Investing Rural District Council with Urban Powers.
TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT.

To the Rural District Council
of TADCASTER:—
And to all others whom it may concern.
WE, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, having received and duly considered an application under Section 270 of the Public Health Act, 1875, from the Rural District Council of Tadcaster, for the issue of an Order putting in force in their District certain provisions of that Act as hereinafter mentioned, do hereby Declare and Order as follows:—

ARTICLE I.—Until We by Order otherwise direct, such of the provisions of Section 154 of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall be in force in the Rural District of Tadcaster, as confer powers which will enable the said Rural District Council to purchase premises for the purpose of widening, opening, enlarging, or otherwise improving any street in the said Rural District, and the said Rural District Council shall, for that purpose, be invested accordingly with all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities, and obligations of an Urban District Council, under those provisions.

ARTICLE II.—This Order shall come into operation on the Fifteenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and the said Rural District Council shall cause it to be published once in some newspaper circulated within their District before that date.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-sixth day of May, in the year One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.
HERBERT SAMUEL,
President.
L.S.
WALTER T. JERRED,
Assistant Secretary.

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ON FRIDAY NEXT.
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By Order of Executors.
Messrs BARTLE & SON
Will offer for Sale by Auction at the Gascoigne Arms Hotel, Garforth, on FRIDAY, June 12th, 1914, at 6.30 p.m., subject to the General Conditions of Sale of the Yorkshire Union of Law Societies, and to such Special Conditions as shall then be produced,
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Rothwell Courier & Times
SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, 1914.

Superstition still lingers in this so-called enlightened land, and it is really amazing how people cling to a belief in signs and charms. In the old days the "rude fathers of the hamlet," bred in ignorance, believed in witchcraft, and many inoffensive old women were cruelly done to death to satisfy the superstitious fear of the age, but even of comparatively recent date have changed human nature very little. Comparatively few give a thought to witchcraft now-a-days, but fortune-tellers flourish, and this would not be possible had not certain people faith in the ability of individuals to unravel the future for them. Any charlatan, provided sufficient mystery enshrouds the performances, can get willing victims. Prosecution does not prevent the hoodwinking of the public, and the publication of the stories of how people have been duped—frequently of the most amusing character—fails to kill superstitious belief. In these cases, as a rule, women are both the offenders and the duped, but the sterner sex are no better than the ladies. When a football team sets out to play a big match or when a racing yacht is launched mascots are in evidence, and even motorists carry mascots in their cars. It is all a pitiful tribute to the superstitious beliefs that exist. And what are the common people to think when great ladies wear charms and great men flourish mascots? Of course, this practice has its amusing side. If success follows a venture it may be attributed to the lucky mascot, but if failure results no one would attribute it to the sign of superstition—of course not. Another reason must be found for the failure. It is so childish that it is amazing grown men and women persist in flaunting evidences of their weakness in public.

Many attempts have been made to analyse the reasons for the growth of the betting evil in the country, but, as different people are actuated by different motives, it is somewhat difficult for even the judicially-minded to arrive at an accurate conclusion on the matter. Since the craze for excitement became so accentuated, apologists for persons who fritter away their hard-won earnings on betting find a ready excuse for them in the desire to escape from the dull monotony of daily occupations, and one writer states that "save for a few in whom gambling is a dangerous and obsessing lust, and a few more who are half-imbecile with excess of time and money, people would rather partake directly of some pleasurably exciting occupation than merely follow its course in half-penny papers and bet on the results. They would rather kick a ball, if they had the health and leisure to cultivate skill in kicking it, than make or lose money as the result of other people's kicking." This infers that pleasure is denied people to such an extent that they are practically compelled to seek some means, however low, of satisfying the desires within them. Never in the history of the nation has the working-class population, whose outlook is so frequently written down as drab, been so well catered for in the way of healthy sport, and almost every man is afforded facilities for playing the games he has a liking for. It may be argued that in winter comparatively few people have an opportunity of playing games, but betting goes on all the year round, and throughout the summer a great variety of recreative pursuits offers pleasure to those who will take them up. Nor is it true that people "would rather kick a ball" than "make or lose money as the result of other people's kicking." This is one of the grievances about the great winter game, but it is a fact—experience in Leeds and district proves it—that young men would rather follow the big clubs and "back their fancy" than play the game themselves, the result being a slump in junior football. What is true of football is true of other sport. Yet we are told that "the proper cure for such evils as betting is not prohibition but diversion." People who have never seen a race-course bet on horse-racing, and others who would not trouble themselves to go on a cricket or football field bet on the results of matches, and we are asked to believe that all these people require in order to make them cease throwing away their money is participation in some sport or recreation. "Men and women, so long as they are neither machines nor gods," says a writer, "must have variety and excitement; if social organisation is such that to the vast majority of us work is still bound to be monotonous and drab—then in the name of heaven and common sense let us see to it that the excitement of our getting is made the best of." The people who "back their fancy" are trying to "make the best of it," but not according to the writer's idea, and he won't bring about any change. Many of the people who gamble do not have work which is "monotonous"; they have the means to provide for themselves any pleasure they desire; yet they gamble. One of the characteristics of the age, it has been stated, is the desire to get rich—and to get rich quickly, and we are afraid that at the root of the betting evil is greed of gain—the winning of money easily. The same spirit is manifested in other ways. In order to force up circulations many papers promote competitions in which the rewards are so large as to prove a temptation to thousands to risk their money, and even advertisers adopt similar methods, knowing full well that people are always on the look-out for "something for nothing." Neither education nor experience have taught people the foolishness of betting, and if these and other agencies have comparatively little chance of success.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Adel Church defeated St. Michael's at Adel. Scores:—St. Michael's—Hattersley 13, Bennett 1, Wright 5, King 28, Hutchinson 3, Young 7, Fearnley 6, Dennison (not out) 2, Moody 0, extras, 12; total, 77. Adel Church—Ascham 21, Standidge 13, Moore 1, Holliday 9, Smith 0, Collitt 11, Stead 10, Coates 0, Blockey (not out) 14, Holt 2, extras 11; total, 95.

FARM LABOURERS.—A well-attended meeting of farm workers was held in the Selby Market Place on Saturday for the purpose of promoting the better organisation of the agricultural workers' section of the Workers' Union, and bringing them into closer touch with other labour organizations. The meeting was addressed by Mr Arthur Smith, of Horsforth, organiser of the Farm Workers' Union, in answer to a question, Mr Smith said that the wages and requisites of farm labourers in the Selby district worked out at 21s. per week.

MR R. HUMBLE'S WILL.—Mr Richard Humble, of Belle Vue, Adel, a former prominent figure in the public life of Leeds, and a pioneer of "boarding out" workhouse children, left £22,202. By his will he leaves £200 to the Leeds Unmarried Women's Benevolent Institution, £50 to the Headingley (Ripon diocese) St Chad's Home for Waifs and Strays; and £50 each to his cook, Emma Parker, his gardener, Charles Stead, and his housemaid, Annie Simpson.

FIRE ON ADEL MOOR.—Adel Moor was shorn of a part of its beauty for the time being by a fire which started about noon on Wednesday. The services of the Leeds Fire Brigade were required to cope with the flames, which involved eventually bushes of gorse and heather, and a number of young trees over an area half a mile long by about 200 yards wide. Owing to the exceptionally dry season the fire spread with great rapidity, and the firemen laboured for over four hours before they removed all danger of further damage. It is stated that the outbreak originated in a heap of weeds which were being burnt at the time.

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DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—May 28th, at the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Knaresborough, Isabella, widow of the late John Atkinson, of Wetherby.

FAYER.—May 28th, at Providence Cottage, Gravesleythorpe, Halton, in his 78th year, William Fryer.

RIMMINGTON.—May 28th, at the residence of her brother-in-law, J. E. Ellis, Wetherby, aged 38 years, Laura Dawson, daughter of the late Henry Rimmington, of Ingmanthorpe House.

SMITH.—June 2nd, at Sycamore Cottage, Ecup, aged 58, Sarah, beloved wife of Frederick Smith.

IN MEMORIAM,

BROOKS.—In ever loving memory of Bertha Brooks, who died June 8th, 1905
"The midnight stars are gleaming
Upon her silent grave,
Where sleepeth without dreaming
The one we could not save."
—From husband and friend.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

In a boxing match at Wakefield on Saturday afternoon Joe Fennell (Rothwell) beat Joe Fox (Morley) on points.

By permission of Mr Charlesworth, the Rothwell colliery owner, the Knaresborough company of the National Reserve were inspected at Conyngham Park on Saturday, and they were addressed by Mr Charlesworth, who also entertained the men to tea.

HOSTING.—On Saturday seventeen members of Rothwell Hosting Society sent 153 birds to take part in the race from Didcot (148 miles). Results:—G. Ward 657.8, 653, W. Dobson 657.3, J. Armitage 652, 641, W. Illingworth 651, 648, Kettel 616, A. Hodgkinson 615, Fox Bros. 591, Nunns, 489, E. Bulmer 476.

"MOTHERS' DAY."—Sunday was "Mothers' Day," at the Salvation Army, and special services were held. On Monday the corps was visited by the members of the Ardsley Corps, and 150 sat down to tea. In the evening an excellent miscellaneous programme was gone through. On Sunday's memorial services will be held for the unfortunate victims of the ill-fated Empress of Ireland.

DRINK.—At a special court held in the Leeds Town Hall on Wednesday—before Mr F. M. Lupton and Mr T. Thomas—Mary Ann Walton, of no fixed abode, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on Monday night. P.C. Womack spoke to finding the prisoner in Gillett Lane, Rothwell. Sergt. Metcalfe corroborated, and Walton was committed for a month without the option of a fine.

CRICKET.—On Tuesday at Rothwell a match was played between a Headingley eleven and Mr Baldwin's team. Scores:—Mr Baldwin's XI.—Tiffany 1, Kendall 1, Baldwin 2, Nodding 5, Elston 2, Corker 4, Baldwin (not out) 4, Dawson 0, Town 0, Drew 8, Langton 2, extras, 2; total, 31. Headingley An XI—Watson 27, H Parker 40, Kirkup 2, Hall 0, Hodgson 0, Grant 0, Quarton 4, Davy 0, Peters 26, Chambers 0, Onsell 0, Hargreaves (not out) 4, extras, 22; total, 196.

PITMEN'S CHAMPION.—There was only a moderate crowd at the Wakefield Hippodrome on Saturday afternoon, when Harold Littlewood (Lofthouse), the pitmen's champion, met Young Walsh (Warrington), who has a pretty good record, in a ten two-minute round contest for £15 a side and a purse of £35. In the first round Walsh showed superior ring craft, and sent the left once or twice hard to the face, Littlewood's guard being slack. The next two rounds were also Walsh's, but in the fourth session the Lofthouse man commenced to go after his opponent, and with smart right and left drives levelled up the honours. In the fifth round there was a fair amount of in-fighting done by both men, and Walsh endeavoured to bring matters to a climax, swinging viciously his right and left, but just missing. Even battling with some hard exchanges marked the sixth round. Littlewood got in some stinging rights and lefts in the next round. Obviously the Lancashire man was the cleverer boxer, for in the eighth session he more than held his own with his hard swings, and just before the end of the round tricked Littlewood by spinning round and catching him clean in the body with a hard Littlewood, and the bell going he was carried to his corner. He made a wonderful rally, and fought the two concluding rounds as strongly as his opponent. The referee (Mr W. L. Gamble) declared the encounter a draw. This is the second time these boxers have fought a drawn battle.

CRICKET MATCHES.—On Monday Rothwell journeyed to Arthington where they played a fifty-a-side match. An interesting game was witnessed. Scores:—Rothwell—H Hodgkinson 0, Jas. Beckwith 12, H Hemsworth 22, W. Fox 4, W Nelson 0, E Tiffany 40, E Longley 15, J Dovey 0, H Lane 2, W Bedford (not out) 7, H Banks 1, extras 6; total, 109. Arthington—H. Marshall 75, A Wood 2, J Marshall 0, A Sharper 13, S Sharper 41, J Sharper 11, R Gold 0, T Dawson (not out) 13, J. Wilson 1, O Proctor (not out) 0, extras, 9; total, 161. Rothwell A. entertained Alotfts United in a friendly game at Rothwell on Monday, a return match being played on Tuesday when Rothwell visited Alotfts. Rothwell won both the matches. Scores (Monday)—Alotfts A.—T. Dolan 15, P Sykes 1, H Sykes 1, J Tomlinson 61, J H Gibson 5, J. Dawson (not out) 13, J. Chafer 0, S. Hall 0, G. Schofield 0, G. Rockitt 0, R. Thompson 2, extras, 5; total, 99. Rothwell A—W. Charlesworth 14, G Tiffany 3, J. W. Paley 1, F Schofield (not out) 22, T. Gibson (not out) 54 extras 6; total (for 3 wkts.) 100 Tuesday's match:—Rothwell—W. Nelson 11, E Tiffany 0, R Gibson 19, J Lunn 19, E Longley 0, Bathgate 6, G Ingleby 11, G Tiffany 0, E. Beckwith 4, Hobson 0, H. Banks 2, extras, 7; total, 61. Alotfts—T Dolan 16, H Sykes 1, J. Tomlinson 1, P Sykes 2, J. Gibbons 16, S Hall 0, J Chafer 4, G Rockett 5, H Bains 0, G Schofield 1, R Thompson 2, extras 8, total, 57.

ROTHWELL W.M BEATEN.—On Saturday afternoon Rothwell W.M. cricket club were at home to East Leeds W.M. Club and were beaten by eight wickets. Scores:—Rothwell—S Pritchard 13, J Taylor 0, E. Ducre 4, J Hill 2, J W Fox 1, J Sconor 0, J Parker (not out) 16, M Naylor 0, A. Abbishaw 6, F. Lunn 0, J. Barnett 0, extras, 3; total, 49. East Leeds—J. Green (not out) 22, S. Padgett 10, J. Walker 3, J. Godrick (not out) 11, extras, 4; total (for 2 wkts.), 50.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The anniversary services were continued at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday last, when the preacher was Mr Reeve, of Ackworth. All the services were well attended, and the children of the Sunday School agree sang their special hymns, and rendered it a pleasing manner. On Monday the children went the round of the town, and sang their hymns. Tea was afterwards served in the Sunday School, and then the scholars adjourned to the recreation ground in Carlton Lane where all manner of games were engaged in.

A ROTHWELL LADY ON THE EMPRESS OF IRELAND.—Mrs Robert Hoggan, one of the victims of the liner disaster, was a well-known Rothwell lady. She was the fourth daughter of Mr G. W. Bickey, a deputy at a Rothwell pit, and vice-chairman of the Rothwell Urban District Council, who lives at Trinity View, Church Lane, Rothwell. The news of the disaster came as a terrible shock to her parents, who were looking forward to seeing her later on absence from the country of about two years. Mrs Hoggan left England about two years ago and went out to Canada, where she met her husband. Before leaving for Canada she was a teacher at the Rothwell National School, where she was educated as a child. From Rothwell she took up an appointment at Wentbridge. She had been married about a year, her husband being a postmaster in Vancouver. On leaving for Canada, she promised her parents that she would pay a visit to this country after a couple of years, and in embarking on the ill-fated Empress of Ireland she was fulfilling her promise. Her husband, however, was unable to make the journey with her, as he could only obtain leave of absence for a month, whereas Mrs Hoggan intended to have a holiday of at least three months. Mr Blakey, seen at his home at Rothwell on Tuesday by a reporter, declared that he was no doubt that his daughter was aboard the Empress of Ireland. "It's a terrible blow to us," he said.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Eleven miners were charged at Castleford, on Wednesday, with gaming with coins at Allerton Bywater on May 24th. All pleaded guilty, and were fined sums amounting to £4 5s. 6d.

BETTING.—On Wednesday at Castleford Frank Brooke, weaver, Netherton, Huddersfield, was charged with betting on the ground of the Allerton Bywater charity sports, Lock Lane. Defendant, who said he was only having a friendly bet with his friends, was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

HOMING.—On Saturday the Yorkshire Federation race was from Banbury, and in the Eastern section Mr Townend, of Allerton Bywater, was first with 815, followed by Mr Evans, Castleford United, 778. Mr Fox, of Fairburn, was third, with 765. The members of Allerton Homing Society sent 117 miles), and the results were :—Townend 815, Milner 730, Barrett 689 (wins 6d. pool), Booth Bros. 669, Smith and Rhodes 659, Collinson 656.

BARWICK

A YOUNG MAN'S END.—An inquest was held at Barwick on Wednesday by Mr P. P. Maitland (Coroner for the West Riding) on Henry Schofield (25), son of George William Schofield, farmer, of Bedale Hall Farm, Barwick. The father said his son was a farm labourer, and resided at home. He had enjoyed fairly good health, but had always been of a sleepwalking disposition. During the last six weeks he had been very quiet in his manner and had, contrary to his usual custom, stayed at home in the evenings and read. He left home at about seven on Sunday night, when witness last saw him alive. About 7.30 the next morning he was missing from his work, and a search was made, with the result that a cap was found on the stump of a tree close to the pond in which the deceased was subsequently discovered, lying face downwards in about two feet of water. He was quite dead when got out. Dr. Hall, of Barwick, said he slept with the deceased, who got up and went out about 7.20 a.m. on Monday. He was afterwards seen in the yard. The body was found about 9.30 a.m. A verdict of "Drowned himself while of unsound mind" was returned.

CARLTON

HOMING.—On Saturday twelve members of Carlton Homing Society sent 102 birds to take part in the race from Didcot (147 miles). Results :—Ed. Gomersal 660 (wins pool), A. Nunns 657, 653, 644, H. Lewis 601, J. Newton 591.

CRICKET.—In the Rothwell and District League Carlton A and Robin Hood A. had a match on Saturday, and the scores were :—Carlton—W. Ashton 11, H. Hardwick 27, A. Austin 7, J. Ashton 0, W. Speak 1, J. Dixon 0, J. Speak 5, A. Sommer 2, S. Dobson 0, J. Nunns (not out) 11, W. Fox 5, extras, 9; total, 114. Robin Hood—B Booth 18, J Walker 8, Blackburn 0, G Featherstone 5, A Caton 0, H Fenton 1, L Bowman 4, B Kirkby 4, J Austin 2, J. Holroyd (not out) 0, extras, 7; total, 49.

CROSSGATES

Mr E. Hawkesworth, of Crossgates, Chairman of the Leeds branch, was one of the delegates to the conference of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association at Birmingham.

PIGEONS.—The children attending Manston Church Sunday School had their annual picnic at Ledsham Park on Monday, and the Sunday School scholars of the Wesleyan Church went to Aberford. The weather was fine, and the outings proved most enjoyable. On Tuesday the Crossgates Baptist Church Sunday School children had a picnic at Collingham, and they had a delightful time.

HOMING.—Didcot was a poor race for the members of Leeds Federation on Saturday, the conveyer made a start at 10.35, in a north-west wind and dull weather. The birds seem to have had a rough time of it, for Mr A. Hornby, Crossgates, the leader, could not get home until 5.13 p.m. Eleven members of Crossgates Homing Society (150 miles) sent 65 birds. Results:—A. Hornby 667 (wins special and pool), 655, 620, E. Lidsley 606, H. Haddiway 575, H. Inman 511, H. Haddiway 498.

GOLFERS BADLY BEATEN.—Crossgates were at home on Saturday afternoon to South Leeds, and the homesters were badly beaten, not winning a single game.—Scores:—South Leeds, singles 13, foursomes 6; Crossgates, singles 0, foursomes 0. Details of singles (Crossgates names first):—J Simpson 0 v. F Brown 1, MacCallum 0 v. J Pratt 1, J. Townsend 0 v F Ellison 1, P Cowling 0 v W Brown 1, G Poyser 0 v A Drake 1, H Sutherland 0 v W H Turner 1, W Bromley 0 v D McCandlish 1, E Thwaits 0 v. W Pratt 1, S Beaumont 0 v A Davison 1, H Dixon 0 v. H Clark 1, H Johnson 0 v G Green 1, H Rhodes 0 v S Groves 1, W McPherson 0 v J Prince 1.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.—In connection with the proposal to start a University Tutorial meeting will be held on Thursday evening in meeting will be held on Thursday evening in Crossgates Wesleyan Schoolroom. Addresses will be delivered by Prof. Moorman, and Mr G H Thompson, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. See advert.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Crossgates had a League match at home with Garforth Conservatives, and Crossgates won by 210 to 139. Details (Crossgates names first):—G Danby 21 v. J Barker 15, I Semper 21 v T. Benham 0, C Holroyd 21 v. H. Dransfield 16, H. Burnett 21 v J T Young 14, G W Burch 21 v W. Dixon 11, F W Jubb 21 v W. Cooke 20, J. Firth 21 v. Sedgwick 10, J. MacLeod 21 v. H. Brabam 17, J. A. Rymer 21 v. H. Marginson 16, and W. Holdsworth 21 v. H. Hewitt 9.

MOTOR CYCLISTS' SUCCESS.—Over 260 motorcyclists took part in the annual long-distance scratch trial from Leeds to Edinburgh, organised by the Motor-Cycling Club, of London, and only 18 failed to reach Edinburgh—a wonderful tribute to the efficiency and reliability of the modern motor-cycle. Two local motorcyclists acquitted themselves with honour, Messrs Stuart White, Crossgates, (2½ Clyno), and H. E. Haswell, Whitkirk (3½ Bradbury and eldest) completed the single journey, and are, therefore, qualified for gold medals.

FAIRBURN

Messrs T. E. Makin, and Son, Fairburn, and Welburn Bros., Fryston, divided the first and second prizes for horse leaping at Beverley Show.

HOMING.—On Saturday seven members of Fairburn Homing Society sent 57 birds to take part in the race from Banbury (116 miles). Results; —Fox 775, 652, Powell 649, (wins pool), Barker and Scott 604.

HORSE LEAPING.—On Saturday at Hebden Bridge Show the results of the horse-leaping contests were :—Jumping over hurdles, pinfold, swing gate, stone wall and bush fence—Welburn Bros., Fryston (two horses), and T. E. Makin, Fairburn, divided first, second and third prizes. Jumping over hurdles, swing gate, imitation stone wall, and brush fence—T. E. Makin and T. and H. Ward divided first and second prizes. T. E. Makin won President's prize of £5 for horse winning most money.

FERRYBRIDGE

THEFTS.—The West Riding Magistrates at Pontefract were engaged for some time on Saturday in hearing a further series of charges of theft from Ferrybridge Potteries. The prosecutors were Messrs Horn Brothers and Messrs Sefton and Brown, and the prisoners were Thomas Percy England, potter, who was charged in custody with having stolen a quantity of engraved copper rollers and plates from each pottery, and Samuel Hudson, marine store dealer, Ferrybridge, who was charged with having received them knowing them to have been stolen. Superintendent Aykroyd said that the articles stolen—all within the last few weeks—were worth as much as £60, and had been sold by the prisoners to John William Wilkinson, marine store dealer, Castleford, and to Messrs Armitage and Sons, dealers, Leeds, as scrap metal. The prisoners pleaded guilty, and Hudson, as the receiver, was sentenced to six months' hard labour on each charge, and England to three months on each, the terms to run consecutively. The Bench thanked Messrs Armitage for the assistance they had given to the police in tracing the thefts.

GARFORTH

The annual carnival in connection with Garforth medical charities will be held on July 25th. See advert.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The chapel anniversary will be celebrated on June 14th, and the Rev. G. H. Armitage, of Dewsbury, who resided at Garforth a few years ago, will be the special preacher. See advert.

CRICKET.—On Tuesday a match was played at Headingley between Garforth and the Headingley team. Scores:—Headingley—Marshall 46, Hirst 6, A Boal 24, Joel 6, R Boal 66, Bedford 3, Noble 0, Hutchinson (Ilkley (not out) 8, Adams 0, T Boal 5, extras, 14; total, 182. Garforth—S Glover 42, Prime 12, Williamson 6, W Glover 0, Wilson 6, J Kilburn 0, A Fothergill 17, J Pickering 0, Sedgwick (not out) 8, Reed 1, Hancock 3, extras, 3; total, 128.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—On Sunday, services in connection with the Sunday School anniversary were held and Mr Wm. Hirst, Garforth, and the preacher was Mr G. T. Young. At the afternoon service Councillor J. W. Dobson presided, and special hymns and recitations were given by the scholars, the Garforth Band assisting his appreciation of their efforts. On Sunday the services will be continued, and Mr H. Ellis, of Beeston, will be the preacher.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Garforth W.M. played Hunslet Carr United at Osset in the Wakefield Consolation Cup Competition, and Garforth won by 212 to 187. Details (Hobbes's names first):—T H Page 17 v T Cockerham 21, G Boyce 21 v M Morritt 15, H Dagnall 10 v Picklesimer 15, Hobbes (not out) 8, Reed 11, H Pratt 15 v A Reed (capt.) 21, O Jones 19 v W Jepson 21, H Thackrah 6 v W Yeandle 21, J Mills 21 v H Goodall 8, H Reddecliffe (capt.) 21 v Cockrem 21, H Cundall 21 v W Freeman 9, J H Peacock 21 v J. Backhouse 12, H Wilson 12 v W Monks 21, O Barras 10 v T. Simpson 21.

GARFORTH W.M. WIN.—On Monday Garforth W.M. bowlers were at home to Bramley W.M., and the homesters won every game, the scores being 273 and 117. Details (Garforth names first):—A Cockrem (capt.) 21 v. W Mulby (capt.) 6, W Yeandle 21 v. A Lambert 9, M. Morritt 0 v. E Carter 4, W H Monks 21 v. J. W Lawton 10, G Freeman 21 v. W A Fann 12, T Cockerham 21 v. A Newton 20, W Preston 21 v J Blackburn 1, H Hill 21 v. T Walton 5, T Simpson 21 v J Fallingham 0, J Backhouse 21 v. E. Meakin 6, T Whitley 21 v W Embleton 7, A Reed 21 v. W Pinder 12, and H. Goodall 21 v. T. Thompson 11.

PICTURE HOUSE.—The chief attraction at the Picture House this week end are the films "A face from the past," "Confederates in crime," and "A muddy entrance," while other pictures of equal merit will be exhibited. For next week the management have secured first-class films, and patrons of the house will have excellent programmes every evening for their entertainment. On Wednesday evening, by invitation of the directors, the Garforth team who won the championship of the Yorkshire Mines Ambulance Competition, and the shield presented by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., will attend the performance, along with Garforth Band, and the shield will be on exhibition during the evening. Prior to the performance the attachment and the band will parade the village streets.

HALTON

BOWLING.—In the Mowley Trophy Competition Halton entertained Gipton, and the homesters won by 256 to 171. Details (Halton names first):—F. Vince 21 v W T Clifton 20, W Scott 21 v. R Laidlaw 14, C. Lambert 21 v. A Parker 15, A. Caine 21 v. J. Service 11, W. A. Green 21 v. F. Kilburn 17, Geo. Nicol 21 v. C. Watkins 20, H. Thomas 21 v. H. H. Iliton 8, A. Kaye 21 v. J. Longthorn 12, J. W. Walker 21 v. W. Jefferson 17, R. Pinder 21 v. W. Houghton 10, Geo. Cowell 21 v. G. Paulin 13, T. Bedford 21 v. P. Bleiby 14.

The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., has consented to allow a retreat—primarily for working men, though members of the professional and leisured classes will also be welcome—to be held at Templenewsam, July 3—7.

KIPPAX

The Parish Church choir and Sunday School teachers had their annual trip to Scarborough on Monday.

W. Walker, Kippax, won third prize in the 120 yards handicap flat race (open) at Market Weighton Sports on Monday.

The members of the Central Working Men's Club held their annual treat on Monday, when a substantial tea was provided.

OUTING.—The members of the Primitive Methodist Church choir had their annual trip to Scarborough on Monday. Journeying from Garforth, they arrived at their destination in good time, and the weather being fine, they had a most enjoyable outing.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The Wesleyan Church Sunday School anniversary was celebrated on Sunday, and the Rev. Owen Jones (superintendent minister, Leeds), was the preacher. A scholars' service was held in the afternoon, and special hymns were sung by the teachers and scholars, conducted by Mr H. Gummerson. Recitations were given by a number of the scholars, who had been trained by Mr Bertie Plows. The band parts were played by Messrs Dyer, Eastwood, J. Wright, and R. Haywood, and Misses Ida Crigwell and Marie Shackleton, while Mr Sherburn officiated at the organ. The teachers and scholars went round the village on Monday afternoon, singing their hymns at various points, and the parade was followed by the children's tea, which, along with the public tea, was held in the schoolroom, the latter being well attended. The members of the Wesley Guild connected with the church were the promoters of a waggonette drive to Wentbridge on Tuesday, and the outing was an enjoyable one.

LOFTHOUSE

HOMING.—On Saturday seven members of Lofthouse Homing Society sent 123 birds to take part in the race from Didcot (147 miles). Results:—T Ward 685, A. Calvert 668, James Armitage 603, W Ramsden 597, E. H. Parker 514.

LEDSHAM

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Ledsham between Ledsham Hall and the "Post" team. Scores:—"Post"—Norbury 27, Huggon 4, St. Paer 0, C Fountain 0, Lamb 4, Nettleton 2, Houlgate 1, G Fountain 0, Cathcart 0, Jones 0, Walker 8, extras, 2; total, 57. Ledston Hall—Tindell 6, Hunter 6, Foster 3, Brown 8, Tee 0, Stephenson, 0, Lamb 1, Hale 0, Palfreter 0, Barker 5, Kershaw (not out) 1, extras, 5; total, 35.

LEDSTON

HOMING.—On Saturday five members of Methley Homing Society sent thirty birds to take part in the race from Didcot (147 miles). Results; —Gallagher 656, Wright 652, and Gallagher 604.

MOORTOWN

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Moortown had a match at home. Meanwood. Scores:—Moortown—Wilson 35, M Topham 0, France 15, Barnfather 24, Little 7, A Topham (not out) 26, Jessop 0, Wood 1, Pearson 0, extras, 12; total (for 8 wkts. declared). Meanwood—Stirk (not out) 29, Beck 6, Kirk 13, Thompson 3, Barber 0, Waddington 0, Bell (not out) 1, extras, 9; total (for 5 wkts.), 61.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.—At a special court held in the Leeds Town Hall on Wednesday—before Mr F. M. Lupton (in the chair) and Mr T. Thomas —John William Mirfin, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing 28lbs. of copper tubes, and threepence, from a shed belonging to Mr Thomas George Moss, greengrocer, of Oulton, on Sunday. P.C. Bennett, who caught the prisoner in the act, gave evidence. Mirfin admitted his guilt, and was sent to prison for fourteen days.

OULTON WIN.—On Monday, in the Preston Shield Competition, Oulton bowled at Allerton Aforbs by 201 to 181. Details (Aforbs names first):—W Burr 18 v. R Tannam 21, T Brown 17 v. H W Mitchinson 21, G Rigby 21 v J H Armitage 18, F Hunton 20 v. W Burr 0, J Smith 14 v. Willie Ellis 1, J Bott 18 v. Lockwood, H Easingwood 16 v. F Jones 21, B Bram 12 v. J W Shirley 21, E Brown 21 v. W Poole 18, J McCrookham 15 v. H Brown 21, W Hitchin 6 v. J. Nuttall 21, W M Bent 7 v. C. Cameron 21.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Oulton were at home to Hunslet in the Preston Shield Competition, and the homesters won by 237 to 164. Details (Hunslet names first):—B Taylor 17 v W P Peters 21, A Storey 8 v F. Ellis 21, G Chapman 18 v H W Mitchinson 21, A. Houghton 14 v. G. Fountain 21, E. Waddling 0 v. J. H. Armitage 13, A. Lunn 12 v. J. W. Morley 21, J. Brown 21 v. R. Townend 17, E Atkinson 21 v F. Jones 8, E. Smith 8 v. H. Poole 21, F. Woodhead 11 v. T. Brown 21, A. E. Bates 18 v. W. Lockwood 21, H. Woodhead 8 v. J. Nuttall 21.

OULTON CRICKETERS.—On Saturday Oulton had a League match at Alwoltn. The latter took their second first and scored 135. Oulton were making a hearty response when play was stopped owing to bad light. The score then stood at 103 for seven wickets. Details:—Alwoltn, Bedinall 6, J Dolan 34, E Adams 4, W Hall 4, Arthur Bednall 10, J Hampson 24, W Knowles 26, W Jones 8, J Browne 4, B Kirk 2, Alf. Bednall (not out) 4, extras, 9; total, 135. Oulton—H J Butler 2, B. Chappell 18, P. N. Butler 0, R Higgins 26, A. Wright (not out) 38, W. Hutchinson 1, R. V. Higgins 5, P. C. Higgins 0, Higgins (not out) 0, extras 13; total (for 7 wkts.), 103.

ROUNDHAY

MOTOR-DRIVEN BOATS AT ROUNDHAY.—Members of the Parks Committee of the Leeds Corporation, to say nothing of the regular boating visitors at Roundhay Park, are much interested in an American motor, which it is proposed to apply to some of the boats on the Roundhay Lake. Very successful have been the experiments which Mr Charles Parker has made with the motor at Roundhay during the last day or two. It is known as the Ferro detachable boat motor, weighs only 52 pounds, and it is claimed that it can be fixed on or detached in two or three minutes. The motor is a two-stroke water-cooled engine of 2½ h.p., and whilst running for six hours on a gallon of petrol is said to be capable of propelling a boat at nine miles an hour.

SHADWELL

WEDDING.—A pretty and interesting wedding took place at St. Paul's Church, Shadwell, on Tuesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Hettie Goodman, sixth daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Goodman, Bay Horse Farm, and Mr Charles Henry Noble, son of Mr and Mrs Noble, of Scarcroft. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Chadwick) was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of cream satin, trimmed with lace, and a veil with spray of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of roses and lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Edith Goodman (sister of the bride), and Miss L. Greaves, of Gomersal (cousin of the bride), and they wore Quaker grey dresses with silver trimmings to match. Miss Doris Ingle (niece) and Master Norman Cryer, of Clayton, nephew, were also in attendance. The bridesmaids wore gold brooches and pendants, (gifts of the bridegroom). The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A large number of handsome and useful presents were received.

STOURTON

OUTING.—The annual trip of the members of the Primitive Methodist choir took place on Monday, when a party of about 35 journeyed in four carriages to Scarborough. Fine weather favoured the party, and an enjoyable time was spent.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The annual festival in connection with this Primitive Methodist Church took place on Sunday, when the children of the Sunday School paraded Stourton, in the morning and after the evening service, singing their festival hymns. In the afternoon the annual prize distribution took place, Mr Brook acting in the place of Mr J. W. Vollans, who was unable to be present. The children were addressed by Mr Rickers, of Beeston Hill, who also conducted the service in the evening. On Monday the children were taken to a field at Outwood (kindly lent by Mr Cairns), and all kinds of games and sports were indulged in.

SUICIDE.—An inquest was held at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Stourton, on Wednesday, by Mr P. P. Maitland (Coroner) on the body of Edwin Hardy (32), a boat hauler, of Garden Street, Leeds, who was found in the Aire and Calder Canal, Stourton. William Fieldhouse, carting agent, of 4, Kirk's Yard, Great Wilson Street, Leeds, said the deceased had worked for him on and off for the past twelve years. About 5.40 a.m. on Friday he came to his place and took out a horse for the purpose of taking a boat back to Allerton Bywater. About 10.30 the same day witness found a cart, a cap and coat had been found on the canal bank, while a horse, which he identified as his own, was found grazing on the bank. He saw nothing more of the deceased until Tuesday, when he identified the body. He had heard the deceased threaten to take his life, saying that he would drown himself before going to prison again, as he had been there a few times. George Thomson, 4, Perseverance Street, Stourton, spoke to recovering the body near to the Copper Works, Stourton. A verdict of "Drowned himself whilst of unsound mind," was returned.

SWILLINGTON

SWILLINGTON PARK DEFEATED.—A cricket match was played at Wakefield on Saturday between the West Riding Asylum team and Swillington Park. Scores:—Asylum—Culpan 9, Elstone 7, Thatcher 3, Abercrombie 0, Dr Robinson 8, Wilcock 0, Randall 39, Harrop 4, Moody 0, Dr Brown (not out) 5, extras, 8; total 100. Swillington Park—Macfarlane 39, Jackson 5, E. D. Gummerson 1, Somers 1, E. Gummerson 3, Firth 0, Tiffany 3, Wilson 3, Burke 4, Birdsall (not out) 9, Lister 1, extras 4; total, 73.

WOODLESFORD

HOMING.—On Saturday nine members of Woodlesford H.S. sent 55 birds to take part in the race from Didcot. Results:—Swindell 656, Higgins 581, D. Atkinson 554, Hall and Pritchard 529.

WHITKIRK

Captain the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., is one of the officers in camp with the Yorkshire Dragoons at Scarborough.

Mr H. Watson, of Newton Kyme, won two first prizes in the hackney horse classes at Beverley Show.

HORSE LEAPING.—On Monday at Grimsby Mr Fred Welburn, of Hudleston Hall, Welburn Bros., Fryston, and T. Smith, Derby, were equal for second, third, fourth, and fifth, and the prizes were shared. The Novice Jumping, Welburn's and T. Smith, Derby, bracketed equal, and shared the first three prizes, and the fourth prize went to Welburn Bros.

ST JAMES'S PAROCHIAL HALL.—The additional room which Miss Stansfeld is providing at the Parochial Hall, Selby, at a cost of about £280, is to be opened early in July. By the new room, which will be a serviceable addition to the buildings, Miss Stansfeld is adding to the gifts she has already bestowed on the parish.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH SCOUTS.—The colours, which have been provided by subscription for the Selby St. James's Church Scouts, were presented to the corps by Miss Dorothy Gaulden. The scouts assembled at the vicarage, where they were addressed by the Rev. A. Conner (vicar), after which the colours flags presented are the Union Jack and the Cross of St. George. A service in church followed. A new boss drum, provided for the St. James's Scouts, is to be given by Mr Stansfeld.

TAKEN ILL IN THE PULPIT.—During the afternoon service at the Carlton Primitive Methodist Chapel, near Selby, on Sunday, Mr. Geo. Grasby, who for forty years had been a visitor to the village on local preaching plans, entered the pulpit, and had just announced the first hymn when he was suddenly seized with illness and fell. He was removed to a neighbouring house. Mr Grasby is well-known throughout Methodism, and the remarkable occurrence brought the service to an abrupt termination, and caused a profound sensation in the village.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.—On Sunday at South Milford Wesleyan Church the Sunday School anniversary was celebrated, and instructive sermons were preached by the Rev. H. Ripley. At the evening service Mr Ripley conducted a children's service, and recitations were given by the scholars, while there was also special singing by the children, leaders, and choir. On Monday afternoon the children paraded the streets, singing at various points, and afterwards tea was provided for them in the schoolroom. In the evening the children's meeting was held, and Mr. Hambleton, presided. The prize distribution for good attendance took place and numerous Bibles, hymn books, and various other books were kindly distributed by Mrs Ripley, after which the children paraded the village

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

LANE FOX CUP COMPETITION.

Great Preston, who have not shown themselves a very efficient combination this season, gave a glimpse of their old-time form at Whitkirk, and they maintained their reputation for brilliant off surprises. Whitkirk, be it said, were unfortunate to be without Milford and Fred Wainwright, and they had to pay the penalty for their absence. The losers were dismissed for the paltry score of 32 by J. Green (5 for 17 runs) and A. Thompson (5 for 11), and Preston made 33 for the loss of two wickets. T. Wiggle-worth 13 and R. Wiggleworth 13 (not out).

South Milford had a fine victory over Roundhay, and a feature of the meeting was the splendid bowling and fielding of both teams. The Millordians had first knock of the wicket, and they compiled 63, of which E. Atkinson had 18, A. Atkinson 12, and N. Stainburn 10. Oliver trundled with great effect, capturing seven wickets at a cost of three runs each. Roundhay were unable to make any stand against the deliveries of Chilton, who secured no fewer than eight wickets for 24 runs, and the side went down for 30, Craven making a dozen.

Crossgates were in great form in their match with Halton, and they won by over a hundred runs. Goodall, who contributed 82 towards a total of 196, was particularly hard on the Halton bowling, and he had six 4 hits and fourteen 3's. Burnell, as usual, gave a good batting display, making 38. Fairburn registered 23 before he was run out, and Wilson 12. Daniel was the best of the six Halton bowlers, taking 3 wickets for 49, while Benson had 3 for 65. Halton had a good team before them, but they underwent a severe overhauling, and after their long spell of leather hunting, it must be conceded that their innings of 80 was a plucky one. Hall scored 23. Sutner 19, Haigh 13, and Cowell 12. Crossgates tried five bowlers, and Yeates obtained 3 wickets for 28, Burnell 3 for 29, Harvey 2 for 9, and Goodall 2 for 13.

SENIOR LEAGUE—SAXTON WINS.

Saxton, at home, completely upset the calculations of Cawood, and they won by two runs. when there was every prospect of their being defeated. It is this delightful uncertainty of the cricket that gives additional interest to the game and causes teams to strive up to the very last. It must be confessed that the winners made a poor show at the wickets, and 35 was a very small score, indeed. J. Firm made 22, and six of the team failed to score. Cawood, no doubt, thought they had a cheap thing on hand, and they were justified in this opinion by the meagre total of their opponents, but the unexpected happened, and they received their quietus for 33. P. Lawn annexed four wickets for 8 runs, T. Sissons had 3 for 10, and Richardson one for 10. Well done, Saxton!

JUNIOR LEAGUE—SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Kirk Deighton and Ulleskelf had a very exciting match at Ulleskelf. The visitors' innings was a short one, realising only 29. Five of the team failed to score, and Linfoot made 11, F. Stronach's 5 wickets cost 12, Walter Bean had 3 for 10, and Potter 2 for 2. Ulleskelf did worse than their opponents, for they were credited with only 21, and five players got nothing. H Oxley was the best bowler on the field, taking 4 wickets for 5, and Linfoot got 3 for 13 runs. Barwick was getting on strong for the visitors with 4 for 7.—Tadcaster A. proved much too strong for Sherburn W.R. The game was on the Calcarians' ground, and the homesters showed excellent form. G. Freer made 18, A. Taylor 25, and W. Iredale 10, and when Hesp joined H. Taylor (26, not out) the score was 95 for 6. These players completely collared the bowling, and when the innings was declared the score was 142, and they were still at the wickets. He-p contributed 31 (not out). For the losers B. Hey had 3 wickets for 47, Hawley 2 for 11, Petch 2 for 16, and Hester 2 for 39. Sherburn were sent back for 46 (Hester 11 and C. Hey 10), and A. Taylor captured five wickets for 17. Smart 3 for 24, and G. Freer 2 for 3.—Barkston Ash, at home, made a poor show against South Milford A. The latter scored 42 (J. Hill and C Hey 11 each), and E. Hills 9x three of their wickets for 4, and A. Smith 6 for 13 runs. Barkston were got rid of for 18, seven players not having a single among them, and A. Lindley secured six wickets for 10 and J. Hill 4 for 7 runs.

Aberford are still on the search for points. Halton A. were their opponents on Saturday, and the homesters sent up 166 for 9 wickets and declared. H. Guest compiled 30, B. Nicholson 13, N. Sunter 11, and S. Clarke and G. Simpson—(10, not out). J. Inman was the best of the trundlers, taking 2 for 17 runs, while Illsley had 2 for 10. Aberford batted well, and their score of 67 was contributed to by every player. Walton (14) and Lupton (11) were the principal scorers. F. Nicholson had four wickets for five and H. Dobson 4 for 18.—Great Preston A. had an easy win over Barwick. The winners made 119 (Hutchinson 44, G Wiggleworth 34, and H. Lilley 12), and Barwick were dismissed for 27. Per Preston A. Wiggleworth captured 7 wickets for 11, and Mason had 2 for 13.—Garforth A. defeated Micklefield A. by over a hundred runs. The winners put on 145, and A. H. with scored 37, J. Kilburn 32, Pordham 22, F. Hancock 11, and W. Kilburn 10. Micklefield's response was 33 (Tompkinson 15). For Garforth Wiggleworth had 4 for 4 runs, and W. Hancock 5 for 10.

SEACROFT'S VICTORIES.

On Saturday afternoon Seacroft entertained Fryston Colliery, and they won a handsome victory. The visitors were sent back for 77, and Noble was top scorer with 23. D. Burton took 4 wickets for 10, and Stead had 2 for 9 runs. Seacroft scored 80 for a loss of 2 wickets, T. Toft and Stead, who were not out, scoring 31 and 30 respectively. Seacroft had another big win on Monday at home, their opponents being White Lee. They rattled up 235 (J. Linley, not out, 82, D. Burton 44, H. Toft 25, H. Atack 18, Stead 16, and J. Linley), the visitors had to be content with 121, of which H. Stones had 57.

WHITKIRK V. SEACROFT.

In a match between Seacroft and Whitkirk, on the Green, on Tuesday, there was some fine scoring, and the game was not finished. Batting first, Whitkirk compiled 168, and W. Cuttle made 50 (not out). J. Shepherd 38, Loveday 31, and W. L. Moss 27. Seacroft had an hour-and-a-half left for play, and they scored 128 for 4 wickets, Stead being top scorer of the match with 73 (not out), while D. Burton had 30, and F. Taylor 24 (not out).

OULTON DEFEATED.

On Monday Oulton were at home to North Leeds, and an interesting game was seen. Oulton batted first, and scored 110, towards which H. J. Butler contributed 44, and R. Higgins 30, and North Leeds replied with 238 for five wickets. Noble made 115, Renwick 55, Clark 48, and James 23. In their second innings Oulton did better, making 129 for eight wickets. H. J. Butler scored 40, R. Higgins 25, P. N. Butler 20, Wright 19, B. Walker 14 (not out).—On Saturday Oulton A. had a match with Leeds Y.M.C.A., and the contest was a keen one. Oulton compiled 145 for 8 wickets (Blackburn 56, Oulton 22, Nettleton 14, and Butterick 20), and their opponents got 143 for 8 wickets (Harvey 73).

ALLERTON BYWATER'S SUCCESS.

Playing in the Postcraft Cricket League on Saturday afternoon, Allerton Bywater had an easy win over Beeston. The losers batted first, and were got rid of for 45 (Cressland 14 and West 10, not out). Buston captured five wickets, Carter two, and Simpson two. For a loss of two wickets the Allertonians put on 46, and Allen made 12, Dooley 19 (not out), Smithson 3, and there were 6 extras.

MIDDLETON PARK WIN EASILY.

In the Yorkshire Central League Middleton Park had an easy victory over Farnley. The latter were dismissed by Spink, Sutcliffe, and losers were dismissed by Spink, Sutcliffe, and losers were dismissed by Spink, Sutcliffe, and Allerton Bywater team, and the visitors won somewhat easily. Halton registered 180, and Kilburn was again in fine form, scoring 49. J. Popplewell made 27, Moore 19, C. E. Batty 17, J. A. Popplewell 16, Crosthwaite 13, and F. Popplewell 13. Allerton were dismissed for 53, and Dibb contributed 15 and Prince 13.

CROSSGATES WES.—AT OLD MANSTON.

At Old Manston an interesting game was played between Crossgates Wes. (3) and the President's team on Saturday, and the honours went to the former. The losers were dismissed for 66, C. Fidg 11 making 16 and J. E. Broadbent 10, and the winners responded with 105, of which F. Wilkins scored 21, J. Stephenson 19, H. Beaumont 13, and Morris 12 (not out).

MOORTOWN DEFEATED.

On Monday Moortown went to Addingham, and were defeated by eight runs. Addingham—Hatton 7, F. Holmes 4, J. Holmes 5, F. Atack 6, Townson 10, Mills 5, E. Holmes 6, R. Wall 10 (not out), H. Wall 4, J. England 0, C. Engelandi extras, 3; total, 60. Moortown—M. Topham 1, Wilson 3, France 0, Layton 13, A. Topham 0, Marsden 2, Pearson (not out) 8, Wood 1, Boothman 18, Smith 3, Cooper 0, extras 3; total 91.

ROTHWELL CRICKET LEAGUE.

Both the Rothwell teams were victorious over their Woodlesford opponents on Saturday. The first eleven were at Woodlesford, and went in first to bat, making 108. C. Tiffany contributed 28, J. Povey 26, and H. Hodgkinson 12. Woodlesford made an excellent response, but they finished four runs behind. E. Baxter showed splendid form, scoring up 44 before he was bowled by Povey. E. Dobson played well and secured 23. The bowling honours fell to H. Banks (Rothwell), who captured five wickets at a cost of 20 runs. E. Hitchin (Woodlesford) was second best, with 3 for 15, and W. Bedford (Rothwell) took 2 for 32, and A. Evans 3 for 33. Rothwell A. team were at home to Woodlesford A. and won by five wickets. The visitors batted first, and the wickets fell fast, the whole side being out for 48. F. Stringer captured 3 wickets for 11, W. Nelson 2 for 5, and Longley 4 for 15. The highest individual scorer on the Woodlesford side was J. Holmes with 16, and F. Baxter made 10. Of the Rothwell men W. Charlesworth made 14, and W. Nelson 12, the score being 51 for 5 wickets.

The Oulton and Woodlesford teams again tried conclusions on Tuesday. The Oulton team were at home, and were able to turn the tables upon their opponents, by whom they were beaten so easily about a fortnight ago at Woodlesford. Oulton played a strong game, and A. Wright scored 44 before he was caught. R. Higgins and F. Wriggle-worth each made 22, the latter being not out. The total score was 125. Woodlesford responded with 56, the highest individual scorers being E Dobson 18, W. Harrison 13 and A. Evans 10. Hutchinson and Walker bowled throughout for Oulton, the former showing the best average with 6 wickets for 27 runs, while Walker took four for 28. Oulton A. lost to Woodlesford A. by 53 runs.

CROSSGATES WES. (3) V. THE PRESIDENT'S TEAM—AT OLD MANSTON. Scores:—President's Team—S. H. Young (President) 0, B. H. Young 0, J. E. Broadbent 10, J. H. Walker 7, E. Holliday 0, P Sedgwick 2, H Fidg-it 7, C Fidgett 16, Vitty 0, G. Dilworth 2, not out 0, M. Crowther (not out) 0, Rev. E. Bell 0; extras, 5; total, 66. Crossgates Wes.—F. W. B. Wilkins 21, H. Wynne 8, J. Stephenson 19, H Beaumont 13, H Banks 4, E. Walker 8, G. Broadbent 8, A. Morris (not out) 12, E. C. White 0, Batty 3, W H. Mitchell 0, extras, 6; total, 105.

HALTON WINS. V. ALLERTON BYWATER.—At Allerton Bywater. Scores:—Allerton Wes.—C. Killeffer 4, Bird, b Muscroft, 49; J. Popplewell, c Lumley, b Taylor, 27; J. A. Popplewell, b Johnson, 16; C. E. Batty, b Muscroft, 17; A. Pyfard, b Dibb, 8; G. D. Crosthwaite, b Dibb, 1; L. Wilkinson, 0, H Hamer 15, T Collin 0, S Pickersgill (not out) 25, V. Williams 8, Simpson, b Stephens, b Dibb, 6; F. Popplewell, b Dibb, 13; Dewhirst, lbw, b Vause, 1; A. Goodall, not out, 0; extras, 11; total, 180. Allerton Bywater—J. Muscroft, b Powell, 1; Gilbert, c Dewhirst, b Powell 4; Prince, b Batty, 13; Taylor, c Moore, b Batty, 0; Lumbley, b Powell, 0; Johnson, c J Popplewell, b Batty, 5; Bird, run out, 0; Dibb, run out, 15; Vause, c Stephens, b Batty, 0; Fleisher, not out, 7; Robshaw, c J. Popplewell, b Bilburn, 4; extras, 4; total, 53.

BARNBY SCALDED AT SELBY.—On Friday morning a fitter named Walter Haigh, employed at the Olympia Oil and Cake Mills, of Messrs Joseph Watson and Company, and belonging to Leeds, sustained shocking injuries whilst carrying out his duties. He was attending to a defective pipe from an elevated position, when it burst and steam and water rushed at his face which was frightfully scalded and disfigured. He was attended to at the Selby Cottage Hospital.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	3	3	0	0	6
South Milford	3	2	1	0	4
Saxton	4	2	2	0	4
Church Fenton	3	2	1	0	4
Cawood	3	1	2	0	2
Saxton - -	3	1	2	0	2
Church Fenton Syc.	3	0	3	0	0

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Micklefield	3	3	0	0	6
Seacroft	3	3	0	0	6
Garforth	3	2	1	0	4
Halton	3	1	2	0	2
Barwick	3	0	3	0	0
Great Preston	3	0	3	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Whitkirk	3	3	1	0	4
Shadwell	3	2	1	0	4
Crossgates	3	2	1	0	4
Halton Wes.	3	2	1	0	4
Crossgates Wes.	3	1	2	0	2
Collingham	3	0	3	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A.	4	3	1	0	6
Beamham	3	2	1	0	4
Ulleskelf	4	2	2	0	4
Kirk Deighton	3	2	1	0	4
South Milford A.	3	2	1	0	4
Sherburn W.R.	3	1	2	0	2
Barkston Ash	3	0	3	0	0

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft A.	3	3	0	0	6
Halton A.	4	3	1	0	6
Garforth A.	4	3	1	0	6
Great Preston A.	4	2	2	0	4
Barwick	4	1	2	0	2
Micklefield A.	4	0	4	0	0
Aberford	3	0	3	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Crossgates Wes. A.	3	3	0	0	6
Garforth Wes.	3	2	1	0	4
Whitkirk A.	3	1	2	0	2
Crossgates A.	3	1	2	0	2
Swillington and Colton	3	1	2	0	2
Halton Wes. A.	3	0	3	0	0

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MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Cawood v. Church Fenton Sycamore.
South Milford v. Saxton.
Church Fenton v. Tadcaster.
Barwick v. Garforth.
Micklefield v. Seacroft.
Halton v. Great Preston.
Collingham v. Crossgates Wes.
Shadwell v. Halton Wes.
Crossgates v. Whitkirk.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Kirk Deighton v. Sherburn W.R.
Beamham v. Ulleskelf.
Tadcaster A. v. Barkston Ash.
Seacroft A. v. Halton A.
Whitkirk A. v. Crossgates A.
Crossgates Wes. A. v. Swillington and Colton.
Halton Wes. A. v. Garforth Wes.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

OULTON V. WOODLESFORD.—At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton—H J Butler, 7; Wilkinson, 5; R Butler, 3; Evans, 22; P N Butler, c Boyes, b Wilkinson, 2; B. Chappell, b Hamor, 4; A. Wright, c Wilkinson, b Dobson, 44; P G. Higgins, b Dobson, 5; B. Walker, b Evans, 4; W Hutchinson, b Evans, 0; F Wriggleworth, not out, 22; H Cope, b Wilkinson, 5; R N Higgins, c and b Dobson, 5; extras, 7; total, 125.

Woodlesford—W. Harrison, b Hutchinson, 13; A Brittlebank, c Wrigglesworth, b Hutchinson, 2; E. Dobson, c Hutchinson, b Walker, 18; A Wilkinson, c Cope, b Walker, 0; H Hamor, b Hutchinson, 3; J. B. Hare, lbw, b Hutchinson, 0; H Boyes, b Walker, 0; A Evans, lbw, b Hutchinson, 10; A Dennison, c R Higgins, b Hutchinson, 2; D Johnson, b Walker, 3; V Hutchinson, not out, 0; extra, 1; total, 56.

WOODLESFORD V. ROTHWELL.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—

Rothwell—J. Beckefith, b Hitchin, 0; H. Hodgkinson, run out, 12; C. Tiffany, not out, 28; W. Fox, b Hitchen, 8; A Womack, c Harrison, b Hitchen, 0; W. Bedford, b Evans, 1; H. Lane, b Evans, 2; J. Povey, b Wilkinson, 26; H. Banks, b Evans, 5; G. Brown, b Wilkinson, 6; extras 11; total, 108.

Woodlesford—O. Wilkinson, b Banks, 4; W. Harrison, c Sub, b Tiffany, 8; E. Baxter, b Povey, 44; E. Dobson, c Fox, b Banks, 23; H Povey, 44; E. Bedford, 1; A. Brittlebank, c Hodgkinson, b Bedford, 7; A. Dennison, c Lane, b Banks, 0; A. Evans, c and b Banks, 0; V Williams, not out, 0; E Hitchen, b Banks, 3; J. B. Hare, c Sub, b Banks, 2; extras, 12; total, 104.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

ROTHWELL A. V. WOODLESFORD.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Woodlesford—L. Taylor 1, H. Bennett 1, T. Morton 0, F. Baxter 10, T. Cain 2, Wilkinson 6, J. Hamer 0, J. Umpleby 0, J. Holmes 16, W. Carter 6, H. Abbey (not out) 0, extras, 8; total, 58. Rothwell—F. Stringer 0, W. Nelson 12, W. Ingleby 9, J. Hall 3, W. Charlesworth 14, F. Ingleby 0, J. Wood (not out) 0, J. W. Paley (not out) 5, extras, 3; total (for 5 wkts.), 51.

WOODLESFORD A. V. OULTON A.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—Woodlesford—L. Taylor 14, J. Baxter 7, T Morton 1, J Holmes 8, H Abbey 1, L Wilkinson 0, H Hamer 15, T Collin 0, S Pickersgill (not out) 25, V. Williams 8, Simpson, 6, extras, 15; total, 107. Oulton A.—C Blackburn, E Gibson 0, Cliff Higgins 0, J Palfreeman 12, C. Higgins 3, T. Jones 10, C Batterick 2, R Whitworth 5, A Jones 3, T Burdus (not out) 4, G Higgins 5, extras, 10; total, 56.

SEACROFT V. WHITKIRK.—At Seacroft on Whitkirk Tuesday. Scores:—Whitkirk—W. Myers, b C. Johnson, 13; J. Jeffrey, b G Stead, 7; Mercer, run out, 13; J Shepherd, c E Johnson, b C Johnson, 38; Atkin, st H Toft, b D Burton, 5; J. F. Loveday, c E Hunter, b G Stead, 31; W. Cuttle, not out, 50; Nowell, b C Johnson, 11; J. Rombford, c E Johnson, b G Thompson, 4; W. L. Moss, c E Guest, b E Hunter, 30; E D Pawson, c C Johnson, b J Linley, 2; extras, 16; total, 198. Seacroft—D. Burton, c Cuttle, b Jeffrey, 30; G Thompson, c Roenford, b Pawson, 2; G Stead, not out, 73; J. Linley, b Jeffrey, 9; H Toft b Romford, 4; F. Taylor, not out, 24; extras, 6; total (for 4 wkts.), 148.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

SAXTON V. CAWOOD.—At Saxton. Scores:—Saxton—J Firn, lbw, b S Lund 22; W H Thirkill, b C O Lund, o; W Firn, b S Lund, o; T Richardson, b C O Lund, 2; T Sissons, b C O Lund, o; P Lawn, c Jackson, b S Lund, 1; O Lund, o; P Lawn, c Jackson, b S Lund, 1; A. E. Parker, b S Lund, o; F Firn, b S Lund, o; W. Marshall, not out, 3; R Firn, b C O Lund, 3; S Knowles, b S Lund, o; extras, 4; total, 35.

Cawood—C Lund, b T Richardson, 3; W Barker, run out, o; H Lund, c A Parker, b P Lawn, 8; S Lund, lbw, b T Sissons, 5; G Stockdale, b P Lawn, 2; F Thompson, run out, 2; C. Jackson, b P Lawn, 4; F Ward, lbw, b P Lawn, o; F Blakeley, b T Sissons 3; G Turner, b T Sissons, 1; R Lupton, not out, o; extras, 5; total, 33.

LANE FOX CUP COMPETITION.

CROSSGATES V. HALTON.—At Crossgates. Scores:—

Crossgates—Burnell, b Benson, 38; Sykes, c Haigh, b Ball, 20; Spivey, b Benson, 3; Craven, b Daniel, 3; Fairburn, b Benson, 25; Goodall, c Taylor, b Daniel, 82; Wilson, c Benson, b Sunter, 12; Harvey, b Taylor, 5; White, c Cowell, b Daniel, o; Yeates, run out, o; Glover, not out, o; extras, 11; total, 199.

Halton—Haigh, c and b Spivey, b Burnell, 13; Buhmer, b Yeates, o; Cowell, b Yeates, 12; Smallo, b Burnell, o; Sunter, c and b Harvey, 19; Heaps, b Harvey, 5; Daniel, b Goodall, 3; Benson, c Sykes, b Goodall, 3; Taylor, b Yeates, 8; Ball, b Burnell, 23; Mason, not out, o; extras, 3; total, 89.

SOUTH MILFORD V. ROUNDHAY.—At South Milford. Scores:—

South Milford—R Sutton, c Oliver, b Morris, 4; H Chilton, c Blenkinsop, b Oliver, 7; E. Atkinson, lbw, b Oliver, 16; A. Atkinson, b Oliver, 12; J. Hodgson, run out, 6; H Hutchcroft, b Stainburn, 2; R Tindall, not out, 1; H Heselgrave, c Crossland, b Oliver, o; N. Stainburn, b Oliver, 10; J. H. Blasett, c Childerson, b Oliver, o; Arthur Lindley, c Brown, b Oliver, o; extras, 3; total, 89.

Roundhay—Hannoer, lbw, b Chilton, o; Craven, run out, 12; Umpleby, b Chilton, o; Childerson, lbw, b Chilton, 1; Crossland, c E Atkinson, b Chilton, 2; Morris, run out, 9; Watson, lbw, b Chilton, o; Brown, c A Atkinson, b Chilton, o; Oliver, b Chilton, 2; Boothman, b Chilton, 2; Blenkinsop, not out, o; extras, 2; total, 30.

WHITKIRK V. GREAT PRESTON.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—

Whitkirk—A Shepherd, b Thompson, 8; W Cuttle, b Green, 13; Shepherd, b Thompson, 1; E Ingle, c Green, b Thompson, o; W. E. Taylor, b Green, 8; H. Nowell, b Thompson, o; F. Loveday, b Green, 2; E Pawson, b Green, o; C Rombford, not out, 4; W L Moss, b Green, o; L Flrth, b Thompson, 4; extras, 4; total, 32.

Great Preston—T. Wiggleworth, c Ingle, b J. Shepherd, 13; F Wheatley, b Ingle, 11; R Wigglesworth, not out, 13; K Ward, not out, 3; extras, 2; total (for 2 wkts.), 33.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

ULLESKELF V. KIRK DEIGHTON.—At Ulleskelf Scores:—Ulleskelf—John Potter 3, H. Brownbridge: o, F Smith o, N Ward 5, J. Sykes 6, W Bean o, D Varey o, F Holt 3, F Stronach o, T Tristram 1, R Bean (not out) 1, extras, 2; total, 21. Kirk Deighton—J. Oxley o, T H Rainer o, E. Spink 2, H Oxley o, E Linfoot 11, J Beasley 5, G White 2, A. Swann o, W. Wrightson 2, C Oxley (not out) 2, R Nicholson, b bye, 5; total, 29.

TADCASTER A. V. SHERBURN W.R.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—Tadcaster—G Freer 18, A Aldous 5, A Shearsmith o, A Taylor 25, T Kettlewell 4, W Iredale 10, A Smart 2, J. Lister 4, H Taylor (not out) 26, G. Iredale 4, W Hesp (not out) 31, extras, 14; total (for 9 wkts.), 142. Sherburn—B Hey o, Hester 11, E Townend 2, J Hawley 8, A Petch o, W Smith, jun. 6, E Elliff 3, C Hey 10, J Smith o, Yeoman (not out) 3, C. Lunn 1, extras 2, total, 46.

BARKSTON ASH V. SOUTH MILFORD A.—At Barkston. Scores:—South Milford—C Hey 11, F. Crawford 3, L. Butcher 5, J. Hill 11, D Terry o, A Lindley (not out) 5, B Stainburn o, J W Townriss 4, H Chilton o, W Lindley o, Newlh o, o, Iredale 10. Barkston—A Lascelles 8, 6 Baysron o, A Hills o, J White o, E Hills 2, J Liddle (not out) 3, A Bayston o, A Smith o, W Mortram 4, C Greenwood o, J Croft o, extra, 1; total, 83.

HALTON V. ABERFORD.—At Halton. Scores:—Halton—H Dobson 2, N Sunter 11, H Guest 30, B Nicholson 13, H H Haigh 5, E Weatherill 2, J Lowsden 6, S Clarke (not out) 10, F Nicholson 5, W. Bezzil 1, G Simpson (not out) 10; extras, 14; total (for 9 wkts.), 106. Innings declared. Aberford—A. Lupton 11, F Selby 3, A Stringer 7, J. Illsley 7, F Walton 14, J Inman 5, G Connell 2, J. Addy 6, H Abbott (not out) 2, W Dickinson 2, E. Capper 2, extras, 6; total, 67.

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BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCH AT CROSSGATES.

On Tuesday afternoon a match was played on the Crossgates green between teams representing the Barkston Ash and Airedale Associations, and the local men won a handsome victory by 77 points. Most of the game's were well-contested, but emphatic wins were registered, on one side, by F. Vince (Halton), A. Cockren (Garforth W.M.), J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Recreation), and F. Hutchinson (President of Barkston Ash Association), and, on the other, by Judson (Meanwood). No fewer than 14 of the 19 Barkston Ash players beat their opponents, and four of the others were defeated by narrow margins. The scores were:—

Barkston Ash.		Airedale.	
F Hutchinson (Pres.)	21	—F Holroyd (Pres.)	10
T Simpson (Garforth W.M.)	21	—A Cowling (Calverley)	11
W Green (Halton)	21	—L. Rodgers (Oak)	19
J. Barker (Garforth Con.)	16	—J. A. Dunber (Meanwood)	21
J P Cowl (Crossgates R.)	21	—Hargeeves (Calver.)	7
A. Caine (Halton)	21	—J. M. Toothill (Calverley	18
B. Dickinson (Halton T.)	6	—Judson (Mean.)	21
A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M.)	21	—Maxwell (Mean.)	6
A. Read (Garforth W.M.)	18	—G. Reece (Hors.)	21
Smith (Halton T.)	18	—A. Kaye (Hors.)	21
H Thomas (Halton)	21	—T Beaumont (Hors.)	19
J. Hardcastle (Crossgates)	17	—B C Wood (Hors. Cons.)	21
C. Mowerley (Tadcaster)	21	—J. W. Wright (Hors. Cons.)	17
I. Semper (Crossgates)	21	—G. Duckett (Tingley)	10
G Hill (Garforth W.M.)	21	—A. Cowling (Tingley)	17
J Firth (Crossgates)	21	—J. Hawthorn (Tingley)	15
F. W. Jubb (Cross.)	21	—F. Wood (Hors. Cons.)	17
C. Holiday (Crossgates)	21	—Noble (Calverley)	16
F Vince (Halton)	21	—A. T. Barnett (Leeds Trams.)	5
	369		292

BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

League Table, including Saturday, May 30th.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossgates	4	1	3	567	739	0
*Crossgates Recreation	3	0	3	318	603	0
Aberford	5	4	1	951	666	8
Garforth Conservatives	3	1	2	470	552	0
Garforth W.M.	2	2	0	391	268	0
Halton	3	3	0	587	423	0
†Halton Travellers	3	1	2	371	595	0
Tadcaster	5	3	2	884	693	0

Points are given on the result of the home and home games.
*No result to hand.
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WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Garforth v. Halton.
Tadcaster v. Garforth W.M.
Crossgates v. Halton Travellers.
Garforth Cons. v. Crossgates Recreation.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

FOOTBALL MALINGERERS.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Football Association was held on Thursday night at the Green Dragon Hotel, Leeds, Mr W. Howe (president) being in the chair.

The report and balance-sheet disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs. Financially, the Association had a balance in hand of £54, including a profit of £20 10s. which had been realised on the workshops competition. In that competition forty clubs had taken part, and the hon. secretary (Mr T. H Lenton) believed that next season the profits from the competition would be doubled. The various trophies belonging to the Association had been won as follows:—Leeds Senior Cup, Methley Perseverance; Leeds Minor Cup and Minor League, Victoria Swinnow; Junior League Shield, Allerton Bywater Church Institute. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

Among the new rules adopted for the future was one providing that each affiliated club shall compete for the District Association's Cup unless specially exempted by the Executive. The Nicholson 5, W. Bezzil 1, G Simpson (not out) 10; extras, 14; total (for 9 wkts.), 106. Innings declared. Aberford—A. Lupton 11, F Selby 3, A Stringer 7, J. Illsley 7, F Walton 14, J Inman 5, G Connell 2, J. Addy 6, H Abbott (not out) 2, W Dickinson 2, E. Capper 2, extras, 6; total, 67.

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SEACROFT V. FRYSTON COLLIERY.—At Seacroft. Scores:—Fryston—F Godber, b S Simpson, 4; T Noble, b G Stead, 29; F Stones, c Stead, b J W Pickersgill, o; G. Wheeton, c D Burton, b J W Pickersgill, 2; A. Battey, b J W Pickersgill, o; A Leonard,

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Masonic," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

CHAPTER XVII.

On the day that Thomas Oswald had gone to see his distant cousin, Paul Colthurst, Paul returned very slowly to the bosom of his family. He was relieved when he saw Patricia Ransome once more in her own home. In her old-fashioned dress, with her gentle, old-world manner, she was more agreeable to the man at that moment than any other person in the wide world.

"Why aren't you out somewhere, Patricia?" he said. "Didn't my wife offer to take you for a drive or something?"

"She did Paul, but I had a slight headache; and, to tell you the truth, I was anxious to see you, and I made an excuse not to go with her. She is making some calls, and will not be back until after tea. I am quite at your service, Paul."

"And the young people, where are they?" "I don't know. I heard Pamela laughing a little time ago. They are together."

"Yes," repeated Paul Colthurst; "they are together—that is sufficient."

"It is," said Miss Patricia.

They walked side by side very slowly.

"So," said Paul then, "you thought, Patricia, that I might want you?"

"I knew it, Paul dear."

"Because that man Oswald came to see me?"

"Yes, and for other reasons."

"Oswald is a greater brute than I could have imagined any human being to be, Patricia, my friend."

"He is terrible, is he not?" said Miss Patricia. "Did he talk to you? Did he say much?"

"He talked a great deal, and what he said would have been from anyone else of the utmost importance. From him I consider it mere bluff, and will treat it accordingly."

"Paul, I wish you wouldn't."

"Patricia, you cannot change me. I regard that man's speeches, his endeavours to put me in the wrong, his threats, as the most absolute stuff I have ever listened to. I will tell you one thing he proposed, and I think this will open your eyes to the sort of man he is."

"What was that, Paul?"

"He said he'd go back to Africa with his belonging if I paid him twenty thousand pounds. Hush money, my dear Patricia—a nice sort of affair for me to be in!"

"Did he really say that? I have always thought him a bad man; I didn't know he was as bad as that," replied Paul Colthurst.

"He would stop at nothing," said Miss Patricia.

"That is true enough; but, then, if there's nothing to stop at——"

"Paul, you will at least take my advice. Circumstances have forced me to live with people of this sort. My eyes have been opened, to my own deep sorrow, to the bad things of life. But even I have never met anyone quite such a scoundrel as Thomas Oswald."

"Well, dear, you have something more to say?"

"I want those children to be married immediately by special licence."

"What?" said Paul. "And give away my hand, show that I am frightened, make it a sort—a sort of scandal—the marriage of my son and of my wife's daughter? Patricia, you don't know what you are saying."

"There need be no scandal. You can take them to London and get a special licence and let them marry."

"I wonder what you think Pamela's mother would say if I proposed such a thing to her?"

"Those little difficulties," said Miss Patricia, "are of no consequence at all compared with the main thing. It would be quite possible for you to tell your wife enough about the circumstances for her to see that her willing to agree. You could tell her that there was a bad man whose object was to prevent the marriage for evident reasons of his own. Your wife has plenty of sense. If you like, I will speak to her."

"Will you, Patricia? If my wife agrees, it will make all the difference."

"I would have you spoke to her yourself, of course, but I will do it if you wish it. I can tell her about the will."

"No, Patricia, no. If she agrees we can have the wedding here within a fortnight. The banns can be called on Sunday. Anything quicker than that I will not listen to for a moment."

"A fortnight!" said poor Miss Patricia.

"A great deal can be done in a fortnight."

"Nothing can be done, dear, nothing. You will stay with us. We could not have the ceremony without your presence. After all, the young people will be safe as safe can be, once they are husband and wife. We can make an excuse that they want to go abroad together. Oh, yes, it can be managed, if you will get round my wife."

"I will do my best," said Miss Patricia.

"Of course," said Paul, "there are the children themselves to be considered."

"You will talk to them, won't you, Paul?"

"I will talk to Peter, certainly, and my wife can talk to Pamela. When will you have the conversation with my wife?"

"As soon as ever she comes back. I feel, somehow, that there is no time to lose."

"Nothing could make me nervous in this matter," said Paul. "But if Peter is worried that way, you and Thomas Oswald between you would do the deed. But there! I see the carriage coming back now. My wife will not have tea with you, after all. Take your opportunity afterwards."

Paul Colthurst hurried away into his study. He looked the door and sat down. He was feeling indescribably wretched. That time long ago when he had gone to Brabazon Hall and came back to him. He had told a lie then. He had said he was the father of a child who in fact was only the son of another. No one knew all the world now except Miss Patricia knew and of that lie. The other difficulties seemed to the man at that moment a bagatelle compared with the fact that he had told a lie to a dying man. His whole life seemed to be impregnated with the presence of that horrible creature, Thomas Oswald. There was no rest for him now. He got up, put on his hat, and went out. He went to the stables, and desired a groom to saddle his favourite horse. He mounted, and rode away for a long distance. When he had put Connop Grange and all those he loved far behind him, he felt that he could think calmly and consecutively. His boy, his darling, the child of his first wife, his dearly-loved wife, was in danger. "No father in all the world ever loved a son as a love Peter," thought the man. "I will never give him up; I will never reveal the fact that another man existed to whom he owed his birth. I have taught myself to believe myself to be his father. That belief I will cling to as long as life remains within me. To the confession of that sin I will never submit. Merciful Heaven! It is no sin; it is no sin. Have I not helped the boy, and saved him? Patricia, good soul! has helped me. Patricia must live with us. We will look after the dear woman. She shall not have any more miserable days. She is as devoted to Peter as I am. She shall share his joy. I will be as good to Patricia in the future as man can be."

Meanwhile, Miss Patricia entered the beautiful shady drawing-room and sat down opposite Mrs. Colthurst.

"It was so tiresome," said Mrs. Colthurst, taking off her light summer jacket and removing her gloves—"most of my friends were at home. You must have thought me very rude, Miss Ransome, to leave you by yourself for such a long time."

"Not at all," said Miss Ransome. "I had plenty to do. To be in a place like this is a great luxury to me. You understand, don't you, Mrs. Colthurst?"

"I do, dear. I hope I do. It is nice to have you here. You give a sort of feeling of rest to the whole house, and my dear husband is fond of you. You know his first wife very well, didn't you?"

"Of course I did."

"And also Peter when he was a baby! Was Peter like his mother? He does not resemble Paul in the least."

"He was like his mother."

"She must have been a handsome young woman."

"She was."

"I have never seen a picture of her," said Mrs. Colthurst. "I must get Paul to show me one."

"Oh, do you think it worth while to talk on the subject to him now?"

Mrs. Colthurst looked steadily at her guest.

"Do you think he would mind?" she said.

"Does he still fret about his first wife? He and I have been married for so many years."

"He loved her very dearly," said Miss Ransome.

"Yes, but she is dead. I am the person he ought to love now."

"And of course he loves you, Mrs. Colthurst."

"It seems to me," said Mrs. Colthurst, "that you, my dear friend, of late, that you know more about Paul than most people. It is quite comforting to find you here with him. For many years, I never even heard your name, and now you seem like one of the family, and Paul undoubtedly takes pleasure in your presence. You remind him of Auld Lang Syne."

"That must be it," said Patricia.

"It seems strange to me," said Mrs. Colthurst, "why you lived all these years with Connop Grange for such a long time now, and yet you only came here for a few months ago."

"To tell you the truth," said Miss Patricia, "I did not want to get in his way. He was married to you. He was rich, and I was poor. You can well understand that I did not want to trouble him."

"I think I do, my dear. Nice of you. But what made you come at last?"

"I—well, that is the subject I wish to talk to you really about."

"Do you really? I like having things confided to me. There is only one thing I have to complain of in my dear husband—that he looks a little anxious, but he never talks to me about his real feelings. Do you think he has anything to be anxious?"

"I hope, indeed, that he has no real cause," said Miss Patricia.

"Nevertheless, there must be something, or you would not have looked him up."

"There is something."

"You mean to tell it me?"

"Yes, I mean to tell it to you."

"That will be quite exciting," said Mrs. Colthurst. "I have always loved Paul devotedly. I am not what is called an intensely affectionate woman, but I have really cared for Paul. I love him; I love him far more than I did Mr. Lennox, my first husband. He was very unhappy with my first husband. He was a cold-blooded, disagreeable man. I was not sorry when he died. I was very glad to live with my dear husband, Walter Colthurst."

"Ah, yes, I have heard of all that," said Miss Patricia. "He was fond of you, was he not?"

"Very, very fond of me. I was his favourite niece. I can't tell you how often in the early days he used to say to me, 'And I the world if you were a man, Mary.' And I the world if you were a man, Mary.' And I used to say in reply, 'Well, you can't turn me into one.' Then he used to laugh, and look at me so piteously. Then, again, another day, he'd say, 'You are the best thing to your day, he'd say, 'You are the best thing to your being a man would be that Pamela were a man.' 'You can't turn her into a man, Uncle Walter,' I would reply. Then he would talk of Paul Colthurst; but I never guessed, never, that he meant to make Paul his heir, never, that he meant to make Paul his heir, my husband's wife's niece, and a much poorer relation, too. But he had a queer determination that the property should go in the male line, and I suppose it was natural enough."

"I suppose so," said Miss Patricia.

"I never had to do with large fortunes, or anything of that sort, but I am quite under the impression that what he did was the natural and right thing."

"I suppose so."

"It is extraordinary how matters have turned out. The dear old man died, and almost all his money, except a mere trifle for me, was left to Paul, and I'm a very few years after Paul asked me to be his wife; and I became his wife, and he told me after we were married that it was the wish of the dear old man that he and I should marry. He has been a good husband to me, very, and I have loved him deeply. But I am not blind, and I can see quite plainly that the greatest love of his life was given to his first wife, Anne. Anyone can see that by the way he pets Peter, the fuss he makes over Peter. I know it is because Peter is Anne's boy. Paul and I never had any children, and we just lived each of us for our own child—Paul for Peter, and I for Pamela. And now Pamela and Peter are to be married. Isn't it very curious, and—and very delightful; and the fact of this being part of the old man's arrangement is more extraordinary than ever. To think that they should love each other, and they do, and it should be essential that they should marry; it makes it altogether very much out of the common. Don't you think so, Miss Ransome?"

"I think it is perfectly splendid," said Miss Ransome.

"You—you are not eating anything," said Mrs. Colthurst. "You ought to eat more. You are really old, but you want better food. Paul and I were talking about you last night, and Paul said that he would like you to feel that our house was a sort of second home that you could come to whenever you pleased. It would give us absolute pleasure if you lived with us altogether. I like a quiet, reserved, lady-like person about the house, and if you wanted occupation you would have quite enough to do in keeping the flowers in order. Of course, for the present, that is Pamela's work, but by-and-bye, when she is married, in a year or two, I shall want someone to take her place; and why not you, dear Miss Patricia? It would really be very, very nice."

"Forgive me," said Miss Patricia. "All those little matters in connection with myself can be settled later on. But you speak of Peter's and Pamela's engagement as a matter of a couple of years."

Mrs. Colthurst stared at her visitor in some astonishment. A haughty look swept over her face.

"As a matter of fact," she said, slowly and coldly, "I have not thought at all of the matter yet. The fact that those two babies are engaged is enough for me. Why, dear Miss Patricia, my little Pamela isn't nineteen yet."

"Nevertheless, she is grown up."

"Well, yes—just grown up; and Peter is a mere boy," continued Mrs. Colthurst. "I should think it a most sensible arrangement if they did not marry until the time next year. Then Pamela would be close on twenty-one, and Peter about twenty-six—a far more suitable age to take the cares of life on, do."

"Now I am going to tell you why I called to see your husband the other night," said Miss Patricia.

"You extraordinary woman! What a queer thing to allude to, when we are talking about the young people's marriage."

"I must talk to you on the subject, because it affects the young people and their engagement."

"Ah! Well, what is it?"

"Did you or did you not, Mrs. Colthurst, read your uncle's will?"

"It was read aloud in my presence."

"You never read it for yourself—quietly, alone?"

"Never."

"Do you remember it very vividly?"

"Parts of it I remember. It is impossible for anyone to take in the peculiar phraseology of a will."

"Nevertheless, it is a very strange will. It is a will impossible to be common."

"Do you know all about it, then?"

"Yes, I know all about it. I have very recently read it, and I have not present when it was read."

"I was not; but, of course, you are aware that the will is kept at Somerset House, and that anybody who likes, by paying a shilling, can see the will of anyone in which he happens to be interested."

"Miss Ransome, I should not have thought it like you to tell me that you paid a shilling and went to Somerset House and read my uncle's will!"

"But—but someone else did."

"Ah! Well, to tell you the truth, I am glad you didn't. I should not like you so much if you were capable of that sort of thing."

"I don't think I am capable of it. At any rate, I did not do it. Now I will tell you exactly what happened. There came to the boarding-house where I live a certain Mr. and Mrs. Oswald. The same three accompanied by their son and their daughter. They came from South Africa; and they had been living in the boarding-house before Mr. Thomas Oswald—one of the most unpleasant men I have ever met in my life—told me that he was your husband's cousin."

"You need not tell me that he is unpleasant. I saw the odious being at lunch to-day. He is simply unfit to speak to. I felt so angry, I could scarcely sit at the table with him. However, he's gone now, thank goodness!"

"Yes, he's gone; but he has left his trail behind him."

"What do you mean?"

"You must let me explain. Mr. Thomas Oswald is your husband's cousin, and, according to the reading of the will, if anything prevents Peter and Pamela marrying each other, Thomas Oswald and his family certainly Thomas Oswald and his family certainly inherit the bulk of this great property—all of it, with the exception of twenty thousand pounds, ten thousand of which is left to Pamela, and ten thousand to Peter. It is true they don't get the money during your husband's lifetime, but at his death it is theirs. Thomas Oswald is a man who stops at nothing. He is determined not to leave one stone unturned to prevent the marriage. If by this marriage is consummated he is cut off for ever from his chance of becoming the possessor of the property. Therefore he came here to-day to speak to Paul. Paul is exceedingly unhappy about him. The fact is, Mrs. Colthurst, he is a most dangerous man, and the only way to circumvent him is to have the wedding immediately—one—two. Yes, I know what I am saying. I have lived in the house with people who are not good, Mrs. Colthurst, who think—oh! it is dreadful to have to say it to you—who think very little of crime. Your child is in danger. Paul's son is in danger. You ought to be married at once—at once."

While Miss Patricia was speaking Mrs. Colthurst's face had changed from its usual good-natured, pleasant, fresh sort of appearance to a pallid and somewhat haggard one. Deep lines showed under the eyes and round her lips. Her frightened eyes fixed themselves on Miss Patricia's face.

"You mean to tell me," she said, after a pause, "that my little darling Pamela is in danger?"

"I don't know. I hope not. Let her marry Peter, and she is safe."

"Miss Patricia—Patricia—I put it to you: are we some of the first people in this place. We are looked up to and respected. Is there anything that could be done to rush a marriage in such a great hurry is not possible. We could protect our children. They may be safe and happy if we get them married at the end of the summer—say, in three or four months' time—but not sooner. I must consult Paul."

"I most earnestly beseech of you," said Miss Patricia—"and I say it because I know the love of man Mr. Thomas Oswald is—not to delay the marriage until the end of the summer. Make any excuse you like to the neighbourhood, but have it at once. Endure a little gossip on the part of the neighbours for the sake of the greater good of having the boy safe and keeping the property in your husband's and your daughter's and his son's hands."

"You frighten me very much. I don't see how it can possibly be done. I don't know what I do. When did you wish the marriage to be?"

"I naturally, have no voice in the matter, but I should wish them to be married by special licence in a couple of days."

"Oh, that is too silly! That is beyond anything."

"I think you will regret it if you don't take my advice."

"I know you mean well, and I—I will certainly think over your words and perhaps by the end of the summer the children may be married. My little Pam! My sweet child! It is terrible to think of losing her so soon! And, my dear Miss Patricia, the England of the present day is not a place where violence can be committed. The child is perfectly safe. We have the law of the land to protect her. She certainly cannot be married under two or three months."

"Very well," said Miss Patricia. She rose slowly. "I have spoken with the very best intentions."

"I know that, my dear good creature, but you must understand a mother's feelings."

"I try to, but I think that when a mother realises that her child is in danger she would forget everything else aside."

"You cannot pretend that my little Pam is in danger!"

"Indeed, I pray, I trust not."

"Well, listen, dear friend. You will stay with us for the present. The mere fact that you are in the house is a kind of solace and protection. I like you immensely, I do really; and you are so kind to me. I will think and arrange it, and if the young people are willing, the marriage may take place in September. That is my friend's intention—that they should set up house at Brabazon Hall. We will go there to-morrow, the next day, as well as the children. If they are married in September, they can winter abroad and be ready to take up their abode at the Hall next spring. But ah! to think of losing my little Pam so soon! There, don't you think I have given up a great deal just because a nervous old woman asks me to?"

"I thank you for what you have given up," said Miss Patricia, and she left the room.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Silas Luke from his earliest days had lived from hand to mouth. He had never known, from the time when he first opened his eyes on a cold, treacherous, unfeeling world—a world that did not want him—what it was to be quite certain of food to eat and a lodging in which to repose at night. He was one of the ne'er-do-wells of earth. He was scatterbrained; he was silly; he was without concentration; he was without the slightest sharpness about him which one sometimes sees in a wild beast. He had an instinct which was to be called the instinct of self-preservation. He thought more of his own life and his own comforts than of anything else in the world. Therefore his whole career had been the affair of the lion. He had risen then to the sublime heights of wild rapture in the days of his boyhood. He had escaped by the skin of his teeth. His miserable life was left in his miserable carcase.

He managed to get to England, and he kept always more or less in touch with Thomas Oswald. Now the second crisis in his life approached. Oswald wanted him. He knew perfectly well what he was to do. He ought to marry a servant between a young man and a maiden. He was to leave no stone unturned to attain that end. He smiled to himself. He knew well what it meant. At first he was shocked. Even he, miserable wretch that he was, was horrified at the task which was set upon him.

He had not been half an hour away from the presence of Thomas Oswald before he began to cast about in his brain for the necessary tools for that which he intended to do. He had amongst his friends—they surely were not worthy the name—amongst those acquaintances he had picked up from time to time when one called himself a doctor. This man's name was Reuben Jakes. He was not qualified, but there was no one in the land who could tell that of a man who would see a person for a shilling, give a bottle of medicine without any prescription, pocket his shilling, and ask his victim to call again. He had possessed himself of a smattering of the necessary knowledge of the medical profession, and it occurred to Silas that the case before him was one which he could not do better than put into Jakes' hands. Jakes had in that part of East London where he was living a miserable room, and he was always morning after morning at a shilling a head with advice and bottles of medicine.

Silas had lived for a very little room off Tottenham Court-road.

There he had climbed to three flights of stairs.

He went, and considered himself lucky in finding him at home; he stayed with him a couple of hours, and when he left he had departed with two of those sovereigns with which Thomas Oswald had supplied him. And several little bottles containing several little bottles containing half-a-dozen-looking drugs.

When he was saying good-bye to Jakes, Jakes said to him: "I can, if necessary, see you by appointment at any time, but in a case like yours I must charge a guinea a visit."

Silas considered. "Very well," he said "I'll have to let my man know."

"Yes, of course you will have to let him know. You can't do what he wants except through me. I am not squeamish. A poor man like me can't be. I got rid of mine years ago. You're not a good hand at writing letters, are you, Silas?"

"No, my fist isn't one to boast about."

"Well, I will write your letters for you. You needn't after my friend's name."

Silas laughed. "I have no intention of doing that," he said.

"I'll write a letter now. You ought to have the two sovereigns you have given me refunded."

Jakes sat down by a table and wrote a few words. Silas addressed the letter. Jakes turned his back, and apparently went out. He posted the letter, addressing it to the care of the proprietor of the Crocodile. It was quite possible that Thomas Oswald might go near the Crocodile for a week; on the other hand, he might pay a visit to the place much later. Jakes returned to the room. Silas went to a shop and bought one or two very necessary articles of wardrobe. He also got some cheap and second-hand Gladstone bag. By that time his three pounds were much reduced, but he had still over two left.

He decided that if he was to be comfortable, and get this horrible job over and done his two pounds were all he could afford.

He went home to Jakes' room, and after much turmoil, the sweet freshness of Lush was like Paradise. Even Silas felt the difference. He seemed to breathe a cleaner air.

"Now, if I had a conscience it would awake in a place like this," he said to himself.

The evenings were now at their longest, and the little village street looked strangely peaceful with the last glow of sunset gilding the tops of the houses and reflecting broad patches of colour here and there. Lush was quite a small town, and in order to reach it Silas had to take a single-line train at a terminus a little way off. It consisted of a High-street, and another street which led to the higher part of the town. Here the better-class people lived. Beyond these residences was the country—pure and simple—wide stretches of moor, great patches of heather and bracken and furze, trees which had lived and made homes for birds for many centuries, little babbling streams, the sweet, pure scent of nature, when nature is her best.

Into the midst of this lovely bit of God's world there entered one of His creatures—a man deeply defiled; a man low down, with nothing good in him; a man with a dead conscience. Instead of seeking at once for a lodging he went straight out towards the moors, and lay down close to one of the streams and thrust his dirty hands into the water, watching it as it flowed and flowed over them. Was it going to carry some of the iniquity of his soul away? Was it possible that conscience was to be awakened here even for such a man as Silas Luke?

"I don't like the job," he said to himself. "I'd a sight rayther live as I've always lived. I'd a sight rayther be back in South Africa than have a lion springing on me from under bush. But there! I'm doomed. I've got an appetite, and it must be fed. I must take my chance in life. This is my chance."

He felt carefully in his pocket where the little bottles given to him by Jakes were safely deposited. He then turned slowly and walked back to the town. After a little time he ensured a lodging in the house of a widow of the name of Martin. She had two little children and a very tiny house, and when Silas entered and asked for a bed and food and shelter for perhaps a day or so, and showed her a golden sovereign out of his pocket, she accepted him as her lodger on the spot.

She asked him to sit down by the fire.

"I don't mind," he said. He had all the airs of a weary tramp.

"It's a 'ot night," said the widow.

"I don't find it so," replied Silas.

"What will you have to eat?" she asked.

"He suggested that the widow should supply him with what she thought best. She considered for a minute, and soon prepared a meal of eggs and bacon for his consumption. He ate heartily, scarcely glancing at her and never asking her a question.

(To be continued.)

The Ladies' Column.

USES OF TURPENTINE.

Turpentine in which is dissolved as much camphor as it will take up is pre-eminently the dressing for cuts, lacerations, bruises, and sores. Its antiseptic action is equal to that of carbolic acid; it speedily stops the bleeding ("Better says one lady, if not the only true styptic"), allays the pain, and hastens the process of healing. Few, if any, ulcers resist this continued application.

As a liniment, turpentine with equal parts of laudanum, camphor, and chloroform is unsurpassed. Sprains, rheumatic pains, bruises, and sometimes even neuralgia yield to its magic influence.

As an inhalation, turpentine has proved of great service in bronchitis, pneumonia, pleurisy, and indeed in all affections of the throat.

If you have a cough, sprinkle a little on a handkerchief and hold it to your mouth and nose for a few minutes, breathing the vapour, and note the relief.

Internally, writes "Medicus," turpentine has enjoyed for a century the reputation of being a specific for sciatica. Its mode of operation is unknown, but that it cures stands as a proof of its virtue. Ten drops three times a day in sweetened water is the dose.

As a remedy for the life destroying worms, it is well known. A teaspoonful given in half a glassful of sweetened milk followed up on the next day with a dose of castor oil, seldom fails. The practice of our grandmothers in giving it to us on rising on sugar for sore throats was based on common sense.

A bath in half a pint of turpentine and two pounds of soda in an ordinary bathtub thrrequarters full of water, at 100deg. Fahr., will cure pediculosis in a single bath. Three baths or four baths, one daily, are usually sufficient. Cotton soaked in olive oil and turpentine and put into the ears relieves the ache of the most painful kind. In the hands of the physician turpentine is of great value in typhoid fever. Keep turpentine in the house.

TO PREVENT SCREWS FROM RUSTING.

Many people know the wrinkle of applying turpentine to a rusted screw or nut in order that it may be unscrewed. But it is not so generally known that a simple application of linseed, before use, with a thin paste of black-lead and machine oil or tallow protects them for a long time from rusting. Screws, nuts, or bolts thus treated can be removed, after years of service under unfavourable conditions, without difficulty or risk of breakage.

NICE DISHES.

Semolina Eggs.—Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter in a frying-pan, lay in it carefully the number of eggs you require, break them in a saucer and sliding it from this into the butter. Have a knife at hand with which to divide the yolks from the whites as they stiffen. Put the eggs may not run into each other. As soon as they are set season with salt and pepper, and pour over them a cup of tomato sauce or of stewed tomatoes. Let the sauce simmer and thickened with a little flour. Add onion-juice to qualify the tomato, and a little sugar if liked.

French Beans a la Francaise.—Cut and boil one pound of French beans, and when tender put them in a warm dish and set by the fire to dry. Shake the pan that they may not burn. When quite free from moisture put three ounces of fresh butter, the juice of half a lemon, pepper, salt, and a tablespoonful of fine sugar. Shake the pan over the fire until the beans are quite hot, and serve quickly.

Curried Eggs.—Sweetbread Quenelles.—Take the meat of the remains of roast grouse and mince finely. Prepare a sufficient for one dish, and serve garnish till tender. Mince it also. Then make a pounds of cooked veal, one tablespoonful of finely-chopped parsley, one tablespoonful, finely grated lemon-peel, chopped shallot, a pinch of herbs, pepper, and salt, and the strength of a French yolks previously soaked in milk and squeezed dry. Mix all together, and add the whites of two eggs and the yolk of an egg. Set on one side till cold. Then take equal quantities of the mixture and of butter, and pound and pound all together in a mortar. Add a whole egg. Form quenelles in a tablespoon, and slide into boiling water. Serve with a white sauce.

Compote of Greengages.—To a teacupful of white granulated sugar and the strength of one half of cane loaf sugar add a teacupful of cold water. Boil gently for twenty minutes. Add the barely ripe greengages and then add as many whole greengages as will form a single layer. Cook gently, not very slowly, and as soon as they are soft but not in the least broken remove them from the syrup. Repeat until all are cooked; then pour the hot syrup over the whole, and keep covered until cold.

The Kingston-on-Thames Corporation have made a rule requiring ladies to wear caps when using the public swimming baths.

Nellie Sorcer, the 15 year old daughter of a widow, was very early one morning crossing Woodhouse Moor, Leeds, when a man suddenly sprung upon her, forced her to the ground, and cut off so the roots a long plait of flowing black hair reaching to her waist. The man ran away.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Wetherby is to have a missionary exhibition.

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Garforth people consume 45,000 gallons of water per day.

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South Milford is on good terms with itself. It is stated to be enjoying a trade "boom."

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Why don't the Crossgates ladies take them on? The lady bowlers of Sheffield want a match.

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It stated that the Crossgates station footpath and bridge are to be lighted next autumn. Wait and see!

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A Kippax man tried to persuade the Sherburn magistrates that he did not understand gambling, but he failed.

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The Hunslet Guardians are still anxiously awaiting a reply from the Bishop of Ripon concerning a Rothwell prayer!

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The Skyrack magistrates have had a holiday this week, and offenders will have a short time longer to think over their sins.

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In view of the many accidents at Wetherby Grange corner is it not highly necessary that an improvement should be effected?

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The value of a village fire equipment was shown at Monk Fryston, where a blaze at a farm was speedily put out by the estate brigade.

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Wetherby and Tadcaster are not in it? Pig-keeping at the Isle of Wight Union has resulted in a profit of £700 during the past three years.

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If the city "fathers" are anxious to provide a golf course for working people why not hand land in the Seacroft district. It would be easily got at.

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Corn and hay crops have been considerably set back by the cold, and although there is time for the corn crops to recover the outlook for hay is worse.

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An old man at Goole spent 53 years of his life in the workhouse, and he cost the Union £1,144. Some of the local Unions have had costly inmates, too.

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Wetherby folks expect, seeing Knaresborough is to have no water show this year, that their water carnival will be revived, and be a big attraction on the racing meeting. It comes off in August.

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The Selby Guardians on Monday received the precept for the half-year from the West Riding County Council. It amounted to £5,595, an increase of £251 on the last half-year, and £211 on the corresponding half-year.

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Ledsham—one of the prettiest spots in the whole district—is apparently a rendezvous for gamblers. The police captured a number of men "red-handed" the other day, and the magistrates had something to say to them.

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The Halton Socialists on several occasions have had addresses from the Rev. R. W. Corbett, the vicar of Halton, and he once spoke at a meeting at Crossgates. He is removing to Lancashire, having been appointed to the living of Hurst.

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Kippax Liberals sent a deputation to interview their Member of Parliament about some shares in industrial co-operative stores, but he was satisfied with his explanation. No doubt there are many Kippax folks who would accept the shares if they got the chance.

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Whist at Allerton Bywater, Todcaster, and Wetherby. One of the school medical inspectors says she has found a larger number of children suffering from adenoids and enlarged tonsils in low-lying areas, especially where there are rivers and much fog and damp.

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Wetherby by rule seemed a popular form of holiday on Monday, and all the many, bedecked down carriages and waggonettes seemed to have been brought out of retirement for the occasion, and to be in their most smart-looking horses. No fewer than 1,874 persons went from Leeds to Wetherby by train.

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Overheated rooms in colliery districts! "Bad housing," says a school medical inspector, "overheated rooms (especially in miners' houses where coals are cheap), bad ventilation, with the window sealed, and clothing—if these were remedied and less cough mixture poured down the children's throats, there would be much less chest trouble."

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Apropos of Wetherby races (says a correspondent) one overheard in the Leeds railway refreshment room on Monday morning how "Mr. Bellow manages to back horses on the "heads I win, tails you lose" principle. A young fellow walked in and the waitress, after asking his order, said she had got a tip for a certain horse running at Wetherby. She explained that a customer had given her the "information" and also a shilling to put on it. She had no speaking acquaintance with the "bookie"; but the young fellow was going to Wetherby and would be mind putting sixpence each way on for her? "Certainly," said the youth, who, however, was too gallant to take the shilling off her.

Dancing at Roundhay? Why not? There's boating, swimming, and golfing.

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Are Hunslet Guardians and Rothwell Council to fall out over the water charges? Surely not.

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It is pointed out that "Shelly was a seaport when Leeds was but a marsh." Changed days now!

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Adel, it is stated, is the only place in the Wharfedale rural area where cottages are scarce.

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Mr T. E. Makin, of Fairburn, won £16 in prizes in the horse keeping contests at Hebden Bridge Show.

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South Milford Fanciers' Society is going well. The members are determined to have the premier show of the district.

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Feast time in the villages has arrived, and the public must mark the occasion by keeping their houses open longer than usual.

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All told Barkston Ash has 11,452 voters (1,426 owners, 4,026 freeholders, 1,190 £12 occupiers, 4,810 £6 occupiers).

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Complaint is made about reckless cycling on Butt Hill, Kippax. If the schoolmen are overlooking any of the guardians of law and order doing?

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Certain of the clubs in the Barkston Ash Bowling Association are not so enthusiastic as they might be. Has the novelty of the League worn off?

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Complaint is made of a smoke nuisance at Wetherby. Smoke means trade, and sometimes folks have to put up with it in order to benefit a place.

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Efforts are again being made to extend Crossgates Golf Links. The scheme is to acquire two adjoining fields, but the tenant is reluctant to give them up.

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At Roundhay Park the fat lasses were in great demand on Monday, and knowing ones gave in their names a couple of hours ahead, and thereby dispensed with waterside waiting.

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It was stated that an extension of the tramways to Halton Dial is contemplated "in the near future." What does that mean? Is Halton to have a tramway service next year?

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Mr Jos. Hy. Bantoft, Clerk to the Selby Urban District Council, has joined the local branch of the National Reserve, with the rank of captain. He was formerly a Volunteer officer at Selby.

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Seaton district is very pretty, and the natives are a good sort, as visitors know. But a record is expected at the sports on the 13th, when a larger programme than ever will be gone through.

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A marriage has been arranged between Berenice Beaumont, eldest daughter of Ethel Lady Beaumont, of Carlton Towers, Selby, and the Hon. Bernard Fitzalan-Howard, eldest son of Lord Howard of Glossop.

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The West Riding Diseases of Animals Act Committee, acting upon the opinions of West Riding farmers and graziers, has adopted a regulation providing for the entry of Irish cattle into the district of the West Riding Local Authority after June 5th.

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An interesting and comprehensive report on experiments with varieties of swedes in 1913 has been issued by the University of Leeds and the Yorkshire Council for Agricultural Education. The trials were conducted at Manor Farm, Garforth, and Stockeld Park, Wetherby. The statistics included in the report reveal the yields of individual plots, average crop per acre, comparative yields of the different roots against the standard variety, and much other information of interest to farmers.

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In a wood near Roundhay Park the opportunity was afforded me (says a other sight of birds-nesting—not to take eggs nor even put to motion the hands of the birds selected, but to see the wonderful building on the ground. There, amid bracken and bramble, the blackbirds and thrushes and wrens in double dark nesting holes. The starlings are again in throes. My opinion is that there is a shortage of nesting birds, and that the birds are polygamous. This feature was not so noticeable last year.

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A man at North London Police Court, was said to have the power of fainting at will. I can let lighted matches go out by my feet," he said, "and can let people stick needles into me and I don't feel them." His wife said he did these things when they had company in the house.

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DECREASED HORSE ENTRY—MORE CATTLE

THE PRINCIPAL PRIZE-WINNERS.

On Wednesday the seventy-third show of the Wetherby Agricultural Society was held in the Grange Park, Wetherby, and the weather was all that could be desired. The show is more purely agricultural than many other shows, which have sporting events and floral exhibits, which have sporting events and floral exhibits, and it may be that fact, together with its traditions, that has saved it from the depression and falling off which many secretaries have had to dipplore, and which has led some of them even to suggest discontinuing their annual events. The manner in which the show has held its own may be judged from the number of entries, which this year were only two less than last year, when, with an entry of 616, the show touched its high water mark. The number of horses entered, however, continues to show a steady decrease. This year there were 20 less than last year, and so many as 40 fewer than at the show held five years ago. Cattle, on the other hand, both in quality and quantity, showed a very marked increase, and the exhibits were, as far as numbers go, the best for over 40 years. This was directly attributable to the repeated outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in Ireland, which, having seriously restricted the output from the Emerald Isle, has almost obliged, and certainly made it worth while for the local farmers to go in more and more for cattle breeding. The motor-car again is blamed for the decrease in the horses. The actual numbers of the entries, with those for last year, given in parentheses, are as follows:—Horses, 141 (161); cattle, 75 (68); sheep, 31 (30); pigs, 11 (14); implements, 8 (11); butter, eggs, bread, and hams, 55 (40); pigeons, rabbits, and poultry, 293 (292). The receipts were £8 in excess of those of last year.

NEW FEATURES

A new feature this year was a musical ride (chairs) for which an entry of eight was obtained. There was a cricket match in the afternoon between Wetherby Tradesmen and Leeds Tradesmen, and music was provided by the band of the York Industrial School. During the afternoon there was a parade of winners in the ring.

The judges were as follows:—Agricultural: Mr W. Webster, Stockton-on-Forest, York; Mr G. W. Wright, Leconfield Grange, Beverley. Hunters, Hackneys, etc.: Mr W. Heslop, West Side, Staindrop, Darlington; Mr H. Hoby, Middledale, Kilham, Driffield. Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs: Mr George Knowles, Creyke; Mr T. Winter, Lotherton. Butter, Eggs, Bread, and Dressed Poultry: Mrs W. E. Mudd, Slade House, Thornthwaite, Darley, Leeds. Hams: Mr W. R. Holgate, Scarcroft. Cavies, Pigeons, Poultry, and Rabbits: Mr C. A. House, Idle, Bradford. Awards:—

HORSES

Draught or Agricultural—Yearling colt or filly—1, E T Parker, Ledsham; 2 and 3, G Lax, Cowthorpe Hall, Wetherby. Two-year-old gelding or filly—1, D. Collins, Bramhope; 2, J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton; 3, E. T. Parker. Three-year-old gelding or filly—1, W. Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe; 3, T. Dawson, Walshford. Colt foal—1, Mrs Fryer, Sicklinghall; 2, J. W. and A. Pollard; 3, G. Lax. Filly foal—1, T. Harrison, Kirkby Overblow; 2, H. Harrison, Riffa. Brood Mare, with foal at foot—1, J. W. and A. Pollard; 2, T. Harrison. Agricultural gelding or mare, three years old or upwards, not less than 16 h.h. (for horses belonging to tenant farmers only residing within twelve miles of Wetherby—1 and 2, R Machin, Cattal Grange. Brandsham Moor Hunt.—Premiums offered by gentlemen hunting with the Bramham Moor Hounds for the best agricultural brood mare and foal, the property of a tenant farmer farming not less than 30 acres of land in the Bramham Moor country; each mare to be shown with her foal, and to have been the property of the exhibitor for at least two months before the show—1, G. Lax; 2, J. W. and A. Pollard; 3, H. Watson, Newton Kyme. Shire Horse Society's silver medal—J. W. and A. Pollard.

Hunters, Hackneys, etc.—Hunter brood mare, with foal at foot—1, W. Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe; 2, T. A. Hudson, Pannal. Hunter foal, colt or filly—1, W. Severs, Wilsrop Hall; 2, W Lofthouse. Yearling hunter, colt or filly—1 W. Lofthouse; 2, T. A. Hudson. Two-year-old hunter, gelding or filly—1, J. N. Atkinson, Tockwith; 2, W. Lofthouse.

Harness.—Best and smartest two-wheeled trader's or farmer's turn-out, limited to residents within a six miles radius of Wetherby—1, G. Varley, Wetherby; 2, J. Hodgson, Wetherby, 3 J. T. Allan, Wetherby.

Ponies.—Pony, not exceeding 13 h.h., to be ridden in the ring by boy or girl under 13 years of age—1, Miss Joyce Milner, Shadwell.

Leaping.—1 equal, T. E. Makin and Sons, Welburn Bros., and T. and H. Ward.

Musical Chairs.—1, Welburn Bros.; 2, T. E. Makin and Sons; 3, F. Rye, Glasshoughton.

CATTLE

Dairy.—Dairy cow—1, M. Rayner, Seacroft. Channel Island cow or heifer, in milk or in calf—1, R. B. Burrell, Kirk Deighton; 2, W. Denison, Wetherby.

Shorthorned.—Bull, above one and under two years—1 and 2, Mrs Cass, St. Helens. Bull calf, under one year—1 and 2, Mrs Cass. Three-year-old or aged cow, in milk or in calf—1, Mrs Cass. Heifer, above one and under two years—1, G. Lax. Heifer calf, under one year—2, Mrs Cass.

Any Breed.—Fat beast, any age or sex—1, Inchbold Bros.; 2, Mrs Cass. Pair of fat Irish bullocks or heifers, the property of a tenant farmer—1, J. Norfolk, jun., Tockwith; 2, M. Thomlinson, Tadcaster. Cow or heifer in milk or calf, bred by exhibitor, for farmers, dealers excluded—1, Mrs Cass; 2, G. Ruddock. Bullock, not having more than two broad teeth, bred by exhibitor, for farmers, dealers excluded—1, C. C. Scholefield, Tadcaster; 2, G. Lax.

SHEEP AND PIGS.

Leicester or Long-Woolled.—Shearling ram—1 and 2, G. P Wright, Oglethorpe, Tadcaster. Tup lambs—1, J. Jackson, Hunsingore; 2, G. P. Wright. Pen of three ewes or shearling gimmers—1, G. P. Wright; 2, J. Thompson, East Rigton. Pen of three gimmer lambs—1 and 2, J. Jackson.

Cross-Bred.—Pen of three ewes—1, J. Horner, Pannal Ash; 2, R. Dearlove, Walton Lodge. Pen of three cross-bred shearlings, any cross—1, G. Lax. Pen of three cross-bred lambs, any cross—1 and 2, H. Grainger, Clifford.

Sow or gilt suckling litter—1, G. Gunter; 2, E Thomlinson, Tockwith. Store pig, under 15 months old—1, A. Hodgson, Wetherby; 2, W. Southern, Tadcaster. Store pig, under 15 months old, the property of a labourer, whose wages are not more than 25s. per week—1, G. Utley, Wetherby; 2, E. Taylor, Micklethwaite; 3, J. Thomlinson, Micklethwaite.

BUTTER AND EGGS, ETC.

Three rolls of butter, 16oz. each, limited to tenant farmers or cottagers within ten miles of Wetherby—1, Mrs Lamb, Spofforth; 2, Mrs Britton, Tockwith; 3, Miss Smith, Linton Hill. Dish of 13 white hen eggs—1, J. Broadbent, Holbeck; 2, Henry Cooper, Wetherby; 3, Miss Dawson, Walshford. Dish of 13 coloured hen eggs—1, and 2, J. Broadbent; 3, Miss Burgess, Arthington.

Home-fed ham, over 18lb.—1, H. Calvert, Kirkby Overblow; 2, J. Hodgson, Wetherby. Home-fed ham, under 18lb.—1, H. Calvert, Kirkby Overblow; 2 (equal), F. B. Hemenway, Wetherby and H. Cooper, Wetherby.

THE LUNCHEON

Luncheon was served in a marquee on the showground. Mr C. F. Ryder (President) presided, and he was supported by Mr J. M. Dawson (Wighill), Colonel Jerome, C.B., (Bilton), Mr J. C. Wilmot Smith (Bevercotes Hall), Rev. C. A. Durrant (vicar of Wetherby), Mr J. P. Law (Wetherby), Mr R. F. Meyrick (Wetherby), Mr C. T. Sheraton, Mr H. Crossley (secretary), and the judges and committee.

After luncheon the Chairman submitted the loyal toasts, and these were heartily honoured.

Colonel Jerome, C.B., proposed "Success to the Wetherby Agricultural Society," coupled with the name of the President. He was glad to be informed by the secretary that the society was in a prosperous state. The entries were satisfactory, and as regards actual numbers they were only two less than last year. The entry of cattle was very good indeed, and the quality was quite satisfactory. As regards horses they were a little short this year, one reason being that they had got no class for Army remounts as compared with last year. He did not know the reason why it had been dropped, but there must have been a good reason. The hunter classes and agricultural horses, as far as he could judge, were well supported, and the quality was good.

The President responded and said the society had every reason to congratulate itself on the long continued prosperity of the show. That was the 73rd show, and the entries were only two short of the previous year. Of course, they would scarcely expect horses to keep up to the same standard, but they were fairly successful on the whole. The President went on to allude to the loss the society had sustained by the death of Canon Geldart. He was with them last year, and they as neighbours always remembered and appreciated his efforts to promote the benefit of the neighbourhood. Mr E. H. Barlow was with them last year, and agriculture, particularly the horse breeding part, had suffered a severe loss by his death. Mr Lane Fox, M.P., who was fully convalescent after a small operation, wrote regretting he could not attend as he had to go abroad. In these times the life of a Member of Parliament was a very arduous one, and they would only hope he would soon be restored to health.

It was difficult to talk about agriculture, continued Mr Ryder, as if there was one class in the country which knew its business it was that of farming. Farmers had had experience from earliest childhood, and it was not easy always to say anything that would benefit them. But there was one thing they could congratulate themselves upon—the fine weather, and one could only regret that the prospects were not better for agriculture on account of the long-continued drought. During the past eight and a half years the weather had been very changeable. We had long spells of drought and long spells of rain, which made heavy land very troublesome, and one effect would be to encourage the laying down of the heaviest kind of land to grass.

Mr R. F. Meyrick proposed "The judges," and Mr Wright responded.

Mr J. Thompson proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Neville Gunter, Bart., Mr Gunter, and Mrs Riley Smith for the use of the park and Mr J. M. Dawson responded.

A SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPH OF RHODES.

There is a reference in "My Father—Personal and Spiritual Reminiscences of the late W. T. Stead" (Heinemann) to a spirit photograph taken of Cecil Rhodes. The narrative makes interesting reading:

"There is a round-faced, well-set-up man here with a short moustache and a dimple in his chin. Do you know him?" said the photographer. "No," I said, "I don't know any such man." "Well, he seems to be very busy about you." "Well," I said, "if he comes upstairs, we shall see what we can get." "I don't know," said he. When I was sitting, he said: "There he is, and I see the letter R. Is it Robert or Richard, do you think?" "I don't know any Robert or Richard," I said. He took the picture. He then proceeded with the second plate, and said: "That man is still there, and I see behind him a country road. I wonder what that means." He went into the dark-room, and presently came out and said: "I see 'road' or roads." Do you know anyone of that name?" "Of course," I said, "Cecil Rhodes." "Do you mean him as died in the Transvaal lately?" said he. I said "Yes." "Well," he said, "was he a man like that?" "Well, he had a moustache," I said. And sure enough, when the plate was developed there was Cecil Rhodes looking fifteen years younger than when he died.

Of course, it may be said that it was well known I was connected with Cecil Rhodes, and that the photographer, therefore, would have no difficulty in faking a picture. I admit all that, and therefore I would not have introduced this if it had stood alone as any evidence showing that it was a bona-fide photograph of an invisible being. But it does not stand alone, and I have almost every reason to believe in the almost stupid honesty, if I may use such a phrase, of the photographer. I am naturally much interested in these latest portraits of the African Colossus. They are, at any rate, entirely new, no such portrait to the best of my knowledge (and I have made a collection of all I can lay my hands on), exactly resembling those portraits which I obtained at Mr. B.'s studio.

Miss Adams, Moor End, Clifford Cross Roads, Boston Spa, was a winner in the class for pugs at the Ladies' Kennel Championship Show at Chelsea.

CRICKET.—On Monday South Milford had a match at Hillam Hall and they won easily. Scores:—South Milford—Tindall 25, Atkinson 26, Chilton (not out) 73, Stainburn 0, Terry 0, R. Sutton 9, Hodgson 0, A. Lindley 0, Hyman 36, W. Lindley 15, C. Sutton 14, extras, 13; total, 198. Hillam Hall—H. L. Lyon 8, Heyman 11, Stockdale 1, Ward 5, Morley 18, Sibley 0, Wells 9, S. Hudson 0, Gill (not out) 9, W. Hudson 8, Bucke 6, extra, 1; total, 70

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Elvoits between the ground team and Salem. Scores:—Elvoits—Pickersgill 48, Midgley 36, Arrowsmith 7, Graydon 24, Maltby 6, Hudson 13, Foster (not out) 38, Silversides (not out) 10, extras, 8; total (for 6 wkts.), 190 (declared). Salem—Rusby 21, Walker 7, Cooper 3, Spinsfield 1, Jackson 2, Farrow 3, E Thompson (not out) 16, Wildman 5, Wilson (not out) 4, extras, 5; total (for 7 wkts.), 67.

A Stourton Lady's Wedding.

YOUNGHUSBAND—WADE.

A pretty wedding, which attracted a good deal of local interest, took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Wesleyan Chapel, Waterloo Road, Hunslet.

The bride was Miss Lily Ethel Wade, the only daughter of Mr T. P. Wade, of Stourton Lodge, Wakefield Road, a member of the Rothwell Urban District Council, and the bridegroom Mr Harry Younghusband, Oakwood Drive, Roundhay, of the London, City, and Midland Bank (Hunslet branch), and the elder son of Mr and Mrs D. P. Younghusband.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of ivory charmeuse, the bodice having a corsage of filmy shadow lace over ninon. The skirt was handsomely draped with a tunic effect, and caught with embroidery of pearls and crystals. She carried a bouquet of lilies.

There were two bridesmaids, Miss Gladys Wilkinson and Miss Margery Swales (both cousins of the bride), and they wore dainty dresses of pale blue broche prettily trimmed with shadow lace and rosebuds and pendants and chains (gifts of the bridegroom), and each carried a bouquet of sweet peas.

The bride's mother wore a gown of handsome brocade crepe, beautifully hand embroidered in variegated colours, completed with sash and heavy tassels of oriental effect.

Mr George Younghusband, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Ashton, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Kitching.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers, and the service was choral.

A reception was afterwards held in the grounds of Stourton Lodge, the home of the bride's parents, where a large marquee had been erected. The outside was effectively draped, and in the interior the pink and white floral table decorations made a pretty effect. About eighty guests were present, and a well chosen programme of music was rendered by an orchestra, under the direction of Mr Dyson.

The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous and costly presents. Later in the day the happy couple left for London and the Channel Islands, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

MOTOR COLLISION AT SCARCROFT.

CHARGE AT WETHERBY.

At Wetherby yesterday James William Calcra, doctor, Ayr, was charged with having driven a motor-car in a manner dangerous to the public, and with failing to stop after an accident.

The evidence showed that about midnight on Saturday, May 16th, Mr Frank Clayton, chartered accountant, 2, The Terrace, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, was riding a motor-cycle from Wetherby to Leeds, having a lady in his side-car, and when between Bardsey and Scarcroft he met the defendant in his motor-car on his way from Leeds to Tadcaster. The car collided with the cycle, wrenching the pedal clean off, and buckling the front wheel.

Mr Clayton was considerably bruised, and a hole was punctured through his boot. Both he and the lady were thrown on to the embankment. Mr Clayton whistled to the defendant, and an eye-witness, who was able to take the number of the car, shouted to him, but he went on his way.

Measurements taken afterwards showed that the side-car wheel was within six inches of the left hand side of the road, and that the defendant had 17 or 18 feet of road on which to pass.

Defendant's lights, said Mr Clayton, were so powerful that he ought to have seen a fly crossing the road 100 yards away.

Defendant, who said he was a stranger to the district, admitted that he was driving the car. He felt that he had touched something, and thought it must be a parcel on the carrier of the cycle. He looked back, and thinking no damage had been done he did not stop. His right misdgeard was only slightly bent.

The Bench took a serious view of the incident, and fined the defendant £5 and costs in each case.

Mr R. C. Davies watched the case in the interests of Mr Clayton.

A CITY OF SHRINES.

Pagan, one of the ancient capitals of Burmah, is in many respects the most remarkable religious city in the world. Jerusalem, Benares, Rome, Kieff—none of them can boast the multitude of temples and the lavishness of design and ornament that make marvellous the deserted capital on the Irawaddy. Deserted it practically is, for the flimsy huts that stand by the river are inhabited by pagoda-slaves and men condemned to perpetual beggary. For eight miles along the river bank, extending to a depth of two miles inland, the whole space is thickly studded with pagodas of all sizes and shapes. The very ground is so thickly covered with crumbling remnants of vanished shrines that, according to the popular saying, you cannot move a foot or hand without touching a sacred thing.

Mr Henry J. Clayton, of Wharfe Bank, Ulleskelf, left £1,492.

Colonel and Mrs Wallerstein have arrived at Kensington Palace Mansions, De Vere Gardens, from Thorpearch Hall, for the present month.

On Tuesday 180 people travelled by rail from Leeds to Tadcaster and Wetherby against 191 on the same day last year.

LORD HAWKE CONGRATULATED.—On Monday the Committees of the Yorkshire and Lancashire clubs, with Mr B. A. Firth presiding, passed the following interesting resolution:—That this reunion of members of the Lancashire and Yorkshire county committees heartily congratulate Lord Hawke on his election as President of the M.C.C., a position which he readily deserves in recognition of the invaluable service which he has rendered to cricket generally.

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Looking well ahead, the Barwick-in-Elmet Council have asked the District Council to promote a town-planning scheme for Scholes, and it is a step in the right direction. Town-planning does not necessarily mean that people will at once start building houses in a certain area, but it provides that when building is begun it will have to be done according to a plan approved by the Local Government Board. Hunslet District Council are to town-plan part of Templenewsam, and Leeds Corporation have a scheme in hand for Crossgates district, so it is advisable that something should be done in regard to land adjoining. At some time the district between Stanks and Scholes will be developed, and it is just possible the N.E.R. Co will eventually erect a station at Stanks Bridge. In addition to providing for the proper laying out of the land, a town-planning scheme would help the opposition in frustrating Leeds Corporation should they ever be so ill-advised as to seek a further extension of the city boundaries.

Owing to the disruption of Barwick parish the old plan for the administration of the charities will have to be abandoned, and at the present time the Parish Council are in communication with the Charity Commissioners in regard to the making of a new scheme for dealing with the parish lands—one of the most valuable charities in the district. What share the Commissioners will give to Crossgates remains to be seen, but when the charity was formed Barwick was the predominant partner, and it would probably be running contrary to the intentions of the originators were Crossgates, with its growing rateable value, to secure the bulk of the income. The Council, who have adopted a straightforward and honourable course, desire a settlement of the whole question of the charities, and to that end they have directed the attention of the Commissioners to the changed conditions brought about by the inclusion of Crosgates in the city.

The county call in the Tadcaster Union is up by over £1,000 but very little was said about it at the Guardians' meeting. Presumably it was regarded as inevitable, but the Chairman explained that one of the causes of increased expenditure was the piling on to Poor Law work on to the County Councils, without the necessary funds to carry it out. The cost of education, we all know, is increasing, and the police rate is going the wrong way. Nowadays the policemen have one day's rest in seven, and whether they rest or not, they are surely entitled to one day off a week. Furthermore, have not the Standing Joint Committee increase the policeman's rate of pay? So long as "hobbies" are necessary the people will have to pay them for the protection they give.

In the Wetherby Union the people are not doing their duty to the State, and there are lamentations over the falling birth-rate. Evidently the people, deaf to the plaint of the ex-Bishop of Ripon, have determined to limit the size of their families, and the birth-rate last year was only 16.56—the lowest rate recorded in Barkston Ash and district. In Tadcaster area the rate was 24.6, and, taking purely rural districts, the rate for Sherburn sub-district was 21, and for Tadcaster sub-district 22, so that it will be seen the Wetherby rural area is a long way behind. In the Rothwell urban area the figures were 28.40. The birth-rate for England and Wales, it may be stated, was 23.90.

It is possible that there may be some connection between wages and birth-rate in Wetherby rural area, and people may be trying to make the size of their families suit their meagre incomes. In some trades, I know, the wages are surprisingly low for a place so near Leeds, where high wages in similar trades prevail. It may be that rents are lower in the country town and the cost of living slightly low, but investigation will reveal that the differences are not so great as that in the wages of the two places. The majority of employes in Wetherby area, of course, are farm hands, and in many cases the wages are very low; in fact, in the best cases the chances of their saving money are not particularly good. Some day, when the agricultural labourers realise their strength, they will come into their own.

The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, has, I understand, offered what remains of the old cricket field at Whitkirk as a recreation ground for the children, and his generosity is greatly appreciated by the residents. The question of ingress, however, is causing some bother. Rightly, I think, the owner does not want an entrance made to the field from the Selby Road. If there is danger from motor traffic in Hollyshaw Lane there is a great deal more in Selby Road, and if the field is to be used for the purpose it is intended, it is not advisable that there should be an open door inviting every tramp that comes along to enter and rest. An entrance from one of the side streets off Hollyshaw Lane is very desirable, and a difficulty that has cropped up will, I hope, be eventually overcome.

Saxton has its annual fete and sports on Saturday afternoon, and, provided the weather is favourable, there will probably be a record gathering of spectators. Situated in a beautiful district, near the heart of Barkston Ash, Saxton is rather difficult to get at, for the railway has not yet disturbed the quietness of this quaint nook of historic country. However, it is not far from Church Fenton Station, and the walk to the village is a pleasant one. For cyclists and pedestrians in one part of the district the best way to go is by Hook Moor, past Lotherton Hall, and then by the side of the Cock Beck past Lead Church and the "Crooked Billet." It is all interesting country, and the observant may learn a little more about the history of the county by a visit to Saxton. The gathering is a very popular one, but the committee are ambitious, and they desire to make it the premier sports meeting of the district. To that end they are offering additional attractions, and I hope that Saxton's "annual" will prove a great success. A record number of entries has been received.

Templenewsam is apparently greatly desired by the Leeds Corporation, and their manœuvres are so palpable that comparatively few are misled by them. To suit their own ends—the Halton people must not suppose that the scheme was promoted for their comfort and convenience—the Corporation are to extend the tramway system to the Institute at Halton within the next two years, but they seemingly do not think that the conferring of such a service and the supplying of Templenewsam with water give them sufficiently strong hold on the parish to make them practically certain of success when they put forward their next annexation scheme, and they must therefore, adopt further measures to render any opposition that might be made less awkward.

They endeavoured to destroy the Templenewsam town-planning scheme by urging the making of a road through the Halton sewage beds, and they were defeated, but that has not prevented them promoting a town-planning scheme of their own with the road proposed in it. Evidently they are not altogether satisfied with their plans, because they have offered to deal with the sewage of the parish, which would, of course, mean the abandonment of the Halton works, but the District Council have given them the cold shoulder. Leeds rulers have only one motive in showing such solicitude for the welfare of Templenewsam. They want to strengthen their hold on the parish, and at the same time, in the event of annexation being successful, keep the debt on the parish which they would have to pay as low as possible. If the ratepayers of Templenewsam desire to have control of their own affairs they must fight Leeds at every turn.

No one can say that Crossgates has gained anything, with the exception of public lighting, by the extension of the Leeds boundary. It enjoys a preference for annexation. In the meantime, but the heavier burden is ahead. On the other hand, the district has suffered, because that interest in local affairs which was once so keen has been effectually smothered. Of course, a few people, I know, do not value privileges when they possess them, but when a small place is linked up with a great city it is possible for them to estimate their worth, for assuredly the people have really no voice in the settlement of questions that directly concern them.

Garforth Urban Council have discussed the making-up of a couple of private streets for a couple of years, and, after trying to persuade the owners to repair them and failing, they decided to put the Private Street Works Act into operation. They obtained an Order, tenders were advertised for, and then they declined to accept the lowest tender, because they thought it was too great. Since that time they have had several debates on the subject—in fact, they should be experts in road-making by this time—it is like a serial story going on from month to month—and at last, knowing they had another "go" at it "in committee." A protest was made against the eloquence of members being thus wasted—and it was scarcely fair to the ratepayers—but the majority were in no mood for economy of this kind, and the reading of the next chapter was taken with closed doors.

An interesting experiment in house-building is to be tried at Tadcaster, and if it is a success it may solve the question of cheap cottages in the rural district. Two cottages with concrete walls are to be erected, and in passing the plans the District Council, who are sympathetic towards the experiment, have stated distinctly that they are not to be bound by this decision. This means that if the cottages are not a success they will not approve of the erection of any more. Several years ago I read a series of articles on concrete cottages and their cheapness, and it was claimed that they fulfilled every expectation of the builders, but there does not seem to have been any run on this class of house. Why such a cottage should not be an economical and convenient as one made of bricks I fail to see, and I hope the Tadcaster experiment will demonstrate that concrete cottages are a success in every way. It is said that nowadays bricks cottages cannot be built for less than £250 when everything is taken into consideration, and if concrete cottages are as good and can be put up for £150 there should be a building "boom" in villages where working-class houses are required.

On Wednesday at Boston Spa Messrs Hepper and Sons sold by auction a semi-detached freehold house, out-buildings, and gardens in Poplar Terrace, Boston Spa, to Mrs H. Noble, Boston Spa, for £250.

THE WATER SUPPLY.—A parish meeting was held in the schoolroom, Askham Bryan to consider the scheme for a water supply for Askham Bryan. A letter to the Council, from Mr Walter Liddiss, referring to the matter, was read by the surveyor, Mr Wood. There was a large attendance of parishioners, including Colonel Preston, the Rev. W. Morgan (vicar), Messrs Payne-Galway, Horner, Hudson, Gawkwell, Dales, Dixon, Liddiss, Powell, Bramley, Tayle, Wright, Hullah, etc. Mr F. Busey was the chairman. Mr Wood, the surveyor, explained the scheme in a clear manner, and it was unanimously decided to accept the terms of the York Waterworks Company to provide a supply of water for the village.

Rector of Methley and Missions.

EXHIBITION AT WETHERBY.

A Church missionary exhibition was opened in the Town Hall at Wetherby on Tuesday, and remained open throughout the week. The Lord Bishop of Ripon is acting as president of the exhibition, and the other prominent officials are as follows:—Chairman, the Rev. C. A. Durrant, M.A., vicar of Wetherby; organising secretary, Mr T. H. Baxter, Islington; general secretaries, Rev. A. G. Lockett (curate) and Mr W. Storey, Wetherby; treasurer, Mr J. P. Heap; captains of stewards, Rev. A. O'Brien Newenham, Cowthorpe, and Mr A. Brett, Wetherby; advertising secretary, Mrs H. Crossley, Wetherby; ticket secretary, Mr M. J. Foster; costumes secretary, Mrs Whitaker; sale of foreign goods secretaries, Mrs Stoughton Harris and Mrs Dalrymple Wilson; music secretary, Mrs Durrant; refreshment secretaries, Mrs Jessop and Mrs Tennant; schools secretary, Mr C. E. Whitaker; and hospitality secretary, Mrs Brett.

The walls of the hall have been decorated with pictures illustrative of foreign lands, and the exhibition was arranged in a series of courts containing curios representing native life in West Africa, East Africa, Uganda, Moslem lands, India, China, and Japan. Brief talks are given in the courts at intervals by missionaries and others. A Bedouin tent is used to illustrate patriarchal life in Bible times, and in a separate court were specimens of native drugs and instruments, which show the important work of the medical missions. There is also a Zenana, with ladies in costume; a Chinese guest room, in which a Chinese feast and display scenes, etc., are represented; and also Japanese receptions. There are talks on "races to be won" by young people in costume; numerous exhibits illustrating the daily life, customs, and industries of the people and their religions; and a stall for the sale of books, literature, and information on Church Missionary Society work.

The Japanese, Chinese, Indian, and children's scenes were given on Tuesday in the old schoolroom below the Town Hall, and the refreshments were dispensed in Mr Houfe's unoccupied shop on the opposite side of the Market Place. Talks at the West Africa Court were given by the Rev. F. C. Tease; at the Indian Zenana by Mrs Lockett; at the Moslem Lands Court by the Rev. Napier Malcolm; at the Medical Missions Court by the Rev. W. R. Coke; at the East Africa Court by the Rev. W. E. Paylor; at the China Court by the Rev. E. Thompson; at the Bedouin Tent by Miss Pedley; at the Japan Court by the Rev. A. F. Chappell; at the Home Organisation Court by the Rev. J. W. Aigur; in the Prayer Room by Miss Stockdale; at the Indian Zenana by Miss E. G. Edwards; and at the Indian Court by the Rev. A. G. Lockett. The Japanese series presented on Tuesday were "An evening meal" and "An afternoon call," by Miss Storey and Miss Stoughton Harris; Chinese scenes, "A Bible woman at work," "A feast," and "A village dispensary," by Miss Gubbins and Miss Simpson; children's scene, "Missionary Alphabet"; and Indian scene, "An Indian school," by Mrs Lockett. Native melodies were also sung, and the exhibits explained by the stewards.

There was a large attendance at the opening ceremony, which was presided over by Mr W. B. Bridgeman Simpson, Park Hill, Wetherby, in the absence of Major J. W. Dent, those present including the Rev. C. A. Durrant, M.A. (vicar of Wetherby), Mrs Durrant and the Misses Durrant, the Rev. M. G. Lascelles (vicar of Harewood and Rural Dean of Wetherby), Rev. A. O'Brien Newenham (vicar of Cowthorpe), and Mrs Newenham, Rev. E. P. Doudney (vicar of Bilton), Rev. J. Dingle Cocks (Wesleyan Minister at Wetherby), Rev. W. Pearson (rector of Cowthorpe), Rev. A. G. Lockett (curate at Wetherby), and Mrs Lockett, Rev. J. F. D. Chapman (curate-in-charge at East Keswick) and Mrs Chapman, Rev. Archdeacon Griffith (vicar of Thorparch) and Mrs Griffith, Mrs F. Riley-Smith, Wetherby Grange; Mrs and the Misses Murton, Whitefields Lawn; Mr P. Christie, Mrs and Miss Waddington, Miss Clarke, Miss Scott, Miss Anderson, Miss Harland, Miss M. Worthy, Mrs A. F. Smith, Collingham; Mrs Duncan-Hall, and Miss Bowen, North Deighton Manor; Mrs Browne, Miss Bickerdike, Boston Spa; Miss Pearson, Mr Downey, Spofforth; Mr Warner, Thorpe-le-Messor; Mr Johnson, Deighton Grange; Mr Tennant, Mr S. S. Whitfield, Mrs and Miss Jessop, Miss Gaudin, Miss Brett, Mr R. Purdy, Mr and Mrs T. Snape, Mrs S. Sykes, Mr and Mrs A. S. Allan, Mrs and Miss Stoughton Harris, the Misses Hill, Mrs Whitaker, Misses Preston, Miss Hall, Miss Wollscroft, Miss Lucey, Mr and Mrs J. Foster, Mr E. Jones, Mr C. E. Foulds, Wetherby; and many others.

Mr Bridgeman Simpson briefly introduced the Ven. Archdeacon Armstrong Hall, rector of Methley, saying they all regretted the absence of Major Dent, who was a busy man, yet always willing to help Church work as well.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hall said that the exhibition was not primarily to raise money, but to bring home to their hearts by an appeal to the imagination what was really going on in foreign lands. "Stay-at-home" people could not conceive what was going on abroad and the circumstances under which they were going on. The exhibition would show the reality of superstition, making them understand what heathenism really means; the patience and courage of the missionaries, who left comfort and happiness to go and labour under infinitely dressing circumstances; and the triumphs God was bringing about day by day. In the name of God, there lay the whole secret. The heathen knew not God. Their Bible was an Oriental book, and when they saw the Oriental things gathered together perhaps their Bible would be made more vivid to them. They must think of the infinite need of the heathen, and the necessity of preaching the gospel to all.

The second day's proceedings were opened on Wednesday by Mr G. W. Lloyd, of Stockton Hall, York. The Rev. Archdeacon Griffith vicar of Thorparch, presided.

Mr Lloyd said that he considered it was very plucky of a small place like Wetherby to attempt the holding of such an exhibition. It reminded him of the first he ever went to at a small town in Lincolnshire. The Archbishop of Canterbury once said that we in England were only half-awake to the tremendous call of missions, which pulled up the blinds of ignorance and indifference and prejudice, and let in the light of information and knowledge. They had a great deal to be thankful for, and he was pleased to say that many people were waking up. For many years the C.M.S. had been burdened with a big debt, which had grown to £74,000, but as the outcome of a conference held a year ago that had been entirely removed, and they could start afresh. Other societies had gone forward. Last year the income of the S.P.G. was £34,000 higher than in the previous year. Almost every parish in the York diocese had done better. Twelve of the 13 parishes in his own deanery had sent in better reports, and in some cases had more than doubled the amount collected. But there was the danger of reaction, and they must impress upon themselves the fact that they could not stand still—that they must go on advancing. At the present time they had a tremendous opportunity all over the world, such as they had never had before, and they must not lose it. There was, however, a tremendous shortage of missionaries. In Africa alone there were 83 gaps to fill up in the C.M.S. missions. At Sierra Leone two of the three institutions were without a missionary. The old chiefs went with tears in their eyes and money in their hands to ask for churches to be built, but in five cases out of six they had to be refused because they had no one to send. The missionaries who were out were terribly overworked, each trying to do the work of two men. The very serious thing at present was not the condition of the churches abroad, but the condition of the Church at home. Compare Leeds with Toronto. The whole of Leeds—the Church and Nonconformity—two years ago gave £9,000 for Nonconformity. Four years ago Toronto gave £27,000, and two years ago £90,000. It was part of everyone's duty to take their share in the work of trying to make people realise more the splendid privileges and opportunities there were of helping forward missionary work.

There was again a good attendance, including a couple of Japanese young gentlemen, one of whom is a Professor at the Tokio University, and the other is very prominent in journalism in Japan.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr H. S. Child.

Gilbert Hartland, apprentice, Castleford, was charged with riding a bicycle without a light on the 3rd inst in Ledston Road, Ledston. Fined 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

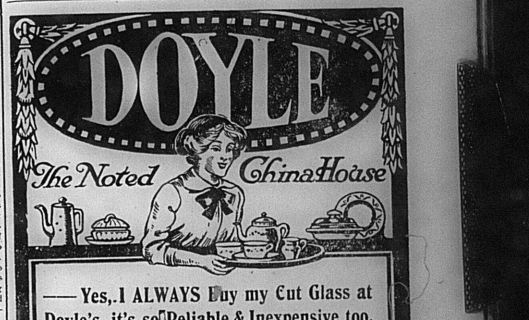
John Ellis, miner, Brotherton, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 24th ult. in High Street, Brotherton. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs. The same defendant, John Ellis, of the same address, was charged with Lily Wright, married woman, on the 24th May, at Brotherton. Mr Claude Kemp, solicitor, appeared for the complainant, who stated that on the 24th May two strange men were going to kill her husband, and she saw the men assault him. Ellis rushed at her several times and struck her with his fist on the face, and kicked her on the knee. She had to throw a stone at him to defend herself. He came to her door and threatened her life. She was badly treated. Evidence in support was given, and defendant denied the charge and called several witnesses. The Chairman said they had decided to convict and fined Ellis 10s. and £1 11s. 6d. costs.

SOUTH MILFORD AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY.

Mr G. D. Cliff presided over a largely-attended meeting of members on Wednesday evening at the White Swan Hotel, and the arrangement of the class list for the forthcoming show was the principal business. The following new classes were added to the twenty-eight at last year's show, making 40 in all, viz.:—White Wyandotte cock and hen, a novice class for poultry, and three separate classes for bantams. In the pigeon section additions are exhibition flying homers, working homers, a ten shilling selling class, that guaranteed by Mr A. Naismith, of Knottingley, and tumblers. Ducks and rabbits will be another attraction. English rabbits, any variety under six months, are included in the prize list. It was unanimously decided to increase the prizes for rabbits to 8s., 4s., and 2s., making the same in all sections. The bread classes will, it is hoped, be the same as last year.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played between Hillam Hall and Wentbridge on the latter's ground. Scores:—Hillam Hall—H. S. Lyon, b Hague, 0; W. Hymann, lbw, b Hague, 7; J. Stockdale, st Peck, b Hague, 4; F. Ward, b Hague, 0; W. Morley, b Cooper, 10; J. Wells, b Cooper, 0; W. Stanley, c and b Cooper, 7; S. Hudson, b Cooper, 1; W. Gill, not out, 8; W. Hudson, run out, 1; H. Bucke, b Hague, 1; extras, 5; total, 44. Wentbridge—E. T. B. Simpson, b Stockdale, 32; Rev. W. Gell, b W. Hudson, 6; W. Cooper, lbw, b Ward, 7; H. Gell, b Ward, 0; Guy Leatham, b Ward, 0; J. James, b W. Hudson, 12; J. W. Hague, b Stanley, 0; H. Elberker, c S. Hudson, b W. Hudson, 4; F. Peck, c and b Stockdale, 9; T. Richardson, not out, 6; C. Cross, c Wells, b Lyon, 3; extras,

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

TUBS, VASES, ETC.

The decorative value of large vases, tubs, etc., filled with plants is not generally recognised. They should be placed about the flower garden in a more or less haphazard manner. Any attempt at arranging them in lines or circles will result in the creation of a formal appearance once, whereas the object of using them is to give a rustic, or natural effect. Hard tubs covered with rustic cork are excellent for the purpose. They are often used in the centre of oval or circular beds, but unnecessarily so, as on the chances as they open almost put this point out of court so far as the flower garden proper is concerned. Margined beds, with central polygonal units, and such trailing subjects as the Japanese honeysuckle, campanulas in variety, canary creeper (syn.loved pelargoniums, etc., may all be used with telling effect. Readers who have not tried this phase of gardening should certainly experiment with a few tubs. We have no hesitation in saying they will be more than pleased. One important point which must not be lost sight of is, that plants grown under these conditions require more attention in regard to watering than those planted in the open round. The soil should be enriched by the addition of a little rotten manure and leaf mould, and firm planting is another important point. The surface of the soil should be mulched with cocoa-fibre or chilled leaf-mould.

LAWNS.

A well-kept lawn is always pleasing to the eye and gives just the right finish to beds and borders filled with bushy plants. Regular attention must be paid to mowing and the necessary trimming of the grass edgings. To get a neat, even effect, it is essential that the machine should be passed twice over each part in the opposite directions. During dry weather the grass box may be dispensed with. This reduces the work, and the cut grass, if allowed to fall on the lawn, is beneficial to it. There need be no fear about it looking unsightly as it soon dries up and practically disappears. Up-to-date machines have a contrivance attached whereby the grass is thrown behind when the box is not in use. After heavy rain the roller should be freely used. At this time of the year a few hours' sunshine is sufficient to bake the surface hard, and the need for prompt action with the roller is obvious. Dandelions and other large weeds are very unsightly and it is a tedious operation removing the roots with a weeding fork. A quicker method is to cut through the root about an inch below the surface, pull out the top, and drop half-a-teaspoonful of sulphate of ammonia into the hole. This will prevent further growth. Dilution may be destroyed by sprinkling them with a mixture of 4 parts fine dust to 1 part powdered sulphate of ammonia. Apply through an ordinary flour dredger.

CLIPPING HEDGES.

Privet, thorn, beech, and other hedges may be clipped over as soon as the seeding-out operations are completed. This task should be performed as frequently as time will allow. The oftener it is done and the denser will the hedge become. In the case of newly-planted privet it is advisable to cut well back. This encouragege dense bottom growth. It is much a matter of taste as to what shape the hedge shall be trained. Some like it trained with a round top, others are cut flat, whilst some growers prefer them with a narrow, almost sharp top. Privet look very effective with a flat top, but we prefer to see other kinds nicely rounded off. It is advisable to stretch a guide line alongside when clipping rough, uneven hedges.

Rose growers in town gardens should make free use of the syringe. Soot, dust, and other undesirable deposits hinder free growth, and regular syringings will not only remove them but provide that amount of moisture necessary for the production of free growth. Another advantage will be the reduced trouble in regard to insect pests. Once a week soapy water should be used for the purpose. This will still further check the increase of insect life. Established trees that have not been mulched should be watered with liquid manure. Early chrysanthemums (show or Dijon should be pruned back as soon as they finish blooming. This will cause them to break into new growth and flower again later on.

SHRUBS.

Rhododendrons and hardy azaleas are blooming very freely this year. This means that a great deal of energy is being expended, and it is possible some encouragement should be given them to make strong growth when the flowering period is over. With large old specimens this is somewhat difficult, but it is as well to remember that every seed pod that is allowed to develop is weakening the plants still more. Choice hybrid varieties should have every seed pod removed as soon as the flowers fade, and if the ground is dry, a thorough soaking of water should be given. This may be followed up a few days later by watering with soot water. An occasional solid over the foliage will also be helpful. This may be done with either the syringe or the hose-pipe.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Continue to sow peas, beans, kidney beans, and salad plants in variety for succession.

Provide supports for peas in good time. If they fall over it will be impossible to cook them into an upright position again near the base. They never come as well if they are once allowed to trail over.

Mint cuttings will root freely this month if dibbled into soil that has been thoroughly broken up.

Plant main-crop celery and water freely until established. Newly-planted celery derives great benefit from being sprayed overhead in the evenings of hot days. Keep a sharp look out for the celery maggot and destroy every specimen that can be found. The fly is very active during the present month.

FRUIT PLANTS.

TRAINING LEADING.

The tuberous-rooted begonia is a splendid greenhouse plant, many of the double flowers being equal to the finest camellia. In northern districts it is rarely a success when planted outdoor, and under glass it should be shaded from bright sunshine. It be a moisture loving plant, and will take up an enormous amount of liquid manure when in full growth. The grass-feeding nature of begonias generally is not rarely recognised by amateurs. We have not rarely recognised by amateurs. We have not found them to answer readily to chemical feeding, but liquid prepared from animal manures or from soot is very good for them. A large proportion of their roots are made near the surface of the soil and for this reason they should be planted either in broad-topped pots or in ordinary pans.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

In almost every case the plants will now be ready for potting into the flowering-size pots. A few important points in final potting are to prove report the plant that in need of water, pot firm, using a blunt stick to ram the compost home, sink the plant about an inch deeper into the soil, and always leave room for future top dressings. After potting water the plants to a firm stake, and for the time being stand them where they will be sheltered from direct winds. If they droop badly after potting, syringe several times a day. This will tend towards keeping the foliage fresh. Decorative varieties require stopping a few times to encourage bushy growth. It is quite safe to stop until the end of June. Simply remove the point.

POTTING ON.

The phrase "potting on" is applied to the work of repotting greenhouse plants that have made good progress and filled with roots the pots they were intended to flower in. Foliage plants often make more headway than when repotted of them, and when this occurs they also must be potted on or they will soon deteriorate. Pelargoniums, fuchsias, and tuberous begonias are regular offenders amongst flowering subjects and should be kept under observation. If the bottom leaves begin to lose colour it is safe to assume that they are root-bound and require a shift. If they have commenced to show flower they should be potted lightly. Firm potting would result in a large proportion of the foliage turning yellow, and the quality of the bloom would be impaired.

QUESTIONS.

In reply to O. S., Cottingley, the chrysanthemums you mention are suitable for flowering in an unheated greenhouse. You say they are in small pots. If you mean 3½-inch pots, move them into the 7-inch size at once. Use a compost containing a fair amount of rotten manure and pot firm. Pinch off the tops about a week after re-potting and attend to staking, tying, and the removal of weak, useless shoots. It is difficult to advise you thoroughly without having a description of your plants. Early in August commence to give liquid manure two or three times a week. House your plants as soon as the buds commence to burst. Any that have not reached that stage should be housed late in September.

ROTHWELL WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

WOULD NOT HAVE A DOCTOR.

An inquest was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Rothwell, on Monday night by Mr P. P. Maitland (Coroner) on the body of Mrs Mary Wainwright, who died with tragic suddenness on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, was the widow of Mr Asher Wainwright, an under-manager at Rothwell Pit, and lived by herself at 46, Gilbert Lane, Rothwell.

Ethel Wainwright, wife of Thomas Wainwright, a pit deputy, living at 23, Meynell Avenue, Rothwell, deposed that the deceased was her mother-in-law. She had lived alone for about the last five years. No doctor had attended her for some time, she having used home remedies, such as poultices and plasters.

The Coroner: Was she in the habit of taking drugs?

Witness: No, but I have heard her say she took something.

The Coroner: You don't think it was an overdose?

Witness: No.

She was fairly cheerful, said witness, and seemed to be in comfortable circumstances. During the last few weeks she had complained of a cold and of pains in the chest. She had been advised to get a doctor, but had replied that she did not feel ill enough for one. She was last seen alive about a fortnight ago, when she said she was just as usual. On Sunday morning her son, who had been sleeping with the deceased, came home about 7.30 and said that his grandmother was ill. Witness went off at once, but on her arrival the old lady was dead.

The Coroner: You don't suspect anything improper? By that I mean that it was improper for her not to have a doctor and bring ill all this time.

Witness: No, only on Saturday night she (deceased) was in Leeds.

Cyril Wainwright, a boy of eleven years of age, said he called at his grandmother's house on his way to Sunday night, and slept with the deceased. Early on Sunday morning she asked him to go and see if the fire was all right. He did so, and on going back to the bedroom, she said "Oh, Cyril." He saw she was ill and ran off for his mother.

Dr. Buck said he had only attended the deceased once, and that was about right or ten months ago. He found that she had a cold, and was a bronchial subject. When he was called to the house at 8.15 on Sunday morning she was dead. Death was due to syncope following bronchial trouble.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, the Coroner remarking that it was a pity she had not had a doctor in the drinking of the past hour. It would perhaps have relieved her.

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(Continued).

[Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one].

TURNING THE EGGS.

My own practice is not to disturb the eggs until the second evening, although there is really no reason why they should not be turned before. From experience I know the care exercised by many operators in turning eggs. Many times have I noticed "mooning" carefully written on one side of the egg and "Pewning" diametrically opposite, to ensure that the eggs are evenly turned right and morning. This is quite unnecessary. Inadequate for turning them at all is, instinct is to do, unless always done in exactly the same manner, there is danger of it adhering to the shell. To obviate this it has been found advisable by practical experience to change the position of the eggs, hence the term "turning" was applied to the operation. In the course of time this has conveyed to the operator, or, at all events, to the casual observer, a meaning quite different to that originally given to the word. Instead of turning them from an exact half-circle. Personally, I do not find this gives the best results, and for this reason I am not in favour of automatic turning, although I see no extra tray for turning, as advocated in the use of some of the American egg-tray machines.

I should strongly advise operators to simply remove a few of the eggs from the centre of the drawer or tray, and then gently roll the remainder of the eggs towards the centre, placing the eggs that were removed on the outside of the drawer or tray. This alters the position of every egg, and prevents the adhesion of the embryo to the shell, and at the same time tends to give a more average temperature to every egg if the diffusion of heat is not equal in every part of the chamber. Incubator manufacturers must not be angry at this observation. I have personally tested most makes of machines, and at present know of practically none where the diffusion is absolutely equable throughout the egg-chamber; at the same time, I am not remarking this from a derogatory sense. To my mind, providing the variation is small, it is beneficial, the temperature under the hen varying according to the location of the egg in the nest. Experience, however, has taught me to observe that the hens are careful to constantly change their relative position so as to secure an average throughout, and if the practice I recommend is followed, we secure the same advantage in artificial incubation.

I might here remark that I have frequently been the recipient of correspondence inquiring why worth eggs hatch out fully thirty-six hours sooner than others? I concede that the freshness of the egg when set is a factor in the solution of the problem, but I also suggest to you that the variation in temperature to which some eggs are subjected, due to the unequal diffusion of heat throughout the chamber, combined with the fact that the operator has failed to change the relative position, is also a determining cause. To prove the accuracy of my remarks on this point, commence a hatch, run it at comparatively high temperature throughout, say 104 degrees, reduce the time for airing and cooling to a minimum, and you will hatch chicks in nine hours to twenty days. I grant you they will be weakly specimens, and not worth your trouble to rear. On the other hand, run it or hatch on the ordinary approved lines, as laid down, and twenty to twenty-one days will be the average period of incubation. You can get even further by a third test. Run the machine at 102 degrees only. Air and cool to a considerable extent, and incubation can be prolonged to twenty-one and even twenty-two days. This conclusively proves to my mind that, granted unequal diffusion of heat in the egg-chamber, and I can assure you it obtains to a greater or lesser extent in practically every machine, it is necessary to change the location of the eggs on the tray or drawer if it is desired to hatch the eggs more or less simultaneously. The temperature can be controlled until the minute-ath evening.

It is the practice with some operators to turn the eggs only once per diem. In the great majority of cases this is sufficient; but there is a danger when the operation is only performed once a day that what we are endeavouring to prevent—namely, the adhesion of the embryo to the interior of the shell—may happen, and as the turning process, carried out in the manner I have suggested, is so simple, and occupies only a fraction of time, I would advise that it be performed morning and evening.

(To be continued).

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BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

WHAT CONSTITUTES PROFESSIONALISM?

COLLINGHAM CASE—CHURCH FENTON AND CAWOOD MATCH:

The monthly meeting of the Executive of Barkston Ash Cricket Competition was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Tuesday night—Mr R. Ward (great Preston) in the chair. Other representatives present were Messrs T. Lumb (Barwick), R. Fern (Cawood), G. H. Amber (Church Fenton Sycamore), A. Young (Collingham), W. H. Smith (Crossgates), G. Umpleby (Crossgates West), W. Glover (Garforth), F. Hipps (Halton), J. A. Popplewell (Halton West), J. H. Townend (Micklefield), A. Flowith (Scarcroft), E. Taylor (Shadwell), A. Johnson (South Milford), A. Deighton (Church Fenton), G. W. Herbert (Tadcaster), and E. D. Pawson (hon. sec).

Mr Pawson stated that he made inquiries as to the amateur status of Southwick (Templenewsam). He wrote to Mr Leathem, of Wentbridge, and he replied that Southwick was not a professional and had never been a professional. He afterwards saw Southwick and questioned him, and he gave out the statement of Mr Leathem. He, therefore, gave him permission to play, and he had turned out for Swillington and Colton.

Collingham applied for the reinstatement of J. W. Dalby, and this gave rise to considerable discussion on the interpretation of a rule. It was stated that Dalby was groundsman for Collingham last year, but he had given the position up. He was not paid for playing.

The Hon. Sec. and Chairman did not know that he could be reinstated, and the rule was read as follows:—"No club shall be allowed to play a professional, or any paid groundsman, or any person who is or has been in receipt of remuneration, either directly or indirectly, for services rendered as a player. The committee may reinstate any player as an amateur if he has not been played as a professional for a period of not less than one year."

Mr Young said that Dalby was not groundsman now.

Mr Herbert thought that a paid groundsman was disqualified in the same way as a professional, according to the rule.

Mr Amber said the man was not a professional.

Mr Johnson said it was hard if they stopped a man from playing because he was a groundsman.

Mr Herbert said he was in favour of the man playing if it was not opening a precedent.

Mr Smith said that Dalby was a groundsman and did not require reinstating. It was never intended by the rules to debar such a man from playing.

Mr Popplewell said the rule was evidently intended to prevent clubs getting men and paying them in an indirect way. He proposed that Dalby be reinstated.

Mr Glover seconded, and this was agreed to.

The allocation of the points in the Church Fenton v. Cawood match on May 23rd caused some discussion. The Hon. Sec. said that they would remember it was a very wet morning, but all the matches were played with the exception of this one. The Church Fenton club secretary stated that he wired to Cawood to save them a journey, as he thought play would be impossible. Cawood did not make the journey, and he wanted to know how to allocate the points.

The Chairman said that Cawood were wrong in not going.

Mr Flowith said that the question of the ground being fit for play was one for the umpires to settle.

Mr Fern asked if any of them would have made the journey after receiving a telegram that the ground was under water.

Mr Deighton said that both clubs were at fault. Mr Holgreaves acted in perfect good faith, and he did not know the rules.

Young proposed that both clubs be fined. One was as bad as the other.

Mr Herbert: What will you do with the money? If you inflict a fine according to the rules it goes to the other club. (Laughter).

After further discussion Mr Herbert proposed that the points in the match be deleted from the League table, and that in future it be decided that the League fixture can be cancelled by either team.

Mr Lumb seconded, and this was agreed to.

It appears that in the match between Aberford and Garforth A on May 23rd the latter were returned winners by nine wickets, but when the result was sent the scores were put at Aberford 29 and Garforth A 29 for one wicket. A bowler discovered after the game that Aberford's total came to 29 instead of 28.—It was agreed that the match stand as a win for Garforth.

Saxton, Great Preston, and Church Fenton were fined for not sending results of matches to the League secretary according to rule.

Mr Popplewell said he heard some time one make a remark that in the event of a player making 50 or 100 and a collection was made for him on the field, that made him a professional.

Mr Umpleby: That has been thrashed out before.

Mr Popplewell: With what result?

Mr Herbert said it did not constitute a player a professional. The man did not go on to the field with the intention of being paid for his services.

Mr Deighton asked if it was possible for a man who had never played or resided in Barkston Ash to be qualified to play in the League.

The Chairman: No.

Mr Amber: Suppose he has complied with the rules and has played in the requisite number of League matches?

The Chairman: He cannot comply with the rules if he has never resided in Barkston Ash.

Mr Amber: Is a man ineligible to play who owns a pony in subscription?

Mr Deighton said the man he had referred to had been playing. Of course, he would not agree if the whole things was thrown open.

Mr Glover: Was he qualified the first season?

Mr Deighton said he was not.

In the course of further conversation, Mr Herbert said that it was the duty of any club to report cases in which rules were broken.

Mr Herbert asked if it had been decided about the semi-finals and final for the three divisions.

The Hon. Sec.: Yes.

Mr Herbert said that at next meeting he would bring forward the question of the prizes the semi-finalists should receive.

Mr Young asked if they were bound to charge gate money in a Lane Fox Cup match.

The Hon. Sec. said they were.

Going the wrong way! Dr J. A. Hargreaves, medical officer of health for the Wetherby Union, in his annual report, just published, draws attention to the fact that the increase in the population during the last decennium was only half that of the rural areas of the country generally; it was also to be noted that the birth-rate of the district was falling to a serious extent; the birth-rate last year was 16.56, against 22.15 in 1901.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

KIPPAX, ALLERTON, TADCASTER, AND ULLESKELF AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster —Mr E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were the Rev. Canon Greenwood (Garnston), Messrs T. H. Parker (Darfield), E. Parker (Ledsham), R. Wright (Barwick), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), R. Routledge, B. Ibrahim, J. Prime, and H. Green (Garforth), T. Hey, E. Cawthorn, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), Carlton (Stutton), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), G. Webster (Appleton-Roebuck), Walter Crosland, J.P. (South Milford), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet).

It was reported that the treasurer had a balance of £3,489 in hand.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been two admissions and nine discharges from the workhouse, and the numbers were 58 and 17 in the casual and children's home—not against 100 at the corresponding date last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 33 and 21 against 21 and 25 for the same fortnight last year.

The House Committee had before them the estimates, specifications, and plans for the alterations to the workhouse, and it was agreed that tenders should be advertised for.

It was agreed to advertise for an assistant nurse at a salary of £25 and a laundress at £20. Tenders for sixty new wire mattresses are to be obtained. An increase of salary to the master and matron was not recommended. The thanks of the Board were given to the Allerton Bywater Working Men's Club for a gift of books to the inmates.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee it was recommended that Mr and Mrs Howarth, of Barnsdy, be appointed foster-parents at a salary of £45. This was adopted.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr Pratert reported that the precept from the County Council had been received for the half-year, and he was sorry to say that it was an increase of £1,034 on the corresponding half of last year. The greatest increase were elementary education £868 and police rate £412. The increase on the last half-year was £1,222.

Dr. Rose was re-appointed medical officer for Rythe.

Mr Webster was appointed, in place of Mr Nettleton, to attend the Poor Law Conference at Bridlington.

A circular letter was read from a Union asking the Board to support the increase of old age pensions from 5s. to 7s. 6d., and the right to be entitled to 5s. pensions.—It was decided not to support the proposal.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The officers at the District Council meeting were Mr. HH (county councillor) Scott (urban council), Messrs. Driver and Wood (sanitary inspectors).

It was reported that the treasurer had a balance in hand of £3,403 9s.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee a request was made that certain roads at Ulleskelf be taken over, and the matter was adjourned for a fortnight.—In regard to the painting of Barwick, the tender of Mr Allen for paint, etc., was accepted, and a section of the work is to be done.—A letter was read asking for a length of road in Saxton to be tarspraved. The Council has to be made to the County Council for permission to do the work The Clerk reported that an order had been received from the Local Government Board confirming the loans the Council to purchase property for the improvement of roads in the district, and the Clerk was asked to prepare any conveyances that might be required in regard to the property in Oxton Lane.—It was decided that permission be not granted to people to erect stalls in Tadcaster market place. —A Barnsley motor-cyclist stating that he had damaged his side-car owing to the bad condition of a road in the area, and he asked the Council to meet the cost of repairs. It was resolved to reply that the Council had no liability.

The minutes were approved.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee plans for a house in Brigshaw Lane, Allerton Bywater, a shop in Main Street, Kippax, and for sewers in the gas works, Kippax, were approved. It was reported that twenty yards of sewer at Kippax required to be re-laid, and the work is to be done. Repairs of vacant land at Lady Hill sewage works was let at 8s. a year, and as it was thought the works should be more securely fenced, the inspector was asked to get tenders.

Plans for a cottage for John Smith's, Tadcaster, were submitted, and were not approved. Plans for two concrete cottages by John Smith's Co. were approved, on condition that they were treated as an experiment, and the Council not bound by the decision in the event of the cottages proving unsatisfactory.—It was reported that the sanitary inspector of the County Council had visited Tadcaster for the purpose of preparing a report to the County Council on the housing conditions. The Clerk submitted correspondence with the county medical officer, who had agreed to do nothing further in the matter for two months.—Notice is to be served on several owners at Sherburn to connect their cesspools with the sewers.—At a meeting of the

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SELBY PETTY SESSIONS.

SQUIRE OF MONK FRYSTON AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

The magistrature at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr H. Pulleine.

A number of drivers of heavy motor vans and char-a-bancs were fined for driving over Hadfield's Bridge, which is prohibited to heavy vehicles of over three tons axle weight. Wilson Rattenley, Halifax, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs; James Rhodes Hartley, Sheffield, 5s. and costs; Sydney Taylor, Wombwell, 5s. and costs; Joseph Thomas Hirst, Oldham, 2s. 6d. and costs; Henry C. Lesson, Ardsley, 5s. and costs; and Alf. Ernest Hutton, Sheffield, 5s. and costs. The Chairman said that the police had done their duty; but the magistrates considered that it was high time that this bridge, an important one on the main road, was replaced by a new structure which would be adequate and suitable for modern traffic. He requested Supt. Stafford to convey this expression of opinion from the Bench to the West Riding County Council.

Lionel Carr, labourer, of Leversholme, was summoned for deserting his wife, Annie Maria Carr, Selby. Defendant did not appear. Mrs Carr stated that her husband had worked at the Selby Olympia Mills. They were married in 1913, there being one child, a boy. After their marriage they lived with her mother, a widow, aged 64. Something she found led her to make an investigation against her husband, which he admitted. He subsequently left her, going to Manchester. He earned 29s. a week. An order was made that defendant contribute 12s. a week to the maintenance of his wife and child, and pay the costs.

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TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

WHITKIRK RECREATION FIELD—HALTON SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held on Friday evening at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk—Mr J. M. Armistead (President) in the chair.

Mr Whitaker (Mr Wilkinson), in regard to the recreation ground for Whitkirk, said that a field had been offered by the Hon. E. L. Wood, but the question of access to the field had caused delay. They did not want access to the field from Selby Road if there was any other way, and objection had been raised by certain persons to giving access from one of the side streets. The question would be dealt with at the next Parish Council meeting. Opposition was forthcoming, too, from members, who were in favour of the recreation ground, but they did not want the children coming past their houses.

Mr Rhodes: They were speaking feelingly. Neither are they!

Mr Morton said that considering the dangers to children from the motor traffic in Hollyshaw he felt the question of the playing field should be pushed forward as quickly as possible, and personal considerations should not be allowed to stand in the way.

The President said the sub-committee would do everything they could.

A lengthy discussion ensued, and eventually it was decided to have a special meeting of the Association after the Parish Council had met and dealt with the question.

Mr Cousins said he noticed by the paper that the Leeds Corporation had offered to take Halton sewage, and he thought the offer was a good one.

The President: Leeds Corporation, in their town-planning scheme, propose to run a road through Halton sewage works.

Mr Rhodes: They are proposing to annex Templenewsam.

The President: Ultimately. That is only one step towards it. The offer is not so generous as it appears to be.

Mr Cousins: I think it would be a good riddance.

The question then dropped.

Mr Clay brought forward the question of the representation of Templenewsam on Hunslet Rural District Council. They had, he said, eleven members on the Parish Council, who had nothing to do, and on the District Council, who had all the work to do, they had only two representatives. He did not know that they could have two better men—one represented the farming interest and the other the landed interest—but they lived on the extreme ends of the parish. The Council was too small and he believed that many questions would be ventilated were it larger.

The President pointed out the difficulties, as explained to the Association, of obtaining increased representation, and no resolution was moved on the question.

In regard to the resolution passed at last meeting and sent to Leeds Tramways Committee about the dangers arising from the position of the cars at the York Road terminus, Mr Hamilton replied that the matter was receiving attention.

The "plague" of rats at Whitkirk was again discussed, and Mr Morton said that at last meeting it was suggested they should have the sanitary inspector's report on the matter.

The Chairman said it was suggested that they should find out whether the rats were sewer or field rats, and also whether the drain was connected with the sewer. He had written to the inspector, but he had not received a reply yet. He was himself inclined to think they were field rats.

Mr Morton said that one resident had killed a number of rats, and he had informed him they were both sewer and field rats.

Mr Mackay said that residents in Hollyshaw Lane had told him they had had rats on their premises, and one gentleman said he had seen rats running up a tall pipe at his house.

Mr Cousins said that a nest of eleven rats had been found in Halton all-the-month.

No further action was taken in the matter.

It was stated that Mr and Mrs Shepherd were leaving the "Brown Cow," and Mr Rhodes proposed that the thanks of the Association be given to them for their courtesy and kindness during the time the meetings had been held there.

Mr Ripon, on seconding, said that they had studied the convenience of the members all along.

The resolution was cordially passed.

A SELBY WATCH-MAKER'S AFFAIRS

STARTED BUSINESS WITH £10 CAPITAL.

The examination of David Roberson, watch-maker and jeweller, Wide Street, and residing at 14, Westfield Avenue, Selby, took place at York on Friday. The liabilities were returned at £480 7s. 2d., and expected to rank £419 0s. 2d. The assets were £113 8s. 3d., leaving a deficiency of £305 17s. 11d.

Debtor, in answer to the Official Receiver (Mr Donald S. Mackay), attributed his position to heavy losses by cattle dealing. He was 35 years of age, and began business as a butcher at Hambleton in June, 1913, with £20 cash capital, and the credit of a bank overdraft up to £80 guaranteed by his father. The overdraft at the present time amounted to £175, which, it was said, was secured by policies on debtor's life. Consequently the bankers were not included as creditors in debtor's statement of affairs. The value of the policies was being ascertained. The valuation of fixtures, fittings, and goodwill paid by debtor on entry was £54.

Between seven and eight years ago he commenced cattle dealing, which he carried on for four years, during which time he sustained losses amounting to £200. This loss had since been largely reduced out of the profits from the butchering business. The only books kept were a debtor's ledger and day-book, which did not contain any trading or profit and loss account. He estimated that the profits during the past three years had averaged £2 5s. per week, and that the weekly trade and domestic expenses had been £1 15s. He knew he was insolvent for the last three years, during which time all the present debts had been contracted.

All the debts, with one exception, were for cattle, pigs, sheep, and meat purchased since October, 1913. A pianoforte, sewing machine, grandfather's clock and some other goods belonged to his wife. When he filed his petition on May 12th he was in a better position than he was three years ago, when he gave up cattle dealing. In addition to the £141 in the official statement, he also owed £175 to the bank, but the value of the insurance policies in the bank was £44 5s. His position was due entirely to losses at cattle dealing, and if he had stuck to the butchering business he would still have been solvent. His wife bought a piano with some money left to her by a distant relative.

The examination was closed.

A BRAMHAM MAN'S VISIT TO TADCASTER.

HIS UNCONVINCING STORY TO THE POLICE.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday—before Mr E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman) and other magistrates—Thomas Moran (23), labourer, of Bramham, was charged with stealing an acetylene bicycle lamp, value 10s. 6d., the property of Harry Mirskill, of Newton Kyme.

Harry Mirskill, labourer, of Newton Kyme, said that on Tuesday night, June 2nd, he went to Tadcaster about 7-45, and he had his bicycle, which had an acetylene lamp on it, with him. He took his bicycle and placed it in a room at the picture house. Then he went out and stood it the corner of the Market Place, and prisoner came and said "Hullo, Harry. Are you going to the pictures?" He replied "I don't know. I am just studying." When he went back he noticed that in the store room were his own bicycle, prisoner's machine, and another. He saw that there was no lamp on prisoner's bicycle. He thereafter went to the picture house, and about nine o'clock he went out and had a look at his bicycle, and he was all right. When, however, he wanted to go home about 9-45 he discovered that his lamp had disappeared, and prisoner's bicycle was also gone. On Thursday he reported his loss to P.C. Harrison, at Newton Kyme, and on Friday he saw prisoner at Bramham, and he informed him that someone had put his (witness's) lamp on his machine, and he had taken it to the police for safety.

In reply to the Chairman, witness said that Moran left the picture house before he did.

James Jolleman, carter, of Bramham, said that he was cycling home from Tadcaster between 9.30 and 10 on the night of the 2nd, and he came across prisoner lighting a lamp on the Grammar School. He went on, but prisoner overtook him. He (prisoner) told him he was not used to that kind of lamp, and he voluntered the news that he won it at Barwick Feast for running.

Prisoner: Never.

Supt. Slack: Did he say anything about selling it?

Witness: Yes, he said that he would sell it to anyone for 5s., and it was worth 15s.

P.C. Harrison said that prisoner came to his house on Monday with the lamp, and said some one had put it on his bicycle at Tadcaster picture house on Tuesday night. He told him he would see about it. Subsequently he was arrested him on warrant, and, in reply to the charge, he said "All I can say is that the lamp was placed on my bicycle and that my bicycle had been taken out and punctured."

Prisoner said that was the truth.

Moran, however, charged his mind immediately afterwards, for on being formally charged by the Clerk, he pleaded guilty.

The Chairman asked if anything was known about prisoner.

Supt. Slack said he was a lad left-and he read several convictions against him for various offences.

Moran was sent to prison for three months.

A HAMBLETON MAN'S ACCIDENT AT SWILLINGTON

CASE AT THE SKYRACK COURT.

The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday spent a considerable time in hearing a case in which George William Hill, of Hambleton, was summoned for riding a motor-cycle and side-car whilst under the influence of drink.

Mr Claud Kemp appeared for the defendant.

P.C. Eadon stated that about 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 23rd, he was on duty on the Selby Road, Swillington, when he saw the defendant riding a motor-cycle, to which a side-car was attached. He noticed that defendant went along the road in a zig-zag fashion. He had watched him for about half-a-mile and saw him go on the footpath. Witness followed him, and in a little further down the road defendant stopped, and the officer asked him for his licence. Defendant replied that he was not drunk. Witness told him he would be reported. Defendant, added the officer, had one hand bleeding, and his nose was stained. The side-car, which was damaged, was placed in the yard of an inn.

Samuel Brook Chawner, a postman at Halton, said he was on the Selby Road at Swillington Common on the night in question, when he noticed a motor-cycle and side-car attached, and driven by the defendant, travelling down the road. When it had passed him the side-car rounded a hawker's cart. In his opinion defendant did not seem to have full control of the machine. Having passed the cart he skidded into a telegraph pole. Witness went to his assistance and got the machine back into the roadway, but he tried to persuade defendant not to ride it, as it was badly damaged. However, he got the engine started and went off. Further down the road the cycle stopped.

John Murray, a navvier, said he thought defendant was very drunk. Just after passing the cart at Swillington Common, the machine dashed into a telegraph pole. When he (defendant) started off again, he could not keep his feet on the pedals.

The defendant, who is employed by Mr. I. Anson, of Hambleton, said he left Hambleton on the day in question about 6-30 p.m. His first stop was at the Gaping Goose Inn at Garforth. From there he rode to the weigh house at Halton to meet some one. As he was travelling back he let go his handlebars to light a cigarette, when the car turned over on top of him. He was assisted by the police. Setting off again he went to the Old George, at Garforth, and washed his hands, which were bleeding, and also had a glass of beer. He then got a man to drive him home. All that day he did not taste more than two glasses of beer. He admitted he was stopped by the police at Garforth, who asked for his licence.

Harry Yarborough, of Hambleton, said he was now walking at the top of Austhorpe Lane, when he saw the defendant riding a motor cycle and side-car. He rode along in the usual manner. The car overturned because of the fact that defendant let go the handlebars.

William Reed, cab proprietor, of Garforth, said he drove the defendant home, and he seemed all right.

After retiring, the magistrates decided to convict and fined the defendant 10s. and costs.

Colonel Jerome, C.B., the new member for the township of Bilton, took his seat on the Wetherby Board of Guardians and Rural Council at last meeting.

THE LATE CANON GELDART, KIRK DEIGHTON

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

At All Saints' Church, Kirk Deighton, on Saturday, a memorial service was held for the late Canon James William Geldart, LL.M. (41 years assistant curate and 18 years rector of Kirk Deighton), who died on board the s.s. Guildford Castle, bound for South Africa, and was buried at sea on May 12th. At 7 a.m. in the same place of worship there had been a celebration of Holy Communion. The other retired clergy of the Deanery—Rev. A. O'Brien Newnham (rector of Cowthorp), the Rev. C. Holmes (Harrogate), the Rev. John Cave Reed (vicar of Bishop Monkton), the Rev. J. J. Stewart-Duffield (Ripon), the Rev. H. Hunsam (vicar of Felliskirk and Rural Dean of Thirsk), and the Rev. Archdeacon Griffith (vicar of Thorparch); while among the congregation were the Rev. A. Durant (vicar of Wetherby), the Rev. G. H. Morwood (vicar of Bardsey), and the Rev. J. E. Williamson (Lofthouse-in-Cleveland). The Rev. F. W. Powell (vicar of Kirkby Overblow) and formerly assistant curate of Kirk Deighton) was unable to be present.

The congregation also included Mr G. H. Ward Jackson and Mr Walker (churchwardens), who conducted the bishop to and from his throne; Messrs R. B. Barrell, L. Isaacs, E. Spink, G. W. Sadler, and D. Bell, sidesmen; Messrs J. P. Law, J.P., H. Crossley, J. T. Allan, J. D. Tiplady, A. Brett, J. W. Varley, and others from Wetherby; Mrs Duncombe, North Deighton Manor; Mrs Walker, Mrs Powell, Mrs Gaisford, Mrs and Miss Durrant, Mrs Newenham, Mrs Mathers, Mrs Ward Jackson, Mrs W. Atkinson, Mr and Mrs W. V. Atkinson, Mrs Burrell, Mrs and Miss Jessop, Miss Wilkinson, Mr T. Jewett, Mrs Coates, Mrs Murton, the Misses Dalby, Mr Stoughton Harris, and many others. The chief mourners were Mr H. W. Jepson (nephew), of Lewes; Miss W. Jepson (niece), London; and Mr C. H. Cobb, York (deputising for legal representative). Mrs Geldart, the widow, has not yet returned from South Africa. Her sister, Miss Bealey, was unable to attend because of her mother's illness, and her other sister, Miss Margaret Bealey, is Lady Principal at one of the Church Missionary Schools in India, and was therefore unable to be present. Mr Henry Wood-unable also to be present. Mr Henry Wood-bridge, schoolmaster at Kirk Deighton, presided at the organ, as he did at the funeral of the late Dr. Geldart (rector of Kirk Deighton, and father of the late curate). In the Psalm (cxxi.) the people were kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs Woodbridge. The Kirk Deighton Cricket Club, in which the late Canon took a great interest—and friends of him—had postponed a League match to a later hour in order to attend the service.

The Bishop of Knaresborough preached from Philippians xxi. 21—"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." The preacher said that they were gathered together on a very sad occasion—sad to the parishioners, and sad to the friends of him whose body they had committed to the deep. It need scarcely be mentioned that no boys have gone to the university as exhibitioners for many years, and under all the circumstances of the case it does not appear to us that the charity would be rendered more useful and efficient by a strict adherence to the directions of the will being required or adopted in practice. Some suggestions of complaints were suggested to our notice respecting principally, the maintenance and clothing of the boys, and the employment of them by the master of the hospital in services of labour, we endeavoured fully to investigate the administration of the charity in that and other particulars; the result, however, does not appear of sufficient importance to require special notice in this report, though in some things we think that an improvement might be effected by the attention of the patron being directed to the state of the charity for this purpose, as he was at a distance when the inquiry took place, we have caused a copy of the examination to be transmitted to him.

SELBY

PROPERTY SALE.—On Monday the freehold residence at Brayton Road, Selby, known as "Hellaby," in the occupation of Mr Julius Koch, at a rental of £55, was purchased by Councillor A. Cochrane, Selby, for £1,300.

HAREWOOD

Lord and Lady Harewood have been re-appointed Ruling Councillor and Dame President respectively of Knaresborough Habitation of the Primrose League.

SHERBURN GRAMMAR SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT IN 1826.

In connection with the new scheme for the administration of the Sherburn Grammar School and Hospital, founded by Robert Hungate, by his will dated May 10th, 1609, it is interesting to know what the Commissioners for Inquiry into Charities in 1826, had to say about this particular charity. After stating the terms of the will and the purposes of the charity, the report states:—

The hospital and school, which was erected at Sherburn, contain apartments for the different purposes mentioned in the will. The master of the hospital and the children are lodged in the building; but the apartments destined for the master of the school, being very small, have not been occupied by him for many years.

The charity is maintained by an annual payment issuing out of the estates at Sherburn belonging to Richard Oliver Gascoigne, Esq., late the property of Sir Thomas Gascoigne, Bart., deceased, the representative by descent of the family of Hungate; the fund annually appropriated to the master of the hospital in respect of his salary, and the clothing and maintaining of the children, being £145 13s. 4d., and that paid to the master of the school for the same purposes being £40 13s. 4d., in addition to which the Gascoigne estates defrays the charges of keeping the buildings in repair.

In consequence of the inadequacy of the revenue, the number of children maintained at the hospital has been from time to time reduced. According to the last agreement between Mr Gascoigne as the patron, and the master of the hospital, the number of children should be eight, and this number is perhaps as great as can fairly be maintained, but through neglect to fill vacancies, or from some other cause not sufficiently explained, there have for about four years past been only six.

The boys are appointed by or under the direction of Mr Gascoigne, being generally poor children who have lost both or one of their parents. They are supplied by the master of the hospital with food and clothing, and such of them as continue there to the age of 15 receive also from the master, on leaving, the sum of £2 10s. and a suit of clothes. They are also instructed by an assistant, under the superintendence of the master of the school, in reading, writing, and accounts, with other children to the number of 20, or thereabouts, who attend the school. For many years past no such has been appointed, and the wards of the master and usher have been consolidated and paid to the master, the latter providing thereout books for the charity boys; to prevent the master's stipend is received by his assistant, and both the master and his assistant are in holy orders.

Considering the amount of the revenues of the charity, and the absolution from all the children maintained by it, it need scarcely be mentioned that no boys have gone to the university as exhibitioners for many years, and under all the circumstances of the case it does not appear to us that the charity would be rendered more useful and efficient by a strict adherence to the directions of the will being required or adopted in practice. Some suggestions of complaints were suggested to our notice respecting, principally, the maintenance and clothing of the boys, and the employment of them by the master of the hospital in services of labour, we endeavoured fully to investigate the administration of the charity in that and other particulars; the result, however, does not appear of sufficient importance to require special notice in this report, though in some things we think that an improvement might be effected by the attention of the patron being directed to the state of the charity for this purpose, as he was at a distance when the inquiry took place, we have caused a copy of the examination to be transmitted to him.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES AFFAIRS

CROSSGATES AND THE CHARITIES.

SCHOLES TOWN-PLANNING—GAS AND TELEPHONE FOR BARWICK.

The monthly meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council was held on Thursday at Scholes—Mr J. M. Rayner (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs R. Wright, A. Booth, J. Birth, A. Robshaw, and F. Lamb (Barwick), Messrs Needham, J. Pemberton, and W. Wetherall (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clarke).

A letter was received from the postal authorities stating their intention of opening a telephone call office at Barwick, provided a guarantee of £12 7s. 6d. was given for five years—The Clerk said that the first guarantee they asked was seventeen guineas, and it was obtained, and he had gone round and got guarantees for the remainder.—The Chairman asked if it was advisable the Parish Council should sign the agreement and be made responsible for the guarantors, some of whom might leave the district.—Mr Pemberton inquired the reason for the increase in the guarantee.—The Chairman said he understood that the expense attached to the scheme was greater than was anticipated.—The Clerk read the agreement sent by the postal authorities, and Mr Birch proposed that the Council sign it.—Mr Wright seconded, and this was adopted.

A letter was received from the Garforth Gas Co. stating that it was their intention to carry they had done nothing yet. The Vicar of Aberford charged for gas was the same as in Aberford, viz., 2s. per 1,000 cubic feet (no fee 1d.) for slot meters, 3 lights, and small stove and the necessary piping supplied free. For ordinary meters, for which 6d. per quarter was to be charged, the terms were 2s. per 1,000 cubic feet, and the consumers to find their own piping and fittings.—Mr Booth said that he understood the terms offered by the Aberford Co. at the last meeting as to piping were similar in both cases, and this was the opinion of the members generally.—Mr Birch proposed that the Clerk write the Gas Co. asking them to discuss the matter on these statements.—Mr Wright seconded, and this was adopted.

The county nursing scheme was considered, and the Chairman said that the matter was before the Garforth Education Committee, but they had done nothing yet. The Vicar of Aberford said that they were trying to get a district nurse for Aberford, and he (the Chairman) said that the Barwick people might feel inclined to join with them. He asked what was being done by Tadcaster District Council.—Mr Wright said he had also from the master, on leaving, the sum of £2 10s. and a suit of clothes. They are also instructed by an assistant, under the superintendence of the master of the school, in reading, writing, and accounts, with other children to the number of 20, or thereabouts, who attend the school. For many years past no such has been appointed, and the wards of the master and usher have been consolidated and paid to the master, the latter providing thereout books for the charity boys; to prevent the master's stipend is received by his assistant, and both the master and his assistant are in holy orders.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—On offering, the prices ruling:—Wheat 35s. to 36s., oats 20s. to 22s., rye 24s. to 25s. per qr.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 12 for 1s.; butter 10d. and 11d. per lb.; cheese 7s. per stone; 6d., ducks 5s. 6d. to 6s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Not many old potatoes in the market. Little doing generally, but a fair inquiry is experienced for sand King Edwards. Sand Up-to-dates 60s.; sand King Edwards, 65s. 6d. to 65s. and 70s., warp King Edwards (of which few remain on hand) 70s. to 75s. per ton. New potatoes from Barlby were offered at 4d. per lb.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 103 beasts, 27 sheep, and 51 pigs. A good attendance of butchers and dealers, and an improved trade, best beef making 8d. per lb. Fair enquiry for nice quality calving heifers; rougher and cows in milk difficult to dispose of. Sheep sold readily at late rates. Small choice pork made 8s. 3d. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £30 10s. 0d., fat heifers to £22, fat cows to £23 15s., store cattle £14 to £18, cows in calf to £20 10s., cows in milk to £15 10s., fat sheep to £2 8s. 6d., fat lambs to £3 4s., pork pigs to £5 16s., store pigs to £1 10s. 6d.

GARFORTH AUCTION MART, Monday.—Mr William Ash sold a number of very prime cattle, 95 fat sheep and lambs, and 30 pigs, and a large number of buyers was present. Trade for fall classes of stock was brisk, and an advance on last market. The choicest beef made 8d. per lb., good beef 7¾d., rest beef 7d. per lb., small shearlings 9½d., breezy ditto 8½d. to 9d., fat cows to 7½d., fat lambs 11d. to 12s. per lb., pork pigs 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per stone. Store lambs 42s. to 50s., small pigs 16s. 6d. to 28s. 6d. Mr Hy Revis sold several heifers and bull calves, which made from £18 to £24; 15s.; Messrs Kendall, Jackson, and Sons had bullocks from £23 15s. to £25 15s.; Mr C. Wither, heifers and bullocks at £13 15s. to £17 15s.; and Mr Tom Field a fat cow at £20 12s. 6d. Mr Walter Potter sold some prime shearlings at 53s. and a ewe at 62s.; Mr T. I. Leake's made to 54s. 6d.; Mr Hy. Revis had several pens of shearlings making from 55s. 6d. to 59s. each; Messrs T. Whiter and Sons sold a number of good shearlings from 50s. 6d. to 59s. each; Mr Kenneth Wilson had some small weight shearlings making to 48s. 6d. each. Fat ewes from 50s. to 56s.; lambs from Mr T. I. Leake's made up to 42s. 6d.; from Messrs J. and H. Thorpe to 40s. each; and from Mr B. G. Foster to 36s. 6d. Pork pigs made from 9os. to 72s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a capital show of prime fat stock, and the attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average. Trade ruled same as last week, with a firm demand for beef, which made from 8d. 6d. to 9d. 3d. per stone; cows and heavy sheep a good trade from 8s. to 8s. 6d. Sheep met a ready sale, making 5d. to 6d. per lb. Lambs about late rates, from 10d. to 1s. Pork pigs made from 7s. 6d. to 7s. 9d. Store pigs, good to sell. Beasts made to £20 7s. 6d. Fat bullocks made: Messrs Robshaw and Son, 13 sheep and lambs, 87 pigs. Seven grand bullocks from Mr Bramley made to £29 2s. 6d.; Mr Jas. Bramley, Huddersfield, had three grand bullocks, Mr Bramley's own, had three grand bullocks, Mr Blacker, Healaugh, had two bullocks, making £23 10s.; two beasts from Mr G. Winter, Pallathorpe, made £23 and £20 7s. 6d.; a grand finished heifer from Mr T. Wilsons made £25 15s.; three fine bullocks from Mrs Harrison, Church Fenton, made £19 7s. 6d. and £16 12s. 6d.; Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, had two ripe bullocks make £20 5s. 6d.; J. W. Watson, Wighill Manor, £23 17s. 6d.; Mr W. Wetherall, Harrington, £17 17s. 6d.; four black polled bullocks from Mr J. Snarr, Hazlewood, made £19 15s., £18 5s., £18 5s., and £17 17s. 6d.; two Leeds would probably at some time try to annex more area, and as they did not want to lose any more, they should reduce the risk by putting their place in order.—Mr Wright said he thought the suggestion was a good one. A certain fear existed as to further encroachments, and they should ask the District Council to form a town-plan scheme.—Mr Birch proposed that it would be a safeguard.—The Chairman then proposed that they suggest to the District Council the advisability of carrying out a town-planning scheme for Scholes.—Mr Birch seconded, and this was adopted.

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ROUNDHAY

MARRIAGE.—At St. John's Church, Roundhay, on Thursday, Dr. T. J. Hudson, of Meschrough town, Roundhay, and Leeds, was married to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Horner Dove, of Elmete Lane, Roundhay. The bride, who wore a beautiful Saxe blue with bridesmaids, trimmed with old Irish lace, was given away by her father, and the best man was Dr. A. E. Little, of Roundhay Road. Misses M. and M. Power, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar of Roundhay. A reception was subsequently held at Elmete Avenue, after which Dr. and Mrs Hudson left for London and the Isle of Wight.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

RURAL DISTRICT OF HUNSLET.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS ACT, 1892.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Rural District Council of Hunslet, being the Scrutary Authority for the above named district, did, on the 4th day of June, 1914, in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act, pass the following resolution, viz.:—

That the SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS, SECTIONS, ESTIMATES, and PROVISIONAL APPORTIONMENTS prepared by the Surveyor, with reference to certain street works required to be executed in ROBERTS STREET, BACK ROBERTS STREET, KITCHENER STREET, BULLER STREET, WHITE STREET, FRENCH STREET, CLEMENTS STREET, AND POWELL STREET, all in the contributory place of OULTON-WITH-WOODLESFORD, in pursuance of the resolution to execute such works passed by the Council on the 9th day of April, 1914, be, and the same are hereby approved.

And notice is further given that for a period of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, copies certified by the Surveyor of the specifications, plans, sections, estimates, and provisional apportionments, referred to in the above resolution, will be kept deposited at the offices of the Council, Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds, and will be open to inspection at all reasonable times.

Dated this 9th day of June, 1914.

W. B. PYNDAR,
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On SUNDAY, JUNE 14th, 1914.
Rev. G. H. ARMITAGE
(a former Resident Minister)
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Morning, at 10.30—
Subject: "Walls of Salvation."
Evening, at 6.0—
Subject: "Walls of Fire."
Anthem for Evening Service—
"Awake Thou that Sleepest."
In the Afternoon Mr Armitage will address the Brotherhood and Sisterhood,
Subject: "Judas Iscariot."

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WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 15th, 1914.

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Also for the supply of MILK, CROCKERY, BRUSHES, OILS, &c., for 12 months from the same date, the Guardians being open to receive alternative Tenders for Milk for 2 or 3 years' supplies.

Tenders must be made in all cases upon forms to be obtained on application to me, and must be signed and delivered (sealed) at my Office by 10 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd instant. No Tender will be received after that hour.

By Order
FRED. W. MEE,
Clerk to the Guardians.
Union Offices, Glasshouse Street, Hunslet, 10th June, 1914.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CROSSGATES, SEACROFT, HALTON & DISTRICT MEDICAL CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING
in the CO-OPERATIVE ROOM, CROSSGATES, on MONDAY, JUNE 15th, 1914, at 8 o'clock. Ladies and Gentlemen interested in this work cordially invited.

ARTHUR FLOWITH, Hon. Sec.

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BY Permission of the Hon. E. F. L. WOOD, M.P., parts of the PARK and PLEASURE GROUNDS at TEMPLENEWSAM will be THROWN OPEN to the PUBLIC on SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, June 14th, 21st, and 28th, from 2 to 6 p.m. Entrance by Whitkirk and Halton Moor Roads only.

The Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., relies upon the visitors to observe the printed notices and to see that no damage is done to the trees or shrubs. No bicycles, motor-cycles, conveyances, or dogs will be allowed inside the Park. 3

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Great Assortment of Useful and Ornamental Goods.
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Re MRS. AMELIA MUSCROFT, DECEASED

Pursuant to Statute 22 and 23 Vict. c. 35. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Creditors and other persons having any Claims or Demands against the Estate of AMELIA MUSCROFT (before her marriage Amelia Mouncey), formerly of Barwick-in-Elmet, but late of Springfield, Boston Spa, both in the West Riding of York (who died on the 16th day of January, 1914, and to whose estate Letters of Administration were granted by the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice to George Herbert Muscroft (the lawful husband of deceased), are hereby required to send particulars of their CLAIMS or DEMANDS to me, the undersigned, as Solicitor to the said Administrator, on or before the 13th day of July next, after which date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice, and the said Administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1914.

EDWARD F. HART,
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EXCURSION TRAINS FROM LEEDS NEW STATION, CALLING AT CROSSGATES AND GARFORTH.

Monday, 15th June, 12.30 p.m. to York, Malton, Stamford Bridge, Pocklington, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ¼ day, and Scarborough and Bridlington for ¼ to 4 days. Wednesday, 17th June, 12.30 p.m. to York and Malton for ¼ day and Scarborough for ½ to 4 days. 12.45 p.m. to Selby, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ¼ day, and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. 2.25 p.m. to Selby and Hull. Thursday, 18th June, 12.30 p.m. to York and Malton for ¼ day and Scarborough for ½ to 4 days. 12.45 p.m. to Selby, Holme (Show), Market Weighton and Driffield for ¼ day, and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. Friday, 19th June, 12.30 p.m. to York, Malton, and Scarborough. Saturday, 20th June, 7.0 a.m. to York, Malton, Scarborough, Pickering, and Whitby. 7.10 a.m. to Selby, Market Weighton, Driffield, and Bridlington. 12.13 p.m. to York, Malton, Pickering, Goathland, Grosmont, and Whitby. 12.30 p.m. to Scarborough. 12.45 p.m. to Hornsea. 1.32 p.m. to Goole and Hull.

For further particulars see bills.

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NEXT WEDNESDAY AT 12.30.
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Five Iron and Wood Bedsteads with mattresses, Four Feather Beds, Bedding, Painted Wardrobe, various Painted Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Mahogany Toilet Glasses, Mahogany Wardrobe, 4-fold Japanese Draught Screen, Oak Top Table, Tapestry and 4-piece

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr E. H. Foster, Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr C. Holliday, Mr J. R. Cross, Mr J. Parker, and Mr H. Evans.

A CLAIM.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the Lofthouse Park Syndicate were summoned by the Rothwell Gas Light Company for the payment of £5 14s. 10d., a claim for gas supplied. Mr W. S. Denton stated the claim for the Gas Co., and as there was no appearance for the defendants, an order for payment was made.

INFIRMARY DEMONSTRATION.—The postponed annual general meeting of the Rothwell Infirmary Demonstration Committee was held at the Council Offices on Saturday night, and there was a meagre attendance. Mr W. H. Wilson presided. The election of officers for the ensuing year was the first business, and it was decided to wait on Mr Bolton, of Springhead, to see if he will accept the position of president in the place of Mr Warrington, who has left the district. Messrs G. A. Scholby and G. H. Palmer were re-elected hon. secretaries, and Mr J. Fox was re-appointed hon. treasurer. Messrs A. Marshall, W. Lee, and W. Lunn were elected trustees, and the auditors of the past year (Messrs A. Marshall and W. H. Wilson) were re-elected. Those present at the meeting were elected on the committee with power to add to their number. It was decided that a house-to-house collection be made as in previous years. A deputation was appointed to wait on Mr Bolton to make arrangements for a field for the annual demonstration.

ALLERTON BYWATER

HOMING.—The members of Allerton Bywater Homing Society sent 108 birds to take part in a race from Dilton. Results:—Collinson 881, Flowers 869, A. Barrett 857, Booth Bros. 850, Townend 849, Smith and Sons 816, Bisconthe 810, Hutchinson 808, Simpson 800, Atkinson 686.

CARLTON

ANNIVERSARY.—The children of the Wesleyan Sunday School celebrated their anniversary on Sunday, when special services were held. Sermons were preached both in the morning and evening by Mr Hutchinson, of Headingley College, who also gave an address at the children's service in the afternoon. At all the services special festival hymns were sung, under the conductorship of Mr T. Hampson.

CROSSGATES

The members of the Crossgates Literary Society are to have an excursion to the Bronte country

A HOLE IN ONE.—Playing over the Crossgates links against his captain (Mr J. Simpson), Mr F. Findlay holed out No. 7 green (120 yards) in one. This is the first occasion this has been accomplished.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—On Monday evening the annual meeting of Crossgates, Seacroft, and Halton Medical Charities Society will be held in the Conservative Room at Crossgates, when all ladies and gentlemen interested in this good work are invited to attend. It is hoped that the residents will make a good response, because the district could do a great deal more than is done for the medical charities. See advt.

FAIRBURN

Misses T. E. Makin and Son, Fairburn, won first prize in the jumping competition over the course open to the International Horse Show in Sowerby on Wednesday.

GARFORTH

ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the anniversary services will be held at Garforth Wesleyan Church, and the Rev. G. H. Findlay, of Castleford, will be the special preacher. See advt.

DISORDER.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Smart, a miner, of Garforth, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Monday night. P.C. Hogg proved the case, and Smart was fined 5s. and costs.

FOOTBALL.—Garforth White Rose Club has joined the Leeds Senior Football League. Other clubs in the League are the Rothwell organizations, Allerton, Preston Colliery, Mirfield United, Shadwell, and Thornhill Lees. It is expected the combination will be a strong one next season.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Doran, labourer, of Garforth, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Friday, May 29th. P.C. Bayes spoke to finding defendant, who was very drunk, committing a nuisance on the Station Road, where several people were about. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

BOWLING.—On Wednesday a league match was played between Garforth and Garforth Conservatives, and the scores were:—Garforth (Garforth Conservatives in brackets) 193 (193). Details (Garforth names first):—A. Matthews 21 (J. Dransfield 9), C. W. Slater 13 v. H. Hoyle 0, F. Walker 21 (W. Cooke 15), T. Brownhill 21 (W. Sedgwick 2), S. Slater 21 (A. Day 15), H. Freeman 18 v. J. Barker 21, G. Walker 15 v. H. Margerison 21, D. Gott 21 v. T. Wrathall 12, E. Walker 21 v. W. Dixon 6, G. Tinker 21 v. H. Brahane 20.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At the Picture House this week attractive programmes of excellent pictures have been provided, and for the weekend the management have arranged for the exhibition of several first-rate films for the entertainment of the numerous patrons of the house. For the first three nights of next week "The Rag-Pickers of Paris," which is a story of the under-world of the gay French capital, will be the outstanding film, and "Topped Wires," an exciting picture, describes the thrilling adventures of two telegraphists. "A healthy neighbourhood," the best of recent Keystone productions, will likewise be shown. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, a film by the famous Nordisk Company—"Dr. Gar-del-Hama"—will prove a powerful attraction. It deals with the most elusive and daring criminal in the annals of detective photo-drama, and with no doubt be greatly appreciated. "The Price of Thoughtlessness" is another good film promised, and other pictures will complete an interesting programme. See advt. for times and prices.

HALTON

COSTLY DELAY.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Anthony Austin, a farmer, of Halton, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at 10.10 p.m. on the 27th May. P.C. Stothard proved the case. Defendant said he had been to Whitkirk "to meet some chickens," and was delayed longer than he expected. He was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

COUPLE SEPARATED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Arthur Linley, miner, of Halton, was summoned by his wife, Hannah Linley, for desertion. The complainant said she had been married about seventeen years. About three months ago defendant made her no payment. Six weeks ago he left the house and took some of the things, and pawned them, but he never returned home again. She wished for a separation order. An inspector under the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children described the man as lazy. Whenever he visited the house the woman was always out at work. Defendant said he worked at the pit on nights and was forced to rest during the day time. A separation order was granted with 8s. a week.

BOWLING.—Halton had a match at home in the Mowley Trophy Competition with Chapeltown, and the latter were defeated by 227 to 192. Details (Chapeltown names first):—T. W. Wilkinson 19 v. G. Simpson 21, T. E. Warburton 13 v. G. Cowell 21, J. F. V. Jones 16 v. F. Vince 21, J. Baldinson 6 v. H. Thomas 21, A. Warling 20 v. R. Pinder 21, R. Kingston 21 v. T. Bedford 14, E. Briggs 12 v. A. Caine 21, H. Dixon 11 v. W. Green 21, I. Lawthwaite 12 v. C. Lambert 21, E. Hall 21 v. J. W. Walker 20, C. Moss 21 v. W. Scott 17, F. Ewing 21 v. A. Kaye 8.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Yesterday the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs W. Todd, of Grove Road, Halton, who are aged respectively 74 and 72 years, and Mr and Mrs W. Schofield, of South View, Featherstone, who are 77 and 71 respectively, was celebrated at Halton. The two couples were married at Rothwell Church on the same day, and it seems they have made it a practice of celebrating the anniversary of their wedding day together, and they have had a meeting nearly every year. Mr and Mrs Todd are well-known and highly respected in Halton, and until some time ago Mr Todd was the chapel-keeper at the Halton Wesleyan Church.

A BOY'S ORDEAL.—Harry Humble, a thirteen-year-old boy, who lives with his elder brother at Riverside Cottage, Knostrop, by Leeds, gave an excellent experience recently. He was proceeding from the office of the Waterloo Main Colliery to the Dame Pit, carrying the wages of four men and his own, when he met a man named James McCullock, of 43, Bread Street, York Road, Leeds, whom he knew. The man stopped him, and pulling a scarf from his neck tied the lad's legs together also tying his hands with some string which he took from the boy's pocket. Then he rifled the boy's pockets, and took £3 13s. and made away. The lad was lying on the ground, but after struggling for some time worked himself loose, cutting the string and scarf with a knife, which he opened with his teeth. Detective Sergeant Kettringham apprehended McCullock on Monday. When charged he admitted the theft, but said he was drunk at the time. When before the Leeds magistrates on Tuesday McCullock made no attempt to refute the evidence, and simply said he would pay the money back at a pound a week if he was given a chance. He was committed to the Sessions, and bail was refused.

KIPPAX

ACCIDENT.—While cycling down Butt Hill, Mr Leonard Wilson, who resides in Leeds Lane, Kippax, was thrown from his machine and rendered unconscious. The young man was placed in a waggonette that was standing near, and taken to Dr. Infield's surgery, and after examination he was taken on a stretcher to his home.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In continuation of the Sunday School anniversary special sermons were preached on Sunday by the Rev. C. D. Eadon, of Headingley College. The teachers and scholars sang their special hymns, and the scholars gave recitations in the afternoon. The various services were fairly well attended, and the collections were satisfactory.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday in the Primitive Methodist Church, the contracting parties being Miss Annie E. Jones, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alfred Jones, of Kippax, and Mr Norman Wheatley, son of Mr and Mrs William Wheatley, of Kippax. The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in a dress of champagne satin, trimmed with guipure lace, and she carried a bouquet composed of sweet peas. There were two bridesmaids—Miss Edith Jones (sister of the bride), and Miss Emily Ellis (cousin of the bride), and the duties of best man were undertaken by Mr H. Wheatley (brother of the bridegroom). The officiating minister was the Rev. B. B. Farlow (circuit minister, Castleford). After the wedding a reception and tea were held in the Primitive Methodist Schools room, and about one hundred and fifty guests were present. The presents were as follows:—Bride's father and mother, tea service; Mr and Mrs Jas. Goodall (brother-in-law and sister), pair of sheets; Miss Edith Jones (sister), eiderdown; Miss Emily Ellis (cousin), bed cover; Miss Elsie Jones (sister), shovel; Walter Ellis (cousin), set of ornaments; bridegroom's mother, bedroom service, trinket set, and tea spoons; father, half dinner service; Mr and Mrs Fred Wheatley (brother and sister-in-law), bed quilt; Mr and Mrs H. Wheatley (brother and sister-in-law), pair of sheets; Mr and Mrs Joe Dixon (uncle and aunt), table cloth; Mr and Mrs, and Miss Brannan, Morley, copper kettle; Miss Moseley, Morley, paper rack; Miss Mossley, photo frames; Mr and Mrs Geo. Revis, table cloth; Miss Maggie Revis, duchess set; Miss Nora Revis, piano cases; Miss Nellie Revis, towels; Albert and Arthur Revis, knives and forks; Mr Tom Craig and Miss Ada Varley, pair of pictures; Mr and Mrs Lewis Appleyard, set of jugs; Mr and Mrs Sam Goodall, towels; Mr Larvin, clock and ornaments; Mr and Mrs Geo. Hick, pillow cases; Mr and Mrs W. Firth, pair of pictures; Mr and Mrs Geo. Prince, covers; Mrs Farrar, covers; Miss Clara Wrigglesworth, stand cover; Mrs Wrigglesworth, duchesse set; Miss Hilda Hoseton, cushion; Miss Hilda Jarvis, coloured glass vase; Mr and Mrs H. Hobson, table cloth; Mr and Mrs Ed. Horsfield, table cloth; Master and Miss Garton, table cloth; Mrs Robinson, set of jugs; Mr and Mrs Wm. Farrar, carvers; Mrs Ed. Beeston, teapot and stand; Miss Mabel Goodall, sugar basin and cream jug; Mr and Mrs Hartley, plant pot; Mr and Mrs Wilson, ornaments; Mr and Mrs Geo. Hartley, ornaments; Mr and Mrs Oliver Cole, ornaments; Miss M. Crippwell, [illegible] and Mrs W. [illegible]; Mr and Mrs E. Beeston, [illegible], pickle jar and [illegible]; Miss May [illegible], Mr and Mrs John Varley, [illegible]; Mrs Smart, [illegible]; Mrs Smart, bamboo [illegible]; Sarah and A. Smart, towel [illegible]; quilt; Master Cressey, [illegible]; Mr. Prince, fruit dishes; Messrs Airey and [illegible], ornaments; Mr John Prince, [illegible]; Master Mr and Mrs [illegible]; Master G. Benton, sugar basin; Miss E. Atkinson, tumblers; Miss B. [illegible], ornaments. Miss Florrie Eastwood, [illegible]; Mr and Mrs Lake over [illegible]; Miss Edith Mosby, teapot; Webster [illegible]; Mr and Mrs J. Adamson, cover; Miss C. Sheffield, [illegible]; Miss M. A. Smith, glass dishes; Mr. and Mrs E. Firth, plant pot; Mr W. Jones, ornaments; Miss K. Wright, teapot; Mr. J. Hartley, ornaments; Misses Hartley, ornaments; Mr and Mrs T. Hemsley, dishes; Mr and Mrs J. Nicholson, stand cover, and Mr Albert Smart, cake stand.

LEDSHAM

Mr E. T. Parker, Newton, won first prize in the classes for agricultural horses for two-year-old gelding and yearling colt or gelding at Escrick Show on Wednesday.

OULTON

GOLF.—On Saturday a match was played between Oulton and Selby on the course of the former. Scores:—Oulton—Singles 6, foursomes 3; Selby—Singles 4, foursomes 1. Details (Oulton names first):—N. D. Long 1 v. H. Mearns 0, R. K. Sparks 1 v. A. P. Bolland (6) best ball 1, F. V. Wishart 0, T. T. Tomlinson 1 v. F. Chresman 0, Thomas Swales 1 v. F. A. Burton 0, G. Parish 0, v. H. Anson 1, W. A. Gibson 0 v. George Armitage 1, G. Cawthra Jones 1 v. E. A. White 0, H. L. Dalby 0 v. W. K. Swain 1, J. Petty 1 v. R. West-Symes 0. Davenport Cup.—Semi-final—Mrs Badeley (17) brat N. D. Long (3), by 1 up; A. P. Bolland (6) beat G. H. C. D. Higgins (18), by 4 and 2.

SCOUTS.—On Saturday about 30 members of the Oulton St. John's Troop of Boy Scouts, which forms the 10th South-East Leeds Company, joined in the welcome to General R. Baden-Powell in the front of the Leeds Town Hall. In referring to the recent camp of Scouts at Oulton, from May 15th to 18th, in which the Scouts of the Leeds troops took part, a writer in the Parish Magazine states, with regard to the Oulton Troop:—Our own troop still grows apace, and we shall not stop until all the lads of Oulton are members. We heartily invite all boys to come and join us; if they do not come, we go to them. We are always on the prowl for new recruits.

BOWLING.—On Saturday at Holbeck Oulton, in the Peston Shield Competition, played Holbeck (Limited), and the latter won by 224 to 206. Details (Holbeck names first):—C. Gee 7, J. Lee 11 v. T. Bowan 21, C. F. Whitaker 14 v. J. Nuttall 21, H. Radcliffe 19 v. J. Buck 21, J. Mills 21 v. W. Poole 18, J. H. Peacock 21 v. H. W. Nicholson 10, T. H. Pape 20 v. W. Lowkwood 19, W. H. Cundale 21 v. J. W. Morley 19, G. Boyce 21 v. W. P. Peters 17, J. Thackrah 21 v. F. Ellis 11, H. Wilson 12 v. J. H. Armitage 21, D. Jones 21 v. G. Cammish 12, H. Hargreall 21 v. B. W. Higgins 17. Oulton also played Holbeck at Oulton in the Mowley Trophy Competition, and Oulton won easily by 253 to 185. Details (Holbeck names first):—A. Oxley 6 v. J. Hunt 21, J. Ricketts 10 v. J. Graham 21, G. Naylor 8 v. W. Hutchinson 21, J. Singleton 21 v. G. Steele 20, W. Whitley 19 v. Joallarrison 21, G. Kitson 15 v. E. Rayner 21, J. Phillips 15 v. W. Smith 21, H. Pratt 12 v. G. M. Abbey 21, W. Clegg 9 v. F. Bell 21, J. B. Whitehurch 1 v. G. Williams 21, H. Whitaker 20 v. B. Healey 21, J. S. Ford 15 v. T. Collin 21.

SEACROFT

Mr J. M. Rayner, of Whinmoor, was one of the judges at Escrick Agricultural Show on Wednesday.

STOURTON

PRIMITIVE METHODIST P.S.A.—The minister, the Rev. W. B. Spencer, gave the address at the weekly P.S.A. service at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. There was a good attendance, and a profitable afternoon was spent.

A WILY DEFENDANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Bradford, a polisher living in Leeds, was summoned for riding a bicycle at Stourton without a light. P.C. Wright proved the case, and said he stopped the defendant on the Postefract Road about 10.25 p.m. on May 22nd. The lamp was quite cold. Asked if he had anything to say, defendant said the officer was telling to him for about ten minutes before he felt the lamp. A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed. Frederick Wm. Bourton, another Leeds youngster, daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Fawkes, and sister o Mr F. H. Fawkes, J.P. The bridegroom was a widower, his previous marriage taking place in 1884, when he married the Hon. Evelyn Augusta Bateman, the second daughter of Baron Bateman, of Shobdon Court, Hereford. He has four children by his first marriage.

The scene of the wedding was the ancient Norman church at Leathley, a picturesque hamlet, near Otley, which has been connected with the Fawkes' family for generations.

The tenantry were given a holiday, and the girls from the village schools on the estates at Farnley, Stainburn, and Hawkesworth lined the path to the church as the bridal pair entered and emerged from the building. Afterwards they were entertained at tea.

The interior of the church had been beautifully decorated, and the service was choral, the organist being Mr F. S. Kendall, organist of the Otley Parish Church. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Boyd Carpenter, Canon of Windsor, assisted by Bishop of Ripon, assisted by the Rev. Walter Fawkes, brother of the bride.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr F. H. Fawkes, Squire of Farnley, wore a beautiful gown of white satin nearly covered with old Brussels lace.

The train of her skirt was composed of a beautiful old veil of Brussels pillow lace worn by Maria Sophia Fawkes at her wedding, being the gift of the Marquis de Florian after his return to France from this city, in gratitude for kindness shown to him by Walter Fawkes while in exile at the time of the French Revolution.

Miss Fawkes also wore a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley, white heather, and orange blossom. Her ornaments included a diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom.

There were no bridesmaids, but the bride was attended by two pages—Master Joslau Ingilby, and Master Harry Wormald, of Leathley Hall—who wore cherry-coloured greenaway suits with blue cambelle frills, and were given enamelled and motor-of-pearl waistcoat buttons.

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Mr T. G. Mylchreest has given £30 to the Baden-Powell Scouts' Fund.

At the monthly meeting of the N.C.A.A. in Leeds on Monday the prospectus for sports at South Milford on July 11th was passed.

RATES.—On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions the following poor rates were passed:—Angram, 1s. 2d. and 2s. 4d.; Wighill, 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d.; and Healaugh, 11d. and 1s. 10d.

HOUSES.—Messrs John Smith's Co. are to build a number of houses at Tadcaster, and on Monday plans for two concrete cottages were passed. Plans for additions at High Moor Farm were also passed.

EXTENSIONS.—On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions Mr Edward Walker, of the Falcon Hotel, Tadcaster, was granted an extension from 11 p.m. on the 10th inst. to one next morning for the postmen's dinner. Miss Maw, of Marston, was granted an hour's extension on the 20th for the village sports.

Rothwell Parish Church Football Club.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rothwell Parish Church Football Club was held in the Old Band Room, Rothwell, on Saturday night. Mr Walter Wormald presided.

The income during the past season amounted to £581 13s. 8½d., and after all expenses have been paid a balance is left in the treasurer's hands of £5 7s. 8½d.

Mr Robinson reported that the senior team did fairly well, finishing sixth in the Leeds Senior League, besides getting into the Rothwell Charity Cup final and the semi-finals of the Leeds Hospital Cup, and the Leeds and District Cup Competitions. The junior team was again a failure, both from a playing and a financial aspect. For not playing full strength in their cup matches, fines of 12s. 6d. each were imposed on the club for the junior team.

The prospects for the coming season, said the report, are bright. The club has entered for the English Cup and in the draw have been very fortunate, being at home to Fryston Colliery in the first round, while if they are successful they will be at home in the second round to either Calverley or Booth Town. The Leeds Senior League looked like being a very strong league during the coming season, the following clubs having sent applications, viz., Headingley, Mirfield, Fryston Colliery, Calverley, Harrogate, and Thornhill Lees.

The election of officers resulted in Mr H. Robinson and Mr C. Batty being re-appointed to the position of hon. sec. and hon. treasurer respectively. Mr W. Taylor was appointed trainer to the team, and Mr O. Banks was re-elected as store-keeper. Mr H. Rollinson, as secretary of the club, was appointed representative on the Leeds Senior League. The following were elected on the committee:—Messrs F. Gibson, T. Asquith, G. Pickersgill, T. Naylor, J. Boyes, L. Thurwell, G. Woodhead, J. Lunn, W. Elliott, H. Smith, A. Woodhead, and W. Gibson.

Mr F. Stringer was elected captain of the first team with Mr J. Gregg as vice-captain.

The question of which cups should be competed for was next discussed.

The chairman said that in trying for so many cups they were placed in a very awkward position, and he would advise them not to enter more than would interfere with the League. So far as the Charity Cup was concerned a revision was needed, and if it was only conducted in a sportsmanlike way no one would be more pleased than he to join it, but as it was conducted on the present lines he was not in favour of doing so.

It was decided that the club enter for the West Riding Cup and the Leeds and District Cup Competitions

The question of running a second team was discussed, and it was unanimously decided not to run one.

A vote of thanks to the auditors, Messrs W. Cousins and G. Cripps, the officers for the past season, and the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

MARRIAGE OF MR FOSTER, STOCKELD PARK.

Yesterday the marriage took place of Mr Robert John Foster, of Stockeld Park, Wetherby, and Miss Susan Fawkes, of Bilton House, Harrogate, and Farnley Hall, Otley, the younger daughter of the late Rev. Frederick Fawkes, and sister o Mr F. H. Fawkes, J.P. The bridegroom was a widower, his previous marriage taking place in 1884, when he married the Hon. Evelyn Augusta Bateman, the second daughter of Baron Bateman, of Shobdon Court, Hereford. He has four children by his first marriage.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

RELIEVING OFFICER APPOINTED.

INCREASED SCALE OF RELIEF.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman), Mrs E. A. Dickenson, Father T. Cosly, Dr. E. Graves, Messrs W. Schofield, J. W. Hargreaves, G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Butterick, J. R. Chappell, T. Bennett, J. Flanagan, J. Bannister, W. A. Appleyard, E. B. Pickersgill, H. L. Pulford, W. Lunn, W. Stead, J. W. Verity, G. W. Peace, W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

The workhouse master's report showed that during the past fortnight there had been two deaths in the institution.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Committee the master emphasized the necessity for the full half-dozen crib beds asked for being available for use when necessary, and pointed out that the relief shed at pavilion H is not satisfactory. It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to purchase four additional crib bids. —The committee had again under consideration the question of additional clerical assistance in the master's office on a reference from the Board. The master was called before the committee and further questioned as to the need for the additional help asked for, when he stated that without returning to the practice of allowing inmates to receive and issue stores, and relieving him of the necessity of inspecting the institution daily it was not possible to do the clerical work during reasonable office hours. It was resolved that under the circumstances the committee adhere to their opinion that the provision of further assistance in the master's office is necessary, and that the Board be recommended to appoint a youth as master's clerk on such terms and conditions as may hereafter be determined. It was resolved that subject to the adoption by the Guardians of the foregoing recommendation, the Children's Homes Committee be asked if there is a suitable boy in the Homes for the post.

The minutes were passed.

RELIEVING OFFICER.

The Clerk read the minutes of the special committee held to consider the relieving officers' duties, together with the applications for the vacancy caused by the "departure" of Mr V. Sharp. It was reported that there had been 118 applications for the post, and of these twenty-one were not in compliance with the requirements. These latter were struck out of the list along with fifteen others. The committee also resolved to give the first consideration to the applicants within the Union, and six were selected to attend before the Board.

Mr Appleyard said he considered it a waste of time on those who had applied outside the district, while it was a waste of money on the part of the Guardians in advertising outside when they only intended considering those who resided in the district.

Mr Stead: Is Mr Appleyard moving a vote of censure on the committee he laughed.

Mr Buttrick said Mr Appleyard was casting a reflection on the action of the Board a fortnight ago. He ought to have raised his objection then, when the matter was discussed.

Upon a vote being taken the minutes of the committee were passed.

The six selected candidates for the post of relieving officer for No. 3 district were interviewed, and Mr George William Steel, Rothwell, attendance officer and Rothwell Education Committee, was appointed.

INCREASE OF RELIEF.

The report of the Permanent Relief Committee regarding the amendments of regulations, which was sent back to the committee by the Board a month ago for reconsideration, again came up. The minutes of the Parliamentary Relief Committee stated that while they could not see their way to adopt the increase of relief allowances advocated in the former report they were unanimous in recommending that the allowance of relief to children be increased to the following amounts, the present figures being shown in parenthesis:—

	If living alone.	If residing with relatives, etc.
1st child	4s. (2s. 6d.)	3s. 6d. (2s. od.)
and child	3s. (2s. od.)	2s. 6d. (1s. 6d.)
Every other child	2s. 6d. (2s. od.)	2s. od. (1s. 6d.)

The foregoing represents increases varying from 25 to 75 per cent., and an extra cost apart from any increases in numbers of £786 per annum.

The committee also decided to recommend, though the committee (it was stated) were somewhat grudging in so doing, the allowance of out-relief to adults be also increased as follows, the present figures being given in parenthesis:—

	If living alone.	If residing with relatives, etc.
Single or widowed men or women	4s. 6d. (4s.)	3s. 6d. (3s. od.)
Married couples	8s. od. (7s.)	6s. 6d. (5s. 6d.)
Other adults	4s. 6d. (4s.)	3s. 6d. (3s. od.)

These increases vary from 13⅓ to 18 per cent., and as nearly as can be ascertained represent an additional cost of £482 per annum. The committee also expressed themselves in agreement with the spirit of the former recommendation that a wider margin be allowed in the fixing of maximum incomes, to permit of recipients of relief supplementing same by earnings to a larger extent than now, particularly where the family is a small one. They considered that the circumstances and requirements would be better and more amply met by altering rule 14 of the regulations so as to read:—"Relief shall not be given to any one so as to make the total weekly income of the recipient, and his or her family more than 5s. in excess of the maximum allowances of relief hereinbefore provided for." If the recommendations were adopted they will enable the total weekly income of an adult with five children to be brought up to 24s. instead of 19s. 6d. if living alone, and 22s. 6d. instead of 18s. 6d. if living with relatives, and for the income of a married couple with five children to be brought up to 27s. 6d. instead of 22s. 6d. if living alone, and 23s. instead of 19s. if residing with relatives.

In moving the minutes, Father Cody said the Board would find that only slight changes had been made in past three months, and the committee were quite unanimous in the matter. With regard to the scale referring to children he would point out that the committee were unanimous that widows with children deserved support, and that the task of bringing up a family was a heavy one, especially in cases where there were four or five children to look after. In the past they had given the widow 3s. 6d. for herself, 2s. 6d. for the first child, 2s. for the second child, and every other child 2s. Father Cody said that when he went into the various homes he saw the necessity of giving further relief. If they estimated that to live in a decent house for which they had to pay 2s. 6d. for rent, and the cost of light per cwt., soap twopence, and a shilling per cwt. of coal, that made up the first 4s. He did not think they were overstepping the mark in giving 4s. 6d.

Mr Appleyard, who seconded, said he thought the recommendations were a step towards real progress.

A vote was taken, the recommendations being passed, with only Mr Schofield voting against.

Father Cody moved that the recommendations take effect on October 1st.

Mr R. Kendall, of Cawood, won first prize for hackney gelding or filly, two years old, at Escrick Show on Wednesday. He also secured the Hackney Horse Society's silver medal.

SHEEP-WORRYING.—Three sheep and two lambs owned by Mr H. Kent, formerly of Alwoodley, were found dead on the farm on Sunday with their throats torn. Mr Kent states that the attack was made by dogs which were seen, but Mr Kent was unable to catch them.

Mr John W. England has been appointed postmaster of Sherburn. Mr England, who was born at Aberford, was educated at Sherburn Grammar School, and was apprenticed to the grocery business at Selby. After this he was manager to the late postmaster, Mr Thomas Spear, grocer, Sherburn.

A LUMBY LADY'S END.—It has been announced that one of the victims of the Empress of Ireland disaster is Miss Jeanie Newton, sister of Mr Wm. Newton, of Lumby, South Milford. Deceased was a native of Beal, near Knottingley. She went to Canada 12 months ago on a visit to a brother, and she was returning to England on the Empress of Ireland. It is understood that the body, which was identified by a nephew named Cook, is being sent to England for burial.

ANGLING.—The timely flush should put our rivers in good order for the opening of the coarse fishing season on Tuesday next (writes Mr Bazley). All the old favourites should give passable returns. At Boroughbridge, like Tadcaster and Topcliffe, shoals of large fish have been seen from the bridge during the fine, bright weather, all waiting to be caught, and visitors who have walked the stretch between Tadcaster and Ulleskelf recently say that they have never seen so many fish on the shallows before. Dace and perch were spawning early this year, and these will be in good condition. There will not be much the matter either with chub and barbel, but roach, I am afraid, will not be up to the mark.

LEEDS RIFLES AT PARLINGTON PARK.—The 8th Battalion of the Leeds Rifles visited Parlington Park last week-end for a special instructional camp. About 200 rank and file left Carlton Hill Barracks on Saturday afternoon, and travelled by train to Garforth, reaching the park at 4.45, where the camp was pitched. Soon after 7 on Sunday morning the programme of work was explained to the men, and proceeded as follows:—Section drill and fire control followed by squadron drill. At 9.30 Divine Service was held, the Vicar of Aberford officiating. General Baldock and General Asselbergs afterwards saw the troops go through outpost duty and field discipline, and from 2.15 to 3.30 the last-named inspected the men in battalion movements in battle formation. Camp was struck at 4 o'clock, but before the men left Mr Prater, estate agent for Colonel Gascoigne, speaking on his behalf, extended a hearty invitation to both battalions to visit the park at any time. He was pleased to say that the conduct of the men had been exemplary. The troops arrived back to barracks by 7 o'clock on Sunday night, having had an exceptionally heavy day's work.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE FOR THIRSK AND MALTON DIVISION.—A largely attended meeting of the Executive Committee of the Thirsk and Malton Division Liberal Association was held in the offices of the Association, Castlegate, York, on Friday. Mr Alfred Taylor, J.P., Malton, Chairman of the Association, presided. Mr George Nicholls, ex-M.P. for North Northamptonshire, was present, and delivered an address on current political matters. Mr Nicholls was afterwards unanimously selected as prospective Liberal candidate for the division to contest the seat at the next election against Viscount Helmsley, M.P. Mr Nicholls, who is in his fiftieth year, resides at Kimberley Lodge, Local Castle, Peterborough. He was working as a farm lad at eight years of age, and afterwards worked as a navvy and in the gravel pits at his native place, Withernsea. For eight years, from 1894, he was lay pastor of the Evangelist Church, Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, and was afterwards engaged in work in Congregational churches at Silverdale and Chesterton, Stafford-shire. He won North Northamptonshire as a Liberal-Labour candidate in 1906, but at the January election of 1910 he was defeated. In the election of December, 1910, he contested the Faversham Division of Kent in the Liberal interest, but was unsuccessful. He is a member of the Peterborough Town Council.

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CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION—MATCHES TOMORROW.

A number of interesting matches are down for decision on Saturday afternoon. Keen rivalry exists between Church Fenton and Church Fenton Sycamore, and there should be a big turnout of villagers to witness the struggle for supremacy on the Sycamore ground—South Milford and Eadwaster have had some good games in recent years, and the meeting at Eadwaster is an attractive fixture. The chances are in favour the homesiders, who are undefeated, but, forth, at home, have a stiff task set them. Micklefield will provide the opposition, and it is probable that if the home sides evince their best form they will come out on the right side, although, of course, Micklefield are not without confidence in their ability to maintain their position at the head of the division. Scarcroft will be expected to account for Halton on the village green, and Halton Wednesdays and Whitkirk, playing at home, are hopeful of improving their position at the expense of Collingham and the good. The meeting of Cross-Shadwell respectively. Oulton will likely draw a big crowd of spectators, and attractive cricket will be seen if both sides show their best form. Colliers have more than their opponents so far, but in games between such teams past performances count for little and both sides are out for the points.

About forty umpires are engaged practically every week in the Competition matches, and frequently Mr Pawson, the hon. sec., has a difficulty in filling the appointments. In consequence, he has asked me to invite men who are qualified for the position of umpires to allow their names to be placed on the list and to take appointments. In the district there are many old cricketers who would find the Saturday afternoon's outing a pleasant one, and I hope they will communicate with Mr Pawson, whose address is 35, The Drive, Halton.

SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES ON SATURDAY.

Cawood would probably have been defeated on their own ground by Church Fenton Sycamore had there been time in which to finish the match. The Fentonians, who have been under a cloud this season, gave a glimpse of their old-time skill, and trounced the Cawood bowling right merrily, sending up the creditable score of 96. R. Poulter made 20, E. Poulter 18, and Rowbotham 12 (not out). H. Dobson (4 for 27 runs) and Lupton (2 for 16) were the best of the Cawood trundlers. The homesters lost seven wickets in getting 58 runs (Ward 17 and Jackson 12), and the chances are that had the game been completed the Fenton team would have secured full points. Britton captured two of the Cawood wickets for six runs, E. Poulter had 3 for 23, and Whittingham 2 for 20.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Tadcaster overcame Church Fenton, on whose ground the match was played, by 107 runs. Batting first, the Caldertons registered 150 runs for 8 wickets and declared, and H. Todd distinguished himself by scoring 50, while Hebden made 38, Baker 20, and Roper 12. Dixon was the most successful of the home bowlers, taking 3 wickets for 48, while Claughton secured 3 for 63. Church Fenton 17, and Smith 9, who came out only. were dismissed for 44, towards which Atha contributed 12 (not out) and Dixon 11. Roper got 4 of the visitors' wickets for 15, and West and Nettleton each had two for eight runs.

Oxton, now unable to bring off a "coup" at South Milford. The homesters had learnt by experience to treat their opponents with due respect, and on Saturday afternoon the game, which was an excellent one, was keenly fought, and the visitors proved themselves much the stronger side, and in both batting and bowling departments they were distinctly superior. The plucky Saxtonians went under for 74, and their dismissal for such a comparatively small score six wickets and declared, J. Cook scoring 24, was largely brought about by the splendid work and Linford 33 and Sherburn had to be content of Arthur Lindley, who had six of their wickets for 12 runs. E. Atkinson secured 2 for 16 and runs, and Chilton had 2 for 27. For Milford A. Atkinson (30 not out) and E. Atkinson (17) made 47 victory practically sure, and they won by eight wickets.

The surprise of the afternoon was undoubtedly the defeat of Scarcroft at Micklefield, and the result was really a personal triumph for A. Smith, who demonstrated that he was the best all-round player on the field. Scarcroft, who have been making big scores this season, opened promisingly, and D. Barrington (24) and Tuft (17), Hooper (42 not out) set the side a good example. Smith, however, afterwards trundled with great effect, and the innings closed for 174. Hooper's obtained 7 wickets for 54, but the farmers went to Smith with eight wickets for 27 runs—Micklefield showed that they are still a force to be reckoned with, and Scarcroft, who were strong considerably, lost the points. Again Alf. Smith figured prominently, and his consistent inflation of 28 to a total of 90 for seven wickets was a good offer, and Scarcroft were the best of the bowlers, securing five wickets for 29. Micklefield have the honour of being one of the two unbeaten clubs in the Senior League. Will they manage to maintain their record?

Without doubt Garforth got a fright at Barwick, and at one time it looked as if the homesters would defeat their opponents. Every credit is due to Barwick for the splendid fight they put up, and it should be an encouragement to them to persevere. Batting first, Barwick registered 87, and Armitage contributed 20 and W. Hartley 16, while there were no fewer than six extras. Garforth tried six bowlers, and W. Glover had two wickets for 18 runs, T. Bellamy two for 18 runs, and H. Pickersgill four for 24 runs. Garforth started well, and Prime scored 6, S. Glover 10, Bellamy 11, Wilson 12, W. Glover 11, and Mellor 12, and then the runs came loads. Cooregan and Birch failed to emulate the others, and the last man—Firth and Pickersgill—were at the wickets with several runs to get. They batted very carefully and, amid excitement, they made victory a cert, Garforth winning by a wicket. A fine performance was that of Firth, who scored 42 not out, and Hartley 24 not out.

Great Preston and Halton provided attractive cricket at the Primrose Valley ground, and although the homesters were beaten by 7 wickets their opponents gave a greatly improved batting display. Having first knock of the wicket, Preston went up 108, and amongst this Thompson's 39 was the top score. Then they had a collapse, and were all out for 123. Halton, who are one of the most promising of the younger teams, were over ten runs, M. Wrzeker being the top scorer with 26. D. White was also batting merrily when he was stumped, his performance standing at 18. J. W. Lunn and W. Bedford both scored 14, the last-named being not out. W. Pickard and R. Hyland made 12 each, while E. Thompson knocked up 13. W. Hodgkinson captured seven wickets for 24. The Roth-well innings started more too promisingly, three of the wickets falling for seven runs. H. Hemsworth brought about a change, however, sending up 23, and E. Moss, who partnered him in a fine, were 28 for the fifth wicket. But W. Bedford made the best effort of his side with 32 not out. For Outwood D. White took five wickets for 28 and M. Wheeler three for 39—Rothwell A were at home to Outwood, and this, too, went down. The visitors lost their first two men without scoring, and no great stand was made until the ninth man (). Lamb came in, and he sent up 20 not out). The total was 80. W. Nelson (Rothwell) made two brilliant catches. Of the Rothwell bowlers E. Loughy took three wickets for 16, and F. Scrimgeour four for 20. Rothwell's score was 74, and E. Gibson secured 25, and J. Lunn 20. For Outwood Whiteley captured seven wickets for 30 and Richardson two for 13.

Oulton entertained the unbeaten Carlton eleven, and a very interesting game was witnessed by a good number of spectators, the majority of whom had journeyed from Carlton. Oulton won the toss, and batted first, and fared very poorly against the bowling of Illingworth and Sykes, the former finding it difficult to play. Losing 6 wickets for 36, the homesters appeared to be in a hopeless position, but by excellent cricket on the part of Hutchinson and Walker a remarkable change came over the game. Batting with judgment, they treasured the bowling of Carlton unmercifully, and eventually the Oulton innings was declared closed at 179 for 8. Neither batsman gave a chance, and to them is due great credit for this fine exhibition they gave. Carlton failed to accomplish the big task set them, and they left their record spells. Illingworth walked out, and Butterworth scored 25 (not out), while Fozzard had to and L. Brown 17. Walker, Hutchinson, and Cope bowled well for the home-sters, Walker's 5 wickets costing 31 runs—Oulton were not so successful at Carlton, being defeated by three wickets. They made 77, of which E. Higgins contributed 25 and F. Blackburn and T. Jones 10 each. Carlton obtained 80 for seven wickets. The chief scorers were J. Ashton 17, J. Speak 16, S. Dobson 15, and W. Austin 13.

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Kippax were at home to Altofts, and they gave a poor account of themselves. Hopson and Brown trundled splendidly for Altofts, only 7 Kippax were dismissed for only 28, of which A. Ballance claimed 15. Altofts defeated their opponents without losing a wicket, Brown putting on 21.

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The match between Robin Hood and Stanley Church was splendidly contested, and, although the game was drawn, the chances are that Robin Hood would have won had the game been finished. Robin Hood batted first, and registered 130, and L. Armitage made 39, Fearnley 21, Bell 20, Bramham 15, P. Wormald 13, and G. Giles 10. In getting 144 runs Stanley lost nine wickets, and Heaton made 58.—Robin Hood A were defeated by Stanley A by four wickets. The match was at Stanley, and the visitors were sent back for 36 (E. Wormald 14), and Stanley replied with 37 for 6 wickets.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE

TADCASTER A. v. BARKSTON ASH—At Tadcaster. Scores:—Tadcaster A.—A. Aldous 3, A. Smart 1, J. T. Kettlewell 4, G. Fozzard 6, T. Taylor 3, T. Chatfield 2, W. Tredale 5, C. Swann 2, W. Heap 1, H. Taylor (not out) 0, G. Iredale 0, extras, 5; total, 40. Barkston Ash—G. Lidle 2, G. Beaton 2, J. Haines 5, A. Hills 3, H. Hardcastle 3, W. Woods 0, J. Liddle 2, R. Bailey 0, E. Hills (not out) 4, A. Smith (not out) 0; extras, 9; total (for 8 wickets), 41.

BRAMHAM V. ULLESKELF—At Bramham. Scores:—Ulleskelf—J. Parker 7, F. Stronach 2, J. Sykes 0, G. Ward 2, W. Bell 8, F. Smith 16, G. Lacey 8, D. Varey 0, P. Hardy 1, F. Varey 3, R. Bean (not out) 0, extras, 6; total, 64. Bramham—J. Esse 0, J. Whitaker 0, A. Dawson 2, A. Stockdale 2, D. Kerridge 6, G. Brown 0; H. Tindall 2, R. Hebron 7, H. Shaw 3, G. Shaw (not out) 2, R. Eastwood 0, extras, 4; total, 29.

KIRK DEIGHTON V. SHERBURN W.R.—At Kirk Deighton. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—F. Nicholson 5, J. Oxley 4, E. Linford 33, G. Oxley 0, A. Swann 2, T. Beasley (not out) 7, G. White 2, extras, 10; total (for 6 wkts.), 103. Innings declared. Sherburn—R. Hester 0, J. Hester 0, J. Sherburne 13, L. Smith 2, W. Land 1, B. Hey 4, P. Popplewell 0, B. Townend 0, J. Elliff (not out) 0, extras, 5; total, 41.

HALTON V. SCARCROFT—At Scarcroft. Scores:—Scarcroft A.—J. Linley 13, E. Guest 0, S. Ball 0, J. Hardy 2, J. Barker 22, Alf. Smith 0, Johnson 0, W. Linley 0, A. Bateman 1, extras, 1; total, 80. Halton A.—J. Hunter, 28; J. Smith 13, T. Halton 3, J. Nicholson 0, H. Haigh 4, F. Nicholson 0, J. Longden 3, S. Clark 0, E. Wetherill (not out) 1, G. Simpson 0, W. Brazil 0, extras, 5; total, 60.

GREAT PRESTON V. ABERFORD—At Great Preston. Scores:—Aberford—J. Brook 5, J. Hudson 1, J. Tennant 1, O. Griffen 17, F. Selby 0, A. Nutton 4, W. Dickinson 0, T. Copper 0, A. Pratt 3, B. Pickles (not out) 7, G. Cowmill 8, J. Inman 1, O. Griffen 0, T. Booth 0, J. Wilson (not out) 0, extras, 11; total, 80. Garforth A.—W. Browning 4, W. Sturgeon 2, W. Woodhead 1, G. Coulthard 3, W. Booth 0, J. Wilson (not out) 0, extras, 1; total, 20

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CHAPTER XIX.

"I don't like them silent 'uns," thought Mrs. Martin to herself.

This was when Luke had been more than an hour in her house. Her children were in bed. She was anxious to shut up her house and retire herself to rest. She was a very hard-working woman; she never wasted a minute of her time. In order to save candlelight she went to bed very early in the summer, getting up almost with the break of day, and doing a lot of fine work before breakfast.

"You will forgive me," she said, turning at last to her speechless guest.

He had long ceased to eat. He was leaning back in his chair, smoking a pipe.

"What be it?" he asked.

"Well, I've a deal to do. I am a needle-woman, and I've just got a big order from Mrs. Colthurst at Conmop Grange."

"Colthurst?" murmured Silas to himself. His eyes grew a little brighter. He turned and fixed them upon Mrs. Martin.

"They're a whole lot of fresh clothes for Miss Pamela—undergarments, we call them—for all the most beautiful material. I like to be up early, so as to get the morning light on them. It makes things kind o' tricky when you sit with the sunlight gilding your bit of a needle, and helping you to thread times and again. I does all my best work by hand, now I don't talk o' machines to me. It's hand work I like. I work a deal for folks round here, and I manages to support the little children and myself."

"Children?" said Silas. "Have you got any young ones?"

"Yes, two—a son and a daughter. Since the Almighty thought it right to take 'him' self away I have had to work. But there, it's good to have the work to do. I do all sorts, even the berrening of ducks and tea-cloths and seehlike. I do them with my machine, and I do poor people's clothes with my machine; but when it's work for Miss Pamela, it's my own fingers has to do it."

"Miss Pamela?" said Silas. "What sort be her?"

The woman laughed. "You never saw anyone like her in the whole course of your life's days, I'm sure. Like the morning—that's what I call her—beautiful, and gay, and sweet. Mr. Peter—he's a fine young gent, too—is Miss Pamela's fancy. There's talk that they two will be wedded some day. But there! I don't believe that nonsense. They're cousins, I suppose, although some folks say they isn't related at all. Anyhow, they're like brother and sister, always together; and then leave 'em as beautiful as God ever made any of His creatures."

"I'll be going to bed now," said Silas.

He rose. Mrs. Martin showed him his bedroom. He shut the door, flung himself as he was on the bed, and dropped off into a sound sleep.

When he awoke he was at first quite unconscious of where he was. Then all the events of the previous day came over him. He had something to do at last. He had a commission to execute. It was an ugly one. He uttered a groan.

"I" the young lady and the young gent is in love, I reckon. I should be main sad to see such," he said to himself. "Bet in a place like this—there! But there's no hurry. I must take me time."

He looked at his tiny bottles of round, apparently innocent, globules. The doctor had assured him that the time would come when he could use them. Immediately afterwards he was to bury what were left, and then leave the place. He was to go away as quickly as possible.

"I'll enjoy myself to-day, anyhow," thought Silas. "The air be beautiful here; it reminds me of the Veldt."

He washed, changed into some clean things which he had bought the day before, and went downstairs to eat an excellent breakfast and chat with Mrs. Martin's children.

They were quite small—a girl of five and a boy of seven. They were not usually shy, but just now they were. When he put out his hand to touch the girl she uttered a cry, rushed to her mother's side, and hid her little round, apple-blossom face in a mother's apron.

"There, Nance, there," said the mother; "don't you be such a ninny!"

"Isn't like that man," whispered Nance.

"Ha, ha!" laughed Silas. "Now I wonder."

"Don't you take no notice of them, sir," said Mrs. Martin. "Dick, here! Dick, my man, you will help Mr. ——. By the way, sir, I never have hell of your name."

"Yer never heard my name?"

A faint flush of colour came into the indefinably poor face. After a minute the man said:

"You call me Silas."

"But ain't you got no name but Silas?"

"Silas is enough for you. I'll be most likely having here to-day. I thank you for a good bed and a good supper and a good breakfast. I don't care to stay where the children don't take to me. I am fond of children."

"Oh, sir, if you want for any reason to stay on in our cottage, I am quite willing for you, and you won't be troubled with my little Nancy. See here, my little pet hearty, you just go to that gentleman and tell him that you mean to be nice to him in the future."

"No, mummy, I don't! I don't want to be nice to him," murmured little Nance.

"There's no good in forcing her," said Silas. "I'll walk out for a bit, if you don't mind, ma'am."

As he spoke he rose to his feet, and a minute or two later he was standing outside the cottage.

"Be you coming back or not, Mr. Silas?" called the widow.

"I be," he answered. "I will spend the night, and I'll axe for food as I wants it. Can you tell me the names of the big places round?"

"There are a good few big places round here," said Mrs. Martin, coming to the door, and going towards the porch of her little cottage. "There's the Hall, and there's the Rectory, but the finest place by far is Conmop Grange."

"That's a fine handful of a name," said Silas.

"It be all that, and it's the finest place far and away in the neighbourhood."

"And who lives there?"

"Oh, my word!" said Mrs. Martin. "I should have thought even a stranger would know that. The Colthursts live at Conmop Grange."

"Oh!" said Silas, his eyes sparkling. "The young lady you spoke of last night—she were a Colthurst, warn't she?"

"There's no saying but she will be one some day—there's no saying; but at present her name is Lennox—Miss Pamela Lennox. You see, it's like this. Her mother was married to a Mr. Lennox. He died, leaving that sweet little Miss Pam behind. Then the mother married Mr. Colthurst. He was the owner of Conmop Grange, and he had a son by a former wife. The son's name is Peter Colthurst. The girl's name is Pamela Lennox. We love Mr. Colthurst, and madam is a right good sort; but we'd give our very live for Mr. Peter and Miss Pam. Yes, they live at the Grange—rich enough, and if you want to see the outside of the grounds you can go along that road. It's a good two to three miles from here, but if you keep straight on you'll find it. I don't believe that they'll let you inside; they are very particular about keeping folks out that way."

"Who said I were a tramp?"

"I'm not saying anything. If you want to get on, perhaps you can. Anyhow, it's there they live, and it's a beautiful place, though there's no place on earth that's too good for our Miss Pam and our Mr. Peter."

Before Silas had time to turn away the woman with a comely face, apple-blossom cheeks, and bright brown eyes, came hurrying across the road.

"Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Martin," she exclaimed "you haven't heard the news?"

"What news are you talking about?" asked Mrs. Martin.

"Oh, it's all over the place, and we're as glad as glad can be."

"Well, but what be it?" said Mrs. Martin.

"It's this. Miss Pamela Lennox and Mr. Peter Colthurst are engaged one to the other."

"Engaged" is what they call it down in my part in Devonshire, but it's 'engaged' here. I am glad—I am truly glad. Such a beautiful young lady and such a splendid young gentleman! I am glad, and I knew you'd be glad."

"That I am; I am just fairly delighted," said Mrs. Martin. "And when did you hear of it, Mrs. Lane?"

"This morning. One of the servants came down from Conmop Grange and said that it was all settled and done days back. From what I can gather, it won't be a long engagement, either. Why should it? There's full and plenty for them both. Ah, well, no one grudges them their riches, do they, Mrs. Martin?"

"They'd be hard-hearted critters who did," was Mrs. Martin's response.

Silas had waited, standing very still, while this conversation went on between the two women. He now slowly crept away—it was impossible for him to walk in any other fashion. He invariably crept and cringed.

"What sort be he?" asked Mrs. Lane of her neighbour.

"Well, now, to tell you the truth, Mary Lane, I don't take to him much, nor did my Nance here. But beggars can't be choosers. He offered me a shilling a-night for his breakfast and supper and bed, and I couldn't see how I was to refuse. Shillings are scarce with me, Mrs. Lane."

"Well, if you ask me what I think," remarked Mrs. Lane, "I'd a thousand times rather never see a shilling again as long as I lived than have anything to do with that sort. He's a dou-right bad 'un. I wouldn't have him in my house not for ten shillin' a day, let alone one."

"Ah," said Mrs. Martin, "it's easy for you to talk. You've got full and plenty, but I've got a mind that my Nance don't clem, and that my boy don't clem—that makes all the difference, Mrs. Lane, you'll understand."

"I hate the look of the man," said Mrs. Lane, "and I'm real sorry for you that you have to earn your living by taking the like of him inside your doors. But there——"

"I make no doubt that this marriage 'ull help us all round. Miss Pam, if she's like what she always was, won't allow a stitch she puts on to be made except in Lush. That's her way, and a sweet way it be."

"You don't mean to tell I," remarked Mrs. Lane, "that you'll have her grand gowns made here at Lush?"

"Well, perhaps not, but all her underwear—and that'll come to a good penny. I've got a fine bit to be working at for her now, and I'd best not idle a minute," said Mrs. Martin.

She stepped briskly into the cottage, and began to put away the remains of breakfast. Jackie, her eldest child, went off to school, and Nance, who was still too young for school, sat gravely down on a creepy stool and watched her mother as she moved swiftly about her little kitchen. Soon all was in apple-pie order. Then Mrs. Martin, having looked at her stores and found she had enough meal to bake and make a nice supper, and also something over to give a fairly good meal to Jackie and Dick, settled down for a busy day at her needlework.

The needlework was very, very fine, and most exquisitely made. Mrs. Martin, as she sat at her work, was not the poor woman's eyes ached. They ached and ached, and presently her shoulders grew tired, and she was obliged to put on glasses. Then, as the hours sped by, even seeing through the glasses was poor and uncertain work. But she kept on saying to herself:

"I am glad that my Miss Pamela and Mr. Peter are going to be happy at last. I don't mind what I do for 'em, and no one but me shall make my Miss Pamela's underwear for her wedding."

Meanwhile, Silas, extremely busy in his own affairs, was also full of thoughts, and his conscience, which had lain dormant for so long, pricking him in a queer, uncomfortable manner, approached the gates of Conmop Grange.

There was a girl standing just inside the gates, a very tall and slender girl, dressed from head to foot in the purest, simplest white. She was swinging on the gate, and when Silas came in sight she left off swinging and, with a sensation of longing, to look into the girl's face.

A woman came out of the lodge and looked at him suspiciously. "What do you want, my man?" she said. "You don't come along. The place is only open to the public once a week, and this ain't the right day."

The girl looked at Silas. She was standing by a tall rose tree, and was in the act of picking a great spray of roses. Her dark, dreamy eyes fixed themselves on the poor faded eyes of this waif and stray of humanity.

"What did you say, Mrs. Masterman?" she exclaimed.

"Nothing, Miss Pamela—nothing except that you don't let tramps into the place except on Fridays from four to six."

"Do you want to see our place, poor man?" said Pamela. She went up to the gates as she spoke.

"Yes," he replied. He would have given anything—even his life—for one look, indeed, to see all the looked into her face, and it seemed to him that he'd all of a sudden, and for the first time in his base and terrible life, he had seen something absolutely good. But he could not utter one word except a guttural "Yes."

"Then, of course, you shall," answered Pamela. "Open the gates, will you, Mrs. Masterman?"

The woman obeyed, and the tramp passed through. It cannot be said that Pamela liked his appearance, but it was in her nature to be kind to everyone, whether man, woman, or child.

"Isn't it quite lovely to-day?" she said. "The air is so glorious. You must be enjoying yourself very much in the country. Do you know the country well?"

"Naw!"

"Where do you live most times?"

"Nowhere."

"You must live somewhere. Do you live in London?"

"Yus, sometimes London, sometimes—I can't talk."

"Poor creature!" thought Pamela. "I am sorry for you. You'd like me to show you a little bit of this place?" she said.

"Miss Pam!" said Mrs. Masterman.

The girl glanced at the lodgekeeper. The lodgekeeper looked at the man and shook her head. Pamela tossed hers.

"Come," she said. "I will show you just a very little way. Perhaps you'd like one or two flowers—some roses. They do smell so sweet to me, and I have lived with them all my days. They look quite lovely. They remind me of all sorts of good things. But, then, I am a very, very happy girl, and I am so afraid, poor man, that you are not happy."

"I'm? Naw!" said the man. "I was near torn in him by a man-eating lion."

"Oh, how truly dreadful! Were you, indeedy?"

"Yus." The man kept his eyes down as he spoke. He wanted to look at Pamela, but he did not dare.

"You may walk about here for a little bit," she said—"not for very long, for this isn't the day when my father and mother allow the grounds to be thrown open to visitors; but if you happen to be in the neighbourhood on Friday, you can come with the others. I give you leave to stay now for—let me see—half an hour. It's my permit; do you understand?"

"Yus; I thank yer, missie."

"If you walk along that path you will find green grass and little flowers growing in the midst. You may pick some of the flowers, but only a few—and roses for you. Perhaps you have little children of your own?"

"Naw, naw—not I."

"Perhaps you'd like to smell these flowers?"

"Yus."

"Well, keep them, and pick those you find in the grass. I trust you not to pick the others; the gardeners would be angry. Now, I must go, Peter's Peter! Here I am. Coming along, dear, come along!"

The girl suddenly turned her dimpled hand to her coral lips, and made a long, clear whistle. A youth came bounding over the green sward.

"What are you doing here, Pamela? And who is that person?"

"He is a fellow-traveller on the road of life, Pete, and he looked so tired and dusty that I let him in for a bit. I said he could walk about this path here, and I think he is glad. Aren't you glad, poor man?"

"You—and no."

"You mustn't stay longer than half an hour," said Pamela. "I will tell Mrs. Masterman to let you out at the end of that time. Now, good-bye."

She actually held out her hand—her snow-white, her lily-like hand. The man grasped it. Before Peter could prevent him he bent down and kissed it. A tear fell on the girl's hand.

"You have no right to do that," said Peter, in a strangled voice.

Silas had fallen at his feet. Pamela had softened all that was soft in his nature. For the sake of Pamela he meant to give up that pound a week, with all expenses paid, before the deed was done. For the sake of Pamela he meant to give up two pounds a week for all the remainder of his days. But Peter—Peter was different. Into the man's ugly eyes there flashed a look—a look of unscrupulous hatred. He turned on his heel and marched away.

"Pamela, my little angel," said her lover, "you must not talk to those sort of people."

"But, Peter dear, they are just the sort of people I want to help. They are unhappy, and I, if I talk to them, can make them a little happier. What's the use of having all—everything as I am, Peter, if I can't help others?"

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THE OLD MAN'S MISTAKE

SHORT STORY.

"It is a rather amusing story," said Gilder. "An old fellow, whom we'll call Smith, had a presentation watch, and it went wrong. He left it at a jeweller's to be repaired, and a few days after he called for it, paid, and went away. He had not gone far, however, when a man—apparently one of the jeweller's assistants—came running after him, and said they had not had time to regulate the watch. It would be ready on the morrow. Old Smith handed over the watch."

"And who was the assistant?" asked Lessing.

"He was a well-known "crook" who'd overheard Smith's parting words to the manager at the door. Clever trick, wasn't it."

"Three weeks later Lessing happened to be calling at Mr James Harble's house. At least, he asked the maid if Miss Harble were in. This was a young lady in whom he took a deep, and reciprocated interest.

"No, sir; but Mr Harble would like to see you."

He stepped into the library. Miss Dorothy's father, a retired banker of choleric temperament, regarded him fixedly from the further side of the table, and did not seem to see his outstretched hand.

His bald out a copy of "Weekly Humour."

"May I ask," he demanded, "what's the meaning of this?"

Philip Lessing, following his forefinger, stared wonderingly. But before he could speak Mr Harble continued chidingly:

"I—I consider it an ill-mannered and—impertinent proceeding! Isn't it enough that I should lose my watch, sir, without being held up as a laughing-stock to my own Dora, Dick, or Harry who buys this paper? I can't think how you heard of it. I suppose it was from Britt. I'll give him another piece of my mind, by Jove! He's not fit as a manager, if he blabs his customers' affairs——"

"One moment, sir, please. Let me tell you—"

"I don't want any explanation from you, Mr Lessing."

"But, sir, you've just asked——"

"I wonder you can call at the house here, after using my misfortune to cause a laugh against me, and money!"

"But—I told no-one the story re-read to you, sir; and I haven't mentioned your name."

"Hm! Smith? Anyone can say—though that does not alter the case—Tadgaster Hill estate fishmarket"—presentation watch from employees—Scroll and inscription on the back!' It's obvious! All our friends and acquaintances will recognise that. And not only will the bank staff consider me careless of their gift, but everybody'll come round here—and chaff me till they're tired!"

"But, Mr Harble, I've never heard even that you had such a watch. The story was told me by a friend. If I'd known, I shouldn't have dreamed for an instant——"

"That will do, sir. Good heavens! I shall never hear the last of this."

His pride as a cute business man was obviously severely wounded. Philip Lessing, who would have gone to any lengths to avoid offending him, for his daughter's sake, stood breathing, the picture of dismay.

"It's rather hard on me, sir, I——"

"That is all, Mr Lessing." With a short the irate banker snatched up "Weekly Humour" and, tearing it in pieces, threw them into the fire-place. "Good afternoon!"

As he walked home, Lessing felt some resentment against George Gilder. He was the cause of the whole affair.

But a day or two later they met; and Lessing upbraided him vigorously.

"But, my dear fellow——"

"It's my belief," interrupted Lessing warmly, as a spark of anger flashed across his face, "that it's all your fault, and, if I talk to them, can make them a little happier. What's the use of having all—everything as I am, Peter, if I can't help others?"

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Barwick is to have a gas supply. Will the residents go in for public lighting?

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One case constituted the "sheet" at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday. Five magistrates turned up.

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Whitkirk rats are playful. It is stated one resident saw several running up the tall pipe at his house.

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Rippax people are now wondering whether or not a Labour candidate will contest the Osgoldcross Division.

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Better! An improved attendance at the meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians on Monday was recorded.

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Minster Church Guild will give a performance of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" next month.

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Appleton Roebuck is described by a writer as one of the old-fashioned places with "a bit o' thatch" and a village green.

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Mr S. Peel, brother of the late Sir Theo. Peel, of Potterton Hall, who had lived a secluded life at Ponders End, Middlesex, is dead.

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In any progress being made with the scheme for spinning baths at Rothwell? It may, like the health visitor, eventually come.

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"Father! your watch! You've got it back!" "Apparently so, Dorothy. But Mr Lessing has written a lie about it already. Let him have a look at it. He ought to be interested." He stood up, suddenly frowning again.

"But I can't have this. It's getting very late. Off you go, Lessing. Good-bye! Get to bed, Dorothy—really this time. Oh, yes, yes; you can lay him out. But—Lessing!"

"Yes, sir. Thank you, sir, very much indeed. I'm sure I appreciate——"

"Go by the front door, please. It's safer—more usual." And, chuckling under his breath, Mr Harble disappeared into the library.

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BLEEDING AND HOW TO STOP IT.

It is well to bear in mind that cuts about the head and face, especially the nose, bleed profusely. Many a mother has had a terrible fright by a child running in with its clothes, hands, and face all smeared with blood. This is astonishing, but what is still more astonishing to make of a spoonful or two of blood. Try to keep cool and collected. You will find, most probably, that you have washed with cold water, that the amount of injury is a mere trifle.

If it is difficult to stop the bleeding, a most invaluable remedy, and one you will find in almost every cottage, is the common cobweb, or pipe-clay. Put a thick covering of either of these on the wound, then a bit of dry lint, and press it closely for a few minutes; let what sticks to the wound remain there, and cover with a bit of plaster.

NICE DISHES.

RABBIT FRICASSEE.—Boil a skinned rabbit, and when tender remove the flesh from the bones. Place the flesh—minced—in a pan with one pint of stock, one or two onions, a breakfastcupful of hot milk which has been stirred by degrees into a spoonful or two of flour. Stir occasionally, and cook for an hour. Remains of veal cloop, minced, may be added to the rabbit with advantage.

PARTRIDGES WITH MUSHROOMS.—Dissolve, over a gentle fire, one and a-half ounces of butter; when hot, put in the partridges of a pint of button mushrooms, with a slight sprinkling of salt and pepper. Simmer for about a quarter to ten minute, and turn them, with the butter, over to a plate. When they are quite cold put them into the bodies of the birds, sew them up, truss them, and roast them from thirty to forty minutes. Serve them with brown mushroom sauce, or with gravy and bread sauce only, according to taste.

PARTRIDGES WITH SNIPPLINGS.—Take six apples, three-quarters of a pound of suet crust, sugar to taste. Pare the apples, and put them, with sugar without dividing them, roll each apple in a piece of crust, previously sweetening them with sugar and water. Take care to join the crust nicely. When formed into round balls put them on a tin and bake in a brisk oven for half an hour or longer. Arrange them on a dish and sift over them some pounded white sugar.

APPLE DUMPLINGS.—Six large baking apples, three tablespoonfuls of brown sugar, two ounces of sweet almonds, red currant jelly, the juice of half a lemon, two cloves. Peel, core, and slit the apples, stew them until they are nuts will the sugar, lemon rind, cloves, and a very little water. Then take out the rind and cloves, and rub the apples through a sieve. Blanch the almonds and cut them lengthways into thin shreds. Arrange the apple pulp in a pretty dish to look as much the shape of a hedge-hog as possible. Stamp out three round pieces of pastry, arrange these down the middle, then stir in a spoonful of red currant jelly about the size of a two-shilling piece, arrange these down the middle, then stir the shreds of almonds all over the apples.

Barwick has grown very little. The population in 1801 was 933.

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To have attended Wetherby show for 73 years, as Mr Norfolk, of Tockwith, has done, is surely a record.

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When are the Garforth Council to make arrangements to set up a sanitary department, employing labour direct?

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In the early part of the eighteenth century Sherburn was famous for its cherries.

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A photo has appeared in the Press of the Rev B. Hemsworth, of Monk Fryston, who has one of the best private zoos in the country, feeding a pelican.

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In a case at Wetherby a witness said that a motorist's lights were so bright that he could have ridden a mile by crossing the road at a hundred yards!

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The police are not always absent when they are wanted. At Oulton a man in blue discovered a fellow in the act of "pinching" potatoes for his dinner.

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The Barkston Ash bowlers covered themselves with glory in the match with Airedale. This week there is an inter-match with Wakefield at Halton.

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Garforth is getting on! At last meeting a letter was read from Ledsmead to the Town Council of Garforth." The writer, of course, wanted water.

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Sherburn is to have exclusive privileges. Barwick is also to have a telephone service. It is, however, doubtful that it will be a paying concern.

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Tadcaster Guardians are not in favour of old-age pensions of 7s. 6d. per week at the age of 65 years. They apparently think the present scheme adequate.

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The old opponent of Mr Whaler, M.P., of Ledston Hall, in the Faversham Division of Kent (Mr G. Nicholls) will contest Thirsk and Malton Division at next election.

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The Archbishop of York has forwarded to the Vicar of Selby (Dr. Solloway) a cheque for £15 towards the new Institute and Benefice Fund of Selby Abbey Church.

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Cases of sit-up-worrying have occurred at Alwoodley, and it is thought by the police that this trouble is caused by people, who, whilst out for walks in the country, allow their dogs to roam at large.

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While the Garforth Council are wrangling over the repair of private streets Hunslet District Council have just decided to make-up half-a-dozen streets at Outlon-with-Woodlesford. Comment is needless.

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A few pounds of new potatoes, grown at Barlby, were shown at the Selby market on Monday, and offered at 1s. a lb. This was the first quantity of the season's potatoes, grown in the open, offered in the market.

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Among the gentlemen invited to meet General Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, at Bolton Percy, Bolton Percy, Appleton, Bilbrough, and Healaugh, says "the road is good, and the speed limit safe." Complaints are more frequent than praise!

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I wonder what Lord Hawke thought (says a writer) when one of his professionals brought his selected lady for his approval, and presented her with the remark "She isn't much to look at, but she's a grand cook"—if the tale is true, and I hope it is.

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Mr Herbert Smith, the miners' leader, says that if a County Council official with £1,000 salary wants a rise he gets £250 without a question, but if a poor chap with £1 a week asks for a couple of shillings he is told he ought to be ashamed of himself.

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Three persons guessed the correct weight (just 5lb.) of the bullock in the block test at Wetherby show. They were Messrs H. Taylor, Micklethwaite; A. Strothard, Wetherby, and C. Beanan, Tarnbrough. The sheep weighed were Messrs. H. Cooper, Wetherby, and F. W. Tindall, Boston Spa, divide first and second prizes, and A. E. Wardman, Collingham, and W. F. Coulson, Harrogate, divide third.

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The Vicar of Manston has given some of his flock the straight tip in his magazine. He writes:—Ills had to believe, but it is true, that there are not a few of God's people of (he names) who worship in our beautiful church and are content to do so without having given anything for its building. Their religious privileges are held on the charity of others. In secular affairs they would be classed as "paupers." It is an enviable position, and oddly enough they contribute into church without a thought appearance of the necessity of it.

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MARRIAGE OF MISS M. THOMLIN SON, OF EASEDIKE

CEREMONY AT WIGHILL CHURCH.

On Wednesday at All Saints' Church, Wighill, the marriage took place of Miss Mary Thomlinson, second daughter of Mr. Matthew Thomlinson, of Easedike, Tadcaster, and Mr Richard Charles Lyman, eldest son of Mr R. J. Lyman, of Tadcaster. The bride's father, who is well-known and highly respected throughout the whole of the county, is head of the firm of Messrs M. Thomlinson and Son, auctioneers, Easedike and Oxton, Tadcaster. Members of the Thomlinson family have resided in Wighill for the past four centuries, and the name is a household word along the countryside for miles around. It was only natural, therefore, that the interesting ceremony should attract a large gathering of friends, and the picturesque Norman church was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the invited guests, and those members of the public who assembled to witness the marriage. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated.

The service was fully choral, and Mr John Thomlinson, of York, brother of the bride, presided at the organ, and played "Prelude IV." (Bach) and "Lento Solennile," and the Bridal March from "Lohengrin" (Wagner) as the guests assembled. During the service the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," and "O Perfect Love," and the "Deus Miserentur" were rendered. "O Perfect Love" was sung to a tune composed by the Vicar of Wighill (the Rev. C. D. Atkinson), who officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of rich ivory satin grenadine, which was cut with a small pointed train opening at the front, over an underdress flounced with Malines lace. The bodice was prettily draped over a chemisette of the same lace, and was trimmed with pearls and diamante. She wore a tulle veil embroidered and given by Mrs C. Daly Atkinson, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations, lilies of the valley, myrtle, and heather. A pearl necklet worn by the bride was the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Rosamond, whose dress was of pale blue brocaded crepe, trimmed with old gold brocbe, shot with pink. The skirt had a tunic pointed at the sides, and a bouquet of Lady Hillingdon roses was carried. The hat was white Tagel, lined with pale blue, and trimmed with white Cupid wings. Mr Walter Parsons carried out the duties of best man. As the newly married couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," merry peals issued from the belfry.

The invited guests included:—Mr and Mrs Shilleto, Mr J. Thomlinson, Mr and Mrs Ed. Thomlinson, Mrs J. Thomlinson and the Misses Thomlinson, Mr W. Thomlinson, Mr and Mrs Edwin Thomlinson, Mr and Mrs Westerby, Mr and Mrs Horner, Mrs W. Thomlinson, sen., Mrs and Miss Kitchingman, Mrs Shilleto and Master Percy, Miss Shilleto, Mr and Mrs W. Percy, Mrs Hogg, Mr and Mrs C. Wardman, Miss Wardman, Mr and Mrs J. Wardman (Collingham), Miss Dixon, Mr and Mrs Payne, Mr and Mrs Atkinson, Mr and Mrs Lyman, Mr. Mrs, and Miss Wightman, Mr and Mrs Wilkinson, Mr. Mrs, and the Misses Canty (Hull), Mr and Miss Haigh, Mr and Mrs Davs, Mr A. E. Hewitt, Sir and Mrs F. Richardson, Nurse Stainton, Mr and Mrs Dixon, Miss Waterhouse, Mr and Mrs Thomlinson and family (Hull), Mr and Mrs Parson, Mr Walter Parsons, Mr and Mrs Whitehead, Mr and Mrs Jackson and family (Catterton), Mr, Mrs and Miss Jackson (Acaster), Mr and Mrs Peacock (Bulmer), Mr and Mrs T. Watson, Mr and Mrs J. W. Watson, Mr and Mrs Blacker (Bolton), Misses Blacker (Bolton), Mr and Mrs Blacker (Healaugh), Mr and Mrs Swailes and family, Mr and Mrs Lightfoot, the Misses Cass, Miss and Miss F. Jackson, Mr and Mrs Jackson, Misses Allen, Mr and Miss Jewitt, Mr and Mrs Wilstrop, Mr. Mrs, and Miss Scholefield, Mr and Mrs W. Scholefield, Mr and Mrs Tate, Miss Hanson, Miss Harris (Leeds), Miss Steel, Miss Harrison, and Mr and John Harrison, Miss Collins, Miss Wood, Miss Bownas, Mr and Miss Sissons, Miss Bowman, Misses Muirhead, Nurse Darnoch, and Miss Askey, Messrs M. and E. Rees, Mr W. Daney, Miss Sherwood, Mr F. Mason, Miss Sykes (Milford Grange), Mr and Mrs Carr and family, Mr and the Misses Weddell, Mr and Mrs Robinson, Mrs A. and Miss Wardson, Mr and Miss Jackson (Healaugh), Mr and Mrs J. Dunnington, Mr and Mrs Houseman and family, Mr and Mrs Kirk Steel, Mr and Mrs Smart, Mr and Mrs Sampson and family, Mr and Mrs Burniston, Mr and Mrs F. Jackson (Tadcaster), Mr and Mrs C. Hogg, Mr and Mrs S. Blacker.

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To the Bride.—Bridegroom to bride, pearl necklet; Mr M. Thomlinson, cheque, ten oil paintings, silver table spoons, 6 cut-glass tumblers, and salts; Mr J. and Miss R. Thomlinson, mohagany table, drawing-room chair, and cheque; Mr and Mrs J. Shilleto, household linen; Mrs J. J. Thomlinson and family, dinner service; Mr and Mrs E. Thomlinson (Tockwith), silver toast rack; Mrs W. Thomlinson, standing work basket; Mr and Mrs E. Thomlinson (Oxton), copper coal vase; Mrs W. Percy, mattress sides, eight dvoleys, and crochet tablecover; Miss Hogg, damask table cloth Mr and Mrs E. Horner damask table cloth; Mr and Mrs Thomlinson and family (Hull), silver sugar caster; Mrs Kitchingman, silver Queen Anne salt cellars; Miss Kitchingman, silver salt spoons; Miss Shilleto, table cloth; Mrs Shilleto, cheque; Master J. Percy, pincushion; Lady Hanke, photograph in silver frame and silver-topped jam jar; Lord Hawke, silver sugar castor; Mr and Mrs E. C. Brookbank, silver egg spoons; Mr and Mrs Jackson and family (Catterton), cruet; Mr and Mrs J. W. Watson, silver tea knives; Mr and Mrs C. Wilstrop, two silver serviette rings.

Mr, Mrs, and Miss Jackson (Acaster), two silver pepperettes; Mr and Mrs F. Jackson, vanity bag; Mrs Sommerton, table cloth; Mr W. Parsons, oxidised silver fruit stand; Mr and Mrs H. Dixon, drawn thread linen table cloth; Mrs Edm. Stainton, two old willow pattern vases; Nurse Stainton, fumed oak dining-room chair; Mr and Mrs Lightfoot, jam dish; Mr and Mrs Parsons, skin rug; Miss Askey, cushion; Mr and Mrs J. Dunnington, case of silver teaspoons and sugar tongs; Misses Swailes, silver sugar tongs; Miss Waterhouse, sideboard cloth; Mr and Mrs Sampson, silver sugar basin and sifter; Miss Sykes (North Milford), china bowl; Mrs Richardson, fern plant; Mr W., Mrs, and Misses Weddell, pair silver candlesticks; Miss Dixon (Lightcliffe), pair silver candlesticks; Rev. C. Daly Atkinson, silver photo frame; Mrs C. Daly Atkinson, crushed turquoise necklet; Mr P. Parker, jam jar; Mr and Mrs T. B. Watson, brass spirit kettle; Mrs M. Lancaster, mattress sides; Mr and Mrs J. Dixon, Wedgewood plant pot; Mr and Mrs B. Blacker, trinket set; Mr and Mrs Peacock (Bulmer), linen afternoon tea cloth; Mr, Mrs, and Miss Steel, Wedgewood vases; Misses Muirhead, copper plant pot; Misses Rees, silver candlesticks; Mr J. and Miss Harrison, silver tea spoons; Mr and Mrs Blacker, occasional chair; Mr and Mrs C. C. and Miss Scholefield, fruit stand; Mrs Firth, pillow cases.

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To the Bridegroom.—Bride to bridegroom, gold sleeve links; Mr and Mrs Lyman, black skin rug; Mr and Mrs H. Wilkinson (Harrogate), china tea set; Mr and Mrs C. W. Wightman (Manchester), oak dining-room clock; Mr and Mrs Canty (Hull), eiderdown quilt; Mr N. A. Lioncarons (Copenhagen), two occasional chairs; Mr and Mrs Woods (Leeds), cheque; Miss Haigh (York), pair silver candlesticks; Mrs Haigh (York), silver tea knives; Mr H. M. Haigh (York), silver vase; Mr Joseph Watson (Leeds), silver tea set; Mr John Thomlinson, military hair brushes; office staff of Hy. Leetham and Sons, Ltd. (York), cutlery in fumed oak case; Miss Fowler (York), silver-mounted salts; Mr and Mrs J. F. Mason, oak tray; Mr and Mrs W. G. Reed (York), entree dish; Messrs E. S. Stanhope and Co. (York), the duties of best man. As the newly married couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," merry peals issued from the belfry.

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To the Bride.—Bridegroom to bride, pearl necklet; Mr M. Thomlinson, cheque, ten oil paintings, silver table spoons, 6 cut-glass tumblers, and salts; Mr J. and Miss R. Thomlinson, mohagany table, drawing-room chair, and cheque; Mr and Mrs J. Shilleto, household linen; Mrs J. J. Thomlinson and family, dinner service; Mr and Mrs E. Thomlinson (Tockwith), silver toast rack; Mrs W. Thomlinson, standing work basket; Mr and Mrs E. Thomlinson (Oxton), copper coal vase; Mrs W. Percy, mattress sides, eight dvoleys, and crochet tablecover; Miss Hogg, damask table cloth Mr and Mrs E. Horner damask table cloth; Mr and Mrs Thomlinson and family (Hull), silver sugar caster; Mrs Kitchingman, silver Queen Anne salt cellars; Miss Kitchingman, silver salt spoons; Miss Shilleto, table cloth; Mrs Shilleto, cheque; Master J. Percy, pincushion; Lady Hanke, photograph in silver frame and silver-topped jam jar; Lord Hawke, silver sugar castor; Mr and Mrs E. C. Brookbank, silver egg spoons; Mr and Mrs Jackson and family (Catterton), cruet; Mr and Mrs J. W. Watson, silver tea knives; Mr and Mrs C. Wilstrop, two silver serviette rings.

Mr, Mrs, and Miss Jackson (Acaster), two silver pepperettes; Mr and Mrs F. Jackson, vanity bag; Mrs Sommerton, table cloth; Mr W. Parsons, oxidised silver fruit stand; Mr and Mrs H. Dixon, drawn thread linen table cloth; Mrs Edm. Stainton, two old willow pattern vases; Nurse Stainton, fumed oak dining-room chair; Mr and Mrs Lightfoot, jam dish; Mr and Mrs Parsons, skin rug; Miss Askey, cushion; Mr and Mrs J. Dunnington, case of silver teaspoons and sugar tongs; Misses Swailes, silver sugar tongs; Miss Waterhouse, sideboard cloth; Mr and Mrs Sampson, silver sugar basin and sifter; Miss Sykes (North Milford), china bowl; Mrs Richardson, fern plant; Mr W., Mrs, and Misses

KIPPAX DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NURSING SCHEME—MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The monthly meeting of Kippax District Education Committee was held on Wednesday—Mr J. W. Blackburn presiding. The other members present were Mr J. Cripwell, Mr J. Parrant, Mr W. Mellor, Mr A. Atack, Mr J. Harding, and Mrs Lowther, with the Clerk (Mr Powell).

Mr Atack, on hearing a very good report from Mr Stannard on Kippax School, asked how often the religious syllabus was drawn up, and by whom.—The Clerk: The syllabus is a matter of agreement, and it is drawn up by the County Education Authority. There must be uniformity.

Miss Chadwick was appointed an assistant teacher in the Kippax Council School.

Mr Mitson wrote stating his intention to take, with the committee's approval, a number of children connected with the Bowers Allerton School for an observation lesson to Pontefract Castle on the 17th of June. The request was granted.

Two tenders were received for repairs and renovation to the Kippax School and the schoolmaster's house, viz., £98 5s. 0d. and £159 10s. The former was accepted.

The report on the medical inspection of the children of Bowers Allerton Kippax, Swillington Parochial, and Swillington Common schools was considered, and it was stated a few children in each school were found to have defective vision and adenoids.—Mr Atack: Have we as a committee any obligation in regard to this matter.—The Clerk: Yes. The committee can consult the parents as regards these children, and advise them to take such action as the doctor would recommend. Parents can have assistance in the way of travelling expenses and the purchasing of spectacles for children.

The Clerk read a letter he had received asking the committee to consider the advisability of dealing with the question of teachers' salaries in committee.—The Chairman: I think that we had better use our own judgment in relation to this matter. The Committee agreed.

The county nursing scheme was discussed at some length. The advisability of working it in conjunction with the organisation already existing in the Great Preston district was stated by Mrs Lowther to be practicable, and she would undertake to supply particulars as to working arrangements to the Committee at their next meeting.—The Chairman: Tadcaster District Council are doing something in order to bring this scheme into operation, but they want to know what is being done locally. They will give assistance and arrange for the necessary remuneration, and I take it that the feeling of the committee is to accept the offer of the District Nursing Association.—The Clerk: If you wish, and you can get private subscriptions, you can work it yourselves.—The Chairman: The whole thing will have to be submitted to the County Council for their approval.—Mr Cripwell moved that the offer of the District Nursing Association be accepted. Mr Mellor seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Evening classes are to be held at Kippax and Bowers Allerton next winter.

On Monday at the meeting of the N.C.A.A. in Leeds's prospectus for sports at Fonk Fryston on July 28th was passed.

On Monday a piece of arable land at Hambleton, about an acre and a half in size, and bringing in a rental of £4, was sold to Mr Wm. Thompson, Hambleton, for £60.

MOTHERS' UNION.—A meeting in connection with the Monk Fryston branch of the Mothers' Union was held at the Concert Hall on Thursday. The Rev. W. M. C. Clarke presided over a large gathering, and he was supported by Mrs A. M. Watt, M.A., secretary of the National Council of Women's Institutes of Canada, and Prof. Ishikawa, of Tokio University, Japan. The former gave an address on "Home Makers in British Columbia," and the latter addressed the meeting on "Things Japanese." Both addresses were very interesting and were greatly appreciated. Tea was subsequently partaken of.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the revue "Alio-up-to-date" is the principal attraction. It possesses a fund of brigint topical allusions, but far too many of them are lost on the audience, although some of the heavy puns and broader humour are vastly appreciated. It is only fair to the audience, however, to say that some of the dialogue and the words of the songs are barely audible even in the stalls. The revue is about the brightest that has visited the city, with artistic mountings and a fair amount of tuneful music. Mr Fred Wirns, Mr Davy Barnaby, and Mr John Latham keep the ball rolling in fine fashion, and Miss Maie Ash, Miss Molly Dawson, Miss Sybil Clare, and Miss Dorothy Cooper contribute materially to the success of the production. The rest of the programme is sustained by Jen Latona, a well-known Leeds favourite; the Brothers Redmond, comedy acrobatics; Jack Smiles, comedian; and Claude M. Roode, a slack-wire performer.

Many old favourites are billed to appear at the Leeds Empire on Monday next. First there is Hetty King, the famous male impersonator. Miss King's vivacious and dashing style and her sunny disposition have won for her a great reputation. She will give a series of new items, including "Going Home by Rail," "The Poppy Show," "Tommy Boy," etc., etc. Ernie Lotinga will appear in a farcical sketch, entitled "Millions," in which he will be supported by Walter Bird's company. An entirely new feature will be Chas. and Fanny Van, in a novel skit, "A Case of Emergency." Further bookings for Monday next include Owen Clark, magician, who is the inventor of every trick he performs; Harry Grey, "the Australian Nugget"; Frank Le Dent, the juggler of the future; Williams and Warden, the popular Irish cross-talk comedians; and Olive Armidale, the sprightly comedienne.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week half the programme is taken up with the revue "And Very Nice Too," described by those responsible for it as "a candid revue with a candid crew." The keynote of its success is that it is from first to last entertaining. There is nothing very deep or purposeful or even strikingly witty in it, but it goes with a rare swing, and the audience simply not given time to be dull. It is arranged in three periods. "As you were—1855," a quite refreshing harking back to old costumes and old songs, to days when Vauxhall Gardens were a rendezvous; "As you may be—1924," a delightful skit at the woman's movement and a poignant forecast of what may happen when woman has the "whip hand"; and "As you are—1914." The leading principals include Messrs Gwilym Wigley, Norman Payne, Len Keppel, Garry Lynch, and the Misses Moira Sember, Betty Shale, and Lillian Major. In addition to the revue the Five X-Rays appear in an amusing and very clever acrobatic act; Little Lucie Linda gives a pleasing exhibition of dancing, Bobbie Thornton displays a number of sleight-of-hand and other tricks, and Florence and Rose Showell appear in vocal duets.

At the Hippodrome next week Mr Austin Hurgoo's new production "Happy Days" will be submitted, and the company of artistes will include Hope Charteris and the famous Bros Egbert, besides the full Beauty chorus. The piece was a great success at the London Hippodrome. Others in the bill are Herd and Card, comedy musicians; Madam Rosaire, assisted by a pianist and a Jap fiddle; Clifford Morgan, and The Barts Trio, sensational flying acrobats.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week a baritone with a voice of singular richness is Bombardier Morris, who gives a couple of numbers in pleasing style. George Logan has specialised in ragtime parodies, and turns out a little melody with some degree of skill, though there is much more originality in his G. R. Sims-like sailor sketch. Wilson and Pritchard work hard in their acrobatic comedy and harmony act, and are equally facile in song and knockabout business. The Six Musical Navvies make the laughs come loud and long with their many extravagant little mannerisms. "At the Potter's Wheel" is a dramatic film with a nice love-story interwoven.

Next week at the City Varieties Mdlle. Lucilia and Cockie, the human bird, will provide the chief turn, and others in the bill are Seeley and West Trio in a new musical act "Opera in the Kitchen"; Tom B. Ford, the new comedian; Bertha Smillie, the factory lass with the Melba voice; Lees and Mona, in a novel and eccentric acrobatic speciality; Carl Muller, comedian.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

FRIENDLY GREETINGS IN FOREIGN LANDS.

The Arabians shake hands six or eight times. Once is not enough. Should, however, they be persons of distinction, they embrace and kiss one another several time and also kiss their own hands. In Turkey the greeting is to place the hand upon the breast, which is both graceful and appropriate. In Burmah, when a man meets a woman, he puts his nose and mouth close to her cheek and draws a long breath, as if inhaling a delicious perfume, but, strange to say, he does not kiss her cheek. A man is greeted in exactly the same way. The natives of New Zealand rub noses when they greet each other.

BOOKS IN ANCIENT ROME.

It has been pointed out that in old Rome books were actually produced and sold more easily and quickly than they are in modern times. With the trained staff of readers and transcribers, it is contended, an ancient Roman publisher could turn out an edition of any work at very cheap rates and almost a moment's notice. There was, of course, no initial expense of typesetting before a single copy could be produced, no costly extras in the form of printer's corrections. The manuscript came from the author; the publisher handed it to his slavers, and if the book were of ordinary dimensions the complete edition could, it is said, be ready, if necessary, within twenty-four hours. The old Roman libraries were immense as well as splendid. Plutarch says that the library of Lucullus, who expended much of his money on books, "had walks, galleries, and cabinets open to all visitors." It was proposed by Julius Cæsar to open this library to the public.

Mr Henry Barran has given £100 to the Baden-Powell Scouts' Fund.

Messrs J. W. and A. Pollard, of Moor Allerton Hall, won second prize at Escrick Show on Wednesday for agricultural yearling colt or gelding.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Chapeltown between St. Matthew's and Moortown. Result:—Chapeltown—the 13, Preston 4, Harvey 27, English 5, Lawrence 19, Denby 7, Braham 0, Jackson 0, Stringer 9, Lowe (not out) 3, Hawkesworth 0, extras 2; total 89. Moortown—Wilson (not out) 43, M. Topham 3, Pearce 15, Barnfather 2, Layton 11, A. Topham 10, T. Little (not out) 2, extras 4; total (for 5 wkts.), 90.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Templenewsam ratepayers are dissatisfied with their representation on Hunslet District Council; they think that they should have three members, at least, instead of two; but it is unlikely that any change will be made at present. Had the question been taken up ten years ago, when I suggested the advisability of seeking increased representation, there might have been some chance of success, but the opportunity has passed, and it will perhaps be wisdom to refrain from action meantime. It would mean an inquiry, if the authorities were disposed to consider the claim, and any show of dissatisfaction would simply be playing into the hands of Leeds Corporation, who have given every evidence of their intention to again attack the ancient township.

Of course, any change in representative would vitally effect Oulton-with-Woodlesford, which has a claim quite as good as that of Templenewsam, and then the voting strength of our townships and in-townships on Hunslet Board of Guardians must be taken into consideration. The Guardians would probably oppose any change which would upset the arrangement now in force. Figures are interesting. Templenewsam at the census had a population of 3,346, and the rateable value was £19,074, while the population of Oulton-with-Woodlesford was 3,205, and the rateable value £34,423. Thorp Stapleton, which returns one member, had a population of 28, and the rateable value this year is £461—the highest for 25 years. The total rateable value (Middleton, £10,857) of the Hunslet rural area is £64,814, or double what it was in 1874. No wonder Leeds covets this promising district.

Evidently the good people of Barwick have given encouragement to the directors of Garforth Gas Co., otherwise they would not be extending the gas service to the village. They may believe that the ratepayers will eventually adopt public lighting, and why not? A modest scheme would meet all requirements, and the cost would not be great. Barwick folks once attempted something in the way of lighting, but it did not last long. A generously-disposed lady resident purchased a powerful lamp, and it was erected on the old cross, which for once was fulfilling a useful purpose, but the powers that be declined to allow the cross to be utilized as a lamp standard—it was vandalism, so it was said—and of course, the fine lamp was removed. Since then Barwick has been content to walk in darkness.

Garforth Urban Council have not, I understand, thrown over the scheme of street improvement, and they are now considering the financial phase of the question. Residents have informed me that there are worse streets in the area than the two that it is proposed to deal with, and, if that is so, the Council have their work cut out for them. They are not altogether free agents in such matters. In another part of the district the County Council officials have been busy making investigations with a view to action, and one does not know when Garforth's turn may come.

Garforth at the present time is finding from the rates about £400 per annum to pay for loans in connection with water undertakings. The water is supplied from Leeds, and it is stated a profit—if the loan for the mains is not taken into account—is made on it, but the area is paying a penny more per 1,000 gallons for it than the price at which it has been offered to other townships. Garforth was, of course, determined to have Leeds water, and it is now paying for it, but I wonder how much it would have saved had it obtained a supply from Kiddal? I heard this question discussed by public men the other day, and it was asserted that Garforth could have had it for less than half the price of Leeds water. Garforth ratepayers, however, are satisfied with their new supply, and outsiders need not trouble themselves about it.

Expectations are not always realized, but there will be disappointment if greater interest in foreign missions and increased subscriptions do not follow the holding of the church missionary exhibition at Wetherby. Clearly, if commands are to be obeyed, the support of missions is one of the first duties of churchmanship, but the average individual has comparatively little interest in the welfare of the black and yellow races, who are destined to present knotty problems for the white man to solve. In Leeds, it is stated, largely increased contributions have followed the holding of the missionary exhibition last year, and Wetherby district will be expected to give more liberally in future to provide bread and butter for the missionaries, who, whatever their success, are out for no holiday.

Have the Selby Guardians noticed what occurred at Tadcaster a month ago, or were the Tadcaster Guardians simply a little ahead in the race? By the generosity of the Rev. Canon Greenwood, of Grimston, an enlarged photograph of Mr J. A. Bennett, who served the Board as Clerk for many years with conspicuous ability, was presented to the Guardians, and it now adorns the walls of the Board Room. It is an excellent photo, and it was very kind of Canon Greenwood to present it. For twenty-eight years the late Mr E. Townend was Clerk to the Selby Board, and the members have subscribed and obtained a large photo of their late Clerk, it being unveiled on Monday. At both Tadcaster and Selby the gentlemen who now discharge the Clerks' duties are sons of the former Clerks.

The N.E.R. Co. are at the present time engaged in building a dozen houses for their employees at South Milford, and it is possible that, in the event of a demand, the number may be increased. Apparently a similar policy is to be adopted at Selby, where there is a scarcity of working-class dwellings, and it is stated that a hundred employees have informed the Company that they require houses. John Smith's Co. have decided to erect houses at Tadcaster, and if all business firms would act in this way the difficulty of obtaining suitable houses for working-men would be at an end.

In a local church magazine the other day a writer had some scathing comments on the ingratitude of the public, but he might have spared himself. Gratitude on the part of the public is, rarely found, and as a matter how conscientiously a man may serve his fellows, the ratepayers are ready to kick him out when he makes the slightest mistake. Instead of being grateful, ratepayers actually think that public men should be thankful to them for giving them the opportunity of serving them. If a man enters public life expecting gratitude he will be grievously disappointed.

Halton, Seacroft, and Crossgates are not doing their duty. Last year the local Medical Charities Society contributed £30 to Leeds Infirmary, and the benefits the residents received from the institution totalled £161. Contributions are made by householders and workmen in other ways, but when all is added up it is apparent that the district is deeply in debt to the Infirmary. Halton does less than any of the other villages for the charities, yet it receives the greatest benefits, no less than £103 of the total of £161 going to the residents there. Crossgates accounted for £29, Seacroft for £20, and Stanks for £9. A sum of £10 was granted to the Women and Children's Hospital and the benefits received amounted to £38 17s., of which Crossgates got £23 and Halton £11 2s. Altogether the benefits obtained from the two institutions were valued at £109 17s., and the amount returned was £40. The working-class population profit by these institutions more than any other section, and it is their duty to contribute more liberally to the funds. How is it possible for this great work to go on unless more generosity is exhibited by the people who are not slow, when the evil day comes, to seek its benefit without any cost to themselves.

How is it in the district? It is asserted that the business of the farrier and shoeing-smith is doomed, owing to the introduction of motor-cars, but it will be a long time before the farmers have no use for the representatives of Crispin. It has, however, been deemed advisable this year to drop certain horse classes at the shows, and this may be regarded as a sign of the times. Talking of shoeing-smiths, one of them says that some of the men in the outlying districts have been rather badly hit. Wages were never better, and, owing to the scarcity of labour, they are likely to be higher, but despite that, he believes the farrier is doomed. Well, he must turn his hand to something else. The motor-cars, motor-waggons, motor-cycles, etc., are to be the vehicles of the future the shoeing-smith should endeavour to learn something about their construction, and be ready to turn his premises into a repairing shop.

At Wetherby, although it is one of the most prosperous agricultural districts in the county, certain folks have a tendency to always look on the dark side of things, but the genial pessimists—and they are genial chaps in spite of their dark outlook—are probably well understood by their neighbours. When it was announced that the Wetherby Union would have about £500 extra to pay this year to the county funds the gentleman who occupies the chief position among the Guardians declared that if these increases continued the ratepayers would have nothing to pay with. That, of course, would mean wholesale bankruptcy in Wetherby district—no prosperous farmers and shopkeepers, and an over-flowing workhouse, which, it might be suggested, would be maintained by a generous public through the medium of a rate meeting. It is not a pleasing prospect for future Wetherby residents, but so far as can be ascertained the prophets have not managed to cast a gloom over the district, nor to cause the residents to band themselves together to resist the iniquitous impositions of an authority whose principal characteristic seems to be that it can stand any amount of criticism.

At Aberford School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.24 against 91.71 for the same month last year.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—At Saxton School last month the attendance was excellent, the percentage being 93.33 against 89.04 for May last year, and at Barkston School it was 90.91 against 92.73.

MINER'S DEATH.—At the inquest on Saturday on the body of John Holland (68), miner, of 14, Princess Street, Outwood, who was found dead in Lofthouse Colliery on Thursday afternoon Dr. McLeod stated that death was due to an apoplectic seizure.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange Buildings, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application—R. W. Green, Leeds, improvements in pneumatic tyres. Applications completed—A. Wilkinson, Ilkley, improvements in tubular framed bodies for motor-cars, &c.; W. H. Webster, York, improvements in lifeboats. Patent accepted—L. H. Teale, Leeds, improvements in domestic fireplaces. Patent sealed—A. F. Dimmock, Harrogate, improvements in golf balls (addition).

Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit.

MEETING HELD IN THE OPEN AIR.

It is not often that the opportunity is afforded of holding a religious business meeting amid such pleasant surroundings as was the case on Wednesday afternoon at Carlton House, Rothwell. The official members of the Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit meeting mustered in good numbers on the lawn in front of the house, by the kind invitation of Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C., and Mrs Hargreaves. At five o'clock the ladies and gentlemen were invited to take tea, which was provided at small tables on the lawn, and about 80 persons greatly enjoyed the good things so generously placed before them. After tea, the hearty thanks of the visitors to their host and hostess were voiced by Messrs M. Bielby, T. A. Young, J. Butterick, J. R. Seance, J.P., and Rev. M. Phillipson, B.A. Mr Hargreaves responded in a very cordial manner, expressing the pleasure Mrs Hargreaves and he experienced in ministering in any way to the success of the meeting and the enjoyment of their guests.

After a short interval, the chairs were rearranged in a shady part of the lawn, and the meeting opened with singing and prayer. The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson presided, and there were also present Rev. M. Phillipson, B.A., Councillor Hargreaves and Mr M. Bielby (circuit stewards), and about 56 other members, including 16 ladies.

Mr Hargreaves gave the financial statement for the quarter. The ordinary income was £105 19s. 6d., which is £3 12s. 9d. less than the expenditure. Special contributions, however, have been received, which not only clear off all deficiencies, but leave the stewards with £8 13s. 1d. in hand—a very satisfactory result. The membership this quarter is slightly less than last, as is often the case, but there are 18 persons on probation, with 127 in junior classes. Conversations indicated a larger use of open-air services.

Mr Hargreaves mentioned that while the circuit had already been honoured by having several gentlemen elected by the synod as delegates to Conference, including Mr J. H. Cookson, J.P., Mr J. T. Lygo, Mr J. Armitage, and Mr W. Stephenson, the latter gentleman had again being elected (for the sixth time), as one of the Leeds district representatives. Mr Stephenson made a few remarks on the forthcoming Leeds Conference, as far as regards this circuit, and the ministers who will be billeted here. Miss Stephenson was announced to be selling a large number of the attractive and useful Conference handbooks, of which Mr Stephenson is the lay editor.

The Sunday School report was not of a satisfactory description, and a discussion arose on the cause and cure of a reduced attendance.

It was unanimously resolved to support the Bishop of London's Criminal Amendment Bill, now being debated by the House of Lords.

As this was the last quarterly meeting the Rev. M. Phillipson will attend before leaving the circuit, many friends spoke in appreciation of his excellent services, including Messrs Hargreaves, Bielby, J. Armitage, Marland, G. W. Denton, Nixon, Legge, and Stephenson. Mr Phillipson responded feelingly, as well as wittily, and warmly thanked the friends for their generous words and kindly acts.

The next meeting will be at Normanton, when the new minister, Rev. John Wilson, of Bishop Auckland, will be publicly recognised.

Local Minister's Visit to Rome

IMPRESSIONS—"SEE NAPLES AND DIE."

The Rev. W. G Softley, the resident Primitive Methodist minister at Rothwell, who has returned home after a tour in Italy, had an interesting chat with our Rothwell representative. In the tour, which was conducted by the Free Church Tour Guild, there were about twenty ladies and gentlemen including Mr Softley and his friend, the Rev. E. Barrett, of Leeds, and three ministers of the Wesleyan Church. Mr Softley left Rothwell on May 14th, and journeyed to London, where the party was made up, and by way of Folkestone and Boulogne, they went to Paris, where a stay was made overnight. From Paris the journey was continued to Turin and Genoa, where another night was spent, and on the following day the party reached Rome, arriving about midnight. Seven full days were spent in Rome, so that the party had ample time in which to see the many places of interest. Among the places visited were the Palace of the Caesars, the Vatican Museum, the famous St. Peter's, the Forum, the Appean Way (which is said to be the way by which St. Paul entered Rome), the Coliseum, and churches which so plentifully abound. Of course, the party were in the hands of an able interpreter, who at each of the places visited gave a brief lecture. At the Forum the guide described the excavations which had been made, and which are, as a matter of fact, at present being carried on. A visit to the catacombs created a weird interest, the sight-seeing being done by the aid of candles; but the party did not venture far, probably owing to the none too assuring comment of the guide that it was quite easy for one to get lost on account of the numerous passages all of startling similarity, but leading in different directions.

Perhaps the most interesting and memorable part of the whole tour to Mr Softley was the visit to Pompeii, which was made during a four days' stay at Naples. "It is a wonderful thing," said Mr Softley, in describing it, that this place should have been buried about 1,700 years and accidentally discovered." They are still unearthing the buried city, and up to the present about one-third has been discovered in this way. Everything is being most carefully lifted. Vesuvius, although an object of interest in the distance, was not visited, the party contenting themselves with an inspection of a smaller volcanic mountain. Speaking of Naples as a city, Mr Softley said the phrase "See Naples and die" could be taken in two ways. The people are very dirty—living, eating, sleeping and working all in one room. The refuse is thrown from the houses into the streets, which are badly looked after.

From Naples a return was made to Rome, and Florence, Venice, and Milan were visited in turn. Florence, which is regarded as the intellectual centre of Italy, had much to offer to lovers of art. At all the places some very fine museums were inspected. Venice, said Mr Softley, was very interesting to the sight-seer, for there is no place like it. During the whole of the time he was in it he never saw a horse, bicycle, or motor-car, for the principal ways of the town are waterways, along which the traffic is carried by means of gondolas and barges. At Milan the famous cathedral was visited. A couple of days were spent at Lucerne, and from here the party returned to Paris, en route for home, Mr Softley arriving at Rothwell on Friday night.

SIR M. SYKES, M.P., AND YORKSHIREMEN.

Sir Mark Sykes, M.P., speaking at the annual gathering of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London on Tuesday night, said Yorkshire really was a link historically in time and in space—that was to say, it bound up north and south. It was the link between a definite north and a definite south. Racially it was a link between the Teuton and the Celt. Yorkshire was the link of all things in England. The result of this kind of link, and also of being the key of the situation, had apparently produced in the Yorkshire people a kind of dualism, a sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde, as expounded in Stevenson's allegory. The crystallisation of a Yorkshireman had been put before the world by that transcendant genius Dickens, who crystallised the best and worst of Yorkshiremen in two characters. In John Browdy he depicted good sense, hospitality, and greatness of heart—whilst in the person of Mr Squeers he depicted a super-acuteness of the commercial sense (Laughter). This Mr Squeers, being a York shireman, was a good father, and supported adversity with Mrs Squeers with considerable fortitude. He thought, however, that the Yorkshire proverbs were dreadful, and exemplified the following, which he gave in the vernacular:—

Hear all, see all, and say nowt;
Eat all, sup all, and pay nowt;
And if you do owt for nowt, do it for yourself. (Laughter).

These proverbs were the only lasting monuments of the dark side. After referring to Yorkshire's progress from the Middle Ages to the present time, Sir Mark said they could look forward to the future with calm, for, as in the past, they had the capacity to go on.

MEMORIAL TO A BARKSTON ASH EDUCATIONIST.

In memory of the late Rev. John Spink, B.Sc., who was headmaster of Drax Grammar School for 40 years a great educationist and one of the pioneers in the teaching of science in the North of England, a stained glass window was dedicated in Drax Church on Saturday afternoon, and a memorial brass tablet was afterwards unveiled in the School. A large congregation assembled, including many old boys of the school, who owe everything they possess to the labours of the late John Spink, and the example and high ideals he set. The present memorials were decided upon at a meeting of old boys, and the Rev. H. Martin Thorpe, M.A., Willesden, and Mr E. Hill Fitch, of Batley, acted as secretaries to the movement, which has received whole-hearted support, as well as from Mr E. Arnold How, B.Sc., the present headmaster, and Mrs How.

For the dedication service, a procession marched from the school to the church, headed by Mr How, and the pupils and staff of the School, followed by old boys, governors, and clergy. Members of the family of the late headmaster were present, namely: Mrs R. H. Strickland (Doncaster), the eldest daughter; the Rev. Edmund Spink (Vicar of Leek), second son; and Dr. Spink (Eccles), the youngest son.

The Rev. Edmund Spink dedicated the memorial window in the church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Martin Thorpe, a native of Drax, of whom the village is justly proud; while another old boy of the school, the Rev. H. B. Greeves, son of the Vicar of Winstow, presided at the reception. Other clergy present were the Rev. D. Mackay, Hull (locum tenens for the Vicar of Drax), the Rev. W. Seed (Snaith), the Rev. E. S. Hollingsworth (Hensall), and the Rev. W. Stratton (Airmyn).

The dedication service was simple and touching, and included hymns "Glorious things of Thee are spoken" and "Let saints on earth in concert sing." The window consists of three lights, depicting scenes from the life of St. John. The school arms are introduced in the top of the central canopy, and at the foot of the window is the following inscription:—

To the glory of God and in memory of the Rev. John Spink, B.Sc., headmaster of Drax Grammar School, 1864-1904, and honorary curate of this church from 1870 to 1879. This window is erected by grateful pupils.

The design and colouring is most pleasing. The work has been carried out by Messrs Kayll and Reed, Albion Street, Leeds, well-known stained-glass artists. After the dedication the hymn "Our Blest Redeemer" was sung, and the sermon followed.

PROPERTY SALE.—Messrs W. B. Hindle, Son, and Lewis have sold by private treaty the detached residence known as "Rosecliffe," Roundhay, for £910. The property was offered for sale by auction in May last, but was withdrawn.

In memory of the late Rev. Edwin Stanley Sykes, for many years vicar of St. Nicholas, Hedworth, a stained glass window has been placed in the east end of the church by his brother, Mr W. S. Sykes, of Roundhay, and his sisters.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

At the moment of writing (June 9th) rain is falling steadily, and there is every prospect of the soil getting just that soaking which we require to give almost all kinds of bedding vegetable plants a good start. Such subjects as sweet peas, calceolarias, etc., which were planted out some weeks ago, had begun to look pale, but now the much-needed rain has come we may confidently expect to see the production of rapid and healthy growth. In the case of sweet peas may we once more remind our readers of the importance of efficient staking? The growths should be kept in an upright position, and on no account should they be allowed to bend over or growth will be seriously checked. As with almost every kind of flower largely used for exhibition purposes, the sweet pea has fallen a victim to the craze for size. This means that most unnatural treatment must be resorted to, or no prize cards will be forthcoming. All side growths should be removed as soon as they venture to appear, flower buds must be sacrificed until about a week before blooms are wanted for show, and liquid foods of mysterious composition should be given once or twice a week to strengthen the growth.

Those who are content to obtain a good supply of serviceable flowers will allow his plants to grow naturally. Manure water, prepared and flower naturally. Manure water, prepared by soaking horse, or sheep manure in a tub of water, may be given once or twice a week, and a mulching of scrawny manure placed around the plants will keep the roots cool and moist, and act as a feeding agency during the showery weather. Flowers intended for table decoration should be cut early in the morning or in the evening, the former for choice. If intended for sending away by post they are best cut in the evening before the dew begins to fall. They should be packed dry in a suitable box, and although they will probably droop in transit, they revive quickly if placed in warm water. Sweet peas that are packed moist travel badly, especially the light coloured varieties. When unpacked it will be found that they are speckled over with yellow spots. We have repeatedly mentioned the urgency of cutting the flowers as fast as they open. If only a few seed pods are left on the plants it will be sufficient to considerably shorten the flowering season. It should be remembered that the natural function of a plant is to produce the means of reproduction of its specie. First the flowers, then the buds and flowers, and finally the seed. This accomplished, and the plants labours are almost completed, but fully so in the case of annuals. By postponing the production of seed, the flowering period may be considerably extended, as the plants will continue to do their best towards completing their natural task, the production of seed. This applies very strongly to many other kinds of plants besides sweet peas. Notable examples are poppies, campanulas in variety, phlox, and pansies, annual chrysanthemums, and roots of other free seeding plants.

CORFOPSIS GRANDIFLORA.

It is with confidence that we recommend our readers to grow a few plants of this wonderfully free-flowering plant. One plant will produce hundreds of long-stalked blooms, admirably suited to table decoration requirements. Sow now in a cold frame and grow on in a similar position until next April, when the plants may be hardened off and planted in a sunny position outdoors. They usually require six-inch pots in February

VEGETABLES.

The welcome rainfall has made it possible to proceed with the planting of late-sown veg-tables, such as cabbage, cauliflower, savoy, broccoli, etc. Plant firmly and give a good soaking of water, even though the ground is moist. It will settle the soil about the roots.

Further sowings of peas, kidney beans, lettuce, radishes, etc., should be made, and a few lettuce plants should be planted to form large heads.

Turnips, carrots, and similar root crops should be thinned early. If the seedlings are allowed to crowd each other the tops get drawn, and the roots cross each other in such a manner as to destroy every chance of securing a really satisfactory crop.

NOTES ON BLACKBERRIES.

Cultivated blackberries produce excellent crops under favourable conditions; but they must have a soil rich enough in humus to hold abundant moisture, which is so important as the weather becomes better. Very shallow surface tillage also helps to preserve soil-moisture. Deep surface tillage tends to injure the roots and to cause them to throw up an immense number of suckers. These, of course, need to be destroyed. With pruning, keep from 3 to 6 canes yearly. Those produced this year will bear fruit next, so that the old canes should be cut out and destroyed as soon as the fruiting is over.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

MALMAISON CARNATIONS.

The American tree carnation has become so popular that the old favourite Souvenier de la Malmaison varieties have been pushed into the background. All the same, it cannot be denied that if well grown they give a commanding display when in bloom. The flowers should be temporarily shaded during bright sunshine, and although it is necessary to keep the foliage almost dry, it is advisable to damp the floor down several times a day during hot weather. As soon as the plants finish blooming they should either be repotted or layered, according to the requirements of the grower.

SHADING PLANTS.

During the next few months shade will have to be provided for many occupants of the glass houses. Zonal pelargoniums and schizanthus are two notable exceptions to this rule. These two plants will quickly any amount of sunshine when in bloom. American carnations should be shaded during brilliant sunshine only. They enjoy plenty of light and fresh air, and the ventilators should be opened wide whenever the weather is mild enough to warrant it being done. Ferns should be densely shaded, and this should be supplemented by a large amount of atmospheric moisture. Damp down walls, floor, and staging two or three times a day. Overhead spraying is good for many kinds, but mildewfoers are impatient of this treatment.

HYDRANGEAS.

The new race of hydrangeas that have come into existence during recent years have almost eclipsed the older varieties. There are numerous varieties, varying in shade from pure white to rich pink and bright blue. A few of the best are Madame E. Mouillere (white), Radiant (blue), and Soy. de Madame E. Chautard (pink). Cuttings rooted now will produce grand plants for flowering in the autumn, but next spring they should be grown cool throughout, and only one stem should be allowed to develop the first year. Older plants, after flowering, may be cut back slightly and repotted into larger pots. They will then break away freely and flower again during the autumn. The freedom with which they flower is perhaps their greatest advantage over the older varieties.

FANCY PELARGONIUMS.

Young plants of fancy pelargoniums that are commencing to bloom should be staked out directly it is all leggy. Liquid feeding assists them to swell their flower buds, but should not be used after the first petals commence to unfold. Weak soot water is usually blown rather earlier than the young ones. After flowering they may be placed outdoor in a sunny position, and water should be withheld for a fortnight or so. They may then be cut down. Any shoots that have failed to bloom may be utilised as cuttings. They root freely if placed around the sides of small pots filled with sandy soil, and plunged on a greenhouse shelf. Unless extra large plants are required it is not necessary to retain them after flowering a second time.

EARLY STRAWBERRIES.

Where very early supplies of forced strawberries are in demand the first opportunity should be taken to layer some strong first runners. We have tried numerous varieties, but have found nothing to equal Royal Sovereign for early forcing. Layering is accomplished by fixing the first plantlet on the runner to the top of a three-inch pot filled with a moderately rich compost. The pots are usually used to hold the plants in position. Roots soon form, and when these reach the pot bottom, the runners may be detached from the parent plants. Regular attention must be paid to watering, and when the pots are nicely filled with roots repot into six-inch pots. Yellow fibrous loam is excellent for strawberry culture.

CYCLAMEN.

Cyclamen corms are now commencing to make new growth, and require repotting. Turn them out of the old pots and remove a quantity of the old compost, taking care to avoid damaging the young roots. Repot into a compost of a fibrous nature. No animal manure is required, but a good sprinkling of wood ashes, bone meal, and old crushed mortar may be mixed with the loam. Place the plants in a cold frame and water carefully until new roots becomes free. When established they will flourish they may be kept well watered, and spraying overhead will promote healthy growth and keep insect pests in check.

N.U. FOOTBALL AT ROTHWELL.

CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual-meeting of the Rothwell Northern Union Football Club was held at the Black Bull Hotel on Saturday night, and it was presided over by Mr J. Oakland.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £1 9s. 2½d. The gate receipts for the season produced £19 17s. 1½d., while the half-gates for cupties accounted for an income of £8 19s. 8d. The total income was £73 10s. 1½d., while the expenditure amounted to £71 0s. 10d. In presenting his third annual report Mr J. Ledger said the past season had not been so good financially as the previous one. Since then the number of workers was less, and the result was reflected in the balance sheet. The gate receipts, however, were up nearly £6, which pointed to better following of Rugby football. The share in cup-ties was down to the extent of over £9, which in his opinion was due to playing at home, the matches not attracting such good gates as they had when away. From a playing point of view the team had done well, being actually at the top of the League, but having the misfortune to be beaten in the semi-final by Hunslet A. Altogether they played 26 matches, comprising 20 League matches, four cup-ties, and two ordinary matches. Of these seven were lost, two being ordinary and two League matches, which compared favourably with the first season, when out of 27 matches played, 19 were lost. During the season in the whole of the matches, the team scored 286 points to their opponents' 185. Among the individual players Mr. Balmer made the best display, scoring 45 goals and 1 try—a total of 102 points. R. Wise had eight tries to his credit, A. Cox seven, P. Bower a good five tries, C. Hayton and T. Dolan five tries, A. Wilkinson, J. Atack, and J. Hutchinson four tries, W. Catherall one good three tries, A. Lazenby five tries, G. Best and G. Stone two tries, F. Wilkie two tries, and the following one try each—W. Dobson, N. Parker, C. Bulmer, T. Whitham, E. Cowburn, and W. Bough.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance sheet, paid a tribute to the secretary, and said they might congratulate themselves on being able to show a balance on the right side, especially when they took into account the miserable amount taken at the gates at some of the home matches. Financially, however, they had not met with the success they were entitled to, though no one could grumble at that when the opening point of view it had been a more successful season than the previous one, although the distinction of winning a trophy had not fallen to their lot.

Mr F. Garbutt seconded.

Mr G. Bulmer, who supported, said that in Rothwell "soccer" had got the hold.

The election of officers resulted in Dr. H. Stevenson being unanimously elected as president. Mr J. Oakland was re-appointed a vice-president. Mr J. Ledger was also re-elected secretary, and Mr S. Boswell was appointed treasurer.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.

(Continued).

(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain the first and end. It is laid down by many that, full value, the earlier article should be read in conjunction with the current one).

RISING AND COOLING THE EGGS.

Bear in mind that while you are turning your eggs you are also airing and cooling them, so that the time occupied must be taken into consideration when you determine how long to air and cool. It is laid down by many that, providing the ventilation in the machine is good and not sluggish, the time occupied in turning is sufficient for the other purposes as well.

My thoughts were first attracted to this question by forgetting to return some eggs to the machine for a period of over two hours. Naturally, I imagined that this gross carelessness had resulted in ruining the batch, but as the period of incubation had nearly expired I replaced the tray and awaited results. Judge of my surprise when I had an excellent batch. At this period of time I cannot give exact percentages, but it was considerably above the ordinary. Here was food for thought. Why had these batch not been ruined? Pondering over the question I remembered a theory advocated by an old American friend of mine, that it was beneficial to air up to one and a half hours on the eighteenth day; consequently, I set myself to try experiments on these lines, remembering that the hen when coming off to feed nearly always takes longer over her daily meal as the days progress.

The results of my experiments justify me in stating that, although I could trace no increased results in hatching, I could certainly detect that the chicks hatched were much more hardy and lively, and, consequently, thrived better. Many will perhaps disagree with me; but for those who choose to give my system a trial I detail my own practice as regards airing and cooling.

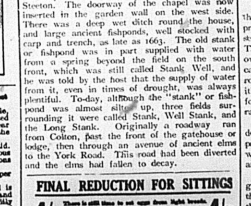
Commencing on the second evening, I allow the eggs to be out of the machine for a period not exceeding five minutes per diem until the seventh night. Please note, however, that the eggs are turned twice daily, and the period of five minutes is practically occupied by this operation, so that in reality the eggs are not removed at all except for the purpose of turning. From that time, until the fourteenth day, I allow a period of ten minutes per diem—that is an extra five minutes to the time occupied in turning—then until the eighteenth day a quarter of an hour per diem is allowed, but on the eighteenth day I allow them to cool until a temperature of about 85deg. is reached. Naturally, this temperature would never be arrived at during the summer months; but I do not hatch then, and if I did I should allow them to cool for one hour after the eighteenth day I do not cool them at all. A word of warning must here be given. When cooling never allow the temperature of the eggs to fall too rapidly, and never place the tray or drawer where it will be subjected to a draught. If the room is particularly cold, it would be advisable to cover the tray with some coarse porous material.

By practising airing and cooling eggs I also have another theory that it is of assistance in weakening the shell and facilitating the exit of the chick at the end of the period. It is my opinion that the cooling process and subsequent heating to 103deg., with its attendant contraction and expansion of the shell, tends to weaken same, thereby offering less resistance to the chick when the time for its exodus arrives. The subject, at all events, offers matter for reflection and consideration.

Before passing from this topic to that of testing the eggs I would mention that the embryo can be subjected to much greater variation of temperature towards the end of the hatch than during the earlier stages; in fact, it is a constantly increasing strength. I personally have taken eggs from an incubator on the nineteenth day, and, packed in only an ordinary wooden box and protected only by brown paper (which I might mention is an admirable non-conductor of heat), have taken the eggs to the Continent to hatch them got in competition; whilst on other occasions I have taken them such journeys as Sandbridge-worth to Newquay, in Cornwall, and completed the hatch with excellent results. On the other hand, during the earlier stages of the hatch a little judicious nursing of such treatme it would have been sufficient to kill the germ entirely. A knowledge of these facts will prevent many disasters, and operators must be warned that the cause of failure I have not noticed is the time occupied in testing on the sixth or seventh day. The time spent causes the embryo to become chilled, and consequently retarded, or perhaps killed outright. At the subsequent test one wonders why so many have died since the previous test when they looked so well, whilst others have been materially weakened.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sandbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).



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STEETON HALL AND THE FAIRFAXES.

A RUNAWAY MARRIAGE STORY.

The York Historical Association had a very successful and enjoyable outing when they journeyed by motor charabanc to Steeton Hall, a Fairfax homestead. The route taken was via Acaster Malbis, Acaster Selby, and Appleton Roebuck. Stops were made at each of these three places, the objects of interest being the Holy Trinity Church, and the site of the Roman camp at Acaster Malbis, the sites of St. Andrewe's College, the Roman camp at Acaster Selby, and the site of Brocket Hall, a fine manorial earthwork at Appleton Roebuck.

It was evening before the party reached Steeton Hall, the residence of the Bramleys. Mr T. P. Cooper read an interesting paper on "Steeton Hall and the Fairfaxes." At the outset he said the homestead was of considerable interest. Under its roof Were born, and in its private chapel were baptised, many Fairfaxes who had filled positions of honour and distinction locally as well as in higher spheres of the realm, and their names were written large on the pages of history. The earliest ancestor of the Fairfax family, of whom we had any account, was a resident of the city of York. He was the progeniter of the stock from which sprang all the branches of the great Yorkshire family of Fairfax.

Before the close of King John's reign, estates in the Ainsty were held by one Guy Fairfax, through Steeton Hall, the cherished home of an illustrious race which flourished for over many generations, did not come into the possession of the family until 200 years later. The place name Steeton was said to be a corruption of Stive-ton, "stive" meaning a fish pond. From what remained of the hall, it was rather difficult to understand what it was like in the days of its splendour, but with the aid of an ancient inventory of the place, penned in 1558 by professional valuers for probate purposes at the death of William Fairfax, they could in imagination build up the old structure. This inventory mentioned the effects in every apartment, commencing with the entrance hall, which contained one table with a frame of rich tapestry, one square table and a cupboard, hangings of buckram and say in the same, and one buffet stool. The Hall opened upon an adjoining parlour, in which the old knight spent his declining days and died. There were four other rooms downstairs, including the great parlour, and some of these were in the two wings which were added in 1577. It also appeared that the bed chambers upstairs had special names, such as the Rysher Chamber and the Inderawe Chamber. All these contained spiretop four-post bedsteads with rich hangings. In the gallery there was a bedstead with hangings and a feather of sarn. The south chamber bedstead had a tester of red and black velvet, and that in the great parlour was hung with flowered blue damask, while the room was adorned with arras. In the high study there was a garnish of pewter vessels, and three oaken chests contained a valuable collection of books. Here again walls were covered with tapestry. The older mounted homestead was taken down by Sir Guy Fairfax, third son of Richard Fairfax, of Bilton, and he built the present house mentioned in the inventory, which, together with the chapel, was completed in 1477, in which year the latter was consecrated.

Sir Guy was an influential Yorkshire knight. He was elected Recorder of York in 1460, which office he resigned in 1477, and the following year he was appointed Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He married Isabel Ryther, who was a grand-daughter of Chief Justice Gascoigne; hence one of the principal apartments in the house was named Ryther Chamber. Sir William Fairfax, a distinguished lawyer, succeeded Sir Guy, and he was nominated Recorder of York on February 9th, 1499, and at the same time admitted a Freeman of the city, his father being present when the election took place in the old Council Chamber on Ouse Bridge. He died in October, 1503, leaving until 1466. Sir William was appointed one of the Justices of the Common Pleas, in 1509, and died in 1514. Sir William Fairfax, the grandson of Sir Guy, who built Steeton Hall, married, in 1518, Isabel Thwaites, a great heiress, and acquired lands in Durham, and the manors in the West Riding, Daxy Hall, and property on Bishop Hill, now Fairfax Street, in York. This marriage was of a romantic character, his bride being a runaway sister of the Priory of Nun Appleton, where there appeared to have been some laxity in the religious life and conduct of the community. She was allowed the freedom of riding out and visiting her friends in the vicinity. In her carriage one day Sir William Fairfax, and a love match ensued. Sir William was forbidden to approach the nunnery, but he undaunted the difficulty, and obtained an order for her release. The Prioress still clung to the fair novice. The story went that Sir William enveigled the nun into the woods, and by force chained his bride, and carried her off in triumph. They were subsequently married at Bolton Percy Church. From the union descended many statesmen, warriors, scholars, and poets, who rendered famous the ancient house of Fairfax.

It was a circumstance that, at the time of the dissolution was granted to the Fairfaxes, and the last Prioress delivered up possession on Christmas Day, 1539. To Thomas, the son of Fairfax, two sons of the fair Isabel, the erstwhile sister who had once been under restraint in its cloistered walls. Sir William died in York in March, 1557, and died soon afterwards in the great parlour previously mention-d, and at whose decease the inventory mentioned was made. He left Steeton and the Manor of Bolton Percy to his younger son, Gabriel Fairfax, the ancestor of the present family. His eldest son, Sir Thomas, inherited Denton, Nun Appleton, and Bishop Hill in York. This Sir William Fairfax married Lady Dorothy, the grandaughter and great grand-parents of the two Parliamentary Generals, the Lords Fairfax.

Another Sir William succeeded to Steeton in 1581, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth. He undertook extensive additions and repairs to his ancestral home, and the present gate-house, with a porter's lodge, formed the south side of the court. Over the gateway there was a large perpendicular east window, filled with stained glass, the chief heraldic parts of which were preserved at Bilbrough Hall by Mr Guy Thomas Fairfax, the present owner of Steeton. The doorway of the chapel was now inserted in the garden wall on the west side. There was a deep wet ditch round the house, and large ancient fishponds, well stocked with carp and tench, as late as 1663.

The fishponds are now filled with water from a spring beyond the field on the south front, which was still called Stank Hill, and the moat was told by the supply of water from it, even in times of drought, was always plentiful. To-day, although the "stank" or fishpond was almost filled up, three fields surrounding it were called Stank, Well Stank, and the Long Stank. Originally a roadway ran from Colton, past the front of the gatehouse or lodge, then through an avenue of ancient elme to the York Road. This road had been diverted and the elms had fallen to decay.

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INDUSTRIAL LAW COMMITTEE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—Will you kindly allow us through your columns to draw attention to the fact that a branch of the Industrial Law Committee has been been formed in Leeds to carry on locally the work on which the Central Committee in London has been engaged since 1898?

The purpose of the Committee is, in the first place, educational. By means of lectures and other meetings it seeks to make known the Factory and Workshops Acts the Shops Acts, and other industrial laws to persons who are interested in those laws, or who, being directly affected by them, are either ignorant of the legal conditions under which they work and of the protection which the law gives them.

It is obvious that while this is so the administration of the law must remain imperfect, and this is to be regretted, since it is to the interest of everyone that it should be fully observed.

In the second place, the Committee acts as a means of communication between the worker and the inspector, in case any breaches of the law should occur, particulars of which might otherwise not reach the proper quarter. Such cases when they reach the secretary pass through the Committee without mention of the name of either employer or worker, and are forwarded to the proper authorities.

The Central Committee also administers an Indemnity Fund, which is used to protect workers who have been dismissed for giving truthful evidence to an inspector, or for having refused to comply with conditions illegally imposed by an employer.

The Central Committee has carried on its work successfully for 17 years, and is in close touch with the Home Office. Within recent years it has seemed desirable to devolve some of its duties, and branches have been formed in Edinburgh, Dublin, and Birmingham.

The success of the Leeds branch must depend on the support of those who are interested in efficient factory administration. An annual sum of about £60 will be needed, and we issue this statement on behalf of the committee to make our purposes and requirements known.—Yours, etc.,

(Signed)— EDWARD WOOD, President,
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EMILY G. SYKES, Secretary,
69, Cardigan Road, Leeds.

WEST RIDING DISTRICT COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION.

MR PINDAR AND ANNEXATION SCHEMES.

HOUSING—A WETHERBY OPINION.

The annual meeting of the West Riding District Councils' Association was held in the Philosophical Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday. Mr Roslyn Holliday (Featherstone) presided.

The annual report showed that one Council had joined the association during the year and one had withdrawn, leaving a total membership of 108. The scheme of the West Riding County Council for the treatment of tuberculosis was now in partial operation, and while the existing accommodation was far from sufficient for the needs of the riding it was being freely made use of pending the provision of additional sanatoria by the County Council. Under the heading of "Borough Extension Schemes" the report said that far-reaching proposals for the extension of the boundaries of Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax, involving the destruction of no less than 30 independent local authorities, were put forward by the Corporations of the respective boroughs. A special conference was convened by the committee to discuss the position, and resolutions were unanimously adopted protesting against the several extension schemes. The president and secretary subsequently attended a deputation to the President of the Local Government Board, and laid before him the views of the association. The President of the Local Government Board stated in reply that he would bear their views in mind, but could not commit himself in any way by an expression of his own opinion. The annexation schemes had, however, been withdrawn, and a threat that they would be revived on the first favourable opportunity; but the committee felt that their protest, coupled with that of other bodies interested, had not been without effect, and that the position of the smaller local authorities would in future receive a much more sympathetic consideration by the Local Government Board than formerly.

The report was adopted, and Mr Holliday re-elected chairman. Mr Richard Wilson (Skipton) and Mr W. C. Haigh (Hemsworth) were elected vice-chairmen, and Mr W. B. Pindar (Hunslet Urban Council) was reappointed secretary and treasurer.

Mr Pindar said they felt that at times strong influences were at work to put an end to small local authorities, and to hand over their administrative functions in larger bodies. By combination they would protect their interests and ensure their continued existence. Their relations with the County Council were most friendly and cordial, and great changes had taken place since they were some time ago, and the Council had endeavoured to meet the views of the Association as far as they reasonably could.

Mr E. C. Newstead (Clerk to the Wharfedale Rural Council) read a paper on "The Housing Problem." He suggested that local authorities should be encouraged to clear away their slums and put up wholesome dwellings by grants in aid from the Imperial Exhequer, that defaulting authorities, after receiving due warning, and after being given due opportunity, should be deprived of the exercise of this portion of their duties, and that in default the necessary work should be undertaken by an existing Government department working as far as practicable with the existing machinery.

The Rev. W. Pearson (Wetherby) said he thought that the large landowner and large property-owner in the country was not rendering as great a service as anyone in the community. The trouble had been with the small property-owner, who, either for want of inclination or cash, allowed his property to deteriorate. The root difficulty was, he thought, that local authorities were very slow to demand measures of reform which would involve the imposition of a rate. (Hear, hear).

In the discussion of further discussion one delegate evoked laughter by saying that the real problem was how to build houses in districts where the labourers were too poor to pay rent at all.

The Chairman moved a resolution approving generally of the combined nursing scheme of the West Riding County Council, but adding that the meeting was of opinion that the details of the scheme should be capable of modification to meet the circumstances of the different districts."

Mr Newstead seconded the resolution, which was carried.

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THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

A MESMERIST'S STORY.

(By Dr. Kennedy).

A very dear friend of mine and his wife, who loved each other like two human love birds, so much so that jealousy sprang up on the part of the lady, and like a silly little woman she went advertised to no effect, and I argued that as everybody reads divorce cases, so she would not only be acquitted of any ill-doing but be restored to wealth. My friend Jack Spruce, who was a lawyer, had her case in hand, hence his frequent visits to the lady. Which logical explanation his wife would not hear of, and so the eventful day arrived.

I met the gentleman detective outside the Court. I talked to him, we drank, chatted, and smoked together. I worked on his nature, and found him a man with a degree, and I got him under my train of thought. I absolutely supervised his brain; in less time than it takes to tell he closed his eyes; and when he opened them again he was under my influence.

The case was called. The Court was crowded, and the bewigged barristers and jaunty ladies looked at the expectancy of something very smiled at the expectancy of something very sweet. The detective's questions went into the box and told how they popped through keyholes and saw what they ought "not" to have seen, and swore the character of the lady and Jack Spruce away. The last witness, the boss detective himself, was then called upon, he was near me in the body of the Court, and he went into the box well primed. On oath he swore that the whole thing was a fabrication from beginning to end, how the lady had come to him, as numbers of other ladies do, he had sent money to be made out of her, she had made it know he and his confederates who had preceded him in the witness-box had, instead of peeping at keyholes seeing imaginary compromising things, were comfortably seated in the "Hare 'em Arms" smiling "scotches and sodas," and how instead of their client's costs costing £300, as they had been put in, all they spent was about £5 on drinks.

Then came the turn of the barristers started, the ladies chuckled, and Jack Spruce and his wife kissed in open Court.

The "co-respondent" found his friends relations, and the detective and his pals were sent for trial.

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MISSIONARY EXHIBITION AT WETHERBY

A ROUNDHAY RESIDENT AND MISSIONS.

THE NAME OF WETHERBY.

The opening ceremony on Thursday of the Church missionary exhibition, held at Wetherby Town Hall, was conducted by the Rev. E. P. Doudney, M.A., vicar of Bilton. Mr. W. Wilby, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. and Miss Merry, Mr and Mrs. Hy. Crossley, Miss Groves, etc. There were also present a large contingent of people from Harrogate and other villages.

Mr Macpherson said that there had recently been published a book, entitled "Egypt in Transition," dealing with our occupation and administration of that country, with special reference to the development of the Soudan. It was stated therein that Lord Kitchener had thought it necessary, as regarded the penetrating of Christianity, to those provinces, in the interests of peace, and because at present the northern provinces are populated by Mohammedans for the most part, that it would be best that no effort should be allowed to be made there by missionaries, and so only in the southern provinces was such enterprise allowed for the southern provinces dwelt only the heathen. Without venturing to question the justice or wisdom of that decision, he would point out that sometimes things which were clear in the interests of peace in the long run had a contrary effect. As regards India, some were of opinion that had the Government been bolder, and presented Christianity along with education, we should have had less to deplore than was the case to-day. Only in the districts which were practically heathen were the missionaries to seek converts; but that was by no means the work, and they wanted to try and bring home to their fellow countrymen, Churchmen, and communicants the fact that the winning of converts was nothing less than the making known to those who had it not the most blessed knowledge they possessed—the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The missionary was doing their own work, as well as his own, and they were not true followers of Christ unless they took an interest in what their missionaries were doing. No one who read the newspapers could help but notice the fact that their old faith was being called into question, and very distressing it was to read. But on the other hand, it was very encouraging to read through the Epistles. They would have a great strengthening for their faith in listening to the talks at the courts of that character; and if they spread the Gospel to the world they would reap it back a thousand fold.

The Rev. W. H. Green said precisely a year ago in Leeds they were engaged in a similar effort, so he understood the nature of the work they had got in and the worries incidental to such an exhibition. But he brought them a very cheering lesson from their Leeds experience. They had been able to send £700 more this year to headquarters than in the previous year. It would not be true to say it was all the outcome of last year's exhibition, for some of it was due to the Swanage Conference, and to other sources; but the fact remained that to the exhibition was due something over 10 per cent. of the contributions from the parochial branches throughout the whole of the diocese. It had aroused interest, sympathy, and support aroused by the labours of the exhibition, and the interest excited by the holding of it. He trusted that the exhibition would have the same personality, and that they would have the same pleasing experience. He knew that they aimed at something more than having a successful exhibition in the way of attendances and the amount taken. The object was much more spiritual. They desired as a result of the exhibition an increase to be aroused in sympathy in the work of the foreign missions; they wanted also increased knowledge, increased responsibility, and kindled enthusiasm. Those were the objects they had before them. There was great need for a great increase of knowledge on missionary subjects. He believed in all honesty that there were few subjects upon which generally well-informed people were so ignorant as they were of foreign missions. They desired people to have an increased sense of their responsibility. Interest aroused was not sufficient. They desired also to kindle enthusiasm in the great cause of evangelising the world. The modern crusade was to carry life to the heathen countries, and not to carry death to the heathen, as did the Crusaders of old. Enthusiasm could only come through knowledge and a feeling of responsibility, and they needed little by little to lead up to this height. They must do all they could to help forward the power of that small band of missionaries endeavouring by their own power and the power of Jesus Christ to spread forth the saving knowledge which he gave them. The thought of evangelising must lift them up. If, by their exhibition they could do something towards this cause they should rejoice in the holding of it.

On Friday the Rev. G. S. Charlewood, M.A., vicar of Hunsingore, acted as chaplain, and the chair was occupied by the Rev. G. S. Lascelles, vicar of Harewood, and Rural Dean for the Wetherby Deanery.

The last-named expressed, on behalf of Mr G. Lane Fox, M.P., his great regret that he was unable to be present, and his wishes that the exhibition should be a great success.

The opening ceremony was performed by Sir Matthew Dodsworth, Bart., who said he hoped that exhibition would aid them greatly in the missionary cause in the town of Wetherby. The last syllable of the word Wetherby—bie—reminded one of the old Danish days, when they invaded the country, formed their "byes" or colonies, and then made war upon Christian residents. They were also reminded that the missionaries went to them with their Gospel in their hands, so that they were changed—that was all due to Christianity. They were not present at that exhibition merely as exhibitors or spectators, but as exhibits, telling of the victories of the Gospel of ancient times. The exhibits on the stalls reminded them of other races and nations throughout the world, all now brought so close together; a hundred years of research, invention, travel, trade, and colonisation had brought the world closer together, but in addition many of the old barriers which separated their minds had been swept away. Chinamen no longer called us "foreign devils," and we no longer looked upon Chinamen as being mere objects for a museum; they were nearer in heart. He asked them not to let the exhibition stop when the exhibition closed, but to carry the spirit of it into their daily lives. They must risk something, as the missionaries did, and give of their knowledge, money, and personal service. They needed reminding daily of Christ's claim upon their money, for everything was His in the first place. It was true that the missionary church was saving them from themselves, from the selfishness which was their chief danger. The greatest gift from God was the power of prayer, and with it they could go hand in hand with God to save the world for Him.

CROSSGATES, SEACROFT, AND HALTON MEDICAL CHARITIES.

WHAT THE DISTRICT GIVES—POOR RETURN FOR BENEFITS.

The annual meeting of Crossgates, Seacroft, and Halton Medical Charities Society was held in Cookman Inn (Hall) on Monday evening—Mr A Greenwood presiding.

Mr G. W. Beaumont, the hon. treasurer, in submitting the annual report and balance sheet, stated that at the commencement of the year there was a balance in hand of £52 12s. 5d., subscriptions amounted to £23 19s. 11d., concerts £2 6s. 8d., sales of flowers £8 3s. 6d., box at Children's Hospital, £3 10s., box at Travellers' Rest (Halton) 10s., box at Old Red Lion (Whinmoor) 7s., Crossgates Recreation Hall box 12s., Crossgates Bowling Club £2 10s., Crossgates Fisherboys' £2 8s., and Whitkirk Operatic Society £1, the total income being £106 10s. 7d. The Committee sent £30 to Leeds Infirmary, £10 to Leeds Women's and Children's Hospital, £10 to Leeds Dispensary, £3 to Whitkirk District Nursing Association, and £12 12s. 6d. was spent on "recommends." There is a balance in hand of £28 11s. 5d.

The Hon. Treasurer had prepared a statement, showing how much the district was indebted to the healing institutions of Leeds. The figures for the past twelve months were—Crossgates 9 inpatients, cost £26 10s., and 22 out-patients, cost £2 4s.—total £29. Seacroft, 4 in-patients, £17 12s., out-patients, 24, £2 8s.—total £20. Halton, 22 in-patients, £109 14s.; 33 out-patients, £3 6s.—total £103. Stanks, 2 in-patients, £9. For the district, 34 in-patients, £153 2s., and 79 out-patients, £5 14s.—total £168. Infirmary, Rev. R. Eagar, Messrs W. Holden, H. Dawson, P. S. Marsden, W. O. McLintock, and J. A. Rhodes (Whitkirk), and C. E. Fitton (Colton), Messrs L. J. Dewhirst, C.C., G. Chaffer and E. Townend (Seacroft), Rev. H. H. Malleson, Messrs E. Hawkesworth, H. Johnson, W. Popplewell, and R. Mills ((Crossgates), Mr J. A. Micklethwaite and other gentlemen; hon. treasurer, Mr G. W. Beaumont; hon. secretary, Mr A. Flowith, Crossgates; Committee (with power to add to their number)—Mesdames Beaumont, H. Johnson, and Greenwood, Misses Beaumont, E. Holliday, Messrs A. Greenwood, W. H. Harle, T. W. Tennant, and D. Mills (Crossgates), Mrs L. J. Dewhirst, Miss Dewhirst, Miss Townend, Miss B. Townend, and Mrs. Jenkinson (Seacroft), Mesdames E. Crosthwaite, Dockray, H. H. Giddings, F. Grover, and W. B. Pindar, and Messrs F. Hyde and G. Chaffer (Halton and Whitkirk), and Messrs J. H. Holgate and A. Goodall (Manston); hon. auditors, Messrs E. Hawkesworth and F. T. Hyde.

The hon. secretary reported that he had received £2 from Whitkirk Amateur Operatic Society.

It was stated that a sum of £10 had been set aside for "recommends" to convalescent homes, and the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer were appointed a sub-committee to deal with applications.

Mr Beaumont stated that it had been the intention to hold the annual out-door concert in July 18th, but they found that every Saturday in July was taken up with some function or other, and they recommended that the concert should not be held.

It was decided to have the annual sale of flowers on July 4th, and to arrange for an indoor concert in October.

The arrangements for ladies to make a house-to-house collection in the villages of the district were left with the hon. secretary.

GARDEN FETE AT MOOR ALLERTON HALL.

Brilliantly fine weather, charming surroundings, and a happy company of nearly 200 people combined to make a distinct success of a garden party and fete held on Saturday in aid of the Leeds Young Men's Christian Association. The enjoyable function took place in the grounds of Moor-Allerton Hall, Lidgett Lane, the residence of Mr R. Borrough Hopkins. The Lord Mayor (Mr E. A. Boutherton), the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Charles Ratcliffe), and Mr Robert Armitage, M.P., President of the Association, were unable to be present at the opening of the proceedings, but they attended later in the afternoon. An apology for absence was received from Mr John Heppir, a past-president of the Association. Mr T. Brewster Hunter, Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Council, presided in the place of Mr Armitage, and thanked Mr and Mrs Hopkins for their generosity in throwing open their delightful grounds for that garden party.

Mr W. H. Harding, who had organised the event, in a brief and direct speech, explained that they wanted to raise money. The expenditure of the Y.M.C.A. for each year was about £1,000, and the members were only able in various ways to subscribe £250. There was a subscription list, for a city like Leeds, with half a million people, of only £180 per annum from the citizens. Was it any wonder, he asked, that magistrates in other parts of Yorkshire looked in a deprecatory manner on what was going on in the underworld of Leeds. How could the partially necessary work amongst the young men be still carried on if the Association was not better supported? This subscription list from the citizens should be at least £500 per annum. The Association must have the money, and the city must not be left where it was.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr and Mrs Hopkins, on the motion of Mr J. E. Plant, seconded by Mr William Boston.

The flowers in the gardens and conservatories were greatly admired, and there was plenty of variety in the other entertainment provided before and after tea. A team of the Association's gymnasts, under Mr Mason Clarke, gave a capital display, and in addition there were sports, a concert troupe from the junior department of the Association, The Adel Reformatory School Band gave selections during the afternoon.

MR. LANE FOX, M.P., AND THE IRISH PROBLEM.

"MEN WHO SHOULD BE THEIR PRIDE."

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., speaking at the anti-Home Rule demonstration in Leeds on Saturday afternoon, said that the religious problem a few years ago in Ireland was settled, and the country was settled politically. The religious question had been again raised by the present Government, and they were bringing it to a position it had never held before. Every man who went over to Ireland, except a few irreconcilable cranks, was convinced of the necessity for maintaining the Union. He came back and said that he did not know until he went there what the Irish problem was. This feeling was shown in a letter which appeared in a newspaper the other day from Sir William Nunecy, a stalwart Radical, and an ex-M.P. for Pontefract. He said that over and over again he had voted Radical Home Rule, but since then he had been over to Ireland. He saw that they meant business, that their cause was an honest one, and that their cause was a true one. He had now changed his opinion, as many of those present would do if they had the opportunity of going over to Ireland. He (the speaker) knew from his own experience over there—and he challenged any man to contradict it—that commerce and prosperity went with Unionism and the Ulsterman. Wherever Unionists were, there prosperity, wealth, and success did not fail them. In Belfast they had the same condition which Irishmen always said came from the Union, which had raised such a great and prosperous community.

It was a community they were proud of, and it was as prosperous as any great city in this country. But compare the prosperity of Belfast with Dublin, which had the same opportunities, but was under Nationalist rule. In the one case they saw something of which Ulstermen were proud. In the other they saw what bad government could do compared to the good government in Belfast. Compare affairs in Belfast and Dublin. The slums, miserable wages, and distress in Dublin had made it a by-word in the cities of the world. That was what unionists did not want to see. That was what they wanted to avoid, and he came to ask them that day, were they going to put the efficient under the inefficient? Were they going to make them come under a Government which they knew to be corrupt and bad? Were they going to allow the British Army to be used to force these men to come under that rule? They talked about a plot of aristocratic officers! Who were those aristocrats in Belfast? They were the pick of the working men of Belfast, men who in Leeds would support the Labour party. They ought to be proud of them. They joined with the aristocrats of the drawing-rooms, but they were none the worse for that. They refused to be made parties to the bargain which the Government were trying to strike, and to allow the British Army to be used to force these men to come under that rule? They talked about a plot of aristocratic officers! Who were those aristocrats in Belfast? They were the pick of the working men of Belfast, men who in Leeds would support the Labour party. They ought to be proud of them. They joined with the aristocrats of the drawing-rooms, but they were none the worse for that. They refused to be made parties to the bargain which the Government were trying to strike, and to allow the British Army to be used to force these men to come under that rule? They were proud to be members. He wanted those present to support Ulstermen by their votes when the opportunity came, but he could not say how long this Government of limpets was going to keep that opportunity from them. Were they going to place this rule upon men who should be their pride? They were proud of them as fellow citizens. He was perfectly certain that they would not do that, and he asked them to use all their influence to prevent it, and then not any Government, or whatever completion or creed it might be, would dare to perpetrate the crime that was contemplated now—of driving on to civil war for such an unworthy and impossible object. (Applause).

AN INCIDENT AT ROUNDHAY.

I saw a quaint thing in Roundhay Park the other day (writes a correspondent). A duck was swimming proudly about with two ducklings near the margin of the Waterloo Lake. A rough-haired fox terrier caught sight of them, and stopped down to the water's edge to get a better view.

The duck immediately protested loudly, and endeavoured to get her ducklings away from what she believed to be a threatening danger. What feigned the dog's curiosity, and, after a moment's indecision, he proceeded to swim after the trio.

The cries of the alarmed mother grew more and more frantic, and soon the drake appeared on the scene. He did not seem particularly anxious to tackle the dog, however; and spectators on the bank were beginning to wonder whether the affair would have a tragic outcome, when suddenly a male swan dashed up to the rescue, hissing furiously.

He hardly gave a glance at the distressed mother, but made straight for the dog, who, after looking at his new and unexpected adversary, concluded that he had seen as much duck as he wanted for that day, and made post haste for the shore.

A THORNER THEFT CHARGE.

MISSING SHEARS.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Thomas Lekenby, a groom, was charged with stealing a pair of pruning shears, the property of Mr Samuel Bickerdike, of Thorner Grange.

Evidence was given by Mr Bickerdike that on Friday, May 29th, the prisoner came to him and asked to be given some work. He was told to start the next day. About noon the prosecutor missed a small pair of shears, which he had shown in a letter which appeared in a newspaper the other day from Sir William Nunecy, a stalwart Radical, and an ex-M.P. for Pontefract. He said that over and over again he had voted for Home Rule, but since then he had been over to Ireland. He saw that they meant business, that their cause was an honest one, and that their cause was a true one. He had now changed his opinion, as many of those present would do if they had the opportunity of going over to Ireland. He (the speaker) knew from his own experience over there—and he challenged any man to contradict it—that commerce and prosperity went with Unionism and the Ulsterman. Wherever Unionists were, there prosperity, wealth, and success did not fail them. In Belfast they had the same condition which Irishmen always said came from the Union, which had raised such a great and prosperous community.

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Mr Runciman: I have received some offers of land to be used for the purpose mentioned in the question. The Board have no power to accept such offers, but I understand the Commissioners of Woods and Forests might be able to take advantage of them. I found, however, that, in consequence of the peculiar constitutional position of the Commissioners, legal difficulties arose, and although in one case with which I persevered as an experiment I understand that the difficulties have at last been surmounted, it is clear that legislation is necessary before the Government can proceed on any considerable scale with the provision of cottages.

ACCIDENT.—Mr Robert England, landlord of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Selby, slipped while descending the steps leading from the bar in his house on Friday morning and sustained a fracture of the leg.

GASCOIGNE WOOD PARENTS' SAD BEREAVEMENT.

LITTLE SON DROWNED IN PICKERING BECK.

An inquest on the body of George Harry Thornton, son of Mr and Mrs C. J. Thornton, formerly of Gascoigne Wood, South Milford, who was drowned in the Pickering Beck, was held at Pickering before Dr. J. F. Porter (Coroner) on Thursday.

Charles J. Thornton identified the body as that of his child, who was about 4 years old. He said his son went out with other children in the field. He did not see him, however, after 1 o'clock. About 3 o'clock he was called from the station, and saw that his little boy had been taken out of the water. Efforts were made to restore animation by means of artificial respiration, and these were continued for an hour and three-quarters, but without avail. His child had frequently been chastised for going near the water, and his mother had no idea that he was playing there. She sent him out to take another child home to Brant Hill, but it seemed that instead of going there they had gone the other way to play.

Florence May Middleton stated that she was a nurse with Mr Westmoreland, of Pottre Hill. On the previous day she was on the wood bridge in Well's Walk. She saw three children playing in a grass field, and one of them went to the Beck side with a tin. She saw him fall into the water, but on going to the place she could not see anything of him. After this she went and told Mrs Westmoreland. There were no men about that she could get.

Replying to a question by the Coroner, Miss Middleton said she could not swim, and the place where the child had fallen into the water would be five feet deep. She did not think about going to tell the police.

George R. Hesp, a telegraph messenger, said he was crossing the bridge about three o'clock when he noticed looking over at the water, which was in flood, what appeared to be the body of a child floating down the stream. He noticed a red jersey, and at once gave the alarm to Mr Rod. Hey, who was passing at the time. Mr Hey run round behind the mill and called Mr Boyes, who dashed into the stream and pulled the body out. The water here would be about three feet deep. Mr Hey then went for Dr. Toke, who was soon on the spot.

Wm. Hy. Boyes, a warehouseman, of Pickering, said he was working in a warehouse near the beck when Mr Hey ran up and said there was a child in the water. He ran out at once and dashed into the water, which was about three feet deep. After getting the child out he and others started artificial respiration, but without success.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said he could not swim, but he did his best to save the child.

Superintendent Calvert said that he was present soon after the body had been taken out of the water, and testified to the efforts made to restore the child. Everything was done that could be done.

The Coroner said the case was a simple and clear one, but as sad as it was simple. He reviewed the evidence, and remarked that very great care and attention were often allowed to wander about with little or no control. This could hardly be avoided, as the father was where he ought to be, and had to earn the bread winner, as he did, while the mother had all the great responsibilities of the home to attend to. But there it was, and they would agree that every effort that could be made ought to be made to keep these children out of danger. Apart from this everything that could be done was done. Florence May Middleton, as a powerful swimmer, could hardly be expected to jump into this deep and rapid flowing water. Mr Boyes had acted as a man should act, and although a non-swimmer had plucked up courage and jumped in. His attention was drawn to a further belt which was fastened round the body. By means of the belt he got the remains to the side and then he informed Police-constable Rothwell. Witness described the body, and said that attached to the belt were two pieces of black material which had evidently formed part of a female's wearing apparel. He added that a party of two previous years had been an extra flush of water, and probably this was responsible for disturbing the body from the mud.

P.C. Leahy, Rothwell, said the remains were removed on a wheelbarrow to the Anchor Inn. On the belt was inscribed "The Leeds Surgical Supply Limited." Enquiry had been made, said the officer, but no one could establish the identity, neither had they any report of anyone being missing within the last two years.

The remains were interred at Pickering on Saturday afternoon.

HOUSING PROBLEM.—It is likely that the North-Eastern Company will build a number of houses at Selby for their employees, and so to some extent lessen the scarcity of workmen's dwellings. The company have already a number of houses on various parts of their property.

Inquiry is being made as to the workmen who would require houses, and nearly a hundred have already given in their names. The company own land at Selby near the railway lines on which cottages could be built.

SCOUTS' DEMONSTRATION AT ROUNDHAY

On Saturday the Boy Scouts of Leeds and district gave a demonstration in Roundhay Park. The proceedings began shortly before seven, when the Scouts were reviewed and inspected by the Lord Mayor (Mr E. A. Broutherton), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs Charles Ratcliffe), and was escorted by a bodyguard of patrol leaders. After the inspection the boys "rallied," and were briefly addressed by Mr Brotherton, Commissioner W. A. Radley thanked the Lord Mayor, for whom three cheers were enthusiastically given, the Scouts raising their hats on poles.

There was an excellent turn-out, all the five divisions being well represented. Varied troop work then began, and several exhibitions were given on the ground at the same time. Trek carts were paraded, and the 3-in harnessed themselves with almost as much alacrity and precision as bluejackets manning a naval gun. Most of the carts were covered, and rather resembled ambulance waggons. After marching several times round the ground the trams wheeled into line and halted in the middle, when the order was given to pitch tents. The carts were full of camp equipment, and in a very few minutes the Scouts had tent poles up, pegs driven in, and guide ropes tightened. Meanwhile in other parts of the ground a number of Scouts were erecting a "bridge" by lacing out of rough poles bound together with ropes, and another troop was giving a gymnastic display. Another example of Scout training was seen in a fire fighting exhibition. A blaze was kindled, and a bugler sounded "Water," the call which tells a cavalryman to refresh his horse. To a Scout, however, it has another significance. Informed promptly brought up several who were running out a hose-pipe as they came. The extinguishing of the fire left a good deal to the imagination, but the way the Scouts dealt with a "casualty" was realistic enough. First aid was rendered, and the "victim," swathed in bandages, was put on a bicycle stretcher, an ingenious contrivance carried by three cyclists. Afterwards a bugler sound the call to "strike" camp, and all the equipment was quickly restored to the trek carts, and the Scouts got on the march again.

The troops then formed up. With massed drum and bugle bands they marched round the ground, and by way of a finale crossed the bridge, which had taken about an hour to complete, and looked like a rigid structure. The carts were dragged across, and no doubt a regiment of soldiers could have safely passed over it. Shortly afterwards the troops marched off home, the Caledonians stepping behind their piper to the tune of "Cock o' the North."

GRUESOME FIND AT ROTHWELL

SEX UNKNOWN.

The trunk of a human body, badly decomposed, was found in the River Aire at Rothwell Haigh on Thursday. It was recovered and removed by the police to the mortuary, by the side of the canal, and an inquest was held there on Monday morning by Mr P. P. Maitland.

Edgar Sainor Crowther, a miner, living at Waterloo School House, Rothwell, stated that about 1 p.m. on Thursday he was having a ramble along the river bank, when he saw something resembling a skeleton, floating in the water close to the bank. His attention was first attracted by a leather belt which was fastened round the body. By means of the belt he got the remains to the side and then he informed Police-constable Rothwell. Witness described the body, and said that attached to the belt were two pieces of black material which had evidently formed part of a female's wearing apparel. He added that a party of two previous years had been an extra flush of water, and probably this was responsible for disturbing the body from the mud.

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Dr. Buck, who examined the remains on Saturday, gave a description of them in full. The remains, he said, were bare, and without arms. The chest was entirely open and devoid of contents. The breastbone had gone, and there was nothing but the ribs and spinal column remaining. The left leg was entirely missing below the knee, leaving only the thigh bone. It had the appearance of having been torn off. The right also was missing below the knee, evidently a stump which had been amputated some time. It was impossible to tell the sex of what remained, said Dr. Buck, but from the ribs and the pelvis he thought it was a female. It was evident from the state of decomposition that it had been in the water over a year at least.

The Coroner raised the question as to whether the doctor thought the remains were part of an anatomical specimen from some hospital.

Dr. Buck replied that if such was the case the head would have been intact, and added that the old days were passed, nowadays all such got a decent burial. He also expressed himself of the opinion that the right leg had been amputated before death. With regard to the bone found around the body, Dr. Buck expressed the opinion that it was possible it had been used to support some surgical appliance for the injured limb.

The Coroner advised the jury to say that the body was that of some person, the sex and cause of death being unknown. The jury complied.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Small amount of business transacted at the following prices: Wheat 35s. to 36s., feeding barley 24s. to 25s., oats 20s. to 21s., 150 24s. to 25s., per qr.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—For old potatoes on hand there was an increasing demand at better prices. The demand for new was fair, shipping Queens, Sand Up-to-Dates 70s. to 75s., sand King Edwards 75s. to 80s., warp King Edwards 85s. to 90s. per ton.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11 and 12 for 1s.; butter 10d. to 11d. per lb.; gooseberries 1s. 6d. to 2s. per stone; old potatoes 5d. per stone; local new potatoes from 1and 2½d. per lb.

CATTLE.

WETHERBY AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son's catalogue included 75 dairy cattle, 61 fat beasts, 110 sheep, 160 pigs, and 4 calves. A quick, dear trade for dairy cattle; best to £27 12s. 6d., medium and secondary £17 12s. 6d. to £25 7s. 6d., in-calf cavet calvers to £21 2s. 6d., July and August calvers to £23 2s. 6d. Fat cattle realised late quotations; best bullocks and heifers 7½d., good beef 7¼d., and cows to 6¾d. per lb. Bullocks to £23 17s. 6d., heifers to £22 10s., cows to £22 2s. 6d. Sheep met a good demand, prices favouring vendors. Small hoggetts brought heavier trade and ewes to 8d., lambs to 11d. per lb. Pork pigs realised less money; choice small weights 8s. to 8s. 3d., heavier kinds to 7s. 6d. per stone (14lb.); nine weeks' old stores to £4 5s., and stronger kinds to £6 6s. each. Veal calves made to £2 18s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 91 beasts, 37 sheep, and 51 pigs. The usual attendance of butchers and dealers. The prices for best beef was slightly under last week's quotations, the very best only realising 8d.; others 7¾d. and 7½d. per lb. A good demand for sheep and lambs at late rates. Pigs the same as last week. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £28 15s., fat heifers to £21 17s. 6d., fat cows to £23 5s., store cattle to £14; heifers in calf to £17 15s., fat sheep to £5; fat lambs to £1 10s. 6d., pork pigs to £4 15s., and store pigs to £1 19s. 6d.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a large number of stock at their mart. The attendance of butchers and dealers was about the same. Best beef made from 8s. 9d. to 9s. 4d., cows and heavy beef from 8s. to 8s. 3d., inferior cows and bulls made 6s. 6d. Choice shearlings from 8d. to 9d. per lb., ewes and heavy sheep 7¾d. to 8d. Lambs good to sell, from 10d. to 11d. per lb. Store pigs were dull. No pork. Fat bullocks made £19 5s., heifers to £23 10s. Numbers sold: 64 beasts and calves, 412 sheep and lambs. Two very grand fleshed bullocks from Mr Birby, Catt 17½, made £29 5s. and £28 10s.; Mr R. Dutton, Bilton had a good bullock, which made £28 10s.; a very good bullock from Mr W. L. Swindell, Dunkeswick, made £27; Mrs Otter, Hunsingore, had a good bullock and heifer, making £25 and £23 10s.; Mr C. Hawkswell, Syningthwaite, had a good bullock and heifer, making £25 and £19; Mr S. Barker, Linton, had a useful bullock, which made £20 15s. and £20 10s.; Mr R. F. Fearby, Stockeld, had five bullocks and two bullocks, which made to £20 7s. 6d.; a grand heifer from Mr W. Tindal Linton, made £22 10s.; a useful bullock from Mr J. H. Holmes made £24 5s.; two bullocks from Mr Wm. Dunnington made £23 12s. 6d., and £21 17s. 6d.; two good bullocks and a heifer from Mr W. Burniston made £24 10s., £23 17s. 6d., and £17 10s.; Mr Wm. Birby, Catt 17½, and 18½, bullocks, making £19 7s. 6d., £17 7s. 6d., and £18 7s. 6d.; two bullocks and a heifer from St. John's Institute made £24 5s., £21 15s., and £19; Mr G. Dunnill, Wighill, had two bullocks, making £20 15s. and £19 2s. 6d.; Mr B. Dunnington, Bilton, had two bullocks, making £24 15s. and £20; Mr T. Mr J. H. Dickinson, Kirk Deighton, had seven two bullocks and four heifers, making £24 10s., £19 15s., £19 5s., £18 5s., etc.; two bullocks from Mr H. Elvidge, Walton, made £20 15s. and £19 10s.; Mr R. O. Pick, Bickerton, had three good bullocks, which made £24 15s., £23 15s., and £21 10s.; Mr R. Machin, Cattal Grange, sent 20 grand sheep, making up to 65s. each; Mr J. Holmes, Spofforth, had two pens, making to 62s.; Mr T. Jackson, Cattal, had three pens to 62s.; Mr T. Lofthouse, Cattal, had three pens of choice sheep, making to 61s.; Mr W. Walker, Deighton, had two pens, making to 58s. 6d.; from Mr Bell, to 62s. 6d.; Mr R. Shomlinson, Machin junr., to 52s. 6d.; Mr R. Shomlinson, Machin junr., to 52s. 6d.; Mr J. W. Atkinson, to 53s. 6d.; Mr Spenceley, to 54s.; Mr R. Joy, to 54s.; Mr W. Atkinson, to 56s. 6d.; Mr R. Bell, to 58s.; Mr R. O. Pick, to 60s.; Mr S. Barker, to 55s.; Mr J. H. Holmes, to 52s.; Mr R. F. Fearby, to 54s. 6d. Prime lambs from Mr H. Grainger to 54s. 6d.; Mr J. N. Atkinson, 50s. 6d.; Mr R. B. Dunnington, to 57s.; Mr Isaacs, to 49s.; Mr J. Simpson, to 50s.; Mr Ibbotson, to 45s.; Mr Jewitt, to 38s.; Mr H. Elvidge, to 44s. 6d.; Mr Lister, to 38s.; Mr Cooper, to 36s., etc.

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CROSSGATES (WESLEYAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
Sunday, June 21st—
Services will be held at, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., when Sermons will be preached by
Rev. G. EDWARD YOUNG (of London).
At 2.30 p.m., H. Ernest Nichol's Cantata—
"DAY AND NIGHT,"
will be rendered in the Church by an Augmented Choir, conducted by Mr J. H. WALKER, A.R.C.O.
Monday, June 22nd
A TEA will be served in the Lecture Hall from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tickets, Ninepence each.
At 7.30 p.m., Rev. G. EDWARD YOUNG will deliver a Lecture in the School upon
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

60,285. (27th May, 1914).

Declaring Parts II, III., IV., VI., and X of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force.

ROTHWELL (YORKSHIRE) URBAN DISTRICT.

To the Urban District Council

of ROTHWELL (YORKSHIRE);—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Urban District Council of Rothwell (Yorkshire) (herein-after referred to as "the Local Authority") have, in pursuance of Section 3 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1907"), applied to Us, the Local Government Board, to declare certain Parts of the Act of 1907 to be in force in the Urban District of Rothwell (Yorkshire) (herein-after referred to as "the District");

And whereas proof has been given to Our satisfaction of the advertisement required by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Act of 1907, and at least one month has elapsed after the date of that advertisement:

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of Our powers in that behalf, We by this Order Declare, Specify, and Direct as follows; that is to say:—

ARTICLE I.—(1) On and after the day on which this Order comes into operation,—
Part II.;
Part III.;
Part IV.;
Part VI.; and
Part X.
of the Act of 1907 shall be in force in the District.

(2) Where a Section to which reference is made in the first column of the Schedule to this Order is a Section comprised in Part II., Part III., or Part IV., the Section shall be in force in the District subject to the following conditions and adaptations; that is to say:—

Unless and until We, by a further Order made on such application and after compliance with such requirements as are described and set forth in Section 3 of the Act of 1907, otherwise Declare, Specify, and Direct, the said Section, in its application to the District and in relation to the exercise of the powers and to the discharge of the duties of the Local Authority under that Section, shall have effect as if the words and figures set forth in the second column of the said Schedule opposite to the reference to that Section in the first column of that Schedule were added to and formed part of the Section.

ARTICLE II.—Within the period of three weeks immediately following the date of this Order, or, where in Our opinion the circumstances so require, within such later period as We by Order prescribe, the Local Authority shall cause this Order to be published by advertising the same once at least in one or more of the newspapers circulating in the District, and shall also cause a statement of the effect of this Order to be published in the London Gazette.

ARTICLE III.—This Order shall come into operation on the Eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

SCHEDULE.

Parts and Sections. 1.	Conditions and Adaptations. 2.
Part II.— Section Twenty-five	"The power of making or enforcing byelaws under section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Public Health Act, 1875, as extended by section twenty-three of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, with respect to the paving of yards and open spaces in connexion with dwelling-houses, other than yards and open spaces common to two or more dwelling-houses, shall cease to be exercisable."
Section Twenty-seven	(7) Nothing in this section shall apply to any temporary building erected or set up for use by the Territorial Force."
Section Thirty	"Nothing in this section shall apply to any wall or other structure in so far as the same is used either for the support of any street or public footpath, or for the protection of any street or public footpath from damage or obstruction, by reason of the surface of the street or footpath being above or below the level of the surface of the adjoining land, unless the wall or other structure was built after the street or footpath became a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large by or at the expense of a person other than the highway authority responsible for the repair of the street or footpath."
Part III.— Section Thirty-five	"This section, so far as it relates to the deposit of material, shall have effect subject to the first proviso to section ninety-one of the Public Health Act, 1875: "Byelaws made in pursuance of section seventeen of the Local Government Act, 1888, or for the prevention and suppression of nuisances shall not, in relation to any subject-matter of this section, be of any force or effect within the district."
Section Thirty-eight	"Nothing in this section shall prejudicially affect any power or right exercisable by or attaching to an owner or occupier of premises by virtue of section twenty-two of the Public Health Act, 1875, or of section eighteen of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890."
Part IV.— Section Fifty-nine	(6) Nothing in this section shall apply to a public or circulating library which is not within the district."

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-seventh day of May, in the year One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

L.S. HERBERT SAMUEL, President.

WALTER T. JERRED, Assistant Secretary.

Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th, 1914.

A decision given by a bench of Northampton magistrates is not calculated to make people fulfil their obligations to parents. When a septuagenarian applies for an old age pension he must state the amount of his income, in order that the Insurance Committee may adjudicate upon the case, and it seems that an old man, either by oversight or by design, neglected to state that his family made him a small weekly allowance, and he was in consequence summoned before the magistrates and fined. It was contended—and with reason—that the family allowance was a voluntary one, and should not be considered in the amount of income, but the justices thought otherwise, and the old man had to suffer. The decision, whether right or wrong, is an unfortunate one for old people, because it may cause families, not too well off, to withhold assistance which, in other circumstances, would have been gladly given. And can such a contribution be termed income? It is not earnings nor is it the proceeds of investments, and depends entirely on the goodwill of the people who give it. A contribution made by a charitably-inclined person might with equal reason be viewed as income. Throughout the country there must be thousands of similar cases, yet not a word has been said about them, and something should be done in order that the Northampton decision may not rule future cases, to the hart of respectable aged folks, who should not be called upon to suffer because their children are kind to them. The judgment means that septuagenarians who have worked hard and brought up families may be debarred from receiving pensions if their children make them such allowances as would put them outside the purview of the Act, and this was not intended to be the reward of the old soldier of industry. But parents cannot very well look upon contributions from children as income, as they are liable to be withdrawn at any time, and unless there is some guarantee of their continuance it seems unfair to take cognizance of them. The spirit of the Old Age Pensions Act, as we understand it, is that persons who have not a dependable income of a certain amount are entitled to the reward granted by Legisla-

sure, and the giving of the pension should not be contingent on the gifts which are given by a family from time to time. Under the Poor Law system the Guardians may recover from children in a position to pay it, the amount of out-relief given to parents, but the old age pensions have absolutely no connection with that system, and any attempt to bring a similarity of working into operation is to be deprecated.

Why do public bodies spend money in trying to create an opinion on questions with which they have no direct concern? In obtaining support to a resolution in connection with their own work a Council or Board of Guardians are acting in a perfectly legitimate way, because it is presumed that they understand the question better than outsiders, and are in a position to speak with authority, but when they attempt to create an agitation on a question which does not directly concern them they should be pulled up. A public body is not necessarily representative of the opinion of a district; in fact, it is doubtful that on many questions it in any way reflects accurately the views of the ratepayers generally, and it is, therefore, deserving of censure if it uses the public money for the purpose indicated. At their last meeting, for instance, Tadcaster Guardians were asked to give their support to a resolution in favour of increasing old age pensions, but why should Guardians, more than Parish Councils, be asked to take such a step? They are no more responsible for the administration of the Pensions Act than the Parish Councils, and the only way in which it affects their work is to reduce the amount of relief granted. Moreover, what is the value of such an opinion? It does not weigh with political parties, who alone have the power of promoting social or other legislation. Vaccination work is undertaken by Boards of Guardians, but they are no more qualified than other individuals to give an authoritative opinion on it except on its administrative side, yet how much money has been wasted in circularising Boards with respect to the conscientious objection phase. No one can say that pure beer or fiscal reform have any connection with the duties of a public administrative body, nor can it be said that one body is justified in using the ratepayers' money to promote protests against the expenditure of another. The humour of such a situation is lost upon people engaged in the agitation. Public bodies, whose work lies in other directions, have been asked to urge the Legislature to take certain action on education, employers' compensation, nationalization of railways, and even on Socialism, and probably things will go on in the old way until the official auditors call a halt by surcharging people for money expended on agitation which has not a direct bearing on their work. It would be interesting to have a return of all expenditure on printing, deputations, conferences, etc. Thousands of pounds must be thrown away annually in this way, and the results are such as to arouse the righteous indignation of the ratepayers.

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DEATHS.

BOOKER.—June 11th, 1914, at Collingham, Marj, the beloved wife of Charles Booker.

GOLDTHORP.—June 10th, at Robin Hood, Samuel Goldthorp, aged 47.

MAIS.—June 14th (acute pneumonia), at Thorner, aged 49, Frederick William Mais, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., son of the late Dr. Mais, of Thorner.

TURNER.—June 12th, at Swillington Common, William Turner, aged 74.

WAINWRIGHT.—June 13th, at Sunbeam Cottage, Whitkirk, Harriet, beloved wife of Matthew Wainwright.

WILKINSON.—June 12th, Joseph Wilkinson, at 3, Fairfax, Collingham Bridge, aged 10, eldest son of Henry and Josephine Wilkinson.

WOODALL.—On June 11th, at Brotherton, aged 62 years, Anthony Woodall, butcher.

IN MEMORIAM.

COCKERHAM (nee WARD).—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Annie, who died at Astley, June 17th, 1909.

"Gone from among us, oh, how we miss her,
Loving her dearly, her memory we'll keep;
Not until life ends shall we forget her,
Sacred to us is the place where she sleeps."

From her father, mother, sisters, and brothers.

SCARFE.—In loving memory of James Scarfe, Swillington Common, who died June 14th, 1913, aged 1457.

From wife and family.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr J. Hirst, and Mr H. Evans.

CONSERVATISM.—Under the auspices of the Normanton Division Conservative Association a successful open-air meeting was held at Rothwell on Wednesday night, the speaker being Mr Thomas Enfield. The meeting was presided over by Councillor J. Hirst.

IN THE BECK.—A sensation was caused at Rothwell on Saturday afternoon by a man who was seen acting in a strange manner in the beck which runs through the town. Owing to his actions he was apprehended by the police, but could give no clear account of himself beyond remarking that he had walked from London in two hours. The unfortunate man, who was almost wet through, was taken to the Workhouse at Rothwell Haigh and detained. According to letters found in his possession his name is Francis John Mulkey (53), a native of Dublin, and a tailor by trade. Evidently he had made his way from Leeds.

ENTERTAINERS STRANDED.—There is a pathetic ring about the story of a party of entertainers being stranded at Lofthouse Park. As is pretty well-known, this little pleasure resort has been doing poor business. Since Whitsuntide there has been a band at the Park, the performers having been engaged for the season—until October. Owing to the poor attendance of the public, however, the band have not been called upon to play regularly, and a few days ago the musicians agreed to forego their engagements on condition, so they say, that all received a certain sum and their return train fares. Only a small portion of the agreed amount, they allege, has been forthcoming, and as the performances have been abandoned and their engagements have terminated, they find themselves stranded without the wherewithal to carry them home. Accordingly, as a final effort, they arranged an entertainment at the Park "on their own" on Saturday night, with the object of raising funds for the temporary relief of their difficulties. In addition to the ten members of the band there are one or two labourers, a couple of electricians, the owner of the wonderful horse "Billy," a female employee, and others. Three of musicians come from as far afield as Glasgow—one of them managed to scrape enough together to go home by a night excursion on Friday—another hails from Cambridge, and two are from Glossop. The one in the worst plight, perhaps, is a man from Glasgow, who has his wife and little boy with him. The young woman told a pitiable tale of the privations of the family. All that her husband had received since the beginning of the engagement was 18s., and their landlady had threatened to turn them out on Monday. With tears in her eyes she told how she had had to pawn everything possible, and she said her husband had had no food on Friday and Saturday. Several others of the musicians told similar stories. One or two, having nothing wherewith to pay for lodgings, have been sleeping in the pavilion. A labourer with two little boys, who has been at the park since it opened, is absolutely "on the rocks," and it was noon on Saturday before he broke his day's fast—and then his meal consisted only of a loaf of bread and some tea, kindly provided by one of the bandsmen, himself in almost as sad a plight.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon Allerton cricketers had a match with Breffits, and the Allerton team won by six wickets. Their opponents were dismissed for 40.

HOMING.—On Saturday members of Allerton Bywater Homing Society sent 95 birds to take part in the race from Bournemouth. Results:—Booth Bros. 776 (wins 6d. pool and 5s. special), Hutchinson 775, Hall 749, Smith and Rhodes 748, 721 (wins 5s. and 1s. pools), Bescomb 683, Atkinson 681.

EJECTMENT ORDER.—At the Castleford Petty Sessions on Tuesday Mr Tadcaster, a Pontefract District Council made application for an ejectment order, under the Housing and Town Planning Act, against Mr Alfred Harding, Bowers Row, Ackhithe, Allerton Bywater. Evidence was given by Mr H. M. Driver, surveyor and sanitary inspector, that a closing order was made by the Council on the owner of the cottage, who has five defendant children. She was allowed £20 down, and 7s. 6d. a week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The attendance at Barwick School last month was excellent, the percentage being 94.07 against 90.10 for May last year. The number of scholars on the register was 159, and the average attendance 151. At Scholes School the attendance was affected by sickness, the percentage being 72.76 as compared with 92.21.

GREATEST LOCAL PREACHER.—Boggard House, Leeds, held about a thousand people, and its erection was a prophetic vision of the society of last seven years' growth. Here for seventy years the Leeds Wesleyan Conferences assembled, and here the famous meeting took place, on the 6th of October, 1813, the centenary of which has just been kept as the birthday of the Foreign Missionary Society. Among the names of the lay fathers of Leeds Methodism associated with that day was that of William Dawson, of Bernbow, the greatest local preacher Methodism ever had, who delivered the crowning speech of the occasion.

BOWERS ALLERTON

At Bowers Allerton School last month the percentage of attendance was 93.55 against 95.28 for May last year.

BIBLE CLASS.—Mr Askew, of Methley, addressed the Bible Class last Friday evening, his subject being "What Religion means to me." He gave much evidence in proof of Christ's assertion that Christians should be the "salt of the earth," to keep and render more wholesome the human race.

ALCOHOL AND RACE DEGENERACY.—The fortnightly meeting of the Mission Hall Band of Hope was held on Thursday in the open air, at a place where workmen, the congregate, and among a good number of men and women listened with appreciation to a lecture full of sound reasoning on "Alcoholism and Race Degeneracy," delivered in an impressive style by Mr W. Lockwood, of Leeds. Mr Josiah Wade presided, and, in his remarks, referred to the fact that up to about three years ago he was one of the heaviest drinkers in the district, but now, thanks to the fellowship he had found at the Mission Hall, and the influence of the Master whom they all endeavoured to follow, he was master of the drinking tendencies which once so completely held him down. Temperance solos and recitations were rendered by members of the band.

CARLTON

ANNIVERSARY.—The Carlton Wesleyan Sunday School anniversary services were continued on Sunday, when the children and teachers again sang their festival hymns. In the morning and evening sermons were preached by Mr Buckroyd, of Leeds, and at the children's service in the afternoon Mr Buckroyd also gave an address. At all the services the singing was conducted by Mr T. Hampson.

CROSSGATES

The third annual exhibition of Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society will take place on Saturday, July 25th. See advt.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Anniversary services will be held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday, and the special preacher will be the Rev. G. Edward Young, of London. In the afternoon the cantata "Day and Night" will be sung by the choir. On Monday evening Mr Young will deliver a lecture on "Some key words of Life." See advt.

OUTING.—On Saturday the members of the Crossgates branch of the League of Young Liberals had a most enjoyable outing to Whitby. The party had a saloon carriage placed at their disposal, and on the homeward journey they had a whist drive. The first prizes were won by Mrs Morgan and Mr Garner, Mr Green secured the "sealed," and Mr Steele the "booby."

THE LATE MR CASTELOW.—On Tuesday the death occurred at Beulah House, Crossgates, of Mr Ben William Castelow. Deceased, who was in his 79th year, had lived in the district for many years, and was one of the oldest residents of Crossgates. Mr Castelow was at one time the proprietor of the Old Railway Inn, Marsh Lane, Leeds. He leaves a grown-up family to mourn his loss, his wife having predeceased him.

COMPENSATION.—At Tadcaster County Court it was stated that Lucy Plows, of Manston, whose late husband was employed in connection with a threshing machine, was entitled to £122 12s. in all. His Honour allowed her £100, and her five children amounts varying from £10 to £17 12s. The money will be paid at the rate of 4s. a week to the widow (who received £3 down), and 2s. 6d. a week to each of the children.

B.W.T.A.—The Crossgates and district branch of the B.W.T.A. held the June meeting in the grounds of Whinmoor Lodge, by the invitation of Mrs Dewhirst, who presided. There was a good attendance. Mrs Carr (Halton) gave a report of the London conference, which she attended as a delegate, and Miss Embleton also addressed the meeting. Miss Dewhirst gave a recitation in every way appropriate. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs Dewhirst. Fifteen new members were enrolled. Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs Dewhirst for her hospitality, to Mrs Carr for her report, and to Miss Embleton for her inspiring address.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.—On Thursday evening a meeting was held in the Crossgates Wesleyan School premises for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a University Tutorial Class. Mr J. M. Armistead, of Whitkirk, presided, and there were between thirty and forty ladies and gentlemen present. Excellent addresses were given by Professor F. W. Moorman, of Leeds University, and Mr G. H. Thompson, secretary of the Workers' Educational Association, and others who afterwards spoke were the Chairman, Mr R. Mellor, Mr Birch, Mr Young, Mr Wood, and Mr Appleton. It was decided to form a class, and a provisional committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

PROPOSED RECREATION FIELD.—A number of residents have suggested the advisability of securing a piece of land in the centre of the village for the purpose of providing a playground for the children, who have nowhere, except the streets, to play their games. They state that in a few years the land may not be available, and they think that the time for action is now. It is suggested that Leeds Corporation should be approached by means of a petition signed by the residents, and, as regards the cost, it is believed that few, if any, people in Crossgates would object to paying the amount of a penny rate, which, it is assumed, would meet all expenditure. As the first step of proceeding, were the Corporation disinclined to take the responsibility, would be, if the owner were willing, by the villagers, through a management committee, renting the field.

RECREATION HALL BOWLERS—LADIES' DAY.—On Saturday afternoon the members of the Crossgates Recreation Hall Club invited their wives and lady friends to witness the drive, which was won by Mr J. Cowl, Mr A. Bowman being second. Mr Cowl, who is the club's captain, was presented with a smoking cabinet. After a substantial tea the ladies tried their luck on the green, and some very good play was seen. Subsequently all adjourned to the large hall, and songs and duets were given by Mrs Withy, Mrs D. Johnson, Miss E. Harrison, Mrs Goldthorpe, and Messrs. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Geo. Brook, Mr A. Withy, Mr F. Johnson, Mr J. Airey, Mr E. Coates, Mr J. Fisher, and Mr J. Cowl. Miss Fisher and Mr Preston, Mr Bacon and Mr Dixon, jun., were solo and piano duets. Miss A. Fisher was an excellent accompanist. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent.

CROSSGATES BOWLING CLUB.—The annual ladies' day in connection with this club was held on Saturday. A large number of the members with their wives and friends took advantage of the very fine day and took part in what was one of the best functions ever held by the club on the green. A mixed bowling drive, in which 20 ladies took part, was played in the afternoon, at the conclusion of which tea was provided by Mrs Ryder, of the Station Hotel, and served by herself and Miss Ryder, was partaken of. After tea the President (Mr C. Holiday) presented the prizes won in the drive, the following being the winners:—First prize, Mrs Armytage; second prize, Mrs Holliday; third prize, Mrs Morton; fourth prize, Miss Firth; fifth prize, Mrs Ryder; sixth prize, Mrs T. Firth. A pleasant and interesting feature of the proceedings was the number of children who disported themselves on the green after the fun of the bowls, and who became suddenly inspired with a desire for proficiency in the game. A number of challenges were reported which will no doubt in fulness of time fructify.

GARFORTH

RATES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday three Garforthians were summoned by the Garforth Urban Council for non-payment of the general district rate, and orders for payment were made.

WITHDRAWN.—When the charge of assault against Albert Nicholson, a miner, of Garforth, and Florence Crosbland, a single young woman, of Garforth, was called for hearing at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, the prosecutor, Thomas Kilbride, Garforth, asked the magistrates for leave to withdraw the charge, explaining that the parties were now friends again. The permission was given.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance for Garforth district last month was 90.52 as against 87.58 for May last year, and Garforth R.C. returned the highest figures, 95 against 85.78. The returns for the other Garforth schools were:—Garforth Council, mixed, 92.72 against 92.04; Garforth Council, infants, 85.12 and 88.06; East Garforth, 93.20 and 91.25; Garforth Parochial, mixed, 92.68 and 91.71; and Garforth Parochial, infants, 88.73 and 86.21.

ARDEN'S CHALLENGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Aaron Backhouse, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Monday, June 1st. P.C. Beadon stated that about 9 p.m. on the day in question he saw the defendant, who was drunk, outside the Goose Inn, Garforth, and using obscene language. There was a lot of people around at the time, and defendant was offering to fight anyone in the crowd. A fine of 15s. and costs was imposed.

ON LICENSED PREMISES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas W. J. Hepple, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk on licensed premises. P.C. Bevcor stated that about 5 p.m. on Monday, June 1st, he was in the Station Road at Garforth, when he saw the defendant, who was the worse for drink, enter the Miners' Arms. On going towards the public-house he saw Hepple being ejected by a barman. Later he was taken home by two friends. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday anniversary services were held in Garforth Wesleyan Chapel, and there were fairly good congregations. The special preacher was the Rev. G. H. Armitage, of Dewsbury, who was very popular in Garforth when he was one of the circuit ministers. At the morning service he spoke on "Walls of salvation," and at the evening service his subject was "Walls of fire." The choir gave an excellent rendering of the anthem "Wake thou that sleepest." In the afternoon Mr Armitage delivered an address to the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. Collections were made at all services for the Chapel Funds.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Walton, miner, of Stourton, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Garforth. P.C. Bevor stated that about 1.15 a.m. on Monday, June 1st, he was on the Leeds and Selby Road at Garforth Bridge, when the defendant came along on a bicycle, which was without a light. When spoken to he said the light had gone out as he was coming down the hill. The constable saw the defendant about 500 yards away, and the lamp was quite cold when he came up. After being spoken he lighted his lamp without any difficulty and rode away. A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

GARFORTH W.M. BOWLING CLUB.—On Saturday afternoon Garforth W.M. had a League match with Garforth, and it resulted in a win for the W.M. by 208 to 104. Details (Garforth W.M. names first):—Whitley (captain) 21 v. C. H. Slater 8, W. H. Monks 21 v. D. Gent 15, A. Reed 21 v. G. Walker 1, M. Morritt 21 v. T. Brownridge 4, G. Hill 21 v. T. S. Slater 4, W. Venables 21 v. A. Dickinson 21, G. Freeman 21 v. A. Mathers 18, A. Cockrem 21 v. E. Walker 5, T. Whitley 21 v. F. Walker 17, and T. Simpson 21 v. G. Randall (capt.) 13. Tomorrow (Saturday) Garforth W.M. play Batley C. and B.C. in the second round of the Yorkshire Consolation Cup on the Gipton Bowling Green.

A PONY DRIVER'S EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Booth, a pony driver, of Garforth, was summoned for riding a motor-cycle at Garforth without a licence. P.C. Jackson stated that about 6.30 p.m. on Friday last he was in Main Street, Garforth, when he saw the defendant on a motor-cycle. He stopped him and enquired whether he had a licence, and the defendant replied that he had not, as the machine belonged to someone else, but he would take it back until he obtained one. He was told he would be reported. Defendant said he had been sent to get some petrol for the bicycle, and he thought there was no harm in getting on the machine and pedalling. The engine was not running.—The officer said the engine was going, but as soon as the defendant saw him he stopped it. The Bench said they would make the fine as light as possible, and ordered the defendant to pay 2s. 6d. and costs.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At this popular house of entertainment the features in the beginning of the week were the three films "Rag Pickers of Paris," "Tapped wires," and "A healthy neighb-urhood," and they took well. For the week-end the outstanding film is "Dr. Gar-El-Hama," describing the adventures of a master criminal, and his escapades will afford plenty of excitement. "The price of thoughtlessness" and other pictures of interest complete the programme. For the first three nights of next week a thrilling and exciting production by the Gaumont Company, entitled "The Mystery of the Kaiser Cliffs" is promised, and other attractions will be "The Breed of the North," a strong two-reel drama of the Lubin Company of Western life, and "Runaway Coal horses," and "A twelve o'clock." For the week-end the principal feature will be a picture of the Fantomas series, entitled "The Tragedy of the Masked Ball," showing further adventures of this daring criminal. Other excellent films will be screened, and the patrons of the house are assured of first-rate entertainment. For times and prices see advt

POLICE SPORTS.—On Wednesday afternoon the annual match between the Skyrack Police and Garforth Tradesmen was played on the Garforth Club's ground, before a good crowd of spectators. The police gave a good batting exhibition, and the honours were carried off by P.S. Haigh, of Halton (25), and P.C. Brown, of Gildersome (34). The total was 82. Garforth Tradesmen, who won by four wickets, had the assistance of the brothers Glover and Morley, of the Garforth club, and the Glovers batted splendidly. P.C. Marph had the best bowling record for the police. The scores were:—Skyrack Police—P.C. Wilmack, b Glover, 0; P.C. Marples, c Morley, b Glover, 4; P.C. Brown, b Ward, 34; P.C. Hankinson, b Glover, 0; P.C. Hemsley, b Ward, 25; P.C. Lockett, b Hancock, 9; P.C. Otter, b Ward, 3; P.C. Bennett, b Ward, 0; P.C. Beaumont, b Ward, 0; P.C. Hutchinson, not out, 0; P.C. Hesketh, b Ward, 12; extras, 3; total, 82. Garforth Tradesmen—A. Pickersgill, c Bennett, b Marples, 0; S. Glover, b Marples, 38; W. Glover, c and b Marples, 0; A. Morley, c Otter, b Marples, 0; Williamson, b Marples, 5; T. Slater, c Haigh, b Marples, 2; Laycock, not out, 7; W. Goodall, not out, 10; extras, 3; total (6 wkts), 82. In the evening sports were held, and races for school children aroused some interest. A pig-guessing competition attracted numerous entries, and bowling at the cricketers was participated in by large numbers anxious to distinguish themselves as trundlers. Excellent selections of music were discoursed by Garforth Band, who in the evening played for dancing. The weather was all that could be desired, and the gathering proved a very enjoyable one.

GREAT PRESTON

At Great Preston School last month the per centage of attendance was 88.54 against 91.95 for May last year.

JOSEPH'S LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Joseph Simpson, a miner, of Great Preston, was summoned for having used obscene language at Kippax. P.C. Gough stated that about 6 p.m. on Monday, June 1st, he was on duty in Station Street, Kippax, and saw the defendant, who was under the influence of drink, making use of bad language. When told he would be reported, defendant said "Well, I shall have to stand it." He was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

HALTON

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Halton bowlers defeated Tadcaster by 199 to 152, and Halton Travellers scored 189 to Garforth Conservatives 168.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—At Colton School last month the percentage of attendance was 89.76 as compared with 91.53 in May last year; at Halton School, mixed, 89.62 against 85.59; and at Halton School, infants, 85.32 against 72.55.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL—ORGAN OPENING.—On Saturday, June 27th, the new organ at the Wesleyan Chapel will be opened by Mr Atkinson, of Churwell, and the preacher at the dedication service will be the Rev. George Allen, B.A., of Leeds. In the evening there will be an organ recital and public meeting. For particulars see advt.

KIPPAX

PARISH CHURCH.—A special service for women was held in the church on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by the Vicar on "The Safe Plbt."

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance for the schools in Kippax district last month was 90.62 against 92.02 for May last year. At the Boys' School it was 93.27 against 93.61; Girls' School, 90.91 against 86.44; and Infants' School, 83.99 against 85.98.

G.F.S.—The G.F.S. in connection with the Parish Church was well represented at the Girls' Friendly Society Festival which was held at Oulton on Saturday, when 22 of the members journeyed there by waggonette. The Vicar and Mrs Smith, who take a deep interest in the movement, accompanied them. Service was held in the Oulton Church, the curate in charge preaching the sermon. Tea was provided for the visitors by the Oulton friends. The five members of the Kippax Society who were presented with certificates were presented for five years' membership were as follows:—Miss Sylvia Wright, Miss Nellie Green, Miss Florence Firth, Miss Jane Logg, and Miss Sarah Handley. Seven parishes were represented at the festival.

M.P. FOR OSGOLDCROSS.—At Goole on Wednesday a two days' bazaar and garden fete in aid of the Bartholomew Hospital were opened by Mrs Holmes, of Maidenhead, the eldest daughter of Sir J. Compton-Rickett, M.P. There was a large attendance of prominent townspeople, Sir Joseph himself presiding over the proceedings. In the course of a short though interesting speech the hon. member for Osgoldcross observed that some people asked, seeing that Governments had gone so far in helping the country, why they should not help to free the pitals. It might be in the future that the hospitals of this country would be taken over by the authorities, and form one part of public service. They were always glad to get any great exhibition of individual work in this country, just as they liked to preserve the friendly societies, and there had been a great deal done in founding and conducting the hospitals of this country, which represented a monument of independence and self-sacrifice, that they would hesitate before they parted with them.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The Sunday School anniversary services were held on Sunday, and Mr W. S. Blackburn, of Astley, was the preacher for the day. His sermons were based on "Beginning well." There was, he said, a sad decline of family religion. Amidst all the work of human life there was none more suggestive than that of building. In the building of a fortune or a name, it was best always first to build an altar. Without the parent altar, the basis to work on for results of evangelical endeavour would be much less.—The children's service which was held in the afternoon was well attended. Special hymns were sung by the teachers and scholars, who had been trained by Mr Joseph Ratcliffe (choirmaster). Recitations were given by several of the scholars, under the direction of Miss Halliday and Mr George Bleasby. Mr Brown's string band (Castleford) rendered efficient service, along with the organist (Mr W. Halliday). The church was filled at the evening service, when Mr Blackburn gave a short address to mothers. The special hymns and recitations were again contributed. The parade through the village took place on Monday afternoon, and the hymns were sung at various points, led by the choir. The children had tea in the church, and afterwards each scholar was presented with a handkerchief and nuts. The public tea attracted a large company, and was served by Mrs Atha Barton, Mrs G. Goodall, Mrs E. Smales, Mrs Allerton, Miss H. Goodall, and Miss Hemingway, of Great Denton. The children played their games in a field kindly lent by Mr J. P. Howson. The street and Sunday collections realized £11 11s. 11½d.

LEDSHAM

The percentage of attendance at Ledston School last month was 86.27 against 85.45 for May last year.

METHLEY

Mr Henry E. O'Dwyer, of Hazel House, Methley, left £14,961.

MICKLEFIELD

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—At Micklefield Infants' School, singular to say, the percentage of attendance last month was precisely the same as for May last year, viz., 87.40, while in the Mixed School it was 89.49 against 92.54.

MICKLEFIELD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Tuesday the choir held their annual effort. A public tea was provided in the afternoon, and in the evening the cantata "The Rock of Ages" was rendered by the choir, conducted by the composer, Mr John O. Bilbro, of Bradford. Mr E. England, of Ledston Luck, presided. The cantata was performed in an excellent manner, and the choir very generally appreciated Mr Wilby's valuable advice which they received on previous occasions, and this no doubt greatly enhanced the value of the performance of a most difficult work. The principal parts were rendered by Miss Eva Taylor (soprano), Miss Hilda Taylor (contralto), Mr S. Wallis (tenor), Mr H. Gill (bass), and they were all splendidly sung. The soprano and contralto are promising young singers, and the way in which they rendered their parts was most creditable. Mr W. H. Hemingway presided at the organ.

Mr Witty gave an address on music and its aid to public worship, and it was greatly appreciated.

MOORTOWN

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Moortown, at home, had an easy win over Leeds St. Clement's. Scores:—St. Clement's—H. Walton 8, Hey 29, Quinn 8, Hartswaite 3, Langbonne 3, Margatroyd 0, Dalby 14, S. Walton 3, Daniels 3, Chandler 2, Wilson (not out) 1; extras 7; total 81. Moortown—Wilson 13, M. Topham 0, France (not out) 46, Layton 6, Haywood 5, A. Topham (not out) 19, extras 7; total (4 wkts.), 83.

JOULTON

ATTENDANCE.—At Oulton School, mixed department, last month, the percentage of attendance was 87.18 as compared with 95.18 in May last year, and for the infants' school 88.70 against 91.30. The percentage for the district was 90.15.

GOLF.—In the competition for the June medal at Oulton the scores were:—A. P. Bolland, 89, 9, 80; F. Denton, 100, 16, 84; W. A. Gibson, 108, 24, 84; J. T. Tomlinson, 97, 12, 85; J. W. Jeffery said he was 106, 21, 89; J. J. Brown, 113, 24, 89. 20 cards were taken out.

SCOUTS.—On Saturday a party of Scouts, numbering 30, and forming the South-East Leeds District troop, joined in the rally and demonstration of Scouts which took place in Roundhay Park as a wind-up of the National Scouting week, a report of which appears in another column.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Booth, a labourer, of Oulton, was summoned for having used obscene language. P.C. Coldwell said that on Saturday, June 6th, at about 11.45 p.m., he was on duty in Oulton Lane, Oulton, near the vicarage, when he heard the defendant shouting and quarrelling and making use of language not fit to be repeated in public.—Booth, who admitted the offence, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

ANNIVERSARY.—Anniversary services in connection with the Oulton Wesleyan Sunday School were held on Sunday. The sermons were preached by the Rev. A. T. Kennings, of Headingley College. The afternoon was devoted to a children's service, and Mr H. Bedford presided. The children, who had been trained by Mrs Penn and Miss Henslock, gave recitations, and the singing of the special hymns was also a pleasing feature. Mr W. Waddington presided at the organ, and there was an efficient string band.

G.F.S.—The annual festival in connection with the G.F.S. took place on Saturday afternoon, when about 250 members of the organization were entertained at the Hall. Representatives were present were Rothwell, Middleton, Kippax, Oulton, Great Preston, and Swillington. The clergy present included the Rev. E. G. W. Bence (vicar of Rothwell), and the Rev. H. E. Wienckie (curate), the Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar of Kippax), and the Rev. A. E. Glover (vicar of Middleton). During the afternoon a number of certificates and prizes were distributed, and later games, and dancing, to music, supplied by the Oulton Band, were indulged in. Altogether a very enjoyable time was spent.

STOURTON

A MENDICANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Harrison, an ironworker, of no fixed abode, was sent to prison for seven days for begging at Stourton on Monday.

P.S.A.—On Sunday there was a highly satisfactory attendance at the weekly P.S.A. service held in the Primitive Methodist Church. Mr H. Hemingway presided, and an interesting address was given by Mr W. Thurwell, of Rothwell. Mr Waterton was the organist.

SWILLINGTON

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—Swillington Common School has the best attendance of the schools in the district, the percentage being 95.24 against 93.10 for May last year, while the figures for the Swillington Parochial School were 91.85 against 90.

WOODLESFORD

CRICKET.—Woodlesford first had no match on Saturday, but the junior team entertained Altofts Wesleyans, and succeeded in annexing the points by a majority of six runs. The homesters batted first and secured 48, of which H. Bennett had 25 and T. Morton 11. Altofts looked like pulling off an easy victory, but the batsmen's efforts only realised 42. For Woodlesford H. Williams captured 6 for 14 and Bennett 4 for 9. Scores:—Woodlesford A—L. Taylor 2, H. Bennett 25, F. Baxter 0, L. Wilkinson 0, T. Morton 11, J. Holmes 1, H. Williams 0, J. Hamer 0, T. Collin 0, W. Carter 0, W. Madely (not out) 0, extras 3; total, 48. Altofts Wesleyans A—J. Brown 6, J. Hollis 15, W. Carter 2, C. Hampson 2, J. Gibbons (not out) 3, A. Richards 1, G. Thompson 4, T. Hopson 1, W. H. Brown 3, W. Poxon 0, T. Penney 0, extras 5; total, 42.

THOUGHT IT WAS TRIFLING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edgar Speak, a steel smelter, of Leeds, was summoned for not having a dog described as dangerous, under proper control. P.C. Broughton stated that about 4.50 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd, he saw a dog chasing sheep in a field in Carr Slade Hill, when he saw a dog chasing a sheep in a field. The defendant, who was standing at the roadside, whistled to the dog on seeing the officer. Broughton said the defendant called the dog a pomeranian, but he called it a big dog. The dog was brought into court and proved to be a pomeranian. Defendant denied that the dog was chasing sheep, and said he could have brought a witness but he thought the case was too trifling. A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

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MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P., AND THE POLICE.

There was some discussion at a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee, held at the Town Hall, Wakefield, on Wednesday—Mr T. H. Morris in the chair—on the petition of police superintendents and inspectors under the new scale of pay and conditions of service which has been adopted by the Committee. The agenda included a number of applications from officers of the ranks named for pensions to be guaranteed, and also for a joint "long-service class."

Mr Herbert Smith pointed out that it was optional for the Committee to place the officers in the "long-service class," which meant that each of the superintendents elected was put into the class would get an advance of 2s. a day, of 14s. a week, or £36 10s. a year. According to the regulations in force at present, the officers had served their time, and could retire on a pension. The proposal before the Committee was an indirect way of getting an advance of salary, and he moved that no such advance be granted. His objection also applied to the inspectors who had put in applications.

Mr E. H. Foster said it was a pity Mr Smith had been prevented by illness from attending the special Committee meeting at which the scheme had been approved. The whole matter had been considered at length, and the opinion of a large majority of the members was that it was a proper thing to allow the superintendents and inspectors to have the benefit of the "long-service class." Mr Smith argued against the principle, and not against the selection of any particular individual. Surely it was not in order for the question to be raised?

The Chairman ruled that Mr Smith's amendment was not in order as applied generally, but that the point might be raised in each individual case.

As each application came forward, therefore, Mr Smith moved, and Alderman P. H. Booth seconded, that the request be granted. The whole of the applications were granted, the amendment only securing three votes.

NEW ROAD.—The Selby Urban Council on Wednesday night received a recommendation from the Highways Committee that the Local Government Board be asked to sanction the purchase of property in Gowthorpe Street, to enable the Council to make a new road into Flaxby Road, and the sanction to a loan of £3,600 was also given in connection with the same project.

LADIES AS GUARDIANS.—At the meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians on Wednesday the old question of the constitution of the purchasing committee again came up. The House Committee had made certain statements, which Mr Jones' The potatoes supplied were not up to factory," and "Recollect that the contractors' attention be drawn to the fact that the potatoes are not satisfactory." Mr Ali. Edmanson moved that the chairman of the three committees interested in the consumption of potatoes should form the purchasing committee.—Mr Sagar-Musgrave: I think we ought to have a lady on the committee. Every potato we have found that gentlemen (including myself) know little about potatoes.—Mr Edmanson: I believe that ladies are good judges of potatoes after they are cooked, but not before the potatoes are cooked.—Mrs Percy Leigh: I wish to make a protest. I think it is too bad to bandy women's names about.—It was pointed out that no one's name had been mentioned.—Mr Sagar-Musgrave: I mentioned Miss Kitson as a member of the committee.—Mrs Leigh went on to refer to some statements which had been made regarding the politics professed by the lady Guardians, and she was called to order by the Chairman (Mr Geo. Moore), who observed that no member of the Board had treated the name of any woman lightly. Mr Mitchell thought that, in view of the continued complaints regarding the potatoes supplied, the position could not be much worse even if there was a lady on the committee. It was agreed that the new committee should consist of Mrs Booth, Mr Fearnehough, Mr Townend, and the Chairman and vice-chairman of the Board.

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

LANE FOX CUP MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

In the first round of the Lane Fox Cup Competition on Saturday afternoon eight matches will be played, and if form alone is considered it will not be difficult to forecast the results, out of frequently past performances count for nothing in these contests, and this fact should deter enthusiasts from being dogmatic as to the outcome of this stage of the tournament. One of the keenest games, if the teams give of their best, will be at Old Manston, where Tadcaster try conclusions with Crossgates Wes. In my view, Tadcaster are the strongest and more experienced combination, being self-supplied in their bowling and batting departments, but their opponents have been showing improved form, and they may have a surprise in store. Scarcroft will be expected to defeat Swillington Park, and Crossgates, unless Heaton and Bramham play above their average, should succeed at Shadwell.

Not the least interesting game will be decided at Collingham, where Representatives of the Senior and Junior Leagues meet. Garforth Wes. proved the opposition, and as they are a smart team the homesters have no easy task on. Halton Wes., at home, are confident of their ability to beat the sportsmen of Barwick, who are, however, a team to be treated with respect, and Micklefield expect a profitable journey to Cawood, but they should not overlook Milford's experience there early in the season. Garforth have to meet their old friends at Great Preston, where disaster has unexpectedly overtaken them in several games, and they will not take any liberties with their opponents. Garforth are, of course, the better combination, and the chances are in their favour. Great Preston are a plucky lot, and a surprise victory at Whitkirk is fresh in people's minds. Saxton, another team given to upsetting opponents' calculations, will be at home to South Milford, who have already proved themselves the stronger side, and, with Saxton at full strength, this should prove a good game.

LEAGUE BUSINESS.

Did the League Executive not make a mistake in passing a resolution for the reinstatement of Dalby, the Collingham groundsman? The rules provide only for the reinstatement of men who have acted as professionals, and if Dalby was not eligible to play—and I think he was—there was no need to reinstate him. All that was required was an expression of opinion that Dalby was qualified, in order to safeguard the Collingham club.

Several complaints have been made regarding the decisions of umpires in both Senior League and Junior League matches, and, singularly enough, not one of them is in relation to an interpretation of the laws of the game. They are all concerned with matters of fact, and, whilst the best men occasionally err, it is remarkable that some o' the decisions, according to the testimony of players on both sides, should have been given. Incompetency cannot fairly be charged against the umpires, because the principles of the game were not in dispute, and the only conclusion one can arrive at is that the umpires were not sufficiently alert.

MIDDLETON PARK.

Middleton Park had a League game with Barnmantalle on Saturday, and they won comfortably. Scores:—Middleton Park—Sutcliffe 15, Spink 12, Goulthorpe 9, Barraclough 11, Speak 25, G. H. Place 17, J. W. Place 1, Chrigleson 4, Richardson 3, Ramsden (not out) 4, Butler 0, extras 8; total 149. Burmantofts—Wood 20, B. Waller 10, Jackson 2, Murray 5, Rider 12, Gregory 0, Charlesworth 22, Ingram 10, J. Waller 0, Clough (not out) 11, Thompson 5, extras 5; total 101.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY.

The outstanding feature of the Senior League matches was the defeat of the unbeaten leaders of divisions 1 and 2. Comparatively few people expected that the calculations of the Farsley team, who had given every evidence of being as skilful as ever, would go under on their own ground to South Milford, and it is just possible that the Calcarians, with a small score registered against them, were over-confident. Milford batted first, and they were dismissed for the small score of 43, of which R. Sutton had 15 and E. Atkinson 11. Herbert, who made his first appearance with the Calcarians this season, bowled with remarkable effect. He had six overs, and four were maidens, and he captured 4 wickets for 3 runs. Raper secured 3 for 11 runs, Swinden one for 9, and West one for 18. So far Tadcaster had done well, but they gave a miserable batting exhibition, and 40 was the score for the 8 runs. Raper made 12 (not out), and H. Todd 10. It is evident that some of the batsmen were over-eager, for no fewer than three runs ran out. Swinden worked well for Milford, taking 5 wickets for 21, and A. Lindley claimed 2 for 16. Milford and Tadcaster are now on a level in the League table.

Church Fenton Sycamore go up a step in consequence of their victory over Church Fenton, who, it must be confessed, gave a sorry batting display, probably due to the rain-sodden pitch. They were dismissed for the paltry total of 17 (A. Foxton 7), and C. Poulter, who had five maidens in eight overs, secured four wickets for 4 runs, while E. Poulter had five wickets for 11. The Sycamore team had an easy task set them, but they lost four wickets in making 19, of which C. Poulter had to (not out). For the Bwrs. W. Dixon, in 6 overs, claimed 3 wickets for 5 runs, and Claughton had one wicket for 12.

Micklefield, after a keenly-contested game, with Gorforth, lost their position at the head of affairs in division 2. The batting on both sides was very poor, and it is difficult to account for such low scoring. Micklefield soon found the secret themselves "tied up in a knot," as the saying goes, by T. Ballance and G. Reed, and Ald. Smith, who was again the best player on his side, was the only batsman to make any stay, getting 26, and six men had not a single among them. Every credit must be given to Ballance, who opponents by over a hundred runs. For the secured six wickets for 4 runs—exceptionally fine performance, while Reed's four wickets were got at an expenditure of only ten runs. Garforth will have no easier thing in hand this season, but, despite a splendid innings of 29 not out by Sidney Glover, they lost five wickets in getting 27 runs. Ald. Smith had four wickets for 19, and J. H. Townend one for 8 runs. Micklefield, Garforth, and Scarcroft are now on the same rung of the League ladder, and they should be a fine tussle for premier position.

Scarcroft, after their failure against Micklefield, gave a great batting exhibition on the Green against Halton, who had to admit inferiority in every department of the game. The Crofters gave their opponents a merry time in the field, and when stumps were drawn at the end of the innings was finished. The total was 182, and D. Burton compiled 55—the highest figures got in the League on Saturday—Tom Toft 37, G. Stead 21, E. Johnson 18, H. Meade 13, and C. Johnson 10 (not out). C. Sunter and E. Daniel shared the bowling honours for Halton, taking, respectively, 4 wickets for 44 and 4 for 50. Faced with such a huge score the Halton team made a very plucky effort, and their total indicates that they might have done better had they had "first knock." They got on 85, and W. Smales batted remarkably well for his score of 45. G. Stead captured four of their wickets for 10 runs, and D. Burton had 5 for 27.

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Garforth Wes., who defeated Whitkirk A by six wickets, have assumed first place in division 3. Playing at home they sent Whitkirk in first on (C. Nowell 28), and they knocked up 43 for a loss of 4 wickets (J. Bulmer 14). For the winners F. Gent had five wickets for 17, and R. Brownridge 3 for 16, while for Whitkirk C. Webster secured 4 wickets for 4, and R. Kirk 6. White Wes. had 2 for 14.—Crossgates Wes. A were beaten by Crossgates A. The winners scored 117 (J. Brookes 35, H. Holliday 31, and Scored 117 (J. Brookes 35, H. Holliday 31, and Brooks 18), and A. Brook claimed five of ours for Halton, taking, respectively 4 wickets for 44 and 4 for 50. Faced with such a huge score the Halton team made a very plucky effort, and their total indicates that they might have done better had they had "first knock." They got on 85, and W. Smales batted remarkably well for his score of 45. G. Stead captured four of their wickets for 10 runs, and D. Burton had 5 for 27.

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SHERBURN'S DOINGS:

Sherburn, who in the previous week defeated Normanton Wes., somewhat easily, had a more difficult task set them on Saturday afternoon, when their opponents were Leeds Training College. The match was at Leeds, and the College scored 94 for 7 wickets and declared, Sherburn did not bat quite so well, making 54 for a loss of eight wickets, and W. Osborne contributed 25 (not out) and J. Batty 13.

ETOFTS WIN EASILY.

On Saturday afternoon Etofts had an easy victory over a Leeds eleven. The scores were:—Leeds—Swift 5, Hargate 7, Bray 0, Jackson 2, Brown 6, N. Edwards 8, Ballwill 0, Smith 2, Garnett 4, G. Edwards (not out) 2, Town 0, total 39. Etofts—Pickersgill (not out) 22, Maltby 4, Arrowsmith 2, Foster 0, Hudson (not out) 11, extras 2; total (for 3 wkts.) 41.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

League Table, including Saturday, June 13th.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossgates	5	2	3	758	858	0
Crossgates Recreation	5	1	4	667	947	0
Garforth	7	5	2	1222	1016	2
Garforth Conservatives	5	2	3	823	902	0
Garforth Wi. Men's	4	3	1	763	565	2
Ash	4	1	3	928	742	0
Halton Travellers	6	1	5	838	1142	0
Tadcaster	7	4	3	1229	1056	0

Points are given on the result of the home and home games.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

Garforth Con. v. Halton Travellers.
Crossgates Rec. v. Tadcaster.

ORDINARY.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET v. LEEDS TRAINING COLLEGE.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Leeds Training College.—T. Watkins, b Batty, 0; H Entwistle, b Potts, 44; W. Rose, run out, 0; A. Robinson, c Hodgson, b Hawley, 9; C. Crosland, b Potts, 4; H. Holliday, b Hawley, 0; J. Leach, b Hawley, 18; H. Taylor, not out, 5; extras, 4; total (for 7 wkts.); 94. Declared. Sherburn—H. Holgate, b Entwistle, 0; H. Hickman, b Robinson, 1; J. Batty, c Grace, b Entwaisle, 13; E. Lister, b Robinson, 0; J Bramley, c Holliday, b Robinson, 0; J. Bramley, c Holliday, b Robinson, 0; W. Osborne, not out, 25; J. Potts, c Leach, b Robinson, 0; D. Atkinson, c and b Robinson, 2; J. Butcher, c Grace, b Crosland, 11; H. Lister, not out, 5; extras, 6; total (for 8 wkts.), 54. Match drawn.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	5	4	1	0	8
South Milford	5	4	1	0	8
Saxton	5	2	3	0	4
Cawood	5	2	3	0	4
Church Fenton Sye.	4	1	3	1	2
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Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Micklefield	5	4	1	0	8
Scarcroft	5	4	1	0	8
Garforth	5	4	1	0	8
Halton	5	2	3	0	4
Crossgates Wes.	5	2	3	0	4
Whitkirk	5	2	3	0	4
Collingham	5	0	5	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	6	4	2	0	8
Kirk Deighton	5	4	1	0	8
Ulleskelf	5	3	2	0	6
Bramham	5	2	3	0	4
South Milford A	4	2	2	0	4
Sherburn W.R.	5	2	3	0	4
Barkston Ash	5	1	4	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Scarcroft A	5	5	0	0	10
Garforth A	5	4	1	0	8
Halton A	5	4	1	0	8
Great Preston A	6	2	4	0	4
Aberford	5	2	3	0	4
Barwick	5	1	4	0	2
Micklefield A	5	0	5	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wes.	5	4	1	0	8
Crossgates Wes. A	5	3	2	0	6
Crossgates A	5	3	2	0	6
Swillington and Colton	5	3	2	0	6
Whitkirk A	5	2	3	0	4
Halton Wes. A	5	0	5	0	0

E. D. PAWSON, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

LANE FOX CUP—FIRST ROUND.

Collingham v. Garforth Wesleyans. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and J. L. Kitching (Leeds).

Halton Wesleyans v. Barwick. Messrs H. Ward (Great Preston) and C. Atack (Micklefield).

Scarcroft v. Swillington Park. Messrs A. Thompson (Great Preston) and T. Crosland (Micklefield).

Great Preston v. Garforth. Messrs H. Johnson (Crossgates) and H. Jackson (Scarcroft).

Saxton v. South Milford. Messrs T. Amber (Church Fenton) and W. Turner (Tadcaster).

Shadwell v. Crossgates. Messrs A. Burton (Scarcroft) and S. H. Keeble (Crossgates Wesleyans).

Crossgates Wesleyans v. Tadcaster. Messrs J. Limbert (Micklefield) and T. Blackburn (Great Preston).

Cawood v. Micklefield. Messrs P. Hardcastle (Church Fenton) and Thornton (Barkston).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Kirk Deighton v. South Milford A. Messrs E. Smith (Ulleskelf) and G. Fox (Bramham).

Bramham v. Barkston Ash. Messrs W. Crosland (Barwick) and J. D. Snow (Wetherby).

Ulleskelf v. Sherburn White Rose. Messrs R. Firn (Cawood) and H. Bell (Saxton).

Aberford v. Micklefield A. Messrs G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton) and J. Fox (Swillington and Colton).

Garforth A v. Scarcroft A. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and A. Gascoigne (Kippax).

Barwick A v. Halton A. Messrs A. Bailey (Garforth) and J. W. Falkingham (Leeds).

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BARKSTON ASH v. KIRK DEIGHTON.—At Barkston Ash. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—

P.	Nicholson	b	Oxley 13.
F.	Beasley	13,	E. Linfoot 1, T. H. Raine 4, J. Beasley 1, H. Oxley 1, G. White 0, A. Swan 2, C Oxley 0, R Nicholson (not out) 1, extras, 8; total, 56. Barkston Ash—A Lazenby 8, G Liddle 8, J. White 4, E. Hills 2, J. Liddle 0, W. White 0, W. Woods 1, A. Smith 0, G. Bayston 0, A. Bayston 0, R. Bailey (not out) 2, extras 7; total 32.

SHERBURN W.R. v. BRAMHAM AT Sherburn. Scores:—Sherburn W.R.—B. Hey 1, W. Lunn 0, H. Cawthorne 2, E. Townend 0, W. Smith 18, Popplewell 0, A. Dalby, 8, E. Petch 12, C. Cooke 9, R. Yeoman 2, H. Hey 2, extras, 11; total, 55. Bramham—J. Cass 0, A. Stockdale 1, J. Wood 3, H. Shaw 1, G. Brown 9, A. Summersgill 0, D. Kerridge 7, G. Thompson 0, extras, 4; total, 36.

SOUTH MILFORD A. v. EADCASTER A.—At South Milford. Scores:—Tadcaster A.—A. Aldous 4, A. Smart 12, G. Nettleton 0, J. Hepworth 2, J. Kettlewell 12, W. Iredale 5, A. Shearsmith 5, A. Taylor 4, H. Chatfield 6, H. Taylor 5, G. Iredale (not out) 5, extras, 7; total, 79. South Milford A.—J. Hills 1, Arthur Chilton 21, C. Hey 0, L. Butcher 8, H. G. Wice 3, F. Crawford 3, B. Stainburn 0, Abt. Lindley 4, Walter Lindley 3, F. Auld 0, J. Talbot (not out) 1; extras, 5; total, 58.

SWILLINGTON AND COLTON v. HALTON WES. A.—At Colton Mill. Scores:—Halton Wes.—J. Corke 12, W. Taylor 1, A. Killerby 7, F. Popplewell 0, G. Goodall 0, G. Palmer 5, A. Taylor 0, A. Sykes 2, H. Schofield 0, E. Balmer (not out) 7, L. Townend 2, extras, 4; total, 40. Swillington—A. Dobson 4, W. Gascoigne 24, J. Southwick (not out) 6, F. Wright 2, E. Gascoigne (not out) 4; extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 42.

MICKLEFIELD A. v. SCARCROFT A.—At Micklefield. Scores:—Micklefield A.—W. Meadin 2, T. L. Dexter 1, W. Kilburn 0, A. Moakes 3, H. Goodman 0, T. Walton 7, T. Limbert 4, H. Garforth 3, W. Turner 0, Robert Wood, not out, 5; E. Clough 2, C. Ragan 2; total, 23. Scarcroft A.—J. Lindley, (not out) 15, J. Hardy (not out) 9, extra, 1; total (for no wkts.), 25.

GARFORTH WES. v. WHITKIRK A.—At Garforth. Scores:—Whitkirk A.—H. Stott 0, C. Nowell 18, W. R. Tate 6, L. Firth 2, G. White 8, R Bruce 0, G. Webb 0, E McKay 1, F. Richardson 2, A. Holliday, b Hawley, 0; J. Leach, b Hawley, 18; H. Taylor, not out, 5; extras, 4; total (for 7 wkts.); 94. Declared. Sherburn—H. Holgate, b Entwistle, 0; H. Hickman, b Robinson, 1; J. Batty, c Grace, b Entwaisle, 13; E. Lister, b Robinson, 0; J Bramley, c Holliday, b Robinson, 0; J Bramley, c Holliday, b Robinson, 0; W. Osborne, not out, 25; J. Potts, c Leach, b Robinson, 0; D. Atkinson, c and b Robinson, 2; J. Butcher, c Grace, b Crosland, 11; H. Lister, not out, 5; extras, 6; total (for 8 wkts.), 54. Match drawn.

Wigglesworth 1, E. Colley 0, H. A. Lilley 2, F. Hutchinson 0, W. Howson 2, H. Lilley 0, A. Wigglesworth 2, W. Thompson 6, E. Swales 17, H. Firth 2, H. Colley, not out, 0; total, 34.

ABERFORD V. BARWICK A.—At Barwick. Scores:—Aberford—J. Blakey 40, F. Walton 0, O. J. Griffin 6, A. Lupton 39, G. Cornell 9, J. Inman 6, Hobart Abbott (not out) 34, B. Pickles 10, W. Dickinson 0, A. Stringer 9, F. Walker 2, extras, 5; total, 154. Barwick A.—A. Robshaw 4, W. Ingham 0, W. Bell 1, J. Drake 0, J. H. Robshaw 2, G. Coulthard 1, E. Backhouse 6, F. Pullan 0, F. Scargill 6, A. Bramley 2, W. Woodhead (not out), 0; total, 45.

CROSSGATES A. V. CROSSGATES WES.—At Crossgates. Scores:—Crossgates A.—C. Wilkinson 1, F. Brookes 18, H. Holliday 31, Hague 0, Linley 0, Whitting 2, A. Curtis 1, J. Brookes 35, Glover 6, Smith 8, Walker (not out) 2, extras, 14; total, 117. Crossgates Wes. A.—Thompson 43, G. Wilbore 7, H. Brook 13, Walker 0, A. Brook 2, C. Holliday 10, Yeadon 28, Mills 8, Riley 1, Selman 2, Beaumont (not out) 3, extras, 9; total, 90.

BARKSTON ASH SENIOH LEAGUE.

TADCASTER V. SOUTH MILFORD.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—

South Milford—R Sutton, c Grimston, b Herbert, 14; H. Chilton, c Garbutt, b West, 12; E. Atkinson, c Grimston, b Swinden, 11; A. Atkinson, b Raper, 2; R. Tindall, not out, 8; J. Hodgson, b Herbert, 0; H. Heselgrave, b Raper, 0; H. Hutchenall, b Herbert, 13; H. Bissett, b Herbert, 0; C. Sutton, run out, 2; A. Lindley, b Raper, 0; extras 2; total, 43.

Tadcaster—H. Todd, b Atkinson, 2; J. P. Mason, c Chilton, b Lindley, 5; J. T. Hebden, run out, 0; G. Freer, lbw, b Atkinson, 0; J. W. Grimston, c Atkinson, b Lindley, 0; H. Herbert, run out, 0; H. Raper, not out, 12; R. Johnson, run out, 7; F. West, b Atkinson, 1; A. Swinden, b Lindley, 0; J. Garbutt, c Chilton, b Hodgson, 1; extras, 3; total, 40.

CHURCH FENTON SYC. V. CHURCH FENTON.—On Sycamore ground. Scores:—

Church Fenton—A Foxton, b C Poulter, 7; W Dixon, c E Poulter, b C Poulter, 3; A. Thompson, b E. Poulter, 0; H. Deighton, b C. Poulter, 0; F. Lakin, b E. Poulter, 0; W. D. Foxton, not out, 2; H. Claughton, b C Poulter, 0; W. Mosby, run out, 1; F. Jackson, b E. Poulter, 0; W. Fawcett, c D. Poulter, b E. Poulter, 0; G. Cawood, c C. Poulter, b E. Poulter, 2; extras, 2; total, 17.

Church Fenton Syc.—J. Harrison, b Dixon, 0; A. Myers, c Dixon, b E. Poulter, 5; R. Poulter, b Dixon, 0; C. Poulter, not out, 10; D. Poulter, b Claughton, 0; C. Whittingham, not out, 2; extras, 2; total (for 4 wkts.), 19.

GARFORTH V. MICKLEFIELD—At Garforth. Scores:—

Micklefield—Wallis, b Ballance, 4; Stone, b Ballance, 0; Tompkinson, b Ballance, 0; A. Smith, c W. Glover, b Reed, 12; Hardwick, c S Glover, b Reed, 1; J. H. Townend, b Ballance, 0; P. Taylor, b Ballance, 55; Lunn, b Reed, 0; Walton, b Ballance, 0; Hamilton, not out, 0; Simpson, b Reed, 3; extras, 2; total, 26.

Garforth—H. Prime, b A. Smith, 21; S. Glover, run out, 29; W. Williamson, b A. Smith, 4; T. Wilson, b A. Smith, 0; T. Ballance, c Lunn, b Smith, 0; A. Firth, b Townend, 1; H. Morley, not out, 0; total (for 5 wkts.), 27.

SCARCROFT V. HALTON—At Scarcroft. Scores:—Scarcroft—D. Barrett, b E. Daniel, 5; G. Thompson, b C. Sunter, 11; T. Toft, c Kitson, b Smales, 37; G. Stead, c Taylor, b Daniel, 21; H. Meade, b E. Barrett, 13; T. Johnson, b Barrett, 0; E. Johnson, c and b E. Daniel, 18; J. W. Pickersgill, c and b C. Sunter, 0; H. Toft, c Haigh, b C. Sunter, 0; W. Johnson, c Hamilton, b Simpson, b W. Benson, 2; extras, 7; total, 182.

Halton—S. Haigh, b D. Burton, 2; J. W. Kitson, c Thompson, b Burton, 2; C. Sunter, b G. Stead, 5; H. Taylor, st Atack, b Burton, 0; E. Daniel, lbw, b Burton, 0; J. Williamson, b G. Stead, 2; W. Benson, b G. Stead, 0; E. Daniel, lbw, b Burton, 9; N. Ball, c and b G. Stead, 0; M. Mason, not out, 1; W. Smales, st Atack, b Burton, 0; extras, 12; total, 85.

GREAT PRESTON V. BARWICK—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Great Preston—T. Wigglesworth, c Willkinson, b Bowes, 20; F. Wheatley, c Bowes, b Lumb, 1; W. Cockerham, c Robshaw, b Lumb, 11; A. Thompson, c Armitage, b Bowes, 5; P. Firth, b V Robshaw, 3; T. Varley, run out, 15; J. Cooper, c Robshaw, b Bowes, 0; J. Green, c Bowes, b V. Robshaw, 17; W. Oldham, lbw, b V. Robshaw, 2; E. Thackray, c Lovett, b V. Robshaw, 3; F. Greenwood, not out, 9; extras, 1; total, 87.

Barwick—W. Hartley, c Thackray, b Green, 10; F. Lumb, lbw, b Green, 19; W. Armitage, c Cockerham, b Greenwood, 0; W. Walton, not out, 28; J. Robshaw, b T. Wigglesworth, 17; G Bowes, not out, 9; extras, 6; total (for 4 wkts.), 89.

HALTON WES. V. CHURCH FENTON.—At Halton. Scores:—

Collingham—F. Whitehead, c J. A. Popplewell, b O. Bell, 0; R. C. Gibson, lbw, b Muetland, 28; R. Smithson, c O. Bell, b Murtland, 20; Allen Dalby, lbw, b Batty, 7; W. Emmerson, c Muetland, b Batty, 0; J. Stephenson, c Batty, 1; E. Dawson, c Wilson, b Batty, 0; A Dalby, b Batty, 0; A. Young, run out, 2; H. Tweddale, b Batty, 0; M. Dalby, not out, 1; extras, 3; total, 76.

Halton Wes.—C. M. Kilburn, lbw, b Dalby, 43; J. Popplewell, b Dalby, 0; A. Smith, c J. Popplewell, b A. Dalby, 0; G. D. Crosthwaite, not out, 25; A. T. Muetland, lbw, b Smithson, 12; L. Stephens, b A. Dalby, 0; J. Bell, not out, 17; extras, 7; total (for 5 wkts.), 77.

CROSSGATES WES. V. CROSSGATES.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, b Goodall, 4; G Umpleby, lbw, b Yates, 0; D. Umpleby, c Goodall,

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CHAPTER XX.

Mr. and Mrs. Colthurst, accompanied by Miss Patricia, Peter, and Pamela, all went to Brabazon Hall on the following morning. They arrived there in the course of the early afternoon, and spent a long time looking over the beautiful place. It had been unlet for a long time, and was in consequence more or less in a state of ruin. The gardens needed a great deal done to them, and the house itself showed signs of damp. It had, in short, that appearance which even the finest unused house in the world must soon present. There was a queer sort of dampness about it. It was a magnificent place, but to Pamela it seemed depressing.

"Now, you two young things come and look at everything," said Paul Colthurst. "It is here I mean you both to live after you are married."

"Oh, but we're not going to be married for ages, are we, Peter?"

"I don't know, I am sure," said Peter, "To be frank, I haven't thought much about the marriage—it's so awfully jolly being engaged. At least, that's what I feel, father."

"It would be much nicer to be married," said Miss Patricia; and at her words Peter and Pamela turned, looked at her, and laughed. Then Peter went up and put his arm round her waist.

"You are a darling," he said. "I wonder some very nice man didn't marry you long ago."

"Don't think of me, dear Peter—think of your little Pam. It will be splendid for you to be her husband."

"Of course it will, and I mean to be her husband."

"Come and walk with me, Peter," said Miss Patricia, suddenly. "I have something I want to say to you.

"Yes, do go round the grounds, Pete," exclaimed Pamela; "then mother and father and I will have more time to walk round the house and look at everything and see what changes are necessary."

"Oh, but there's no hurry, darling, is there?"

"Of course, not the slightest," said Pamela. She entered the house, her hand resting on Paul's arm, and Mrs. Colthurst trotted by the side of the pair. Not yet had Mrs. Colthurst breathed a word to Pamela of her last conversation with Miss Patricia. As she said to her husband, she could not bring herself to do it, and she considered the old lady very fussy on the subject.

Meanwhile, Miss Patricia was quite determined not to let the grass grow under her feet. The day before Pamela had described at lunch the young whom she had invited within the grounds.

"The saddest, queerest, most sordid, most terrible face I have ever encountered," said Pamela; "and I think—I think I did him good. I felt that I must try to do him good."

"Pamela knows what she is about, Pat," Paul had remarked. Then he told the incident of Pamela's shaking hands with the tramp, and of the man's daring to stoop down and kiss her hand. Pamela's mother and Paul were quite touched by the story, and Paul said that if he met the poor tramp he would do something for him. But Miss Patricia did not feel easy in her mind. In her heart of hearts she agreed with Peter. Pamela must be careful; she must not let unknown people inside the grounds. It seemed to Miss Patricia that she must be a very wicked old woman to attribute wrong motives to this harmless tramp, as she would call him, if she could not help connecting him with Thomas Oswald.

"Thomas Oswald means mischief, and he will use his own tools," thought the poor lady. Perceiving, therefore, that, notwithstanding all her words, Mrs. Colthurst had said nothing to her daughter about a speedy marriage, Miss Patricia made up her mind to assail the fortress in its most defenceless part. She would attack Peter—the ardent young lover. She would say to him: "Is it possible, open he eyes to the danger of delay, and she would use every effort in her power to persuade him of the wisdom of a marriage as early a date as possible.

"You will have a nice time when you come to live here, Peter," she said, as the two men rambled away together.

"Well," said the boy, "as far as I am concerned, the place is too big. It is so very vast and lonely."

"But you can't help it, Peter, for you know, my dear, that some day, wherever your dear father dies, it will belong to you. This is a much finer and more important place than Connop Grange, and, naturally, you will keep it up in preference to Connop Grange."

"Just so!" said Peter.

"Well, there's only the 'must' of nobleoblige; but that does tell, doesn't it?"

"I suppose so," said Peter. "But to be frank with you, Miss Patricia, neither Pam nor I has the least idea of living the life of very great people. We want to have a good time, and a happy time. We want to spend as much of our money as we can spare in helping others. We don't want to hoard it. There is so much misery in the world, and Pam is so set on doing good—little darling!—that she makes me feel with her. If we come here, we will certainly transform, not the house so much as the homes of our tenants. That will take enough upon which to spend our pounds, so we won't have a vast lot to spend on ourselves."

"Peter, you rejoice my heart when you talk like that. You remind me—you remind me of—of—"

"Of whom?" asked the lad, turning and looking at the old woman with his beautiful eyes.

"Of your dear mother. She was like that. She never gave herself a thought."

"Oh, well! How I wish I could have seen my mother! You were very fond of her, weren't you?"

"I was devoted to her, Peter."

"And you were so good to me after she died—Father says I lived with you for a time until—until he married again."

"It is true that you did live with me for a time, dearest."

"You must have felt giving me up a good bit."

"Peter, it nearly broke my heart."

"You are a sort of aunt to me, aren't you?"

"Not exactly."

"Do you mind if I call you Aunt Patricia?"

"I should quite love it."

"Of it, then, Aunt Patricia, when in the far distance Pam and I come to live here you must come and live with us. You shall have your own suite of rooms, and you shall help us both. You will come, won't you?"

"I can't promise, Peter; but there's something I want to say to you.

The boy looked back. He was anxious by now to join Pamela. Miss Patricia felt that she must hasten with her story.

"Now," she said, "I am going to take you into my confidence, you have not read that very peculiar will by which you inherit all this great property?"

"No; but I've heard enough about it, in all conscience."

"I don't think you have heard quite enough. You love Pamela, and you are willing to marry her?"

"Willing to marry her! I could never look at anybody else."

"Then that is all right. But just consider, will you? Suppose, for instance, that you had not loved her, and that you had loved someone else?"

"In that case I would have married the someone else—no fear."

"In that case, then, Peter, the property—this glorious old place and Connop Grange—and all the rest of the money would never have been yours."

"Do you think I'd have given up the girl I loved for the sake of the place? Do you imagine so, even for a moment?"

"You are a dear boy. Everything has come right. You get the girl you love and the place."

"That is true," said Peter; "and, to tell you the truth, Aunt Patricia, the only thing that has ever troubled me in regard to my intimacy with Pamela is the fact that I have to take all this property along with her."

"You can't help that, Peter. It would be very upsetting and dreadful if you were to refuse. You have to take the property for your own sake, for Pamela's sake, and for your father's sake; and, last but not least, my dear boy, you have to keep out a bad man."

"What do you mean?"

"You raw Mr. Thomas Oswald the other day?"

"The scoundrel—yes!"

"Well, Peter, if you don't marry Pamela he gets the place."

Peter laughed.

"And, Peter, he is a wicked, dangerous man, and there isn't a stone he will leave unturned to prevent your marrying Pamela in order to secure the property one day for himself."

Peter laughed, and began to whistle. "Let him try his best," he said, after a pause.

"It's just like you, Peter—just like any very young man who doesn't understand the world—to make nothing of danger. But I can assure you there is danger. If the marriage between you and Pamela can be prevented by any possible means, if you reach the age of twenty-five and are not married to Pamela, nothing that you can do in the future will save the place. According to the terms of the will, you both will be given ten thousand pounds apiece; nothing more, ever. Your father, while he lives, will have the income from its derelict and decrepit estates, and eventually the whole of this vast property will go to Thomas Oswald and his family. Do you think of Thomas Oswald here? You saw him the other day at lunch; you know what sort he is. Think of him as Connop Grange! You can imagine how he pines and longs for the place. He is not a good man, Peter. I have lived in the house now for a week and all the depredations, no crime, I know he would, to prevent your marriage. Peter, I am in earnest."

"But, dear aunt, he can do nothing. Pamela and I are going to be married, and if it is really a clause of the will that we are to be married before we are five-and-twenty we will marry before I am five-and-twenty we will be seventeen. I think we would both like a year, or even longer, to be, not husband and wife, but lovers."

"Peter, it is dangerous; I want you to see it. I cannot inculcate fear into Pamela's breast; but surely, for her sake, you would guard her!"

"Of course I'd guard her. I'd fight the world for her. But I don't know what you mean."

"I must speak out," said Miss Patricia. "Thomas Oswald is the sort of man who would stoop to crime, to sin, to prevent your marrying Pamela."

Peter looked dark eyes were fixed on old Miss Ransome's face. He would stoop to crime?" he said. "What do you mean?"

"My dear boy, read the reports of the police-courts in any newspaper you like to take up, and tell me what the tendency of a modern murderer is. It's my impression—I may be wrong, but it is my strong impression—that you and Pamela are attacked, and that there will be not a stone left unturned to prevent your marriage."

Peter was silent for a minute or two. Then he said, with a light laugh: "You try to frighten me, Aunt Patricia, but, somehow, you can't succeed. However, I'll speak to Pamela and to my father, and let you know the result."

CHAPTER XXI.

Miss Patricia, during her stay with the Colthursts, began to consider that bravery was a very good thing indeed. It came firmly into her head that people who were not brave were the best off in the long run. Nothing could frighten Peter, and Paul was very nearly as bad; while Mrs. Colthurst could not be got to have the smallest degree of alarm when Miss Patricia tried to speak to her.

Paul Colthurst saw Miss Patricia a day or two after their visit to Brabazon Hall. He took her aside and put his thin shoulder.

"My dear friend," he said.

"Yes?" she answered.

"I have news for you."

"You have got at him, her face as anxious as usual.

"I have talked to Peter and Pamela; I have also talked to my dear wife, and I am pleased to say that I am quite satisfied Pamela will marry Peter at the end of August. We have not yet got Pamela's consent. She is devoted to the end of Peter, but she says she doesn't want to give up her life as a happy girl, and I cannot see why we are to frighten her into doing so."

"I will come and see you and talk to you presently. Something may be arranged for you," said Miss Patricia.

"I'm going now," said the man. He turned on his heel, and walked away.

She slouched down the path towards the gates. The gates were open, and he went out. The next minute Peter appeared in view.

"Pam, did I really see you talking to that tramp again!"

"Yes; I take an interest in him," said the girl. "I know he is very wicked, but I want him to turn from his wickedness. If he were not so wicked, I shouldn't be interested in him; and Aunt Patricia is interested too. And you are going to see him at Mrs. martin's, aren't you, auntie?"

"I think I will, dear, but I am not sure yet."

"If I were you, I would have nothing to say to him," said Peter. "The man ought not to be allowed to come into the grounds. You really ought not to do it, Pamela. He is not a fit sort. It's more than likely that he has been sent down to spy out the land. We'll have a big burglary at Connop Grange before long unless we are careful."

"Oh, I hope not," said Pamela. "But I'm not afraid of burglars," she added. "It's dull, very difficult to make me afraid of anything."

"I tell you what it is, Pamela," said Miss Patricia. "You are only fearless and brave because you are absolutely innocent. You don't know the meaning of wickedness. Now, my dear child, you want someone to look after you, and you can't have a better person than this dear young friend of mine. Why don't you both marry and be happy?"

"Of course I'll marry Peter some day," said the girl.

"But now—this summer, said Patricia.

"I don't know why everyone should want to hurry it on," said Pamela, pouting her rosy lips a trifle.

"Of course we want to hurry it on. We love you too well not to."

"It must be exactly as Pam pleases," said Peter. "Of course, if she can be married before August. If not, we will put it off until next year."

Miss Patricia went slowly back towards the house. She left the young people to discuss the question by themselves. Nobody quite knew what occurred between them, but at lunch-time that day Peter's face wore a triumphant air, while Pamela's was a trifle sad, and traces of tears were still seen round her pretty eyes.

When the meal came to an end, and the servants had withdrawn, Peter stood up, put his hand on Pamela's shoulder, and, turning round, said:

"Father, mother, Aunt Patricia, Pamela and I have good news for you. We have seceded to your wishes. We will be married on the 24th of August."

"Oh, thank Heaven for that!" said Miss Patricia.

Mrs. Colthurst was quite silent for a minute. Pamela rushed over to her mother's long bare arms round her neck, and burst into tears.

"My darling! What are you crying about?"

"Oh, nothing. I am very, very happy," was the girl's reply. But she went on sobbing at intervals, and Mrs. Miss Colthurst, like many mothers under the circumstances, was eager to talk of the trousseau, of the announcement of the engagement, of all the plans which were to be set on foot for a grand wedding. Pamela could not be got to talk anything else.

It was late that same evening when Miss Patricia went down unobserved to the village. She found that it had leaked out that she was a very old friend of Squire Colthurst's, caused her to be treated with considerable respect. The villagers were of that acute and sensible kind who invariably know a lady when they see her. A woman in magnificent clothes could not hide the fact of her low origin from their eyes, and Miss Patricia, in her plain dress, could not hide the fact from them that she was a true lady by birth.

Mrs. Lane was standing outside the door of her cottage when Miss Patricia stopped for a minute to speak to her.

"I think I know your face," she said. "You have been up at Connop Grange since I came, have you not?"

"I come up once a week regular, ma'am. I'm given a lot of the little apples to make cider. I sell 'em again, and make a tidy bit by 'em. The Squire's very good to all us folk, and what we like about him is this that he helps us to help ourselves. That's what we want. We don't want charity; we want to have the way to 'arn a bit of honest money put into our 'ands—that's what we want."

"Your Squire is the best of men," said Miss Patricia. "And what do you think of the young Squire, Mrs. Peter?"

"Ah! Bless 'is 'eart, says I!" answered Mrs. Lane.

"Well, now, I should like to ask you a few questions with regard to your neighbour, Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Martin—Israel, is not part of the property of Mrs. Pamela's underclothes for her trousseau."

"Mr. Martin, is it? The goodness of the ladies at Connop Grange to Mrs. Martin is past belief," replied Mrs. Lane. "And why? Because she's a widdy woman with a son and daughter to pervide for? I never took agen Mrs. Martin until she made a liar of that tramp in fer 'ouse. I ha' warned her agen him. It's come over me that he's a wicked 'un, if there is a wicked 'un, and that she's in danger of having her throat cut some night, maybe, or something terrible happening to her all on account of he."

"Oh, I'm sure he's not so bad as that," said Miss Patricia. "Miss Pamela Lennox has taken rather a fancy to the man, and allows him into the grounds, and she certainly would not be kind to a person who was wicked."

Mrs. Lane laughed. "Is it Miss Pamela," she said. "Why, she always did take to the 'ungry-looking ones, auntie" she was a little babe, and could hardly speak, it was the naughty boys she'd get and fuss over. They used to say that she was the gel to make the naughty boys good boys. There ain't Miss Pamela's like in any part of the country. Yes, ma'am, it is true that we love our Squire, and we respect his lady, and we love young Mr. Peter. But there's no one we love young Mr. Peter. But there's no one we love young Mr. Peter. But there's no one

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening.—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs W. T. K. Young (Aberford), H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, and H. Richardson, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The Clerk intimated that the attendance in the Garforth division for the month of April was the highest in the West Riding.—The Chairman: Capital.

Tenders wire submitted for painting work to be done at the Garforth Council Schools, and that of Mr J. Beanland (Leeds), amounting to £48, was accepted.

The tender of Mr Naylor (Garforth) for closet pans at the Council School was accepted. The amount was £2 7s.

Mr Morley, of the Garforth Council School, asked for permission to take standards 5, 6, and 7 to Hull on an educational visit, and it was granted.

A letter was read from Mr Morley concerning the building of a boundary wall at Garforth Council School.—The Chairman said that the probable cost would be about £80.—Mr Gascoigne said it should have been done when the school was built.—Mr Chappell said something would have to be done with the fence. There were gaps in it, and the children could get through at many places.—The Clerk said the cost of the wall would be borne by the county and district jointly.—It was decided to recommend to the Education Authority that the wall be built.

It was stated that the recommendation as to increasing the salary of Miss Goulden, of the Garforth Parochial School, had been adopted.

The Chairman gave a report on the cases in Garforth dealt with in the medical inspector's report at last meeting. He said that a promise had been made that every case would be attended to. All the work had been most cordially done through the teachers at his request, and he had to pay only one visit, and it was a special case.

The Clerk said Miss Young had visited the Aberford cases, and Mrs Childe had promised to look after the Barwick cases.

The Clerk reported that on Garforth evening classes there was a balance of £10 10s. 7d. in hand.

A letter was read from Mr Freeborn, of Aberford, stating that he did not see the slightest prospect of establishing evening classes there, and Mr Booth, of Barwick, said there was no possibility of carrying on an evening school at Barwick successfully.

It was decided to have a mining class at Garforth, with Mr T. H. Breed as teacher, and other classes are to be started at Garforth, under the direction of Mr Morley and Miss Barber, and at East Garforth under Mr Chadwick.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCH AT HALTON.

On Wednesday afternoon at the Irwin Arms' Green, Halton, a match took place between Barkston Ash District and Wakefield and District, the former winning by 368 to 324. Details (Barkston Ash names first):—F. Hutchinson (president) 17 v. S. Nicol (Craddocks) 21, T. Simpson (vice-president, G.W.M.) 21 v. T. Arundall (vice-president) 11, I. Semper (Crossgates) 21 v. W. E. Cawthorne (Craddocks) 4, J. Firth (Crossgates) 21 v. J. Wise (Craddocks) 10, W. Holdsworth (Crossgates) 9 v. L. A. Brown (Owlet Flying Horse) 21, T. Whitley (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. A. Shaw (Ossett Flying Horse) 13, H. Thomas (Halton) 21 v. T. Lane (Altofts) 10, A. Cockren (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. J. Ward (Ossett Flying Horse) 13, J. Barker (Garforth Conservatives) 21 v. A. B. Mellor (Normanton) 18, G. Mosby (Halton Trav.) 15 v. Dr. Schofield (Normanton) 21, F. Vince (Halton) 21 v. T. Beardsill (Normanton) 7, C. Moverley (Tadcaster) 11 v. R. Firth (Ossett Flying Horse) 21, A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster) 19 v. F. Dance (Normanton) 21, G. Hill (Garforth Working Men) 21 v. G. Hattersley (Normanton) 8, E. Waller (Garforth) 21 v. F. Hudson (Horbury Old) 17, A. Caine (Halton) 21 v. H. Stales (president) 20, W. Green (hon. sec., Halton) 21 v. J. Smith (Altofts) 5, C. Lambert (Halton) 21 v. R. Stringer (Altofts) 20, G. Cowell (Halton) 17 v. P. L. Denison (Normanton) 21, B. Smith (Halton Trav.) 7 v. T. Robinson (Normanton) 21.

Players please note that entries for the Barkston Ash Individual Merit Competition close on June 27th, to Mr W. Green, the hon. sec.

Misses Nussey, of Thorner, have given £10 to the "Bay Scouts' Endowment Fund.

Lady Hawke, of Wighill, was a prize-winner in the fruit classes at York Show on Wednesday.

Tow'on feast and sports will be held on Wednesday, and there will be a horse race and other events. See advt.

Mr J. Sunley, of South Milford, was a prominent prize-winner at the York Flower Show.

At South Milford School last month the percentage of attendance was 94.09 against 92.53 for May last year.

The marriage arranged between Mr Charles Bannatyne Findlay, Royal Horse Artillery, and Miss Violet Gunter will take place on July 30th, at St. Saviour's, Walton Street, S.W.

TRAIN SERVICE.—Commencing on July 1st the 11.5 p.m. train from Harrogate to Wetherby and 11.45 p.m. train from Wetherby to Harrogate will this summer run on Wednesdays as well as Saturdays, giving an additional night per week for passengers wishing to spend a full evening at Harrogate.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The school attendance in Sherburn district last month was excellent, the percentage being 91.32—the highest of the four districts in Garforth Division. Sutton Endowed was first with 96.49 against 93.27 in May last year, while Sherburn Girls' had a percentage of 90.85 against 91.19.

DEATH OF DR. F. W. MAIS.—On Sunday the death occurred, after a short illness, of Dr. Frederick William Mais, of Thorner. The deceased, who was 49 years of age, was well-known in the district. Dr. Mais took up the practice on the death of his father over 20 years ago. He leaves a widow, but no family. The deceased gentleman was exceedingly popular in Thorner, and the trib was evidenced during his illness, for numerous were the inquiries concerning his condition that a daily bulletin had to be posted outside the house. The news of his death was received with marked signs of grief. The funeral took place yesterday. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends, and many beautiful floral tributes were sent. It has been suggested that a permanent memorial be erected to the memory of the late doctor and his father.

SPORTS MEETING AT SAXTON.

THE WINNERS.

The annual sports at Saxton were held on Saturday, and the meeting was a very successful and enjoyable one. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Messrs T. Richardson and A. Parker, hon. secs. The Milford Junction Silver Band discoursed selections of music, and played for dancing in the evening. Results:—

100 Yards Handicap, boys under 10 years of age (parish).—1, F. Mawson; 2, F. Castle; 3, G. Bailey.

100 Yards Handicap, boys under 15 years of age (parish).—1, S. Lawn (scratch); 2, F. Bailey (6 yards); 3, G. Simpson (scratch).

100 Yards Handicap (open).—1, T. Hargrove, York (10); 2, S. Lofthouse, Selby (2).

Half Mile Cycle Handicap (open).—1, A. Milner, Brotherton (70); 2, F. Moore, Brotherton (50).

100 Yards Handicap (parish).—1, H. Clements, Scarthingwell (scratch); 2, A. Johnson, Lead Hall (12).

220 Yards Handicap (open).—1, C. Hill, Tadcaster (14); 2, C. Eastwood, Rippax (14).

One Mile Cycle Handicap (open).—1, A. Milner, Brotherton (140); 2, C. Goodyear, Marshfield.

Three-Quarter Mile Cycle Race (open).—1, A. Milner, Brotherton (70); 2, R. Shackleton, Brotherton (50).

100 Yards Married Men's Race (parish).—1, H. Strangeway; 2, J. Wood; 3, W. Fletcher.

Mile Cycle Race (parish).—1, H. Strangeway; 2, C. Lawn, Saxton.

Horse Leaping Competition (open).—C. Wellburn, Huddleston, and T. Makin, Fairburn.

Ditto (novices).—1 and 2, C. Wellburn, Huddleston; 3, A. Warrington, Bramham; 4, J. W. Lamb, Little Fenton.

On Monday a cricket match was played between Saxton and Micklefield, and the former twenty runs to the good. The following events were won by 80 to 68. The following events were won by 80 to 68.

Potato Race.—1, C. Lawn, Lead Mill; 2, J. Inman, Aberford; 3, C. Hills, Tadcaster.

100 Yards Handicap (open).—1, J. W. Garbutt, Tadcaster; 2, W. Wainwright, Sherburn; 3, Judson, Lotherton.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A FARMER.

A serious charge of cruelty to 40 sheep against Arthur Paul, farmer, of Helperthorpe, Sledmere, was investigated at Dewsbury on Tuesday. The cruelty was alleged to have been caused by packing them in a railway truck. A summons has also been issued against the North-Eastern Railway Co. in respect of the case.

It was stated by Mr Blakeley, on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, that on May 7th a cattle truck containing 40 fat sheep arrived at the Dewsbury G.N.R. Station. The truck had been partitioned off, leaving about two feet vacant. When the sheep arrived one had been trampled to death, while another was so severely crushed that it died on the way to Bierley Hill Mart. The animals had been driven by road from Mr Paul's farm to Sledmere Station, a distance of seven miles, packed into the truck, and then sent on the 60 miles journey to Dewsbury. The railway journey took over 27 hours.

Mr Blakeley stated that the partitioning of the truck would save about 4s. 10d. in the railway rate, and the magistrates had power, if they found defendant guilty, to impose a fine of £5 for every sheep ill-treated, which meant that the maximum in this case was £200.

Sergeant Barker said the inside of the reduced truck was 13ft. 6in. by 7ft. 6in., which only allowed one square yard to every four sheep.

Mr Dovey, for the defence, urged that there was no intention of being cruel on the part of the defendant. He had never previously sent sheep by rail, and he left the loading entirely to the railway company.

The magistrates reserved their decision until after hearing a summons against the North-Eastern Railway Co., and when this was heard, both cases were dismissed.

RECORD BOATING.—The brilliant weather of the past week has given a tremendous impetus to the pastime of boating at Wetherby, and the numbers of people who on Saturday and Sunday disported themselves on the river probably constituted a record for the town. Mr Richmond, who has from 40 to 50 boats and punts on the river, was kept busily employed from noon to dusk. The streets of the Wharfe at Wetherby—there is fully two miles available for boating—is one of the finest in Yorkshire, and is becoming increasingly popular with visitors from Leeds, Harrogate, and other towns.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE AND AGRICULTURE.—Mr George Nicholls, prospective Liberal candidate for the Thirsk and Malton Division, has entered upon an active campaign in the constituency, and on Tuesday night addressed a meeting of the electorate at Osbaldwick. Mr J. Windass presided. Mr Nicholls, alluding to Tariff Reform, said Mr Bonar Law's Edinburgh policy to tax manufactured goods and not tax foodstuffs meant that the farmer would have to pay more for what he bought, get no more for what he sold, and pay a minimum wage to the labourer. To the latter proposal a large section of the Tory party were pledged. From the farmers' point of view that meant absolute bankruptcy. Speaking of the effect of Tory legislation on agriculture, he asked how many farmers realised that the increase in local rates was chiefly due to the Balfour Education Act. Practically during their long period of office the Unionists did nothing for the farmers; on the other hand, the present Government had given them compensation for damage done by game and unreasonable disturbance, and had put on the statute book a measure dealing with freedom of cropping. They had made a grant in aid of light-horse breeding, and had passed the Feeding Stuffs and Fertilisers Act. Dealing with the land and housing proposals before the country, he said the Tory proposals as to a minimum wage for farm labourers advocated a Wages Board, but did nothing for farmers, whereas Mr Lloyd George's proposals included the case of the farmer by giving him security of tenure and Rent Courts. There they had something that at any rate was practical. Answering criticisms of Mr Lloyd George's finance, he said the Tory Government left the country hopelessly in debt, whereas the Chancellor, while having more money to provide for old-age pensions, the Army, the Navy, and many other things, had paid his way as he went without taxing any real necessity of the working classes. We were never better off, and the rich people had not run away as the Tories said they would because they were taxed. We were face to face every year with fresh reform or revolution, and the men who insisted on reforms were the men who saved us from revolution.

Squire of Templenewsam and Politics

POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY ELECTION.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, speaking at a Primrose League gathering at Dunscombe Park on Saturday, said he did not think he would be unduly rash if he were to prophesy the great possibility of a General Election in July next. Therefore, he was delighted to know that in the Ripon division their forces were in good fighting trim. (Applause). He wanted them to bear two things in mind with regard to Home Rule. No blame and no words could be too strong to use when they blamed the Government for the present state of things, for they were solely and entirely responsible. (Hear, hear). The second thing to bear in mind was that however bitterly they blamed the Government there was the national crisis they must consider. There was an old Latin proverb they might well remember: Sovereign law was the safety of a Republic. It was incumbent upon them, and upon all parties, to put forth their best efforts, whenever and wherever they could to try and find a solution, not merely of a party problem, but of a great national crisis. (Hear, hear). When they started to blame the Government they could very easily find reasons. There never was a Government before the present one which had tried to force their policy on the people in the face of strong opposition feeling up and down the country, and of that opposition feeling Ipswich was the latest proof. (Applause). The Government had forfeited the confidence of the people; yet they were seeking further to use the power to which they had no moral right.

What Government before had ever found it necessary to give conditional orders to the Army? Was there not sufficient self-confidence in them when the Government found it necessary to give orders to the officers, and at the same time give them the option of resigning if they did not wish to obey those orders? They all knew what had been the fruits of the Radical party's policy, and they knew that that policy was the outcome of a desire to retain salaried offices. (Hear, hear). They must not be surprised that the loyal Irish were prepared to resist to the uttermost any attempt to transfer them as a whole community from one citizenship to another, from the protection of the Union to government under a Dublin Parliament. Mr Lloyd George had had some difficulty with the doctors over the Insurance Act, but the Government would find that they could not employ the same kind of methods where the Ulstermen were concerned. In fact, they had already hopelessly broken down. There was a great deal of talk about the Amending Bill. Now, he would not say one word hostile to the chances of a peaceful settlement, but with regard to the Amending Bill he could only help feeling little faith in it. He had two reasons for his lack of faith. If the Government or Mr Asquith meant business with the Amending Bill why was it not produced long ago? The longer they played with and trifled with the people of Ulster the harder would it become to get them to consent to anything suggested as a compromise. (Hear, hear). The second reason was that he could not believe Mr Asquith would submit propositions which Mr Redmond could not agree to whilst he needed the support of Mr Redmond. (Applause). The more he thought of it the more he became convinced that what must be previous to any satisfactory settlement of the difficulty was the final judgment of the people. (Hear, hear). To them it must be submitted for final settlement.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

GRASS SKIRTS.

The women and girls in many parts of New Guinea wear a skirt of native grass, which hangs down from the waist to the knee, each piece of grass being plaited into a strong encircling belt at the top. The material may also be cocoa-nut or banana leaves, the former finely shredded with a shell. Sometimes the grass used is laid in the mud and stained black, or reddened by the juice of a root, and the three colours, red, black, and light brown, are blended very harmoniously.

ORIGIN OF "BLACKGUARD."

The earliest record of the term blackguard is in the Churchwarden's Account of St. Mary-at-Hill, London, where, under date 1532, is: "Item, received for iiij. Torches of the Black Guard iiijd." This, and the following old lines, seem to show that the name was then applied to link-boys:

"Her Cupid is a blackguard boy,
That rubs his link full in your face."

The name was also given to menial servants in the King's Kitchen. In the "Calendar of State Papers" is the following entry: "August 17th, 1558, Bir William Fitzwilliam to Mr. Secretary Cromwell: Refusal of the workmen to work for less than 6d. a day. Two of the ringleaders had been those of the time 'Black Guards' of the King's kitchen." These "Black Guards" were responsible for the cooking utensils and coals.

According to Miss Strickland, the historian, the scullions of the Royal kitchen were for many centuries clad in black, and were called the Black Guards of England.

EDIBLE INSECTS.

Certain insects, resembling the northern June bugs, are found in great quantities in the high plains about Quito, and are toasted by the natives and eaten as a delicacy. They are also sold in the streets, just as peanuts or other nuts would be. A traveller tasted one and found that it was very much like toasted bread, with no particular flavour. While this may seem a curious and perhaps repulsive form of food, it is probably no worse than a soft shell or oyster crab, which Englishmen is generally eaten while still alive. It is all a matter of custom.

FATAL DIVE NEAR MEITHLEY BRIDGE.

At the inquest at Whitwood Mere yesterday on George Calvert, bye-workman, who lodged at 3, Phillips Street, Whitwood Mere, it was stated that he and a fellow lodger, A. Parker, went for a walk on the river Calder bank, near to Methley Bridge.

Parker undressed and dived into the water, and when coming out Calvert shouted "I can't swim, but I'm coming in." He walked into the water up to his knees and then began to swim a little, but on getting to the middle of the river he began to sink. After going down a second time Parker went to his aid, and deceased gripped him round the throat.

They both swam safely Parker had to release himself, and swam to the side. He did all that he could to save Calvert, but the latter would not keep afloat.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Mrs C. A. Warwick, of Boston Spa, was a prize-winner in the poultry classes at Batley Show on Saturday.

A marriage has been arranged between Robert St. Martin Delius, Bridge House, Harewood, and Jeannie, daughter of the late Comte Bernard and Comtesse Ivan Cokas des Francs.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Miss Hetty King gives a pleasing turn. Her work as a male impersonator reveals more variety than is common to similar entertainments. She sings four songs, all with a vim and gusto so characteristic of the feminine point of view, and is a pronounced favourite. Owen Clark is a deft manipulator of most things that can be handled in his mystifying act, several of the tricks he performs having the savour of novelty. Ernie Lotinga has had provided as a setting for his comedy abilities a sketch named "Millions." Charles and Fanny Van, along with a company, are a true of typical American entertainers, whose work is inconsequent but not without humour. Others who appear are Frank le Dent, Harry Grey, Williams and Darden, and Olive Armidale.

Mr Frank Allen, the manging director of the Leeds Empire, has secured a stupendous list of star attractions for Monday next. The bill is headed by the great Leeds favourite, Maidie Scott, the comedienne who sprang into public favour in the first place by her original method of singing songs regarding family affairs. First concerned "Father and Mother," and next "Everybody works in our house, but our old man." Miss Scott is going to present an entirely new character study, entitled "The troubles of a stage-struck girl." Sharing the bill with Miss Scott is the very well-known Anglo-Scottish comedian, George French; Fred Nixon Nirdlinger presents the singing comedian Bert La Mont and his Cowboys, in a round up of mirth and melody; Fred Duprez, the American humorist; Hunter and Bob, pantomimical eccentrics; Conway Dixon and Netta Lynde, assisted by "Pip," in their artistic vocal and musical act; J. H. Scotland, the eminent bassoo, in old dialect songs; Fred Keeton, comedian; and the American Bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

This week the greater part of the entertainment at the Hippodrome consists of Austen Hurgon's revue, "Happy Days." It is throughout a bright and breezy production. The widely contrasted scenes gives an opportunity for a plentiful spread of oriental colour and the glitter of Western social life. The music by Hermann Darewski, junr., is quite appropriate. There is some really good vocalism. Prominent in a large and able company are Miss Hope Charteris, whose voice retains its beauty and power; the laughable Brothers Egbert, with their feminine contemporary in fun-making, Miss Gwennie Harcourt, Mr A. Scott Collen, and Mr Reginald Adair. The remainder of the programme is of a high standard. Clever work as acrobats is shown by the Barts Trio, who make themselves very popular. Madame Rossini and her pianist serve up popular musical numbers delectably, while Clifford Morgan gives a Kipling ballad with taste, and Herd and Gard are acceptable comedians.

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal attraction will be Colossus and the Kids. Colossus is said to be the tallest man in the world, being 8 feet high, and the Kids are described as the funniest elves ever seen, and they provide an entertainment of song and dance. Others billed to appear are La Fiori, the charming Parisian posture; The Edie Gray Trio, in a novel vocal and dancing speciality; Vera Moore, the ballad vocalist, and her sister; Dan Whitley, described as full of funnisities; Joe Hayman and Mildred Franklin in "Another mistake of Cohen's"; and pictures.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week there appears Lucilla, who gives a really wonderful performance, and is assisted by an almost human cockatoo. It is the essence of originality. Bertha Smillie, who stepped straight from the factory to the stage, has a beautiful voice, and ought to make a big name in the future. Seeley and West Trio, in a musical act, are smart, and Lee and Moss, in an acrobatic act, are good. Others appearing are Tom B. Ford, comedian, and Carl Muller, comedian.

Mr William Mellor, who was Mr Charles Budd's chief agent at the Queen's Theatres, Leeds, is now the new manager at the City Varieties. He is only a young man, but he knows his work, and his many friends will wish him success in his new sphere.

Next week at the City Varieties the programme will include Bros. Larkum, novelty comedians; Little Elsie Prince, child comedienne and dancer; Rosefield's Marionettes; Vocalties, in character songs; Fred Dunstone, comedian; James Sweeny, singing pianoboy; Seltin Trio, in an original acrobatic pot-pourri act; and the pictures "The Janitor's flirtation" and "On the breast of the tide."

Mrs M. Furniss, of Monk Fryston, was a prize-winner in the amateur classes at York Flower Show.

DOGS IN THE PARK.—The rule as to keeping dogs on leads in Roundhay Park is to be more strictly enforced than in the past. The first prosecution under the new by-laws came before Mr C. M. Atkinson at the Leeds Police Court on Friday, when Roland Hill, of Oakwood Drive, Roundhay, was ordered to pay the costs on a summons for not keeping a Pomeranian dog under proper control. The dog was running about near the Waterloo Lake, and when the defendant was warned by a park policeman he replied: "I have the dog under proper control. I will not put it on a leash for you or the City Council either. It is all nonsense talking to such fools as you. You can report me." Subsequently the defendant wrote and apologised to the Town Clerk. The magistrate said the next offender would be fined.

SHERBURN AGRICULTURAL CLUB.—On Friday evening a meeting of the Agricultural Club was held at the Red Bear Hotel, Sherburn, and Mr J. E. Cawthorn, of Elmet House, who has accepted the presidency, was in the chair. Other gentlemen present were Messrs C. A. Wilber, T. Tomlinson, T. Jones, E. Sykes, J. Atkinson, C. W. Helm, J. Smith, T. H. Bramley, C. Bramley, H. Farrar, T. Bradley, F. Bramley, C. M. Wellburn, W. Wainwright, R. Hayes, D. Greenwood, H. Hare, M. Bregden, W. Wainwright (Low Street), E. Hills, G. Hill, and the secretary (Mr C. Babelby). Mr Helm introduced the new President, and Mr Wilber welcomed him on behalf of the members. Mr Cawthorn, who has two sons at the Garforth Farm, although not a farmer, is interested in agriculture. He said he was a busy man and his time was fairly well taken up, but he would do what he could to further the interests of the club, and hoped it would be as successful and enterprising under his presidency as it had been in the past. The business was then proceeded with, and the secretary was instructed to obtain prices for coal to be placed before the Buying Committee.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Templenewsam town-planning scheme will, I understand, be ready in about two months, and then the Local Government Board will be asked to sanction the carrying of it into effect. It is not proposed to proceed with the whole scheme at once, but the work of making the road through the Primrose Valley, from Halton Hill to Cross-gates, will probably be undertaken. It is not expected that the Local Government Board will permit Leeds Corporation to take the Halton sewage works into their scheme for the purpose of driving a road through it.

Oulton-with-Woodlesford and Aberford are to give a lead to backward Garforth. Since the county nursing scheme was launched a desire has been expressed to start nursing associations at both Aberford and Woodlesford, and I have no doubt it will materialize. At Oulton-with-Woodlesford a public meeting is to be convened, and a committee, it is expected, will be formed and an association inaugurated. The residents say they won't be content with anything less than a first-class nurse, and this is the proper spirit to exhibit when starting a scheme.

Aberfordia League has come well out of the ambulance competition at Harrogate, but it seems that the ladies of Barkston Ash have something to learn from the Ripon Ladies, who scored heavily. Garforth and Rothwell men, however, distinguished themselves, and the honour of first and second positions fell to them. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago the Garforth miners' team won the Championship of the Yorkshire Mines' Ambulance Competition, and I should not be surprised were the Bingham trophy to go to Garforth. Rothwell, at one time, occupied a prominent place among ambulance teams, and it seems that they are coming again. Patience and perseverance bring their reward.

Discipline must be maintained on the farm, but the young men nowadays are inclined to jib at some of the restrictions put upon them, and it is evident that a modification will have to be made. Naturally, old farmers have no patience with young fellows who will not fall readily into their ways, and all the trouble in a case at Marston seems to have arisen owing to the servant declining to comply with the master's demand to be in the house nightly at nine o'clock. The farmer, who has seen nearly ninety years, believes in the good, old custom of "early to bed, early to rise," though it may not make the men wealthy and wise, and he had allowed the case to be brought, although he had not been in a Court before, in order that young men may learn that discipline must be maintained. When men engage themselves for a year they should know the conditions under which they are to live and work, and, having accepted them, they should honourably abide by them. They are not compelled to go to farms where the conditions are not such as would suit them.

The first steps towards the launching of a town-planning scheme for Scholes have been taken, and a small committee, appointed by the District Council, will go into the question and report. This is the only part of Tadcaster rural area in which an attempt is being made to have future building carried out on proper lines, and the scheme will be followed with interest. Without doubt the district will develop in that direction, and when Scholes gets a water supply it is not improbable that many people will desire houses in the "haven of rest."

Tar-spraying has, as Kippax people know, its disadvantages as well as its advantages. The purpose for which it is intended is to mitigate the dust nuisance, which is very necessary in these days of heavy motor traffic, but when the work is newly done it is sometimes the cause of damage to individuals. The streets are slippery, and people who do not walk carefully are apt to find themselves emulating skaters, and finally landing on their backs. A man and a girl came down on a tarred road at Kippax, and destroyed their clothes, and they claimed against the District Council for damage. It was very unfortunate for these people, and to have a nice suit or dress ruined with tar is very unsatisfying, but the District Council decline to make good their loss. They would have to prove carelessness on the part of the Council before they could succeed against them.

The square of Kippax is apparently prepared to grant a recreation ground to the children of the village, and the parish "fathers" should show no hesitancy in accepting the offer of Mr Bland, despite restrictions as to adults using the field for playing football and cricket. What the square seemingly intends is to restrict the use of the field to children only, and they will thus be taken off the streets, and be allowed to play their games without inconvenience or danger. Another field is suggested for cricket and football, and if Kippax has any chance of securing it the residents should not let it slip.

A well-known magistrate—Mr W. F. Walles-Fairbairn, of Askham Grange—is on the warpath, and he apparently wishes he was back in the "good old days." Mr Bamborough, who, I believe, is Liberal agent for Thirsk and Malton, has aroused his anger, and he writes to the newspapers concerning a statement made by Mr Bamborough "that no one on my estate dare let a room to the Liberal party for a committee room for fear of dismissal or notice to quit? If we lived in the good old days I should have the pleasure of "calling him out," and with a bit of luck, sending him to the place to which no doubt he will eventually go; but in these effete days I can't do this, but must confine myself to demanding an unqualified apology." Bribing is very popular just now, and as Mr Fairbairn cannot "call out" his opponent, why not challenge Mr Bamborough to a bout with the gloves? It would add to the gaiety of the district.

Barkston Ash is leading! The Garforth division, comprising the Kippax, Sherburn, Oulton, and Garforth districts, had again the highest attendance in the West Riding for April, and the teachers and children should be proud of the honour. All the parishes, with the exception of Kippax, Ledsham, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford, are in the Barkston Ash Division—the smallest county division in the Riding—and they are doing their duty to the ratepayers, earning more money proportionately, by way of grants, than any division in the county. In a measure, the attendance reflects an increased interest in education in the district, and that is highly satisfactory.

Complaint was made at the meeting of Rothwell District Education Committee respecting the publication of news about county mining exhibitions, and the County Council would seem to require an advertisement department. In my view, the best way of making known the granting of scholarships is by advertising in the weekly newspapers, which are read by all classes of the community, and the District Education Committees might take up the suggestion.

In a short time Roundhay, Shadwell, Crossgates, Seacroft, and Moortown, will probably be provided with canine police. It seems that several members of the Leeds force in the outlying districts have dogs of their own at present, which, with a little training, would answer the purpose admirably. It is suggested that these constables should be relieved from the burden of paying the licence on the condition that the animals are used in the service of the police. This would be purely experimental, but as the system is capable of expansion it is felt that it might be developed at a later stage by the purchase of a number of Airedale terriers. There is general agreement that the Airedale breed supplies the most useful dog for police work. The Watch Committee do not intend taking action at present, but they will likely come round to the idea. Will P.C. Towzer be provided with a uniform?

In the district motor traffic is increasing enormously and the protection of people is a primary consideration for the local authorities. An interesting discussion, having in view what occurred at the Bramham Cross Inquiry a few years ago, took place at the meeting of the Rural District Councils' Association, which referred to the Executive a resolution to consider the desirability of the powers being given to local authorities to enforce the cutting of hedges, lopping of trees, etc, where the view of traffic at cross roads or other places was obstructed, and refuse to pass plans for new buildings the erection of which would cause danger or risk either to users of motor or other vehicles or to the general public. One member objected to the resolution on the ground that it would only have the effect of encouraging scorching motorists, and would not benefit any locality. District Councils must work in accordance with new conditions, and, as motors have come to stay, it is their duty to endeavour to take all measures necessary to minimise danger on the public roads.

Many people imagine that the organisers of farm labourers have a very happy time. It is recalled that when Joseph Arch set out to do a little spade work he enraged the squires and farmers, and was sometimes roughly treated. "You'd better look out," he was frequently told at meetings, "the squire, I've heard, is going to turn the fire hose on you, and make you dry up your spouting." And did not an eminent bishop once prescribe a ducking in a horse-pond as excellent discipline for the first champion of the farm labourer. But things have not advanced much since then. It is not long since an organizer was mobbed at Wetherby and hauled for daring to preach higher wages for farm labourers.

Although the parish "fathers" have made no attempt to popularize the place, Wetherby is having a "boom" this year as a centre for recreation and enjoyment. Knaresborough, with its natural beauties and romantic associations, has hitherto overshadowed Wetherby as a place for boating, but, judging by the number of people who have lately been seen on the river, Wetherby is at last coming into its own. The excellent golf course is another source of attraction, but many of the townspeople look with a disapproving eye on Sunday recreation.

The N.E.R. Co. could, I believe, do a great deal more than it is doing to develop the district on the Wetherby line. The directors seem to be concentrating their efforts on "booming" Harrogate, but if they would, by giving cheap fares and by judicious advertising, attract more people to Scholes, Thorner, Collingham, Wetherby, and Boston Spa they would eventually bring profit to themselves.

Thorparch, the pretty little hamlet near Boston Spa has had a shock. A couple have arranged to enter the bonds of wedlock, a house had been taken, the wedding breakfast prepared, and some of the guests had actually assembled at the church; in fact, everything had gone as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell up to this point; and then a hitch occurred. The bridegroom, who had sent a bouquet to the bride, was on the way to the church when he seems to have suddenly changed his mind, and got out of the cab, taking a route that did not lead to marriage. Happily, the bride was made aware of what the man of her choice had done, and she was saved a fruitless journey to church. Of course, the villagers greatly sympathise with the lady, but it is possible the bridegroom may again change his mind.

The difficulty in regard to an entrance to the new Whitkirk recreation ground, the gift of the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., to the children, has been overcome by the squire allowing a gate to be placed on the Selby Road side of the field, and it is hoped that ere long the children will be in full possession of the field. By and bye, it may be possible to get an entrance from another street, but meantime it would be a great pity to deny the children of the district the opportunity of enjoying themselves because of the difficulty that has arisen. An entrance off Hollshaw Lane would certainly be better, in my opinion, but it is not always possible to get what one wants.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week there is an excellent programme. Maddie Scott is the most interesting personality, and she charms the audience with a new character study of a stage-struck girl. Her vivacious self-confidence, her determination to eclipse the "star" lady, and her disillusionment are depicted in a very attractive little scene, in which her sister also takes part. She also sings two of her own songs, "Father Started Work" and "The Bird in Nellie's Hat," in her most engaging manner. George French appears in the funniest make-up, and is very effective with his songs and patter, and entangled proverbs. Dialect songs are finely sung by Mr J. H. Scotland, who has a voice as well as style, and he is warmly recalled. The pleasing harmonies and quaint by-play of Bert La Mont and his cow-boys are very entertaining; there is much breezy laughter in the "Zoo Revue" of Donaldson Brothers; and Conway, Dixon, and Norris Lynde give a refined musical act. The other capable artists in a strong "bill" are Fred Dupree, Fred Keeton, and Hunter and Bob.

The amusement lover who can enjoy a good laugh is sure to find one, and a very long one, too, at the Leeds Empire, on Monday, when that exceedingly popular comedian, Ernie Mayne, will make his re-appearance, with some new songs, and other special attractions will include Cruikshank, "the fool of the family"; Van and Schenk, the great American comedy duo; Fred Edwards, assisted by May Yates, in a comedy duologue, entitled "A Savage Encounter"; O'Gorman Bros., patter comedians and expert dancers; Edward Crossland's Melody Makers, in a delightful vocal scena "The Burglar's Dream"; Briff, Braff, and Broff, comedy acrobats; Louie Tracy, the dapper dandy boy; and the incomparable American disease, Nella Webb.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal turn, "Colossus and the Kids," is provided by an Irish giant, and his children to be the largest progeny of man in the world, and his two small assistants. The children present a bright and clever entertainment. In a sketch entitled "Another Mistake of Cohen's," Joe Hayman and Mildred Franklin, Hebrew comedians, exaggerate the characteristics of their race in a most amusing manner, and without giving offence to anyone. They finish their performance with a lively medley composed of current ragtime tunes. Dan Whitby, who adopts the distinctive style of Dan Leno, is a comedian with a very mobile face. He has one or two funny and original songs, and indulges in amazing contortions between the verses. Bowden and Gordey, a trick cyclist and an acrobat, perform some surprising feats, while the Edie Gray Trio sing boisterous airs and give a smart exhibition of quick-step dancing. A good reception is given to Vera Moore, who possesses a very sweet voice that is heard to advantage in several sentimental songs. Syd Sydney, a diverting comedian, also appears.

At the Hippodrome next week Messrs Julian Wylie and Jas. W. Tate will present "I should Worry," a musical extravaganza. Besides a beauty chorus of forty girls, the artists will include Jake Friedman, Tom Payne, Ben Zeller, Bonny Browning, Vera Hilliard, Helma Ritchie, Jack Wayho, and Alec Hassell. Others in the bill are Emerson and Baldwin, the American juggling comedians; Burr and Hope, a lady, a lover, and a lamp; the Society Quartette, vaudeville entertainers; Cromo and Hamilton; and Mollie McCarthy, dainty comedienne.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week the Brothers Larkum, novelty comedians, have some excellent fun with which to regale the people of Leeds. The Finnetts, vocalists from the Isle of Man, sing some interesting character songs in an admirable way; and the Seltini Trio, in an original acrobatic pot-pourri act, provide a distinct novelty. Then there are James Sweeny, the singing pit boy, who has a couple of excellent numbers; Nat Gould, a comedian, who knows how to tickle an audience; and little Elsie Prince, a child comedienne and dancer, who has a big future before her. The pictures are also good.

Next week at the City Varieties the principal turns will be given by the Four Shades, ladies' vocal quartette, described as an absolute revelation in vocalization; and by Joe Almasia, the only jumping juggler; and Miss Yamina, the only lady Arab tumbler. Others in the bill are the Shannons, comedy duo; Quinn and Lodge, "the shoeblack and the pro."; Isa Wise, dainty comedienne; and the Finnettes, in their refined speciality act. The pictures include "A friend in need" and "The gusher."

To-morrow (Saturday) an athletic fete and amusement competition take place at Bramham Park. See advt.

LABOURERS' WAGES.—In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr Lane Fox asked the Prime Minister whether the Government proposed to appoint district land commissioners, who will themselves fix a minimum wage for the agricultural labourers in their district, and if so, what approximately would be the size of the districts which such commissioners will administer, and what would be the salary that they would receive. Mr Asquith said he was not yet prepared to announce the details of the Government's proposals on this subject.

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THE BOARD AND ROTHWELL COUNCIL.

HOMES WATER SUPPLY.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet on Wednesday afternoon, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman), Dr E. Groves, Father T. Cody, Messrs J. Butterick, D. W. Hargreaves, T. G. Conyers, J. R. Chappell, J. Bannister, E. B. Pickersgill, H. L. Pulford, W. Lunn, W Stead, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

At the meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the sub-committee appointed at the last meeting to supervise the work of repairing the water pipes reported on the work done and the Clerk further reported that in consequence the meter readings for the three weeks ended the 10th inst. showed that the average daily consumption had been reduced to 1,590.5 gallons or 580,532 gallons per year.

It was proposed that the Board of Guardians be recommended to increase their offer to the Council to £20 per annum for water required for domestic purposes at the Homes, and this was carried. It was also resolved that the sub-committee be requested to arrange if possible for another meeting with the Waterworks Committee to discuss matters further.

The committee had under consideration the invitation of the House Committee to suggest a suitable boy for the post of master's clerk at the general institution. The Clerk also submitted correspondence with the West Riding Education Committee on the subject of the release of Herbert Arrowsmith from the scholarship agreement with them in the event of his selection for the post.

It was resolved that the committee, having carefully considered the question, have come to the conclusion that in the best interests of the lad it will be advisable that Herbert Arrowsmith shall continue with and complete his scholarship training, and that the House Committee be accordingly informed that the Committee has no suitable lad to recommend for the situation.

The Clerk submitted further letters from the Bishop of Knaresborough concerning the prayers taught in the Rothwell Church Sunday School, the last one stating that the Bishop of Ripon is now at home, and that the Guardians will no doubt hear from him in due course.

It was resolved that a challenge be sent to the House Committee to play a cricket match with this Committee at the Homes on July 15th; and that if accepted the Committee also fix the day at 2.30 instead of 3 o'clock, and other arrangements be made accordingly.

An amendment was moved by Father Cody that the minute relating to the boy Arrowsmith be referred back as he thought it was a good opportunity for the boy.

Mr J. R. Chappell, in supporting the action of the Committee, said all the circumstances had been considered by the Homes Committee who thought it would be a great pity to deprive the lad of the privileges which he had under the scholarship. The Clerk had read correspondence from the West Riding Education Committee that if the lad was taken away from the school without completing the scholarship the Guardians would be liable to pay a certain sum of money, but that fact, said Mr Chappell, had not influenced him one iota.

Mr Lunn, who said he would support the amendment, said the one and only thing that animated the discussion was the best interests of the lad, and he did not think there was any keen feeling among the members present. If the minute was referred back he was of the opinion that those who had voted for the lad remaining at school might possibly change their view. He thought there was a chance of the boy getting into the institution. The opportunity the Board could give to the boy was a fine one to make a man of him.

The Chairman: What is the age of the boy?

Mr Butterick: Fourteen.

The Chairman: What is the wish of the boy?

Mr Butterick said it had been asked in the meeting. The lad was the first one to gain a scholarship, and why not then, should he have the full benefit of the same. Neither Father Cody nor any other member could say what the boy would be fitted for when he had completed his scholarship. The highest they could hope for under his present accomplishments, was an assistant, master's position, which would only be worth about £45 and rations. It was no sensible man who thought that after a lad had had a three years' scholarship at a secondary school, and a smart lad like this one, he was not going to make anything better of himself than £45 per year. He personally thought the Homes had come to the right decision, and he thought the Board would be acting wisely if they confirmed the minutes, and so give the lad a chance.

Mr Gavins also supported the amendment.

The Clerk said he thought the lad need not stand still in his education work if he took up the position. The Guardians would give him every opportunity of attending evening classes, which would add to his prospects in that or any other direction.

The amendment was carried.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Committee the workhouse master presented his report, which showed that six deaths had occurred in the institution during the fortnight. A letter was received from the baker and the cook asking permission to get married and to retain their present single appointments as a joint one. It was resolved that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the matter and report.

In consequence of the Guardians annual outing falling on the date of the next meeting of the Committee, it was resolved that the next meeting be altered to Tuesday, 30th inst.

It was also resolved to accept the challenge from the Children's Homes Committee to play a cricket match at the Homes.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Bedding operations should now be completed, and in the case of plants which were planted early, free growth will probably have commenced. Verbenas, phlox, drummondi, petunias, and pelargoniums manglesi are a few of the plants which should be pegged down. This furnishes the beds, checks evaporation, and gives a much more pleasing effect than can be obtained by allowing them to straggle about at will. The pegging down operation may be commenced as soon as the shoots commence to run. In the case of verbenas and phlox it often becomes necessary to thin out the shoots to prevent overcrowding. Hairpins make excellent pegs.

MARGUERITES.

The semi-double marguerites such as Queen Alexandra, Mrs Sanders, etc., are apt to outgrow their quarters if allowed to grow away unchecked. Any that show a tendency to run into gross growth should be cut back, a few shoots at a time. This will cause them to break into new growth and preserve a shapely appearance. A batch of cuttings may be propagated now in a cold frame. If grown on in pots until late in summer they will be found useful either for conservatory decoration, or to take the place of exhausted annuals, etc., in the flower gardens. Remove all flower buds, until free growth commences.

THE ROSE GARDEN.

Established rose trees are promising exceedingly well this year, and we shall expect to see some fine exhibits at the various shows. Where large blooms are wanted for exhibition or other special purposes, disbudding must be resorted to. Where only one bloom to a shoot is required it will usually be found expedient to retain the centre or crown bud. If two or three are to be retained the centre one should be removed, and those buds that are allowed to remain should be as near of equal size as possible. If the centre bud is left it will open a week or more before the side buds. For ordinary purposes very little disbudding is necessary. The exceptions are such varieties as Captain Hayward, which often produces as many as twenty buds on one stem. These should be reduced to three or four. In cutting rose blooms a few simple rules should be observed. In the first place they should not be cut when the sun is shining full upon them. Early morning or in the evening is the proper time to cut flowers. Those cut on Saturday will fade in a few hours. If the weather is dull this rule does not apply. Another important point is to cut the stem well back. If only short stalks are required a good length of stem should be cut with the bloom. It can be shortened afterwards. The object of this is to cause the plants to break strongly, which they are unlikely to do if only a few inches of stem is cut. Some rose growers do not cut their blooms, but prefer to allow them to remain on the plants. With this we are much in sympathy, but must point out that where this system is practised, it is advisable to cut the stems back after they have borne their first crop of flowers. This will answer the same purpose as cutting the flowers with long stalks. Insect pests are sure to prove troublesome. Frequent syringing with soap suds, soot water, or some prepared insecticide, will do much towards keeping them in check. If a hose-pipe is available, give the trees a good swilling overhead once a week.

HARDY BORDER PLANTS

Lupins, doronicums pyrethrums, and similar early flowering subjects should have their flower stems removed as soon as the flowers fade. Under generous treatment they will flower again later in the summer. Freshen up the soil around them with a fork, give a good soaking of water, and mulch with half-rotten manure. About once a fortnight give a good watering with liquid manure. Hollyhocks, delphiniums, perennial asters, rudbeckias, helianthus, and similar rapid-growing subjects all derive benefit from an occasional application of liquid manure. The value of liquid feeding is rarely appreciated at its true worth by beginners. It often makes all the difference between success and failure.

SWEET PEAS.

These ever-increasingly popular flowers promise to be a huge success this year. The mild spring was all in their favour, and where generous attention is afforded they cannot fail to give satisfaction. Here again we have a subject which requires special attention as regards the provision of suitable liquid feeding. An important point in feeding is to avoid giving strong manures when the roots are at all dry. A good soaking of clear water should be given a few hours previously. Any kind of animal manure may be used, but cow manure mixed with soot is particularly good.

THINNING FRUITS

The thinning of fruits not only prevents overtaxing the energies of the trees, but also results in much better qualities of fruits being produced. Thinning may be effected by removing superfluous shoots and branches or some of the actual fruit spurs, or by picking off superfluous fruits while they are yet too small to have imposed any considerable tax on the tree.

Perhaps the most satisfactory method of thinning the fruit is to remove all inferior or grubby specimens and enough of the remainder to leave balance to mature at suitable distances apart, say at least four inches asunder for apples, always bearing in mind that the removal of all the blossoms or very young fruits from some spurs encourages an annual instead of biennial bearing.

The thinning of currants and gooseberries, etc., does not appear to produce so marked an improvement in the fruit.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Make a large sowing of maincrop peas. Earlier sowing should be staked and earthed up as necessity arises. Growers who have not made a practice of drawing fresh soil from the sides of the rows as growth proceeds should give it a trial. They will be more than pleased with the result.

Complete the planting of cabbage, cauliflowers, broccoli, and savoys. Water the plants a few hours before lifting, preserve as many roots as possible, plant firm, using a trowell for the purpose, and when all are in give a thorough soaking of water.

Sow seed of curled kale to provide plants for filling in gaps as early crops mature.

Sow endives on a shaded border and water daily until the seedlings are an inch high. Radishes grown in a hot, dry position are rough and of strong flavour. French breakfasts, turnip-rooted and long sickle are suitable kinds for present sowing.

Sow cos lettuce and transplant seedlings from previous sowings. Injuries at the root is disastrous in the cultivation of lettuce.

Thin onions, carrots, beet, turnips, etc., before they get crowded.

Make a final sowing of Canadian Wonder kidney beans.

Keep the hoe going amongst growing crops. A loose surface spells large crops in the vegetable garden.

PLANTS IN POTS.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

These much improved flowers are now largely used for conservatory decoration. It is important that they should be provided with a free root run, and to get the best results they should be repotted before the pots get full of roots. Under good cultivation the plants that are now commencing to bloom should continue until well into the autumn. If under-potted they flower for a few weeks, and when the compost becomes exhausted flowering ceases. They require a rich, fibrous compost, and the pots should be well drained. Few plants are so greedy as the begonias, and liquid manure may with advantage be given at alternate waterings. Double varieties should be disbudded to single blooms.

QUESTIONS.

I have a rose slip, rooted in a glass jar, in silver sand and water. Would you please tell me when to pot, soil, etc.? What size of a pot? Inside rose. Also two American tree carnations that should have flowered last winter and have not. What should I do with them now? No bud showing. (Amateur).

Pot the rose into a five-inch pot, stand inside, and shade from bright sun for two or three weeks. Gradually harden off, and stand outdoor for a few weeks in August and September. Return to the greenhouse at the end of September, and give all the light possible. Drain the pot thoroughly, and place a little decayed manure over the drainage. Mix the soil as follows:—Two parts fibrous loam, 1 part leaf mould, ½ part silver sand, 1 part dried pulverised clay, and a table-spoonful of crushed old mortar.

If the carnations are growing freely they will bloom in due course. If they are weak, and do not look likely to develop flower buds, you might cut them back to within six inches of the base, and let them make a fresh start. In the latter case repot into stiff loam, a little sand, leaf-mould, a very little old manure, when new growth commences. Keep them cool, and grow in full light.

ROTHWELL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Rothwell Charity Football Cup Competition Committee was held in the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Saturday night—Mr W. Lupton presiding.

In his report, the secretary said that last season they made application to the West Riding Association asking to be affiliated with that Association instead of the Leeds and District Association. The application was granted, and he thought it had been a great benefit to them, the sixteen clubs joined the competition against six in the previous year. There had been no balance in the previous season, but there was a little for the past year, so that it would seem they were advancing in the right direction. They had a good cup to play for, while medals were provided for the finalists. There was no competition which was governed better because no matter who the clubs were who entered, they were made to play according to rules, otherwise they were thrown out altogether. With regard to certain remarks said by the Chairman at the meeting over the annual meeting of the Rothwell Parish Church Football Club, he was afraid those remarks would have done them no good.

The financial statement which was read showed a balance in hand of £10 3s. 6d. An income of £32 7s. 11d. was accounted for as follows:—Balance from the previous year £7 13s. 3½d.; semi-final at Methley £2 15s.; semi-final at Oulton £4 2s. 3d.; boys' match £1 7s.; sixteen entries £2; ten per cent of gate receipts £2 8s. 6d.; late starts, 1s.; and final Rothwell Haigh on Easter Tuesday, £12 2s. 2d. The expenditure amounted to £22 3s. 7d.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The Chairman called attention to the rules governing the competition which only apply to the Leeds and District Association, and urged the advisability of adopting new rules. It was decided that a sub-committee consisting of the president, secretary, and treasurer, be appointed to draft new rules in time for the meeting of the West Riding Association. The following dates were chosen for the rounds of the competition:—First round, Nov. 14th; second round, Dec. 12th; third round, Jan. 9th; semi-finals, Feb. 13th, and March 13th; and the final Easter Tuesday.

It was decided that £5 from the Rothwell Charity Cup be handed over to the treasurer of the Rothwell Infirmary Committee.

The comments made by Mr Walter Wormald regarding the Charity Cup Competition formed the subject of much discussion.

The chairman said he had had a personal interview with Mr Wormald, and related what had passed. After his report it was decided that the matter be left to the full committee to consider what should be done.

The election of officers resulted in Mr J. H. Rawlings being re-appointed president. Mr J. Goddard was re-elected secretary, and Mr M. Ward, financial secretary. Mr J. Fox was also re-appointed treasurer. The following were elected on the committee:—Messrs W. Lupton, G. Palmer, J. Holmes, G. Tiffany, G. W. Nodding, J. Bradley, H. Copley, A. W. Brook, A. E. Padley, H. Wilde, R. Goddard, and J. Elliott.

In the Davenport Cup final at Oulton golf links A. P. Bolland (9) defeated Mrs Badeley (17) by 3 and 2.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(Continued).

(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier article should be read in conjunction with the current one).

We have now arrived at a stage when our young chicks are hatched either by the natural manner under hens or by artificial methods.

A warning must be here advisably been sounded not to interfere with either the machine or the hen during the twenty-first day; it is their privilege to hatch out the eggs and they will do it in a slight manner, and they will do it best.

The assistant clerk, who took the depositions at the occasional court, said when prisoner made the charges he did not show any such mark mentioned.

Prisoner: My face was swollen. One of the men was a little man, and the other man called him sergeant. They were taking finger prints at the time.

Supt. Symonds said he was in his office, which is separated from the general office by a thin partition only, but he heard nothing.

Sergt. Dunn said that when the prisoner was brought into the station he was instructed to take his finger prints. Prisoner was very awkward, and tried to prevent him from doing so, and also tried to spoil them. When they were at last taken he was handed a pen and told to sign them, but he deliberately scribbled over them. There was no assault whatever.

Prisoner: Did you strike me in the face?

Witness: No.

The Chairman told prisoner to stand down.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Not much doing. Wheat 35s. to 36s., oats 20s. 6d. to 21s. 6d., rye 24s. to 25s. per qr.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11 and 12 for 1s.; butter 14d. to 1s. per lb.; gooseberries 1s. 6d. per stone; new potatoes, 2d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A few potatoes offering, and demand moderate. Sand Up-to-dates 65s. to 70s, sand King Edwards 70s. to 75s., warp King Edwards, 80s. to 85s. per ton. Small quantity of new potatoes at 2d. and 3d. per lb. The bulk of the new crops are expected to be ready in about three weeks' time.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 74 beasts, 50 sheep, and 40 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers, and trade moderate. Best beef making 7½d. to 8d. per lb. An improved trade for stores, and a good demand for calving heifers of quality. The demand was quiet for pigs and sheep. Prices as last week. Fat bullocks up to £28 5s., fat heifers to £17 5s., fat cows to £19 7s. 6d., store cattle to £14 5s., cows in milk to £19 7s. 6d., heifers in calf to £17 5s., cows in milk to £15, fat sheep to £4 15s., pork pigs to £6, and store pigs to £1 17s. 6d.

TADCASTER, Monday.—At this auction mart to-day Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a good show of stock, and the attendance of butchers and dealers was up to the average. Trade ruled about the same as last week. Best beef made from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone, cows and heavy beef 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Sheep met a good trade, making from 8d. to 9d. per lb., and lambs made from 10d. to 10½d. per lb. Pork pigs made less money, ranging from 7s. to 7s. 6d. per stone, and store pigs made more money. Numbers sold: 34 beasts, 171 sheep, 81 pigs. A prime fat beast from Mr H. Simpson, Cross Roads, made £24 17s. 6d.; from Mr L. Sampson, to £21 5s., and £18 10s.; from the Hon. Lady Hawke, to £18 15s.; from Mr W. Jenkinson, to £18 15s.; from Mr T. Fletcher, to £17 7s. 6d.; from Mr F. Thirkill, to £19 10s.; from Mr F. Myers, to £19; from the Auctioneers, made £23 17s. 6d., £23, £21 15s., £20 17s. 6d., and £20 5s. Prime fat sheep from Mr H. Simpson made to 58s. 6d. each; from Mr C. Gypson, to 52s.; from Mr L. Sampson, to 51s.; from Mr F. Bramley, to 58s. each; from Mr Ryder to 55s.; from Mr Jackson, to 65s. Prime fat lambs from Mr Blacker made to 44s. 6d. each; from Mr G Wiley, to 34s. 6d.; from Mr Swales, to 40s.; from Mr Settrington, to 38s. 6d.; from Mr Ryder, to 40s.; from Mr J. Dunnington, to 37s. 6d.; from Mr E. Jackson, to 36s. 6d. Fat pigs from Mr Mealea made to £6 18s.; from Mr Dawson, 60s.; from Mr Settrington, to 65s.; from Mr S. Smith, gilts in pig to 88s. each; from Mr Mealea, to £7 5s.; etc.



FINAL REDUCTION FOR SITTINGS

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

KIPPAX, TADCASTER, ULLESKELF, AND MILFORD AFFAIRS.

TWO CLAIMS FROM KIPPAX.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday—Ald E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs R. Wright (Barwick), W. Simpson (Lead), F. Myers (Bilbrough), W. P. Birkenshaw (Ledston), J. H. Scholefield (Oxton), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., W. Scholefield and W. Sykes, C.C. (Tadcaster), E. H. Lowe (Great Preston), J. Harding (Kippax), F. Phillips and W. Pearson (Allerton Bywater), C. Ellis (Micklefield), A. Johnson (South Milford), J. E. Cawthorn and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), Wilson (Steeton), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), A. H. Horner (Askham Bryan), T. H. Prater (Darlington), E. Parker (Ledsham), E. Aldgley (Colton), Copley (Ryther), J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), and J. Pick (Ulleskelf), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £1,600 in hand.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been five admissions to the workhouse and two discharges, and the number of inmates in the house was 86 and in the children's home 17—103 against 104 at the corresponding date of last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 31 and 31 against 17 and 12 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

The House Committee reported that two applications for the post of assistant nurse were received, and Miss A. Allen was appointed.

The Home Committee minutes showed that a complaint had been made as to the unsatisfactory quality of the coal supplied.

A return was read by the Clerk showing that for last half-year there was a reduction of £68 in relief in the Union, as compared with the corresponding half of the previous year.

A letter was received from the County Council stating that it was their intention to hold a conference relative to the working of the Mental Deficiency Act at Wakefield, on the 29th, and they asked the Board to appoint representatives. Canon Greenwood and Mr Wordsworth were appointed.

Mr Foster said that when the Bill dealing with the White Slave Traffic was going through Parliament they passed a resolution in support of it. Now it had been found necessary to amend the Act, and he asked if the Board should not pass a resolution urging Parliament to pass 19½ law the Bishop of London's Bill.

The Chairman asked if he would give notice of motion so that it could be placed on the agenda.

Mr Foster said he would.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The treasurer to the District Council was reported to have a balance of over £4,000 in hand.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that in regard to the Kippax Bridge footpath the surveyor was instructed to have the work done. An application for the tar gravelling of a footpath at Tadcaster West is to have the surveyor's attention. It was reported that a workman had had his hand injured at Micklefield while working the tarring machine, and he was unable to work. The Insurance Company have been communicated with. A Leeds man stated that he fell on a tarred road at Kippax and damaged his clothes, and he claimed £4 compensation. It was decided to repudiate liability. Complaint was made as to the erection of a footpath opposite the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Tadcaster, and the East Tadcaster Parish Council are to be asked what they want done.—East Tadcaster Parish Council also complained about a wire supporting a telegraph pole at Hill Top, and stated it was a danger to the public. The surveyor was asked to take the matter up with the postal authorities.—Application was made by the Post Office engineer to erect poles at South Milford, and it was granted.—It was reported that the County Council had given permission for the tar-spraying of a road at Barlseton.—Application was made for the taking over of roads at Ulleskelf, but it was not acceded to.—A letter was received from a Kippax resident stating that his daughter had got a tar-sprayed road and damaged her clothes, and he claimed compensation. Liability was repudiated.

The minutes were passed.

SANITARY AND BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee three cottages at Barlseton belonging to the County Council were condemned as unfit for habitation and closing orders were to be made. Plans for alterations to the "White Swan" at Kippax were adjourned. An application to make a connection between a water main and a trough for cattle at Austhorpe was referred to the Water Committee.—In regard to the Kippax sewage scheme it was reported that a meeting of the West Riding Rivers Board would be held on July 9th, and Messrs Brooksbank and Parkin were appointed to attend on behalf of the Council.—Plans for the erection of 12 houses by John Smith's Co., at Tadcaster, were approved.—A sketch plan of drainage to two houses at Askham Bryan was aproved.—Messrs Bonnet and Thorman, of Tadcaster, were appointed engineers to the Askham Bryan water scheme, and asked to get out estimates, etc.—Plans for the erection of shops and a slaughterhouse at Tadcaster were adjourned.—It was reported that inspections were under the Housing and Town Planning Act at Tadcaster East had been made. A letter was received from Tadcaster East Parish Council complaining of a nuisance arising from the boiling of offals for the feeding of pigs, and notice is to be served.—It was reported that a tender for name plates for streets at Tadcaster has been accepted.—A letter was received from Barwick Parish Council suggesting the advisability of carrying out a town-planning scheme for Scholes. A sub-committee was appointed to consider the matter, with power to appoint an engineer to report on the scheme.—A letter was read from the County Council as to the treatment of tuberculosis, and it was resolved to pay half the cost of the treatment of patients from the district in institutions other than those provided for by the Insurance Act and by Government grants.—Formal authority to Dr Hill and Messrs Driver and Wood in carrying out their duties under the Housing and Town Planning Act to enter houses was recommended, but the matter was adjourned for a fortnight.

VARIOUS

A letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing the order as to the salary of the medical officer payable by the several districts.

Complaint was made of deposits of night soil from Garforth on land near a road leading to Barwick, and the sanitary inspector was instructed to look into the matter.

A communication from the Rural District Councils' Association as to imperial taxation and grants was referred to the Finance Committee.

A conference is to be held in the Board Room on the 3rd July in connection with the county nursing scheme.

A SHERBURN MAN'S WEDDING.

CEREMONY AT MARKET WEIGHTON.

At All Saints' Church, Market Weighton, the wedding took place of Miss Ida Winter, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Winter, of Northgate Farm, Market Weighton, and Mr Harry Steeventon, son of Mrs Steventon, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

The ceremony was performed by the vicar, the Rev. Arthur A. R. Gill, while the guests and others present were: Mr and Mrs Robert Winter, Miss N. Winter, Miss A. Winter, Mr W. Hunley V. Winter, Master Harry Winter, Mrs George Moor (The Common Farm), Mrs Steventon (Sherburn), Miss Alice Steventon (Leeds), Mr and Mrs. Thos. Baker, Mr and Mrs J. Potter, Mrs. Richard West, Mr T. D. Conett (Market Weighton), Miss Yeates (Shipton Thorpe), Miss Winifred Kelsey, Mr A. Kelsey, Mrs Jos. Arnold (Market Weighton), Mr C. Atkinson (Southburn), and many others.

The bride was accompanied by her brother, Mr Tom Winter, who gave her away. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr George Steventon, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, who officiated as best man.

The bride was prettily attired in a dress of cream alpaca, trimmed with silk lace and cream ribbon, and wore a hat of white leghorn straw, trimmed with large pale blue ostrich plume. Her handsome bouquet was composed of carnations, roses, and maidenhair fern, with trailers of smilax.

She was attended by Miss Ada Steventon (sister of the bridegroom), of Harrogate, who wore a dress of slate silk voile, trimmed with pink ribbon and cream lace, with hat of white chip, trimmed with pink lace and spray of pink flowers. She also carried a lovely bouquet of pink roses and carnations, with maidenhair fern and trailers of smilax.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride consisted of a beautiful gold brooch set with diamonds, etc, whilst the bridesmaid also received a very pretty gold brooch.

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The happy couple are anticipating to shortly take up their residence near Stockton.

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AFFAIRS OF SKYRACK MAGISTRATES' CLERK.

DISCHARGE FROM BANKRUPTCY.

An application was made to Judge Graham, at the Leeds Bankruptcy Court on Monday, for a variation of an order made in June, 1911, suspending for five years the discharge from bankruptcy of Herbert Greenwood Teale, solicitor, formerly of Trinity Street, Leeds, and of Boston Spa.

It was stated by the Official Receiver (Mr H. Clifford Bowling) that there had been no funds for payment of a dividend to unsecured creditors.

Mr J. H. Green, barrister, who represented applicant, said the whole assets had gone in costs through no fault of the bankrupt. In spite of the heavy burden of a professional man Mr Teale had continued to practise as a solicitor, and had no reason to suppose he could to some extent relieve his position.

Mr Teale said he was clerk to the West Riding Justices in Leeds at the present time. His salary at the time of his bankruptcy was £570, but was now only £540 owing to some of the townships in the Skyrack Division having been taken into the city of Leeds. He had three clerks to keep, and altogether quite £250 went in expenses. His ordinary business as a solicitor had suffered through the bankruptcy and was practically nil.

A letter from Mrs Teale was read by the Official Receiver. This stated that if any variation of the order was to be made to Mr Teale it should either set apart a portion of his future income for the benefit of the creditors or consent to judgment for £500 in their favour. Her admitted proof in the bankruptcy was for £7,000.

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CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

VISIT TO THE BRONTE COUNTRY.

On Saturday afternoon a number of the members of Crossgates Literary Society visited Haworth, the home of the Bronte family, and the neighbourhood described by Hallaweli Sutcliffe in "Red o' the Foud," "Men of the Moors," etc.

The excursion coincided with Keighley gala, and it was a crowded train which left Leeds close upon 2 p.m. The journey was not altogether uneventful, as a stoppage outside Shipley was caused by the discovery that on axle or one of the carriages was on fire. There was no panic, as the only person cognisant of the trouble considerately refrained from imparting his knowledge to the rest of the party until all had disembarked at Keighley station.

Changing on to the picturesque Worth Valley single line, Haworth was reached, and the climb of 200 feet up the steep Main Street was accomplished fully refreshed. At the summit the old "Black Bull," the stocks, the parsonage, and the church and churchyard of many tombstones were seen in close proximity. A message for the party awaited them at the church steps from Mr Jonas Bradley, the genial schoolmaster of Stanbury, who had promised to act as cicerone, and it was to the effect that serious illness prevented him from leaving home, but guide books and maps of the district were enclosed, and though not with us in flesh, our friend was with us in the spirit, and from his room overlooking the valley would watch for our approach.

A cloudy sky tempered the tropical heat which was felt on the outward journey, and the walk in the footsteps of the talented sisters was commenced. Passing through the Parson's Fields, the open moor was soon reached, and the landscape of the district was displayed in all its beauty. The work of construction of the new reservoir in Sladen Valley next came into view, with Stanbury, the "Lingcroft" of Sutcliffe in the background. Black faced sheep and ruined huts with here and there a prosperous looking farmhouse, were passed, and on arriving at the top of the descending path to the Bronte waterfall, the sun burst through the clouds, and in the far distance shone upon the lonely farm of Withens, the windows being a glow of fire. Was it a glimpse of "Wuthering Heights"

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GATHERING AT BOSTON SPA.

The quarterly meeting of the Tadcaster Wesleyan circuit was held at Boston Spa, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Lewis Thomas.

The Rev. Lewis Thomas, the present member-ship to be 708, and that during the year the circuit had contributed £484 17s. 5d. to the connexional funds.

The Rev. Lewis Thomas was accorded a very cordial vote of thanks for the service he had rendered to the circuit during the three years of his superintendency, several members testifying to his brotherliness, his preaching ability, and his zeal.

The meeting extended its most hearty congratulations to Mr Wm. Adkin, of Collingham, on the occasion of his having completed 50 years of active service as a local preacher within its borders, and many tributes were paid to a faithful and gifted member of that order of laymen which renders such invaluable service to the Methodist Church.

The meeting decided to form a branch of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and Mr Slater-Whitfield, of Wetherby, was appointed circuit secretary.

The Rev. R. W. Davidson, was appointed editor of the Circuit Magazine, with Mr Crowe, of Tadcaster, as secretary, and treasurer.

A committee was elected to secure a site for the building of a chapel at Stutton.

The meeting expressed its deep sympathy with Mr Charles Booker, of Collingham, on the death of his wife, and directed that a letter of condolence be sent to him.

Resolutions were passed heartily supporting the Bishop of London's amendment, which proposes to raise the age of consent from 16 to 18, to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and urging that throughout the circuit the co-operation of other Churches should be sought in holding meetings to combat the terrible evils of gambling and intemperance.

A TADCASTER BEER RAID.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST YOUNG MEN

Four young men—Arthur Hewitt, Walter Husband, Arthur Johnson, and George W. Powell, described as labourers, of Tadcaster—were charged at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday with stealing 36 gill bottles of beer, value 4s. 6d., the property of Mr Samuel Smith, of Tadcaster, between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on June 7th.

Supt. Slack said the case had been taken as a simple larceny to enable the magistrates to deal with it, but, as the evidence would show, it was a case of breaking and entering and stealing. Defendants were well-known and their families were very respectable people. On this particular morning these men entered the bottling stores at the Old Brewery, and consumed 36 bottles of beer. They were seen to leave the premises at five minutes to six by workmen. Mr Smith, he said, did not wish to press the case.

Cecil James Abson, brewery manager, Old Brewery, Tadcaster, said that he was in the bottling stores on Saturday afternoon, June 6th, and everything was all right. The stores were locked at night On the following day at five p.m. he visited the stores, and found a window had been broken. He saw that a number of bottles had been removed, and a quantity of beer consumed. Two of the defendants worked on the premises.

Joseph Calvert, labourer, employed at the Old Brewery, said he was on night duty at the place, and on Sunday morning, the 7th, he saw defendants come out of the bottling stores and walk out of the yard. He told them they were carrying on a nice game, and they made no reply. The door had been opened from the inside.

The Chairman: Did you see signs as to how they had got in.

Witness: Yes, I saw a broken window.

One of the defendants said they did not get through the window.

P.S. Juniper having given evidence, the defendants pleaded guilty.

Supt. Slack said that they had all been decent young fellows, with the exception of Husband, who had been there before.

The Chairman said they had placed themselves in a very serious position by this stupid, idiotic breaking into this place, because it was a case of burglary, but Supt. Slack had reduced it to a minor offence so that they could deal with it. He warned them that this kind of thing could not go on, and if there were any further cases they would be treated differently.

Husband was fined 20s. and costs, and the others 10s. and costs.

ABERFORDIA AMBULANCE LEAGUE.

GARFORTH AND ROTHWELL SUCCESSES

On Saturday a preliminary competition of teams representing voluntary aid detachments in Ripon, Harrogate, York, and Aberfordia districts in connection with the Territorial branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, West Riding of Yorkshire, for trophies presented by Colonel Sir John Bingham, Bart., V.D., took place at the St. Mark's Schoolroom, Harrogate. There were competitions for men and women. Three detachments of men took part, and 14 women, each team numbering five.

The examination consisted of demonstrations or tests and the answering of questions. The judge was Major Hyde, staff officer, A.D.M.S., West Riding Division Territorial Forces (York), who was assisted by Captains Ewin, Darlow, and Dobson, of Leeds.

At the conclusion of the competitions Major Hyde declared the results as follows:—

Men.—Garforth, 77 points; Rothwell, 71 points; York, 67 points.

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Garforth (men) and Ripon (women) will compete in the final at Leeds on October 17th.

A SINGULAR GARFORTH CASE.

STOURTON MEN DISMISSED.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Agustus Harris, miner, of Stourton, and Daniel Taylor, miner, of Hunslet, were summoned for riding bicycles without a light at Garforth.

P.C. Bevoor stated that about 1.15 a.m. on Monday, June 1st, he was on duty on the Leeds and Selby Road, at Garforth Bridge, when he saw the defendants coming down the hill without any light on their machines. When stopped the lamps were quite cold, although the defendants said the lamps had gone out as they were descending the hill. Both the defendants lighted their lamps, which burned all right. The addresses which they gave to the officer were wrong, and witness had some difficulty in tracing them. He had, however, no difficulty in recognising the young men when he saw them again.

Both defendants denied being on the Leeds and Selby Road at the time in question, Taylor saying that he "was hard asleep in bed at that time." Later both stated the summonses were made out in the wrong name.

A witness named Horace Newton said Harris was at their house at Stourton when they were having a party.

Asked by the Chairman why he had come to the Court to answer the summons if it was wrong, Harris said it was the first time he had received one, and did not know what to do. He came to the court as the policeman said he had to.

A witness was called for Taylor, who said Taylor was with him on the Sunday night.

The magistrates found there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and discharged both men.

PRACTICAL PRESCRIPTION AGAINST STOMACH ACIDITY.

BY A SPECIALIST.

"Nine-tenths of all cases of stomach trouble nowadays," says a leading specialist, "are caused by too much acid. In the beginning the stomach itself is not diseased, but if this acid condition is allowed to continue, the acid is very likely to eat into the stomach walls and produce stomach ulcer or cancer, either of which may render a radical surgical operation necessary, even to prolong life. Therefore an "acid stomach" is really a dangerous condition and should be treated seriously. It is utterly useless to take pepsin and ordinary stomach tablets. The excess acid must be neutralised by the administration of a diffusible alkali. For this purpose physicians nearly always recommend taking half a teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia in a little water after each meal. Larger quantities may be used if necessary, as it is absolutely harmless. But be sure to get the bisurated magnesia, as other forms of magnesia have not the same action in the stomach as the bisurated, and frequently do more harm than good."

SELBY COUNTY COURT.

COMPENSATION CASES.

At the Selby County Court on Friday an application for an award under the Workmen's Compensation Act was made by William Tempest Mills, aged 48, a fitter, of Rochville Road, Stoney Rock, Leeds. The respondents were the Selby Olympia Oil and Cake Co., Ltd.

Dr Milburn (Hull) sat as medical referee.

The applicant, while employed at the Olympia Works, in December, 1912, met with an accident, his left thumb being fractured. Compensation was paid up to October 25th, 1913, but from 1913 to December 3rd last nothing was paid. The applicant had been treated for his injury at Leeds Infirmary, but though the thumb had healed up it was admitted that he was not yet fit to resume his full employment as a fitter, though there were some parts of the work he was able to do. He could not bend his thumb, nor use the fingers as he used to before.

On behalf of the defence it was maintained that the man had recovered from the injury, and was able to do his work as a fitter.

His Honour awarded the applicant 19s. 3d. per week, half his average wages, for the five weeks of incapacity that he received no payment, and 4s. per week from December 19th.

Costs were allowed to Workman on Scale A.

The referee thought that after some weeks' work the applicant might recover the full use of his hand.

FARM LABOURER'S COMPENSATION

In another workman's compensation case, Walter Cawthorne, farm labourer, was the applicant, the employer being Mr T. H. Warrington, of Ulleskelf.

It was stated that Cawthorne, while clipping a hedge, injured his left eye with the cutting hook. He was still being treated as an out-patient at the Leeds Infirmary. There was a possible danger of his right eye being affected.

Mr C. H. March, solicitor for the applicant, said that his client had entered into an agreement to receive £55, but on his taking legal advice the case was brought into court, as the sum was not sufficient.

Mr Norman Crumbie (York), for the respondent, stated that the matter was not rushed in any way by his client.

His Honour adjourned the case for six months so that the extent of the applicant's injury might by then be ascertained.

It was stated that the applicant was working for the same employer at reduced wages.

A PLUMBING AND GLAZING CONTRACT

A claim was made for £52 10s. for materials supplied and work done, the plaintiff being Squire Swift, plumber, Gowthorpe Street, Selby, and the defendant John Routh, joiner and builder, Barlston. The dispute arose out of a plumbing and glazing contract in respect of nine new houses at Selby.

His Honour found that the contract was for £120, and referred the settlement of the case as to what extra the contract had been properly carried out to arbitration.

Experts are to be appointed to view the work.

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DAMAGE TO A ROTHWELL SCHOOL.

BOYS AND GIRLS ON THE WAR-PATH.

MINING EXHIBITIONS—INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND ATTENDANCE RETURNS.

The annual meeting of the Rothwell Education Sub-Committee was held in the Robin Hood Council School on Friday night, and the members present were Mrs Stoner, Messrs J. Butterick, J. Hirst, S. R. Chadwick, T. Thomas, R. Ackleugh, W. Lunn, T. Balls, J. Horner, J. Dobson, J. Walton, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr W. Steel).

Mr J. Butterick was unanimously elected to the chair, and Mr W. Lunn to the vice-chair.

Mr Lunn raised an interesting question with regard to the mining exhibitions offered for evening classes, and said that, as a rule, very little was known about them by likely young men who could qualify for them. Only during the past week he had been asked about them, the persons thinking they were too late to make the necessary application.

The Clerk said that a number of bills calling attention to the exhibitions were printed and distributed. These were sent out to head teachers of the schools in the district for them to notify likely boys in the school, while other copies were displayed in the windows.

Various members remarked that they never saw any of the notices, and Mr Hirst said that as the County Council could put up notices at the various posting stations about the killing of birds and the letting off of fireworks in the street—(laughter)—why could not the authorities do the same in regard to mining classes.

Mr Chadwick, who was also of opinion that something ought to be done to make the exhibitions a little better known, moved that the authorities be recommended to post up notices in public places.

Mr Lunn seconded, and the members agreed.

Mr Butterick brought to the notice of the Committee the damage which has been done to the Carlton Lane Council School, Rothwell, by boys and girls playing in the recreation field. The fence at the latter had been down to see him that afternoon about it, the children having made serious havoc in connection with the roof. Some of the girders came down to the ground and up these the boys swarmed, and got upon the roof. Stones had also been thrown on to the roof, and the spouting had been filled up. A lot of work would have to be done owing to the damage. Either a notice board of warning would have to be put up or someone would have to be good-hold of and an example made. The headgir

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H. W. POWELL.

Garforth, June, 1914.

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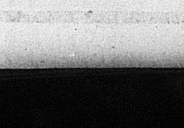
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th, 1914.

The Member for Osgoldcross, whose daughter performed the opening ceremony at a bazaar held in aid of the funds of an hospital, at Goole, directed the attention of the public to the possibility of a new burden being imposed upon them. "It might be," he said, "that the hospitals of the country would be taken over by the authorities, and form one part of public service." A few years ago such a change would have been scouted at, but, owing to one reason and another, the voluntary system is breaking down, and unless there is a marked advance in the generosity of the public towards hospitals an agitation for the placing of them on the rates is sure to ensue. Many argue that the compulsory system is a better and fairer way than the present plan—that all persons would have to pay according to their means, and that those who are so niggardly that they take advantage of their neighbours' generosity, would no more escape contributing their quota to the common fund. It is disheartening work raising funds to keep these institutions going, because the great bulk of the people recognise no personal responsibility to them, and a large amount of the money is given by the really charitable who receive no benefit in return. It has been pointed out by the Member for Barkston Ash that a levy of 1s. per head on the inhabitants of the West Riding would provide ample funds for the work of the Leeds Infirmary, and while there are thousands of working-men who contribute more than this annually, there are thousands who never give a farthing, but who do not hesitate, when they require help, to avail themselves of the benefits of the institution. This is extremely mean. Wealthy people, if not charitably disposed, can best safeguard their interests by maintaining the present system, and if compulsion eventually comes about they will have to accept a share of the blame. It is no use asserting nowadays that the ratepayers have no responsibility in these matters, because the service has come to be looked on as a public one, and if the voluntary system crumbles up, it may be accepted that legislation will at once be passed to maintain the institutions in an efficient state. For many reasons, compulsion is not desirable, and the only way to avert it is by the public generally recognising that hospitals have a claim upon them.

A startling proposition in regard to the imposition of the poor rate was made at the annual meeting of the Association of Parish Councils in Scotland—a body somewhat analagous to the Poor Law Unions' Association in England. The Chairman (Mr Cunningham, chairman of the Glasgow Parish Council), said that "if they were to eliminate the drink curse, the poor law question would be considerably eased. The annual drink bill in Scotland amounted to £15,815,000, which was equal to £2 6s. 6d. per head of population, or £15 per family, and the great bulk of this was paid by the poorest class of the community, and the class which accounted for nine-tenths of the poor law. It was seriously suggested that the poor law rate should be made chargeable on the drink bill. They would then see their expenses reduced to vanishing point. Was it a Utopian idea? Drink made poverty, let drink pay for it. He did not suppose that the liquor sellers would foot the bill, but would increase the cost of drink. In that case, if less was drunk so much the better, and if what was drunk cost more, they need not pity the drinker." Coming from an authority on the Scottish poor law, the proposition must be viewed seriously. Frequently advocates of prohibition or the limitation of drinking facilities have made novel suggestions which have received no more than passing notice, but when the Chairman of the Poor Law Association, in all earnestness, advocates a new method of rating it is bound to have some opinion behind it. No doubt many people would gladly hail any change which would remove burdens from their shoulders, because there is a strong element of selfishness in the community, and if it was suggested that an additional tax on drink should be imposed to meet Poor Law expenditure many would vote for it with both hands, simply because they would save money by the immediate transaction. Mr Cunningham's idea is that the poor should pay for their own maintenance; and he argues that as the drink bill is largely met by the section of people who seek relief they should find, through a new tax, the money to meet their own needs. This is somewhat on the lines of the cut and rat ranches proposed in America. The cats were to be fed on rats, and the cats were to be killed for the sake of their skins and the remains given to the rats to feed on. It would work automatically, and the money spent by the poor on drink would provide for them when they were unable to find the wherewithal to expend on liquor. No one can gainsay the assertion that drink creates poverty, but, on the other hand, it can be safely stated that poverty causes drinking. More than that, drink is only one of the factors in the poverty problem. How is it possible for an agricultural labourer with the extremely low wages that are prevalent in some parts of the country, to bring up a family decently, and, at the same time, put away something for his old age. That man is living on the verge of poverty throughout his life, and he is the type that generally receives attention in purely rural Unions. Many families are born to poverty. They are reared in an unhealthy environment; they are not properly fed, and the squalor and disease which continually beset them give them absolutely no chance whatever in life. Well-fed, prosperous persons argue that if the denizens of slumdom were placed in better surroundings they would create another slum, but the experiment is not tried, and, in any event, human beings so long divorced from decent ways of living would need some guidance. If they did not fully appreciate new conditions their children would, and a new race of people would be evolved from slum surroundings beget evil habits it seems to us that until the authorities strike at the root of the matter they will not do much good. In a few years Scotland will have an opportunity of dealing with the drink question in a way denied to other parts of the Kingdom, and if the Association of Parish Councils can persuade the electors to create a large prohibition area, they will be able to test the true relation of drink to the poor law problem.

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IN MEMORIAM.

WINTER.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, George Henry Winter, of Micklefield, who died June 27th, 1910.

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To wait for cure was all in vain;
Till God above, Who thought it best,
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—From father, mother, sisters, and brothers. 1464

RAPER.—In loving memory of William Raper, late of Swillington, who died 24th June, 1913. 1008 —Son

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

HOMING.—In the Yorkshire Combine race from Guernsey the best results for members of Leeds Federation were:—Keitel 1,246 and 1,229, Hodgkinson 1,223, Newton 1,220, Fox 1,215 and 1,209.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Maskill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr F. M. Lupton, and Mr J. R. Cross.

Success.—At the Convocation held on June 23rd at Durham University the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on Mr J. H. Cockerham, of Hatfield Hall, in the above University. Mr Cockerham is a native of Rothwell, and we well know many of our readers. He is hoping to take Holy Orders shortly.

Cricket.—On Saturday Rothwell W.M. had an easy victory over East End Park on the latter's ground, when they won by five wickets. Scores:—East End Park—T. Mosson 11, Wheatley 5, Hutchinson 12, Aspinall 1, Asby 4, Moxon 0, White 0, McKenshaw (not out) 3, Hollingdrake 0, Lloyd 0, Beckett 0, extras, 7; total, 43. Rothwell—S. Pritchard 20, J. Seanor 14, M. Naylor 3, J. Parker 0, H. Sanderson (not out) 1, W. Booth 0, M. Clarkson (not out) 1, extras, 5; total (for 5 wkts), 44.

Drink.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Israel Taylor, a labourer, of Rothwell, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell. P.C. Womack stated that about 12.10 a.m. on Sunday, June 14th, he was in Commercial Street, Rothwell, when he met Taylor, who was very drunk, and making use of filthy language. The officer asked him to go home quietly, but he would not do so until the officer threatened to lock him up. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Anniversary.—The anniversary services of the Wesleyan Sunday School attracted large congregations on Sunday. The special preacher was the Rev. W. E. Russell, of Leeds, who is well known as the Sunday School secretary for the Leeds district. His sermons were peculiarly adapted to the occasion. At each of the services the children sang their favourite hymns, under the able conductorship of Mr S. Morton. At the afternoon service several of the children gave recitations. Mr T. A. Idle was the organist, and he was assisted by a small band of instrumentalists.

Outing.—An enjoyable outing to Monk Fryston was made by the members of the Rothwell Mothers' Union on Wednesday afternoon. The party, which numbered about fifty, left Rothwell in three waggonettes, and arrived at Monk Fryston about three o'clock. The grounds of the Hall were visited (by kind permission of the Rev. B. Hemsworth), much interest being taken in the zoo. A sumptuous tea was enjoyed, after which the party returned home. During the afternoon the Rev. and Mrs. Wienckie (curate of Rothwell) cycled over.

Police Cricket Match.—In aid of local charities a cricket match was played between the Rothwell Town Constables and a team representing the Skyrack Police, on the ground of the Rothwell Cricket Club on Wednesday afternoon. The effort was well supported, there being a good attendance. The police showed great batting form, and won by twelve, scoring 120 to the Tradesmen's 108. For the police P.C. Marples had batting honours with 39 runs, while P.S. Matthews (Shipton) made a good second with 24. Four of the Tradesmen were caught out by P.C. Bennett (Woodlesford). The scores were:—Skyrack Police—P.C. Marples 39, P.C. Brown 11, P.C. Womack 21, P.C. Stempster 9, P.C. Lockett 4, P.S. Matthews 24, P.S. Haigh 0, P.C. Bennett 3, P.C. Hankinson 12, P.C. Beaumont 4, P.C. Dyer (not out) 0, P.C. Hutchinson 1, extras, 11; total, 120. Rothwell Tradesmen—J. Newton 6, A. Tiffany 3, Perkins 13, Nash 0, Matthews 8, T. Tiffany 12, E. Hampson 19, A. Lunn 1, N. Baines 6, R. Tiffany 0, Wm. Nunns (not out) 16, Copley 8, extras, 9; total, 108. The Rothwell Old Band was in attendance and rendered an excellent programme of music. In the evening various competitions such as dart throwing, and bowling at the wickets were arranged by the police, and these were well patronized. The Old Band was again present and played suitable dance music for the young people to "trip it" on the grass.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Monday at Meadowroyd sports D. R. Bolroughby, of Allerton Bywater, ran second in the 100 yards flat race.

BOWERS ALLERTON.

Anniversary Services.—The Sunday School anniversary services were held at the Mission Hall last Sunday, when in the morning Mr W. S. Blackburn preached a very appropriate sermon. At the afternoon and evening services many excellent recitations were given by the scholars, who also sang special hymns, assisted by Messrs Dyer's string band and Miss Spink (organist). They had been trained and were conducted by Mr Walter Blackburn. Good congregations were the order of the day. On Monday afternoon a good number of the teachers and scholars, along with the string band, paraded the streets of the village and sang their hymns at various points, after which about 200 scholars and 50 teachers partook of an excellent tea. The remainder of the evening was very agreeably spent in the Astley cricket field, where a variety of outdoor games were indulged in. Sweets and nuts were distributed. Much interest was created among the children by the successful manipulation of a number of balloons by Mr C. C. Bellwood.

CARLTON

Anniversary.—On Sunday the Carlton Primitive Methodists celebrated the first of the anniversary services, when a successful day was recorded. Two sermons were preached by Mr E. Williams, of Woodlesford. The children sang their festival hymns in a most pleasing manner, and recitations were given by Misses Harrison and L. Ward, of Rothwell, E. Ward, Carlton, and Masters T. Ward and Stones.

CROSSGATES

On Saturday afternoon Crossgates R.H. defeated Leeds 188 to 154.

A receiving order has been made against James Luther Thorpe, hardware and crockery dealer, The Arcade, Crossgates.

Leeds junior city scholarships have been awarded to Jessie C. McConomy and Harold C. Willans, who attend Manston School, and to Herbert H. White, Crossgates.

Golf Club.—Mr F. Beaumont won the Winter Medal, playing in the final against Mr J. A. Townsend 1 up, and Mr Beaumont also won the second, over 36 holes.—W. Bromley, 83, 18, 65; W. McPherson, 86, 20, 66; A. Oxley, 94, 28, 66; E. Wright, 91, 24, 67; E. N. Tbevills, 87, 18, 69; F. Findley, 89, 20, 69; W. Blackburn, 96, 26, 70; Luke Hall, 98, 28, 70; F. McCallum, 86, 15, 71; W. Robinson, 94, 22, 72; H. Spedding, 99, 26, 73; H. V. Jesper, 95, 22, 73; J. A. Townsend, 86, 16, 73.

Golf Match.—On Wednesday afternoon a match was played between teams representing Crossgates and South Leeds at Crossgates. Scores:—South Leeds, singles 4½, foursomes 2½; Crossgates, singles 2½, foursomes 3½. Details of singles (Crossgates names first):—A. Carr 0 v. J. Clark 1, H. J. Thomas 1 v. McCandlish 0, H. Horsfall 0 v. J. Prince 1, E. Wright 0 v. S. Purchon 1, W. Nussey 0 v. J. McKenzie 1, F. Bingham 1 v. A. Midgley 0, H. F. Grimshaw 1 v. H. F. Hammond ½. The South Leeds professional, H. Howell, beat the Crossgates professional, N. McKechnie.

BOWLING.—On Wednesday a match was played between Crossgates and Roundhay Ikeemians on Crossgates green, and the homestors won by 284 to 158. Scores (Crossgates names first):—W. Holdsworth 15 v. J. A. Mylne 4, Semper 15 v. L. Hartby, sen. 4, G Danby 15 v. E. Fogden 10, H. Bowett 15 v. L. Hartley, jun. 12, F W Jubb 15 v. A. Jacob 9, J. M Leod 15 v. C. Walker 8, F. Hardcastle 14 v. J. Stancliffe 15, H. Whitfield 15 v. J. W. Wilson 11, J. A. Rymer 15 v. T. W. Sandridge 14, G. W. Burch 15 v. H. Donnelly 10, J. Connor 15 v. J. H. Armitage 4, A. Chadwick 15 v. S. Crabtree 9, J. Dransfield 15 v. W. E. Richardson 3, J. Wilkinson 15 v. A. Wood 14, A. B. Campbell 15 v. Agutter 5, C. E. Spendley 15 v. F. Agutter 0, J. L. Herbert 15 v. J. L. Taylor 8, J. G. Armitage 15 v. Dock 0, and R. Lake 15 v. Westerman 8. It will be seen that Crossgates won every game except one.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday anniversary services were held at the Crossgates Wesleyan Church, and the special preacher was the Rev. G. Edward Young, of London, who is very popular in the district. Mr Young is a cultured preacher, and his sermons on Sunday were highly appreciated by large congregations. At the evening service the choir sang the anthem "God hath appointed a day." In the afternoon a musical service took place—Mr Lunn, at the organ, presiding—and an augmented choir, under the direction of Mr J. H. Walker, A.R.C.O., gave an excellent rendering of H. Ernest Nichols' cantata "Day and night," the organistic being Mr A. Britton. The principals were Miss Ethel Holliday (soprano), Miss Elsie Lea (contralto), Mr Andrew Withy (tenor), and Mr J. Atkin Watson, and they sang their solos admirably. At all the services collections were made for the trust funds. On Monday afternoon a public tea was provided in the schoolroom, and it was largely attended. In the evening a meeting was held—Mr F. D. C. Atkinson, of Halton, presiding—and the Rev. G Edward Young delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on "Some Key-Words of Life." At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, chairman, and the ladies who managed the tea, on the call of Mr Dewhirst, seconded by Mr Rippon.

FRYSTON

A MATRIMONIAL CASE.—A curious case was heard at Castleford Petty Sessions on Wednesday, when Mabel Adams summoned her husband, David Adams, a Fryston miner, for desertion. The applicant, a girl of prepossessing appearance, stated they were married at Castleford in December last. Immediately after the wedding they went to Fryston, it being arranged that afterwards they should separate, each going to their respective parents. The defendant wished them to go into lodgings, and on the day after the wedding she said "We had a few words, and never spoke to each other for three or four months." At Whitsuntide, however, they went into lodgings for a week, after which they went to her parents' house for one night. He went out the next day, saying he "had had enough," and was going home. After that, she said, defendant made her an offer of 7s. 6d. a week if she would not bother him. On the 6th of the present month they met and went to a picture show, and when they got out she asked him to go back with her, but he refused, saying he was going to see a man. Cross-examined, she said she left her husband the day after the wedding because it was arranged that they should do so. She did not tell him she was going home to her mother because she was sick. She went to him on Sunday week, as she thought, it was time he started keeping her. She was not wearing her wedding ring now "because she wasn't." (Laughter). She admitted writing to her husband's mother: "Dear Mother." The chairman here intervened, and obtained admissions from both the parties that they were willing to live together "away from each other's relatives." The case was adjourned for a month to await results.

GARFORTH

On Saturday afternoon in the Bowling League Garforth Conservatives defeated Halton Travellers by 206 to 148.

It is proposed to have lectures in Garforth next winter, and a meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2nd, to make arrangements. See advt.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon in the Yorkshire Consolation Cup Competition Batley were opposed to Garforth Working Men at Gipton Wood. Batley proved the winners with a total of 240 against Garforth's 177.

TRANSPORT AUCTION MART.—On Monday at this mart Mr Wm. Ash sold 150 head of well-finished stock. Trade for beef was good; small sheep more late rates, but heavier weights and pork pigs were easier. Prices:—Fat bullocks 24s to £24 15s., shearlings, 47s. 6d. to 58s. 6d., fat ewes 42s. 6d. to 50s., fat lambs 30s. to 36s.; pork pigs 90s. to 98s., stores 15s. to 30s., choice lean 5 cwt. pig, good feet 73/., small about 5 cwt., heavy ditto 82/., fat ewes 72/., lambs 10d. to 11d. per lb.; pork pigs 7s. 0d. per stone of 14lb.

MR HOUFTON TO STAND AGAIN.—Mr J. P. Houlton, son of the late Mr C. Houlton, of Garton, who stood unsuccessfully in the Liberal interest at the recent by-election in North-East Derbyshire, was last Saturday adopted as the Divisional Liberal Association, at Chesterfield, as prospective candidate at the next election. Mr Houlton asserted that the action of the Liberal party in the recent contest was more than justified, and he said there was a certainty of success in similar circumstances in the future. The by-election demonstrated that a Labour ticket man could not, in any circumstances, win the seat. The situation the Liberal and Labour parties had to face was that the seat rested between the Liberal and Tory parties He did not wish to do anything that was calculated to widen the breach between Liberalism and Labour, and he would do anything he could to bring back a harmonious working among all sections of the Liberal party in the division.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At the Picture House this week popular programmes have attracted appreciative audiences, and it should be noticed that during the week-end a picture of the noted Fantomas series—"The Trophy of the Mask-of Ball"—is being screened. Other good pictures will make up a programme at once attractive and interesting. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next Miss Hilda Moore, the celebrated picture artiste, will appear in her famous dramatic tragedy, "His Blind Wife," and everybody will enjoy the powerful acting of this beautiful actress. The process by the Mask-of will be pictorially described, and other films promised are "The Gangsters," "The Switch Tower," and "The Mouse and the Lion. Wednesday night's performance has been set aside for the benefit of Mr W. Blackburn, who has been ill for a long time, and the kindness of the management should meet with a good response from the resident-ats. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday a splendid photo-drama of the American civil war, "Blood Will Tell," will be the chief attraction, and other pictures on the bill are "The Two Glasses," showing the history of a wine glass and a glass of water; "When Mary Grew Up" (comedy), "A Family Mixup" (a laughable Keystone), "Just Kids" (comic), and "The Little Hero" (depicting exciting fire scenes and a plucky lad's daring feat). For times and prices see advert.

BARKER'S PLIGHT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Barker, a labourer, of Garforth, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth. P.C Beevor stated that about 7.10 p.m. on June 13th he was on the Station Road, Garforth, when he saw the defendant, who was in a very drunken condition, staggering from one side of the street to the other. There were several people about at the time, and some of them had to step on the footpath because of defendant. He collided with two mail carts, nearly upsetting the children inside, and violently kicked over a baby's perambulator. Mr Dransfield, who did not appear, was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

HALTON

It should be noticed that the organ-opening ceremony at Halton Wesleyan Chapel takes place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. See advt.

BOWLING.—On Wednesday, in the Morley Trophy Competition, Halton played Gipton on the green of the latter. Scores:—Gipton 247, Halton 176. Details (Halton names first):—A. Caine 21 v. J. Longthorn 28, G. Nicol 18 v. H. Hilton 21, W. Ginns 18 v. A. Parker 21, F. Vince 12 v. W. Houghton 21, H. Thomas 6 v. W. Clifton 21, J. Belfield 8 v. R. Laidlaw 21, G. Caswell 13 v. J. Service 21, W. Hall 18 v. F. Kilburn (capt.) 21, T. Booth 12 v. H. Watson 21, H. Lamb 16 v. S. Bielby 21, W. Green 21 v. W. Jefferson 15, J. Guest 13 v. C. Watkin 21.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, William Henry Holdsworth, carrier, of Leeds, was summoned for driving a vehicle at Halton without a light. P.C. Robinson stated that about 10.40 p.m., on Wednesday, June 10th, he was on the Leeds and Selby Road, at Halton, when the defendant came up in charge of a vehicle, which had no light. When spoken to by the officer defendant said the lamp had only just gone out, and he was going to the bottom of the hill to get a candle. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 5s. and costs.

SNAKE IN THE GRASS.—On Sunday afternoon Mr George Oswald Bell, of Halton, and a party of friends were visiting the grounds of Templethorpe, which were thrown open to the public, when Mr Bell found a snake in the grass. The party had just entered the grounds by the Moor Road entrance, when the discovery was made. It is about thirty-eight inches long, and tapers off from the head. It has a forked tongue, which it can dart out with lightning rapidity. Mr Bell secured it by the tail, in which position he was photographed. Now he has it at his home. It is believed to be an adder, and it is stated there used to be a lot of adders in the grounds at one time.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS.—A very interesting gathering was held in the Guild Room of the Wesleyan Chapel last week, when four more were celebrating their golden wedding. Mr and Mrs Wm. Todd, and Mr and Mrs Wm. Guy, who are all very highly respected in the neighbourhood, were the recipient of suitably inscribed tea-pots from their class leader and fellow members, who also provided a substantial tea. Mr Todd was chapel-keeper for 12 years. After the repast, congratulations, singing, speeches, etc., were the order of the evening, during which Councillor and Mrs Verity (Whitebeck Farm) presented each couple with a pretty gold and white afternoon tea-service. Another pleasing feature was the presence of Mr and Mrs Schofield, of Featherstone, who were also honouring their golden wedding. They were married at the same time as Mr and Mrs Todd at Rothwell Church, June 11th, 1864, and have spent most of the anniversaries together since. All the persons mentioned duly responded to the many congratulations, and all expressed their pleasure and happiness at having spent a most enjoyable evening.

KIPPAX

A report of Kippax Parish Council meeting will be found on another page.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—Mr R. Plows, hon. sec. of Kippax and Ledston Medical Charities Committee, writes to us concerning a report that has been sent out. It was alleged a certain person had been refused a "recommend" to a convalescent home, and Mr Plows says the person in question has never made application for a "recommend."

PARISH CHURCH.—The school anniversary services were held on Sunday in the schoolroom. Special hymns were sung by the children, under the direction of Mr Keeble (organist and choirmaster), and recitations were also contributed by several scholars, who had been trained by Mr Howell. The Vicar preached morning and evening in the church, and all the services were well attended. The celebration was continued on Wednesday. The children formed a procession and marched from the Sunday School along the principal streets of the village, singing their hymns at various points. The Kippax Old Band headed the procession, and also accompanied the singing. The children's tea followed the parade, and the public tea was held immediately after, and attracted a large gath-ring. In the evening the Old Band headed a well-ordered procession down to Kippax Park (by kind permission of Mr. D. Bland, J.P.), and there dancing to music supplied by the band was engaged in by the young men and women, while the children played games. The weather was fine, and the gathering was a great success.

LOFTHOUSE

SALE OF LOFTHOUSE PARK.—At Wakefield on Friday night Mr A. Hudson (Messrs Dodds and Hudson) offered by auction the freehold estate, Lofthouse Park, comprising the mansion house, park, pavilion, Hawthorn Cottage, and pleasure grounds, and containing in the whole about 58 acres. Bidding rose to £5,500, at which figure the property was knocked down to Mr W. Dixon, architect, Barnsley, on behalf of Messrs Barclay and Co., bankers.

METHLEY

RECTOR AND MISSIONS.—The proceedings in connection with the Pontefract Rural Deanery Missionary Exhibition were reopened on Friday by the Venerable Archdeacon Armstrong Hall, rector of Methley and Archdeacon of Richmond. The Archdeacon mentioned the historical fact that in his possession was a reprint of St. Nicholas Hospital, Pontefract, showing that in 1320 the Custos, singularly enough calling himself "Archdeacon of Richmond," came over to Methley, and there collected rents due in respect of lands belonging to the Hospital. Archdeacon Hall commended the Exhibition to the careful attention of every Bible reader, for the scenes presented would, he believed, prove exceedingly useful in helping to grasp the true meaning of passages which might hitherto have been somewhat obscure.

OULTON

BOWLING MATCH.—On Saturday in the Preston Shield Competition Oulton played Morley, and the scores were:—Morley 204, Oulton 196. Details (Morley names first):—J. Redshaw 2 v. W. Peters 21, W. Bennett 21 v. C. G. Cameron 17, B. Littlewood 21 v. J. Murtland 4, S. Steele 21 v. F. Elfis 19, J. Gomersal 21 v. W. Lock. wood 19, R. Raw 7 v. J. Brown 21, J. Taylor 11 v. J. H. Armitage 21, A. Walker 16 v. B. Wood Higgins 21, J. Clough 21 v. J. Buck 9, J. Allen 21 v. H. W. Mitchinson 16, F. Greaves 21 v. W. Poole 12, W. Sykes 21 v. H. Grant 6.

BOWLING.—In the match between Leeds and District and the West Riding Mr J. W. Morley (Oulton) was defeated by Mr F. Wood (Elland) by 3 points. Mr. W. P. Peters (Oulton), however, beat Mr F. Riley (Brighouse) by 9 points.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The anniversary services in connection with the Oulton Wesleyan Sunday School were continued during the past week-end. On Saturday afternoon the children paraded the village singing their special hymns, and at the close of the proceedings a tea was held in the Sunday School, this being followed by a public tea. Afterwards the children were taken to a field, where all manner of games were indulged in. On Sunday there were again good attendances at all the services, the special preacher being Mr J. W. Ridyard (Woodlesford), who also addressed the children in the afternoon. The children gave their special hymns, and various scholars, who had been trained by Mrs Penn and Miss Henstock, recited. The singing was accompanied by the organ and an orchestra composed of Miss Routh (Woodlesford), Mr Witchell (Oulton), and Mr H. Noble (Swillington).

ROBIN HOOD

ACCIDENT.—Whilst running to catch a car at Robin Hood on Wednesday afternoon a miner named George Underwood, of Outwood, who had just come up from Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth's pit, was knocked down by a motor car, which was travelling towards Leeds. The unfortunate man was dragged some distance along the road and badly hurt. Dr Stevenson's assistant, who was passing at the time, rendered what aid he could, but the injuries were of such a character as to necessitate the injured man being removed to the Leeds Infirmary.

ROUNDHAY

GOLF COURSE.—On Wednesday the Parks Committee of the Leeds Corporation considered a report submitted by Dr Mackenzie with regard to the proposal to construct a municipal golf course at Northill Field, Roundhay, and it was decided that, subject to the approval of the City Council, the work should be proceeded with. The course will be one of nine holes, and the cost of construction is estimated at about £200. The first tee will be within five minutes' walk of the Mansion in Roundhay Park.

FRENZIED SCRAMBLE.—A correspondent writes: —I hope you will allow me an opportunity of voicing my intense indignation at the mismanagement of the tram service from Roundhay Park on Saturday night. Knowing the great crowds which would be certain to be there after such a lovely afternoon and evening, surely better provision should be made for the return journey. The scene of the frenzied scramble for seats or standing room beggars description, women, especially the aged and those with young children, having to submit to being thrust aside and trampled on by young athletic hooligans of the locality.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding was celebrated at St Martin's Church, Chapeltown, Leeds, on Wednesday, between Miss Annie Priscilla Cunningham, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Cunningham, of Laura Villa, Roundhay, and Mr Arthur Frederick Watson. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Constance Swainston, of Leeds, and Miss J. B. Watson, acted as best man. Afterwards a reception was held at the Mansion, Potternewton Park. The honeymoon is being spent in the Lake District. Mr Cunningham, who is president of the Yorkshire Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association, had the whole proceedings "filmed."

MOTOR CAR DESTROYED.—A landaulette, belonging to Messrs Hindle Brothers, Ltd., Roundhay, caught fire near Northallerton, and was completely destroyed. The car was a very fine 15 h.p. Daimler landaulette, and was travelling to Northallerton from Leeds. When a quarter of a mile South of Otterington House, on the Northallerton and Boroughbridge Road, the car caught fire, and in a short time was a mass of flames. The body was totally demolished, the glass wind screen melting in the fierce heat. The gear box and the axles were also completely destroyed, and the only part of the car likely to be of further use is the engine. The automobile was valued from £350 to £400.

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STOURTON

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Frederick Duffill, a wheelwright, of Stourton, was summoned for having used obscene language at Stourton. Defendant said he did not remember using it; they had been for an enjoyable half-day. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday the Sunday School anniversary at the Primitive Methodist Church was celebrated, and special services were held. In the morning the choir and the scholars visited the parts of Stourton which were missed at the Whitsuntide festival, and sang their hymns. In the afternoon at the children's service an address was given by Mr Greenwood Ayrton, of Harehills Avenue Church.—Mr Brook, the Sunday School superintendent, presiding. The festival hymns were again a feature of the service, while some of the scholars who had been ably trained by Miss G. Lambert, gave recitations. Those who recited were:—Clara Phillips, who gave "Smiles"; Lilian Walton, "Love's mission"; and Harold Brook, "H, ii"; while Master Harry Taylor sang "Flowers of every hue." In the evening Gertie Bosomworth recited "The little mud sparrow," and Doris Pigott sang "When evening shadows gather." Miss Bosomworth also sang "The hill of sorrow." The preacher was Mr Greenwod Ayrton.

The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were Mr E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), Mr J. H. Ingleby, and Captain York.

Licensing Returns for the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr Lane Fox asked the Prime Minister when it was proposed to introduce a Housing Bill to take the place of the housing provisions included from the Insurance Bill. Mr Asquith said he hoped it would be introduced next week.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Spofforth cricketers met at home, and the better of a drawn game. Scores:—Spofforth—Smithson 9, King 4, S. H. Hill 12, Howard 10, Procter 24, Oddy 14, A. Hill 6, Thompson (not out) 25, W. Morrison 4, J. Morrison (not out) 14, extras, 14; total (for 8 wkts.), 133. Declared. Old Leedsians—Rigby 21, Lambert 2, Vause 0, Nutt 17, Cooper 0, Rigby 8, Evans 2, Hodgson (not out) 20, Jackson 2, Cissen (not out) 5, extras, 8; total (for 8 wkts.), 85.

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices on Monday evening, Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs J. Armitage, W. R. Chadwick, H. Corden, T. P. Wade, W. Wade, H. Kirkby, W. Lunn, W. Robinson, W. Speak, and S. Dobson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer of health (Dr H. Stevenson), the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse), and the surveyor (Mr J. Southwart).

MR BLAKEY'S BEREAVEMENT.

Before commencing the business of the Council the Chairman called attention to the absence of the vice-chairman (Mr G. W. Blakey). Since the last meeting Mr Hirst said, Mr Blakey and his family had had a very severe bereavement by the loss of a daughter in the foundering of the Empress of Ireland. He (Mr Hirst) remembered Mr Blakey's daughter as a teacher in the Rothwell National School, and he wanted no better testimony than what the late Mr Pearson once said—that Mr Blakey ought to be proud of his daughters. Recounting the circumstances of the sad affair, Mr Hirst said that Miss Blakey left home two years ago with a promise to her parents to come and see them in two years' time. She endeavoured to fulfil that promise, and he believed that it is had not been for the unfortunate accident she would have arrived home within two years since she left. Unfortunately, the meeting had not taken place, and he moved a vote of condolence with Mr and Mrs Blakey and their family in the sad bereavement. He felt sure that when they knew that the Council joined with them in their sorrow it would help to alleviate it.

Mr Lunn asked the Council, seeing he knew it had been a very sad blow to Mr Blakey, who had for weeks been unable to talk of anything else but of the coming home of his daughter, if Mr Lunn was supported, and, after making a personal reference to the family, said that in such disasters they saw the advantage of people being taught in the Elementary schools. Public authorities were neglecting their duties, education authorities in particular, in not giving the children attending the schools the facilities for learning to swim. They in Rothwell were not doing their duty yet in giving children that advantage.

Mr Kirkby also supported the vote, which was passed, by the members standing.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that the committee negotiate with Mr Farrer for the purchase of a frontage in Oulton Lane and Gillett Lane, from the entrance of the cottages beyond Whitehall Field in Oulton Lane to a point in Gillett Lane opposite the first projecting garden wall. It was resolved that it be left with the surveyor to arrange with the Tramway Co. to tar macadam the tramway margins in the Leeds and Wakefield Road. The surveyor was instructed to apply to the Road Board to made the road from Thorpe to Oulton, and from the Bones to Oulton fire-class roads, and the road from Ardsley Station along Lee Moor Lane to Methley a second class road. It was resolved that the committee meet Mr Hirst and Mr Hindle in Windmill Lane, the surveyor to bring plan of the land required from each. It was also resolved that the existing flagged footpath in Armitage Street be extended and the kerb stones from Leeds. When a quarter of a mile South of Otterington House, on the Northallerton and Boroughbridge Road, the car caught fire, and in a short time was a mass of flames. The body was totally demolished, the glass wind screen melting in the fierce heat. The gear box and the axles were also completely destroyed, and the only part of the car likely to be of further use is the engine. The automobile was valued from £350 to £400.

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MR BLAKEY'S BEREAVEMENT.

Before commencing the business of the Council the Chairman called attention to the absence of the vice-chairman (Mr G. W. Blakey). Since the last meeting Mr Hirst said, Mr Blakey and his family had had a very severe bereavement by the loss of a daughter in the foundering of the Empress of Ireland. He (Mr Hirst) remembered Mr Blakey's daughter as a teacher in the Rothwell National School, and he wanted no better testimony than what the late Mr Pearson once said—that Mr Blakey ought to be proud of his daughters. Recounting the circumstances of the sad affair, Mr Hirst said that Miss Blakey left home two years ago with a promise to her parents to come and see them in two years' time. She endeavoured to fulfil that promise, and he believed that it is had not been for the unfortunate accident she would have arrived home within two years since she left. Unfortunately, the meeting had not taken place, and he moved a vote of condolence with Mr and Mrs Blakey and their family in the sad bereavement. He felt sure that when they knew that the Council joined with them in their sorrow it would help to alleviate it.

Mr Lunn asked the Council, seeing he knew it had been a very sad blow to Mr Blakey, who had for weeks been unable to talk of anything else but of the coming home of his daughter, if Mr Lunn was supported, and, after making a personal reference to the family, said that in such disasters they saw the advantage of people being taught in the Elementary schools. Public authorities were neglecting their duties, education authorities in particular, in not giving the children attending the schools the facilities for learning to swim. They in Rothwell were not doing their duty yet in giving children that advantage.

Mr Kirkby also supported the vote, which was passed, by the members standing.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that the committee negotiate with Mr Farrer for the purchase of a frontage in Oulton Lane and Gillett Lane, from the entrance of the cottages beyond Whitehall Field in Oulton Lane to a point in Gillett Lane opposite the first projecting garden wall. It was resolved that it be left with the surveyor to arrange with the Tramway Co. to tar macadam the tramway margins in the Leeds and Wakefield Road. The surveyor was instructed to apply to the Road Board to made the road from Thorpe to Oulton, and from the Bones to Oulton fire-class roads, and the road from Ardsley Station along Lee Moor Lane to Methley a second class road. It was resolved that the committee meet Mr Hirst and Mr Hindle in Windmill Lane, the surveyor to bring plan of the land required from each. It was also resolved that the existing flagged footpath in Armitage Street be extended and the kerb stones from the Bones to Oulton be made up and taken over by the Council on the completion of the Private Street Works of which notice has been given. It was decided that the Council offer without prejudice to pay one half the cost of repairs to the stream through Mrs Nother's land, the estimated total cost being £12 12s.

A ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

In moving the adoption of the minutes, Mr W. Lunn said the first paragraph of the minutes meant that they were asking Major Calverley for a price for part of Oulton Lane and part of Gillett Lane up to a point. The committee thought an improvement was needed at the commencement of Oulton Lane, and the best way would be to widen Gillett Lane and the corner of Oulton Lane, as far as they were going to build houses.

Mr S. Dobson called the attention of the Committee to the condition of the footbridge at north field, which crosses the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway. The boards, he explained, were loose, and the actions of some mischievous lads might result in a serious accident.

The minutes were passed.

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TEMPLENEWSAM PARISH AFFAIRS.

WHITKIRK RECREATION GROUND.

The members of Templenewsam Council meeting at Hollon on Monday (in the chair), J. Owrid, J. A. Dixon, G. D. Crosthwaite, H. Greaves, C. E. Goodall, W. Baker, Fitton, and Firth, with the Clerk (Mr Vernon Greaves).

At a meeting of the Allotments Committee it was agreed that a minimum balance of £5 over and above expenses be retained by the County Council, and the Clerk was instructed to obtain information as to the Council being in a position to give a discount of five per cent. on rentals paid promptly.

Tenders were obtained for water pipes for the allotments in Keighley Lane, and it was proposed that the money should be borrowed from the overseers and be paid back in thirteen years. Before doing anything further in the matter it was decided to ask the allotment-holders concerned (31 in number) whether they were willing to pay a certain sum annually in redemption of the loan.—Mr Dixon said that he understood some of the allotment holders did not want the water.—The Chairman said that they must get to know that when the Clerk wrote to them.—Mr Dixon asked what would happen if a large minority were against the scheme.—The Clerk said that one way would be to give them notice to give up their allotments.—Mr Crosthwaite: That would be a shabby way of doing things.—Mr Firth said they should leave the matter until they knew what their position was.—The matter then dropped.

It was reported that the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., had granted what remains of the old cricket ground at Whitkirk, consisting of 1a. 2r. 8p. on 3 yearly tenancy for use as a recreation ground, at a rental of one shilling. Owing to the danger from traffic, he was against the making of an entrance in Selby Road, but in view of the opposition to a suggested entrance from Hollyshaw Grove, he was willing that a temporary gate should be placed on the Selby Road side so that the children could have the use of the field this summer. In the course of discussion, Mr Firth said it might be suggested that an entrance should be given from the "Brown Cow" Yard.—The Chairman said that would be interfering with the property of some one else.—Mr Crosthwaite said he thought it was safer to give an entrance from the Selby Road than Hollyshaw Lane.—Eventually Mr Dixon moved that Mr Wood's offer be accepted, and that he be asked to make the Selby Road entrance a permanent one in view of the opposition to the Hollyshaw Grove entrance.—Mr Firth seconded, and this was adopted.—Messrs Owrid, Tomlinson and Calton were appointed to interview Mr Marsden on the matter.—Mr Firth said he understood the Ratepayers' Association were to do something in regard to seats in this recreation ground.—Mr Catton: We shall be very thankful.

It was reported that twelve old school desks had been brought and placed in the Halton Recreation Ground, and it was decided to obtain tenders for fixing the seats.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr Firth, to give the use of the Halton Recreation Ground on July 13th to the Skyrack Police for a charity cricket match.

The Council agreed to issue a precept for £25 on the overseers.

Application having been made to the Motor Union for danger-signs to be fixed at the Halton School and Pinfold Lane, Halton, a reply was received stating that it had been sent to the signs department.

In regard to water flowing over a footpath leading from Primrose Lane to Killinghark, the owner of the land (Mr Morkill) wrote that he would give the matter attention when he next visited Halton.

RECTOR OF BOLTON PERCY AND MISSIONS.

POOR AND THE GOSPEL—ATTITUDE OF THE RICH.

Dr Crosthwaite (Bishop of Beverley and rector of Bolton Percy), at the opening of a missionary exhibition at Pontefract, said that wherever they looked—to Africa, to India, further east to China, or still further east to Japan—everywhere were calls which were unmistakable to the Christian Church from all parts of the globe, to reinforce the present army of missionaries, and to grapple with the emergencies which were arising and the new problems which were developing solution. He had the great pressure the other day of sitting with a lady whose husband was working in the Provinces of India, where were taking place those great risen movements toward Christianity which were affecting the lowest of the people. They were sometimes told, "Yes, you can get the lowest people, but you can't get at the educated folk." They must not, however, forget the Gospel in its first beginnings appealed rather to the poor and those who were less educated, but when the higher classes saw the fruits of the Gospel upon the lower fellows, they were glad to embrace its teaching. It would be a mistake to think no work was being done amongst the higher classes in India, because in India—where really great results were being attained. Those mass movements constituted a problem of their own, because the people coming in required teaching, and a great increase in the number of men and women working amongst them. The number of Christians in the Punjab was now three times what it was ten years ago, and whilst the whole population of the Provinces had increased by five per cent. during that period, the number of Christians had increased by 30 per cent.

That, a year ago they had a most remarkable experience in the fact that the Chinese Government specially invited the prayers of the Christians in that country and elsewhere on behalf of the new Parliament, and that for the first time Christianity in the minds of the Chinese people to a position it had never occupied before that invitation was given. They must take the opportunities which had thus arisen, and the same encouraging signs could be observed in Japan. It was not only large sums which were required, and the appeal for assistance could not be confined to those who could afford large sums only. They needed also the pence of the people. He was interested the other day in perusing the balance sheet of a hundred years ago issued by the parish in Somerset in which he was born, and there found so many people promising to raise so much apiece, and so many children offering a half-penny a week; and in the same way they all had a duty to give as God had blessed them and to contribute heartily and generously. He was quite sure they would find a good deal to interest them in that exhibition, and he trusted that their interest would bear fruit in the future.

TRESPASS.—At Wetherby John Woolliscroft, shop assistant, and Henry B. Lee, wool merchant, both of Wetherby, were fined 2s. 6d. and costs each for trespassing on the North Eastern Railway at that place.

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH LEAGUE MATCHES.

Nine matches form the Senior League programme for Saturday. Saxton, who were beaten early in the season at Church Fenton, expect to turn the tables on their opponents, but they must show a little more stamina. South Milford, too, have something to wipe out, and Cawood will find difficulty in annexing points at Milford. Tadcaster, at home, will be expected to account for Church Fenton Sycamore, but a reproduction of Sycamore's best form will provide an interesting match. Halton are confident of their ability to beat Barwick, and Micklefield, on form, should succeed at Preston, but the homesters are a team of triers, and they will eventually come into their own.

The best game of the day will probably be at Seacroft, where Garforth will try conclusions with the homesters. Both teams are on an equality in the League table, and as the 'Crofters were lucky to win the first match between the teams, a keen struggle for the points is assured.—Halton Wes. and Crossgates meet at Halton. —Halton Wes. must have an advantage, while Shadwell, if they give of their best, should manage to beat Collingham. Crossgates Wes. have improved whilst Whitkirk have gone backward but the latter will come again, and the Wesleyans will have to show all their skill if they are to go up to the League table.

LANE FOX CUP COMPETITION.

In the first round of the Lane Fox Cup Competition on Saturday afternoon Garforth Wes., one of the smartest teams playing in the Junior League, accomplished a very creditable performance by defeating Collingham on their own ground by twenty runs. The game was not without its interesting features, and it may be truthfully stated that the match was won by the last man on the Garforth side. The Wesleyans, who had first lease of the wicket, had a very moderate score when A. Hewitt, the last man on the side, joined Gent, and it looked as if the match were a gift for Collingham. Hewitt, however, completely upset the calculations of the trundlers, and he defied the attack until he had put 34 on the register. Gent's score was 14 (not out). The total was 91. Emmerson captured five wickets for 21, and Gibson had 4 for 21. Collingham, unlike their opponents, started in promising style, and Smithson, Whitehead, and Smith made 14 each, Gibson 15, and Young 7, and then there was a collapse, Ward bowling with deadly effect. Six players had only half-a-dozen among them, and the innings realised 71. Ward's six wickets cost 19 runs, and Brownridge's 3 were got for 20. Garforth Wes. opponents in the next round on July 18th are Crossgates.

Halton Wes., who entertained Barwick, made their place in the second round secure. Barwick, who have shown an improvement in recent matches, gave a fairly good batting exhibition, and they were not got rid of until they had scored 141, of which Fred Lamb had 18 and Walton 13. The bowling honours for Halton were divided. G. O. Bell had the best figures—3 for 12, C. E. Batty's cost 15, and Micklefield had 2 for 6. Halton lost three of their leading batsmen for 18, but Crosthwaite played careful cricket, and he credited himself with 19 (not out). Six wickets were down when the total was 65, so that the struggle was keenly interesting right up to the finish. Bowes secured 3 wickets for 18, F. Lamb had 2 for 20, and Hartley one for 8 runs. Halton will play Seacroft in the next round.

Seacroft had a very easy journey to the second round, Swillington Park, who were no match for their opponents, are not in the League, and they might do themselves a service by joining the Junior League next season with a view to qualifying for higher honours. The losers' innings realised 43 (E. Gummerson 12), and Pickersgill secured three of their wickets for six runs, while D. Burton claimed 4 for 20. Seacroft got the necessary runs with only one wicket down, D. Burton scoring 11, and Stead 27 (not out).

Garforth again demonstrated their superiority to Great Preston, and if the winners maintain their present form they should go far in the tournament. Batting first, the Garforthians gave a fine exhibition, and excellent cricket was played by S. Glover (18), H. Prime (40), and W. Glover (33). Stephenson was given out lbw, without scoring, but Morley made 15. E. Birch 10, and G. Reed, who went last to the wickets, 15 (not out). The total was 153. For Preston J. Green was the only bowler capturing 5 for 35. Preston opened, singularly enough, with four Wigglesworths, and two of them were unfortunate to be sent back without scoring. H. Wigglesworth, however, put on 17, and valuable assistance was rendered by G. A. Varley and Firth (6), but the others made no substantial score, and the innings closed for 68. Williamson claimed two wickets for 7, G. Reed 2 for 11, Pickersgill 2 for 18, and Ballance 3 for 22. In the next round Garforth will meet Tadcaster.

Shadwell were unable to again rout Crossgates as they unexpectedly did a few weeks since, but they made a splendid fight. The match was played at Shadwell. Crossgates made a very disappointing start, Barnell, Sykes, and Spivey being dismissed for eight runs. Their failure was calculated to have a depressing effect, but it seems to have inspired the other members of the team to greater endeavour, and Goodall trounced the bowling without mercy, sending up Fairburn to the tune of 26, and J. Brookes St. 22 (not out), and the innings was not completed until 179 was on the board. Arthur Heaton captured 7 wickets for 59, and Wood had a fine 60, but they showed commendable pluck, and at one time it looked as if a close finish was in store. Heaton made 13, Scott 16, Freeman 23, and Smith 17, but the tail failed to wag, and the total was 108. Walter Sykes, who has filled various roles on the cricket field, came out well as a bowler, capturing five wickets for 25, and while Yates had 3 for 23, and Harvey 3 for 26.

Saxton were never given a better opportunity of beating their friends from Milford, and they are now wondering how they failed to take advantage of it. It was, I understand, a splendidly contested match, and at one period there was every prospect of Saxton winning, but a "rot" set in, and the Milfordians again came out on top. Milford gave a poor batting display, and their score of 43 (Hutchcroft 15) must be taken as a tribute to the skilful handling of the bowling. Saxton tried five trundlers, and Parkinson 5 for 10, T. Sissons 3 for 15, W. Thirkill 2 for 4, and E. Stoker 1 for 9. Saxton, for whom Stoker put on 13, opened fairly well, and 30 was registered for a loss of half the wickets, but Fourteen runs were required to give them victory, but Chilton put a check to any chance they had. He captured five wickets in quick succession, and brought the match to an end without another run being got. It was a fine feat, and is, I fancy, a record for this tournament, although it has before been accomplished in the League. Chilton had six wickets for 2 runs, and E. Atkinson had 3 for 14.

I understand that there was some bother about the finish of the match at Cawood. The homesters, batting first, put on 66 (J. Ward 16 and S. Land 17), and Micklefield replied with 67 for the loss of 21 and A. Smith (10 not out). The players had retired to the pavilion, and the scorers having again been counted, it was discovered that Micklefield had put on 66. Cawood refused to return to the field to finish the game, and the Executive will have to decide the question. A precisely similar case occurred recently at Aberford, and, judging by the decision given in that case, Micklefield will be awarded the match. For Micklefield Tompkinson captured 3 wickets for no runs, Townend had 3 for 15, and Smith 4 for 36. On the other side C. O. Lund's 3 wickets were got for 19, and Stockdale's 2 for 19.

The best match of the round, as I anticipated, was played at Old Manston, and nine records were set up by Crossgates Wes. and Tadcaster. The Calcarians, with many years' experience, are one of the leading clubs in the district, and it was thought that they would prove a little better than their opponents, the majority of whom are young players, but Crossgates were given a splendid chance of overcoming their doughty rivals, and they failed to take it. The homesters made the Tadcaster bowling look poor stuff by sending up 109—the largest score ever put on against the Calcarians, it is said—and Webster, the captain, rattled up 89, while George Umpleby scored 37. Coultas 27, C. Brook 12, and E. H. Riley 11. Tadcaster made a great response, and when three wickets were down about ninety runs had been registered, but the scoring slackened somewhat, and it was not until Herbert and West came together that all hope of completing the game that day was abandoned. When play stopped Tadcaster had 137 for 8 wickets, and Mason made 28, Todd 15, Baker 14, and Garbutt 27. A fairly large crowd gathered to see the finish on Tuesday night, and a victory for Crossgates was anticipated. Herbert and West were in a peculiarly safe stand, but Mason, who never batted better, and West was almost as good. The bowling, which was not well handled, was poor, and the fielding was by no means smart; in fact, some of the Crossgates players were suffering from over-confidence. George Umpleby was put on to bowl after a considerable amount of the deficit had been wiped out, and in his second over West skied the ball. It dropped into a player's hands, and, to the astonishment of the crowd, he failed to hold it. Any chance Crossgates had of winning was gone, for only about a dozen runs were required, and Herbert (45) and West (36) raised the total to 202. It will be seen that 401 runs were scored in the match. Too much credit cannot be given to Herbert and West, because they turned what the majority of people thought would be a defeat into a fine victory.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Barkston and Beamham had a very exciting match, in which the bowlers were in the ascendancy, and the honours went to Beamham by a couple of wickets. Barkston were dismissed for 21, and Dawson claimed six of their wickets for 13, while Shaw had 4 for 7. Beamham lost eight wickets in making 22, and Hardcastle secured 3 wickets for 9, and Wood 4 for 12.—Kirk Deighton, at home, had their record spoilt by South Milford at A. The Milfordians put on 173 (C. Hey 37), and E. Linfoot captured five of their wickets for 18, and H. Oxley had 3 for 29. Kirk Deighton replied with 35 (White 14), and A. Lindley accounted for six wickets for 11 runs, and J. Hill had 2 for 23.—Ulleskelf, at home, defeated Sherburn W.R., and the feature of the game was the score of J. Potter, who contributed 61 to a total of 167. Sherburn, who made 16, was the only other player on the side to get two figures. Cawthorne bowled well for Sherburn, taking 7 wickets for 33, and B. Hey had 2 for 20. Ulleskelf were dismissed for 147 (Cawthorne 16), and J. Potter claimed 3 wickets for 7. W. Bean had 3 for 14, and F. Stronach 2 for 18.

In division 2 Micklefield A., the bottom team, are to be congratulated on their first win, but the handling of the bowling was very helpful. Aberford's score was 72 (Stringer 21 and Griffin 12), and J. Simpson secured five wickets for 20. For a loss of nine wickets Micklefield got the necessary runs, and the finish was very exciting. Simpson scored 27 and Garforth 14 (not out). Abbott had 2 wickets for no runs, Griffin 3 for 15, and Inman 3 for 20. Aberford must give attention to fielding if they are to make headway.

With the downfall of Seacroft A. at Garforth every team in the Competition has been defeated. The 'Crofters, who had won five matches straight off the reel, were dismissed for 41 (Ball 14), and W. Hainsock had five wickets for 18, and F. Hancock five for 23. Garforth replied with 44 for a loss of five wickets (Hemsworth 17, not out, and Kilburn 10). For Seacroft W. Linley captured three wickets for 18 and A. Linley had 2 for 12.—Halton A. were out for bowling records at Barwick on Saturday. Batting first, the winners registered 115 (F. Nicholson 32, H. Heigh 15, Todd 13, not out, J. Guest and N. Sunter 11 each), and T. H. Robshaw secured 3 wickets for 31 and M. Lumb 3 for 22. Barwick's innings did not lag long; indeed, there was a splendid display of bowling and fielding, and the pavilion was reached with only seven wickets down. Longden's seven wickets cost only two runs, while H. Dobson's 3 were got for 7. With practice Barwick will come yet.

ROTHWELL LEAGUE—KIPPAX WIN.

On Saturday afternoon Kippax played Woodlesford, and their opponents scored 156 for 7 wickets, while Woodlesford had to be content with 114. The second teams met at Kippax, and the homesters won easily. They registered 88 (Stoker 29, Cockerham 15, Ballance 14, and Eastwood 10), and Woodlesford were dismissed for 15. G. Crigwell captured 7 wickets for 5, and A. Crigwell had 3 for 10.

ROTHWELL AND WAKEFIELD CUP.

On Saturday the Rothwell A. team visited Carlton to play a match in the first round of the Wakefield and District Cup Competition. The homesters sustained a crushing defeat, being only able to muster 51 to Rothwell's 156. Rothwell's first innings was a splendid one, and although the first wicket fell for 29, a further three runs had only been scored when the third batsman left. Matthew Todd, B. P. Coultas, 15; R. T. Baker, Beaumont, 14; J. W Garbutt, b P Coultas, 47; Pritchard, b E. Clough, 0; H. Raper, b A. Beaumont, 4; G Freer, b G Umpleby, 2; J. T Hebden, c Beaumont, b Umpleby, 3; E W Herbert, not out, 45; F. West, not out, 36; extras, 8; total (for 8 wkts.), 202.

Fall of the fifth wicket the board recorded 86. J. Tiffany was the top scorer with 33, while W. Nelson made 20. W. Ingleby and F. Stringer claimed 19 each, and J. Hobson had 16. When Carlton went in to bat, S. Fallinder soon made short work of the opposition, dismissing eight of the batsmen for 30 runs, while F. Stringer took 2 for 11.

OULTON'S BIG SCORE.

At Oulton on Saturday the first eleven gave E. Green and Sons, Ltd., a hard task. The homesters declared at the fall of the third wicket, the score standing at 172. J. D. Butterick, who made his first appearance with the Oulton eleven this season, rattled up 61, not out. R. Higgins made a half-century before he was caught, while H. J. Butler played up to his usual form, making 34. The visitors put on several bowlers, the best show being made by B. Stead, who captured 3 for 27. The game was drawn, the visitors making 106 for eight wickets, and J. Butterick took 4 wickets for 40, and B. Walker 2 for 29. The second teams met, and Green's team won easily. They scored 212, and Oulton replied with 116, C. Higgins scoring 39, Jones 29, G. Higgins 8, T. Wright 6 (not out), C. Butterick, Whitworth, and Fox 5 each, and Lockwood 3. There were 15 extras.

LANE FOX CUP COMPETITION

COLLINGHAM AND LINTON V. GARFORTH WES. —At Collingham. Scores:—

Garforth Wes.—R. Ward, c Smith, b Emmerson, 5; F. Siberry, b Emmerson, 8; V. Siberry, b Emmerson, 3; H. Goodall, c Tetley, b Gibson, 0; W. Turner, b Gibson, 6; J. Johnson, b Gibson, 11; F. Gent, not out, 14; R. Brownridge, 5 Emmerson, 0; H. Siberry, c Dalby, b Emmerson, 0; J. Bulmer, b Gibson, 5; A. Hewitt, b Smith, 31; extras, 15; total, 91.

Collingham and Linton—R. Smithson, b Ward, 14; F. Whitehead, c V Siberry, b Brownridge, 14; R. Gibson, b Ward, 15; A. E. Smith, b Brownridge, 14; W. Emmerson, c Brownridge, b Gent, 0; A. Young, c H Siberry, b Ward, 7; T. M. Harland, not out, 5; J. W. Dalby, b Brownridge, 1; H. Tweddle, b Ward, 0; M. Dalby, b Brownridge, b Ward, 0; extra, 1; total, 71.

HALTON WES. V. BARWICK.—At Halton. Scores:—

Barwick—F. Lamb, c C Bell, b G O Bell, 18; W Hartley, b C Bell, 3; J. Robshaw, c Crosthwaite, b C E Batty, 5; G. Bowes, b C E Batty, 4; H. Walton, b Murtland, 13; W. Armitage, lbw. b H Wilson, 0; W. Lovett, c Crosthwaite, b C E Batty, 3; T. Robshaw, c C E Batty, b Murtland, 4; J. Pollard, not out, 5; V. Robshaw, lbw, b G O Bell, 0; K. Birch, c J A Popplewell, b G O Bell, 0; extras, 9; total, 64.

Halton Wes.—Kilburn, lbw, b Bowes, 5; J. Wellwell, c and b Bowes, 8; J. A. Popplewell, b Lumb, 5; G D Crosthwaite, not out, 19; G. O Bell, c Hartley, b Lumb, 1; G. E. Batty, b Lumb, b Bowes, 0; Murtland, b Hartley, 8; Stevens, not out, 4; extras 15; total (for 6 wkts.), 65.

GREAT PRESTON V. GARFORTH.—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Garforth—S. Glover, b Green, 18; H Prime, b Thompson, 40; H. Williamson, c Green, 6; W Glover, b R Wigglesworth, 33; T Ballance, lbw, b R Wigglesworth, 0; H. Morley, c Varley, b Green, 15; J Killburn, c Cockerham, b Green, 2; A Firth, run out, 1; E. Birch, b T Wigglesworth, 10; H Pickersgill, c Thompson, b Green, 1; G Reed, not out, 15; extras, 12; total, 153.

Great Preston—T Wigglesworth, run out, 0; Hs. Wigglesworth, c Firth, b Williamson, 17; G Wigglesworth, c Glover, b Pickersgill, 0; R. Wigglesworth, c Glover, b Ballance, 4; W. Cockerham, c and b Ballance, 6; K. Ward, c Ballance, b Pickersgill, 1; Thompson, c Firth, b Ballance, 1; G. Varley, b Williamson, 16; F. Firth, b Reed, 9; J. Green, c Prime, b Reed, 4; J. Cloper, not out, 0; extras, 10; total, 68.

SHADWELL V. CROSSGATES.—At Shadwell. Scores:—

Crossgates—Barnell, c Metcalfe, b Heaton, 2; Sykes, b Wilson, 1; Spivey, c Wilson, b Heaton, 5; Brookes, c Scott, b Wilson, 10; Goodall, c Umpleby, b Heaton, 81; Fairburn, c Umpleby, b Heaton, 26; Craven, c D Wilson, b Heaton, 8; J. Brookes, not out, 22; Harvey, c Umpleby, b Heaton, 9; Wilson, c Heaton, b Wilson, 7; Yates, b Heaton, 0; extras, 5; total, 179.

Shadwell—Heaton, lbw, b Yates, 13; Scott, c Craven, b Sykes, 46; Metcalfe, b Yates, 0; Wilson, b Yates, 4; Freeman, b Harvey, 22; Fairburn, b Sykes, 0; Smith, c Sykes, b Harvey, 17; Hulley, not out, 1; Umpleby, c Yates, b Harvey, 0; Peel, b Sykes, 0; Mills, b Sykes, 0; extra, 1; total, 108.

SAXTON V. SOUTH MILFORD.—At Saxton. Scores:—

South Milford—R. Sutton, c and b Sissons, 6; Metcalfe, b Richardson, 0; E. Atkinson, c R Firn, b Sissons, 3; A. Atkinson, b Richardson, 1; H. Chilton, c Richardson, b Sissons, 6; Hutchcroft, c Richardson, b T. Sissons, 15; Richardson, 2; Heselgrave, c Richardson, b P. Lawn, 0; C. Sutton, c W. Firn, b P Lawn, 1; A. Lindley, b Stoker, 3; N. Hanson, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 43.

Saxton—E. Stoker, c Hutchcroft, b Atkinson, 13; J. Firn, b Atkinson, 5; W. Firn, b Lindley, 3; W. Thirkill, c C. Sutton, b Atkinson, 6; T. Richardson, not out, 2; P. Lawn, bwb, b Chilton, 11; T. Sissons, b Chilton, 0; S. Knowles, b Chilton, 0; R. Firn, st Sutton, b Chilton, 0; A. Parker, c Lindley, b Chilton, 0; H. Hawkesby, st Sutton, b Chilton, 0; total, 39.

CAWOOD V. MICKLEFIELD.—At Cawood. Scores:—

Cawood—C. O. Lund, c Wallis, b Smith, 4; J. Ward, c Smith, b Townend, 16; S. Lund, b Smith, 17; W. Barker, b Smith, 1; H. Lund, b Townend, 0; J. Robson, bwb, b Stockdale, 0; Mr. Smith, 3; C. Jackson, run out, 2; F. Ward, b Townend, 0; F. Thompson, b Tomkinson, 6; R. Lupton, b Tomkinson, 0; extras, 8; total, 66.

Micklefield—G. Tomlinson, lbw, b C. O. Lund, 9; A. Godber, b C. O. Lund, 8; A. Stone, hit wkt, b C. O. Lund, 21; A. Smith, not out, 10; W. Wallis, b Robson, 0; Stockdale, c J. H. Townend, b Stockdale, 1; S. Taylor, not out, 5; extras, 3; total (for 5 wkts.), 66.

CROSSGATES WES. V. TADCASTER.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, run out, 12; P. C. Binns, b Baker, 6; D. Umpleby, b Baker, 0; G. Umpleby, c Grimston, b Herbert, 37; E. Webster, c Baker, b Freer, 89; E. Clough, b Herbert, 1; E. Holliday, c Grimston, b Raper, 11; P. Coultas, b Freer, 27; A. Beaumont, b West, 2; A. Beaumont, b Freer, 0; A. Withy, not out, 1; extras, 12; total, 199.

Tadcaster—J. F. Mason, b P Coultas, 28; H. Todd, b P. Coultas, 15; R. T. Baker, b Beaumont, 14; J W Garbutt, b P Coultas, 47; Pritchard, b E. Clough, 0; H. Raper, b A. Beaumont, 4; G Freer, b G Umpleby, 2; J T Hebden, c Beaumont, b Umpleby, 3; E W Herbert, not out, 45; F. West, not out, 36; extras, 8; total (for 8 wkts.), 202.

SEACROFT V. SWILLINGTON PARK.—At Seacroft. Scores:—

Swillington Park—W McFarlane, b G Stead, 6; A Jackson, b D Burton, 0; Ed. Gummerson, c and b D. Burton, 12; W. Tiffany, run out, 8; T. Firth, st Atack, b Burton, 0; H Brittlebank, b J W Pickersgill, 1; T. Jackson, st Atack, b Burton, 6; W. Somers, run out, 1; E Gummerson, not out, 1; F. Lister, b J W Pickersgill, 0; H. Tiffany, b J. W. Pickersgill, 2; extras, 6; total, 43.

Seacroft—D. Burton, c and b McFarlane, 11; G. Stead, not out, 27; T. Toft, not out, 5; extra, 1; total (for 1 wkt.), 44.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	5	4	1	0	8
South Milford	5	4	1	0	8
Saxton	5	2	3	0	4
Cawood	5	2	3	0	4
Church Fenton Syc.	5	1	3	1	3
Church Fenton	4	1	3	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Micklefield	5	4	1	0	8
Seacroft	5	4	1	0	8
Garforth	5	4	1	0	8
Halton	5	3	2	0	4
Barwick	5	1	4	0	2
Great Preston	5	0	5	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wes.	5	4	1	0	8
Crossgates	5	3	2	0	6
Shadwell	5	3	2	0	6
Crossgates Wes.	5	2	3	0	4
Whitkirk	5	2	3	0	4
Collingham	5	0	5	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	6	4	0	2	10
Kirk Deighton	6	4	2	0	8
Ulleskelf	6	4	2	0	8
Bramham	6	3	3	0	6
South Milford A.	5	3	2	0	6
Sherburn W.R.	6	2	4	0	4
Barkston Ash	6	1	5	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft A.	6	5	1	0	10
Garforth A.	6	5	1	0	10
Halton A.	6	5	1	0	10
Great Preston A	6	3	3	0	6
Aberford	6	2	4	0	4
Barwick	6	1	5	0	2
Micklefield A.	6	1	5	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wes.	5	4	1	0	8
Crossgates Wes. A	5	3	2	0	6
Crossgates A.	5	3	2	0	6
Swillington and Colton	5	3	2	0	6
Whitkirk A	5	2	3	0	4
Halton Wes. A	5	0	5	0	0

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MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Saxton v. Church Fenton—Messrs R. Firn (Cawood) and J. Limbert (Micklefield).

South Milford v. Cawood. Messrs T. Ambler (Church Fenton) and T. Carroll (Tadcaster).

Tadcaster v. Church Fenton Sycamore. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and J. Lupton (South Milford).

Halton v. Barwick. Messrs J. Johnson (Seacroft), and H. Johnson (Crossgates).

Great Preston v. Micklefield. Messrs A. Gascoigne (Kippax) and H. Jackson (Seacroft).

Seacroft v. Garforth. Messrs J. Thompson (Great Preston) and C. Pleasants (Halton Wes.).

Halton Wes. v. Crossgates. Messrs T. Mathers (Great Preston) and T. Crosland (Micklefield).

Shadwell v. Collingham. Messrs J. L. Kitching (Leeds) and W. Crosland (Barwick).

Whitkirk v. Crossgates Wes. Messrs C. Atack (Micklefield) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Kirk Deighton v. Tadcaster A. Messrs H. Watson (Barkston Ash), and E. Smith (Ulleskelf).

Bramham v. South Milford A. Messrs J. D. Snowden (Wetherby) and H. Irish (Wetherby).

Ulleskelf v. Barkston Ash. Messrs H. Bell (Saxton) and C. Thornton (Barkston Ash).

Garforth A. v. Seacroft A. Messrs S. H. Ecclestone (Crossgates Wes.) and G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton).

Micklefield A. v. Halton. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and A. Bailey (Garforth).

Barwick A. v. Seacroft A. Messrs T. P. Spivey (Crossgates) and F. Hebden (Garforth).

Crossgates A. v. Halton Wes. A. Messrs J. Burton (Seacroft) and J. W. Fallingham (Leeds).

Swillington and Colton v. Garforth Wes. Messrs T. Blackburn (Great Preston) and F. Pickersgill (Seacroft).

Crossgates Wes. A. v. Whitkirk A. Messrs E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton) and W. Nicholson (Halton).

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BRAMHAM V. BARKSTON ASH.—At Bramham. Scores:—Barkston Ash—F. Hills, 5; A. Lazenby (not out), 2; H. Hardcastle o, J. White o, H. Wood 2, W. Liddle o, F. Greenwood 2, A Bateson 2, A. Smith (not out) 2, D. White o, extra, 1; total, 21. Bramham—E. Case 2, F. Gibbons 3, A. Stockdale 4, H. Tindall o, J. Dawson 3, G. Shaw o, R. Hebron 2, G. Brown (not out) 5, H. Shaw 3, R. Eastwood (not out) o; extra, 1; total (for 8 wkts.), 22.

ULLESKELF V. SHERBURN WHITE ROSE.—At Ulleskelf. Scores:—Ulleskelf, J. Potter 61, F. Stronach 16, R. Bean o, N. Ward 1, J. Sykes o, W. Bean 1, G. Lacey 3, F. Smith o, B. Varey o, T. Tenstead (not out) o, extras, 13; total, 101. Sherburn W.R.—B. Hey o, L. Hester 3, W. Swift 5, E. Townend 4, H. Cawthorne (not out) 16, Douglas o, Cook 2, Gill 0; total, 47.

KIRK DEIGHTON V. SOUTH MILFORD A.—At Kirk Deighton. Scores:—South Milford A.—Bassett 2, C Hey 37, A Chilton 7, L. Dutter o, F. Crawford 5, A. Lindley 3, J. Hill 6, D. Terry 4, Stalbarian 1, Wise (not out), 1, W Lindley o, extras, 6; total, 72. Kirk Deighton—F. Iley o, extras, 6; total, 72. Nicholson o, J. Oxley o, T. Beasley 4, E. Linfoot 4, A. Swann o, T. H. Raine 6, R. Nicholson o, G. White 14, C. Oxley 2, H. Oxley 3, J Beasley (not out) 1, extra, 1; total, 35.

ABERFORD V. MICKLEFIELD A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—J. Blaidey 3, H. Abbott 3, J. Inman 2, O. Griffin 12, G. Connell 4, A Lupton 3, A. Pratt (not out) o, A. Beaton 8, A. Swinger 21, B. Pickles o, J. Coggins 8, extras, 8, total, 72. (Micklefield A.—J. Simpson 27, P. N. Butler, not out, 22; extras, 5; total (for 3 wkts.), 172. Declared. E. Green and Sons—B. Stead, c H. J. Butler, b Butterick, 4; G. Mabson, c Walker, b Butterick, 7; J. Denton, c Cliff. Higgins, b Butterick, 16; W. Ough, bw, b Waller, o; A. Hazal, b Walker, 1; G. Lockwood, c and b Butterick, 2; C. Wilcock, c Cliff Higgins, b R. Higgins, 30; F. Dey, not out, 26; A. Smith, b Jackson, o; F. Lee, not out, 13; extras, 7; total (for 8 wkts.), 160.

CROSSGATES A. V. WADE AND CO.—At Crossgates. Scores:—Wade and Co.—W. Wade, b Walker, 7; B. Farrow, b Linley, o; E. Holmes, b Walker, 3; W. Wade, c Wilkinson, b Linley, 2; F. Newby, bw, b Linley, 3; F. Aspin, b Turner, 8; A. Farrow, c Whiting, b Linley, 3; Schofield, b Turner, 5; J. Peck, b Linley, 3; W. Peck, c Whiting, b Turner, 5; Blaize, not out, 4; extras, 7; total, 53. Crossgates A.—W. Wilkinson, c Wade, b Farrow, 6; H. Linley, c W. Peck, b J. Peck, 10; H. Holliday, c Peck, b Farrow, 10; C. Whiting, c Wade, b Farrow, 2; H. Smith, bw, b Farrow, 4; Reg Davis, c Wade, b Peck, o; W. Walker, b Peck, 2; W. Glover, b Farrow, 5; A. Curtis, b Farrow, o; A. Turner, not out, 6; W. Slater, c and b Farrow, o; extra, 1; total, 48.

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP.

ROTHWELL A V. CARLTON A.—At Carlton. Scores:—Rothwell—W Nelson 20, W. Charlesworth 6, A. Tiffany 33, F. Brown 2, G. Ingleby 8, J. Paley 19, F. Stringer (not out) 19, E. Tiffany 7, J. Hobson 16, W. Parish 8, S. Fallciner o, extras, 24; total, 156. Carlton—W. Newton o, H. Hardwick 8, W. Fox 8, W. Asbton 5, S. Nelson 1, J. Ashcroft 2, A. Gill (not out) 1, W. Baxter 2, extras, 2; total, 11.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY Outwood v. Carlton. Messrs Tate and Lumb. Kippax v. Robin Hood. Messrs Newton and Morley.

Rothwell v. Oulton. Messrs Britton and Booth. Stanley v. Woodlesford. Messrs Tattersall and Fox.

ROUNDHAY

AVIATION CENTRE.—Negotiations are practically completed for the conversion of the Olympia Skating Rink in Roundhay, into an aeroplane factory. The lessees will be the Blackburn Aeroplane Company, who are to take the building on a lease of several years. There has been some talk that the surrounding land might be used as a school for aviation, but it is doubtful if it is spacious enough for that purpose. The Olympia, of course, was built during the roller skating boom, and the flag was kept flying there long after the other rinks had closed their doors. Latterly the chief form of attraction has been periodical boxing shows.

ROTHWELL LEAGUE.

KIPPAX A. V. WOODLESFORD A.—At Kippax. Scores:—Kippax—R Stoker 29, A. Ballance 14, H. Batt 1, G. Crigwell 2, L. Willi

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CHAPTER XXII.

That evening, Miss Patricia retired early to bed; that is, she went to her room. She sat for a long time lost in thought. Then she went to her writing-table and wrote a short note to Paul Colthurst.

"My dear Paul,—I am going to London by an early train in the morning, but hope to be back again in the evening, so it isn't good-bye. I am going on your business, want you to have a talk with Pamela, and I want you to forbid her to allow a man who calls himself Silas to come into the grounds until after to-morrow.—Your affectionate old friend,

"PATRICIA RANSOME."

"P.S.—Every word of this letter is urgent, and is for yourself alone."

Miss Patricia laid the letter where it could be found, and very early in the morning got on her neat dress, hat, and jacket, and started for London. She arrived at Victoria about nine o'clock. This was no time to be scrupulous with regard to the saving of money. She took a taxicab, therefore, to No. 10, James-street, Russell-square. The Perkinses, the Mac-shalls, and the Cashalls had just finished breakfast when Miss Patricia's taxicab drew up at the door. Miss Hattie Luck made an exclamation from her place opposite to the window.

"Why, if that isn't dear Miss Ransome come back again!" she cried.

Mr. Oswald was in the act of putting a cup of coffee to his lips. He did not know why, but he spilt a little of it. He had no apparent reason to feel uncomfortable, but Miss Patricia was the last person he wanted to see at that moment. He bent his head, therefore, across the table, and began to speak to Mr. Perkins.

"Shall we all go upstairs and have a good time listening to your delightful musical entertainment?" he said.

"With pleasure," said Mr. Perkins, wiping his mouth with his handkerchief and rising.

"My dear, have you finished breakfast?" said Oswald, turning to his wife. "Tom, are you ready? Laura, are you ready? Miss Patricia Ransome will require fresh coffee, Miss Hattie. What you have given the rest of us is far and away too weak for a grand lady who has been residing at Connop Grange. We needn't wait, however, while she is having her breakfast. Perkins, go along at once, and waste no time, Perkins; I am really interested in that last composition of yours. I felt a tingling in the tips of my toes all night after hearing it; I did, truly."

"Miss Patricia is entering the dining-room, and a minute or two later Oswald left the house. He did not join the Perkinses in their musical entertainment. The quartette was shouted in harsh and tuneless peals through the house, that was without music, and he affected to pity it. Mrs. Oswald wondered what had become of her husband.

As a matter of fact, Oswald had gone straight down to Lush. He wanted to get there before Miss Patricia's return. He must get rid of Silas Lake. Miss Patricia was right. The man was not wicked enough for his purpose.

It was a glorious day in summer. He slouched his hat well over his eyes. He did not want any of the guests from Connop Grange to recognise him. Luke had informed him that he was staying at Mrs. Martin's. He inquired for the house, and arrived at her house about one o'clock. She was preparing a simple dinner for her children, and started when his tall presence and ungainly figure filled up the doorway.

"What can I do for you, sir?" she said, dropping a curtsey.

"I want to speak to a man who I am given to understand lodges in your house. He calls himself Silas."

"Oh!" said Mrs. Martin. "Silas——"

"Had man!" said little Nance, crouching up against her mother as she spoke.

"He came in last night," said Mrs. Martin, "and ate three big bloaters, and I never saw man eat, and then went out, and I haven't seen anything of him since. I don't know that I am sorry altogether about him. He hasn't paid me for three days; so, sir, if he's a friend of yours, perhaps you'd let me have a few shillings for the owner."

"I'll do nothing of the kind. He isn't a friend of mine. Can you give me anything to recognise him by? Like had informed him that he was staying at Mrs. Martin's. He

"Naturally," said Oswald. "We're all on the side where our bread is buttered."

"I have come here to tell you that the sooner you remove a person of the name of Silas from the neighbourhood of Connop Grange, the better for yourself. There's a tramp who calls himself Silas living at present in a cottage at Lush. He has taken it into his head to frequent the Grange, and, in particular, tries to excite the compassion of my dear young friend, Pamela Lennox. Her heart is so kind that anyone who is in trouble appeals to it. The man is a bad man, and a tool of yours, and I will bim to go."

"A tool of mine!" murmured Oswald. "A person called Silas, living at Lush, a tool of mine! You certainly talk nonsense."

"On the contrary, I talk the truth; there is no doubt whatever on the subject. The man must go. I believe you have him there for mischief. If mischief arises, I am in a position to hold you responsible, Mr. Oswald—into hot water. The man has confessed that he is employed by someone who pays him well. He has confessed that he has something to do, and that when it is done he will be paid much better. In fact, for a man in his position he will be rich for the remainder of his days. He made that confession to Miss Pamela Lennox, and to prove to my head that you might be interested in him; so last night I met him alone, and asked him if he knew you."

"And what did he say?" asked Oswald.

"He said, 'Yes'; he said 'Yes,' without uttering the single word. I said it in the twinkling light of his eyes, in his trembling lips, by the queer green-grey colour which spread over his face. He said it in his abject terror. He said it because the agony of it deprived him of speech. Mr. Oswald, you had better remove that man; and I wish to tell you that the marriage of Pamela Lennox and Peter Colthurst is being arranged for the 25th of August. Remove that man as quickly as you can, Mr. Oswald. He is either too wicked or not wicked enough for your purpose. But if he attempts to do any injury to those who are dearer than life to me, I shall kill what I know, and you, sir, will be in a most awkward position."

"Really, Miss Patricia, really! You are quite past learning. You dare to accuse me, because a man, a disreputable man, has chosen to go and live at Lush, and because that man has chosen to haunt the grounds of the Grange, and because when you speak to him he looks rather frightened. And the man Thomas Oswald in the world! And if he is such a poor coward, would he not get into a fright when you spoke to him?"

"You are the man he fears, there is no doubt on that point," said Miss Patricia, "and the sooner you get him away the better it will be for you."

"I know nothing about him; I am not going to interfere with him. A nice state of things the world would come to if I were to be imposed upon and suspected on account of every tramp who comes to stay for a short time in a quiet village."

"Well, please yourself. I thought it was only right to give you warning. I am going back now to enjoy Miss Hattie's good coffee."

Miss Patricia entered the dining-room, and a minute or two later Oswald left the house. He did not join the Perkinses in their musical entertainment. The quartette was shouted in harsh and tuneless peals through the house, that was without music, and he affected to pity it. Mrs. Oswald wondered what had become of her husband.

As a matter of fact, Oswald had gone straight down to Lush. He wanted to get there before Miss Patricia's return. He must get rid of Silas Lake. Miss Patricia was right. The man was not wicked enough for his purpose.

It was a glorious day in summer. He slouched his hat well over his eyes. He did not want any of the guests from Connop Grange to recognise him. Luke had informed him that he was staying at Mrs. Martin's. He inquired for the house, and arrived at her house about one o'clock. She was preparing a simple dinner for her children, and started when his tall presence and ungainly figure filled up the doorway.

"What can I do for you, sir?" she said, dropping a curtsey.

"I want to speak to a man who I am given to understand lodges in your house. He calls himself Silas."

"Oh!" said Mrs. Martin. "Silas——"

"Had man!" said little Nance, crouching up against her mother as she spoke.

"He came in last night," said Mrs. Martin, "and ate three big bloaters, and I never saw man eat, and then went out, and I haven't seen anything of him since. I don't know that I am sorry altogether about him. He hasn't paid me for three days; so, sir, if he's a friend of yours, perhaps you'd let me have a few shillings for the owner."

"I'll do nothing of the kind. He isn't a friend of mine. Can you give me anything to recognise him by? I will pay for my own food."

As Oswald spoke he flung himself into a straw armchair which was the stand not far from the hearth. Nance immediately began to cry.

"Mother had man! 'Nother had man!" she said, gazing up with terrified blue eyes at her mother.

"What a horrid little child! Send her out of the room," said Oswald, who felt in a raging passion.

"No, sir," said Mrs. Martin; "it's yet who'll go out. This house is my house, and this child is my child, and the child has got to be where I can read aright where wickedness is concerned. She shan't be frighted in her mother's house, she shan't. You go out, sir, or I will give you no food. I don't want your money, I don't want to see you or your friend again."

"You'll suffer for this, my good woman. A day will come when my position at Lush will be very different from what it is now. A day will come when you will scrape the ground when you see me coming, and then laughed for joy.

"Free! Free!" he said to himself, and he rushed into the street, pulled up his shirt sleeves, and plunged his hands into the running water.

"Now I feel clean, but not clean enough," he murmured. "I guess I'll undress and take a wash all over." He spoke to Pamela.

He removed his clothes, and got into the stream and bathed. Then he dried himself, sitting in the sun afterwards to dry his clothes again, and walked slowly back in the direction of Mrs. Martin's cottage.

Mrs. Martin had just returned. Silas pushed in his head.

"Where be the young 'un?" he said.

"I don't you fret about her. We don't want the likes of you round here."

"Where be the young 'un?"

"Nay, kiddy, come along," said the mother.

Silas stood trembling by the door. Little Nance entered from the inner room. She looked at Silas. Silas had picked a quantity of forget-me-nots. He held them out to the child.

"Pretty, pretty! Clean, clean!" he said.

"Clean! Pretty!" answered Nance, and she ran willingly up to the man and held out her little hands for the flowers.

"I'll kiss on, if on 'Alex'" said little Nance.

"Heaven bless the child!" exclaimed Silas. Tears rushed to his eyes.

"Whatever has come to you, man?" exclaimed Mrs. Martin.

"I know what's come to me!" he answered. "I felt it now I test it by that young 'un o' yourn. She couldn't touch me when I was sin soiled; but I am clean, and she lets me speak to her. I'm goin' along to Connop Grange. There's summat I want to say there. Here's yer three shillin'. Good bye."

He laid the money on the table and left the house.

Silas, after leaving Mrs. Martin's cottage, walked like a man who had most truly received a fresh lease of life. Nothing mattered any more—neither life nor death mattered. He was clean. He had been so terribly soiled by sin, so sunk in iniquity, that his presence state of bliss brought that rapture which so high and dry above mere earthly things. He was a poor, unkempt, untaught creature but at that moment he was incapable of self fishness. He had no considerations for personal danger. He wanted to do what was right. It would do it at once. As for himself, neither life nor death mattered.

He reached the wide gates which led to the Grange, and as the lodge-keeper happened to be away, and had left her eldest little girl—bonny, fair-haired maid-of about ten years old—in charge of the lodge, Silas feared no rebuff here, although the fact that Mr Pamela had allowed him to come in and wal about under the trees and by the runnin stream, and along the borders of the lake, ha made him more or less certain of a welcome He called out, and the little girl ran quit willingly to open the gates. Now, indeed, h was all right. It did not matter in the leas to him how he looked. He wanted to se Pamela; he wanted to tell her the simpl truth; afterwards—but there was no room in his heart for afterwards.

Now it so happened that although things had gone with wonderful prosperity for Silas up to the present moment, he was not to have matters all his own way even in such an important hour as chosen to confess. Paul Colthurst had received Miss Patricia's letter, and it had filled him with considerable uneasiness. He was, as a rule, given to be afraid of nothing. He resolved, however, not even to tell his wife of the contents of the letter. He mentioned at breakfast that Miss Patricia had gone to London on some private business of her own, and would be back in the evening. The young people, Peter and Pamela, both expressed regret at her absence. Mrs. Colthurst said nothing. She meant to take our dear friend for a long drive in the motor-car this morning."

"Well, mums," remarked Pamela, "that surely can be put off until to-morrow."

"My darling, it must be put off, as she is not here."

"I should like Patricia to say us a very long visit," said Colthurst, looking at his wife.

"Certainly, dear Paul," replied Mrs. Colthurst. "The longer the better, as far as I am concerned."

"Oh, mother," exclaimed Pamela, "do let the sweet creature stay here until after I am married, then she shall come and stay with Peter and me at Brabazon Hall. I do love her very much. There is something so very sweet and unworldly about her. Don't you love her, Peter, don't you?"

"I do indeed," replied Peter. "I have an extraordinary sensation when I am with her —as though I had known her very well indeed long ago. Of course, I did know her, didn't I, father?"

"Yes, my boy," replied Paul.

"She talked to us about it, don't you remember, Peter?" exclaimed Pamela. "But she begged of us not to speak of it. I wonder why!"

"As a matter of fact," said Paul, bringing his hands words with some difficulty, "there was a time when she looked after you, Peter, and then I took you to live altogether with me. I think she felt the parting from you very terribly."

(To be continued).

VILLAGE LIFE.

Here is a sample of Mrs. Horace Iremlett's style, from "Curing Christopher" (John Lane):

"The village of Uppington was founded on one side by Thomas, and on the three others by London suburbs; but Uppington itself was not a suburb, and its inhabitants were anything and everything but suburban. The shopping centre consisted of one long street, along which the electric trams ran with an audacity that even after four or five years daily surprised and pained the older inhabitants.

"It was the custom of Uppington ladies to shop there from eleven to one every morning, in the interests of their housekeeping. The financial operations might not be extensive, and not infrequently were briefly entered in the grocer's weekly book as 'one tin pine chunks, 4½d.,' the tradesmen having earlier in the morning collected their orders from the ladies' own lips, the mistress herself in art pinafore. But eleven o'clock was the appointed time for shopping, and as everyone was bent on the same errand, it had become a recognised social event, with its own rules of precedence and etiquette.

"You might—indeed should—wear old clothes in the morning. A knitted coat and skirt, perhaps, or a cotton skirt, with a hat you had obviously—the more obviously the better —trimmed yourself, was a scheme of dress that evinced right feeling. Silk underskirts and white kid gloves were the outward and visible sign of the bounder—at the outset. You, however, were not left long to bound outside if surreptitious inquiries as to the source of her affluence were found satisfactory; that they were so often not so perhaps accounted for the Uppington prejudice in favour of simple attire."

PUTTING HIM WISE.

"I feel as though I have known you always," he said.

"You oughtn't to tell girls that you feel you have known them always," she said. "It isn't complimentary. You ought to express sorrow that they are so difficult to know, and play the card that you hope, by great humility and kindness, one day to know them."—"Otherwise Phyllis," by Meredith Nicholson (Constable).

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

SOME CLEANING HINTS.

THE GAS FITTINGS.

When cleaning brass gas or electric light fittings, never use metal polish, as this spoils the lacquer. If they are very dirty, wash with weak vinegar and water. Rub dry with a soft duster, and polish with a dry leather. If brass fittings are rubbed occasionally with a soft duster slightly moistened with salad oil, and then with a dry duster, no further cleaning will be necessary, and they will always keep bright.

FOR WHITE PAINT.

A simple and effective way to clean white paint that is not very dirty is to dip a piece of clean damp flannel in a little whitening and rub over the surface lightly. It will leave the paint remarkably clean and new-looking.

WASHING CHAMOIS LEATHER.

In washing anything made of chamois leather, use warm water, with a little ammonia in it. Wash by rubbing between the fingers, but do not wring. Press it between the palms of the hands, and hang before the fire or in the hot sun, to dry quickly, pulling it into shape often while it is drying, to prevent its drying hard and stiff. When dry, it can be softened by rubbing softly with both hands.

TO MAKE WINDOW GLASS SHINE.

If your window glass is lacking in brilliancy, clean it with a liquid paste made of alcohol and whitening. A little of this mixture will remove specks and impart a high lustre to the glass.

CARE OF THE CELLAR.

Open the cellar windows, and let in all the fresh air possible. After the cellar is well aired, give the walls a coat of whitewash, and the floor a great purifier. To make a solution for a cellar wall, take one gallon of unslacked lime and slack with hot water; then add one-quarter pound of cream; add two tablespoonfuls of salt to the mixture, and apply to the wall with a whitewash brush. Let it dry thoroughly, and apply a second coat. It will harden and be almost as solid as cement. Put a little lime in the cellar to keep it dry, renewing as occasion demands.

A GOOD FURNITURE POLISH.

A good furniture polish, which is black and which will remain soft in the container, is made as follows: Three ounces of wax, two ounces of varnish, and six ounces of water are heated together, and when thoroughly mixed add four ounces of boiled oil and five ounces of turpentine. This should be poured in wide-mouth containers, where it will keep indefinitely.

CARE OF HAIR BROOMS.

Hair brooms last longer if they are kept clean. They are easily cleaned on washing-day after the last lot of clothes has been taken from the copper. Some of the water left over should be used by the addition of clear, cold water, and the broom shaken up and down in it until all the dirt is removed. The broom should be left long in the water. When lifted from the water, it should be rinsed in cold water, and then shaken well. Shake as much as dry as possible, it should be stood in a dry place with the head upwards until it is quite dry. The handle should be scrubbed each time the broom is washed.

DARK ROOMS.

Dark rooms bring depression of spirits, imparting a sense of confinement, of isolation, of powerlessness, which is chilling to energy and quenching to hope. Even in a cellar, and in a gloomy house, where walls and furniture are dingy and brown, you have but to let in the sunshine, to open wide the window, let light stream in, and gloom vanishes, and care and sadness flee.

REVIVING LEATHER FURNITURE.

Wash the leather as well as the framework with clear, lukewarm water, and dry it with a soft linen cloth. When quite dry, apply a little furniture polish to the framework and polish it vigorously. When the frame is done, apply a little furniture polish to the leather and rub it lightly until the surface is uniformly bright.

When furniture is upholstered with fabric, it needs a special treatment. Remove the dust by beating the furniture down with a light cane or fine-pipe, and then brushing the surface with a furniture brush, or, better still, go over the upholstered parts with a vacuum cleaner. When this has been done, dip a large sponge into warm water to which has been added a little ammonia. Squeeze the sponge as dry as possible, and lightly rub the cushioned parts of the furniture. Rinse and dry the sponge very often. It is surprising what a lot of dirt will be absorbed by a sponge that is almost dry.

CLEANING PAINT AND VARNISH.

Here is a painter's recipe for cleaning paint and all varnished surfaces: Take a tablespoonful of soda, add a teaspoonful of salts of tartar to half a bucketful of warm water, wash the paint with a rag dipped in this, using no soap, and it will remove every speck of dirt. Rinse in clear warm water, and dry with a chamois.

VARNISHED PAPER.

The varnished wallpaper in a kitchen gets very dirty. When spring-cleaning time comes, clean it in the following way: Add two tablespoonfuls of ammonia to half a bucketful of water, and wash the walls down with a flannel dipped in this. Then take half a bucketful of clean, fresh water, add to it two tablespoonfuls of turpentine, and wash the walls a second time with this, wiping as dry as possible afterwards. This gives the paper a nice polish.

OILED DUSTERS.

Take a piece of soft material and soak it in paraffin, wring it out, and hang it in the air to dry. It is then ready for use. There will be no unpleasant odour, and you will find that the dust will be picked up effectively, and gives a brilliant polish to mirrors and gas globes, if you rub them afterwards with a soft rubber.

TO REVIVE THE COLOURS OF CARPETS.

After the carpets have been beaten in the open air, and relaid, wipe over the surface with a clean flannel that has been wrung out of warm water softened by the addition of a tablespoonful of liquid ammonia to a pint. As soon as the flannel is soiled, rinse it and, when the whole carpet has been treated, set the window and doors to get a draught and avoid walking over the carpet until it is quite dry.

PREVENTING MOULD ON BOOKS.

An effective way to prevent books from becoming musty and possibly mouldy in moist weather is to place a few drops of oil of lavender and Canadian balsam in a back corner of each shelf. This will not injure the bindings of leather books as sulphur compounds do, but helps preserve the bindings. The two substances are easily obtained.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Tadcaster is quite up-to-date. The band plays selections of music in the park.

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Garforth is at a standstill. No building has taken place in it for a long time. Why?

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In a workshop at Wetherby, the other day a king fisher was caught, but it was set at liberty.

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Have Tadcaster District Council given up the idea of making an improvement at Sherburn Cross.

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The Wetherby Board of Guardians have made £5 14s. profit by the keeping of three pigs for fourteen weeks.

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Many people are wondering why Seacroft is not included in the Crossgates and Roundhay town-planning scheme.

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The attendance at the meeting of Tadcaster Guardians on Monday was small. Interest in the work seems to be waning.

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Some Wetherby folks are still grumbling because they have no proper swimming bath. Why not agitate until one is obtained?

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The Wetherby Rural District Council have decided to make closing orders in relation to 19 houses at Spofforth and three at Wetherby.

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Mr G. M. Abbey, the new Chairman of Oulton District Education Committee, is a resident of Oulton, and a member of the Parish Council.

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Councillor W. Lunn, who has been re-elected vice-chairman of Rothwell Education Committee, is the prospective Labour candidate for Holmfirth.

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The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr M. Scott, Mr W N Cheesman, and Mr H. Pulleine.

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It should be noticed that Sherburn Show is on Monday, July 13th, and it should attract a large crowd from the district. Poultry classes are again included.

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Will the Wesleyan Methodists return to old methods and start open-air preaching again? At Rothwell this was advocated. Cannot a church become too respectable?

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Mr John Butterick has again been elected Chairman of Rothwell Education Committee. He has for many years been one of the leading educationists in the district.

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Rather costly! Thomas Carr, of Selby, who travelled from Doncaster to the Abbey Town in a first-class carriage with a third-class ticket has had a fine of 20s. and costs to pay.

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A number of houses are to be closed at Rothwell, and Mr Lunn argues that provision should be made for the people who will have to leave their dwellings. Will the Council build houses?

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Lofthouse Park, which was at one time the residence of one of the Charlesworths, was turned into a pleasure resort, but it has been a failure, and has been sold. What will be done with it now?

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A nursing scheme for Garforth does not seem likely unless prominent residents take it up. It is probable that were another attempt made it would receive the support of the working-classes.

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The Barkston Ash Bowling Association's individual merit competition takes place at Garforth on Saturday, July 4th, and the final rounds will be played at Garforth on July 6th.

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Why is there so much infectious disease in Rothwell district? Are the parents taking proper precautions to prevent children being infected. Carelessness is often the prime cause of disease being spread.

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Dear coal! Ann Wilkinson, married woman, East Rigton, was fined 1s. and costs for stealing four-pennyworth of coal, tipped in a field by the Wetherby Rural District Council for the use of their road rollers.

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Tadcaster Guardians have advertised repeatedly for an assistant and laundress at the workhouse, but they have not got one yet. Yet there must be many women qualified for the position out of employment.

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After Tadcaster! The Wharfedale Guardians have rejected by a large majority a motion in favour of a resolution urging an increase of the old-age pension maximum to 7s. 6d., and the reduction of the age limit to 65 years.

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A woman charged with being "d. and d." in Roundhay Road, appeared before the magistrates. "I think you twisted my arm," said she to a constable. "I didn't," was the reply. "Yes, you did, dear," was the affectionate assertion.

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In Barkston Ash villages there should be an open-window crusade. It is needed. "To fight consumption," says a doctor, "you must eradicate the practice which ladies have of drawing curtains and closing windows, thus shutting out the greatest blessings given them—sunlight and fresh air."

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Has Kippax managed to persuade the squire to rent a field for a recreation ground?

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Beadlesaie, which has been prevalent at Thirsk, has broken out in Wetherby district.

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One day this month Crossgates had 323 telephone calls. How many will Barwick have per diem?

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Clifford residents are dissatisfied. They want a later delivery of letters, and the authorities won't grant it.

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Rothwell is not by itself. It is said that at Wellingborough people cannot get married because of a house famine.

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The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, has been elected on the Standing Committee of the National Society.

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A move! Rothwell Council are making inquiries as to the cost of maintaining a swimming bath, etc. Will the scheme come off?

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What is Oulton coming to? A constable told his magistrates he heard an Oulton man using language "not fit to be repeated in Court."

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A terrific storm passed over Selby on Sunday night. At the Abbey the Vicar had to stop his sermon, and the congregation sang a hymn.

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"Tell the truth," said a defendant at Tadcaster again and again, "it goes farthest." The magistrates, however, did not accept his statement.

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It is suggested at Thorner that a permanent memorial to the late Rev. F. W. Boyd, and his work should be promoted. Now is the time for action.

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It is stated that baths in many of the houses at Rothwell are not used for the purpose they were intended. Ay, was not a man discovered keeping rabbits in one?

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Wetherby District Council has a housing problem. Will they erect houses to take the place of those for which closing orders have been made at Spofforth?

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Twenty thousand people—many from Crossgates, Shadwell, and Seacroft—attended the band performances at Roundhay Park on Saturday, and £100 was collected—splendid!

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Is this a record? Mr William Adsin, of Collingham, who is well-known in Barkston Ash Division, has been a local preacher for fifty years in Tadcaster Wesleyan circuit.

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The holding of a business meeting in connection with Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit in the open-air was a novelty, and the members enjoyed it. The example may be followed in other circuits.

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A number of Crossgates ladies have been trying to solve the mysteries of bowling, and it is said that some of them throw the "woods" with skill. Will a ladies' bowling section be formed?

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The formal opening of the reconstructed course of the Garforth Golf Club has now been fixed for Saturday, July 11th, and endeavour is to be made to secure the attendance of the new Open champion.

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People in the district should notice that the grounds of Templenewsam will be open on Sunday afternoon. The privilege has been enjoyed for a good many Sundays, and it has been appreciated.

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Dangerous! The police stated at the Skyrack Court that a Garforth man, who had been drinking, neatly upset two prams with children, and locked over a dog that came in his way. Was he a footballer?

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The Skyrack police can turn out a team of good cricketers, and if they had practice they would prove a formidable side. They are at present engaged in raising money for the police and other charities.

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Who are the culprits? It is stated that recently at Wetherby about 20 keys were removed from a length of rail and that on another occasion a number of log signals were taken away. The N.E.R. Co. are pleased, naturally.

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A Tadcaster man, who said he was blind in one eye and could hardly see with the other, pleaded that he was looking for mushrooms when charged with game trespass. A keeper said he found snares on him—presumably for catching the mushrooms.

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If every parish got out a return of the benefits received from Leeds Infirmary, as was done for Crossgates, Halton, and Seacroft, the funds of the institution would undoubtedly be considerably augmented. Many people have no idea of the work that is being done.

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It was always so. The Rector of Bolton Percy referred, in a speech, as to how the poor accepted the Gospel more readily than the rich. It is possible that some of the very wealthy nowadays would think it infra dig. to profess the same religion as paupers!

CROSSGATES MAN INJURED. IN MOTOR COLLISION.

BICYCLE AND SIDE-CAR WRECKED.

An alarming motor accident, in which a Crossgates man was involved, occurred on Sunday afternoon on the Great North Road, at the junction of the Thirsk and Ripon roads, about four miles from Ripon. The "four lane ends" is known as a most dangerous place, and accidents are frequent, as motorists coming from the Thirsk road to cross to Ripon have not a clear view of the main road.

Miss Hettie King, and Mr and Mrs Grange, were driving from Leeds, where Miss King appeared at the Empire last week, to Newcastle in a 25 h.p. Metallurgique car, when, on approaching the junction with the Thirsk road, the chauffeur observed a motor-bicycle and side-car emerge from the Thirsk road.

The chauffeur checked his speed, and swerved with the object of avoiding the bicycle, but the near side of the car caught the side-car, completely smashing it and throwing out the occupants, who were Mr J. W. Holland, 44, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds (the owner, who was driving), and Mr H. Crossley, 36, Marshall Street, Crossgates, who was in the sidecar.

They were taken back direct to Leeds in a motor-car, suffering from injuries. The bicycle and sidecar were completely wrecked, but the engine was intact. The motor-car, in swerving, struck a tar barrel at the side of the road, bending the mudguard on the near side and twisting the steering gear.

EASTERN AINSTY PETTY SESSIONS.

At the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York on Saturday the magistrates present were Major R. Allenby (in the chair), Major Richardson, and Major T. H. Lindberg.

William Henry Bailey, a labourer, living at Bishopthorpe, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on June 4th. The defendant did not appear. The Bench imposed a fine of 2s. 6d., with 5s. 6d. costs.

Thomas Fairbrother, a private in the West Yorkshire Regiment, failed to appear on a charge of riding a bicycle without a light on June 5th. A letter was read from the defendant, saying that he was unable to be present, as he was in training at Lichfield. Police-constable Bradley said that about 12.10 a.m. on June 5th he was on duty on the York and Tadcaster road, near Dringthorpe, when he saw the defendant riding a bicycle without a light. He stopped him and asked him why he had not a light. Defendant replied that he was very late, and his light having gone out about four miles back, he had not troubled to re-light it. Witness asked him for his name. He gave it as Harry Johnson, and said he belonged to the West Yorkshire Regiment, stationed at Fulford. Witness made inquiries at the Barracks the next day, and found there was no soldier there of that name, so he went to Strensall to make inquiries. He found the defendant there, and served him with a summons after ascertaining his proper name. The Bench imposed a fine of 2s. 6d. and 5s. costs.

A SMASH IN YORK ROAD.

Yesterday at Leeds County Court a case was heard arising out of a collision between a cycle and a motor cycle in York Road, Leeds, on a Sunday in April last. Plaintiff was Fred Dennison, a warehousman, of Holbeck, and he claimed 10 guineas from Joseph Clegg, of 120, Armley Road, Leeds, for damages to his cycle. Defendant counter-claimed for 20 guineas damages to his motor cycle.

Mr J. A. Greene, for the plaintiff, stated that Dennison was cycling home from York when the defendant collided with him. His machine was so badly damaged that it could not be mended.

His Honour Judge Greenhow: It is a poor sort of place, isn't it, to go to on Sunday afternoon. They ought to have gone to Roundhay Park. (Laughter).

Mr Green maintained that the defendant was, at the time of the accident, on the wrong side o' the road.

Plaintiff, in the box, stated that he was travelling at between 8 and 10 miles an hour.

Mr Arthur Willey (for defendant): Wasn't it nearer 20?

Plaintiff: You can't do that speed on York Road.

Why not?—Because of the people hanging about, and the children playing there.

Mr Willey: Come, now, didn't you lose your head?

Witness (with his hand to his head): No, it is here yet. (Laughter).

Mr Willey: Well, it is a valuable asset to you. I hope you have got something in it. (Laughter).

His Honour: It is evidently full of jokes. (Laughter).

Plaintiff added that in his opinion defendant could have avoided the accident.

Mr Willey: Yes, I daresay, if you had sent him a telegram the night before. (Laughter).

Mr Willey went on to explain with some detail the scene of the accident, and the Judge remarked: I think you must have a country house here, Mr Willey. (Laughter).

Eventually his Honour found for the plaintiff, and awarded him five guineas damages, dismissing the counter-claim with costs.

A pretty garden fete in aid of the Thorparch Marguerite Home of the Leeds Invalid Children's Aid Society was held on Saturday afternoon in the grounds of "Highfield," Headingley, the residence of Mr and Mrs R. A. Hudson. The most interesting feature was an open-air play, "The Goblin Market," which was given by a number of children, picturesquely garbed as goblins on the lawn.

LORD HAWKE AND CRICKET.—Speaking at a gathering in London on Tuesday night Lord Hawke made some interesting remarks on cricket. "I should like," proceeded his Lordship, "to say a word with regard to cricket as played to-day in England. Much has been written, and much has been said, about cricket to-day losing ground, and that its appeal to popularity is diminishing. I do not believe it. (Hear, hear). It is true that twenty-seven ago cricket had not the rivalry of golf and lawn tennis, now at their zenith. I will tell you something more. The Press now so admirably reports many matches that all over the country many thousands do not take the trouble to go two or three miles to see the game. (Laughter and applause). We must remember, too, that 25 years ago there were only eight first-class counties, also that in England to-day the hard-working supporter of cricket cannot find time to watch a game. I think the mere fact that to-day there are 16 first-class counties shows that cricket is progressing, that our national game is healthy, and that we still have a very fair share of the public support."

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr William Crosland.

Mr Hy. Wrigglesworth, of the Half-Moon Inn, Lumerton, applied for an occasional licence for Newthorpe Sports, and it was granted.

James Hunter, miner, of Brotherton, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 13th inst on Milford Road, Sherburn. P.C. Holliday stated that he found defendant drunk and disorderly. He had a bicycle, and he gave him a wrong name and address. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

George Webster, miner, of Brotherton, was charged with having ridden a bicycle without light on the 13th inst on the Milford Road, Sherburn. Fined 6s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

William Roberts, miner, of Castleford, was charged with having a gun without a licence on the 7th at Fairburn. P.C. Meehan stated he saw defendant in Fairburn Ings with a gun, and he was shooting wild ducks. He asked him for his gun licence, and he had not got one. Fined £1 and 7s. 6d. costs.

George William Wicks, miner, of Leeds, was charged with stealing a child's hobby-horse, the property of Charles Stather, of Ledsham, on the 20th inst at Ledsham. Charles Stather, farmer, Ledsham, stated that he saw his child's hobby-horse in the farmyard, and during the afternoon, about 4 p.m., he found it was missing. He reported the matter to the police. He valued the property at 12s. 6d. He did not give any authority for it to be taken away. Wm. Gregory, The Crescent Micklefield, said he saw prisoner with the hobby-horse at Peckfield. He asked him for a lift in his trap. P.C. Wickham said he was informed of the loss of the hobby-horse, and he made enquiries and found prisoner lived at Leeds and worked at Ledston Luck Pit. He saw prisoner, who replied "I found it." On being formally charged the prisoner pleaded guilty. The Chairman said he had a good character, and they would deal with him under the First Offenders' Act. He would have the costs to pay, £1 1s.

SELBY AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

The annual show of the Selby Agricultural Society was held on the Bowling Green, Selby, yesterday, under conditions which augured well for its success.

The increasing interest taken in the exhibition by local farmers was an encouraging feature, and it was hoped that with larger support and favourable weather, the Society's financial position, which for some time has not been very rosy, would improve.

Entries were satisfactory, both in numbers and quality. The horse section was a strong one, for in addition to local exhibits there were entries by well-known owners in the open classes. Numerically the horses were slightly less than 12 months ago, when they numbered 190, and it was felt that in an agricultural and hunting district like Selby the total is quite unsatisfactory.

Selections of music were played by the Selby Olympia Military Band, and an attractive evening programme including a variety entertainment and fireworks was arranged.

Local Classes.—Agricultural Colt or Filly Foal —1, Tom Burton, Cliffe, Selby; 2, G. H. Collins, Hillam; 3, Holmes Bros., Pollington.

Agricultural Brood Mare and Foal—R Thompson and Son, Scurff Hall, Drax; 2, J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton Hill; 3, T. Harrison, Kirkby Overblow.

Gelding or Mare—1, W. Helm, South Milford; 2, J. Pocklington, Wistow; 3, W. Darby, South Duffield, Selby.

Open Classes—Shire Mare and Foal—1, W. Webster, Stockton-on-Forest; 2, R. Thompson and Son, Drax; 3, J. W. and A. Pollard.

Shire Colt Foal—1, Tom Burton, Cliffe, Selby; 2, J. W. and A. Pollard; 3, T. Elvidge, Stubbs Grange, Norton, Doncaster.

Shire Filly Foal—G. Collins, Hillam; 2, Holmes Bros., Smaith; 3, Hardy Bros., Howden.

Local Class—Hunting Foal—1, George Tankard, Thorganby, York; 2, W. Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe, York; 3, S. and J. O'Gram, Quosquo Hall, Selby.

Open Classes—Hunting Brood Mare and Foal —1, W. Lofthouse; 2, W. Severs, Wilstrop Hall, York; 3, George Tankard.

Hunting Yearling, Colt, Gelding or Filly—1, C. P. Whincup, Spofforth, Doncaster; 2, W. Lofthouse; 3, T. Holmes, Burn, Selby.

Hunting Two-Year-Old Gelding or Filly—1, W. Lofthouse; 2, S. and J. O'Gram; 3, Strickland Foxton, Eartick, York.

Hackney Colt or Filly Foal—1, W. Bramley, North Duffield; 2, W. Greenwood, 92, Briggate, Leeds, and Roundhay; 3, R. Gledall, Cliff Common, Selby.

Hackney Brood Mare and Foal—1, J. Taylor, Low Caton, Stamford Bridge; 2, W. Bramley; 3, R. Gledall.

On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions the temporary transfer of the licence of the Royal Oak, Tadcaster, was granted to Mr F. Macnamara.

CASE OF ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Arthur Swaby, of Hunslet, attempted suicide on Friday at the residence of his brother at Kirk Deighton, Wetherby. Swaby, a former employe at a railway goods yard at Leeds, had been in ill-health for some time, and had been staying with his brother at Kirk Deighton. On Friday, while lying in bed, he cut his throat with a razor, but fortunately did not sever the jugular vein. Dr. Hargreaves was called in, and stitched up the wound, and later the man was conveyed by motor car to Leeds Infirmary.

PATENTS.—Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax.—Applications—J. Bronet, F. Thorman, and H. C. Wood, Tadcaster, improvement in sludge dryers (addition); James Rose, improvements in brewing beer and ales. Application completed—J. W. Leadbeater, Doncaster, improvements in the treatment of peat. Patents accepted—J. Flower, J. W. Bradley, and G. Wichmann, Leeds, improvements in internal combustion and steam turbines (addition); W. J. R. Leech and Rudyer Vale Collieries, Ltd., Leeds, improvements in pit bottom docking plant.

TADCASTER TOWER BREWERY ANGLING CLUB.—The first match of the season took place at Newton-on-Ouse on Saturday. The conditions for angling were favourable, and the weather all that could be desired. The weigh-in results as follows:—1, T. Richardson, 16¼oz.; 2, J. Capel, 14½oz.; 3, T. R. Reed 12oz.; 4, A. Butler, 10½oz.; 5, J. Kirby, 9½oz.; 6, H. Nottingham, 5½oz.; 7, R. Taylor, 5½oz.; 8, J. Bradley, 4½oz.; 9, H. Taylor, 4½oz.; 10, R. W. Pannett, 3½oz.; 11, W. Moore, 3½oz.; 12, C. Bell, 2½oz.; 13, W. Overall, 1½oz.; 14, R. Kendon, 1½oz.; 15, T. Kitchin, 1½oz.; 16, T. Wheatley; 17, T. Needham; 18, R. Overall; 19, A. T. Taylor. After weighing in, the members adjourned to the Dawnay Arms, where an excellent tea was partaken of. The return journey down stream in the cool of the evening was most pleasant, and headquarters, the Ship Inn, King's Staith, were reached about 10 p.m., where the distribution of prizes by Mr T. Dixon concluded a most enjoyable and successful outing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE OTTER WORRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The following account of a hunt with a female otter must be the opening of the otter hunting season in the north-western district. It seems worthy of further publicity as showing what a disgusting "sport" this so-called otter hunting really is:—

"The quarry first swam towards the mill dam, and it looked as though she intended to swim over this barrier, but she changed her mind and made her way back to the head of the pool, hounds swimming her "wash" in the spotty water, which evidently carried a fair scent. A remarkable hunt followed full of sound work, with keen eyes watching the "chain" going down the stream at the open places, with hounds close foot. A prettier bit of hunting could not have been desired. For four hours the otter was chased—being lost and found again repeatedly—and then hounds drove her the full length of the mill dam. Instead of swimming over the dam she ran up a wet ditch, which sealed her doom. She proved to be a three-year-old "lady" of 16lb."—Barrow Daily Mail, June 18th.

From a humane point of view one of the greatest objections to the "sport" is that it can only be followed in the summer months when many otters are still breeding, and it thus involves the harrying and destruction of mothers in milk, the starvation of suckling cubs, and other odious things.

In stag-hunting and in fox-hunting, hounds are frequently whipped off when the hunted creature has been too exhausted to go further, but the otter hunter rarely shows this clemency, to his quarry—the hunt is almost always to the death, it being, next to the fierce excitement of the hunt, no insignificant part of the fun to run up scores. Hence the average hunt is a prolonged affair, otters not infrequently being chased from hover to holt, up and down stream, for six, seven, and eight hours from find to finish. The Carlisle Otter Hounds hunted one poor tormented creature for eleven hours.

It would thus seem that fairplay has no place whatever in the rules of otter hunting, and those who go out with the mere lust for a kill in their hearts can hardly be considered more than cultured savages. It is indeed high time that steps were taken to put a stop to their barbarous practices.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH COLLINSON.

York House, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, June, 1914.

GAME TRESPASS AT HEALAUGH.—On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions Samuel Wells, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with game trespass on June 3rd on Mr E. Brooksbank's land at Healaugh.—James Spink, gamekeeper, said he saw defendant creeping along a hedge side, and when he spoke to him he bolted. The man had snares on him.—Defendant said that he was out for mushrooms, and that he had no snares.—Several convictions were proved against defendant, and he was ordered to pay 2s. 6d. and costs.

STACK FIRE.—A lodging-house attendant named Fred Johnson observed a quantity of straw in a Dutch barn in the cricket field at Tadcaster to be on fire. He at once raised an alarm, and hose piping from Mr Samuel Smith's Brewery and the Tower Brewery were connected to the town hydrants, and efforts were made to extinguish the flames, this being successfully accomplished in about four hours. The barn contained about 20 tons of wheat straw, which was practically destroyed. The damage is estimated at £100, and is covered by insurance.

GOLF.—At Wetherby on Saturday the scores in the qualifying round of the Bridgeman Simpson Cup Competition were:—T. Bath, 89, 18, 71; S. S. Sykes, 79, 6, 73; W. N. Christie, 83, 9, 74; R. L. Bath, 94, 20, 74; N. Graydon, 89, 14, 75; H. Heap, 91, 16, 75; M. Heap, 97, 22, 75; W. Graydon, 87, 11, 76; Dr H. Tempest, 94, 18, 76; S. Folbigg, 94, 16, 78; W. D. Pearson, 94, 16, 78; H. Armitage, 92, 13, 79; F. Armitage, 99, 20, 79; H. G. Gilbert, 101, 22, 79; E. R. Wawn, 87, 5, 82; R. Lee, 95, 12, 83; J. Pearson, 104, 20, 84.

ELTOFTS DEFEATED.—Eltofts have had a very successful season, having defeated opponents by large scores, but on Saturday afternoon they were defeated at home, Arthington being their opponents. Scores:—Arthington—H. Marshall 1, Frank 3, Wood 5, J. Marshall 46, Mawson 9, S. Sharper 17, J. Sharper 15, R. Child 14, J. W. Proctor 0, G. T. Proctor (not out) 7, D. Child 0, extras, 6; total, 123. Eltofts—Pickersgill 1, Midgley 20, Arrowsmith 4, Hudson 19, Turner 4, Foster 16, Maltby 22, Bratton 0, Graydon (not out) 0, Hardisty 0, Stabler 0, extra, 1; total, 87.

WEDDING.—On Wednesday, the wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., of Edith, the eldest daughter of Mr James Powell, Prospect House, South Milford, and the Rev. F. Thatcher, of Holy Trinity Church, Hastings. The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. W. Thatcher (vicar of All Saints' Church, Liverpool), assisted by the resident clergy. The bride and bridesmaid (her sister, Miss Annie Powell) were beautifully attired. The bride's father gave her away. The best man was the Rev. G. H. Hewitt. The happy couple left during the afternoon for Canterbury, where they are spending the honeymoon.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL.—The Archbishop of York, in the course of his sermon on Sunday, at the military service at Selby Abbey, on the words "The Master said come . . . and they all began to make excuses," referred to the Ulster problem. Speaking in impassioned tones, he said that the country was addressing to all its citizens a summons of special urgency and entreaty. "I know not how it is that the great bulk of our people seem still to be unaware we are approaching day by day to the time of a greater and more fateful crisis than has been seen by our fathers for many generations. We are drifting into the possibility of civil strife, and I would not be the servant of my Master unless I spoke His message through our country's need. 'Come,' 'Think,' 'Care.' It is a summons indeed that makes demands. It means we must lay aside this apathy, which seems so strangely to set its blight upon our public life. It means most of us will have to reconsider many of the obligations of party pride and loyalty, and because I suppose it is a summons that makes so great a demand that men seem to be for ever making excuses. We hear them saying 'This is all exaggeration'; 'it is only the big talk of the politicians,' 'we all know that it cannot come to that'; 'we are not interested in these affairs; let these Irishmen settle their own business in their own way. What I am interested in is what I have to pay for my insurance, or what I may expect for myself in better housing or in the way of wages from a charge on taxation to which I shall give as little myself as I can.' Is it not true that these are the sort of excuses that men are making to the summons of their country at this time? They are not making it felt that the public opinion of this country will not stand further drifting into danger and demands of our leaders of all political parties that they shall bring this thing to some settlement in justice and in peace.

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"In Holborn you might walk through the square carriage-way of Furnival's Inn, under which Dickens passed in the flush of his youth to sign his contract for the 'Pickwick Papers.' Next to Furnival's Inn stood, or staggered, an inn that Dickens must have loved. Passing it, you saw pewter candlesticks; on entering it you were served with port negus by a waiter in lineaments and dignity the double of Mr. Speaker Peel. . . Hood had some warrant for his portrait of a Londoner, wistful of Holborn among dairy delights. For under Furnival's Inn—not the building one knew, but its immediate predecessor—there had been a cider vault kept by one John Grey. This man, after years of attendance on his customers, had made a decent fortune, and was able to buy an estate in Yorkshire, to which he retired. But the clatter of hoofs in Holborn was ever in his ears; and, finally, he returned to London and endeavoured to buy back his old cellar. Failing in this, he offered to be a waiter where he had formerly been master; he was accepted, and drew a salary to the day of his death."

CRICKET.—On Saturday at Church Fenton a match was played between Mount (York) and Church Fenton, and the homesters were defeated. Scores:—Mount—A. Thackrah 6, L. Gray 32, W. G. Thompson 0, E. Bedford 0, J. Iveson 1, R. Daggett 4, T. Gledhill 7, G. Bleby 8, H. Gill 0, R. Coates 12, H. Butterfield (not out) 1, extras, 2; total, 73. Church Fenton—V. Cloughton 4, T. Jackson 5, J. Thompson 12, W. D. Foxton 0, W. Mosby 0, S. Hargreaves 10, Whincup 1, A Foxton 5, Holgreaves 6, H. Hastle (not out) 11, J. Henry 1, extras, 21 total, 57.

Mr A. W. Westerman, of Tadcaster, played for Leeds and District in the bowling match against West Riding on Tuesday, and he defeated Mr Hartley (Brighouse) by 12 points.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Thorner between the Mexborough team and Moortown. Scores:—Moortown—M. Topham 44, Wilson 6, Pickles 30, Haywood 2, Barnfather 12, A. Topham 11, Little 3, H. Wood 4, C. Wood 0, Boothman 6, Marsden (not out) 0, extras, 15; total, 133. Thorner Mexborough —Thompson 0, Flint 2, Revis 2, Hanson 3, Illingworth 0, Yates 12, Atkin 1, Dixon 4, Jarrat 3, H. Randerson (not out), 4, E. Randerson 3, extras, 4; total, 38.

CRICKET.—A match was played between Hickiam and Hazlewood Castle on Thursday at Hickiam, and the home side won easily. Scores:—Hazlewood—H. Simpson, b Walker, 6; W. Illingworth, c Heard, b Lumb, 2; H. Pickles, b Lumb, 6; T. Simpson, b Stoker, 3; B. Hey, c Lumb, b Stoker, 8; A. Lupton, run out, 21; B. Pickles, b Walker, 7; H. Storey, b Watson, 0; R. Nutton, b Watson, 0; J. Hopps, c Selby, b Walker, 2; J. Walton, not out, 7; extras, 5; total, 67. Hicklam—F. Lumb, b Pickles, 26; J Blakey, lbw, b H. Simpson, 7; H. Walker, b Hey, 1; F. Walker, c Illingworth, b H. Simpson, 1; E. Stoker, c Storey, b T. Simpson, 21; H. Watson, b T. Simpson, 0; O. Griffin, c Pickles, b T. Simpson, 2; F. Selby, b Hey, 22; R. Heard, run out, 0; J. Abbott, not out, 11; T. P. Fawcett, b Pickles, 8; extras, 7; total, 107. In the second innings Hazlewood scored 89.

REFRESHMENT HOUSE KEEPER FINED.—On Monday at Selby a summons was heard against Thomas Carr, refreshment house keeper, Selby, for travelling in a first-class compartment with a third-class ticket on the N.E.R., between Doncaster and Selby, on May 23rd. Supt. T. Pearson, of the N.E.R. Police Department, York, prosecuted. Constable Sedman, of the Railway Police, said the defendant got out of a first-class carriage at Selby, and found that he had given up only a third-class ticket. Defendant, when asked if he had travelled in a first-class carriage replied "Probably I did." He afterwards returned to the station, and wanted to pay the excess fare, but it was refused. Mr Claude Kemp, who defended, said that the defendant's wife was seriously ill, and defendant on arriving in haste at the station got into the nearest carriage in his anxiety to get home. Defendant was fined £1 and costs.

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Treasures are often discovered in unexpected places. Hulton Wesleyan Church, beautifully redecorated, has been furnished with a fine pipe organ, and, as one person said, "it is a thing of beauty," but the glory of the building, to my mind, is its carved pulpit—a veritable treasure in its way. No one seems to know its complete history, but I understand that in the late Mr Hugo Ingram's time it was lying in a lumber-room at Templenewsam, and at the request of the late Mr W. G. Crosthwaite's father, who was employed on the estate, he presented it to the Methodists at Hulton. It was then in a dilapidated condition, but Mr Crosthwaite must have discerned its value, and its renovation revealed what a beautiful piece of church furniture it was. Where the pulpit was used prior to its being stored in the lumber room no one can really say, but it is probable that it was used in a private chapel at Templenewsam.

In the country districts labour troubles have not caused much inconvenience to the farming community, and it is unfortunate when they do occur, because they tend to have bitterness between the disputants. Farmers must, therefore, be careful in the example they set their employees. I notice that at a meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs Mr Frank Myers, a prominent member of the Tadcaster Chamber, advocated the use of the strike weapon against the Government in the event of certain grants being withdrawn. "Let us refuse," he said, in effect, "to pay the insurance." So much has been heard about insurance that one would imagine it was a grievous burden, threatening to break the back of agriculture, but what does it amount to? If a farmer employs six servants the weekly payment is 2s. a week! Some of the industrial firms in the towns, employing hundreds or thousands of men, are meeting their obligations without eternally grumbling. Insurance is the law of the land, and, whether people like it or not, it must be paid. So what's the use of grumbling about a shilling or two a week? What I wanted to point out, however, was that if a bonding agricultural advocates the strike weapon, instead of legitimate agitation, he must not be surprised if the farm labourers adopt that means in order to put more money in their pockets.

Human nature is a puzzle! About a year since an agitation was set going for the erection of a school in the Street Lane district of Roundhay. Letters were written to the papers, public meetings were held, and I believe deputations waited on the powers that be, all with a view to the Authority meeting what was alleged to be a great need. Accepting the agitation as genuine, the Authority opened a school, and how many scholars, think you, have been enrolled? Twenty-six! One reason given for this is snobbery, it being alleged that children are being kept away because their parents are waiting to see if the children from the Leeds Board of Guardians' home in Street Lane will be sent to the new school or not. Of course, residents deny this, and say there is no need for such a school. What was the meaning of the agitation, then? It may be pointed out that the children living in the Hunslet Guardians' homes at Rothwell Haigh attend the elementary schools at Rothwell, and I believe they are a credit to all concerned. Now Roundhay folks are saying that what they want is a secondary school, but the Education Authority will think twice before spending the ratepayers' money on such an establishment. They will profit by the lesson they have just received.

Garforth ambulance workers have again scored. In the Aberfordia League competition the women have won the silver cup presented by Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O., and the men have secured the Barkston Ash Shield, which was the gift of the late Mr J. O. Andrews, who was for a short time M.P. for Barkston Ash, but never took his seat in the House of Commons. The shield, when first put up for competition, was won by Milford Junction railway men, and then after a lapse of several years, it went to Garforth colliery team. Now it has come into possession of the Aberfordia League, there is a guarantee that it will be competed for annually. In addition to these trophies, Garforth has the shield presented by the Squire of Templenewsam to the Yorkshire Mines' Ambulance League. It will not do, however, for all the prizes to go to one place, and the other teams must make a big endeavour next year to defeat the Garforthians.

Bramham Park, the property of Mr Lane Fox, M.P., and one of the finest country seats in the county, was the scene of a fete on Saturday afternoon, but, for some reason or other, it was not so well supported by the people of the district as it should have been. Perhaps a little more judicious advertising would have brought better results. Three ambulance competitions were a feature of the meeting, but, unfortunately, there was little interest for the public, who do not understand the work in the way they do cricket and football. The fete was in aid of the funds of the Bramham ambulance company, and it is rather a pity that the exchequer will not benefit more from the meeting.

Is any progress being made with the scheme for taking the traffic direct from the industrial establishments at Tadcaster to the Railway Station? During the last ten years the "exports" of the town have increased enormously, and the consequent heavier traffic has caused a very large expenditure on the repair and maintenance of the roads. The N.E.R. Co., it was thought, intended to take the goods from the principal establishment straight from the brewery to the station by means of an overhead railway, but they have always put the District Council off when they have asked them to carry out the work. Shunting is carried on in the station itself, and as the present arrangements are not by any means good, it might pay the Company to get land on the other side of the railway bridge and deal with the goods traffic there. Whether that is feasible or not, the District Council should not allow the question to rest, because they may be sure that so long as they are quiet the N.E.R. Co. will make no move. Tadcaster is certainly entitled to a little more attention from the N.E.R. Co., but it will not get it without agitation.

Tadcaster East Council took well after the interests of the parish, and their complaints and suggestions to the District Council invariably receive attention. Many Councils are forever grumbling about the limited scope of their duties, but they can do a lot of work in a quiet way if the members are observant. Nuisances, obstructions, improvements, and protection of public rights should be brought to the notice of the District Council, who alone have power to deal with these matters, and the co-operation of the two bodies must yield good results for the ratepayers.

The C.E.M.S. and clergy at Whitkirk have, I understand, been giving a demonstration of what might be called "muscular Christianity." In order to show how useful they could be, they decided to put the churchyard in a better state, and they have been busy repairing the flagging and effecting other improvements. Whitkirk churchyard is a hallowed spot. In the days when the Doomsday Book was written a church was in existence there; it was the place where the Knights Templers worshipped; and the ground which the worshippers on Sunday walk over, was trod by the great of the land in the dim and distant past. In the old burial ground I have come across two good epitaphs, one being the familiar one "This world's a city full of crooked streets," but many of the ancient sandstone tombstones have been destroyed by the enemy of all perishable things. A tidy churchyard is always a pleasing sight, and the C.E.M.S. are doing good work.

It will be remembered that recently the increase of the representation of Templenewsam on the District Council was discussed at a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, but no action was taken. In 1906, I find, the Parish Council made an application on behalf of the township for another member, and it was considered by the County Council, who inquired the opinion of the District Council. The District Council were not apparently enthusiastic, for they replied that they thought the disturbance of the balance of power on the Hunslet Board of Guardians—the townships of Hunslet have a majority and the District Councillors are Guardians—would be an insuperable barrier. Of course, the Guardians could not be expected to return a favourable reply, so the application failed.

Seeing Kippax has managed to persuade the squire to consider the question of a recreation ground for the children, is it not possible for Garforth to secure a playing field for the little folks? In the urban area there is no place where boys and girls can play their games, and they have consequently to make use of streets and back yards. This is a very undesirable state of affairs. Comparatively few ratepayers would complain were the Council to rent a field for this purpose; in fact, a good many people have, at one time or another, advocated the opening of such a ground. More than one attempt, I know, has been made to meet the needs of the children, but they have met with no success, and the Council have still an opportunity of distinguishing themselves.

Hunslet Guardians have given themselves a somewhat difficult point to settle. About a year ago one of the boys in the Rothwell Haigh Homes won a scholarship, and the Guardians were, naturally, very proud of the lad's success. They agreed that he should go to a secondary school. He has attended a school in Leeds for about a year, and it is now suggested that the lad should give up the scholarship and enter the workhouse master's office. It does not look very fair to the boy, and the advisability of keeping him associated with the Poor Law may appear a questionable move by many people. The matter, however, should be considered from a commen-sense point of view. Does the Poor Law offer to the lad inducements better than he would receive at the end of his three years' training, and does the boy want to be a clerk in the workhouse master's office? If the boy has conspicuous ability he could win his way by means of scholarships, if he so desired, to the university, but who is to decide that question? Whatever the Guardians do will affect the future life of the boy, and they should be careful.

Kippax "fathers'" have a grievance. It is said that deposits of cast-off clothing—a little gold mine for the rag and bone man—and discarded tin pans, etc., have been used in the adornment of a certain lane, and, as Kippax has its own views on art, these deposits run counter to the public taste. The Council state they have already condemned this attempt to set at defiance the desires of the people, and, as nothing has been done to remedy the grievance, they have adopted what might be styled an attitude of speechless indignation—they are angry but they decline to say anything more about the matter. If the deposits are a nuisance—that is the crux of the question—and the local Sanitary Authority fail to take action, the "fathers" can appeal to the County Council, who will speedily bring the offenders to book. If, however, no nuisance has been committed the "fathers" may protest in vain.

The Rev. J. C. Robinson, has been re-appointed to Tadcaster by the Primitive Methodist Conference.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE

At the Empire Palace this week two leading positions are occupied by American artistes, Nella Webb, who is one of them, has both personality and a useful voice, and her numbers all have point about them. She is worthy of a good place. The other American turn is that of Van and Schenk, who are described as a great comedy duo. Their items are far from great as comedy, but their business has a style which lifts it above the commonplace. A contrast to the Americans is provided by Ernie Mayne, whose comical figure and equally comical songs, make everybody laugh. Many people must be puzzled to know what are "pimples" on pickled pork, but his song on their momentous subject causes much merriment. Cruikshank, in his familiar style of business, has had a good reception. The programme also includes Louie Tracey, Briff, Broff, and Broff, comedy acrobats; Fred Edwards and May Yates, in a comedy dialogue; Edward Crossland's Melody-makers, and O'Gorman Bros.

The Leeds Empire programme on Monday next consists of all-star turns, particularly agreeable to its clientele. At the top of the bill is that ever popular comedian, Tom Foy, in an entirely new and original production, entitled "In Trouble Again." As a droll comedian Foy has few equals. Veronica Brady, the popular musical comedy star, in comedy songs and quaint ideas; Alic Lauder, in character Scottish songs; Frank Powell, character comedian; Kalma and Co., "Ye Colonial Wizards," featuring "The Flouting Ball" and "The Maid of all Nations"; Queenie Leighton, the charming Drury Lane comedienne; 3 Aeros, amazing trapeze artistes, including a new comedian; Thornton and Wagner, refined entertainers; Miss Wagner's gowns by "Clement," Paris, hand painted by Harry Thornton; and the American bioscope.

Josolyne's act, the greatest mystery of modern times, "Walking through a brick wall," will be produced at the Empire next Monday evening. A lady is placed on one side of a solid brick wall 10ft by 6ft. with a screen around her, and a similar screen is put on the other side of the wall. Although the audience stand around the structure all the time, in a few seconds the lady appears on the other side.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome "I Should Worry," a revue written by Mr James W. Tate, pays a well-come return visit this week. Jake Friedman, so well known on the halls, takes one of the principal parts, and his comical ways and singing set everybody in a good humour. Another good comedian is Tom Terry, who makes a very vivacious ballet dancer. Jack Wayho and Alec Hassell fight a fierce duel in the approved Continental style. Amongst the ladies special mention must be made of Bonny Browning and Vera Hilliard. The revue would be incomplete without these very chic and prepossessing young ladies, and their work as hard, and also correct in every detail. The whole show is exceedingly good. Emerson and Baldwin, juggling comedians, go through a clever show; Burr and Hope, in an artistic vocal scena, show much originality in their method of treating an old theme; and Croene and Hamilton cause much laughter with their portrayal of the latest fashions in dress; Jack Croene will be remembered as a pantomime favourite at the Grand. Others appearing are the Society Quartette, and Molly McCarthy, a dainty comedienne.

At the Hippodrome next week the first appearance in Leeds will be made of the De Lassa Troupe, who style their speciality as "thrills in the air." Isabel D'Armond and Frank Carter, a couple of stars from the London Hippodrome, also top the bill, featuring their biggest hit from "Hullo Tango." "Love Me while the Lovin's Good." Others who constitute the fare are Warsaw Bros. in a satirical mythological phantasy, "Pan and Orpheus"; Miss. Ina Hill, a well-known prima donna from the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company; The Four Sisters Ruby, contortionists, acrobats, and dancers; Jean's new era magic "The Silver Hat," a novel magical problem presented by Harry Marvello; Baker and Balfe, eccentric exponents and dancers; Lil Sprightly, character comedian; The Fimans, two fellows and a fire station; and Hippodrome pictures.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

At the City Varieties this week the Four Shades, fascinating ladies, who sing, occupy the leading position, and they have been well received. Joe Almasie and Miss Jamina, a jumping juggler, and a lady Arab tumbler, are smart in their work, and another turn which is well appreciated is by Quinn and Logan in "The Sheehack and the Pea." These two boys are natives of Leeds, and their singing and dancing are in good order. Others appearing are Isa Wise, who has a good song; The Shannons, in a smart singing and clever patter; and Minnie and Rose Finnette, in a refined speciality act.

The top of the bill for next week is occupied by a party of clever Japanese conjurers, The Ko Ten Ichi Troupe, who will feature their illusion, the enchanted fountains; Will Lindsay, described as the funniest of all Yorkshire comedians, should provide an acceptable turn brimful of mirth; Mabel and Cliff Diamond, will appear in a novel singing and dancing scena; Cora Mirth and Harry Melody, in a comedy speciality; V. Wakeman, the human gramophone, introducing imitations of Caruso and Tetrazzini; Harry Clifford, coster comedian, and pictures on the Variescope complete a very acceptable programme.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance for the eight schools in Sherburn division last month was 90.92 against 93.09 for June last year. Sherburn Endowed had the best attendance of all the schools in Garforth division, the figures being 96.29 against 96.55. At Sherburn Girls' School the percentage was 93.42 against 92.35, and at the Infants' School 86.32 against 94.

Damage by the Storm.

Astonishingly little damage has been done by the terrific thunderstorm which raged over the district on Wednesday evening—undoubtedly the most violent that has been experienced for many years. At its worst, between six o'clock and seven, the thunder was nearly continuous, and as many as twelve lightning flashes were counted in a minute. The area covered by the storm was widespread, and at almost every point in the district its force seems to have been felt. The sharp, whip-like crack, coincident with the flash, showed that the lightning was very near indeed.

Three houses were struck by lightning at Aberford, and animals were killed at Scarcroft and Bardsey.

At Garforth hail-stones of the size of marbles fell, but as far as can be ascertained no damage was done in the village.

In Leeds one house was struck. The building which was damaged is a house and shop, occupied by Mrs Mann, greengrocer, in Cross Green Lane, just at the junction with Easy Road. Here, the chimney was shattered about quarter-past six, and the lightning, apparently having made its way along the roof, descended through a bedroom window. The glass and the sash were splintered, a piece of broken woodwork being carried right across the street, and through the window of a house on the other side. The bedroom was empty, and no damage was done except to the structure. The chimney was choked up with bricks and soot, and the paper on the ceiling was stripped off. Slates were taken off the roof, and the rain poured through into the room. The only occupants of the house at the time were Mrs Mann and her grandchild. Mrs Mann was in the shop and the child was standing in the doorway of the house, directly under the room which was damaged. Mrs Mann heard the crash of falling bricks, and then the little girl came running to her in a state of terror, saying that "the moon" had just flashed past her head.

The local interference with the telephone has not been serious, but Rothwell Exchange was quite cut off.

A chimney stack at Middleton was struck by lightning, and it is said to be in a dangerous condition.

Henry Harrison, of Potwell Farm, about a couple of miles outside Pontefract, was struck dead by the lightning. The discovery was made by a neighbour, Mr James Booth, who noticed that a stack on Mr Harrison's premises was on fire, and on proceeding there he found Mr Harrison lying dead near the stack. He had evidently been struck down by the same flash which had fired the stack. Mr Harrison leaves a widow and a grown-up family.

SOMETHING IN THE EYE.

Never needlessly expose the eyes to foreign particles, but when necessary wear plain glasses. When experimenting with chemicals always turn the mouth of the tube or bottle away from the face and eyes. Whenever an eye is injured severely place the patient immediately in a dark room and under the care of a skilled physician, whose directions must be implicitly followed. The foreign bodies may be solids, as sand, cinders, hair, dirt, &c., lime, acids, or alkalies. Do not rub the eyes. Avoid sudden glares of light, never look directly at the sun. To remove the solid particles from under the lids, it is sufficient to pull the lid away from the eye and to wipe the body with a piece of moist paper or the corner of a handkerchief; if it is under the upper lid, grasp the lid firmly between the thumb and finger, lift it from the eyeball and draw it down over the lower lid, and then allow it to slide slowly back to its natural position. The foreign body will be scraped off by the lashes

At Aberford Church School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.72 against 90.83 for June last year.

Pea-pulling commenced in the district on Monday morning, Messrs Anson Bros. employing a large number of hands in the industry.

A sum of £517 17s. has been sent by Mr Robert Ibbitson, to Leeds Infirmary, being the proceeds of Thorparch Hospital Sunday, promoted by the local branch of the M.U.O.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr and Mrs Alfred Ridsdale, of Kirkby Overblow, have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They were married at Kirkby Overblow, and, with the exception of the honeymoon, Mr Ridsdale has never spent a full week out of Kirkby Overblow. He has just passed his 74th birthday, but is still able to fulfil his duties as sexton and bell-ringer.

A SMASH.—William Basley, Darlington, chauffeur to Sir Henry Havelock Allan, Bart., M.P., was, at Wetherby, yesterday, fined £10 and costs for driving a motor-car at a speed dangerous to the public at the cross roads, at Boston Spa, on Whit-Sunday. It was alleged that he went over the crossing at a speed of forty miles an hour, and that he collided with a car driven by Mr Harry Hall, motor engineer, Boundary Road, Leeds. The latter's speed was only about eight miles an hour, and he turned to the left to try and avoid the collision. His car was completely wrecked, and he was confined to bed for some days by his injuries.

REMANDED.—Yesterday at Selby James Nicholls and Wm. Harper, of the Dragoon Guards, stationed at Dunbar, were charged with stealing £6, the property of Mr E. A. How, headmaster of the Drax Grammar School, near Selby, on Wednesday. The prisoners, it was stated by Supt. Stafford, paid a visit to Mr How and asked for assistance. They were invited into the study, on the mantel-shelf of which was placed gold and silver. Mr How proceeded to get them refreshment, but on his return he found that the men had disappeared, and also a sovereign. The men were arrested in a public-house at Langrick. It was since ascertained that the prisoners were deserters. They were remanded in custody.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

ROSES

Roses have made rapid progress during the recent showery weather, and seem to have made up for the check they received from the severe frost in May. We press upon our readers the importance of frequent syringing, especially in town gardens. By keeping the stems and foliage clean much is done to counteract the evil effects of smoke and chemical-laden atmosphere. Occasionally an infusion per-parted from soft soap and quassia chips should be used with the object of keeping down greenfly. The unsightly rose-maggot can only be kept in check by hand-picking. If large blooms are wanted, disbudding will have to be resorted to. Beginners are naturally reluctant to remove any strong, healthy looking flower buds, and we heartily sympathise with them. Personally, we can admire a cluster of naturally grown roses just as much as we can one huge bloom. This, of course, is a matter of taste. If any disbudding is practised it should be attended to immediately the buds are large enough to handle. Flowers intended for exhibition purposes should be shaded from bright sun, and protected from rain. Any garden sundries dealer will supply suitable contrivances for these purposes. Established trees may be freely supplied with liquid manure. There are few greedier plants than a rose.

SWEET PEAS

Early sown sweet peas are now blooming freely. It is very important that the roots should never be allowed to suffer for want of water. There are various ways of preventing this. If time will allow, regular supplies of water may be given. This is a phase of culture which is often sadly mismanaged. A mere sprinkling of the surface soil is useless. When water is given, it should be in sufficient quantity to reach the deepest roots. Some growers never water the plants after they commence to grow freely. A good mulching of manure is given immediately after the final watering, and this is supplemented by occasional coverings of soil from the sides of the rows. In adding more soil to the sides of the rows care should be taken to make it quite firm. This is a little point that is often overlooked. It is well known that sweet peas make rapid growth in loose, rich soil, but it is at the expense of the flowers, especially during dull or wet weather. Spring-sown plants that are just showing buds require some encouragement. It is a mistake to allow them to commence flowering before they become strong in the main stems. It will occasion very little delay to remove the first few buds which show, as invigorated growth will follow, and buds that show later will produce finer blooms. It is a great pity they will open very nearly as soon as the weaker ones would have done if they had been left.

DAHLIAS

Dahlias should now be growing freely and will require suitable supports. If these were not placed in position at the time of planting they should be got in at once. The main stems should be tied as they grow. They are very brittle, and if allowed to blow about are often certain to get snapped off at the joint. They should not be tied too tightly to the stakes, but should be allowed sufficient room to swell. When the plants make a "break," that is, commence to branch, four of five of the strongest should be selected as flowering stems, and if each of these is tied to a separate stake a shapely plant may be secured. Free-growing varieties should have a quantity of the lateral growths removed, simply retaining the strongest. Earwigs are very fond of dahlias and invariably prove troublesome. Quantities may be trapped by placing an inverted plant pot on the top of the stakes, with a little dry hay in each. Examine these traps several times a day, and destroy any insects that may be found therein.

ANNUALS

Hardy annuals may be encouraged to give of their best by severely thinning the seedlings. Very few gardeners have sufficient courage to do the necessary amount of thinning. Such plants as Shirley poppies, cornflowers, etc., require at least inches of space. When this is secured they branch freely, and continue to bloom many weeks after the more crowded plants have exhausted their vigour. This is easily explained. If a large number of plants are allowed to grow in each other in a small space they become drawn, weak, and spindley, and the roots quickly assimilate the food contained in the soil. On the other hand, when thinning has been suitably attended to, the plants have the full benefit of light and air, whilst the roots have a comparatively larger area to wander in in search of food. Tall growing varieties should be neatly staked. If allowed to blow about at will, they do not thrive satisfactorily, as the roots get strained, and many of the shoots get broken off. If the soil is dry, a good soaking of water should be given before thinning.

FOXGLOVES

The present in a good time to sow foxglove seeds. Sow on a moist, partly shaded border, and attend to watering. As soon as the seedlings are large enough to handle, prick them out into a nursery bed in a similar position. Watering may be required until they commence to grow freely. There are few prettier plants for a shady border, and when once established it will only be necessary to thin out the seedlings afterwards. They seed freely, and from one seed stem hundreds of plants will appear. The seedlings from a present sowing may be transferred to their flowering quarters in October. The giant form is extremely useful for planting in large shrubberies.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Continue to sow and transplant lettuce, and make further sowings of radishes.

There is still time to sow the curled kale to be used as a second crop. The seedlings should be pricked into nursery beds as soon as they are large enough to handle. From there they may be transferred to plots cleared from the maturing of early peas, cabbage, etc.

Celery is a native marsh plant and obviously requires moist treatment. During dry weather frequent applications of water must be given. The surface soil should be stirred with a hoe or hand fork a few hours after water has been given, and as soon as the plants commence to grow freely a little soil should be placed around them with the object of conserving moisture. Keep a sharp look out for the leaf-mining maggot, and remove affected parts as soon as they are observed.

Kidney beans sometimes hang fire for a long time. Any rows that are showing this tendency should be watered with a solution of nitrate of soda at the rate of half an ounce to the gallon. Parsley should be thinned out sufficiently to allow it to develop. Each plant should be allowed at least nine inches of space. If large quantities are required the thinnings may be transplanted.

Peas should never be allowed to topple over. Keep the haulm erect with suitable supports.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

CLERODENDRON FALLAX

If required for winter-flowering a batch of plants should be propagated from cuttings taken from the old plants that were cut back in the early spring. The cuttings should be placed in a warm house under a bell-glass or frame and afforded gentle bottom heat. When they are rooted pot the cuttings singly in pots, placing them in a warm house or stove near to the roof glass. For the second potting employ a compost consisting or rich loam and leaf-mould mixed with coarse sand and a small quantity of bone bones. Large, well-grown specimens are an acquisition in the stove house during the autumn months. The clerodendron may also be propagated from a sed, which should be sown according to the period the plants are required to flower.

MELONS.

Melons which are growing freely in their own house should be carefully trained to the trellis as they develop. The roots may be watered if the soil is dry, but the watering should not be done close to the collar of the plants. The soil can be prevented from drying too quickly by laying over the surface of the roots an inch or two of short manure; this also nourishes the plants when the fruits are swelling. The bottom heat temperature should be about 85 degrees, and the atmosphere at night should be 70 to 75 degrees, according to the weather, rising 10 to 15 degrees in the day when the sun is warm. In the morning the walls and paths should be damped, and in the afternoon of every bright day the house should be gently syringed. In dull, mild weather care must be taken not to allow the atmosphere of the house to become close and humid; ventilation must depend upon outside climatic conditions, usually increasing up to noon, and afterwards decreasing with the declining sun. Succession crops should now be planted, and the seed for later crops sown.

CUCUMBERS.

Cucumber plants in the forcing house which are now in full bearing should only be allowed to carry a crop sufficient to keep up the requirements, as over-cropping exhausts the vitality of the plants. The roots should be liberally supplied with water, and if the bed has hitherto been only partially moistened, it may now be completed, using the same compost, and adding a mulch of rotten manure. An occasional dampening with manure water will help to keep the plants in a vigorous and fruitful condition. They should be regularly thinned. As the nights become milder and the heat of the sun more powerful the night temperature may be increased to 75 degrees, when closing the house in the afternoon the foliage should be sprinkled with warm soft water, and a moist atmosphere maintained.

SHOCKING AFFAIR AT LOFTHOUSE.

LINESMAN ELECTROCUTED.

A shocking affair occurred at Lofthouse on Monday. Joseph Roddy, a linesman in the service of the Post Office, who lived at 54, Leighton Lane, Park Lane, Leeds, was working on the Wakefield Road, near the Eagle Inn, when he received a shock from a circuit of at least 6,000 volts, and was electrocuted, although it was not until some time later that he died in the Leeds Infirmary.

It is a peculiar circumstance of Roddy's death that he was engaged at the time of receiving the shock in placing notices cautioning linesmen as to the need for keeping within measurable distance of each other on the top-most wires. On the Wakefield Road the telegraph poles carry at intervals the crossing wires of the Yorkshire Electric Power Company, and the electricity passing through those wires is of such high voltage that hitherto it has been considered dangerous that workmen engaged in line work should come into near proximity to them. As a matter of fact, to-wards the top of each pole is fixed an iron platform with the specific object of preventing workmen getting anywhere near the power wires.

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A man was working on his allotment near Stroud when a swarm of bees attacked him. He took to his heels and gained the shelter of the hospital, where he was relieved of his enemies.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(Continued).

(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the earlier issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier article should be read in conjunction with the current one).

Our chickens are now a week old. Visitors to poultry shows, and ourselves fanciers, frequently comment upon the extraordinary size of the exhibits. How is it done? Of course, hereditary influence is an important consideration, but even this is absorbed by the question of management during rearing.

Successful fanciers realise that the young chicks must be kept growing each and every day, right from the time of hatching.

Periodical cycles of enthusiasm are of little worth. Whilst the chicks are growing, in fact until they attain maturity, there must be no week-ends, no Bank holidays, no days off, for any little set-back means that the chicken ultimately attaining maximum growth.

The majority of you are mainly interested in egg production, and that I have chiefly in mind as I write. But I am sure that their importance is interested if we are rearing chickens for table purposes. In that case your success depends entirely upon marketing your product at the earliest possible moment. Every day's delay means extra expense in feeding, as well as market prices depreciating. Truly table chickens are an example of the early bird catching the worm; the worm in this case being top prices.

I dislike preaching, from boyhood days it worried me, but a few words of wholesome advice are frequently beneficial, particularly if they are the result of experience, and are adopted and acted upon.

I therefore unhesitatingly assert that one of the most important factors to your success is constant, intelligent care and management of your growing stock.

Thy will always thrive better on soil which has not previously carried poultry. The housing accommodation must be good—perfectly clean and sanitary, draught as well as rain-proof, and with ventilation whilst even a suspicion of overcrowding must be strictly avoided. Chickens cannot grow rapidly and healthily except under the most favourable conditions. Hundreds start off well, but as they grow extra accommodation be ing provided; growth is checked, vitality suffers, disease germs are no longer conquered, but become themselves the victor in the contest, and what promised so well is being waged between disease and health. Failure ensues. Cause and effect; you were wanting in your management, 'twas not a case of hard luck at all.

Be very careful then to provide ample accommodation, and on strictly sanitary lines. I do not like the youngsters cooped up in foster-mothers or houses with wire-netting fronts and doors. Take advantage of every minute of sunshine. Keep the youngsters as active of possible. Avoid long grass; this is frequently saturated with dew during the early hours of the day; commonsense alone should dictate to you that such a condition is undesirable. Heavy winds try the youngsters sorely; often they are overpowered, and the result is a compression of the vitality. As the nights become milder and the heat of the sun more powerful the night temperature may be lowered to 75 degrees, when closing the house in the afternoon the foliage should be sprinkled with warm soft water, and a moist atmosphere maintained.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

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PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11d. and 12 for 12., butter 10d. to 1s. per lb.; strawberries 4d. per lb; peas 1s. to 1s. 3d. per peck; cherries 4s. per stone; gooseberries, 10d. to 1s. per stone; chickens 4s. 9d. to 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—The prices for old potatoes were: Sond Up-to-Dates 60s. to 65s., sand King Edwards 70s. to 75s., warp King Edwards 80s. to 85s. per ton. A better supply of local new potatoes at 1s. 4d. per stone, or 7s. to 8s. per bag.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 87 beasts, 24 sheep and lambs, and 26 pigs. There was the usual attendance of buyers. Trade was a dragging character, best beef making up to 6½. per stone; an improved trade for stores, and good quality in calving heifers and cows found a ready market. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks, up to £26 12s. 6d. each, fat heifers up to £21 15s. each, fat cows up to £20 10s. each, store cattle up to £12 12s. 6d. each; cows in calf up to £22 5s. each, pigs, up to £7 17s. 6d. each. Heifers in calf up to £19 5s. each, fat sheep up to £2 10s. 6d. each, pork pigs up to £5 16s. each, and small store pigs up to 18s. each.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son's catalogue included 88 dairy cattle and store beasts, 49 fat cows, 115 sheep, 105 pigs, and four calves. The attendance of farmers was affected by haymaking. A good show of dairy cattle, and despite a rather slow trade, a fair clearance was effected. The best newly calved cows made £23 2s. 6d. to £25, medium and secondary kinds £19 7s. 6d. to £22, present calvers £22 15s to £25 15s. August calvers to £19 17s 6d., two-year-old store cattle £12 12s 6d to £15 12s 6d. Little alteration in fat cattle, best bullocks and heifers 7½d., good beef 7½d. cows 6½d per lb, bullocks to £21 5s., heifers to £21 15s., cows to £22 2s. 6d., bulls to £24 5s. Sheep again met a good market, small shearlings 9d., ewes to 7½d., lambs 10½d. to 11d. per lb. Pigs were cheaper; small porkers to 8s., heavier kinds to 7s. 6d. per stone (14lb.), young store pigs 15s. 6d. to 20s., and stronger sorts to 31s. 6d. each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of prime fat stock; the attendance was rather below the average, and only the very choicest beef made late rates. Big heavy bullocks made a shade less money, and may be quoted from 8d. 9d. to 9d. per stone, cows and heavy beef from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Sheep again met a good price, from 6d. to 7½d. per lb; and lambs made about late rates. Pork pigs made about 6s. 6d. per stone. Bullocks made up to £27, sheep to £5 5s., each. Fat cattle sold: Bullocks and heifers, 389 sheep and lambs, and 6 pigs. Six grand bullocks from Mr R. Machin, Cattal Grange, made £27; £26 12s 6d., £26 15s., £25 15s., £25 5s., and £24 7s. 6d.; from Mr T. Watson, Newton Kyme, made £24 5s., £22 7s. 6d., £22 15s., £23 10s., £21 7s. 6d.; from Mr Holdsworth, to Mr Bielby, to £21 7s. 6d.; from Mr Bielby, from £20, £18 10s., £18 7s. 6d.; from Mr Bielby, from Mr L. Eversidge, six grand bullocks, £25 5s., £24 7s. 6d., £21 17s. 6d., £20 5s., £19 17s. 6d.; from St. John's Institute, three beasts made to £21 12s 6d., £17, £16 10s.; from Mr R. C. Bielby, two bullocks making £23 7s. 6d., and £23 17s. 6d.; from Mr J. H. Hoole, of Bickerton Grange, six good bullocks making £23 7s. 6d., £23 5s., £22 17s 6d., £22 12s 6d., £21, etc.; from Mr Norfolk, Tockwith, two bullocks making £21 10s., and £21 10s.; from Mr J. Richardson, of Linton, made £25 7s. 6d. and £22 17s. 6d.; from Mr J. Atkinson, of Walshford, to £22 10s.; from Mr Walshford, to £21 10s.; from Mr J. Walshford, made £21 15s., £24 2s. 6d., £22 7s. 6d., £22 17s. 6d., £21 2s. 6d.; from Mr F. Burniston, of Wharton Lodge, two bullocks, making £23 5s., £20 15s.; from Mr J. Norfolk, Tockwith, two bullocks making £21 10s., and £21 10s.; from Douthwaite Bros., two bullocks making £21 12s. 6d. and £17 15s.; from Mrs Carr, Hunsingore, two bullocks making £25 and £22 17s. 6d., and one heifer £19 15s.; from Mr Hawkswell, Synginthwaite, two bullocks making £24 12s. 6d. and £23. Prime sheep from Mr J. N. Atkinson made to 6½. 6d. each; from Mr R. Bielby to 6½. 6d. each; from Mr R. Machin to 6½. each; from Mr H. Holmes to 5½. each; from Mr J. Gowland to 5½. each; from Mr R. Bielby to 5½. each; from Mr Masson to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr R. Burrell to 5½. each; from Mr Barnett to 5½. each; from Mr Tindall to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr J. T. Dearlove to 5½. each; from Mr W. S. Bielby to 5½. each; from Mr Elwess to 5½. each; from Mr Liversidge to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr H. Grainger to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr Pawson to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr Holmes and Hardisty to 5½. each; from Mr J. Jewitt to 5½. each; from Mr Elwess to 5½. each; from Mr L. Masson to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr Isaacs to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr Liversidge to 5½. each; from Mr W. Atkinson to 5½. 6d. each; from Mr Blaken to 5½. each; from Mr Beech to 5½. each; from Mr Buckle to 5½. each; from Mr Sturdy to 5½. each; from Mr Elvidge to 5½. each; and from Mr Goodworth to 5½. 6d. each.

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SHORT STORY.

DANGEROUS RIVAL.

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"What on earth is the meaning of this?" she exclaimed, ripping up her horse and opening the envelope with a dexterous twist of the jewelled handle of her riding-whip.

The note ran as follows: "I implore you to grant me an interview this evening I shall be at Spinney Hollow, by the gate which skirts the churchyard till nine. Remember that I am entitled to an explanation, for you have treated me cruelly. I returned from India, but at present desire my visit to England to be unknown to anybody except yourself.—A. D."

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The note ran as follows: "I implore you to grant me an interview this evening I shall be at Spinney Hollow, by the gate which skirts the churchyard till nine. Remember that I am entitled to an explanation, for you have treated me cruelly. I returned from India, but at present desire my visit to England to be unknown to anybody except yourself.—A. D."

"There's no answer," she said to the gaping rustic, as she resumed her ride homewards, a frown of alarm and agitation instantly seizing upon her mind.

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HALTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

ORGAN-OPENING CEREMONY.

SUCCESSFUL SERVICES.

Halton has a long and honourable connection with Methodism. It was probably established in the stirring days of Wesley, but the early history is obscure, although we are told that two gay-rously disposed persons, desirous of extending the influence of the work, left two cottages in 1811 as a site for a Wesleyan Chapel. Not unduly was a chapel built, but it has given its name to a street. For many years the members were content with the facilities provided by the chapel itself, and then Sunday-school accommodation to meet the demands of the times, was needed, and the splendidly-appointed premises at the back of the chapel were erected as they were required. Thereafter, it was decided to extend and improve the church itself. The handsome porch at the front of the building was erected as a memorial to members of a well-known family, and the introduction of a pipe organ, which necessitated considerable alterations, was determined upon. For several years the members have been engaged in raising the money to carry out this scheme, and on Saturday they saw the realization of their hopes. A handsome organ, excellent in tone, has been built by Wordsworth and Co., of Leeds, at a cost of £380, and, installed at one end of the chapel, at the back of the choir seats, it enhances the beauty of the building, which has just been painted and redecorated.

At the organ-opening ceremony on Saturday afternoon there was a good congregation representative of every part of the circuit, and among those present were Mrs Atkinson, of Church, Mrs W. G. Crosthwaite (Halton), Rev George Allen, B.A. (Leeds), Rev. Owen Jones (superintendent minister), Rev. E. Bell (Cross-gates), and the Rev. E. Rees (Garforth). The Rev. Owen Jones, who gave the dedicatory prayer, said that the success of the effort was due in a large measure to the ladies of the congregation, and no one had done more to bring it about than their friend and class leader—Mrs W. G. Crosthwaite—who bore a name long associated with the cause. He called upon her to present a silver key to Mrs Atkinson.

Mrs Atkinson, a fine old lady, who was accompanied by her son, Mr F. D. C. Atkinson, of Halton, the treasurer of the Organ Fund, and Mrs Crosthwaite then took their places in front of the organ, and Mrs Crosthwaite said she was pleased to see that day and to be in that position. For years they had worked for the object they had in view, and now their desires had been fulfilled, and they were only waiting to praise God for His goodness. She was delighted to be associated with Mrs Atkinson in that opening ceremony, for she and her family had taken a kindly interest in the chapel, and she had great pleasure in presenting the silver key to Mrs Atkinson.

After she had unlocked the organ, Mrs Atkinson made a charming little speech. She said that she made no apology for addressing them as friends, for she seemed to have known them for many years. When she was a girl she used to drive through Halton on the way to visit her sainted grand-parents, Mr and Mrs Baggett, of Kippax, and now she had been drawn much nearer to them since her son had come to dwell among them. It was a great pleasure to her to open the new organ, and she trusted that it would help in the worship of Almighty God in that house of prayer. "God bless you all." she concluded.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. George Allen, B.A., from the words "I shall yet praise Him." (Psalm 43. 5).

Mr Freeman Whatmore, Miss Bacc, Cantab., formerly organist at the British Embassy Church, Berlin, presided at the organ, and he revealed its beauty of tone and resources by rendering "Extempore Voluntary" and "Festal March."

The Rev. Owen Jones said the organ was a thing of beauty and sweetness. They had several sweet organs in the circuit, and he had heard of the sweetness of the one at Seacroft, and he wondered if the people there thought the organ at Halton was as sweet as it. (Laughter). One pleasing feature of that gathering was that all parts of the circuit were represented—from Richmond Hill to Kippax. He congratulated the Halton friends on the success of that effort. They started before he came into the circuit, and they had raised in connection with the effort £504, and that without the help of Mr Carnegie. (Laughter). When he came into the circuit they had £140 of the £645 in hand, and in three years they had raised £360, and, according to the financial statement, they still needed £85. He was told, however, that certain other work would have to be done, and for that an additional £30 was required, or £105 altogether.

The Rev. E. Bell, in proposing a vote of thanks to all who had taken part in the service, said they all knew the deep interest Mrs Crosthwaite took in the work of God at Halton, and they wished to thank her for the graceful way in which she had done her part. Then there was their mother in Israel—Mrs Atkinson, to whom they were grateful for her services. When he saw her his first thought was "What a grand old Christian lady." She had given sons and daughters to Methodism, some being in the mission field. They would couple with their thanks to her their deep love and respect. He also included the preacher, the organist, and the choir.

The vote was cordially passed.

Mrs Atkinson generously gave £25 to the Organ Fund and £25 towards the extinction of the debt on the church property. Mrs W. G. Crosthwaite contributed £5 to the Organ Fund, and the collection realised £11.

The tea which followed in the schoolroom was very largely attended, there being about 500 people present, and the proceeds were about £20.

At the evening meeting there was a very large attendance, and County Councillor Dewhirst, of Whinmoor Lodge, who gave £5 to the fund, presided. A very happy address was given by the Rev. George Allen, B.A., but the feature of the proceedings was an organ recital by Mr Freeman Whatmore, whose masterly handling of the instrument was greatly admired. His contributions were:—Voluntary, "Coriolanus" (Beethoven); selection, "Introduction and Toccata" (Dr Spark); selection, "Andante from violin concerto" (Mendelsohn); voluntary, "Melody in F" (Rubenstein); selection, "Intermezzo et Accensus" (Rossini); selection, "Sonata pathetique" (Beethoven). The soloist was Mr Arthur Morgan, Wolverhampton, gold medallist Brit. Music Exhibition, London, 1913, and his fine bass voice was heard to advantage in "Honour and Arms," which was sung in finished style. The "Hallelujah chorus" (Handel) was rendered by the choir, and the meeting proved a most successful one. At the close the usual vote of thanks were accorded on the call of Mr J. W. Crosthwaite, of Harrogate (formerly of Halton).

On Sunday the preacher was the Rev. Owen Jones, who is shortly leaving the circuit, and Mr Whatmore again presided at the organ. A musical service was held in the afternoon, and there was a good congregation. Councillor W. Verity, of Halton, who gave £5 to the fund, presided. Mr Whatmoor again delighted the congregation by his skilful playing, and his repertoire included:—Voluntary, "Offertoire" (Wely); selection, "Air varied" (Haydn); selection, "Spring song" (Hollins); voluntary, "Sinfonia Fugue" (Boch). The choir gave in pleasing style "The Heavens are telling" (Haydn), and "Achieved is the glorious work" (Haydn), and Mr Morgan's solos were "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Liddle) and "Like as the hart" (Allitsen). The collection amounted to £3 10s. 9d. At the evening service, when the chapel was crowded, Mr Morgan gave a fine rendering of "When I survey" (L. Hope), and the choir sang "Gloria" (Mozart). Mr Whatmoor played several organ selections, including "Nocturne" (Chopin), "Wedding March" (F. Whatmoor), "Spring song" (Mendelssohn), "Humming song" (Mendelssohn), and overture "Tannhauser" (Wagner). The collection realised £4 19s. 6d., and altogether the proceeds of Sunday's services were £16 5s. 11d.

The total realised for the Organ Fund by the opening services was about £500.

BARKSTON ASH FARMERS AND RATING.

VIEWS OF CAPTAIN YORK, HUTTON HALL.

BILBROUGH FARMER ADVOCATES STRIKE AGAINST INSURANCE.

At a meeting of the Yorkshire Union of Agricultural Clubs and Chambers of Agriculture on Thursday at York there was a small attendance. Captain York, J.P., of Hutton Hall, Marston, who is one of the Tadcaster magistrates, presided, and Mr Frank Myers, of Bilbrough, and Mr. John Thompson, East Rigton, Bardsey, were also present.

The secretary read resolutions passed by clubs, including Tadcaster Chamber, against the abolition of the Agricultural Rates Act without a compensating return.

Mr J. Suggitt (Sheriff Hutton) proposed:—That this Union emphatically protests against the discontinuance of grants under the Agricultural Rates Act in the absence of corresponding relief of local taxation of equal amount in every rural district.

Mr Abbott (Malton) seconded.

The Chairman said this was a very important thing. The Government proposed to rate them on a new system, to separate the value of the house from the land which it stood upon. They were to escape the rates upon their houses, but the whole amount that was to be paid was going to be put on the land. This, in his opinion, was a most vicious system. The Liberal argument was that the present system taxed a man on the product of his industry. That was all very well, but by the income tax they taxed a man on the product of his industry. It appeared that it was right in one case and wrong in another. In agricultural districts, if they looked at the rate books, they would find that houses bore a very small portion comparatively of the rate total. They were so different from the men in the towns. The land on which the house of the man in the town stood was a small thing, but with the farmer the whole thing was reversed. The land was the farmer's raw material, and from any point of view he thought it was vicious to transfer to this class of property the whole of the amount to be paid to local expenses. A penny rate on the capital value over a considerable number of acres would make a perfectly enormous difference to them. They were badly off paying on the annual value, but that was not half so bad as paying on the capital value. It placed in the power of the local authority a big weapon against the man interested in land.

They had always had rating on the annual value, and it was far and away the fairest thing. It was tangible and fairly easily ascertained. The proposed new basis would be difficult to ascertain, and they would be constantly having appeals. The third thing he wished to refer to was that all grants in the Budget were dependent on the passing of the site values portion of the Bill. The next thing they had to consider was if this site value provision passed, who was going to benefit by it? In the event of these distributions being made, those who spent the most money and had the most to spend, namely in the towns and more populous areas, would certainly come in under those grants for larger subsidies than would the smaller places. The agricultural places with smaller opportunities for spending on a large scale, and which were carefully managed, would certainly suffer in proportion to their neighbours who had greater opportunities. They ought to make some sort of protest. The time, he thought, was not yet, because they had not had the whole of the thing thrashed out, but they knew from a course of meetings at which this Budget had been discussed these three points had been raised, and they should certainly go in for a very severe censure of them. (Applause).

Mr F. Myers supported the resolution, and thought that unless they made some stand they were going to have nothing to do with the matter but pay. He felt very grieved that farmers were not taking more interest in it than they were. He thought that room would have been crowded. They ought to strike now, and if the Government withheld relief under the Agricultural Rates Act they should withhold all contributions under the Insurance Act, and they would have the labourers with them. If they stuck together it would take a lot of enforcing, and if it cost them a little it would not break them.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

ATHLETIC FETE AT BRAMHAM PARK.

AMBULANCE COMPETITIONS.

In aid of the funds of the St. John Voluntary Aid Detachment (Bramham No. 249), an athletic fete and ambulance competition were held in Bramham Park on Saturday afternoon. The spacious grounds and gardens, which by the kind permission of Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., were thrown open to the public from eleven o'clock in the forenoon, looked at their best in the glorious sunshine, and these were visited by large numbers of people.

Mr Lane Fox, who was at home, but had to leave shortly after lunch-time, showed a great interest in all that passed off, while he also proved a busy figure as one of the judges in the various events which were down for decision in this capacity he was ably assisted by Mr W. T. Lipscombe. In addition to the athletic sports there were ham and cake guessing competitions, bowling at the wickets, shooting competition, and Aunt Sally.

The results of the athletic events were as follows:—100 Yards Flat Race (boys)—R. Collins. Potato Race (girls)—R. Rodgers. Potato Race (men and boys)—C. Hill. Egg and Spoon Race (girls)—R. Rodgers. 100 Yards Flat Race (men)—C. Hill. High Jump (open)—H. House. Long Jump (open)—C. Hill. Quarter Mile Flat Race (open)—C. Hill. Wheelborrow Race (men or boys)—H. House. Bicycle Slow Race (men)—J. Gallaghan. Sack Race (open)—L. Shackleton and H. Woodruffe.

Following the athletic events an ambulance competition took place below the East Terrace. The contests, which were open to members of voluntary aid detachments, comprised three events, viz.:—(1) for stretcher squads of four men (2) for nursing sections of five women; and (3) the best improvised ambulance cart or wagon prepared by squad of four men. In the first competition the entrants were the Bramham detachement, and a party representing Hammerton and Ouseburn. In the nursing section those taking part were ladies from Bramham, Harrogate No. 1, Knaresborough, Bramham-cum-Thorner (under Mrs Ellis), Wetherby No. 1, Ouseburn and Hammerton. There were only three entrants for competition three, viz., Hammerton, Ouseburn, and Bramham. To those who possessed a knowledge of the rudiments of first aid, the competitions proved interesting, but beyond the witnessing of the first event in which the squads had to treat a supposed casualty to which a wood pigeon, the pair of the wounded, were the victims, the general interest seemed to wane. After being treated the "wounded" were carried by the stretcher squads to the hospital tent, by the stretcher squads to the hospital tent, by the sentry who were handed over to the members of the nursing section for treatment.

The judging of the work was under the direction of Lieut. Colonel A. E. L. Wear, of the West Riding Division Clearing Hospital, Leeds, and he was assisted by Major Coupland, Capt. Darlow, and Capt. Ewing, all of the R.A.M.C. About six o'clock Lieut. Colonel Wear announced as the result of the ambulance work, declaring the team of the Hammerton Squad as winners both for the stretcher work, and the improvised ambulance waggon, which was made of simply a motor car, fitted up with spars, to which slings for the purpose of holding the stretcher, were attached. The first section from Knaresborough, under Lady Mountgarret, of Eagle-hall, Pateley Bridge, were declared winners of the nursing competition.

Lieut-Colonel Wear said he had a few words to say to the ladies in connection with the nursing work. The ladies were very good in bedmaking and general work, but there was one thing they forgot. The moving of the patient was the very first thing they ought to study. He instanced how in the test that afternoon, a section of ladies had, in treating a patient suffering from a shattered ankle, and probably in a state of collapse, left him outside. He took exception to any squad who did not send out someone to give the patient a little brandy, a little tea, or anything of that sort.

The prizes, which were of a monetary kind for the men, and neat wallet cases of instruments intended to be attached to Sam Browne belts, for the nursing sections presented by Lady Mountgarret, who was suitably introduced by Mr W. T. Lipscombe. Lady Mountgarret also presented the prizes to the winners of the various competitions as follows:—Ham guessing, Miss Shaw; cake guessing, Mr Cameron and Miss Poulter; and shooting competition, Mr Thorley.

A vote of thanks to Lady Mountgarret and Lieut.-Colonel Wear, was moved by Mr Lipscombe, and cordially passed.

Dancing followed in the grounds until eight o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A QUESTION FOR MR LANE FOX, M.P.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr Lane Fox, M.P., is returned to Parliament to represent agriculture, which is the means of livelihood of most of his constituents. In common with the other Unionist M.P.'s, he stood aside with folded arms and allowed Mr Lloyd George to accept the "Edinburgh Compromise" as the chief plank in the party platform.

This was an act of treachery to the farmers.

Since then I have tried, in vain, to get from him an answer to this question:—

"Will you pledge yourself to vote against and oppose in every way the present fiscal proposals of Mr Bonar Law, known as the Edinburgh Compromise?"

I, therefore, ask every farmer, and every labourer—the labourer must suffer if the farmer is ruined—who hears Mr Lane Fox speak in his constituency to demand an answer to the above question; a straightforward "yes" or "no." He cannot refuse to reply when challenged in public.—Yours, etc.,

BERNARD GILBERT, Hon. Sec.,
Farmers' Tariff Union
(formed to oppose the present fiscal proposals).
Hawthornden, Lincoln.

MEETING AT POTTERTON HALL, BARWICK.

C.E. WAIFS AND STRAYS SOCIETY.

On the lawn of Potterton Hall, Barwick—the residence of Mr and Mrs H. S. Childe—a meeting was held on Thursday afternoon in connection with the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and addresses were delivered by Colonel Beresford Peirse, and the Rev. Charles Escritt (organising secretary for the Ripon diocese) Mr H. S. Childe, J.P., presided, and he was supported by the speakers and the Rector of Barwick (Rev. R. H. Harvey).

Colonel Beresford-Peirse said he had acted as secretary for twenty years, and it had always given him great pleasure to work on behalf of the great society inaugurated by Prebendary Rudolph. There were twelve Waifs and Strays' Homes in Yorkshire, and the chief one was at St. Chad's, far Headingley, Leeds, where eighty girls were kept. They were divided into three classes—girls of the school age, cripples, and those who having left school were being taught domestic service, were taught a trade—machine knitting principally is done. They were not content to make coarse garments, but even knitted stockings for the Episcopal Bench. (Laughter). There was also the Beckett Home at the top of Meanwood Hill, Leeds, which was an industrial institution, the thirty girls there having been committed by a magistrate or education authority. They were taught by residents, and the treasurer was kept very actively in hand. It was wonderful how soon they fell into the ways of the Home, and the results were good. Many were sent to Canada, as it was found desirable to get them out of their returning to the old surroundings. At Nidd Bridge they had another Home built and practically half-endowed by Lord Mountgarret. The babies and strays of Lord Mountgarret first call upon it. No fewer than 22 boys up to the age of 14 were looked after at the Bede Home, Wakefield. When over 14, they were put on a farm or started in the Army, or Navy. The success there had been great. One of their boys had taken scholarships at Oxford, and was on the point of being ordained as a deacon, while another had obtained a County Council scholarship and was training as a teacher. It was difficult to find work for the boys, however, 14 being a difficult age. Other Homes were situated at Mirfield, where 20 girls from six to 14 years of age were kept; and at Huddersfield, where they took boys from six to ten. In conclusion he pointed out that they had none to thank more than the rural deans and parochial secretaries, who had so wholeheartedly helped to collect, and without whose help so much could not have been done.

Mr Escritt said the Society was taking hold of those who were a menace to the nation's life, controlling, training, and educating them, and then sending them out useful and worthy citizens. It was a striking fact that not more than 5 per cent. of the 20,000 children in the Homes had proved wasters. The Society had to deal with a grade of life which lacked brains, blood, morals, education, and honour. He wanted the Church of England people to realise that they were not an outside Society. The Society must be the work of the N.S.P.C.C. possible. The latter prosecuted the parents, but what happened to the little ones when their father and mother were sent to prison? A good many of those cases found their solution in the fact that the children were handed over to them, and so the two Societies worked together harmoniously for the salvation of children.

Colonel Beresford-Peirse and Mr Escritt were thanked, on the motion of Mr Childe, seconded by the Rev. J. P. Whitworth, vicar of Thorner.

ABERFORDIA AMBULANCE LEAGUE.

COMPETITIONS AT GARFORTH.

Under the auspices of the Aberfordia Ambulance League two interesting competitions—one for women and one for men—took place at the Conservative Club, Garforth, on Saturday afternoon. Ten teams were forward in the women's contest, the trophy being a handsome silver cup, presented by Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O., of Lotherton Hall, and nine men's teams entered the competition for the Barkston Ash Shield, presented by the late Mr J. O. Andrews, of Boston Spa. Mr R. Rutledge, jun., the organizing secretary for the League, had charge of the proceedings, and Dr. E. P. Pickersgill, of Sherburn, was judge in the men's contests, Sergeant Smithson, R.A.M.C., taking the drill, while the ladies' work was judged by Mr Herman, of Wakefield, and Dr. Lawther, of York. At the close Mr Rutledge announced the results in the women's competition (Gascoigne Cup) as follows, each team consisting of four members:—

1	Garforth No. 1	185
2	Aberford No. 1	177
3	Tadcaster No. 2	176
4	Tadcaster No. 1	172
5	Seacroft	168
6	Monk Fryston	165
7	Garforth No. 2	162
8	Brotherton No. 1	150
9	Aberford No. 2	149
10	Brotherton No. 2	143

The results in the men's competition (Barkston Ash Shield) were as follows:—

1	Garforth No. 2 (J. W. Chadwick, captain)	85
2	Garforth No. 1 (H. Fryer, captain)	78½
3	Bowers Allerton No. 1. (A. Haines, captain)	78
4	Garforth No. 3	77
5	Rothwell	74½
6	Bowers Allerton No. 2.	67½
7	Bowers Allerton No. 3	63
8	Rothwell	61½
9	Rothwell	57½

Dr Herman said that he was one of the judges of the women's competitions, and the contests were very keen indeed. The teams were all good—some better than others. They all did extremely well, and it seemed rather hard-hearted not to give them all full marks. (Laughter).

Dr Lawther said that all his tests were well done with one exception. Personally he was sorry that each team did not get a cup. He wished some rich man would give one to each team. (Laughter).

Dr Abbott, of Aberford, said that these competitions were intended to serve an educational purpose, and not only by showing teams their weakness in some things that they could make themselves efficient.

LATEST HORTICULTURAL IDEA.

The unhappy man whose garden has hitherto defied the most careful attempts at horticulture, will derive new inspiration from the Flower House Show of the Royal Horticultural Society in London. All he has to do is to swamp the land and start a bog garden.

The idea is quite the latest horticultural experiment, and the show contains some excellent examples of what can be done. It is claimed that the bog garden may be planted from February to November; that it is much more attractive than the rock garden inasmuch as the latter has to be planted on a big scale to produce any bold effect and that the bog garden by its very nature makes it preferable in many respects. In February British primroses can be grown, followed by Japanese primroses, tall growing gentians, spireo and kliums—then bog growing a cycle of beautiful flowering plants which will keep the bog garden attractive right down to the late autumn.

During this month the shows at Sherburn and Monk Fryston take place.

PIMPLES AND BURNING RASHES.

A COMMON SUMMER COMPLAINT.

"My face and neck were covered with fiery pimples and burning rashes," says Mr James Killick, of 51, Little Surrey Street, London, S.E. "The skin itched and smarted so badly that I could not sleep at night and had no peace during the day-time. My legs were also affected. For over a year I tried different ointments without getting any benefit at all.

"Then I began to use Zam-Buk, and soon found the smarting and itching getting less severe. By continuing Zam-Buk all the blotches and pimples were gradually cleared away and my skin was renewed. I am quite free from disfigurement now. Zam-Buk is really splendid for the skin!"

Zam-Buk is a preventive of, as well as a cure for, summer skin diseases, and is particularly valuable for blood-poisons arising from a scratched pimple or neglected sore. Zam-Buk is a pure herbal balm of unequalled power, and is quite different from cheap ointments and salves which contain lard and other rancid animal fats.

Zam-Buk Balm is sold only in sealed packages at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. by chemists and drug stores. Never sold from door to door. Beware of worthless imitations and sub-titutes.

WESLEYAN CIRCUIT MEETING AT WHINMOOR.

MEETING IN A GARAGE.

Owing to the kindness of Mr and Mrs Isaac J. Dewhirst, of Scarcroft, who had invited the members of the Leeds Richmond Hill quarterly meeting and their wives to Whinmoor Lodge for the June tea and meeting, an experience was gained that was probably unique in the history of quarterly meetings. It was unique in that the tea and meeting were held in Mr Dewhirst's commodious motor house, which was carpeted and tastefully decorated with plants, whilst everybody appreciated the charm of the beautiful surroundings, the perfect weather, and the genial and generous hospitality of the host and hostess.

About 130 sat down to tea, which was of a sumptuous nature. Hearty thanks were afterwards accorded to Mr and Mrs Dewhirst, on the proposal of Mr A. J. Hunnam, seconded by Mr C. Batty, and supported by Messrs W. Dibb and H. Andrew, and Mrs Dewhirst replied in her usual happy way.

Between tea and meeting the appearance of the grounds suggested a garden party rather than a church quarterly meeting, many indulging in games on the lawn, whilst others paraded in conversational groups.

The Rev. Owen Jones (superintendent) presided at the meeting, and was supported by his colleagues, Rev. Edwin Bell and Edward Rees, the lay agent, Mr H. Andrew, the circuit stewards, Messrs Bert Wrigley and Tindale Rippon (Halton), the secretary Mr G. P. Holford (Crossgates), and a large attendance of members, including many ladies.

After the hearty singing of a hymn, prayer, and confirmation of the minutes, the finance committee's recommendation that the ministers' stipends be increased from June, 1915, was submitted by Mr Wrigley, seconded by Mr Bell, and unanimously agreed to, as likewise was the recommendation that the reception meeting to the new minister (Rev. Geo. Searle) be a circuit gathering, that it take place in Richmond Hill on September 21st, and that any balance occurring be placed to the circuit funds.

Harehills Lane members, having of their own initiative generously offered to take an increased assessment of £10, provided Beckett Street was relieved to this extent, the proposal was gladly acquiesced in.

Mr Wrigley presented the financial statement. It showed a balance of income over expenditure of £1 2s. 6d. for the quarter, and this, with a balance of £20 7s. 11½d. brought forward, left the steward in hand £21 10s. 5d. in hand.

Mr Rippon reported that the cost of removing Rev. Edwin Bell (Crossgates) to a better house and of the necessary repairs had been £24 9s. 8d., apart from the value of gifts in kind. This cost had been entirely borne by the Crossgates people, so no expense had fallen on the circuit funds. They greatly appreciated much appreciation of the generous effort.

The numerical statement showed that the circuit was down on the quarter. There had been 1,000 members.

The Rev. Owen Jones, in reviewing the past three years' work, delivered an inspiring address. The circuit had raised during the period no less than £4,000 in special efforts alone. The worry of debt was calculated to hamper spiritual work. The co-operation of the members of the several churches of the circuit in lifting the burden had, however, been a means of grace.

Connexional collections totalled £360 12s. 4d., an increase of £7 4s. on the year. This was the third successive increase reported.

A very earnest discussion followed the reading of the Sunday School report by the Rev. Edward Rees, in which a good deal was recorded. Many suggestions were made for the Council's consideration, the practice successfully adopted at Harehills Lane of methodical visitation of absentees by the teachers, with a careful recording of results, being specially commended.

Most striking testimony to the esteem of Rev. and Mrs Owen Jones, who are leaving the circuit this conference, was borne by many. Lack of time prevented others from speaking. Mr Jones feelingly responded.

Mr Dewhirst, in a happy speech, stated that it had been a real joy to his wife and himself to entertain the members of the meeting.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" followed by the benediction, closed one of the most uplifting quarterly meetings ever held in the Richmond Hill Circuit.—Communicated.

A QUESTION OF SUNDAY LABOUR.

At the Bishop Auckland Police Court, two workmen claimed a day's wages for being refused their boards as a penalty for not turning out to work at Messrs Pease and Partners Bowden Close Coke Works on Sunday, the 14th ult. On the other hand the owners summoned 45 employees for absenting themselves from work on the next day, which the men did as a protest against the owners' action.

Mr Dix, for the owners of the Durham Coke Oven Association, pleaded the Sunday Observance Act of 250 years ago.

The Bench awarded 2s. 6d. and costs against each of the 45 defendants, but expressed the opinion that the masters' representatives should have used more tact. The case against Messrs Pease and Partners was dismissed with costs, as was dismissed each side paying their own costs.

Mr Dix said the Association would probably appeal to a higher tribunal, and have the matter of Sunday labour settled.

Children of the Blackley Municipal School, Lancashire, have arranged to provide supplies of clog-soles for the Shackleton Antarctic expedition.

A STOURTON MAN'S DISAPPEARANCE.

"MR SIMPSON" HAS NOTHING TO SAY.

With reference to the recent disappearance from Stourton of a married man, Mr Vincent Sharp, aged forty-one, the Hunslet relieving officer, and two young women, Miss Annie Seaman and a friend, a gay, wavy golden brown moustache, hair of the same colour, inclined to be bald on the top of the head, florid complexion, smartly dressed. The newspaper representative, who was armed with a press cutting, sought the man passenger and said to him:—

"Mr Simpson?"

"Who are you, sir?" was the reply.

"I am a reporter on the 'Sun'."

"I have nothing to say to you, sir; nothing at all."

"I thought," said the interviewer, "that you might tell me where to find Mr Sharp. There has been a bit in the papers about his disappearance."

The passenger smiled, and after remarking, "The least said the soonest mended," disappeared down the companion-way.

PRESENTATION AT ROTHWELL.

LATE N.U. CLUB OFFICIAL HONOURED.

An interesting presentation was made in connection with the Rothwell Northern Union Football Club on Saturday night, when Mr W. H. Watkin, the late secretary of the Club, was made the recipient of a coloured photograph of the team and the officials in recognition of his services. Mr Watkin, who lived at Rothwell up to last August, was waggis clerk at Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh Collieries, and in August last he was asked by them to act as wages clerk and cashier at Rotherham. When he left the district he resigned his position as secretary to the N.U. Club. There was a good attendance of the players and officials of the club at the presentation, which took place at the Black Bull Hotel. Mr J. Oakland, a vice-president, presided, and also made the presentation.

Mr Oakland said—It is with the greatest possible pleasure that I rise on behalf of your admirers, the members of this club, to ask your acceptance of this photograph of the team and officials. Although not of great intrinsic value, we all know you will treasure it none the less. I can assure you the spirit which has actuated the movement throughout has been one of admiration for the very valued service you have rendered to this club during its formation and for the first two years of its existence. No one could have worked more unselfishly or more single-mindedly than you did. I am sure I am echoing the sentiments of everyone present when I say how deeply we deplore the loss of your valuable aid and assistance. At the same time we congratulate you on obtaining a much more lucrative appointment than you had in our midst, and that your future career may be blessed of good and honourable citizens is the sincere wish of every subscriber to this testimonial. I ask you to accept the photograph with our best wishes and I am sure it will always, when you gaze upon it, bring back to your mind many pleasant recollections of your happy associations with the Rothwell Northern Union Football Club.

Mr Watkin, in reply, said he did not know what he had done to merit the gift. During his term of office he had tried to be fair to all, and to treat them as made friends. It was a very great pleasure to him to think that, although he had left the district, he was not forgotten. If he had had the choice of choosing a gift he could not have chosen a more appropriate one. He thought it was a work of art, and, as the chairman had said, it was not the monetary value but the feeling which had inspired the givers which would cause him to treasure it. There was only one thing to regret and that was that on the photograph there was not a trophy. He certainly thought that during the last season the team would have won at least one trophy, but he was confident that the players had done their utmost, and it was not their fault they did not succeed. However, he hoped and trusted that next season there would be a good N.U. football team in Rothwell, that they would have a good committee and good officials, and that at the end of the season they would be able to show at least one trophy.

SELBY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Selby Rural District Council on Monday, Mr Harris Anson presiding, a circular was read from the West Riding County Council with reference to the provision and maintenance of sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis. Towards the expenses a Government grant and contributions by the Insurance Committee were made, and the balance remained to be met by the County Council and the sanitary authorities.

Dr Bertram Hill (Medical Officer) said the last expenditure was estimated at 3s. 8d. per bed.

It was agreed to enter into an agreement to pay the proportion due from the Selby district.

The medical officer reported that he had visited the two cottage hospitals at Newland, Drax. Two of the houses were unoccupied, being unfit for habitation, and the remaining eight were more or less damp and without proper ventilation which might be altered so as to open.

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Apathy and selfishness, according to a Church dignitary, are the outstanding characteristics of the national life, and, to some extent, the assertion is true. The nation, as a nation, is inspired by no high ideals, although indignation is soon aroused by the perpetration of injustice, but it is probably no worse than ever it was. People are apt to see things altogether out of proportion; they fail to profit by the teaching of history; and they persuade themselves that unless the country does just as they think, disaster will follow. But, as a rule, disaster does not come. Conditions, it may be pointed out, have changed, and are changing. In the old days the country was governed by a few individuals, who were not responsible to a nation of voters for their actions, and all questions of policy, at home and abroad, were settled by them. Men with ideals had their influence then, just as they have now, but progress was necessarily slow, and from time to time, owing to the discontent of the voteless masses, rioting occurred. The citizens then were inspired by no higher ideals than the people are now, and as to public questions they were practically ignorant, because the newspaper had not become a means of information and a popular educator. Nowadays the gentlemen who administer the affairs of the country are responsible to the electorate, who, if dissatisfied, may sweep them from office, but it is impossible to maintain public interest in public affairs for any length of time, and this is reflected in the columns of the daily newspapers which cater for the great masses of the people, because they give the news that is demanded. At election times the national attention is directed to the great movements of the day, and men eagerly discuss the pros. and cons. of questions, and work up a little enthusiasm for this cause or that, but the observant know that interest soon dies down, and the people turn to other matters. Still, they are ever ready, when a crisis occurs, to play their part. It would no doubt be better for the country were the electors to keep themselves well-informed on national affairs, but, for a variety of reasons, it is impossible to expect this, and to make, however, severely criticised the people may be, they will go their own way. It was complained the other day that the only thing that interested people was what directly concerned themselves—selfishness, and this is seen among all sections of the community. Nearly all agitation is based on selfishness; even in such matters as education and religion the bias is noticeable; but what people are concerned about are their possessions or prospective possessions. One class agitates for a lightening of financial burdens, a second class seeks to benefit itself at the expense of another, which assumes the defensive and endeavours to get protection for itself, and so it is all through the social scale—the movement is for class aggrandisement. Of course, this is one result of our competitive and social systems, and, until men and women are inspired by higher ideals, the nation will jog along in the old way.

Consideration for others is of more importance than good manners, yet there are people who never practice the one while they are continually harping on the value of the other. Not infrequently both go together, but it is not difficult to find men and women with little pretence to manners who give a kindly thought to those around them. In family life, strange as it may seem, little consideration is often shown by one member towards another, and, the home, instead of being a place of happiness and peace, becomes a proper "bear-garden." It is unfortunate it should be so, but human experience reveals that none can be so cruel as one's own. And in the relationships existing between employers and employed what a difference do we find? On the one hand, masters regard men as mere machines, and men look upon masters as veritable blood-suckers, while, on the other hand, when a kindly personal interest is recognised the relations between the parties are cordial. Of course, in these days of collective bargaining conditions have been set up which make it hard for both employers and men, for some of the Trades Unions are hard task-masters, exercising a blighting influence upon all who come within their scope. Nevertheless, the old-time industrial relations are not dead, and it will be a bad thing for all concerned when monetary value comes to be the only consideration on either side. Domestic servants are decreasing in numbers, we are told, but has it not been noticed that some people have no difficulty in getting servants, whilst others are unable to obtain help. A reason must exist for this. Domestic service is honourable employment, and many girls would be better engaged in it than following their present ill-paid occupations, but more and more the young people are showing a reluctance to coming under the rule of a mistress. Girls, it is said, demand more liberty nowadays—more than is good for them, and it is a pity that so many wander aimlessly about the streets at nights, but that does not provide a complete answer for the domestic servant question. Many people forget that girls are human beings like themselves, with a capacity for enjoyment, and with feelings like themselves, and this leads to trouble. A story was told the other day about an indignant lady, who was holidaying at the seaside. She had her woes, and what were they? "Yes," she said, "I've taken a furnished house here for six weeks, and I wish we'd gone to an hotel. It saves such trouble with the servants. Would you believe it, that when I've brought my two maids down to this beautiful place, where they have sea air and sunshine all the time, they have actually asked for their night out just as if they were at home? I told them that it was a nice return for my kindness to them. So one of us has to miss the concert once a week to sit at home with the children." The unhappy lady forgot that she brought the maids with her for her own convenience, and they, of course, were expected to give up their little leisure in order that the mistress might have additional enjoyment. The ungrateful maids were very unkind. If a mistress desires satisfactory service she must see that she herself is prepared to give satisfaction. Thoughtlessness, rather than lack of consideration, is sometimes at the bottom of the trouble, but the results are the same. When people are brought into intimate relationship it is obvious that there must be a little give-and-take if matters are to go smoothly, and this can be accomplished without the relaxation of discipline.

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DEATHS.

CARNOCHAN.—June 27th, 1914, at 21, Bondfield Terrace, Methley, Blanch, the beloved wife of Roy Carnochan.
HEMINWAY.—June 29th, at Market Place, Wetherby, aged 87 years, George Heminway, expt.
MAWSON.—June 26th, at "The Grove," Eccup, in his 32nd year, Edgar, the beloved son of Mr. and Mrs Edmund Mawson.
MOUNTAIN.—On June 28th, at General Infirmary, Leeds, Mary Esther, the dearly beloved wife of Arthur Mountain, of Fearnville Mount, Oakwood Road, Oakwood.
RAWLINGS.—June 29th, at Collingham Bridge, aged 33 years, Florence, wife of George H. Rawlings.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of Seth Wilkinson, of Garforth, who died, July 1st, 1910.
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—Wife.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

The Rev. W. G. Softley has been re-appointed to Rothwell by the Primitive Methodist Conference.

No Match.—Rothwell Trades-men were to have played a cricket match with the Hunslet Tradesmen on the Wednesday half-holiday, but the latter team did not pay the visit, presumably owing to the threatening weather.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr F. M. Lupton (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave, Mr J. R. Cross, MP., J. Hirst, and Mr E. Parkin.

Warrant Granted.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a warrant was granted by the magistrates for the arrest of William James Rodgers, a motor-man, of Rothwell, who failed to put in an appearance at the Court to answer a summons for neglecting his child. It was stated that Rodgers had gone to work.

Cricket.—The Rothwell W.M.C. were defeated on Saturday, when they met the representatives of the Armley and Wortley Socialist Club at Rothwell. The homesters batted first, and were dismissed for 253, a score which was soon got by the visitors, who won by seven wickets. Scores:—Rothwell—S Pritchard 6, J. Parker 0, Dore 4, M. Naylor 0, R. Stringer 0, J. Scanor 0, W. Booth (not out) 3, J. Taylor 0, H. Sanderson 3, J. W. Fox 4, N. Wood 1, extras, 4; total, 25. Armley and Wortley—H. Bennett 11, F. Judd 11, Duffy (not out) 9, F. Lane 1, E. Claughton (not out) 2, extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 26.

Bowling.—On Saturday Rothwell bowlers entertained a team from Castleford, and won easily by 73. The aggregate scores were Rothwell 318; Castleford 245. Details (Castleford names first):—F. Robinson 21 v. J. Baldwin 3, J. Rhodes 21 v. C. Dobson 20; T. Gallagher 8 v. J. Chapman 21, B. Wright 21 v. F. Hallas 20, J. Forster 3 v. H. Morgan 21, R. Forster 15 v. W. Richardson 21, H. Sweeton 19 v. A. Chapman 21, G. Bluemun 2, J. Harrison 20, Z. Wright 10 v. H. Wormald 21, W. Heptonstall 11 v. A. Denton 21, G. Fowler 5 v. C. P. Ward 21, A. Fowler 21 v. H. P. Chapman 7, J. Austerbury 16 v. D. Barker 21, T. Butler 21 v. J. Oakland 17, J. Harwood 7 v. J. Tiffany 21 W. Box 17 v. G. W. Nodding 21, and G. Sidwell 8 v. W. Bennett 21.

Anniversary.—The anniversary services in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School were continued on Sunday, when special sermons were preached by Mr J. W. Hampson, of Shipley, who greatly interested the scholars by his address in the afternoon. There were good attendances at the services, and the children sang their anniversary hymns. In the afternoon Mr W. Butterfield, of Rothwell, presided over the children's service, and in addition to the festival hymns, recitations were given by some of the scholars. Mr S. Morton conducted the singing. On Wednesday the annual festival was spoilt by the storm, much to the disappointment of the youngsters. When the storm broke the children were in procession, and singing their hymns, and as the big drops began to fall they took shelter. Tea was served in the schoolroom, and afterwards games were played, under the direction of the teachers.

The Storm.—A heavy storm broke over Rothwell and district on Wednesday, but fortunately no serious damage was done. At noonday the heat was oppressive, and rumblings of distant thunder were heard about two o'clock. Shortly before three rain fell heavily for about half-an-hour, the storm quickly passing over only to return later. From five o'clock onwards it was very dark, and about 5.30 the storm broke. The lightning flashes were almost continuous, the thunder peals being unusually loud. Rain fell in a deluge, and an hour later the storm was on an abatement, although rain fell practically the whole of the evening. Owing to the rain, which flooded the streets in the town down by the Court Inn, the sewers were quickly discharged for a time, and after the floods had subsided the streets were covered with sand and gravel.

ALBERTON BYWATER

Homing.—On Saturday Alberton Bywater Homing Society sent 59 birds to take part in the race from Guernsey (301 miles). Results:—Simpson 1,032 (wins 6d. pool), Booth Bros. 973, Hutchinson Bros. 934, Simpson 908, Atkinson 905.

BOWERS ALLERTON

The Schools.—Bowers Allerton had the second best attendance of all the schools in the Kippax district last month. The percentage was 94.07 against 96.33 for June last year. At Great Preston the percentage was 76.54 against 90.17.

Hands cross the Sea.—On Monday morning the children of the Bowers Allerton Church Mixed School received two letters from their uncle attending the Normal School, Auckland, New Zealand, and along with the letters were a large number of picture post-cards depicting interesting phases of colonial life, especially that of the school child. According to the letters, picture palaces have had the same "boom" in New Zealand as we have experienced here. One youthful correspondent states that she has seen an airship for the first time. A similar batch of letters has been despatched to their New Zea-

land friends by the Bowers Allerton children, and one boy, evidently a football enthusiast, has asked his New Zealand correspondent to look out for Freddy Smith, of Bowers Allerton, who is with the Northern Union football team now touring in New Zealand.

CARLTON

ANNIVERSARY.—The parading of the village by the children of the Sunday School, who sang their festival hymns, a public tea and games for the children on Saturday afternoon, and special services on Sunday in the chapel, formed the other anniversary in connection with the Carlton Primitive Methodist Church to a close. The youngsters had quite an enjoyable time on Saturday afternoon, a large number being accommodated at tables, fitted up behind the Church, for the tea. Sports and games of all kinds were played in a field kindly placed at the disposal of the teachers and the children by Mr Murtland. On Sunday the sermons were preached by Mr T. Naylor, of Rothwell, and there were good congregations. The children sang their hymns and recitations were given in the

CROSSGATES

On Wednesday a terrific thunderstorm broke over the district, and between six and seven in the evening rain fell in torrents.

On Saturday afternoon Crossgates R.H. bowlers had a match with Halton Travellers, and the latter were defeated by 195 to 160.

PLAYING FIELD.—In regard to the proposed recreation ground for the children of Crossgates, a petition is being prepared for presentation to the City Council, and it will shortly be placed before the ratepayers, who will be asked to sign it.

CROSSGATES DEALER'S AFFAIRS.—The creditors of James Luther Thorpe, hardware and crockery dealer, of The Arcade, Crossgates, met for the first time at Leeds on Monday, when the debtor's statement of affairs showed liabilities expected to rank at £176 14s. 10d., assets totalling £18 2s. 4d., and a deficiency of £158 12s. 6d. Debtor attributed his failure to "Competition, County Court costs, interest on borrowed money, and lack of capital for trading." No resolutions were passed.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon a League match was played at Garforth between Cross-gates and Garforth and the latter won by 181 to 136. Details (Crossgates names first):—J. A. Rymer 5 v. E. Walker 21, G. W. Burch 19 v. T. S. Slater 7, F. Hardcastle 21 v. C. W. Slater 10, H. Whitfield 5 v. G. Walker 21, F. W. Jubb 8 v. A. Collins 21, H. Burnett 15 v. G. Tindall 21. W. Holdsworth 10 v. A. Matthews 21, J. Semper 11 v. D. Gent 9, G. Danby 11 v. W. Howson 21, J. Firth 21 v. F. Walker 6.

CROSSGATES DEFEATED—On Saturday afternoon Crossgates golfers played their return match with South Leeds at Rothwell Haigh. Scores:—South Leeds: Single 11, foursomes 6; Crossgates—Singles 1, foursomes 0. Details of singles (South Leeds's names first):—F. J. Brown 1 v. J. Simpson 0, J. Pratt 1 v. J. Hall 0, J. Hall 1 v. E. H. Haswell 0, W. Brown 1 v. J. Townsend 0, A. Drake 1 v. W. Bromley 0, W. H. Turner 1 v. E. N. Thewlis 0, J. Clark 0 v. J. R. Ramsden 1, W. Pratt 1 v. W. Webber 0, D. McCandlish 1 v. W. McPherson 0, H. Clark 1 v. H. Dixon 0, G. Green 1 v. E. Coates 0, J. Prince 1 v. T. C. Frost 0.

FAIRBURN

HOMING.—On Saturday three members of Fairburn Homing Society sent 26 birds to take part in the race from Guernsey (302 miles). Results:—Fox 943 (wins A pool), Powell 920, and Barker and Sons 898.

GARFORTH

During the storm which raged in the district on Wednesday hail stones as large as marbles fell at Garforth.

In the competition for the Childe Cup on the Garforth golf links Mr T. C. Simpson was returned as winner, the runner-up being Mr L. Booth.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon in the Barkston Ash League, Garforth were at home to Crossgates, and the latter were beaten by 181 to 135. Garforth W.M. overcame Halton by 204 to 104.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance for the schools in Garforth division last month was 90.43 against 89.51 for June last year. The figures for the various schools were:—Garforth Council, mixed, 93.06 against 93.03, and infants, 88.62 and 89.50; East Garforth, 90.90 and 89.37; Garforth Parochial, mixed, 93.97 and 92.96, and infants, 83.33 and 78.42; also Garforth R.C., 87.18 and 88.37.

PRESENTATION TO MINISTER.—The Rev. F. E. Thistlethwaite, Primitive Methodist Circuit sup-tintendent at Knaresborough, who preached his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, was on Monday presented with a handsome dressing-case by the members of the congregation and Mrs Thistlethwaite (his sister) with a timepiece and a pair of vases. Mr Thistlethwaite, who has been appointed Selby Circuit superintendent, is completing twenty-four years in the ministry. Mr Thistlethwaite is well-known at Garforth and Stanks, where he was stationed some years ago.

GARFORTH W.M. WIN.—A Bowling League match was played between visitors and Garforth W.M. on Saturday at Garforth, and it resulted in a win for Garforth. Scores:—Garforth W.M. 204, Halton 104 points. Details (Garforth names first):—J. Whitfield 21 v. G. Wood 6, J. Firth 21 v. A. Caine 13, A. Reed 21 v. G. Simpson, 7, F. Simpson 21 v. R. Morris 4, J. Whitley 21 v. F. Vince 3, T. Cockerham 18 v. T. Clarkson 21, G. Fresman 21 v. J. Cockell 11, A. Cockren 21 v. H. Thomas 16, J. Backhouse 18 v. W. Green 21, and M. Morritt 21 v. C. Lambert 5.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Capital programmes have been submitted at the popular Picture House this week, and there have been appreciative audiences. On Wednesday evening the directors very kindly gave a performance for the benefit of Mr W. Blackburn, who has been ill for a long time, and their generosity has been greatly appreciated by the residents. The outstanding pictures for the week-end are "Blood will tell" and "The two glows," both interestingly interesting films. Next week programmes of excellent pictures will be exhibited, and there will no doubt be good audiences. For times and prices see advert.

URBAN COUNCIL.—On Wednesday evening there was an amusing experience in connection with Garforth Urban Council. The monthly meeting was called for 7.30, but only two of the nine members put in an appearance, and, as there should be a quorum, no business could be done. The members who attended were Mr Archer and Mr Gascoigne, and the officials present were the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the surveyor and inspector (Mr T. Abbott), and the water inspector (Mr Naylor). After waiting for fully half-an-hour, it was decided to adjourn the meeting until next Wednesday, in accordance with the standing orders. This is the first meeting of the Council that has been abandoned owing to non-attendance of members. It was stated that two members had sent letters of excusement, and they were not expected to attend, one member was away from home, and a fourth was indisposed.

The Rev. J. P. Osborne, of Garforth, has been appointed to Pontefract by the Primitive Methodist Conference.

GOLF.—Garforth golf course is to be formally inaugurated on July 18th, and the principal feature of the day will be an exhibition match between Abe Mitchell, the famous ex-amateur who is now professional at Sonning-on-Thames, and Tom Williamson, of Notts County, the leading professional of the Midlands, who is a brother of the professional to the Garforth Club. This will be the first time that Mitchell has been in the North of England, and his encounter with Williamson will be well worth seeing. Mitchell was a caddie, and afterward chauffeur, to Sir Abe Bailey, the South African magnate, and as an amateur he did notable performances.

GREAT PRESTON

THE CHURCH.—A very enjoyable time was spent on Saturday afternoon by a good number of the members of St. Aidan's Church, who held their annual strawberry tea in a field (kindly lent by Mr J. Rye. Magnificent weather prevailed. The following ladies served the tea:—Mrs Gregory, Mrs Oxbridge, Mrs N. Firth, Mrs D. Firth, Mrs Holyhead, Mrs Manners, Mrs Jubb, and Mrs Miller. Mr F. H. Lees presided over dancing while Mr Nowell was M.C. The proceeds are for the building of a boundary wall round the church.

HALTON

Lady Dorothy Wood has presented a trophy to the Ripon lady golfers for competition.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance at the Halton School, mixed, last month, was 87.69 against 80.05 for June last year, and at the Infants' School 76.72 against 71.96. Measles have affected the attendance. At Colton School the percentage of attendance was 86.40 against 91.60.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Joseph Hargreaves, a watchman, of Leeds, was summoned for using obscene language at Halton. P.C. Stothard stated he heard the defendant using the language complained of in High Street, Halton, at 10.20 p.m. on Sunday, June 21st. Defendant, he said, was arguing with some others. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

KIPPAX

We have received a letter on the medical charities question in Kippax, but as it seems to be a purely personal matter we regret that we cannot publish it.

TEMPERANCE.—A temperance meeting was held in the United Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, when an address was given by Mr Gregory McIntyre, of Leeds. The Rev. H. W. B. Chapman was the preacher at the Thursday evening preaching service.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance for the eight schools in Kippax district last month was 89.04 against 91.22 for June last year. The figures for the Kippax schools were:—Boys' School 89.09 against 92.94; Girl's School, 91.07 against 90.03; Infants' School, 87.06 against 84.41.

EXCURSION.—On Saturday about 300 members of Kippax Central Working Men's Club and Institute and their friends journeyed to Redcar and Saltburn. The excursion left Kippax at 5.58 a.m., and arrived at Saltburn about half-past nine. The weather was convenient home of the Club and Institute Union at Saltburn, which is entirely upheld by the Union Clubs for the benefit of their own members, and everything about it is conducted in a very large number visited it, all agreeing that the home is an excellent institution. A thoroughly enjoyable day was spent, boating and fishing, bathing, drives, etc., being indulged in. The party returned home at 1.30 on Sunday morning, all agreeing that the trip had been one of the best of its kind from the village.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of Kippax Education Committee was held on Wednesday—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Messrs J. Hardisty, J. Cripwell, W. Mellor, S. R. Silverwood, Jas. Farrant, and Ismay Robinson, with the Clerk (Mr Powell). It was stated that measles have been prevalent in the district Common, and the school has been closed in consequence. Mr Milnes, head teacher of the Bowers Allerton School, applied for permission to take a class of students to Monk Fryston for an observation lesson on July 15th, and the request was granted. Following the medical inspection of Kippax school children, it was reported that there were a few cases of defective vision, adenoids, and defective hearing, which had not received attention, and the committee have decided to intervene the parents as to the treatment of the children. The Chairman: If the parents of these children are in poor circumstances they can have assistance in the purchasing of spectacles. The combined nursing scheme was not considered.

KIPPAX AND LEDSTONE MEDICAL CHARITIES SOCIETY.—The annual open-air concert was held on Sunday in Tate Field (kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Tate). The Kippax Old Band paraded the principal streets, playing selections, and collectors solicited subscriptions on behalf of the charities on route. The Wesleyan Primitive Methodist and United Methodist Sunday School children walked in procession to the field. The choir connected with the United Methodist Church contributed special hymns, conducted by J. Radcliffe, and the two selections played by the Kippax Old Band, conducted by Mr A. Denton, were a feature in the proceedings. The speakers were Mr C. Anson, J.P. (Castleford), Pastor Smith (Leeds), and Mr Geo. Horton (Leeds). Mr I. J. Dewhirst, C.C. (Scarcroft), presided. The total receipts are less than those of the previous year. The uncertainty as to the future of meeting might account for the reduced takings. The amount with which the Committee have to meet the demands made upon them, according to the secretary's report, which was given on Sunday, is about £15. Six applications have already been received for "recommends," and though the committee state their willingness to meet the wishes of those unfortunate individuals who need assistance, this cannot be done unless more money is contributed by the public. A resolution of thanks to the Chairman and speakers was moved by Mr Jas. Smart, and seconded by Mr R. Plows (secretary). There was a small attendance, apparently the Sunday school children, and the teachers.

LEDSHAM

At Ledsham School last month the percentage of attendance was 91.66 against 82.45 for June last year.

FORMER VICAR'S DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE.—The wedding took place on Tuesday at St. Chad's Church, Headingley, Leeds, of Mr Charles Ashforth Cartledge, younger son of the late Rev. C. A. Cartledge, vicar of Bishop Middleham, County Durham, and the late Mrs Cartledge, of Harrogate, and Miss Ethel Cooper -Snowdon, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Richard Kemplay Snowdon, vicar of Ledsham, and Mrs Snowdon, of Headingley, Leeds. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Bishop of Beverley, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, vicar of the parish. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a handsome gown of ivory satin and lace, embroidered with pearls, and a valuable old Honiton lace veil, lent by her aunt, Mrs Elgood. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and asphantis, which with a diamond ring and platinum chain were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Marjory and Lily Snowdon, sisters of the bride, Miss Cartledge, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Mclaughlin. The best man was Mr Richard W. Fawcett, of London. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of Mrs Snowdon, and later in the day the happy pair left for the English Lakes.

LOFTHOUSE

On Friday at Wakefield George Jackson, Joseph Donnelly, Alfred Green, and Henry Pollard, youths employed at the Lofthouse Colliery, had 9s costs each to pay for riding on tubs in the mine.

At the Wakefield West Riding Court on Wednesday, Arthur Blanchard, painter, was remanded until Monday next on a charge of attempting to set fire to a haystack belonging to the Lofthouse Colliery Co., at Outwood on Tuesday. The prisoner gave himself up to the city police.

MIDDLETON

A sum of £1 8s. 6d., workmen's fines at Middleton Colliery, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

THEY CHEERED THE KING.—About 150 of the employees of the Middleton Estate and Colliery Company, accompanied by the manager, colliery grinner, and other officials, and also parties from Kitson's, Fowler's, and Braime's, to the number of over 300, had their annual trip to London last Saturday. The party, under the guidance of Mr Bentley, of the Polytechnic Touring Association, reached the gates of Buckingham Palace in time to see the King accompanied by the Queen and Princess Mary, depart to review the London Fire Brigade. Very few people were about, but the King was received with a rousing cheer by the Yorkshire men, which he smilingly acknowledged.

MOOR ALLERTON

PROPERTY SALE.—By order of the trustees, of the late Mr J. R. Flitch, the freehold residential estate known as "Southlands," situated at the junction of King Lane and Harrogate Road, Moor Allerton, was offered by auction on Tuesday night by Messrs Hepper and Sons, of Leeds. The main lot, including the residence, out-buildings, lodge, gardens, paddock, and plantations, covering about 4 acres, 3 roods, 33 perches, was sold for £4,200. Lot 2, containing about 2 acres, 2 roods, 10 perches of grass land, and Lot 3, containing about 8 acres 1 rood 10 perches of land, a farmhouse, and cottages were withdrawn.

CHURCH CHOIRS' FESTIVAL.—The seven choirs of North Leeds joined in a festival evensong at St Matthew's Church, Chapel Allerton, on Wednesday night. The choirs were those of St. Martin's (Potternewton), St. Clement's (Chapeltown Road), St. Aidan's, St. John's, and St. Edmund's (Roundhay), St. John's (Moor-Allerton), and St. Matthew's (Chapel-Allerton). The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Walmsley's setting in D minor, and Dr. Bairstow's anthem "I will greatly rejoice" was well rendered. The Rev. G. Birchenough (Moor-Allerton) preached the sermon, after which the Solemn Te Deum in G. (Pendergast) closed the service. Mr H. Rose (organist of St. Matthew's) conducted, and Mr P. P. Dickinson, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ.

OULTON

The percentage of attendance at Oulton School, mixed, was 92.31 against 93.06 for June last year, and at the Infants' School, 90 against 94.16.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Oulton played a Mowley Trophy Competition match at Hunslet with the Parish Church team. Scores:—Hunslet Parish Church 203, Oulton 190. Details (Hunslet names first):—H. Fynes 6 v. W. Hutchinson 21, G. F. Hardwick 21 v. G. H. Abbey 15, J. Cockerill 21 v. J. Graham 11, S. Cheatham 18 v. B. Healy 21, H. Austwick 21 v. W. Jopling 15, T. Collier 12 v. F. Bell 21, T. Dawes 21 v. J. Steele 16, E. Burgess 21 v. C. Sharp 21, T. Rosenshaw 21 v. G. Williams 1, F. Allen 13 v. J. Harrison 21, J. Facer 14 v. T. Collins 21, J. Holmes 21 v. H. Grant 4.

PRESENTATION.—After a match between Oulton and Rothwell on Saturday afternoon at Rothwell, two presentations took place. The first, which was the handsome Leeder cup over which the bowling competition was played, and medals to the Oulton team for last year, was made by Mr Chris. Barker (Rothwell). The second was more of a personal matter for the Oulton men, who presented one of the players, Mr H. Cope, who is leaving the district, with a pair of companion pipes. Mr Cope, who was an assistant at the Rothwell Council School, has been appointed to the headship of a school at Brandsburton, Beverley. He has during his stay in the district rendered good service to the Oulton first eleven. The presentation was made on behalf of the members of the team by Mr E. Boothroyd.

ROUNDHAY

WEDDING.—On Wednesday the marriage took place at St. Aidan's Church, Roundhay Road, Leeds, of Mr Charles Bush, who has been manager of the Queen's Theatre, Leeds, for fifteen years, and Miss Ada Armitage, of Roundhay, who has been on the staff of the theatre. The bride, who was attended by her niece, Miss Gladys Bullock, as bridesmaid, and by Master Arthur Lewis, wore a dress of navy blue satin trimmed with white, and a white hat with white wings. She was given away by her father, Mr J. H. Armitage. Mr Tom Axe, of Leeds, acted as best man. The reception was held at the Victoria Hotel, and was attended by many theatrical friends. The honeymoon is being spent at Beddington.

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.—On Wednesday at Leeds City Council meeting upon the minutes of the Parks Committee being submitted, Mr Masser alluded to the proposal to establish a municipal golf course at Roundhay. He said it had been objected that the course would not pay, but that was not what they really wanted it. However, he was satisfied that there was a demand for the course, and that it would do something to enhance the attractions of Roundhay Park. The amount to be expended was the small sum of £200, a sum which it took to make a bowling green. He prophesied that within the space of twelve months from the present date the whole of the £200 would have been paid off from the profits, and Leeds might go on to provide golf courses in different parts of the city. The minutes of the Committee were approved.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—At Leeds on Friday a rough-looking man, named James Glyde (36), of no fixed abode, against whom there was a long record of convictions, was sentenced to a month's hard labour for loitering with intent to commit a felony in Roundhay Park late on Thursday night. Police constable Horan said that at 11.30 p.m. he saw prisoner trying the doors and windows of the cafe near the Waterloo Lake. When witness approached he hurried away, but was overtaken and questioned. He said he was doing said "I am going to Ilkley. Prisoner, in the course of a long, rambling statement, said he had only just come out of prison, and that the police had been following him about. He added that the constable asked him if he had had any beer, and he replied "It takes me all my time to get something to eat; never mind beer. I've never had a gill since I've been out."

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Roundhay were defeated at Selby. Scores:—Roundhay—Craven 1, Morris 3, Umpleby 2, Hammond 1, Bentley 1, Childerson 1, Brown 12, Bowman 3, Watson 1, Blenkinsop 3, Oliver (not out) 0, extras, 9; total, 38. Selby—Hoyle 0, Winterburn 0, Yates 1, Bailey 5, Townend 0, Anderson 3, Braithwaite 2, Tomlinson 12, Ibbetson (not out) 11, Carson (not out) 2, extras, 1; total (for 8 wkts.), 39.

IN THE LAKE.—Minnie Manby (39), a widow, described as a domestic servant, a delicate-looking woman, was charged at Leeds on Saturday with attempting to commit suicide. On Friday night Police constable Dodds was called to Roundhay Park, where, it seems, the defendant had thrown herself into the Waterloo Lake, but had been got out by a young man who was boating there. She was removed to the Infirmary. Dr Sims, the police surgeon, who had examined the woman, recommended that she should be kept in charge for a short time. The accused, who was very repentant, was sent to the Workhouse for 14 days.

SEACROFT.

NO FRONT LIGHTS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Frederick Fraser, chauffeur, of Leeds, was summoned for having driven a motor-car at Whinmoor without the regulation front lights. P.C. Stimpson stated that about 10.15 p.m. on Saturday, June 21st, he saw the defendant driving along the York Road at Whinmoor without any front lights, although his rear lamp was lighted. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

GUARDIANS AND LADIES.—On Wednesday, at a meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians, Miss Kitson objected to a proposal that a deputation to choose a new Infirmary matron should consist of four male members of the Board. The matter, she said, was peculiarly one for lady members to take a part in, and she proposed that Mrs Moorhouse, a lady member of the deputation, Mrs P. Leigh remarked that no lady would go on such a deputation with three gentlemen. Miss Kitson's proposal was rejected, and the original proposition was carried.

GATES ON FOOTPATHS.—There is a footpath (writes a correspondent in a Leeds paper) leading from Foundry Lane, across to Aslett Hill in which the farmer has railed all the gates up, and left stiles which are so constructed that ladies with tight skirts simply cannot get over them. This is a lovers' walk, and ladies who get in difficulties can usually, of course, claim ready assistance from their swains, but all the same it is a pity that such stiles have been made. Then, again, the farmers complain that very often their gates are left open. There are, it is true, thoughtless people who would not trouble to close any gate, but on the other hand a lot of farmers lay in a store of trouble for themselves by having such rickety fasteners on their gates or by having no fasteners at all. My experience is that with most of the gates on the footpaths outside Leeds, it is impossible to fasten them unless you take the trouble to tie a rope round the gate post. Thus, while I admit that in many cases farmers are justified in complaining of the thoughtlessness of people who pass through their fields and leave gates open, they are just as often to blame themselves for having gate fasteners which don't fasten. After all, the public have their rights, though farmers as a class don't seem to think so. Where there is a public footpath, the public have a right to pass along it without being delayed and obstructed. And what about one farmer near Leeds who at one stile had broken off the stones which jutted from the wall so as to form steps for the public?

STOURTON

FLOODING.—The residents of several houses at the bottom of the Pontefract Road, Stourton, had a trying time during the storm on Wednesday evening, in coping with the water which came pouring down the roadway, and flooding the cellars.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—On Sunday afternoon at the Primitive Methodist Church, the distribution of prizes and medals won by the P.S.A.s took place. There was a good attendance, presided over by Mr Collinson. The prizes were presented by Mr J. S. Verity, of Rothwell, who also gave an appropriate address on "Books."

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—C. G. F. and J. N. Porritt, Dewsbury, improvements in trousers presses; Thomas Hart, Thorner, pasting and gumming machine, for tickets, labels, etc. Application completed—E. Stott, Oldham, improvements in mull frames. Patent accepted—W. J. B. Leech and A. Edwards, Leeds, treatment of hot gases in coal distillation.

BOYS IN TROUBLE.—At the Children's Court at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday three boys, Percy Hamel (14), Stourton, Alfred Farrar (14), Stourton, and Arthur Hunt (14), of Hunslet, were charged with doing wilful damage to rhubarb, the property of Mr Selwyn Wade, Stourton. None of the boys appeared, but the mothers of Hamel and Farrar presented themselves at the Court. The Chairman asked the boys were, and they replied that they were at work. The Chairman said the boys were wanted before the court and not the mothers, as the boys, and, if necessary, have to punish them. He ordered the case to be adjourned seven days, so that the boys might appear.

SEQUEL TO AN ACCIDENT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday two waggoners, William Goodall and Samuel Westerman, of Leeds, were summoned for being in charge of vehicles without lights. P.C. Boys stated that about 10.20 p.m. on Sunday, June 15th, he was on the Pontefract Road, Stourton, when the defendants came up each in charge of a waggon which had no light. Westerman, who was the only defendant to appear, said he and the other defendant worked for the same firm in Leeds. When coming along the road by Stourton they had had an accident. They had set off in good time so as to reach Leeds before lighting up time, as neither had any lamp. The Chairman said he would reduce the fine to 2s. 6d.

DAMAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Ernest Freer, Thompson Freer, and Leonard Freer, all of Hunslet, were summoned for doing wilful damage to growing grass, the property of Mr Selwyn Wade, of Stourton. The evidence was that the defendants were seen to walk along the grass for about yards, and then lie down. Ernest Freer said he did not consider that doing any harm. The previous night he had bought a bird, and he took it out into the fields to hear the other birds, as he wanted to know whether it was a songster or not. Thompson Freer repeated this story, saying they were "taking the bird out for a walk." There were others in the field, he said, but the police officers never said anything to them. Mr Walter Wade said the damage which had been done was of the value of 3s. Each defendant was ordered to pay 1s. and the costs.

SHADWELL

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played between Clifford House and Leeds Springfield at Shadwell, and the Springfield team won easily. Scores:—Leeds Springfield—Hare (not out) 116, Greaves 60, Barrett 14, Fozzey 6, Marshall (not out) 22, extras, 5; total, 4 (for 3 wkts.). Declared. Clifford House—Walker 17, Wilson 39, W. Jackson 6, Simpson 3, Wormald 31, E. W. Nicholson 11, A. W. Boyle 1, Hill 0, S. R. Jackson 0, D. Boyle 0, R. P. Nicholson (not out) 2, Dewhirst 0, extras, 10; total, 131.

HAD BEEN AT SHADWELL.—The Leeds Recorder (Mr E. Tindall Atkinson, K.C.) yesterday was in a slight quandary as to how to deal with an incorrigible youth of nineteen, who came before him at Leeds Session charged with the theft of a silver watch, a silver chain, and a silver medal, the property of his uncle. The lad, Geo. Wm. Coatham (19), labourer, appeared younger than his years, but he realised his position. It was stated that he had a bad reputation. Detective Sergeant W. Kitteringham said that in 1905 the lad was committed to an industrial school at Shadwell. Five years later he was licensed out to a farmer at Liversedge, but he absconded, and he also ran away from three other places he was sent to. After that he was sent to the Ad-I Reformatory, but not long after his discharge from that institution he was apprehended on the present charge. "I shall have to send you to gaol," the Recorder added, addressing the prisoner, "but not amongst the other prisoners. You must go to prison for four months in the Second Division."

SWILLINGTON

MR S. Dickenson, of Swillington Common, won first prize in the hackney classes for three-year-old gelding or filly at Selby Show.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance at Swillington Parochial School last month was 89.53 against 90.09 for the previous June, and for Swillington Common 70.93 against 95.40. The latter was closed owing to sickness.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played at Moortown between the home team and Swillington Park. Scores:—Swillington—Jackson 1, Gummerson 11, Hutchinson 3, T. Jackson 8, Firth 3, Brittlebank 13, E. Gummerson 24, Somers 4, Dickenson (not out) 0, Dickenson, extras, 3; total, 50. Moortown—Wilson (not out) 32, M. Topham 2, Haywood 1, Barnfather 5, Layton (not out) 8; extras 5; total (for 3 wkts.), 53.

WOODLESFORD

At Woodlesford - mixed school, the percentage of attendance last month was 91.22 against 91.51 for June last year, and at the Infants' School, 85.49 and 88.18.

HIS SENTENCE.—At the Quarter Sessions at Leeds on Monday Robert Redfern, a fireman, of no fixed abode, who was committed by the magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on the previous Tuesday to take his trial on a charge of stealing a watch and albert, a pair of boots, and gold in cash, the property of Frank Johnson, Woodlesford, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Middleton Colliery Co. and a Footpath.

FEELING IN THE DISTRICT.

On Wednesday at the meeting of Leeds City Council there was a breeze as soon as business started. The Town Clerk began to read a petition from a number of ratepayers with respect to the closing of a public footpath by the Middleton Colliery Company in the course of certain work they were carrying out, and which, it was alleged, they had no right to do.

Alderman C. H. Wilson suggested that it would save time if the petition were referred without more ado to the Tramways Committee, who would in any case have to deal with it.

A Labour member said it was very important the matter should be dealt with quickly. There was a great deal of feeling about it in the district. "The Middleton Colliery Company," he said, "are going to close certain parts of the moor."

The Lord Mayor said that to him Alderman Wilson's suggestion seemed a practical one.

Alderman J. R. Ford: We should know what it is about.

Alderman Wilson: It is a sheer waste of time. You must refer it to the Tramways Committee.

Mr D. B. Foster: Let us refer it to Alderman Wilson. He will do it better than any committee.

Finally, the Town Clerk briefly explained the contents of the petition, and it was then referred to the Tramways Committee, Alderman Wilson observing that whatever were the rights of the Council, they would be maintained.

THE SCHOOLS.—At Barwick School last month the percentage of attendance was 92.50 against 90 for June last year.

The percentage of attendance at Micklefield Mixed School last month was 90.88 against 94.24, and at the Infants' School 83.96 against 91.72.

While King George and Queen Mary were driving to Hyde Park on their way to a fire brigade review on Saturday, two suffragists flung a bundle of leaflets into the royal carriage. Some of the papers struck the King's hat and others the Queen's parasol. The women were taken away by the police.

CRICKET.—At Spofforth on Saturday afternoon the homesiders effected a draw with Leeds Training College. Scores:—Spofforth—King 59, Howard 44, S. H. Hill 22, Oddy 11, Smithson (not out) 43, Thompson 0, Bubby 2, Scott (not out) 1, extras, 19; total (for 6 wkts.), 202. Declared. Training College—Entwistle 23, Taylor 25, Watkins 13, Halliday (not out) 27, Crossland 21, Wilson 0, Stancliffe (not out) 10, Dalby 0, Lockwood 0, extras, 20; total (for 7 wkts.), 139.

THE LATE MR. G. HEMINWAY.—Mr. George Heminway, ratepayers' secretary, who had been confined to his bed for some time, has died, having attained the age of 87 years. The deceased's father, Jonathan, was 96 years old when he died. The remaining business at Wetherby was started by Jonathan's father in 1787, and is kept in the family to-day. Mr George Heminway, like his father, was a great worker for the Friendly Society, being for 36 years secretary. The deceased leaves a son, who will carry on the rope-making business, and several daughters.

THE STORM.—Two thunderstorms passed over Wetherby on Wednesday afternoon, and there was no rain to speak of until just before five o'clock, when it commenced to fall heavily. Motorists coming into the town reported that from Brough, to within three or four miles of Wetherby the rain had been very heavy all the afternoon, and had filled the ridges in the fields, while some of the roads they said, ran like rivers. It was half-past five when the storm broke over Wetherby, and the lightning became very vivid. While the lightning was at its worst the rain more or less abated. At six o'clock rain again fell in torrents, and continued for some time, the cellars of several houses in the town being flooded.

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HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHIMNEY STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Offices, Leeds Street, Hunslet, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), G. Armitage, W. Vevity, and J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer of health (Dr Buck), the sanitary officials (Messrs W. Whitehead and P. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

Dr Buck, in his report for the past four weeks, showed that there had been reported thirteen births in the district—seven being in Oulton and Woodlesford, four in Templenewsam, and two in Middleton. During the same period nine deaths, comprising two in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, three in Templenewsam, and four in Middleton, had occurred. Seven cases of scarlet fever, three of which had been removed to the hospital, were notified, along with one case of diphtheria, and one case of erysipelas.

The Clerk asked the doctor if he had heard anything of a case of typhoid at Halton.

The doctor said he had no notification as yet.

The Clerk said he had heard of it through the nurse.

Dr Buck said the doctor would not notify it until he was absolutely certain.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board was read by the Clerk, calling attention to country holiday camps as likely factors of spreading infection. The circular mentioned the fact that very often sanitary arrangements were not made.

With respect to the Combined Nursing Scheme a letter was read from the County Council asking for the representatives of the Council might be sent along with representatives of East and West Ardsley, to a meeting at the County Hall, Wakefield, on Monday next.

The Chairman and vice-chairman were appointed to attend.

The Clerk also reported that he had received a formal agreement from the County Council with regard to the treatment of tuberculosis. The Council had agreed, said the Clerk, to pay one half of the expenditure incurred by the County Council with respect to patients from the district, so far as the expense was not defrayed by the West Riding Insurance Committee and by Government grants.

The agreement was accepted.

Mr Whitehead, the sanitary inspector, reported that owing to the heavy storms the sewers at Oulton and Woodlesford had been flooded, and the backwash had entered some of the houses through the gratings.

The Clerk: We can't prevent that?

Mr Whitehead: No.

Mr Armitage: You would call it an act of God, wouldn't you?

Mr Whitehead also reported that the long chimney at Middleton had been struck by lightning, and was in a very dangerous condition owing to its being cracked most of the way down.

Mr Armitage: Is there any danger to the public?

Mr Whitehead: It is close to the roadway.

The Chairman said Mr Nicholson had told him the chimney was going to be pulled down.

The Clerk said he thought it would be sufficient if a letter was sent calling attention to it.

This was agreed to.

The Council, on the advice of the Clerk, decided to prepare the information asked for by the Roads' Board.

A letter was read from Mr James Armitage, the chairman of the Water Committee of the Rothwell Urban District Council, asking that the pipes leading up to the reservoir near to John O'Gaunt's, Rothwell Haigh, might be raised as they were about five feet below the surface, and, therefore, were liable to be damaged by frost. The pipes were laid down by the Council, and the other Councils paid a proportion of the cost. The Rothwell Council would bear the cost.

It was agreed to make the alteration.

On Wednesday a violent thunderstorm broke over Tadcaster, and rain fell in torrents.

STOCKELD PARK DEFEATED.—On Saturday at Stockeld Park a match was played between the home team and the Old Leodensian Rugby team. Scores:—Stockeld Park—Carver 2, Forth 6, Waterhouse 0, Ridsdale 1, Pearson 5, Jenkinson 2, Reaks 0, Allsopp 1, Dalby 4, Greaves (not out) 7, Squires 9, extras, 7; total, 35. Old Leodensians—L. W. Rigby 5, H. J. Rigby 6, Evans 5, Nutt 4, Cooper (not out) 6, Jackson 4, Vause 0, Hodgson (not out) 4, extras, 3; total (for 6 wkts.), 37.

A SHUNTER'S END.—An inquest was held by the Leeds City Coroner (Mr J. C. Malcolm) on Monday on the body of Arthur Swaby (45), a shunter, who lived with his mother at Kirk Deighton, near Wetherby. On June 19th Swaby was admitted to the Leeds Infirmary with a scalp injury, and he died on Saturday from cancer. The doctor said that although the wound was severe, it had nothing to do with the man's death. A verdict of "Natural causes" was returned.

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GARDEN PARTY AT ROUNDHAY.

The grounds at The Hall, Roundhay, the residence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds, looked picturesque yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of a garden party given by his Lordship and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs Charles Ratcliffe). The heavy rain which accompanied Wednesday night's thunderstorm had freshened the foliage, and unfortunately the weather did not remain fine. Between three and four o'clock thunder showers fell, and outdoor festivities were abruptly terminated.

It was a gathering thoroughly representative of the social, civic, and public life of the city. Several hundreds of invitations had been sent out, and as most of them had been accepted, it is safe to say that the party was a very goodly-considerable when all the guests had assembled.

The guests were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, after which they found plenty to amuse and occupy their attention. Tea was served in the handsome marquee, and at intervals selections of music were played by the band of the 7th Battalion Leeds Rifles; in addition there

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION.

Interest in the Competition continues very keen, and it is evident that in all the divisions of the Senior League there will be a fine struggle for supremacy. To-morrow (Saturday) South Milford should account for Church Fenton, and Tadcaster will be expected to succeed at Cawood, while Church Fenton Sye., at home, have a capital opportunity of picking up a couple of points at the expense of Saxton. Sea-croft expect to overcome Barwick, Micklefield, at home, have a pull over Halton, and Garforth, on their own ground, will likely fort playing on their own ground, will likely prove an good for Preston. The principal match in the other division is at Old Monston, where Crossgates Wes. and Halton Wes. meet, and, unless the boosters show their very best form, it is probable that they will go down, for Hallon are doing well just now. Crossgates, at home, should turn the tables on Shadwell, and Collingham will strive to get their first points at the expense of Whitkirk. That they will prove no good for Preston.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY.

Tadcaster have once more assumed the leader-ship of division 1, and, unless they have a lapse, they will be difficult to oust from the position. Church Fenton Sycamore, who tried their luck at Tadcaster, were no match for their opponents, and they had to admit inferiority in all depart-ments of the game. Of course, it was not ex-pected that they would defeat the Caleurians, but that they would defeat the Caleurians, but they who are going splendidly just now, but they might have made a better show than they did. Tadcaster scored 149 for seven wickets and declared, and a feature of the innings was the skilful batting of J. F. Mason, who claimed no fewwy than 95. George Foster made 27 (not out), Hebden 22, and Herbert 21. Harrison was the best of the Fenton bowlers, taking two wickets for 48 runs, while E. Poulter had 2 for 46, and five 8 runs, while E. Poulter had 2 for 46, and Whittingham 3 for 28. The Sycamore team made a disastrous start, the first six players having only 11 among them, and while G. Ambler and A. Poulter, who had a stack, improved matters, the side was got out for 49. Herbert bowled grandly, capturing 7 wickets for 16, and the other three wickets went to Baker for 14 runs.

South Milford, who lost the first match at Cawood, have good reason to regard the skill of their opponents with respect, and on Satur-day afternoon they certainly got a fright. The match, contrary to expectations, was drawn, and the teams divided the points. This means that South Milford have now a point less than Tadcaster. Batting first, Milford gave a good exhibition, and one is pleased to note the return to form of Bob Sutton, who, with 126, was the highest scorer of the match. Hutchcroft, who got 28, shows improvement week by week, and E. At-kinson and Chilton made a dozen each. Dobson secured 3 wickets for 20, C. Jackson had 2 for 10, and Stockdale had 2 for 14. Cawood soon lost Ward for nil, but C. O. Lund (23) and S. Lund (20) caused the Milfordians trouble. Dobson failed to score, and then Stockdale came in and rattled up 25. Thompson was responsible for 18, and when the last men were at the wickets 18, and when the last men were at the wickets 18 runs were only six runs behind. It is a pity they were only six runs behind. It is a pity time did not allow the match being completed, for the finish would have been very exciting. E. Atkinson secured 3 wickets for 28, H. Hesetgrave 3 for 23, and Chilton 3 for 48.

The matches in which Saxton are engaged sometimes yield surprising results. Had they taken their opportunities this season they should have had other four points at least, but their batsmen have failed completely after their commanding position. On Saturday they had a glorious chance, but again they threw it away, and Church Fenton deserved every credit for profit-ing by their opponents' weaknesses. Church Fenton scored 29, and T. Richardson, who per-formed the "hat trick," captured six of their wickets for 13, while T. Sissons had 4 for 11. Saxton were asked to get thirty, and their feeble response was 25, of which J. Firn had 11, and 10 were extras. One player was absent, so that nine players had the magnificent score of 4 amongst them. Church Fenton it must be stated, fielded excellently, and threw away no chances. Saxton must really try to hat a little better. Claughton's four wickets were secured for six runs, and Dixon's five cost nine runs.

The meeting of Garforth and Seacroft was, as I predicted, productive of a splendid match, and, as both games have been won by Sea-croft by a wicket, it is evident that the teams are well matched. Garforth got first knse of the wickets, and H. Prime made 11, S. Glover 21, and W Glover 26. The next six men fared ill, having only 15 among them, but G. Reed caused the Seacroft scorers some trouble, being not out with 19 to his credit. C. Johnson secured 4 wickets for 27 and D. Burton had 4 for 43. Seacroft did not open so promisingly as they should have done—D. Burton 11, T. Toft 13, and G. Thompson 1 were got rid of fairly cheaply—but George Stead, who has been a valuable "find" for Sea-croft this season, trounced the bowling and com-piled 36. Harry Mack putting on 18. Then the scoring slackened, but C. Johnson (20, not out) defied the bowlers, and his sturdy defence really enabled his side to win the match by a wicket. H. Pickersgill's three wickets cost 18, and T. Ballance had 4 for 41.

Micklefield, who are on the same ring of the League as holder as Seacroft, made the Great Pres-ton bowling look poor stuff, and the all-round excellence of the batting is good evidence that Micklefield are coming again. They registered 182 for a loss of six wickets, and Wallis made 75, Smith 23, Godber 22, Taylor 16 (not out), and Tompkinson 14. H. Wiggleswortn was the best of the eight Preston bowlers, but his two wickets being got for 13. Great Preston were dismissed for 69, Varley having 15, Green 14 (not out), Firth 12, and T. Wiggleswortn 12. The bowling honours for Micklefield were divided. Smith claiming 2 wickets for 7, Stone 2 for 14, and Tompkinson 2 for 19.

Barwick and Halton had a well-contested match on the Primrose Valley ground, and, thanks to a splendid innings of 64 by C. Sutter, the home-sters won by 24. Halton's total was 114. (Daniel 18 and Benson 10), and Brown got two wickets for 8 runs, J. Robsaw 2 for 14, F. Lamb 3 for 30, and W. Hartley 2 for 49. Bar-wick made a good response, and Sutter and Hartley started well for 31, while H. Walton made 20. W. Benson secured 4 wickets for 21, Daniel had 2 for 32, and Sunter 2 for 17.

Halton Wesleyans have strengthened their hold on the leadership of division 3, and it will be very difficult to shift them now. Crossgates were not without hope on Saturday afternoon that they would get on terms with their rivals, but they were out-played. The Haltonians, who had choice of ground, were in fine form, and they kept their opponents busy leather-bunting until 152 runs were on the board. J. Pepple made top scorer with 39, H. Wilson had 21, Kilburn 19, C. Batty 18, O. Bell 15, and Murt-land and Powell 10 each. Crossgates tried six bowlers, and Yates had the best figures for the side, while Goodall had 4 for 35. Crossgates started in good style, Barnell making 13, Sykes 23, Goodall 19, and Craven 17, and then there was a collapse, the last five men having only five among them. Wilson trundled with great effect, securing five wickets for 11 runs, while O. B-ll had 2 for 29, Powell one for 5, and C. Bell one for 17 runs.

Collingham, who could muster only ten men on Saturday, are still at the tough of despond-ency, while Goodall had 4 for 35. Crossgates started in good style, Barnell making 13, Sykes 23, Goodall 19, and Craven 17, and then there was a collapse, the last five men having only five among them. Wilson trundled with great effect, securing five wickets for 11 runs, while O. B-ll had 2 for 29, Powell one for 5, and C. Bell one for 17 runs.

Whitkirk have come again! Crossgates Wes-leyans, who were without E. Clough, Webster, and D. Umpleby, were their opponents, and, al-though they batted very well, they could only get to the top of the tree, and put on 89. Arthur Beaumont scoring 19, P. Coultras 17, and V. Thompson 13. Ernest Ingle secured four wickets for 38. E. Poulter had 2 for 7, and E. Wainwright 3 for 20. Milford and Arthur Shep-herd opened the Whitkirk innings, and they made 63 between them. Shepherd gave a glimpse of his old form, and his innings was without blemish. Now that he has got a start, prob-ably he will keep going. When four wickets were down Whitkirk were a run ahead, so that they won easily. Wilby, who had 2 wickets for 12, had the best figures among the Crossgates bowlers. Ellis had one for 13, and G. Umpleby one for 21. Seven players had a turn with the leather.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Ulleskelf are doing well in the League, and they intend, if at all possible, to be in the semi-final stage. They were at home to Barkston on Saturday, and they won a handsome victory. The score was 100 (R. Ward 29, Bean 14, and Sykes 12), and five of their wickets were taken by A. Smith for 37, Bailey had 3 for 17, and Hill 2 for 31. Barkston made a bad start, losing three wickets without scoring, while other three afterwards failed to register a single. The total was 33, and Bailey got 11 Stronach claimed four wickets for six runs, F. Smith had five for seven, while on the Barwick side Woodhead secured five for 30 runs, and T. H. Robshaw 3 for 38.—Garforth B. accounted for Great Preston A. at Garforth. The homesters' total was 143 (J. Kilburn 59, W. Ballance 20, not out, and W. Kilburn and W. Hancock 11 each). Oldham's one was the only boss eight, and Culley's three were got for 35. Preston made 69 (H. Wiggleswortn 20, Hutchinson 14, and Thompson and Colley 12 each). F. Hancock obtained 4 wickets for 20, and W. Hancock had 5 for 29.

Garforth Wes. have been ousted from the lead-ing position in division 3 H, and four teams are now on an equality. On Saturday afternoon the Garforthians went to Colton Mill, and they were dismissed for 49 (R. Brownridge 15 and H. Ward 13), and this was largely brought about by the bowling of Mosby, who had five wickets for eight runs. Hunt secured 2 for 7, and Dob-son had 2 for 15. For a loss of three wickets Suffling—not out, 39—and A. Dobson 20 and E. Gascoigne 12, not out), Ward having two wickets for 22.—Crossgates A. defeated Halton Wes. A. without losing a wicket. The losers got 48 (Clark 16 and Hemsworth 12), and Turner obtained six of their wickets for 14, and Wilkinson 3 for 9. Wilkinson (21) and Linley (21) got the runs necessary for victory.—Cross-gates Wes. A. tried conclusions with Whitkirk at Old Manston, and the ground team won by a very substantial margin. The winners registered 152 for seven wickets, H. Thompson making 38, Brook 26, and J. Selman 18, not out). W. Cuttle, who had 7 wickets for 35, was the only Whit-kirk trundler to meet with success. Whitkirk responded for 49 (Cuttle and Woodward 13), and A. Brook captured seven wickets for 17 and H. Brook 2 for 18.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Rothwell found Oulton a little too good for them on Saturday afternoon, when they were de-feated in the League by five wickets. However, the homesters made a good show, totalling 128. J. Newton was the top scorer with 36, he having the misfortune to be run out, and W. Bedford and H. Hemsworth were next best, with 21 and 19 respectively. On the Oulton side the batsmen stood their ground well after the fall of the second wicket, when the board recorded only two runs. The third wicket went down when the board showed 55, and the 97 mark had been reached when the fourth man left the field. H. Bailey (33) A. E. Wright (26), and W. Hutchinson (23) had the best figures. Among the trundlers P. C. Higgins (2 for 7), W. Hutchinson (2 for 18), and H. Cope (3 for 33), and H. Hemsworth were next best, with 2

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Cockhill Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Heart of the Hunter," "His Mother," "Little Miss Hester," &c.

CHAPTER XXIII.—continued.

"I wonder why you did it, father?"

"Oh, I had my reasons."

Paul Colthurst turned very pale. Pamela looked full up at him. A queer sort of wonder entered her heart which she could not altogether account for, but neither Peter nor Mrs. Colthurst noticed anything in particular.

When breakfast was over and the little party were dividing to go on their different daily avocations, Paul Colthurst went up to Pamela and took her hand.

"Come into the rose garden with me, Pam," he laughed and said. "Yes, certainly, father."

He looked down at her with great affection, and drew her pretty white hand through his arm.

"It is so sweet to be able to call you father."

"And the sound, my darling, in my ears, is the most delightful music in the world," replied the man.

"Do you really love me as much as all that?" asked Pam.

"Pamela, I love you with all my heart."

"Father, I think you must have by nature a very loving heart."

"Why do you think that, Pamela?"

"Well, you seem to love so many people. Mother—you are so very good to mother."

"Pamela, child, why should I not be good to my wife?"

"Then you are so angelically sweet to me, and of course you love Peter—naturally you love Peter, your son. Of course, that is natural, darling."

"Yes, yes, Pam; quite natural."

"They say are so kind to dear old Miss Patricia Ransone. It is not every man who, sweet as the dear old lady is, would be so good to her as you are."

"We'll grant it, then, Pam, that I am an affectionate sort of person. I believe you are right. It gives me pleasure to love, and it gives me pain to hate."

"Darling! You don't hate anyone!" said the girl.

"I am not so sure."

"Whom can you possibly hate?"

"Pamela, need we discuss this question any further?"

"Certainly not, if you don't wish it."

"I don't wish it, my dearest. Pamela, I want you to make me a promise."

The girl looked up at him expectantly. She half opened her lips, then closed them again.

"I want you to make quite a simple promise. It is this."

"Well, why don't you say? Of course, will make any promise you wish, father, but I would really prefer to know what it is first."

"You are a wise and cautious child, and I will tell you. You know that poor tramp whom you have taken up."

"Silas?" said the girl.

"I have heard you speak of him by that name."

"It is his name, father."

"I want you to have nothing further to do with him, Pamela. I intend, in the course of the morning, to give orders at the lodge that under no pretext whatever is he to be admitted again inside the grounds."

"But, father dear, how cruel! And why? Poor fellow, he is so sad. Why should we who are happy deny him the pleasure of listening to kind words? Father, I don't like you when you speak to me like that."

"I do what I do at the request of a woman whom you dearly love."

"What—Miss Patricia?"

"Yes."

"Oh! father, what *does* she mean?"

"Pamela, child, I don't know myself; only I want you to make me the promise."

"Father, I cannot make it; it seems to me unjust. Peter and I, we were planning yesterday to do some little thing for that poor fellow, and I have been collecting a few pairs of old clothes—things quite worn out and not any good at all to my darling boy, but which would be, eh! of immeasurable use to that poor, stunted, starved creature. We were going to make up a neat little parcel—a few shirts and a jacket and socks and shoes—and we were going to watch for him—he comes every day, you know, into the grounds—and give them to him. May we not do that, father?"

"There isn't the least reason why he should not have the clothes, my dear; but you, Pamela, must have nothing to say to him."

"Do, please, let me say this one more thing. Let me at least give him that little bundle of clothes. Father, I wish you would."

"Give them to me, child, and I will see him and give them myself."

"No, no!" she answered, almost defiantly, her sweet eyes filling with tears. "You see, dad, it's like this. He doesn't know anything about you. In his eyes you are just a gentleman, top in the world, and very grand. I think he'd so much rather have them from me, and Peter will be with me, and after wards, if I must, I will tell him that he is not to come here any more. It does seem very, very cruel, and I don't understand it a bit. I think Christian people are often wonderfully un-Christian. I can't help it—I do feel like that. But it must be, I suppose, only, please, I will give him those clothes to-day."

"No, Pamela, you must not."

The girl's eyes flashed fire. She felt really angry.

"Pamela, I mean it. Until you are married, my dear, until you are more grown up, are more or less under your mother's control and under mine, and you must obey us."

"You insist!"

"I do, my child, absolutely."

"Oh, oh!" said Pamela.

She loosened her hold of her father's arm and rushed away. He watched as she disappeared from view. He knew in a moment the way in which she ran that she was hiding her tears from him; at the same time he was certain that she would not disobey.

He sat down on a bench not very far off. He said to himself: "I wish Patricia would not write such extraordinary letters. I cannot say how much it has annoyed me—and dear little Pamela is right. She has the true Christian spirit in her heart. What a sweet nature it is here! How lucky Peter is, Hullo, Pete! What is the matter, my son?"

"I wanted to know, father," said the young man, coming up quickly, "what is wrong with Pamela?"

"Peter dear, I made a simple request which she does not like."

"Indeed she doesn't," said the young man, "nor do I. We both arranged to give that poor tramp a few of my cast-off garments this morning, and you have forbidden us to give them."

"I have."

"It seems extraordinary of you, father."

"Peter, I am sorry. It is my pain not to be able to explain to you the motive under which I act; but if you can persuade Pamela to give you the clothes I will take them myself to where the poor tramp comes, and will give them to him."

"Father, you know it isn't the same."

"We must ask Miss Patricia what it all means when she comes back to-night. Peter, In the meantime I am doing what I do at her urgent request. She is a wise woman, and should not do anything of the sort without having a definite motive. All you and Pamela have to do is to be patient until Patricia returns this evening."

"Well, I will talk to Pam, but I can't bear to see her unhappy," said the youth.

He wandered away, and Paul went into the house. There he found letters awaiting his immediate attention, and, in consequence, forgot to give that order at the lodge gates which would have prevented poor Silas entering the forbidden grounds.

CHAPTER XXIV.

Meanwhile, Oswald hurried back to town. His spirit was burning with fury at him. He felt like one who saw the great chance of his life slipping from him. He was oppressed by a nameless terror. Suppose circumstances were too strong for him? He remembered quite well the very man whom Silas Luke had gone to see. He also had known Jakes far away in Africa. Jakes was noted for his skill in discovering antidotes to all sorts of snake poisons. Jakes made a good deal of money annually from snake bites, and Jakes made a study of the subject, and when they could come to him in good time, as a rule, saved their lives. The Boers also admired him very much for his rough-and-ready skill as a doctor. He had, in consequence, saved enough money to go to England. He had none of the necessary medical qualifications, but he set up as a sort of quack doctor, and treated his patients with medicines and so-called advice for a shilling per head.

Oswald puzzled and puzzled over the man's address. It had slipped his memory. He knew that if he thought long enough and hard enough he would remember it, and once having remembered it, all would be well. If Silas Luke had a conscience—an unexpected, uncomfortable, unlooked-for conscience—Reuben Jakes was certainly not troubled with that commodity.

Oswald sat back against the cushions of the railway carriage, closed his eyes, and thought. He was clever at forcing memory to do her work. Sometimes she lagged unconscionably sometimes she cheerfully obeyed. He collected clues around him—clues which would bring him to the spot where Reuben Jakes lived. One clue seemed to lead to another.

All of a sudden he clapped his hand on his thigh. "I've got it!" he cried, speaking half aloud.

He remembered Tottenham Court-road. He remembered the small side street. He remembered the little room on the third floor. Now he was all right. As soon as ever he found himself back in Victoria he hailed a taxicab, got into it, and drove to Tottenham Court-road. He desired the man to put him down at the side street which led eventually to the still smaller street where Reuben Jakes lived. He paid his fare, and walked the remainder of the distance. He felt certain now that he was in the way of luck, as he expressed it. Having reached Jakes's address, everything else must come right.

He reached the man's room. He tapped impetuously with his walking-stick on the back of the door. A voice said, "Come in," and he entered. Jakes was seated on the edge of a rickety old bedstead. He had a bottle of stout on a table near by, a haunch of bread, some butter, and a piece of Cheddar cheese.

He was enjoying this meal, when he turned his unkempt and ugly face to look full into the face of Thomas Oswald.

"Hullo!" he exclaimed. "By all that is wonderful, what has brought you to see me, old chappy chap? I am right glad to see you, Oswald. Take a chair, and tell me what you want."

"I will take a chair, and I will just tell you this much. Are you willing to do a job for me—quickly—on the nail—without any questions asked? a perilous job, a nasty job, which, clumsily done, may lead to—well, to the gallows; but a job which, if cleverly and effectually done, will make you a man of wealth to your dying day! Are you ready to take it on? If you are, you get twenty pounds on the nail. Further, the job is completed when you get five hundred pounds, and for the remainder of your life five pounds a week."

"Why, why!" exclaimed Reuben, his face full of animation, every scrap of inertia having departed. "This looks uncommonly like unconscionably like what that poor chap Silas Luke came to see me about a few days ago!"

"Are you on or are you off?" repeated Oswald.

"I'm on; of course I'm on."

"You clearly understand what it means?"

"I understand nothing, except that there's an ugly bit of danger."

"You don't earn five hundred pounds and five pounds a week without there being an ugly bit of danger. Come now, Reuben Jakes."

"I confess not."

"Well, are you on or off?"

"I'm on."

The man paused. Oswald looked round the room.

"If I could change a hole of this sort for the pleasures of life just by a stroke of the hand, do you think I'd hesitate? Not a bit. There's the chance of your losing your life; but surely, as it stands at present, it isn't much to lose!"

"It's more than you may think," replied Reuben. "It may not seem enjoyable to you, but it is to me. I get on with the shilling pretty regularly, and I've an easy conscience; and I've got a new cologuring matter which makes me sell my bottles of medicine like winkle. I'm making a fine trade all my own. Often and often I see twenty patients in a morning, so often I see twenty patients in a morning, so that I'm doing a fine trade all my own. Often and often I see twenty patients in a morning, so often I see twenty patients in a morning, so that I'm doing a fine trade all my own. Often and

M.P. for Barkston Ash and the Government.

ADDRESS BY MR LANE FOX, M.P.

Members of the Church Fenton and District Conservative Association had a pleasant social gathering in the schools at Church Fenton on Thursday evening. Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., attended, and opportunity was taken to recognise the services to the party in the locality of Mr H. S. Spark, who is leaving the village. Mr Spark presided, and among others present were Mrs Spark, the Rev. J. E. Keates (vicar of Church Fenton), Mr Lodge (Conservative agent for the Division), and Mr J. Harrison, and Mr G. H. Ambler.

Mr Lane Fox, who met with an enthusiastic reception, alluded to the difficulties of the Government over the Budget, pointing out that some of the most respectable members of the Liberal party could no longer stand the extravagance and carelessness of Mr Lloyd George's financial methods. There was, no doubt, a great deal of unrest in the party. If the Unionist party did come into power they would not, at any rate, think it necessary to keep back the relief to rates which Mr Lloyd George promised, and was now holding back quite unnecessarily. (Hear, hear). Mr Lloyd George was trying to find places for all his valuation people—the men who had been valuing land, with very little knowledge and very little success—and that was the reason for holding-up the relief he would give to the rates. What people objected to was the extravagant way in which Mr Lloyd George's proposals were carried out. (Hear, hear). Over 12,000 new officials had been created by the Government since 1906, most of them being very comfortable and well paid. (Laughter). The Insurance Act, he was told, was now costing 27 millions one way and another. Did they really think that was the value they were receiving from the Act? ("No."). That was an instance of the extravagant way in which things could be done. Now we were on the brink of civil war in Ireland, thanks to the Government, and he really did not see how a serious and disastrous conflict could be avoided. The Government, too, had chosen to rob the Church in Wales, and if they thought they could do it, they would also rob the Church in England.

All these things explained why the Government were so anxious to cover up their actions, and it must not be thought all the talk about a land campaign and improving the lot of everybody was without reason. (Hear, hear). Mr Lloyd George knew quite well that the Government had got a very bad record, and that he must try to get the minds of the people on to something that would please them better. Every one wanted to see the lot of the agricultural labourer improved—(hear, hear)—but there was the risk that ill-conceived methods might have exactly the opposite effect. (Hear, hear). If, instead of creating officials, the Government would do something in the way of diverting the money elsewhere, there would be some reason to believe in the promises they made. (Applause). They did not tell the labourer in the country that at the same time they were going to increase his wages they were going to take away his allowance and make him pay more for his cottage. Quite the most shameless thing the Government were doing and saying was their pretence that they were going to do something to improve the cottages and the houses in the country. That was the thing that many wanted to do, and were trying to do, but what had the Government done during the eight years they had been in office? They had done absolutely nothing, but on the verge of an election were making promises. He had a grave suspicion of promises made when a party knew they were on the verge of an election. (Applause). It was true they had built a large number of cottages in Ireland—at the demand of Mr Redmond—but England had not been considered. There were many good judges who thought that the Government were in such difficulties about Home Rule and the Budget, and in such general difficulty, that in a few weeks another election might have to be fought. He trusted that in that district they would do their best to expose the mendacious promises now being made. (Applause).

A cordial vote of thanks to Mr Lane Fox was passed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Rev. J. E. Keates, and supported by Mr Ambler, and a similar vote was accorded the Chairman.

Remarkable Attack on Women.

WOMAN'S EXPOSURE OF HER SEX.

An article apparently from the pen of a woman, in this month's "English Review," denounces in unmeasured terms the militant methods of the Suffragettes, and incidentally seeks to pull down woman from the pedestal on which man has placed her.

The writer declares herself an ardent advocate of the extension of the franchise to woman, and says she regarded passively the first efforts of the militants to draw attention to the cause, but, she proceeds, what is happening now is another story.

WHEN WOMAN IS BRAVE.

"Attacks on works of art, the burning down of beautiful old churches, slashing pictures, in short, vandalism—this is not the work of revolution. This is not militancy, but hysteria. The mental condition of a man or woman who destroys a work of art is unsound; such an individual is dangerous, a public nuisance. They are moral criminals.

"Let me say here at once to my fellow-women, those of us who are not suffering from epidemic hysteria: 'This must be stopped, or we other women, we mothers, we lovers, we wives, those of us to whom sex is beautiful and not a disgrace, we too will be held responsible by posterity and will become a byword of shame to our children.'

"The other day a big man said to me:—'Oh, but they have shown pluck, you must admit.' I said: 'What of it? Ask your mother what agony she suffered at your birth. Go to a lying-in hospital and ask childbirth. Ask a doctor, and then you will know what bravery is. Ask the poor, with their patience that is of God. This militant business is a hysterical pleasure to the women. They give themselves to it, as in former times they gave themselves to religion; as a woman gives herself to her lover, to her child.

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"What you English men—Continental men do understand woman, I think—don't understand is that the militants go through their outrages in very much the same spirit as that which prompts girls to go on to the stage in tights, and women generally, to undress themselves in public. Our morality is controlled by suggestion. All the restrictions, laws, codes, and moral systems of the world have been made by men; woman's code is simply man's code.

"Look at our fashions! Are they modest? Go to the opera and see the naked arms, shoulders, backs, and false hair, complexions, busts, the skirts outlining the thighs and legs, the panelled dress display, and ask yourself if woman is really the tender, modest, retiring, sweetly-virginal creature you pipe-sodden Englishmen have made of her with your Puritanism and pretty-pretty art, your Peter Pan sentimentalism, your baby stage heroines, your ecclesiastical canons of chastity, your insular attitude of hypocrisy towards sex and life.

"In Spain, the women love bull-fights, the blood, the suffering, the mangled horses, the deaths, the brutality, the lust, the mad excitement. Don't English angel-women follow the hounds to the death, follow the men shooting or rather massacring pheasants, partridges, grouse, etc., and do they faint when a wounded bird flutters to the ground? All this talk of woman's natural modesty, goodness, and immaculacy of disposition is sheer bunkum; it is what men like to believe of woman, neither more nor less. Many of us find it terribly irksome living up to it, I can tell you.

"As for our goodness, Heaven knows what it would be like but for you men who have jammed it into us, by rote of laws and religions till almost we lost possession of our bodies. I tell you, you are mistaken about woman. She is what she thinks you men like her to be. It is because she has got tired of her servility that the suffrage movement has come into existence; it is because she is as yet untrained, unformed, is still a schoolgirl in powers of mental self-control, that it is so necessary to guide and direct her first flights towards freedom if they are ever to mature into conscience and utility.

THE NEED OF FORCE

"And it is because I know how utterly wrong she will go if she is not restrained and disciplined that I say to you men, help her; help her to realise herself, help her to help you, but be not afraid of her. As you have moulded her in the past, help to mould her now. To-day, she is a child, a silly, hysterical flapper. She must be taught that as force breeds force, so evil deeds are evil, in woman as in man. It is not kind to let her shame and disgrace herself.

"You men have the power. Use it. As a horse has to be ridden in, often with spurs and hard blows, as a colt has to be licked into shape, so we women must be knocked into counsels of decency. To spare is to encourage them. To show weakness is to ruin them. Let women but know that they will be treated just like madmen if they behave like madwomen, and there will soon be an end to this orgy of epidemic hysteria which is disgracing the name of England."

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

League Table, including Saturday, June 27th.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossgates	7	2	3	758	858	0
Crossgates Recreation	7	3	4	1048	1259	2
Garforth	8	5	3	1377	1210	4
Garforth Conservatives	7	4	3	1223	1175	4
Garforth W. Men's	5	4	1	966	669	4
Halton	6	4	2	1032	945	0
Halton Travellers	8	1	7	1114	1541	0
Tadcaster	8	4	4	1383	1344	0

Points are given on the result of the home and home games.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

INDIVIDUAL MERIT COMPETITION.

The draw for the opening rounds of the Barkston Ash Individual Merit Competition, to be played on Saturday, is as follows:—

PLAYED AT GARFORTH W.M. GREEN.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

A A. Bowmas (Crossgates Rec.) v. W. Holdsworth (Crossgates).
B J. A. Rymer (Crossgates) v. T. Clarkston (Halton).
C F. Hardcastle (Crossgates) v. D. Hill (Tadcaster).
D R. Morris (Halton) v. G. W. Burch (Crossgates).
E W. Green (Halton) v. H. Whitfield (Crossgates).
F G. Cowell (Halton) v. H. Burnett (Crossgates).
G G. Danby (Crossgates) v. N. Rhodes (Tadcaster).
H C. Holliday (Crossgates) v. G. Nicol (Halton)
J F. W. Jubb (Crossgates) v. J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Rec.).
K A. W. Wiseman (Tadcaster) v. M. Elliott (Crossgates Rec.).
L H. C. Wood (Tadcaster) v. H Lamb (Halton)
M E. Walker (Tadcaster) v. J. Crossley (Crossgates).

FIRST ROUND

O Winner of D. v. Winner of J.
P Winner of G. v. T. Fidgett (Crossgates).
Q Winner of E. v. Winner of A.
R Winner of H. v. Winner of B.
S Winner of C. v. Winner of M.
T Winner of L. v. H. Thomas (Halton).
U J. H. Hall (Tadcaster) v. Winner of F.
V T. Waddington (Tadcaster) v. Winner of K.

SECOND ROUND

Winner of O. v. Winner of P.
Winner of Q. v. Winner of R.
Winner of S. v. Winner of T.
Winner of U. v. Winner of V.

PLAYED AT TADCASTER

PRELIMINARY ROUND

A H. Goodall (Garforth W.M.) v. H. Dransfield (Garforth Cons.).
B T. Simpson (Garforth W.M.) v. G. T. Young (Garforth Cons.).
C E. Walker (Garforth) v. J. Barker (Garforth Cons.).
D T. Booth (Halton Trav.) v. G. Walker (Garforth).
E J. Whitley (Garforth W.M. v. C. W. Slater (Garforth).
F A. Matthews (Garforth) v. W. Adams (Halton Trav.).

FIRST ROUND

G Winner of E. v. F. Hutchinson (Presidents)
H A. Reed (Garforth W.M.) v. G. Tindall (Garforth).
I A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M) v. Winner of B.
J Winner of A. v. H. Margerison (Garforth Cons.).
K H. Freeman (Garforth) v. T Whitley (Garforth W.M.).
L W. Cook (Garforth Cons.) v. Winner of D.
M G. Hill (Garforth W.M.) v. Winner of C.
N Winner of F. v. G. Freeman (Garforth W.M)

SECOND ROUND

Winner of G. v. Winner of H.
Winner of I. v. Winner of J.
Winner of K. v. Winner of L.
Winner of M. v. Winner of N.

The last four ties at each green will meet on the Gascoigne Arms green, Garforth, on Monday, July 6th, at 6.15 p.m. to compete in the final rounds.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

SALE OF A BURN FARM.—A freehold farm of 22 acres, at Burn, was sold by Messrs Richardson and Son at the George Hotel, Selby, on Monday, by Order of the executors of the late Miss S. A. Oxtoby. The farm is in the occupation of Mr Joseph Taylor at a rental of £45 per annum. Bidding commenced at £500, and rose to £1,110, at which price the farm was purchased by Ellis's Charity, owners of adjoining property.

The Singular Fatality at Lofthouse.

THE INQUEST.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned on Wednesday at Leeds in the case of Joseph Roddy (39), of 54, Leighton Lane, Park Lane, Leeds, a Post Office telegraph lineman, who met his death (as stated elsewhere), by an electric shock while working on the Wakefield Road telegraph wires.

The deceased was identified by his widow, to whom he was married only three months ago.

Mr E. F. Hart appeared on behalf of the widow; Mr A. R. Chorley, for the Yorkshire Electric Power Company; and Mr T. B. Johnson, superintending engineer of the North-Eastern district, for the Post Office.

Mrs Roddy said her husband was in splendid health when he left home on Monday morning, and he was not subject to fainting or giddy fits.

Edith Gould, of 13, Cottage, Wakefield Road, Lofthouse, said she saw the man working on one of the telegraph poles. He was some distance under the platform which separated the Post Office wires and the live wires of the Electric Power Company. As he was hammering there was a flash like that of electricity and a loud explosion, and the man fell.

The Coroner: Are you sure he did not touch any of the top wires?

The Witness: Certainly; he could not have reached them.

She added that she was about forty yards away. Assistance was obtained at once, and the man taken to the Infirmary.

Dr Flint, of the Infirmary, said the man was unconscious when admitted, and he died soon afterwards. He was suffering severely from shock, his hair was singed, and there were burns on his face, hands, and one knee. He had also internal injuries.

Mr Arthur Edwin Bland, senior inspector, employed by the Post Office, said the man was working under his instructions. He was a perfectly careful man, with twenty years' experience, erring rather on the side of safety than recklessness. The work he was engaged on was special and dangerous, and the deceased was chosen because of his character. There were thirty-six places to be fixed, bearing the words, "Danger." Post Office workmen are prohibited from entering upon the platform about this notice." Roddy was fastening the last one when the accident occurred.

The witness said he could throw no light on the cause of the electric spark which connected the man's body with the live wires above the platform. He was satisfied that Roddy would not go above the platform, though he thought he must have been near the top Post Office wires as he broke one of them in his fall.

Mr William Thomas Cooper, engineer to the Power Company, said he could not understand how the accident happened. No further precautionary measures could be taken, unless they were "fool-proof" and completely prevented anyone getting near the live wires.

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In Kippax, I understand, two medical charities organizations exist, and this may be owing either to the zeal or differences among the people, but it is obvious that there is room for only one body. Kippax has a population of over 4,000, and among the villagers are many ardent workers for the charities, which have benefitted by the generosity of the people for many years, but over-lapping never did any good, and the semblance of differences is not calculated to encourage growth, so I would suggest to all concerned that one organization be formed to do the work. This is a public question, and I think that if representative men were to call a meeting of all workers the way would be smoothed for co-operation among all classes. Usually in villages it is difficult to get people to give voluntary service for this splendid work, but Kippax is one of the villages which is not in that unfortunate position, and it is a tribute to the public-spirit of the residents. We received a letter last week bearing on this question, but as it was mainly taken up with personal explanations it was unsuitable for publication. We gladly publish correspondence, but the letters must deal with matters from a public point of view.

Do the ratepayers of Crossgates, Seacroft, Shadwell, and Roundhay agree with the attitude adopted by male members of Leeds Board of Guardians to their lady colleagues? Judging by the remarks of some of the ladies all is not well. The men seem to think that they have an exclusive possession of wisdom and judgment, and, of course, when a deputation was required to interview women candidates for a certain office four male Guardians were appointed. Poor Law administration is work for which ladies are well-fitted—in fact, I have heard one of the male Guardians speak in terms of the highest praise of some of the ladies, whose ability, discretion, and enthusiasm were admirable, but apparently the Leeds Board are determined that the sex shall have as little say as possible in the affairs of the Board. Seeing that the official to be appointed was a woman, at least two lady members should have been on the deputation, but the Board declined to put one on.

Why should the ladies not retaliate at the next election? It would add to the gaiety of the contest. By that time, however, the lords of creation may have climbed down, because women's votes are essentially useful at a certain time. The Hunslet, Tadcaster, and Wetherby Boards have each one lady member, so they cannot compare with the Leeds Board, which has a number of lady members, but I know that women are sometimes better Guardians than men, giving time and attention to the work which involves no little sacrifice.

By a singular combination of circumstances, it was impossible to have the Garforth Urban Council meeting on the 1st inst., and it was accordingly adjourned until Wednesday. Such a thing may never again occur in the history of the Council, and it is the first time I have known of a meeting of any local body adjourned for such a cause. In the days of the old Parish Council at Garforth an interesting and amusing incident occurred. One year the annual meeting was held before the proper date, and the "fathers" were no doubt surprised when it pointed out in this column that they had been "too previous." The consequence was that, to put matters in order, they had to convene another meeting and do the business over again.

Recently a newspaper correspondence has taken place concerning stiles and gates on footpaths, and there is no doubt reason for complaint by farmers and the public. In various parts of the district mischief-loving individuals, who delight in causing annoyance to pedestrians, have torn up stiles, and recently a farmer in the Templenewsam district showed me an excellent stile which it must have taken considerable force to destroy, for the planks were fastened by very large nails. The damage, I believe, is done by young men, and it is a pity an example could not be made of some of these offenders.

On the other hand, farmers and landowners are not always ready to fulfil their obligations, and stiles have remained in a dilapidated and dangerous state state for years. More than once public attention has been directed to the condition of stiles on footpaths at Whinmoor and Barwick, but no remedy has been applied. Paths through fields must not be obstructed, or if fencing is erected proper stiles must be made, and the farmer for owner who neglects to provide a stile must not complain if his fence is broken down.

Sherburn has its annual show on Monday, and the meeting is eagerly looked forward to by numerous residents of the district. The Society, like other institutions, has had its ups and downs, but in recent years it has made steady progress, and the quality of the exhibits at the show is always high. Not many years ago a horticultural exhibition was run in connection with the meeting, but owing to the apathy of local people it was dropped, and a new attraction in the shape of a poultry show was introduced with marked success. To this branch of farming—a side line, it might be styled—more attention than ever is being given, and to those who conduct it on common-sense lines, as shown by our poultry expert, a new source of profit has been opened up. For that reason it is probable that more interest will be evinced in poultry shows than was the case a few years ago. Cattle exhibits are another feature at Sherburn, and if local farmers were a little more enthusiastic competition in this department would be very much keener. One often hears grumbling by agriculturists about outsiders entering and carrying off all the prizes, but are the grumblers not to blame themselves? If they would send sufficient animals forward to compete, restrictions would no doubt be soon placed on "pot-hunters," but they cannot expect show committees to remain inactive whilst they are apathetic. Competition among local exhibitors is what every committee desires, because they know that it would enhance the value of their undertaking if interest were more widespread locally.

In Barkston Ash the game of bowls is becoming increasingly popular, and if more greens were provided it would assuredly make greater headway. Barwick, Aberford, Bramham, Spofforth, Kirk Deighton, Sherburn, Church Fenton, South Milford—to mention only a few of the villages—have no facilities for bowling, and it is unfortunate, because the game is excellent recreation and it makes for good fellowship. The final for the championship at Garforth was witnessed by a fairly large number of spectators, and the players—Thomas (Halton) and Westerman (Tadcaster)—provided capital sport. Westerman, who is an ex-champion, is no doubt the best bowler the district has produced, and his record in past tournaments testifies to this, but he has not, owing probably to a lack of practice, been playing quite so well this year. Thomas has always been recognised as a skilful bowler, and Reed and Simpson (Garforth W.M.) are making reputations for themselves.

Sir William Younger, who, I believe, is a son-in-law of the late Sir Robert Gunter, of Wetherby Grange, has the ring of the true social reformer about him, and property-owners in the district—wealthy or poor—who own rotten property have, I hope, read his speech on tuberculosis at the Leeds conference. He is a member of the Royal Commission on Housing (Scotland), and he said that when he saw houses in which thousands of people lived he wondered that they had so long tolerated in patience such hideous conditions of existence. "Why," he asked, "should a working-man, when he took a house, be subjected to conditions under which he ran many times greater risk of phthisis than did his wealthy neighbour?" Why? Because, as a rule, the people who could remedy the conditions do not care how their poorer fellows live. Touch their pockets, and they scream at once. Yet thousands of people are being done to death every year in damp dwellings. Dr. Kaye, medical officer for the West Riding, says that tuberculosis is a disease brought about by bad housing, and he ought to know something about it.

One of the most important questions which has received the attention of the Tadcaster Guardians and District Council for several years came before the meeting on Monday, and it was discussed with closed doors. Mr Bromet, who was appointed Clerk several years ago, and who is very popular with the members, applied for an increase of salary, and, comparing his remuneration with Clerks of other bodies in the area, he had justification for his action. But why should the information to which the ratepayers were entitled have been withheld? Mr Bromet's salary for both offices was, I believe, £510, and out of this he had to pay clerks' salaries, office rent, etc., and he has been given an advance of £135. The members recognized that he was entitled to an advance, and I understand there was no opposition, although there was a difference of opinion as to the amount to be given. As far as I can learn there was nothing to debar from the ratepayers, but certain members would probably go back to the methods of the "good old times" if they were allowed.

Considerable damage has been done in the district to crops by the recent storms, and here and there fields of corn "laid" by the heavy rains may be seen. One Towton farmer, I understand, estimates his loss at a considerable sum, and in the district around Church Fenton it will be impossible to cut a considerable acreage by means of the reaper. While the rain was a blessing it has apparently not been an unmixed blessing.

A complaint has reached me concerning the Shadwell motor-bus service, and the Corporation officials, if they are not too busy, will perhaps give it consideration. An excellent service is given on Saturdays, but that is not the only day of the week, and I understand that the residents are not at all pleased with what the Corporation gives them on other days. Needed, and this will be obvious when it is stated that the last 'bus to the village is at 6.20 p.m. Having given Shadwell's grievance publicity, I hope the Corporation will do their part and provide a remedy.

Owing to the apathy of club members there is a danger of Barkston Ash Football Association, which was once one of the most flourishing organisations in Yorkshire, going to the wall. Only one club representative attended the annual meeting, the others present being members of the Executive, and no one was inclined to accept office. Many causes are given for the decline of the game in the district, but in the villages it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm in connection with any organization for a number of years. The Association possesses four valuable trophies, three given by generous donors, and it really is surprising there is not keener competition for them. If organized football ceases to exist in the district the players will have themselves to blame, and they will have to come to a decision on the 22nd inst.

Tadcaster District Council on Monday was in the same mood as a certain noble politician, who, using strong language, expressed an utter disregard for the consequences that might follow a particular action. It was an unfamiliar role for the Council to adopt, but where the Chairman leads there are always some members who dare to follow. A lady, who prefers to hide her identity from the public, generously erected a water trough for the benefit of cattle on the road between Tadcaster and York, and the District Council asked the permission of the Local Government Board to pay the cost of the water supplied to it. The Board practically declined to sanction the expenditure, which they said must come before the official auditor, and the Highways Committee recommended that the matter be allowed to drop. But a section of members were not inclined to accept this, and it was decided, by one vote, to turn the water into the trough and run the risk of a surcharge. One farmer—Mr Frank Myers—stated that the trough was altogether too elaborate, and horses and cattle could not be driven up to it. However, the decision has been taken, and the next move is with the auditor.

More than one complaint has been received concerning accidents occurring owing to the carelessness or recklessness of cyclists at Kippax, and it is evident that a little caution is wanted on the part of wheelmen. A gentleman told me that he was cycling towards the village the other day, and a cyclist, with head down, came round a bend of the road at a fast speed. Before he discerned the danger the cyclist dashed into the other machine and there was a smash. Both men were injured, and the offending cyclist had his bicycle completely wrecked.

NEWTHORPE CHARITY SPORTS.

On Saturday afternoon the annual athletic sports at Newthorpe were held in a field kindly lent by Mr Wm. Bromley. There was a good attendance, about 1,500 spectators witnessing the events. Last year the Leeds Infirmary benefitted to the extent of £22 by the sports. The Micklefield Brass Band was in attendance and played selections of music during the afternoon and evening, when a gala was held. The following helped to make the venture a success:—Judges, Messrs J. Jackson, H. Goodall, W. Bromley, H. Hare, and J. Greensmith; starter, Mr Bromley; clerks of course, Messrs. Goodall, W. Mack, A. Rodgers, W. Brooks, J. Crowther, W. Palfryman, E. Blythe, and H. Copley; starter, Mr G. Playforth; bellman, Mr J. Johnson; stewards, Messrs. T. Wood and G. Wrigglesworth; number board, Mr E. Waites; gatemen, Messrs. H. and J. Dunnington and F. Wrigglesworth; dart throwing, Messrs R. Bonfield and H. Wood; bowling at wicket, Mr G. Smales. The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs W. Bromley. Results:—

So yards race for boys attending schools at Micklefield, South Milford, Sherburn, and Ledsham. Final—1 R. Webster, Micklefield 2, H. Mottram, Sherburn; 3 Cromack.

120 yards flat race (open).—Heat winners—J. Bramfoot, Outwood (7). W. Walker, Kippax (13), H. Buck, Hunslet (6), E. Parker, Purston (9), C. Hill, Toulston (13), C. Eastwood, Kippax (13), N. Eccles, Eastmoor (12). Final—1, Buck; 2, C. Hill; 3, Walker.

Half-mile cycle race (open).—Heat winners—C. Mortimer, Garforth (80), R. Shackleton, Brotherton (50), G. W. Binns, Kellfield (95), A. Steels, Ledston (55). Final—1, Binns; 2, Shackleton.

80 yards schoolboys' race (open).—Heat winners—1, Wilson, Stanley (6), C. Moore, Stanley (23), P. Lofthouse, Altofts (12), J. T. Moulding, Kippax (9), T. Lewis, Featherstone (14). Final—1, Wilson; 2, Lofthouse.

Three-quarter mile cycle handicap (open).—Heat winners—R. Shackleton, Brotherton (75). F. Moore, Brotherton (65), J. T. Downes, Kippax (100), H. Booth, Ferrybridge (45). Final—1, Booth; 2, Shackleton.

Bowling at wicket—1, Barker, Fairbarn; 2, H Dunnington, Newthorpe.

220 yards handicap (open).—Heat winners—H. Buck, Hunslet (6), C. Hill, Toulston (23), H. Lord, Purston (21), C. Soar, New Fryston (21), B Bradley, New Fryston (9). Final—1, Hill 2, Bradley.

One mile cycle race (open).—Heat winners—A Milner, Brotherton (90); R. Shackleton, Brotherton (100); H. Booth, Ferrybridge (80). Final—1, Milner; 2, Booth; 3, Shackleton.

So yards race for married women. The first prize was a pig given by Mr Samuel Grimbley, Newthorpe.—1, Mrs Wm. Lawson, South Milford; 2, Mrs Capes, Newthorpe; 3 Mrs Cockill, Micklefield.

So yards race for men over 50 years of age (4 miles radius).—1, J. Artle, Micklefield; 2, J. Thompson, Micklefield.

The marriage of the Hon. Bernard Howard, eldest son of Lord Howard of Glossop, and the Baroness Beaumont, of Carlton Towers, near Selby, will take place at the Catholic Church, Carlton (the Rev. Father Waugh, priest-in-charge) on July 30th. Dr. Cowgill, the Lord Bishop of Leeds, will read the nuptial Mass.

CRICKET.—On Saturday a match was played between Monk Fryston and Whitwood, and it was drawn. The homesters made 252 for 9 wickets and declared, and their opponents scored 78 for 8 wickets. Scores:—Monk Fryston Park Cricket Club: J. Pickering 19, T. Kirkman 10, R. Harrison 9, J. Long 32, T. Heptonstall 0, T. Atkinson 7, S. Robinson 13, W. Long (not out) 29, H. Laycock 19; J. Foster 6, extras 17; total (9 wkts.) 252. (Innings declared). Whitwood—F. Birks 9, H. Jones 3 C. White 21, A. Wailes 25, W. Bucknall 1, H. Reed 0, H. Moore 0, H. Copeland 1, W. Bailey (not out) 6, W. Tonks (not out) 12; total (for 8 wkts.), 78. (Match drawn).

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Kalma has a couple of baffling illusions in "The Floating Ball," and "The Maid of All Nations," and his sleight-of-hand tricks are performed extremely neatly. The building of a brick wall on the stage on Monday by 250 of the local unemployed labourers was the preliminary to the presentation in the evening of the illusion "Walking through a brick wall," which Mr G. E. Josolyne claims to have invented. The wall is placed in the centre of the stage, which is carpeted, and a young lady stands on one side of the wall. Small wooden screens are then placed on opposite sides of the wall, one enclosing the lady, and when they are removed she is found on the other side of the wall. The audience, needless to say, are completely mystified. "In Trouble Again" is the title of a new sketch which provides Tom Foy with the opportunity of revealing the weird workings of a bucolic mind, the absurdities of which are irresistibly funny. The Three Aeros, trapeze artists, have an amazing comedian, and Mr Wagner give an entertaining turn. Veronica Brady can make an old song go with a swing, and Frank Powell has some good gags.

According to one of our greatest musical critics, "Tristram," of the "Referee," Mr Frank Allen, the managing director of Leeds Empire, is going to present the most extraordinary violinist, with a delightfully humorous vein in his performance, to visitors on Monday next. He has made a marvellous success last week in London, and of his ability "Tristram" says:—His name is Trovato, and in a scene to himself, this newcomer has startled the audience into amazement and admiration. Trovato is a marvellous comic violinist, playing his fiddle on his knee, and acting in the quaintest fashion with a fine command of facial play. Not only does Trovato play the most difficult of music, but he makes his fiddle echo certain sounds as they occur in the audience, such as laughter, sneezing, and almost the very words of expression, such as bravo, encore, etc. The management is to be congratulated on securing this astounding fiddler. He is indeed a "Ben" to the patrons next week. Herbert Darnley in the latest of the famous "Potts" sketches, viz., "Potts in Port." This will be presented by Miss Wm Blundell, who, by the way, was the original Miss Porter in "Private Potts." Miss Blundell will be supported by a full London company, and the whole will be personally produced by Herbert Darnley, who will also sustain the title-role. In three scenes. Others in the bill are the Four Readings, sensational jugglers of human beings; Hamlin and Mack, in song, story, and dance; Rowlands and Ford, comedians; Rebla, eccentric juggler; Johnson and Bert, acrobatic comedians; and Harry Bedford, comedian.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week there is an excellent programme. The Warsaw Brothers, in a "satirical mythological phantasy," "Pan and Orpheus," give a really clever turn, which consists of brilliant playing on various instruments and some first-rate yarns. Their turn is new, clean, and novel, and on Monday night they brought down the house. There are more thrills in the performance by the De Lussi Troupe than one can count; and Miss Ina Hill, late of the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company, had to sing three songs on Monday night before the audience would let her go. Mr P. T. Selbit, who has brought many startling illusions to Leeds, presents the baffling mystery, "Walking Through a Wall," which he claims as his original idea. It is a smart piece of work, and quite bewilders the audience. Baker and Balfe perform on the xylophone, and the gentleman dances a clog dance as it should be rendered. The Four Sisters Ruby are a troupe of talented ladies who do acrobatic and contortion feats extremely well, and Miss Isabel D'Armond and Mr Frank Carter have one or two very good songs. Then there are the Fimans in a comical sketch; and Lil. Sprightly, character comedienne.

Miss Clarice Mayne, who, along with "That" (Mr James W. Tate), tops the bill at the Hippodrome next week, needs no introduction to Leeds audiences after her successes in the last two season's pantomimes at Leeds. The turn will comprise selections from their repertoire of Kisbey, the call boy, ranks second on the bill of fare, which also includes Foreman and Fannon (Percy and Harold), the millionaires; Bert Jayne, the monarch of the xylophone; the Sisters Jerome, duettists and dancers; The Harmers (Frank and Beryl), versatile vocal duo, and the Hippodrome pictures.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the Varieties, in the leading position, are the Ko Ten Ichi Troupe, Japanese conjurers, who go through a clever performance, and introduce their celebrated Basin act. They hold a rousing reception on Monday night. Mabel and Cliff Diamond present an entertaining singing and dancing act. Will Lindsay, who has been the mainstay of many a pantomime, appears "on his own," and keeps the audience in a very contented frame of mind. V. Wakeman, who styles himself "The Human Corkscrew," successfully imitates such great artistes as Caruso and Tetrazzini. Others appearing are Cora Mirth and Harry Melody; and Harry Clifford, coster comedian.

Next week at the popular Varieties Jack Shires, described as a star comedian with a new style, will figure in a song scena, featuring "P.C. Green of Pudsey." Others billed to appear are Annetta Campbell, a sweet singer; Sydney E. Brandon, character impersonator; Three Max Bros., ragtime wooden shoe and ice skate dancers; Nestah, somedy juggler; and Pastor and Merle, quaint humorists. The pictures to be shown are "Her Wayward Son" (dramatic), and "The Whirlwind Kids" (comic).

Mr A. T. F. Young, of Bilbrough, won first prize in the driving in harness class, and third in the class for nag at Haxby Show on Wednesday.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

HARDY PENNIALS.

Many varieties of hardy herbaceous plants may be successfully raised from seed sown this month. Such subjects as delphiniums, lupins, bellyhocks, and oriental poppies are indispensable in large gardens. They are strong-growing and showy, and the lupins in particular should be grown for clothing banks and wide borders. They show to the greatest advantage when massed in groups. The seedlings should be allowed to flower once in the nursery beds, so that each one can be labelled as to colour. When this is done delightful colour effects can be worked out when transferring them to permanent quarters. Reverting to sow a huge basket filled entirely with lupins and Spanish iris. The lupins were planted in groups of five, and between each group a space of about six feet was left for the accommodation of the irises. The colour scheme had been tastefully worked out and the effect was superb. An even better effect might be obtained by substituting the German iris for the Spanish. Mention of the iris family reminds us that one rarely sees the bulbous section used to the extent it deserves. The English and Spanish varieties are remarkably pretty, and amateurs would do well to bear them in mind when placing their next bulb order. They do well in town gardens and continue to flower for many years. Reverting to the subject of raising perennials from seed, we would advise our readers to purchase their seed from firms making a speciality of this class of plant. Sow in boxes and put them in a close, shaded frame, until germination takes place. When the seedlings appear gradually accustom them to light and air, and prick off as soon as they are large enough to handle. Gradually harden off, and plant out in nursery beds before the young plants get crowded. Watering should be performed with if the weather is dry, and every encouragement should be given to promote free growth. Invariably a number of worthless varieties will appear amongst a batch of seedlings, and these should be weeded out whilst in flower. In the case of the Hollyhocks it is advisable to remove them to a cold frame before winter sets in, especially if the soil is wet and heavy. On light, sandy soils, it is quite safe to leave them outdoors. Seedling Sweet Williams, coreopsis grandiflora, primroses, auriculas, and that are large enough, may now be planted into nursery beds. Water freely until the plants get established, and attend to weeding and mowing the surface soil as occasion arises. The raising of these hardy subjects from seed will be found to be an interesting and pleasing method of stocking a garden.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

PARSLEY.

There is such a constant demand for parsley that special efforts should be made to maintain a regular supply. For winter use it is advisable to make a sowing of seed this month. Sow thinly in a sheltered position, and when the seedlings appear thin out to nine inches apart. Spring-sown plants should now be growing freely, and here again severe thinning should be practised. If the soil is dry give a good watering before attempting to draw out surplus plants. If large quantities are required, the thinnings may be replanted in suitable quarters. In exposed districts seed may be sown in a shallow cold frame.

VEGETABLE MARROWS.

Marrows are so easily grown that there is a danger of them being badly neglected. Their rapid growth correctly implies a need of an extremely large amount of water. If they are allowed to get dry at the roots growth is checked, and the marrows become hard, pithy, and a strong flavour. As soon as the plants commence to bear fruit they should be liberally supplied with liquid manure. It is a great mistake to allow the fruit to remain on the plant until they attain a large size. When this is done, they not only depreciate in quality, but cause the plants to suffer in consequence of having to develop seed.

BROAD BEANS.

The broad bean is a very accommodating plant and will give good returns on almost any kind of land, and is not very particular as to aspect. It will crop in either a sunny or semi-shaded position. The plants should now be developing pods, and when a fair length of blossoming stem has been made the tops of the plants should be removed. This causes the flow of sap to be diverted into the young pods, and increases the yield. Topping should be resorted to as soon as black fly makes its appearance, even if only a short stem has been made. As soon as the crop has been gathered the plants should be pulled out. If they are allowed to remain in the ground they produce a quantity of young shoots from the base, but as these are too late to give a second crop, they are not only useless, but they exhaust the soil.

FRENCH BEANS.

The surface soil between the rows of French beans should be regularly broken up with the hoe. As growth proceeds draw a little soil to the sides of the rows. This keeps the plants erect, checks evaporation, and provides fresh feeding accommodation. Gather the pods before the seed commences to swell. This will ensure a long-continued supply.

PLANTS IN POTS.

HERBACEOUS CALCEOLARIA.

If more plants are wanted a sowing of seed may now be made. Earlier sown seedlings will now be growing freely. It will be noticed that there is a wide difference in the stamina of the plants. The strongest may be relied upon to produce flowers in which yellow largely predominates. If really large specimens are wanted a few of these may be retained, but if rich-coloured and heavily-mottled flowers are wanted the strongest plants should be discarded. Grow in a cool, moist, shaded position, and keep a sharp look-out for greenfly, the calceolarias worst enemy.

GLOXINIAS.

Gloxinias grow luxuriantly in a temperature of about 60 to 65 degrees, with plenty of atmospheric moisture. Young seedlings should be shaded from bright sunshine, and grown within a foot of the roof glass. The soil most suited to gloxinias is a light, fibrous loam, with one-third each of leaf-mould, peat and silver sand. A little rough manure may be sprinkled over the crocks. When flower buds appear, weak liquid manure may be given once a week. When the flowers commence to open discontinue the feeding and reduce the temperature. Choice varieties may be increased by placing leaves, with about an inch of foot stalk attached, in a box of sand and leaf-mould. Bury the stalk in the compost, leaving the leaf just clear of the surface. Place the box in a warm house and shade from bright sun. In a few weeks' time a young bulb will form at the base of the stalk. If a bulbouse is available a sowing of seed may now be made. Grow the seedlings on through the winter on a shelf near the glass. They will flower early next year. After flowering they may be potted on into larger pots and will grow away without a check and flower again later in the year.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

The main batch of plants should now be in their final pots and standing in the open. They must be remembered that Chrysanthemums require the maximum amount of light and air; there must be a distinct air space between the plants, and they should be arranged in such a manner as to shade each other as little as possible. Many growers place their plants in "a nice sheltered position," which, as often as not, is one where they get drawn and spindly, and fail to produce satisfactory flowering wood. Full exposure, short of subjecting them to destroying winds, will give the best results. Keep the surface soil free from weeds, and examine the plants daily to prevent a severe attack of insect pests. Prevention is much better than cure, and regular syringing with soot water and an occasional dust over with tobacco powder will do much towards keeping the plants clear of green and black fly, "jumpers," and daddy-long-legs. Surplus side shoots should be picked out whilst quite small. The longer they are allowed to remain on the plants the greater the injury they do to them. Closer attention to these details goes a long way towards bringing success.

A ROTHWELL MAN AS PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE.

MR LUNN AND HOLMFIRTH.

On Saturday Councillor William Lunn, of Rothwell, was adopted as prospective Labour candidate for the Holmfirth Division. The adoption meeting took place at the Spring Vale Council School, Penistone, and it was thoroughly representative and enthusiastic in character. Nearly fifty delegates were present, representing 5,000 trade unionists.

Councillor F. W. Castle, of New Mill, Hyddersfield, presided, and the resolution adopting Mr Lunn as the candidate was proposed by Mr S. Illingworth (Strafford Rob Roy Branch of the Yorkshire Miners' Association) and seconded by Mr J. Dixon (financial secretary of thes Yorkshire Miners' Association). Addresses in support of the resolution, which was carried with unanimity, were delivered by Councillor T Phipps (Dodworth), Mr E. J. Heywood (Dyers and Finishers, Holmfirth), Mr Ben Riley (Labour Agent), and Councillor Egerton P. Wake (National Executive of the Labour Party).

Mr W. Lunn expressed his willingness to accept the invitation to contest the seat at the next election. He realised, he said, that he was undertaking no light task, but he knew he would have the help of a large number of workers. He would endeavour to realise that by securing victory for him at the next election they would be securing victory for themselves. He asserted that the Labour Party could not be blamed for the three-cornered contests. In that constituency they would ask for no favour from any Party. They should offer no apology to any Party for fighting that division or any other industrial constituency. (Applause). Holmfirth, he contended, was a division that ought to be represented by Labour. He also expressed himself in favour of the policies of the Miners Association and the National Labour Party.

Mr Lunn, who was defeated at the bye-election in Holmfirth in 1912, was also invited to become Labour candidate for Wakefield.

AN ARMY OF ANGLERS.—The quiet village of Ulbsheft was invaded on Saturday by a whole army of anglers from the West Riding, who had journey by special train from Leeds to take part in the annual week-day fixture of the Leeds and District Amalgamation. The previous record in the direction of individual entries was left a long way behind, and nearly 400 were ready to begin fishing when the signal was given to commence operations at 4 p.m. Everything seemed favourable to fair sport—a grand day, with a nice uptown breeze, and the river Wharfe coloured just sufficiently to conceal the ulterior motive of the man on the bank. In the deep, dead water nothing was caught except eels and flounders, but in the "streamy" swims the small dace provided considerable diversion. Operations ceased at seven o'clock.

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The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at Tadcaster on Monday.—Abl. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Mr J. W. Blackburn (vice-chairman), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Messrs W. Jackson (Acaster Selby), E. Midgley (Colton), Watson (Stutton), W. V. K. Young (Clifford), R. Routledge, and B. Braham (Garforth), T. H. Prater (Darlington), J. Wordsworth and E. H. Lowe (Great Preston), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), W. Sykes, C.C., J. H. Ingleby, J.P., J. Nettleton, H. P. Clinch, and W. Schofield (Tadcaster), W. P. Nicholson (Stutton Grange), F. Myers (Bilbrough), T. Hey, J. E. Smithurst, and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), W. A. Dickinson and J. Hewitt (Keppax), E. Parker (Ledsham), R. Wright (Barwick), R. H. Parker (Askham Bryan), White (Barkston), F. Phillips, G. Pearson, and H. Surdy (Allerton Bywater), W. Simpson (Lead), A. Johnson (South Milford), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), Carlton (Stutton), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet).

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been five admissions to the workhouse and five discharges. The number in the workhouse was 86 and in the homes 17—103 against 99 at the corresponding date of last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 23 and 24 against 19 and 12.

At a meeting of the House Committee the salary of Nurse Owen was increased by £5.

The Finance Committee approved of the bonds of the assistant overseers for Appleton and Alferton.

The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the appointment of Dr. Ross, medical officer for Ryther.

It was decided to get copies of the report of the Yorkshire Poor Law conference.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

Mr J. J. Foster moved the following resolution:—"That this Board respectfully urge His Majesty's Government to pass into law with all possible speed the Bishop of London's Bill to amend the Criminal Law Amendment Act. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Bishop of London, Lord Lansdowne, the Home Secretary and the Local Members of Parliament." He said that it was horrible to contemplate the facts that had been brought to light within the last two years, and he thought that the proposed amendment of the law would strike at the root of the terrible white slave traffic.

Mr Nettleton seconded, and the Chairman supported, and said that if they could do any good by passing this resolution they should do it.

The resolution was agreed to.

TREATMENT OF MENTALLY DEFICIENT.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood gave a report of the conference at Wakefield on the Mental Deficiency Act, and spoke against dealing with the mentally deficient by the County Council in the institutions which were dealt with. He thought the Guardians could do the work more cheaply themselves. At Settle, he pointed out, there were large Union buildings and only a few inmates. He could see no reason why the premises could not be utilized by the Boards at Tadcaster, Wetherby, Otley, etc., and make it a special institution for the treatment of cases. The Government would pay so much per head per week for the cases sent. He suggested that the Clerk should write to the Clerk of the Wharfedale Union and ask him to convene a meeting of Guardians similar to one that had already been held.

It was decided that the Clerk write to the Clerk of the Wharfedale Union on the lines suggested by Canon Greenwood.

CLERK'S SALARY.

The Board thereafter considered an application from the Clerk for an increase of salary.

The matter was taken "in committee," and the Board gave him an increase of £60 per annum.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the District Council the officials present were the medical officer (Dr. Hill), Mr Scott (surveyor), and Messrs Driver and Wood (sanitary inspectors).

In a meeting the Highways Committee the question of the improvement at Kippax station bridge was discussed, and the railway company are to be asked to submit an estimate of the cost of doing the work. The County Council are to convene a conference of highway authorities, and Messrs Parker and Hey and the surveyor were appointed to attend the committee meeting. A deputation of the County Council in regard to the speed limit through certain villages, and the County Council will communicate with the Council.—In the matter of the Sherburn, a sub-committee met County Council representatives, and it was recommended that one-third of the cost of the improvement be borne by the District Council, one-third by the County Council, and one-third by the Roads Board. It was decided that the District Council pay one-third, and Messrs Cawthorne and Hey were appointed to interview Mrs Pearson in regard to the necessary land.—A letter was read from Kippax Parish Council complaining of the way that tar-spraying had been carried out in the village and asking the Council to make such arrangements in doing the work, as would not inconvenience the inhabitants. It was decided to reply that the work was being carried out in accordance with the regulations of the Roads Board.

TO RISK A SURCHARGE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board in reply to a letter sent by the Council asking for permission to pay for water supplied to a trough at Colton Lane end. They stated that the expense must come before the official auditor, who could not sanction the expenditure on any particular account.

Mr Ingleby said that it was a peculiar answer to return after giving the lady permission to erect the trough.

The Chairman said that permission was given for the erection of the trough, and then the Council said they would pay for the water if the Local Government Board sanctioned it. He suggested that they should put the water in and chance the Local Government Board.

Canon Greenwood said he thought they might run the risk of a surcharge. If there was any doubt about it he would sign the cheque for one.

The Chairman said he would sign too.

Mr Sykes said that the trough would be a great benefit, but there should be a notice put up warning engine men that if they used the water they would be prosecuted. He said that he was over the road the other day, and he saw cattle coming from York, and they were in a bad state, and the water would be a great boon in such cases.

Mr Ingleby said that if anyone would sign the necessary form to the Water Committee the water would be turned on.

Mr Hey said that they had no power to supply water.

The Highways Committee recommended that the matter be allowed to drop, but as an amendment it was proposed and seconded that the water be supplied.

Both Mr Myers and Mr Midgley opposed the amendment, and the Chairman said he was surprised at two farmers.

On a division ten voted for the amendment, and nine against, and it was, therefore, agreed that the water should be turned on.

CLERK'S SALARY.

Mr Bromet made application for an increase of salary as Clerk to the District Council, his salary being £250, and the reports he had to leave the room, the discussion being taken "in committee."

After considerable discussion a resolution was carried increasing the salary by £75 a year, making with the increase of £60 for the Union work, a total advance of £135.

Mr W. Schofield complained of a smell in Bridge Street, Tadcaster, and it was referred to the inspector.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee a report was received on housing at Barkston, and it was resolved to ask the County Council what area of land they were prepared to offer. Plans for buildings at the "White Swan," Kippax, were adjourned.—An application was received from Kippax for a slaughter-house licence and it was granted.—Plans for a shop and slaughter-house at Tadcaster were passed.—Notice is to be served on persons at Barkston to abate a nuisance caused by keeping cows and pigs too near dwellings.—In regard to Kippax sewage works, a letter was read from Messrs Braithwaite and Co., asking for a deputation to attend a meeting of that body.—The Local Government Board wrote asking for a reply to their letter as to housing conditions at Tadcaster, and the Clerk was instructed to reply that a full inspection was being made by the medical officer, and his report would be submitted in due course.—A tender for the building of a tool house at Lock Lane was accepted.—A notice is to be served on Mr N. Smith, Tadcaster, to remove garden rubbish in Cinder Lane.—It was stated that the sewage syphon at Tadcaster was blocked, and the matter was left with the inspector.

The medical officer reported that during the month there had been 23 deaths and 65 births. The school at Scholfield near Cawood had been closed owing to an outbreak of measles.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND THE CHANCELLOR.

NOT A BANKER NOR LIBERAL MILLIONAIRE.

SQUIRE OF TEMPLENEWSAM AND RATING.

In the House of Commons in the debate on the Budget, Mr Lloyd George moved an amendment reducing the amount of the income tax from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 1d. in the £. He said the reason why the Government proposed this alteration had already been given to the House and had been discussed at considerable length. The moment the Government decided to postpone the full effect of the land taxes for one year inevitable that some proposal of this kind would have to be made—that there would have to be a reduction in the amount of the taxes proposed to be levied.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox said he was not a banker nor a Liberal millionaire, but there were some of the points which affected him. He thought it was a matter of very great regret that, when an opportunity had last come for those who had been pressing for relief to be given to the local authorities, that opportunity should have been ruthlessly taken away from them by the action of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He (Mr Lane Fox) did not personally relish paying an extra penny on the income tax any more than hon. members opposite, but since he had been a member of this House, if there had been one thing more than another to which he had been definitely pledged it was that, at the earliest possible opportunity, he would vote for the relief of the ratepayers, and more particularly for the relief of the burden of the rates on real property and placing it on personal property. Yet, even at the present moment, to carry out that pledge the act of the Chancellor of the Exchequer had put it off for another year. He thought they had a right to complain of that action. They had had numerous pledges from the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the relief of the local authorities, and for putting more of the burdens on personal property, but they would once more be disappointed. Although many of them considered that the income tax was higher than it need be, they were prepared to vote for it if they were certain of the promised relief to local authorities. (Hear, hear). They would, however, be prepared to have the courage of their convictions and go into the lobby against this proposal to justify their desire to fulfill their pledges. They had great doubt now whether any real relief would be given to the rural districts. It would have been perfectly possible for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to have given relief to the local authorities, but the opportunity had been taken away from members to fulfil their pledges, and he hoped it would be the pressure of public opinion after what had been promised in the way of relief of local authorities. (Hear, hear).

The Hon. E. L. Wood said it was because he wished to help the local authorities that he should join with other hon. friends in opposition to the Chancellor of the Exchequer's amendment. He wished to advance a further argument than those mentioned in regard to local authorities having the promise of relief. Apart altogether from reasons and motives that had led the group of Liberal millionaires to protest against the penny on the income tax, everyone knew that if the grants had been given, the time of Parliament would have been mortgaged to make them permanent by withholding the grants for four months. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had to decide in his mind how to use this surplus, and whether the reduction of the Income Tax was the best form of relief. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had decided on the reduction of unearned income tax because he knew that the Labour Party would never vote against the Government, no matter what the latter did. (Opposition cheers and laughter). On the other hand, the millionaires would do so, and the right hon. gentleman knew it. (Ministerial laughter). Mr Lloyd George would have been far wiser to have avoided increasing the death duties and to have put the increase on the Income Tax. Death duties seemed to him to have every kind of vice that could be found in any form of taxation. They were capricious and uncertain, for they depended for the amount of their collection on the uncertainty of human life. Furthermore, these duties had to be paid in one lump sum, which was often an intolerable burden upon the estate which had to pay it. It had always seemed to him undesirable to encourage, as such duties did, the spendthrift estate owners to spend his income and leave to posterity a heavy debt to pay out of capital. Death duties were financially a bad arrangement because they encouraged gifts inter vivos.

On a division the Government secured 251 votes against 156.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

INDIVIDUAL MERIT COMPETITION.

TADCASTER AND HALTON PLAYERS IN THE FINAL.

The annual individual merit competition promoted by the Barkston Ash Bowling Association was commenced at Tadcaster and Garforth on Saturday afternoon, and there were fifty entries, the majority of the prominent bowlers in the district competing.

The concluding rounds of the competition were played on Monday evening on the Garforth Club's green, and there was a fairly good turnout of spectators. The semi-finalists were A. W. Westerman, of Tadcaster, who has already won the championship, and Alfred Garforth (W.M.), T. Simpson (Garforth W.M.), and H. Thomas (Hulton). Westerman, who had the game in hand all the way, defeated Reed by nine, but Thomas and Simpson furnished a splendid struggle, the Halton player winning by a couple of points. Simpson certainly bowled as well as his opponent, but he had not the best of luck. The final was keenly interesting, and it was unfortunate it was played in semi-darkness. Westerman got the lead at the outset, and then Thomas took matters in hand, and the game stood at 12-5 in his favour when his opponent got the "jack." Westerman added three to his score, and then Thomas secured a couple, Westerman afterwards scoring a single. At this period Thomas had to be sent to Tadcaster player's 9, and he added four before Westerman had a look-in. After this the latter pulled up in fine style, and Thomas' lead was reduced to two. The Halton man got a single, and, with a couple of points required for game, his chances of winning were regarded as a certainty. But Westerman went into the lead again, and with the score standing at 19 to 17 in Thomas' favour, the Tadcaster player had the "jack." He failed to benefit by his opportunity, and Thomas chalked up two and won by four points. When the competition was completed it was nearly half-past nine. Mr Hutchinson (President) was on the ground, and carried out the arrangements, along with the hon. sec. (Mr Green). Details:—

AT GARFORTH W.M. GREEN.

Preliminary Round.

W. Hildesworth (Crossgates) w.o. v. A. Bowmas (Crossgates Rec.) absent.
J. A. Rymer w.o. v. T. Clarkson (Halton) absent.
T. Hardcastle (Crossgates) w.o. v. D. Hill (Tadcaster) absent.
R. Morris (Halton) 21 v. G. W. Burch (Crossgates) 15.
W. Garforth (Halton) 21 v. H. Whitfield (Crossgates) 14.
G. Covell (Halton) 21 v. H. Burnett (Crossgates) 20.
G. Danby (Crossgates) 21 v. N. Rhodes (Tadcaster) 8.
C. Holiday (Crossgates) 21 v. G. Nicol (Halton) 18.
A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster) 21 v. M. Elliott (Crossgates Rec.) 7.
F. W. Jubb (Crossgates) 21 v. J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Rec.) 15.
H. Lamb (Halton) 21 v. H. E. Wood (Tadcaster) 18.
J. Crossley (Crossgates) 21 v. E. Walker (Tadcaster) 17.

First Round.

G. Danby 21 v. T. Fidgett (Crossgates) 13.
F. W. Jubb 21 v. R. Morris 15.
W. Green 21 v. G. Covell 16.
C. Holiday 21 v. J. A. Rymer 9.
F. Hardcastle 21 v. J. Crossley 10.
H. Thomas (Halton) 21 v. H. Lamb (Halton, Tadcaster) 6.

Second Round.

F. W. Jubb 21 v. G. Danby 19.
W. Green 21 v. C. Holiday 10.
Harry Thomas 21 v. F. Hardcastle 13.
A. W. Westerman 21 v. G. Covell 20.

AT TADCASTER GREEN.

Preliminary Round.

H. Goodall (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. H. Drarsfield (Garforth Conservatives) 14.
T. Simpson (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. G. T. Young (Garforth Cons.) 10.
E. Walker (Garforth) 21 v. J. Barker (Garforth Cons.) 9.
G. Walker (Garforth) 21 v. T. Booth (Halton T.) 17.
J. Whitley (Garforth W.M.) w.o. v. C. W. Slater (Garforth) absent.
A. Matthews (Garforth) w.o., v. W. Adams (Halton Travellers) absent.

First Round.

J. Whitley 21 v. F. Hutchinson (Thorner) 15.
A. Reed (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. G. Tindall (Garforth) 4.
T. Simpson 21 v. A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M.) 12.
H. Goodall 21 v. H. Marginson (Garforth Cons.) 13.
T. Whitley (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. H. Freeman (Garforth) 12.
W. Cooke (Garforth Cons.) 21 v. G. Walker 11.
G. Hill (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. E. Walker 17.
G. Freeman (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. A. Matthews 20.

Second Round.

A. Reed 21 v. J. Whitley 18.
T. Simpson 21 v. H. Goodall 8.
T. Whitley 21 v. W. Cooke 12.
G. Freeman 21 v. G. Hill 11.

AT GARFORTH GREEN.

Third Round.

A. Reed 21 v. G. Freeman 15.
A. W. Westerman 21 v. W. Green 13.
H. Thomas 21 v. T. Whitley 8.
T. Simpson 21 v. F. W. Jubb 11.

Final.

A. W. Westerman 21 v. A. Reed 12.
H. Thomas 21 v. T. Simpson 19.

Final.

H. Thomas (Halton) 21 v. A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster) 17.

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(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one).

The serial article, "A Successful Breeding Season," is suspended this week, owing to the necessity of special advice concerning management during hot weather.

Overcrowding and vermin are the rocks from which poultry-keepers must steer clear during the present month.

Considering the former, you probably have more head of poultry to-day than at any period of the year; you have completed your hatching operations; your early chickens are three-parts grown; in fact, many are approaching maturity, whilst many of you have not yet disposed of your two-year-old hens. And all this possibly with but little more accommodation than during the winter months!

"Overcrowding is as bad for poultry as for man," writes the Rev. T. W. Sturges in the "Poultry Manual"; many diseases, the presence of vermin, and stunted growth being some of its effects.

Repeatedly it has been pointed out that if you would be financially successful with your poultry it is a fundamental rule that you must never keep a single wasted in your yards. Such birds swallow the profits from your good ones ere making. Surely this axiom, in conjunction with the evils attendant on over-crowding, renders it imperative for you to at once weed through your stock and market such as come under the category of wastrels.

Your hens have laid for two seasons, what do you expect further from them? Either this month or early next they will moult; for a considerable period you will have no return whatever from them—and in their third season it will be such a negligible quantity as not to meet your room merchant's account.

During the lavish festivals about Eastertide you would have secured top prices for fat, old hens, to-day they will not realise so much, but nevertheless get rid of them at once; they are an actual source of loss at the moment, there is no prospect of them materially improving, and you want the room.

Your early hatched chicks. If you are breeding for utility purposes you should now be killing regularly, this action tending to prevent overcrowding, but if you only go in for exhibition, surely there are many that you can cull out with advantage to the remainder.

Vermin! Those who have acted upon the advice given earlier in the season, to creosote and limewash all houses, will be comparatively immune from these pests; those who have not done so will have all their work cut out to combat their ravages now that the hot weather is with us. That sickly bird that died! It was not due to the heat; examine her—literally infested with lice —and their depredations are the cause of her pale, anæmic condition and ultimate death. Learn to stone unturned to be rid of vermin; growth in young stock, condition in mature stock; in other words, "Spratt's" cannot be where vermin exist.

The moulting season will soon commence, lucky indeed the poultry-keeper whose birds get this over quickly and well. Nothing like assisting obtaining the new puts a great strain on the bird's constitution; the addition of a tablespoonful of flowers of sulphur to the soft food of about a dozen fowls, on fine mornings, will materially assist them.

During the heat of summer, and particularly at moulting time, a tonic is undoubtedly beneficial, and that known as Douglas Mixture is particularly recommended. It is easily prepared and is inexpensive. Take a quarter-pound of sulphate of iron crystals and a half-ounce of sulphuric acid. Place them in a large, glazed, earthenware jar, and pour over the contents one gallon of water. Stir with a stick several times during the day till all is dissolved. After skimming, the mixture should then be bottled and well corked. A tablespoonful of the mixture to each quart of drinking water is the correct dose. This should be given in earthenware vessels, and not in iron or zinc founts.

Male birds intended for next year's breeding pens should be isolated in comfortable quarters with a convenient run.

If you go for a summer holiday, make adequate arrangements for the care and comfort of your birds. Results will not follow your last six months' efforts can easily be ruined by a fortnight's neglect.

Keep the fowls' drinking water protected from the rays of the sun, and change it frequently.

Eggs are now sought after, and prices are paying well, therefore, and start feeding your hens for laying immediately the moult begins.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Fair attendance, but trade very quiet. Little wheat available, at 35s. to 35s. 6d., oats 20s. 6d. to 21s. 6d., rye 23s. to 26s.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11 and 12 for 1s.; butter 11d. to 1s. per lb.; chickens 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—An increasing supply of local new potatoes in the market. The prices were from 5s. to 5s. 6d. per hamper of 6 stones, or 16d. to 11d. per stone. Trade is old potatoes is nearly finished, the prices being: Sand Up-to-Dates 60s. to 65s., sand King Edwards 55s. to 70s., warps 80s. to 85s. per ton.

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CATTLE.

GARFORTH AUCTION MART, Monday.—Mr William Ash had again a fair supply of very choice fat stock, and there was a good attendance of buyers. The weather being cool, trade was good. Best beef made fully 7½d.; secondary quality and cows 6½d. to 7½d. per lb.; sheep made 2s. to 3s. per head more than last market. Choice shearlings easily reached 9½d. per lb.; and heavy weights 8½d. to 9d. Fat lambs made 9d. to 10d. per lb. Mr T. I. Ledgard sold 5 fat bullocks, which made £18 7s. 6d., to £22 10s. each; Mr J. T. Craven's heifers made £18 2s. 6d. to £22 15s. Fat cows made up to £21 15s. Mr Ben Bramley had some well-finished sheared, that sold at 54s. to 59s. 6d. each. Mr Jno. Rickard's shearlings making from 57s. 6d. to 65s. each. Messrs T. Winter and Son's half-bred shearlings sold at 59s. to 66s. 6d., and their sheep realised up to 55s. each. Lambs made from 39s. to 37s. each. Four cart horses from Messrs Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries, Ltd., realized 114 to 19 gns. each.

TADCASTER AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of prime fat stock. The attendance of butchers and dealers was rather below the average. Trade for best beef was about the same as a week ago. Best beef 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone. Sheep met a good trade, making 9d. per lb.; ewes and heavy sheep made less money. Lambs ruled dearer. Pork pigs moved slowly at 6s. to 6s. 6d. per stone. Stores made less money. Numbers sold —89 beasts and calves, 158 sheep, and 87 pigs.

SELBY AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 86 beasts, 44 sheep and 39 pigs. Good attendance of butchers and dealers. A quick trade for the best beef at 9s. per stone. Sheep and pigs were unchanged in value. Prices:—Fat bullocks to £23 15s., heifers in calf £16 10s., to sheep £3 15s., fat lambs £2 4s., bacon pigs £6 12s. 6d., pork pigs £5 9s. 1s., sows and gilts £3 16s., small store pigs £1 12s. 6d. each.

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A BARKSTON ASH FARMER AND LABOUR.

WHAT HE SAYS FARM LABOURERS CAN SAVE.

MINIMUM WAGE—HALF HOLIDAY.

TIED HOUSE SYSTEM—TRADE UNIONS.

Mr John Thompson, of East Rigton, Bardsey, a well-known farmer and Barkston Ash politician, read a paper on the labour question from a tenant farmer's point of view at Boroughbridge, on Saturday. He said it was a subject on which the opinion of everyone, including farmperson, politician, and peasant was freely ventilated, but on which the farmer (perhaps wisely) rarely said anything at all. His remarks would apply chiefly to the northern counties, with which he was tolerably well acquainted. There was probably no subject which was so thoroughly misrepresented as the position of the farm worker. The despairing politician in search of a new cry thundered his anathemas from the platform. The labour agitator, who made his living by creating discord between employer and employed, bawled on the village pump, and the man in the street aired his views in the public press. They were told everywhere that the farm man was wretchedly paid and miserably housed, that his soul was not his own, and that drastic legislation must be passed to put all matters right. Now, was it not as well to consider how far all this was true? Was he wretchedly paid, as compared with other workers? He ventured to say not. In the first place he must consider the average village boy. He left school at 14, and then hired himself to a farmer. The first year he received a wage of about £7. He was either taken into the farmer's house or boarded with a foreman or hind, and was infinitely better fed and housed than the boy in the town. In the time he was 17, his wage would have risen to about £17, and by the time he was 25 he would be receiving from £26 to £28 a year. That was, of course, if he was a trier, and had made himself a capable man, which he had every opportunity of doing. By the time he was 30, if he had remained unmarried, he could easily have saved from £200 to £300, and if he chose to do so could either go farming for himself, or set up as a dealer, or in some other business. There were many doors open to him. As a case in point, a young man left his employment a little while ago with £250 he had saved, and he frequently met a man who some years ago was in his employment, and out of his savings had started in business, and was now one of the most prosperous men in his district. He did not suppose there was another man in that room who could not name half-a-dozen men who started life as ploughboys, and who, were now either substantial farmers or prosperous men of business, and who could do anything to help them but their own grit, perseverance, thrift, and determination to succeed.

The statement so often made that there was no prospect for the farm man, and that he was in a blind alley which led to nowhere, was absolutely false and misleading. It presupposed that the youth had no particular ambition, and that he married fairly young, and settled down as a farm hand. How did his lot compare with the town hand? He became foreman, shepherd, cattle man, or general labourer, according to his capabilities or inclination. His wages as a rule would be from 25s. to 27s. per week with extras. His extras were a very considerable item, and usually included house and garden, rent free, a certain amount of meal and drink, milk and potatoes, and he had no hesitation in saying that he was in a better position than the man in the town who received from 30s. to 10s. a week more. It was proposed by legislation to shorten the working day, to establish a weekly half-holiday, and to fix a minimum wage? All these proposals were entirely impracticable. The nature of the business of farming was so precarious that it was absolutely necessary there should be a great deal of give and take. They could not compare it with any other occupation. Where else could they find any stock like stock—the life and soul of farming—it was an absolute necessity that they should be regularly fed and attended to. Suppose what would happen where a flock of sheep was kept on turnips, or on a dairy farm, on the half-holiday. Would the sheep be content with only two rows not milked? It would mean ruin to the flock or herd. Farming was the only trade where the wage was paid whether the work were on or not. To give an instance on his own farm—and he knew this experience was the rule and not the exception—during the months of April and May, when the working horses were only on the land 10 days during 10 weeks. Many men on the farm required practically exactly the same amount of that time, but not a man lost a day's wage. What other industry was carried on under similar conditions? Why, no trade happened in the building trade, or in any other out-door occupation? During a wet harvest, or hay-time, frequently, day after day, and week after week, nothing was done but wait, and while the farmer saw his substance wasting, wages went on just the same. Naturally, at such time came when the work could be done, every effort had to be made, and short hours or a half holiday, and that probably on the only day when work could be done, would be disastrous to all concerned.

As for a minimum wage, it would mean the stopping of the older, less efficient men to begin with. And if the man was to have a minimum wage, what was to secure a minimum price for the farmer's products? In one of Mr Lloyd George's flamboyant speeches he compared the life of the miner with that of the farm man, and said that if the miner had a minimum wage and short hours, so should a farm man. He could not imagine how anyone could compare the lot of men leading such totally different lives. Mr Lloyd George did not say that the coal owner was practically without competition while the English farmer was subject to the fiercest competition the world had ever known. This country was the dumping ground for all the surplus edible products of the whole world. He was competing against the produce of the great tracts of fertile virgin soil of Canada and South America, with the natives of India, where men were content to live on a wage of a few pence a day, and with Russia and other European countries, where men worked for wages and under conditions impossible here. An argument often heard was that by increasing wages, shortening hour, giving holidays, etc., that men would be attracted to the land. They probably would, but it was obvious to the meanest understanding that any legislation which affected the small and precarious profits of farmers must of necessity destroy their capacity to pay wages and that land already labour starved would be in a still worse case. It would mean that the man who now employed six men would make shift with five. It appeared to him deplorable that any political party, or any class, should try to stir up strife between employer and employed, and preach that abominable doctrine that the man who paid the wages was the natural foe of the man who received them. (Applause). The formation of trade unions, with the certainty of strikes, manipulated by unscrupulous and self-elected leaders, would be disastrous to everyone concerned. He did not think the farmer had anything to fear from the men themselves, but they could not have trade unions without officials, and strife and discord were the bread and butter of the trade union officials.

There could be, he thought, no two opinions that more houses were wanted, and as landlords had very little encouragement to supply them, it was a matter which must be taken up by the local authorities. Many attacks were made on what was termed the "tied house system," a system which had always worked admirably, and has secured a supply of cottages for labourers on particular farms. He saw that Mr Tom Mactay, in a speech at Ormskirk, Lancashire, said they were determined to abolish the damnable tied cottage system. He could not imagine anything more disastrous either for the farmer or labourer. Once they separated the cottages, which were provided by the landlord, from the farm, there could be no inducement to let them to farm labourers at all. They would then naturally be let to anyone who was prepared to pay a good rent for them, and the farm would be deprived of labour altogether.

A BRAMHAM GARDENER'S JOKE.

SEQUEL TO A LOVE AFFAIR.

A respectable-looking and intelligent young man of 23, named David Keillor, a gardener at Bramham Park, was charged at York on Friday with maliciously sending to Edith Barker, on July 1st, a letter threatening to murder her.

The Chief Constable (Mr J. Burrow) said he had the letter in his hand but he did not propose to read it, as he was asking for a remand. It appeared that the defendant had made the acquaintance of a young woman now engaged as a domestic servant in York, and for some reason it appeared that the acquaintanceship had been broken off. That appeared to be the beginning of the trouble, for in the letter the accused clearly said that if he could not have her no one else should. He also said he had been down to Leeds and had got a nice little weapon. The question for the court was whether accused ought to be remanded this to be a threat to murder. When he was brought into custody he told the Superintendent that he really meant it as a practical joke. It was too serious a thing. In the letter he mentioned the name of a young man to whom he had told his intentions, and he (the Chief Constable) wanted him in court, and, in order to do so, applied for a remand until Monday.

Superintendent Henry Woolnough said that in consequence of a complaint from Mr Sydney Leetham, of Elm Bank, that there was a man named Keillor in his house who had threatened to shoot his servant, he went to Driffield Terrace and found accused standing against a wall. On being searched no revolver was found on him. Later witness saw the letter produced to by the Chief Constable, and charged the accused with sending the letter. He replied that it was a practical joke. A servant who went out of the house said the accused had pointed something at her, but he had only a pipe on him.

Accused, who offered no objection to a remand, said it was done as a practical joke.

He was remanded until Monday.

Keillor was charged on Monday with sending a letter to Edith Barker at York threatening to murder her.

The prosecutrix, who is in domestic service at York, was acquainted with a man named Arthur Brown, Birdsall House, Malton, with whom she kept company. Then prisoner came on the scene, and in consequence of what Keillor said about Brown she gave the latter up, and kept company with prisoner. The friendship lasted about nine months, and then Miss Barker broke it off. Subsequently she came to York to a situation, and on the 21st of June prisoner came over and met the prosecutrix without appointment. That day he gave her a watch, which she promised to take to be mended for him. Prisoner next wrote on the 23rd of June, but she destroyed that letter. On the 30th June she received a letter in which prisoner said:—

I should like to come over for my watch on Thursday evening, and have a few words at the same time. . . . I have got a letter to Arthur on Thursday evening which must be the last which must pass between us if we are to remain friends, as we cannot bear the sight of each other.

In reply to that letter Miss Barker wrote stating that she could not see prisoner on the Thursday evening, as she had made other arrangements. She had also thought that it would be far better for them not to meet again.

The prisoner replied on July 2nd, in which it was contended that the principal threat was the following: Bramham Park, July 1st, and in it the prisoner wrote:—

The reason I had for meeting you was to carry out a certain programme in my mind. You said while at Malton if I did not have you no one else should. Well, in the first place, if I had been in your shoes, and had taught one to love me as you have done, I should have kept true, and been happy in the knowledge that I was making another happy.

Instead you have done the reverse, for a man who is by no means worthless, but he is only laughing, and as soon as he thinks I am settled he will be off. But that is not what I am writing about.

Since I received your first letter from John Bank I have been as near insane as it is possible to be, in fact, folks are talking, and if you cannot be mine you shall be no other body's. That is what I wanted to meet you for.

But (I have good reason for saying this) I shall wait patiently for the chance. I shall never give in until I have carried out my threat. I do not care who you show this letter to. I care not who knows, it is all I have to live for—revenge. It is you who has driven me to this, for God knows I meant to make you happy. I do not want you to think too much about this. I did not mean telling you so soon, but as I want it all done tomorrow night (and perhaps it shall be) I wanted to give you time to burn my letter if you have not already done so.

At least I came to York equipped for the work. I have been to Leeds for a handy little weapon. I have already told Arthur what I am going to do. It will bring disgrace to our homes where it might have been happiness, but I cannot help it, it must be done now. You know I shall not want no nearer than from 20 to 25 yards off you, so that there need be no words exchanged.

But I must say goodbye, hoping you will keep as bright as possible.

I am, your late sweetheart,

DAVID.

In the letter to Arthur he wrote:—

She also took my watch to be repaired, so I should be back again. So that is how I am placed with her, but I shall be even with her yet. I shall meet her somewhere on my Knaresborough road then shall wipe out the long-standing score before she gets an chance to talk, for if I wait till then I shall be as a child in her hands. Honour, Arthur, I shall finish her deceitful career before another month is out.

In consequence of the letter which Miss Barker received she became terrified, and would not go out on the Thursday in question. The housemaid had occasion to go out to the post, and the prisoner, who was on the other side of the road, levelled something at her in a shooting fashion.

Their mistress was informed, and the police were sent for, and the prisoner was arrested outside the house. (When searched only a pipe was found on prisoner, and a search was made in the neighbourhood, but no revolver was found.

When taken into custody prisoner said: "It was a practical joke."

He was committed for trial.

ABERFORDIA AMBULANCE LEAGUE.

INSPECTION AT PARLINGTON PARK.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES BY GENERAL KENNY.

On Saturday afternoon the annual field day and inspection of the Aberfordia Division of the Territorial Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association took place at Parlington Park, Aberford (by permission of Col. and Mrs Gascoigne), and the event was a great success in every way. Surgeon-General T. W. Kenny was the inspecting officer. Considerable interest was manifested in the inspection, and among the ladies and gentlemen present were Lady Plumer and Mrs Mends (York), Mrs Lund (Ikeaa Hall), Miss Gascoigne (Lotherton Park), Mrs H. S. Childe (Potterton Hall), Miss Hawke (Wighill Park), Mrs Wailes Fairbairn (Askham Grange), Rev. B. Shepheard-Walwyn (Aberford), Mrs Prater (Aberford), Mr.G. Bromet (Tadcaster), Mr and Mrs Alvey Darwin, Miss Newcombe, etc.

The men's detachments were inspected in first aid treatment and collection of patients, improvisation and use of ambulance trains and country carts for transport of wounded; improvisation of shelters for patients until for immediate removal; improvisation of stretchers, rest stations, beds, and hospital equipment; the making of incinerators, ablution benches, etc.; water filtration, first field dressings, field cooking, and the laws and customs of war in relation to Voluntary Aid Detachments.

An engagement was supposed to have taken place between the Red Force and a Blue Force in the vicinity of Garforth. The Blue Force were retiring in the direction of Tadcaster, and the Red Force were following them, taking with them all units, including R.A.M.C. (T.) and regimental stretcher bearers, leaving 40 casualties on the field for first aid treatment, collection, and car-ful nursing, for which the Aberfordia Division were responsible. The scene of the action was a field near one of the collieries at Garforth, and here the men's detachments rendered first-aid to about forty "wounded," who were impersonated by Boy Scouts, and the work was closely watched by General Kenny, who was accompanied by Mrs Gascoigne, the head of the Aberfordia organization. The wounded were placed in country carts improvised as red cross ambulances, and in a special train, and they were conveyed to Parlington Hall which had been converted into an hospital. Attached to the train were a number of trucks, several of which had been fitted up to carry stretchers suspended like hammocks. To a large extent this device did away with vibration. It was interesting to watch the patients, wounded in bandages, being carefully hoisted on the train. Those who rode up the private line to Parlington had quite a diverting experience. About half-way the train stopped at a rest station, which was under the management of the Garforth women's detachment. Here field cooking had been done, and the patients were fed and refreshed. After a brief halt the journey was continued to Parlington, where the work of detraining began. The carts arrived shortly after the train, and all the patients were taken across the lawn and into the Temporary hospital. It consisted of four wards, in three of which the patients were put in beds, and in all cases second aid was rendered by the women's detachments. One ward and operating room was in charge of the Tadcaster and Aberford women's detachments, a second ward was looked after by the Barkston Ash detachment, and a third ward by the Whitkirk and Brotherton detachments, while the Barkston members took charge of the non-serious cases.

When the practical work had been completed all ranks formed up in front of Parlington Hall, and General Kenny presented the prizes to the winning teams in the competitions at Garforth and the previous day (reported in our last issue). Colonel Gascoigne's Cup was won by Garforth (No. 1) (Women), and the Barkston Ash Shield by Garforth (No. 1) Men. The other prize winners were:—Women—Aberford (No. 1), Tadcaster (No. 2), Tadcaster (No. 1). Men—Garforth (No. 1), Bowers Allerton.

Mrs Gascoigne, who presided, said that this would be the last visit of General Kenny, who was retiring from the work. She was glad that some progress had been made in the division since the first inspection in 1911. There were then only three detachments, and now they had ten, with a working membership of 273. Though she certainly hoped that there would be no need for active service, she felt confident that many of their members would be efficient enough to go on a campaign if the time came. (Applause).

General Kenny, in presenting the prizes, said that it had given him great pleasure to inspect the Division. His object, as representing the War Office and the St. John Association, was to find out what use those detachments would be in active service, and he was greatly impressed by the work of both the women and the men. He advised the women to get as much practical knowledge of nursing as possible. Nothing could replace them so much.

Certificates were then given by General Kenny to Mrs Gascoigne, for the Lotherton Detachment, and to Dr. T. B. Abbott, for the Aberford Detachment.

On the motion of Colonel A. Abdy, seconded by Mr R. Routledge, jun. (organising secretary of the Division), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded General Kenny.

Brigadier-General H. R. Mends, in thanking Colonel and Mrs Gascoigne on behalf of the company, observed that Mrs Gascoigne was most indefatigable, took the greatest interest in ambulance work, and never spared herself. They greatly appreciated her assistance, and felt very grateful for all that she had done to help on the movement.

Mrs Gascoigne briefly replied.

Tea was afterwards provided for the company in a large marquee erected on the lawn, and the Garforth Brass Band, conducted by Mr E. V. Silberry, discoursed excellent selections of music.

WATER SUPPLIES IN WETHERBY DISTRICT

THORPARCH, MICKLETHWAITE, AND SPOFFORTH.

A lengthy report has been submitted from the Medical Officer of Health to the County Council in reference to the water supply in the Wetherby district. The report states that the question of the inadequate or unsatisfactory water supplies for several parishes in the Wetherby Rural District has from time to time been brought before the Rural District Council, as in the survey report of the district in 1896, and in the annual reports of the local Medical Officer of Health. A great improvement has been effected by the Wetherby District Water Company, which now supply water to 1,509 houses in 14 parishes.

Several of the villages are, however, still in need of proper supplies, particularly Spofforth, Thorparch, and Micklethwaite, and the matter has been before the Rural Council on several occasions but without practical result. Consequently, further inspections have been made, and samples of water obtained, which proved to be bacteriologically and chemically unsatisfactory.

At Spofforth about 140 houses obtain their supply from wells. Samples, fairly representative of the village supplies, were taken from five wells used by 84 householders, and the results of analysis show that the waters cannot be regarded as safe for drinking purposes. Further, the water has in some cases to be carried from 200 to 300 yards.

At Thorparch about 30 houses have the Wetherby Water Company's supply laid on, and about 30 others are supplied with water taken from the River Wharfe, which has received the sewage effluents of Addingham, Ilkley, Menston, Burley, Otley, Wetherby, etc.

At Micklethwaite about 12 of the 16 houses in the parish also obtain their supply from the Wharfe. Bacteriological examinations of the river water supplied at Thorparch and Micklefield have proved the supply to be polluted.

FOOTPATHS AT MIDDLETON.

For some time there has been quite an agitation in the village of Middleton, over the stopping up of certain footpaths there, and it has led to the County Council taking action.

According to a report issued by the Highways Committee of the County Council, complaints have been made of the stopping up of certain footpaths in the parish by the Middleton Estate and Colliery Company, and after strong representations by the Committee to the Hunslet Rural District Council and the Colliery Co., the Company (through the Rural District Council) have given notice of their intention to apply to the Quarter Sessions for an order for the stopping up of the footpaths, and of substituting roads and footpaths which the Justices have since certified will be more commodious to the public.

The Company have also intimated their intention of converting into a cart road the footpath commencing at a point opposite Belle Isle and terminating at the angle of Belle Isle Road on the north side of Windy Hill Farm.

The proposals of the Company, in the opinion of the Committee, reasonably meet the requirements of the public, and the further interposition of the County Council is not called for.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SWILLINGTON CHURCH.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—My attention has been drawn to an announcement in your paper with reference to a fete and sale of work to be held in aid of "Swillington Church expenses." Through the medium of your paper I desire to make it clearly known that this movement has been arranged entirely unknown to me, and without my approval or sanction.

I have always, and shall so continue to set my face against such unordinate methods for obtaining money for sacred uses.—Yours, etc.,

N. BRIGHEM.

Swillington Rectory, near Leeds.
July 6th, 1914.

A TADCASTER MAN AND HIS PENSION.

FALSE REPRESENTATION.

Robert Nelson, groom, Tadcaster, was charged at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday with making a false representation with regard to an old age pension, and pleaded guilty.

Mr T. G. Gibson, of London, who represented the Commissioners of Excise and Customs, said that defendant was granted a pension of 5s. a week in November, 1912. At that time he had no means of his own, and lived with a son. In March last year he received employment with Mr Riley-Smith at £1 a week as groom. When seen by a pension officer later he told him that his employment was merely casual, and that he was getting 15s. a week. The fact was that defendant had worked for Mr Riley-Smith for twelve months, and his wages had always been £1 a week.

Charles Brownlees, head groom for Mr Riley-Smith, said that he handed defendant his wages, and he was paid £1 per week.

Defendant said he was very sorry, and he had nothing to say against it. He was 72 years of age.

The Chairman: What made you do it?

Defendant: I cannot say. I never thought about what I was doing.

Mr Gibson said he hoped that a conviction would be recorded, so that it might be a warning to others.

The Chairman said that it was a very serious charge, and they were extremely sorry it had come up. It was the first case of the kind in the district, and they hoped it would be the last.

The Bench imposed a penalty of 40s. and costs, which were £2 8s. 6d.

CONCERNING A HAMBLETON ROAD.

RURAL COUNCIL'S ACTION.

A special meeting of the Selby Rural District Council was held on Monday, Mr Harris Anson, Hambleton, presiding, to consider whether any steps should be taken by the Council to repair the piece of road which leads from Hambleton to Brayton, and skirts Brayton Barff.

At the last meeting of the Council a letter was submitted from Mr Joseph Wood, Bradford, the owner of Barff House Farm, to which the road in question leads, calling attention to the need for repair. A letter was also received from Mr H. Andrew Allen, whose son occupies the farm, complaining of the non-completion of the repairs to the road. The Roads Committee recommended that certain repairs be carried out, but the Council at the last meeting refused to accept the recommendation.

It transpired that the surveyor had ordered the levelling of the road by the removal of a hilly part, but in the discussion of June 29th Mr William Armstrong (Brayton) objected to work of that kind being done until it had received the sanction of the Council.

At Monday's meeting a letter was read from Messrs Parker and Parker, solicitors, Selby, stating that they had been consulted by Mr. Andrew Anson concerning the present condition of the Hambleton road, and were instructed to call upon the Council forthwith to put the road into repair otherwise proceedings would be taken in the matter.

The Chairman said he had been over to Wakefield, and found the road in question was an awarded road.

Mr William Armstrong contended that this lane did not need any further repair, having regard to the amount of traffic over it. He moved that no further action be taken.

Mr L. Baxter seconded the resolution.

The resolution was carried by 8 to 2 votes. Five members who were in favour of a compromise remained neutral.

NURSING IN TADCASTER RURAL AREA.

COUNTY SCHEME—CONFERENCE AT TADCASTER.

A conference of representatives of the West Riding County Council, district nursing associations in the Tadcaster area and the Tadcaster Rural District Council was held on Friday in the Board Room of Tadcaster Workhouse to consider the proposals of the West Riding County Council in their combined nursing scheme.

Alderman Ford presided, and there were present Alderman Beigg, Col. Sugden, Mr R. L. Jones (representing solicitors' department, of the County Council), Miss Bethell, Messrs W. Sykes, C.C., J. Wordsworth, J. Nettleton, J. Y. Wheatley, J. W. Dobson, J. H. Ingleby, and G. A. Bromet (representing the Tadcaster Rural District Council), and representatives of nursing associations in the area.

The proceedings were held in private, but it was stated at the close that the Council very thoroughly discussed the advisability of nursing associations combining with the County Council to make more complete their administration under the Notification of Births Act.

Under the new legislation the County Council have the double duties to perform, those incidental to school nursing, and those incidental to the new Act. In the combined nursing scheme it is hoped to enlist the help and support of district nursing associations, it being considered that in many cases the district nursing association's nurse could perform her own duties and those required by the County Council in her sphere.

Should the scheme be adopted a considerable saving will be saved by preventing the waste of overlapping and an unnecessary employment of new officials. Where the nurse is already fully employed, it will be necessary either to extend the area of the nurse, or for the nursing association to appoint an additional nurse. In some cases a partially trained nurse, who would act under the instruction of a fully trained nurse might be provided at a less cost, but this would be a matter for each nursing association to deal with when considering the practicability of performing the services required by the County Council.

It is believed that in many districts, where at present there are no district nurses, it would be possible to raise funds locally towards the maintenance of a district nurse, but yet not sufficient to pay for her whole salary, and where such local circumstances exist the County Council will be prepared to make a contribution and thus encourage local effort to provide further district nurses.

Alderman Ford said he was at present unable to make any definite statement or to disclose the discussion at the conference. Similar conferences, he said, would be held in every area under the administration of the County Council, and before any definite decision was arrived at in the Tadcaster area the district nursing associations would each carefully consider the matter.

The conference was adjourned indefinitly to give various associations the opportunity of fully discussing the proposals of the County Council.

TADCASTER SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES.

WARNING TO OTHERS.

On Monday at Tadcaster Petty Sessions—before Ald. Brooksbank and other magistrates—Timothy S. Rooke, greengrocer, Mary Jakeman Hardy, charwoman, Tadcaster, widow, Elizabeth Simpson, widow, and Charles Williams, labourer, all of Tadcaster, were charged with not sending children regularly to school.

Mr Frank Slater, Clerk to the Education Committee, who prosecuted, said that in several instances the children were nearly 14 years of age, but unless a certificate of exemption certificate it must attend until it was 14, and in none of the cases had the children made sufficient attendances to qualify for a certificate.

In regard to Timothy Rooke, the attendance officer gave evidence, and defendant said the boy was nearly 14 and he admitted he had kept him from school. He would be 14 on July 14th.

A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

Mary Jakeman Hardy was charged in respect of her daughter Sarah (11), who, it was stated, had put in 83 attendance out of 116 in three months.

The attendance officer said she had been helping at home.

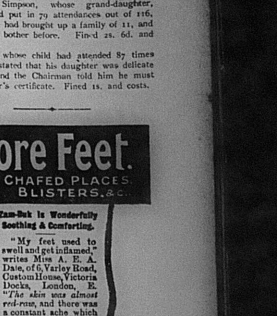
Defendant said she had kept the girl at home to look after a child, when she went out to work. She had three children.

Fined 1s. and costs.

Mrs Garbutt's daughter, Lily, aged 13, had attended 79 times out of 116, and defendant said she had to go out to work. It was owing to sickness that the girl had been kept at home. Fined 1s. and costs.

Elizabeth Simpson, whose grand-daughter, aged 13, had put in 79 attendances out of 116, said that she had brought up a family of 11, and had had no bother before. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

Williams, whose child had attended 87 times out of 116, stated that his daughter was delicate in health, and the Chairman told him he must get a doctor's certificate. Fined 1s. and costs.



ANGLERS PROSECUTED AT TADCASTER.

"CHEAP FISH" THAT WAS DESTROYED.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday Walter Oliver, mechanic, Leeds, was charged with catching fresh water fish during the close season in the river at Tadcaster. He pleaded guilty.

Mr Jones, who prosecuted for the Yorkshire Fishery Board, said that the Leeds Amalgamation, of which the defendant was a member, had a date the fish caught out of season had to be put back into the water. This case had been reported to them, and it was brought as a warning to the members of the Amalgamation. A large bream, and it was a great temptation, but the defendant should have put it back.

A witness from Leeds said that on April 26th he saw defendant with a fine bream.

Defendant said he had always understood he could catch fish for scientific purposes.

The Chairman asked what the scientific purpose was for which he required the fish.

Defendant said it was one of the largest fish caught in Yorkshire waters, and he intended to have it "set up."

Mr Jones said that he was bound to get leave from the Board before he could take one.

The Chairman: What did you do with the fish?

Defendant said he sent it to London to be "set up."

The Chairman said he thought if he was fined 1s. and costs he would have got a cheap fish.

Supt. Slack: The fish has been destroyed.

Defendant said it had been destroyed by the Fishery Board.

Mr Jones said it was not destroyed by them.

Jonathan Bedford and Alfred Johnson, mechanics, of Leeds, were charged with breaches of the fishery bye-laws on June 14th at Appleton Roebuck by using an instrument called a set bank line to catch fish.

Mr Jones said that the bye-law prohibited fishing except by rod and line, and it was passed at the instance of local fishermen to prevent people coming with nets, etc., and taking a large number of fish. In regard to bank lines, a man might set a large number and watch them not.

Charles Young Moses said that he visited Rother on the 14th June, and he saw defendants fishing in Appleton Ings with bank lines.

Defendants, who said they were ignorant they were doing anything wrong, were fined 1s. and costs.

Mrs J. M. Brewins, the President of the Women's Liberal Association at Selby, held a garden fete on Thursday, at which Mr E. H. Foster, M.P., C.C., the prospective Liberal candidate for the Barkston Ash division, who had promised to attend, wired from London wishing success to the proceedings and regretting that he was detained as a witness before a Parliamentary Committee.

The manor and estates of Newton Kyme and Toulston came into the possession of the Fairfaxes in 1604; they were sold to Sir Thomas Barwick in 1641, but they came back later in the 16th century by the marriage of his daughter and heiress, Frances, to Henry, fourth Lord Fairfax. The Toulston estate passed from the Fairfaxes by sale about the year 1775.

To the Selby Abbey assistant clergy fund, Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., has subscribed ten guineas, Mr Wm. Gillinder a like sum, and Mrs Atkinson £5. Towards the new institute and benefice fund, Mr. E. E. Heathcote, York, has given a donation of £5. Mr. Heathcote, of Blackhirth, who has already paid for the carving of capitals in the north choir aisle, is defraying the cost of carving nine capitals in the Lady Chapel.

ASSAULT.—Frank Smith, labourer, Selby, was summoned on Monday for assaulting a neighbour named James Lorkin, who appeared in court with his head bandaged. Lorkin stated that Smith struck him on the head with an enamel tin, causing a wound three inches long. Defendant, who contended that he acted in self-defence, was ordered to pay 10s. and costs.

STRAYING HORSES.—John Henry Harrison, hawker, of no fixed abode, was on Monday at Selby fined 10s. and costs for allowing four horses to stray on the Cambleforth Road, near Selby. Defendant had been camping in the vicinity, and complaints had been received of the obstruction caused by the horses.

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For further particulars see bills.

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The Sale will commence at the field gate of Lot 1 at 6.30 p.m.

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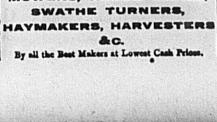
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, JULY 11th, 1914.

Before any substantial headway is made in the crusade against consumption, which has been prominently brought before the people of Yorkshire this week, an enormous amount of educational work must be done, because folks are either so ignorant or so careless that they will not adopt the simplest precautions to safeguard themselves and those dependent upon them. It is admitted that if sanatorium treatment is to prove effective the disease, but it often happens that cases are not discovered until the sufferers are beyond medical aid, and the tragedy of these incurable cases presents one of the most pathetic features of the national life. Seemingly people are very reluctant, when stricken with the disease, to have themselves medically examined; they have a dread belief that they are suffering from it, but they delude themselves that they may get better without adopting remedial measures, and when they are compelled to give in they find that their proclamation has been fatal. The position of the sufferers is not difficult to understand. No one readily accepts conditions which necessarily mean isolation, and human nature, as a rule, revolts against it. But what does it mean? The stricken person is in a hopeless plight, probably full of remorse because he kept knowledge to himself which should have been shared by others, and it may be that by his action he has sealed his doom. Then, look at the injury such a person does to others. Suppose he is the head of a family, he wilfully allows them to run the risk of being stricken by the disease, because he lives amongst them, and the responsibility resting upon such an one is awful. To put it as bluntly as possible, when human life is destroyed in a quarrel, punishment inevitably follows, but nothing is done to anyone who places the lives of others in jeopardy from disease. Up to a few years ago, when a family of young men and women were swept away by the white scourge, the wise ones would state that it was inevitable—that father or mother died from consumption, and that they had inherited it and could not escape. This fatalistic idea prevailed throughout the country until quite recently, but we now know that while persons may have a predisposition to consumption, there is no reason why they should have it, even if both parents suffered from it. Infection plays havoc in families, and nearly everyone can tell pathetic stories how young people have fallen victims to the disease. And is it any wonder when no precautionary measures are taken? Until persons, on the first symptoms of the disease, isolate themselves and seek means to stop the disease the toll will continue to be a very heavy one. People who suffer in ignorance cannot be placed in precisely the same category, but the effects are equally disastrous. Sentiment plays a great part in human affairs, and indeed life would be poverty-stricken without it, but there comes a time when it must give place to commonsense. Naturally people have a reluctance to parting with dear ones when they know their days are numbered, but if any headway is to be made against the fell destroyer, it is patent that persons in the last stages of the disease must be isolated. In comparatively few houses are the means afforded for carrying out complete isolation, and institutions for the reception of such patients are required. The most economical method of dealing with any disease is to strike at the sources of infection; it may seem expensive at the outset, but if it stamps out the disease who will question its economy?

In another direction authorities have not yet realized their responsibility to the nation, although they are moving slowly in the right direction. The vile housing conditions which exist in many places are productive of the gravest results, and the damp dwellings in the rural districts leave to many of the poor toilers terrible legacies of suffering. Wealth, apart from its capacity to enjoy it, has no value, and human life should be the very first consideration of all concerned. Owners of disease-spreading property have a share of blame to bear, but the local authority who allow such property to be inhabited have infinitely more responsibility. By taking no action, they permit disease to increase, and then they spend money in order to combat it. It is a most extravagant way of dealing with public money, and very often the people who take this line are not above criticising others who would adopt more effective methods because the initial cost would be greater. Rather than put the property-owner to any annoyance or expense, they would use the rates to fight disease which is the result of the conditions they tolerate. When there is a demand from the country, and the scathing reports of some of the medical officers of health on this phase of the question form instructive reading to all interested in the welfare of the people generally. If sunshine and fresh air are essential to combating consumption successfully, local authorities should see to it that all dwellings are properly ventilated and lighted. Many authorities are adopting an enlightened policy on this question, but it requires patience, persistence, and perseverance. The public health, however, is the essential consideration, and if they have this ever before them they will do good work.

SQUARES O' YORKSHIRE.—This is the title of a little book, edited by "Bob Stubbs," the popular dialect writer. A number of entertaining sketches, very suitable for readings at social gatherings, are given, and they are written in "Bob's" best style. The little book may be called "Bob an' Nanny's Summer Comic," and it will cause many a hearty laugh. It is a good three pennorth.

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Notice of Births and Deaths are charged 1s. each prepaid. They must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender. Notices of marriages are charged at the rate of 2s. 6d each
In Memoriam" Notices 1s. each, and 6d. extra for all matter up to four lines.

MARRIAGES.

Broyles—Newby.—On June 14th, at Sierraville, California, by Justice of the Peace, Fritz Ohland, Joseph Herbert Broyles, to Annie Elizabeth Newby, fourth daughter of Mr. William Tiffany, Rothwell, Yorkshire.

Farrar—Greenwood.—On July 8th, at Ladywood Chapel, Oakwood, Roundhay, by the Rev. Albert Hall, Percy, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden Farrar, Chapeltown, to Maud, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs Wm. Greenwood, "Lansdowne," Roundhay. 2033

IN MEMORIAM

Wilkinson—In loving memory of Henry Wilkinson, died 13th July, 1913, aged 75 years.
"A year has gone and still we miss him,
Never shall his memory fade."
From mother and children.
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Mr T. Hampson, of Rothwell, choirmaster and organist of Lofthouse Church, has secured second prize (silver medal and money), for one of his hymn tunes, out of 38 competitors.

The Late Mrs Alf. Cooke.—The death of Mrs Alf. Cooke, at Parkfield, Paignton, will be received with regret by many people. She was generous in her benefactions to Hunslet district, and every Christmas she made a monetary gift to the inmates of the workhouse and children's homes at Rothwell Haigh.

A Local Case.—The case of Charlesworth v. Charlesworth, which relates to a proposed issue of shares in J. Charlesworth and Co., colliery proprietors, of Lofthouse, was mentioned on Wednesday to Mr Justice Joyce in the Chancery Division. Mr Lodebjp intimated that it would be impossible to take the case these sittings. It could come on on the second day of the Michaelmas term if the parties desired it.

Primitive Methodism.—A "repetition" of the Sunday School anniversary took place at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday, but the services were not so largely attended as anticipated. In the morning the Rev. W. G. Sidley was the preacher, and in the afternoon the children, under the guidance of their Sunday School teachers, sang their festival hymns in the neighbourhood of Wood Enclosure. Mr. Ed. Ward was the preacher at the evening service, when a number of children gave recitations.

Marriage.—At Brandon Church, Durham, Mr John Bowling, the late Official Receiver of Leeds, was quietly married to Mrs Newsome, the widow of Mr H. P. Newsome, of the Beeches, Rothwell, by her son-in-law, the Rev. C. P. Hunken, officiating. It will be remembered that some months ago Mr Bowling had a slight seizure which necessitated his retirement from public life. Since then he has been carefully attended by his daughters, and, although not completely restored, he is considerably better in health. It is understood that Mr Bowling will continue to reside at Goathland, whence he has derived so much benefit.

Temperance.—On Monday the ladies of the Rothwell Branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union held a successful garden party in grounds at Carlton, which were kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Murtland. The party were joined by about thirty others from the Heckmondwike and Liversadge Branch, and an enjoyable time was spent, in spite of the unsettled state of the weather. The tea, which was to have been served in the orchard, was partaken of in a shed which had been specially arranged for the purpose. Afterwards a meeting was held in the grounds, and short addresses were given by various ladies and gentlemen associated with the Union. A couple of glees were rendered by the Rothwell Gipsy Choir.

Angling.—The anglers of the Rothwell Angling Club and the Rothwell Temperance A.C. journeyed with the Charlesworth's excursion party as far as Barkisland, one of the favourite angling resorts, where the management had kindly given their consent for a stop to be made. The anglers numbered about fifty, and a match was arranged in which 36 took part. A three hours' "fish" was made, and the winners were declared as follows:—1, William Denton (R); 2, James Backwith (R.T); 3, W. Wilson (R.T); 4, J Hartley (R); 5, T. Fox (R); 6, W. Priestley (R); 7, C. McWilliams (R); 8, J. J. Stead (R.T); 9, B Butler (R); 10, W Jeffreys (R). W. Denton also won prizes for largest fish caught.

Outing.—On Saturday out 1,500 people, the employees of Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth's Rothwell Haigh Collieries, and their wives, had their annual excursion to Skegness. Arrangements had been made for the trip to leave direct from the Rothwell Haigh Colliery, so that everyone appreciated, as it did away with a long walk after a full day's enjoyment. There were two trains to accommodate the travellers, and though so large a number left Rothwell there were several hundreds who assembled at the station for the purpose of seeing off their friends, and the good wishes which were exchanged were so numerous that one seemed as though the party were going for a long stay instead of one brief day. Everything passed off splendidly, and everyone voted the arrangements perfect. The weather was all that could be desired, and an enjoyable day was spent.

The Late Mr W. Ward.—The funeral took place on Tuesday in the churchyard on Wednesday afternoon of the remains of the late Mr William Abbishaw, of Flockton Villa, Rothwell Haigh. The deceased, who was in his 66th year, was very well-known in the district. Up to the time of his retirement he had been employed as the Finance Committee, he being the chairman of the former committee in 1903. He also held the position of vice-chairman of the Council. He was an active church worker, and was for a great number of years a warden, but perhaps he was best known in his capacity as a bellringer. At the present of fifteen members of the company of ringers at Rothwell, and during his lifetime he rang as many as between 60 and 70 peals. It is said of the latter was rung at the Rothwell Church, when 8,448 changes were rung, the time taken in doing so being five hours. He was a subscribing member of the company 1867 he was appointed secretary of the company of ringers, and in later years held a position on the committee of the Yorkshire Association, of Bob-ringers, and was also a trustee for that body. On Wednesday afternoon the deceased's old colleagues paid their last tribute by ringing two muffled peals, one of which was rung before the interment and the other after. Those taking

port in the peal were Messrs J. Whittaker (Hessingley), A. Chapman (Rothwell), J. Abbl- (Rothwell), D. Dobson (Rothwell), G. Shaw (Rothwell), W. Chapman (Rothwell), Abbishaw (Rothwell), W. Chapman (Rothwell), G. W. Steel (Woodlesford), G. Bolland (Rothwell), and S. Stacey (Rothwell). The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. A. G. Scott, vicar of Lofthouse.

CROSSGATES

TRAIN SERVICE.—On Friday night a meeting of railway contract ticket-holders was held at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk—Mr. Thomas Simpson presiding—to consider the question of obtaining better travelling facilities between Crossgates and Leeds. It was pointed out that there was no train between 1.17 p.m. and 2.18 p.m., and to meet the convenience of business men returning to the city after dinner a train that would reach Leeds about two o'clock was needed. It was further stated that the 2.18 train was frequently late, and business men were greatly inconvenienced thereby. The meeting decided to take the question up, and forward a petition, signed by pass-holders, asking the N.E.R. Co. to give a service that will allow of passengers reaching Leeds about two o'clock.

FORESTERS' OUTING.—On Saturday the members of Court Crossgates, No. 7,102, had a most enjoyable outing to Grassington and Buckden. The party, numbering over forty ladies and gentlemen, went by train to Grassington, and after light refreshments had been served at the Wilson's Arms Hotel, the journey was continued, by motor-car, to Buckden by way of Kilnsey Crag, where several of the party ascended to the top, striding the crag with stones thrown from the road. Going on to Kettlewell, a halt was made at the "Racehorses," an old-fashioned inn with many eminent divines, and for none has he had a greater admiration than for Dr. Conder, who ministered at the East Parade Chapel, Leeds, for thirty years. In his fifty-seven years as a preacher, Mr Mosby has delivered nearly two thousand sermons, and he says "I am thankful to know that I have not laboured in vain, or spent my strength for nought."

HALTON

Mr H. Thomas, who won the bowling championship of Barkston Ash, Mr W. Green, of the Halton Bowling Club, have entered the individual merit competition of Leeds and District. Mr T. Booth (Halton Y.) will also compete.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL.—Special services in connection with the opening of the new organ were held on Sunday at Halton Wesleyan Church. The preacher was the Rev. J. W. Ballen, and the organist Mr Walter Walker, A.R.C.O., of Headingley, who played selections on the new organ at both the morning and evening services, the soloist at the latter service being Mr Harry Verity. In the afternoon Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was given by the choir. Mr Bert Wrigley, circuit steward, presided, and there was a good congregation. The choruses were nicely sung, and the soloists were Miss Amy Hullah, Mrs Garner, and Mr Harley Stones. Mr Walker, who presided at the organ, played a special music. The collections realized £8 4s. 6d.

KIPPAX

BROTHERHOOD.—An open-air meeting to advance the cause of the Brotherhood movement was held on Cross Hill on Wednesday evening. The Rev. J. W. Tuffley, of Castleford, who was supported by members of the Primitive Methodist Church, gave an appropriate address.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Simpson, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language at Kippax on Sunday, June 28th. P.C. Holmes proved the case, and defendant, who ignored the summons, was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

PARISH CHURCH.—The ladies of the sewing meeting in connection with the church had an outing to Ilkley and Bolton Woods on Tuesday. The journey from Kippax, by motor-car, was commenced at 9.30 a.m., and the party arrived at Bolton Woods about 12 noon. The ladies had tea in the Abbey. The weather was fine, and the journey was very pleasant. The party reached home about 9.30 in the evening.

TEMPERANCE.—An open-air meeting in connection with the Bowers Allerton and District Band of Hope Union was held on the Cross Hill on Tuesday evening, and Mr T. G. Walker (representing the Wesleyan Band of Hope Society) presided. Mr A. Crabtree, secretary of the Yorkshire Band of Hope Union, gave an address on Temperance. Mr George Price was the soloist, and he sang "My mother's prayer." Mr G. W. Firth played the accompaniments.

POLICE CHARITIES.—The annual cricket match in connection with the police charities was played on Wednesday between a Kippax team captained by Mr L. Webster and the Skyrick Police. The scoring of the former was rapid, and totalled 99, while the latter scored 77 runs for 7 wickets when rain stopped play. The gala which should have been held in the evening was impossible on account of the heavy showers which fell, and the Kippax Old Band attended the Brigshaw Cricket Field, where the gala was to be held.

LOFTHOUSE

Mr P. Hargreaves, of Lofthouse, was second for Airedale terrier at Deighton Show on Saturday, and he also secured first for any variety over 25lb., and first for any variety, any age or weight.

PROPERTY SALE.—Mr A. Hudson sold at Lofthouse Gate, on Monday, a house and workshop together with six cottages, known as Highfield Cottages, situate in Canal Lane, Stanley, with a net annual rental of £62, to Mr T. Wilson, Stanley, for £875.

A STRANGE LETTER.—Arthur Blanchard, a painter, was charged at Wakefield on Monday with attempting to set fire to a haystack at Outwood, belonging to the Lofthouse Colliery Company. Prisoner pleaded guilty and handed a letter written by him in gaol. In it he stated that he hoped the magistrates would not look upon the fact that the stack was not damaged as an extenuating circumstance, and if he had not been the worse for drink he would have made a sure job of it as he had his eye on three other large stacks further along the road. His only large stacks further along the road. His only object in doing the seemingly wanton act was to save himself from something more horrible. He had been in asylums two or three times, and he was determined not to go again. If they could get him away for a very long time, he would look upon them as real friends, because it might be the means of saving him from his greatest and only enemy—himself. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes.

MICKLEFIELD

Mrs Lucy Wainwright, of Micklefield, left estate valued at £12,137.

PONY DRIVER IN TROUBLE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Wood, a pony driver, of Micklefield, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Garforth on Sunday, June 21st, at 10.45 p.m. P.C. Eadon spoke to meeting the defendant on the Selby Road. Defendant told him that the light had only just gone out, but the lamp was found to be cold. The officer added that he saw Wood approaching about 100 yards away, and there was no light. A fine of 1s. and costs was imposed.

OULTON

BOWLING.—Leeds and District individual merit competition takes place on Saturday, and the Oulton players entered include Messrs J. Nuttall, F. Ellis, H. Peters, J. W. Hutchinson, W. Hutchinson, jun., T. Brown, J. W. Morley, and J. Graham.

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—Infirmary Sunday was celebrated at Oulton and Woodlesford on Sunday. In the morning a procession, headed by the Oulton Brass Band, paraded various parts of the district, and a collection was taken en route. In the afternoon the parade was resumed, and, after visiting other parts of the district, the workers marched to the Oulton Church, where a service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. H. T. Pattinson. In the evening services were held in the churches of Oulton and Woodlesford, and collections were taken on behalf of the Infirmary funds.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with the Oulton Wesleyan Church anniversary services were held on Sunday. The special preacher was Mr Moyle, the district evangelist, who addressed good congregations. On Sunday afternoon a service of song, entitled "Billy Bray," was ably rendered by the male voice choir belonging to the church, conducted by Mr H. Choir belonging to the church, conducted by Mr H. Bedford. Mr W. Warrington presided at the organ, and the narrative was read by Mr Lyon. On Monday afternoon a service was held in the chapel, the preacher being the Rev. E. Davidson (connexional evangelist). The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson (superintendent minister, Rothwell). Thomlinson (superintendent minister, Rothwell). took part in the service. A public tea was afterwards held, and this was followed by a meeting in the chapel, presided over by Mr T. Stephenson. Addresses were given by the Rev. M. Moyle, the Rev. E. Davidson, and Mr Moyle. The financial report was read by Mr Lyon.

STOURTON

THE LATE MRS BOSOWORTH.—Stourton Primitive Methodist Chapel is poorer by the loss of one of its best workers—Mrs Bosomworth—who died after a short illness during the week-end. The deceased, prior to coming to Stourton, Leeds, was a member of the Lady Pit Lane Primitive Methodist Church, and her association with the Stourton Chapel dates back for the past three years, and many will regret the loss of her valuable help. She leaves a family of four, two daughters and two sons. A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday night by the minister, the Rev. W. S. Spencer.

ANNIVERSARY.—The Sunday School anniversary services at the Primitive Methodist Chapel were continued on Sunday. The special preacher was Mr B. Warhurst, of Beeston Hill, who gave an interesting address on "Labels" to the children of the Sunday School. Mr Brook, the Sunday School superintendent, presided. The children sang their anniversary hymns, and Master Harry Bell gave a solo. Recitations were also given by the following:—James Crow, who recited, "Golden Rain"; Joe Taylor, "Be as thorough as you can"; and Doris Wheeler, "The Harvest." In the evening the following recited:—Harry Taylor, "The strong and the good courage"; Lilian Walker, "When I have time"; and Ida Wainwright sang "Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me."

DAMAGE.—The trial of Arthur Farrar (14), Stourton, and Arthur Hunt (14), Hunslet, who were summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions last week for doing wilful damage to rhubarb belonging to Mr Selwyn Wade, Stourton, but owing to the non-appearance of the lads, the case was adjourned, came before the magistrates on Tuesday. Evidence was given that the lads were throwing stones and jumping on the top of rhubarb. The damage done was to the extent of 6s., and the magistrates, in ordering the payment of the latter sum, in each pay 2s. towards the damage, together with the costs of the case, said they did not want to make the lads criminals, but would look to the parents. A warning was given to the lads that if they came before the Court again they would be severely dealt with.

SCHOLES

MR LEO. S. Horneastle, of Scholes, has been successful in passing the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, held in May last. Mr Horneastle served with Messrs Howard and Maisey, of Leeds, accountants to the Garforth Urban District Council.

CRICKET.—On Saturday a match was played at Scholes between the Scholes team and Armley, and resulted in a tie, each side scoring 47. For Scholes Drake took four wickets for 9, and Armitage 6 for 16. For Armley—Scholes 3, Sykes (not out) 3, Drake 9, Moor 13, Barker 0, Armitage 0, H. Simpson 2, Whitaker 5, Jubb (not out) 3, Alvin 0, Robinson 1, extras 2; total 47. Armley—Lawson 0, Wilkinson 4, E. Wilkinson 15, Johnson 0, Colby 0, McCullah 0, Armitage 1, Isbell 1, Midgley (not out) 7, Braddock 14, extras 4; total 47. In the previous week Scholes played Mr Moorhouse's team at Scholes, and the homesters won by four wickets. Scores:—Mr Moorhouse's Team—Mr Jackson 2, F. Moorhouse 43, E. Barker 0, E. Sugden 1, E. Fox 0, H. Newsome 2, L. Smith 13, T. Catlow 25, Mawson 8, Robertson 12, D. Moorhouse, captain (not out) 13, extras 7; total 147. Scholes—Mr Jefferson 16, Weatherall 22, Armitage 26, Garnett (not out) 47, Crosland 4, Barker 0, H. Simpson 0, J. Simpson (not out) 19, extras 8; total (for 6 wkts), 148.

ARLINGTON

HIS EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Henry Crondson, a young clerk, living in Leeds, was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Swillington on June 27th, he saw the defendant, who was on a bicycle, turn off the road on to the footpath, bicycle, turn off the road on to the footpath, where he rode for a distance of about a quarter of a mile. Witness got his own machine and rode after him and ordered him to stop. Defendant told him he went on to the footpath because he wished to avoid the dust on the road, and he wanted to ask a man the way to Swillington. P.C. Eadon said the dust on the road had been repaired. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

WHITKIRK

Yesterday the choir boys of Whitkirk Church, who were accompanied by the Vicar, had their annual outing to Bridlington.

WOODLESFORD

ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School the anniversary services were held. Mr W. Denton, of Rothwell, was the special preacher.

The shoemaker's shop of Mr J. W. Atkinson, in Lidgett Grove, Roundhay, was entered during Friday night and a large quantity of leather stolen. A skeleton key appears to have been used.

WILL OF MR T. H. HEY.—Mr Tom Hough Hey, of Sherburn (President of Sherburn Agricultural Club), left £54,643. Testator leaves £50 to his gardener, Walter Tennant, and £50 to his coachman, Felix Fay, and service; £25 to his housekeeper, Annie March, £100 per annum and £50 per year if in his service; to his housekeeper, Annie March, £100 per annum and £50 (legacy), and the use of his cottage at Barkston Ash for life and contents of her bedroom and Ash for life and contents of her bedroom and large clock if in his service; £400 to Reginald B. Parker; £200 to Chas. Clarke; £50 to Dr. Thirkell; £500 to Thomas Bumby. The residue of his property he leaves to his nephews and nieces equally.

TUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

BOY'S SCHOLARSHIP ABANDONED.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

The fortnightly meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas Slee, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas Slee, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding.

Other members present were Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman), Mrs E. A. Dickenson, Father T. Cody, Dr. E. Graves, Messrs J. Butterick, W. Schofield, P. S. Marsden, T. G. Conyers, G. Armitage, W. Verity, J. Bennett, J. R. Chappell, J. Bannister, W. A. Appleyard, E. B. Pickering, H. Tullbull, W. Lunn, W. Stead, G. W. Peace, J. W. Verity, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee the Clerk reported that the Children's Homes Committee had not seen their way to arrange for parents in the institution to visit their children in the homes every leave day, but requested this committee to see that the women be prevented from interfering with the children on other than visiting days. The committee did not see how it was possible to prevent the women interfering with their children, but decided to consider any individual complaint which the Homes Committee or superintendent might make as the occasion arose.

The sub-committee reported that they had considered the application of the baker and cook for permission to get married and to retain their present appointments, and recommended that on certain assurances and undertakings given them in writing by the officers, the application be acceded to, and that the holiday list for this year be amended so as to enable them to take one week's holiday together. It was resolved that the report and recommendations of the sub-committee be accepted on the conditions referred to.

The Clerk reported the decision of the Children's Homes Committee to allow Herbert Arrowsmith to take up the appointment of pupil-teacher at the institution, and it was resolved that the Board be recommended to appoint the boy, and that he share the assistant master's sitting room and the general officers' mess room, and sleep in the master's house, his office hours to be ordinarily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was also resolved that the Board be recommended to pay Arrowsmith 2s. 6d. per week, together with rations, lodging, and washing.

The minutes were adopted.

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee letters were received from the West Riding Education Committee with reference to the suggested discontinuance of Herbert Arrowsmith's scholarship, and asking to be informed of the committee's decision in the matter. The committee also had under further consideration the desirability of recommending the boy for the appointment of master's clerk on a reference back from the Board. It was proposed by Mr Bennett and seconded by Mr Butterick that the boy be allowed to complete his studies. The proposition fell to the ground, as there was no other conclusions come to by them at their last meeting. An amendment was proposed and seconded "That the request of Herbert Arrowsmith be allowed to be granted, and that he be appointed to take the appointment of master's clerk at the general institution. It was also proposed by Mr Verity, seconded by Mrs Dickenson, and resolved (by voting in favour and 1 against) that the matter be adjourned until the boy had been seen.

The Clerk reported that he subsequently attended before the committee and expressed a preference for taking the appointment instead of proceeding with his scholarship. Six voted in favour of the lad taking the post, and four against, and it was therefore carried.

The committee had under consideration the advisability of granting their facilities to permits in the general institution for visiting their children in the homes, on a reference from the House Committee, and it was resolved that the committee cannot entertain the proposal, and that the House Committee be requested to prevent inmates interfering with the children on other than proper visiting days.

Mr Chappell moved the minutes of the committee, with the exception of the part relating to the boy Arrowsmith, while Mr Lunn moved an amendment that the minutes be carried as a whole. There was a seconder to each motion, and a discussion ensued.

Mr Bennett, in supporting those memmention, said that the members of the committee who had had to deal with the boy when he first gained the scholarship, and who had rejoiced in the possibility of the lad making a way in the world, it came as a shock when the resolution was defeated, and it was decided the lad be given the post. They were told if the lad accepted the institution until he was about 23 he would get about £45, along with rations, which was nothing compared with what he might reasonably look forward to. He had been surprised at those who had opposed him continuing his scholarship, as they were the people who talked a great deal of the necessity of education. He hoped the Board would support the wishes of the majority of the first meeting who had to do with the lad from the beginning.

Mr Butterick also supported the resolution, and said that at the last meeting of the Board when Father Cody moved that the matter be referred back to the committee, it was mentioned that the resolution that the lad continue his scholarship was only carried by one. That decision had been reversed by a majority of two, the only members who were not at the first meeting. the resolution who were not at the first meeting. Five of those were in favour of the lad continuing at school were still of the same opinion.

Mr Appleyard: Agreed.

Continuing, Mr Butterick said if there was anything in the Poor Law in which he had taken a great interest, it was that particular case. He was of the opinion that it was the bounden duty of the Guardians to let the lad have the full benefits of the scholarship. It was not only his opinion but the opinion of better men who were on the committee. The man who had trained him in the engineering school, if he had been there, would say let the lad go on with his full course. He himself was of the opinion that if the Guardians would let Arrowsmith go through he would make something far superior than they could give him now. They would be told by the opposition that the lad wanted to go, but the lad (Mr Butterick) could tell them why the lad wanted to go. He had, he said, signed more labour certificates than any man in Rothwell, and as soon as the children were thirteen they came and did not lose five minutes. It was the desire to earn money, only a natural desire, too. A lad of fifteen was not in a position to judge as well as adults as to what his future should be. He believed everyone wanted to do the best for the lad. Let him have every advantage, win another scholarship and get to the university if he could. He believed from what he was told that the lad would make a man of himself.

Father Cody said they were empowered to keep the lad on the premises until he was sixteen years of age, but after he was eighteen they were not entitled to spend a penny of the ratepayers' money in keeping up his scholarship. The education side of his life could be looked after by the lad going to night classes.

Mr Schofield also supported the resolution and said the best thing they could do was to let the lad continue with the scholarship. When the lad was 21 years of age and wished to improve his position, that was the time for him to step in, he would want something to show that he had some qualifications, and he contended that he could only gain qualifications for a workhouse master by having a thorough secondary education. That, he thought, was borne out by the Education Committee, as they seemed surprised that the Guardians should be taking the step they were preparing to take. They all knew that "neither wise men nor fools could work without tools," and the boy when he became 21 would have no tools, even if he went to night classes, to take up the position of master.

Mr Lunn, who spoke in support of his amendment, said that the answers given by the lad when before the committee were clear as from an expert. There was not a point missed by him even to rations. He believed the expense referred to by Father Cody would be a serious question to the ratepayer. He was of the opinion that with a generous House Committee they would make a capable man of him. The lad might after the end of his scholarship fall into a blind alley.

Mr Conyers supported the resolution, which on a vote being taken was lost, and the amendment that the whole of the minutes be carried was passed.

The Guardians were entertained to tea by the Chairman (Mr T. Thomas), to which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded, on the motion of Mr J. Gavins, seconded by Mr J. Butterick.

A vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mrs A. Cooke was passed.

A BRAMHAM GARDENER'S 'JOKE'

CASE AT THE SESSIONS.

David Keillor (23), gardener, Bramham Park, was brought up at York Quarter Sessions on Wednesday to answer a charge of having sent a letter threatening to murder Edith Barker, residing in York, on July 1st. The case before the magistrates is reported in another column.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr J. Oddy prosecuted.

The Recorder said that the plea entered was simply one of sending a letter threatening to murder! In fact, as a mere act of bravado. Did Mr Oddy suggest that there was any intention on the part of the defendant to carry out the threat?

Mr Oddy: Looking at the surrounding circumstances, no.

The Recorder: I am glad you have said that. If I had been a juryman trying this case I should have taken that way. In this case it was a practical joke, although a very grim joke.

Mr Oddy: It seems to me that he wished to frighten her. This girl must be protected from the possibility of being put in fear of her life.

The Recorder: It is not an easy matter. There is no question about the man's character previously?

Mr Oddy: There is nothing.

Keillor, when asked if he had anything to say, said that the letter was written on the impulse of the moment. It was never meant to be any more, and was never meant to go further. He had been sorry ever since he wrote the letter.

The Recorder. Are you in employment?

Defendant: Yes.

Can you go back to your employment?—Yes, sir.

The Recorder said he accepted what the defendant said before the magistrates, that the whole thing was a practical joke, and that he never had the slightest belief that he had had a revolver, and if he had had a revolver he would not have pulled the trigger. He was willing to believe that the accused was extremely sorry. Accused had, up to this time, borne a good character and had never been in trouble before. Under the circumstances he did not like the idea of sending him to prison, and he would be bound over in the sum of £10 to be of good behaviour for the next twelve months; he would also have to pay the costs of the prosecution, £5. He trusted that that would be a warning to the defendant as long as he lived, and he hoped he realised that he had done a wrong and wicked act, and was sorry for what he had done.

Defendant was then discharged.

Mr R. E. Hall, stationmaster, Hambleton, has been appointed to be stationmaster at Felling.

POTATO PICKERS AND INSURANCE.—In the House of Commons Mr Lane Fox asked the representative of the First Commissioner of Works whether potato pickers employed in subsidiary employments liable for insurance under the National Insurance Act refers solely to those engaged in the harvesting of the crop, or did it include those who picked the potatoes at the pie with a view to storing and afterwards planting them. The term "potato picker" in the special order applies solely to persons engaged in harvesting the crop, and does not include persons who sort potatoes at the pie.

FIGHTING.—At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday—before Ald. E. E. Brocklesbank and other magistrates—Bertie Baker, labourer, of North Milford, and James Atkinson, labourer, of Ulleskelf, were charged with a breach of the peace by fighting on June 27th.—P.C. Hardy said that on Saturday, June 27th, he was in the main street at Ulleskelf, and he heard a disturbance. On going down the street he saw defendants on the ground, and they were fighting. He reported them and took their names.—Baker said that he was going home quietly when the other man struck him, and Atkinson alleged that Baker was the aggressor. Defendants were ordered to pay the costs and were bound over to keep the peace for six months.

GARDEN PARTY.—Delightful weather favoured the holding of a garden party on Saturday afternoon and evening in the Leeds Maternity Hospital, in the grounds of The Hull, Roundhay. There were many entertainments for the numerous visitors who were present, dancing display was given by pupils from Madame Beaty's school at Harrogate, the dances having been arranged and taught by Miss Vera Robertes. A number of children, picturesquely garbed for the part, gave a pretty little open-air play, which has been given this summer at other similar functions, entitled "The Goblin Market," produced by Mrs Arnold Smith and Miss Manning. Artistes from the Empire Theatre also gave their services. There were many other amusements in the way of shooting competitions, a tennis tournament, and croquet contests, and the band of the Royal Army Medical Corps played during the afternoon.

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.

After the war had come to a close I was stationed at Indianapolis to assist in mustering out the Indiana troops. It was in the spring of the year, and, as the regiments came in slowly and at long intervals, business was not very driving. I was glad to cast about us for recreation and time-killing expedients. The most famous one at the time was duck-shooting on the White River.

This river is by no means a majestic body of water; on the contrary, it is scarcely more than a creek at ordinary times, running sluggishly on its way to swell the waters of the Wabash through a flat, swampy country, chiefly remarkable for fever and ague. At this time, however, the melting snow from the northern hills and the spring rains had swollen its waters into quite a respectable torrent, and rendered all the fords impassable. Flocks of migrating ducks hovered over and around the swollen, muddy stream in search of food, affording excellent sport to the most inexperienced marksman. Being something of a shot, I naturally thought I might tag a goodly number. So I borrowed a double-barrelled gun of George Rhodius, laid in a supply of "duck" shot and powder, and started for the scene of action.

I engaged a roomy, leaky skiff, and embarked upon the muddy waves, which were sweeping southward in quite a respectable volume of water. Never had I seen the river so high or so swollen before, and after a fairly humble one its muddy current it suddenly occurred to me that there might be some danger in it. This conviction was increased by a ragged little log floating down the bank, and asking me "if I did not wish to hire him to keep the boat afloat."

A flock of ducks suddenly rising, screaming and quacking, from the water distracted my attention, and, with a true sportsman's ardour, I lost every thought but that of the game before me. I rose to my feet and gave both barrels right and left, but never discovered with what execution, for the concussion, and I found myself floundering in the water. The gun went one way and I went the other, but we both found bottom; I was more fortunate than the gun, for I contrived to rise to the surface, again.

It was in no enviable frame of mind that I surveyed the situation. The water, where I had sounded, was at least 8ft. deep, and I was just as much at sea, as if it had been 50ft. I also made the alarming discovery that I could not swim! out of the current, which was rapidly sweeping me away, and I found if I went under once more I should swallow mud enough to sink me.

There is a trite saying that "it is always darkest just before day," and I have proved with me, when I had become nearly exhausted, and had was under water, as the log swayed and rolled and groaned in the turbulent, muddy water, which I remember I thought at the time the dirtiest I ever had the misfortune to behold.

My only hope of reaching land again was in the floating tree into some bend or against some point; but it pertinaciously kept in the middle of the stream, and was sweeping on. Clinging to it, I would endeavour to see if I could touch bottom with my feet, in the vain hope of escaping by wading ashore; but there was no such luck—the river was into deep to wade, and swimming in such a torrent was entirely out of the question.

When I had about given up hope, what I had long feared for took place—a bend in the river landed me by against the bank, and, something if the condition of a mouse which has fallen into a milk pan, I scrambled ashore.

This exploit was witnessed by two farmers at work in a field close by, who, after listening it for some astonishment to an account of my adventure, informed me that I was fifteen miles from Indiana polis, which I considered the longest voyage on a log on record. They kindly extended their hospitality to me, furnished me with a dry suit of clothes while mine was drying by the fire, a good luncheon, and a generous allowance of corn whiskey. After having thus fortified the inner man, I resumed my corn-cob pipe, they "hitched up" their team and drove me back to Indianapolis, where I arrived about ten o'clock at night.

I strolled into the "House of Lords" to see what I could.

"Hollos!" shouted Captain Murphy, "where did you come from?"

"I've been 'duck-hunting,'" I answered.

"Get any ducks?"

"Only one."

"Only one?"

"Yes; but it was a large-sized duck!"

It was too good to keep, and so I had to tell them. They thought it funny. It took me some time to see the point.

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BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION— SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

On Saturday afternoon nine matches will be played in the Senior League. Tadcaster, the leaders of division one, will if all likely have the record spelt by Saxton, South Milford will also expected to defeat Church Fenton Sycamore, and Cawood have an advantage over Church Fenton —Garforth have a stiff hurdle to negotiate at Halton, and Micklefield may not find it altogether plain sailing at Barwick, but Seacroft should easily defeat Preston. Halton Wes. will be expected to succeed at Whitkirk, and Crossgates at Collingham, but Crossgates Wes., unless they pull themselves together, may find Shadwell a stumbling block.

SENIOR LEAGUE—MICKLEFIELD SURPRISED.

On Saturday afternoon a number of good games were played in the Senior League, but the only surprise was the defeat of Micklefield, on their own ground, by the promising Halton combination. This result allows Seacroft, who had a hard fight at Barwick, to assume the leadership of the division, but in the other two divisions Tadcaster and Halton Wes. are still at the head of affairs, and they will be difficult shift.

Tadcaster had a somewhat easy passage at Cawood. The homesters, who are a very erratic team, nearly effected a draw with their opponents at Tadcaster, but on Saturday the Calcarians simply outplayed the homesters, whose innings realized the small score of 31. Baker's bowling seems to have completely upset them, and his record of six wickets for eight runs was a very fine one. Herbert, although not so successful, trundled well, taking four for 19. This pair bowled throughout the innings. This pair bowled throughout the innings. Tadcaster were not long in placing themselves in a position of safety, winning by no fewer than nine wickets. Mason was again on the warpath, and helped himself to 18 (not out), while Harry Todd had to to his credit

Between Saxton and the Church Fenton clubs a healthy rivalry exists, and Church Fenton having secured a win at Saxton, the Sycamore men thought they had a good chance of obtaining the points on Saturday. The Saxtonians, who are deficient in batting power, had the assistance of E. Stoker, and he proved a very useful help, for, although he was missed early on, he put together even in a total of 48. C. Poulter was captured 4 wickets for 22, and E. Poulter had 4 for 23. The Sycamore were not at a great pass, and they had confidence in their ability to win. They were, however, doomed to disappointment, for Richardson and Sissons were practically unplayable, and three wickets were down without a run on the book. C. Poulter and G. H. Ambler strove hard to stop the "rot," but the bowlers maintained the upper hand, and the innings closed for 23—the lowest score made by the club during the eleven years of its existence. Richardson's five wickets cost only ten runs, and Sissons had three for nine.

Church Fenton, at home, went under to South Milford, and, for once in a way, the home bowlers failed to make any impression on their opponents. Fenton scored 51, and Claughton made 11, Thompson 10, and Mosby 10. Of the Milford bowlers E. Atkinson was the best, his five wickets costing a dozen runs, but Chilton did not do badly with four wickets for 18 runs. South Milford won by eight wickets, A. Atkinson making 22 (not out), A. Lindley 13, and E. Atkinson 12.

Micklefield, after their dashing display against Great Preston, were expected to give Halton the order of the knock, especially as the match was on their own ground, but the unexpected happened. The losers, who were fighting to keep on terms with Seacroft, gave a good batting display, a score of 70 being sent up. Stone contributed 22, Smith 13, and Hobson 10. Dankel, who bowled so well for Halton last season, gave a glimpse of his old form, and accounted for five wickets at a cost of 27 runs, while Benson secured two for 9 runs and Sunter 2 for 30. Halton's score was 77, and Benson distinguished himself by making 27, Haigh having 11. Townend had three of their wickets for 14, Smith 4 for 38, and Stone 2 for 19.

Great Preston proved themselves no match for Garforth, but it must be confessed that the winners got something of a fright at the outset, for Prime, the Glovers, Firth, and Wilson were sent back for a modest 25. When Williamson and Morley got to the wicket, however, the bowling was "collared," and they registered 23 and 23 respectively. G. Reed put on 13 (not out), and the innings realized 97. R. Wiggleworth captured three wickets for 18, and J. Green had four for 28. Preston were not allowed to become accustomed to the bowlers, for Garforth tried the quick change method with success, six trundlers doing duty. The losers were dismissed for 49, and T. Wiggleworth had a creditable 16. T. Ballance was the best bowler on the field, securing four wickets for ten, while Morley had 2 for 11, H. Pickersgill 1 for 5, and W. Glover 1 for 10.

Seacroft discovered that points are not so very easily picked up at Barwick, and had the homesters managed to add an additional 20 to their score there's no saying how the match would have gone. Barwick scored 65, of which Wolton had 18, and Dennis Burton claimed six of their wickets for 27, while Stead had two for ten runs. Seacroft made a fairly good start, Burton making 15, Stead and Thompson 10 each, and Todd 5, and then the scoring slackened. The home bowlers stuck grimly to their work, but visitors were unable to accomplish their purpose, and the 'Crofters won by three wickets. Barwick are to be congratulated on their splendid fight against the leaders, who, of course, were expected to win.

Whitkirk are going ahead again. Collingham were their opponents on Saturday, and the match was on the former's ground. The homesters gave a poor batting display, being sent back for 45, and this must be attributed to the fine bowling of Ingle and Pawson, who trundled throughout the innings. Ingle's six wickets cost 16 and Pawson's four were got for 26. Whitkirk would have made an equally weak show had it not been for Arthur Shepherd, who accounted for 22 in a total of 46 for seven wickets. Emmerson trundled well for Collingham, securing five wickets for 16.

Shadwell had the tables turned on them at Crossgates, whom they rather unexpectedly defeated in the first match. The venue was Crossgates, and the homesters, who had first lease of the wicket, batted well for 92. Goodall was once more top scorer with 23, Burnell made 17, Harvey 17 (not out), and Sykes 10. For Shadwell Wilson was the best bowler, capturing 5 wickets for 33, but Heaton was not far behind with five for 45. Shadwell, after Scott 13 had left, offered no resistance to the Crossgates trundling, and they were out for the miserable total of 30. White and Yeates bowled throughout, and claimed 5 for 15 and 4 for 14 respectively.

Crossgates Wes. have struck a bad patch. It was expected they would give Halton Wes. a good game at Old Manston, but their opponents demonstrated their superiority in every department, and inflicted a crushing defeat on the homesters. Halton, who have every chance of figuring in the semi-finals, gave a great batting display, scoring 202 for seven wickets ere they declared their innings at an end. Kilburn and Don Crosthwaite led off with 57 each, O. Bell made 22, C. Batty 19, J. Popplewell 16, and Stephens 14 (not out). Crossgates tried six bowlers, but none of them met with much success. G. Umpleby was the best, and his two wickets cost 56. Crossgates were equally weak in batting, and it is probable that the long spell of leather hunting had a deteriorating influence on the players. They were dismissed for 46 and D. Umpleby contributed no fewer than 20. O. Bell led their wickets for 3 runs, C. Bell 3 for 13, and Batty 3 for 17.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

The results of several Junior League matches, for the second week in succession, were late in coming to hand. In division 1 Ulleskelf and South Milford A had a keen match, and the points went to the former. Ulleskelf made 78, every member of the team scoring, and W. Lindley 14 for 48 was the only bowler to meet with success. Milford were dismissed for 60 (Hill 33), and Potter took 3 wickets for 14, Stronach 2 for 10, and Bean 3 for 21.—Tadcaster A were too good for Brampham. The winners rattled up 61 (Taylor 19 and Nettleton 14), and Brampham were sent back for 36 (Gibbons 13). Nettleton was the best bowler on the field, capturing four wickets for 6, while Smart had 4 for 13.

Aberford made a good show against Seacroft A, but their opponents were too strong for them. Seacroft's score was 152 (Derwick 39, J. Linley 36, E. Linley 16, not out, and Hepworth 13), and Walton captured six wickets for 29. Aberford replied with 96 (Lupton 26 and Walton 27), and W. Linley had 3 wickets for 21, Ball 2 for 6, and Derwick 2 for 19.—Garforth A put an end to any hope that Halton A might have had of figuring in the semi-final. The match was at Halton, and the homesters were dismissed for 43. W. Ballance capturing five wickets for 15, and A. Hewitt 5 for 17. Garforth put on 45 for a loss of two wickets, J. Kilburn scoring 15 (not out), F. Hancock 15, and F. Kilburn 14. —Preston A made 139 (Hutchinson 40, Haddap 20, and H. Wiggleworth 18), and Micklefield A replied with 111 (Goodman 27, Simpson and Mealkin 20, and Townend 19).

Swillington and Colton played Whitkirk A, and the former won easily. They scored 165 for 3 wickets (Southwick 83 and Dobson 39), and Whitkirk's innings closed for 78 (Cuttle 38). —Crossgates A and Garforth Wes., who were on the same rung of the League ladder, had an interesting game, and the points went to the Wesleyans. Crossgates were dismissed for 48 (H. Holliday 21 and H. Linley 13), and H. Ward had five of their wickets for 18, and F. Gent 5 for 23. The Wesleyans lost six wickets in getting 50, and H. Goodall scored 18 (not out), and Ward 10. H. Linley secured 3 wickets for 18, Walker 1 for 5, and Wilkinson 2 for 17. Crossgates Wes. A got a surprise and no mistake. They played Halton Wes. A, who had lost every match they had played, and they were well beaten. Halton made 76 (Sunter 12, Townend 11, and Bulmer 10 not out). Brook captured 3 wickets for 12, H. Brook 2 for 10, and Selman 3 for 29. Crossgates were trundled out for 48 (A. Brook 20), and Palmer had three of their wickets for 11, Townend 2 for 5, and Hemsworth 2 for 6.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Oulton had a rather easy victory over Kippax on Saturday at Oulton, the game being won by 35 runs. The Oultonians, who have as a rule no previous matches, given a good batting display, found the visitors' trundling a little puzzling, and could only knock up a modest 72. J. B. Butterick was the highest contributor to the total with 17, while P. C. Higgins, with 15 to his credit, was using his bat to good purpose when the last man was bowled. A. E. Wright was credited with 13 not out. One of the best men of the side, H. J. Butler, was soon out with only six runs to his name. Only one member of the Kippax eleven (H. Limberty) reached double figures, stopping short at ten. The total score was 42. B. Walker (Oulton) claimed the bowling honours of the match, capturing seven wickets for twenty-six, and W. Hutchinson took 2 for 13. On the Kippax side A. Crippwell secured 5 for 36, and E. Bickerdike 2 for 8.—Oulton A also pulled off a victory over Kippax A, with a majority of eighteen runs, the scores being 72 and 54. W. Miller and R. V. Higgins were the top scorers for Oulton with 19 and 13, while J. Varley, the not out man for Kippax, made 16, and J. Bickerdike knocked up 11. For Oulton J. Brown took 5 wkts. for 29 runs, and R. Whitworth 3 for 19.

Woodlesford received a crushing defeat on their own ground from Cawood Friends. The winners batted first and scored 114 (Lunn 25, Dixon 21, and White 15), and Woodlesford went under for the paltry total of 24, five players failing to get a single. White captured six wickets for 13, and Pickard had four for 9 runs. On the Woodlesford side Brittlebank had four wickets for 2 and Hemer had 3 for 20. —Woodlesford did even worse than the seniors. Outwood A put on 91, and Woodlesford were trundled out for 9. Whitley had four wickets for one run, and Finnigan secured five for 3 runs.

MIDDLETON PARK GOING AHEAD.

Middleton Park maintain their position at the head of affairs in the Yorkshire Central League. On Saturday their opponents were Kirkstall Educational, and the leaders won easily. Scores:—Middleton Park—Sutcliffe 29, Barraclough 2, Foulthorpe 1, Spink 9, Clarkson 36, J. W. Place 30, T. Place 32, Richardson (not out) 34, Brown 1, Ramsden 10, Morris 0, extras 8, total 184. Kirkstall Educational—Ky (not out) 22, Mitchell 0, Barrett 3, Blundell 1, Stones 0, Hodgson 0, Beatty 0, Pearson 6, Lye 2, Kelly 4, Lee 0, extras 7: total 45.

The Rothwell A team journeyed to Altofts on won with sever wickets to spare. The homesters were soon got rid of for 40, F. Stringer with 4 for 16, J. Hobson, 3 for 2, and J. H. Palmer, 1 for 6, bowling with telling effect. Towards the visitors' 41 runs B. Fozzard made 16 and J. Hobson 10.

SHERBURN V. MANSTON P.C.

On Saturday afternoon Manston P.C. played Sherburn, and the former had the better of a drawn game. Manston made 85 (Robson and Whitehead 15 each, and Morris 12), and Sherburn scored 57 for 9 wickets (Oliver 22 and Osborne 18, not out).

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP.

Robin Hood are now out of the running for the Wakefield and District Cup. On Saturday afternoon they opposed Snaefill at Robin Hood in the second round, and the visitors won by seven wickets. Batting first, the homesters made 64. At the commencement matters looked fairly bright for the side, and at the fall of the fifth wicket the board registered 58 runs, but the remaining five batsmen followed each other in quick succession, the wickets falling for an additional six runs. P. Wormald made the best stand with 19 to his credit, while W. Bugg and W. Frost made 11 and 10 respectively. Snotfill had no difficulty in gaining the mastery over their opponents, the game being safe with the falling of the third wicket. F. Saunders made a good stand for his 27, and the two not out men, J. W. Moody and H. Goodall, had each fifteen in their favour. For the visitors F. Bell captured four wickets for 31 runs and T. Hodgson 5 for 20.

Carlton came through the round with flying colours, their opponents being Ossett and eleven, and they won by 173 runs. The success of the match must be attributed to the brilliant efforts of four players—E. Fozzard, W. Sykes, S. Lawrence, and L. Brown, who made scores of 31, 31, 28, and 22 respectively. The other 101, 51, 37, and 22 respectively. The other ten batsmen failed to get more than twenty-three among them, while the extras accounted for a further twenty. The visitors gave a fairly good display before the Carthonians trundling, the sum total of their efforts being 81 runs. For Carlton J. Brooke took 4 wickets for 22 runs, J. Illingworth 3 for 23, and W. Brown 2 for 26.

Rothwell were successful at Crigglestone, winning by 36 runs. Towards their total of 98, W. Botford (26), W. Fox (18), H. Lane (12), and E. Moss (10) were the chief contributors. The opposing team could at their best only raise 62, F. Yeadon and H. Inman each securing fifteen, and J. H. Senior 10. Trundling honours went to C. Tiffany (Rothwell), with 4 wickets for 15 runs, and H. Banks and H. Hemsworth (Rothwell) took 3 for 21, and 2 for 7 respectively. For their opponents J. A. Smith captured 4 for 19, E. Sykes 1 for 0, and E. Chaffer 3 for 34.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	7	6	1	0	12
South Milford	7	5	1	1	11
Saxton	7	3	4	0	6
Cawood	7	3	4	0	6
Church Fenton	6	2	4	0	4
Church Fenton Sycamore	7	1	5	0	3

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft	7	6	1	0	12
Micklefield	7	5	2	0	10
Garforth	7	5	2	0	10
Halton	7	3	3	0	8
Barwick	7	1	5	0	2
Great Preston	7	0	7	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	7	6	1	0	12
Shadwell	7	4	3	0	8
Crossgates	7	4	3	0	8
Whitkirk	7	3	4	0	6
Crossgates Wesleyans	7	3	4	0	6
Collingham	7	0	7	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Ulleskelf	8	6	2	0	12
Tadcaster A	8	6	2	0	12
Kirk Deighton	7	4	3	0	8
South Milford A	8	4	4	0	8
Bramham	8	3	5	0	6
Sherburn W.R.	6	3	4	0	4
Barkston Ash	7	1	6	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft A	8	7	1	0	14
Garforth A.	8	7	1	0	14
Halton A	8	5	3	0	10
Great Preston A.	8	3	5	0	6
Aberford	7	2	6	0	4
Micklefield A.	8	2	6	0	4
Barwick	7	1	6	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wes.	7	5	2	0	10
Swillington and Colton	7	5	2	0	10
Crossgates Wes. A.	7	4	3	0	8
Crossgates A.	7	4	3	0	8
Whitkirk A.	7	2	5	0	4
Halton Wes. A	7	1	6	0	2

Result of Barkston v. Sherburn match not to hand.

E. D. PAWSON, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Cawood v. Church Fenton. Messrs E. Smith (Ulleskelf) and H. Bell (Saxton).
Tadcaster v. Saxton. Messrs T. Poulter (Church Fenton) and J. Lupton (South Milford).
South Milford v. Church Fenton Sycamore. Messrs T. Crosland (Micklefield) and W. Turner (Todcaster).
Barwick v. Micklefield. Messrs F. Pickersgill (Seacroft) and S. H. Keeble (Crossgates Wesleyans).
Halton v. Garforth. Messrs A. Burton (Seacroft) and H. Johnson (Crossgates).
Seacroft v. Great Preston. Messrs C. Atack (Micklefield) and C. Plews (Halton Wesleyans).
Collingham v. Crossgates. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and H. Irish (Wetherby).
Whitkirk v. Halton Wesleyans. Messrs. A. Thompson (Great Preston) and J. L. Kitching (Leeds).
Shadwell v. Crossgates Wesleyans. Messrs H. Jackson (Leeds) and T. Blackburn (Great Preston).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Bramham v. Kirk Deighton. Messrs. J. D. Snow (Wetherby) and W. Crosland (Barwick).
Ulleskelf v. Tadcaster A. Messrs C. Thornton (Barkston Ash) and G. Westerman (Sherburn).
Sherburn White Rose v. South Milford A. Messrs H. Watson (Barkston Ash) and R. Firn (Cawood).
Great Preston A v. Seacroft A. Messrs A. Gascoigne (Kippax) and E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton).
Garforth A v. Aberford. Messrs J. Limbert (Micklefield) and T. Mathers (Great Preston).
Micklefield A v. Barwick A. Messrs A. Baile, (Garforth) and A. Birch (Garforth).
Crossgates A v. Swillington and Colton. Messrs H. Ward (Great Preston) and G. Fox (Bramham).
Halton Wesleyans A v. Whitkirk A. Messrs T. P. Spivey (Crossgates) and J. Fox (Swillington and Colton).
Crossgates Wesleyans A v. Garforth Wesleyans. Messrs. Johnson (Seacroft) and W. Nicholson (Halton).

BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE.

MICKLEFIELD V. HALTON.—At Micklefield. Scores :—

Halton—S. Haigh, c Wallis, b Stone, 11; E. Daniel, c Lunn, b Smith, 8; Sunter, run out, 7; W. Smides, b Townend, 7; H. Taylor, c Taylor, b Townend, 0; W. Benson, b A. Smith, 27; F. Heage, b Townend, 2; N. Ball, b Stone, 7; R. M. Shaw, b Smith, 0; Booth, b Smith, 1; T. Nicholson, not out, 1; extras, 6; total, 77.

Micklefield—Wallis, b Sunter, 1; Tomkinson, run out, 2; Smith, b Sunter, 13; E. A. Stone, c Ball, b Benson, 22; F. Hobson, b Benson, 10; J. H. Townend, b Daniel, 3; A. Godber, b Daniel, 1; S. Taylor, not out, 5; Lunn, c Haigh, b Daniel, 2; Hardwick, b Daniel, 5; Walton, b Daniel, 2; extras, 4; total, 70.

COLLINGHAM AND LINTON V. WHITKIRK—At Collingham. Scores :—

Collingham and Linton—R C Gibson, b Ingle, 1; H. Twidale, c Romford, b Pawson, 5; R. Smithson, b Ingle, 0; G. Ferrier, b Pawson, 4; J. E. Smith, b Ingle, 4; W. Emmerson, c Milford, b Ingle, 8; A. Newsome, c Loveday, b Pawson, 0; W. Townend, not out, 7; A. W. Stokes, c and b Ingle, 0; M. Dalby, b Pawson, 0; H. Whitehead, c Milford, b Ingle, 0; extras, 3; total, 45.

Whitkirk—A. R. Milford, c Newsome, b Emmerson, 2; A. Shepherd, c Dalby, b Emmerson, 22; G. Cuttle, b Ferrier, 2; J. Shepherd, b Emmerson, 8; R. J. Moss, b Emmerson, 1; W. E. Taylor, not out, 3; E. Ingle, b Emmerson, 0; F. Loveday, b Smith, 0; W. L. Moss, not out, 1; extras, 7; total (for 7 wkts.), 46.

GARFORTH V. GREAT PRESTON—At Garforth. Scores :—

Garforth—S. Glover, c H. Wiggleworth, b R. Wiggleworth, 2; H. Prime, b J. Green, 7; W. Glover, b R. Wiggleworth, 5; A. Firth, b T. Wiggleworth, 9; J. Wilson, b R. Wiggleworth, 2; H. Williamson, run out, 22; H. Morley, c Cooper, b Watson, 23; H. Gascoigne, b Green, 8; T. Ballance, b Green, 0; G. Reed, not out, 13; H. Pickersgill, c Watson, b Green, 0; extras, 5; total, 97.

Great Preston—H. Watson, lbw, b W. Glover, 3; F. Whatley, b Ballance, 1; T. Wiggleworth, run out, 16; R. Wiggleworth, b Ballance, 0; G. Varley, c S. Glover, b Pickersgill, 8; A. Thompson, b Morley, 8; H. Wiggleworth, run out, 3; P. Firth, b Ballance, 2; J. Cooper, c Pickersgill, b Morley, 1; J. Green, b Ballance, 3; C. Thompson, not out, 1; extras, 3; total, 49.

CHURCH FENTON V. SOUTH MILFORD—At Church Fenton. Scores :—

Church Fenton—W. Dixon, b Lindley, 0; A. Foxton, b E. Atkinson, 2; J. A. Thompson, c and b E. Atkinson, 10; W. Mosby, b E. Atkinson, 10; A. Claughton, b H. Chilton, 5; H. Keates, c Sutton, b E. Atkinson, 3; T. Atha, b H. Chilton, 2; W. Claughton, b E. Atkinson, 11; W. D. Foxton, not out, 0; F Jackson, c and b H. Chilton, 3; Bullock, st R. Sutton, b Chilton, 0; extras, 5; total, 51.

South Milford—A. Atkinson, not out, 22; E. Atkinson, b Dixon, 12; A. Lindley, c Jackson, b A. Claughton, 13; N. Stainburn, not out, 4; extra, 1; total (for 2 wkts.), 52.

CAWOOD V. TADCASTER—At Cawood. Scores : Cawood—C. O. Lund, b Baker, 11; J. Ward, b Baker, 0; S. Lund, b Baker, 4; H. Dobson, b Herbert, 4; G. Stockdale, b Baker, 0; W. Barker, b Baker, 3; H. Lund, b Herbert, 0; C. Jackson, b Herbert, 0; F. Thompson, b Baker, 1; J. Turner, c Grimston, b Herbert, 2; F. Ward, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 31.

Tadcaster—H. Todd, b C. Lund, 10; J. F. Mason, not out, 18; E. W. Pritchard, not out, 3; extras, 3; total (for 1 wkt.), 34.

CROSSGATES V. SHADWELL—At Crossgates. Scores :—

Crossgates—Burnell, c Freeman, b Wilson, 17; Spivey, b Heaton, 10; Spivey, b Wilson, 3; Goodall, c and b Wilson, 23; White, b Wilson, 5; Craven, b Heaton, 2; Fairclough, st Burnett, b Heaton, 8; J. Brookes, b Heaton, 0; Harvey, not out, 17; Wilson, c Flint, b Heaton, 1; Yeates, c and b Heaton, 4; extras, 2; total, 92.

Shadwell—Scott, c White, b Yeates, 13; Heaton, c Wilson, b White, 2; Metcalf, b Yeates, 0; Freeman, b White, 5; Burnett, c Harvey, b Yeates, 0; Bramley, c Harvey, b White, 0; Flint, not out, 6; Wilson, run out, 0; Wetherall, b White, 1; Mawson, b Yeates, 1; Taylor, b Yeates, 1; extra, 1; total, 30.

CROSSGATES WES. V. HALTON WES.—At Old Manston. Scores :—

Halton Wes.—C. Kilburn, c Binns, b Ella, 57; J. Popplewell, b Clough, 16; J. Ryder, b Scott, 8; Bennett, b Crosthwaite, lbw, b Umpleby, 57; Murtland, b Thompson, 1; C. Batty, c Webster, b Umpleby, 19; O. Bell, c Thompson, b Brooks, 22; Stephens, not out, 14; Powell, not out, 6; extras, 9; total (for 7 wkts.), 202.

Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, c C. Bell, b Batty, 0; D. Umpleby, lbw, b C. Bell, 20; G. Umpleby, b Batty, 4; E. Webster, b Batty, 0; P. C. Clough, b C. Bell, 0; Ella, b Batty, 0; E. Clough, c Kilburn, b C. Bell, 5; E. Mills, not out, 4; A. Beaumont, lbw, b O. Bell, 11; W. Thompson, b O. Bell, 2; C. Ellis, st Stephens, b O. Bell, 0; extras, 1; total, 46.

SEACROFT V. BARWICK.—At Barwick. Scores : Barwick—F. Lumb, b G. Stead, 8; W. Hartley, b D. Burton, 2; B. Robshaw, c and b Burton, 0; H. Walton, b Burton, 0; G. Brown, lbw, b Stead, 4; D. Childe, at Atack, b Burton, 0; J. Pollard, st Atack, b T. Toft, 8; J. Robshaw, b Burton, 0; B. Bell, c Ellis, st Stephens, b Burton, 0; W. Lovett, not out, 11; V. Robshaw, c H. Toft, b C. Johnson, 3; extras, 9; total, 65.

Seacroft—D. Burton, c and b Hartley, 15; T. Toft, b Bowes, 5; G. Stead, b Hartley, 10; G. Thompson, c Pollard, b B. Robshaw, 10; Atack, run out, 2; C. Johnson, b Hartley, 7; E. Johnson, not out, 4; H. Toft, c and b Hartley, 3; J. W. Pickersgill, not out, 6; extras, 6; total (for 7 wkts.), 68.

CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE V. SAXTON—At Church Fenton. Scores :—

Saxton—E. Stoker, c Foxton, b E. Poulter, 11; J. Firn, b C. Poulter, 7; T. Richardson, b C. Poulter, 0; J. Firn, b C. Poulter, 0; Sissons, run out, 4; B. Firn, b E. Poulter, 7; Parker, b E. Poulter, 2; J. Marshall, not out, 8; Howdsley, c and b C. Poulter, 0; W. Lawn, b C. Poulter, 5; J. Thirkill, absent, 0; extras, 3; total, 48.

Church Fenton Syc.—A. Moore, b Richardson, 0; Ath. Poulter, run out, 0; J. Harrison, b Richardson, 0; C. Poulter, b Richardson, 7; G. Ambler, b Richardson, 3; C. Whittingham, b Richardson, 0; Geo. H. Ambler, b Sissons, 7; A. Poulter, lbw, b Sissons, 2; A. Holt, c W. Firn, b Richardson, 11; D. Blackburn, run out, 0; E. Poulter, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 22.

Mr Fred Horne's brother (Rev. C. Silvester Horne), who was not unknown in Barkston Ash, left £8,450.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

SOUTH MILFORD A. V. ULLESKELF—At South Milford. Scores :—Ulleskelf—Potter 9, Bean 9, Wood 3, Stronach 6, Sykes 7, Locy 8, Smith 8, Hall 9, Varey 10, Tresham 2, Wilkinson (not out) 2, extras, 5; total, 78. South Milford A.—Blewitt 2, Hey 0, Crawford 7, Wire 0, Atkinson (not out) 4, Lindley 1, Hill 33, Stainburn 0, W. Lindley 1, Terry (not out) 2, extras 3; total, 60.

TADCASTER A. V. BRAMHAM—At Tadcaster. Scores :—Tadcaster—H. Chatfield 2, A. Smart 5, Shearsmith 10, J. T. Kettlewell 4, E. Nettleton 14, A. Taylor 19, H. Taylor 4, W. Iredale 1, G. Turner 0, J. Taylor 1, G. Iredale (not out) 0, extra, 1; total, 61. Bramham—T. Gibbons 12, J. Cass 3, G. Shaw 2, A. Stockdale 3, J. Dawson 4, G. Eastwood 2, G. Brown 4, J. Bullock 3, H. Shaw 0, T. Kerridge (not out) 3, T. Hebbron 0, total, 36.

SEACROFT A. V. ABERFORD—At Seacroft. Scores :—Seacroft—J. W. Smith 11, Derwick 19, Tresham 3, Wilkinson (not out) 2, extras, 1; total, 61. Aberford—A. Lupton 26, A. Stringer 1, A. Nutton 1, J. Inman 7, F. Nutton 27, G. Connell 3, J. Scott 2, J. Connell 9, J. Addy 0, A Pratt 9, T. W. Linley (not out) 1, extras, 8; total, 96.

HALTON A. V. GARFORTH A.—At Halton. Scores :—Halton A.—J. Longden 1, N. Sunter 5, J. Guest 0, H. Guest 5; H. Dobson 2, H. H. Haigh 7, F. Nicholson 5, E. Weatherill 0, W. Brazil (not out) 4, S. Clarke 1, L. Todd 6, extras, 2; total, 45. Garforth A.—F. Kilburn 14, F. Hancock 15, J. Kilburn (not out) 15, W. Browning (not out) 1; total (for 2 wkts.), 45.

GARFORTH WES. V. CROSSGATES A.—At Garforth. Scores :—Crossgates A.—W. Wilkinson 18, Linley 13, H. Linley 11, H. Ward 0, T. Hague 2, H. Curtis 1, W. Glover 1, W. Turner, 0, W. H. Smith 3, T. Walker 0, A. Brook 0, not out 0; total, 48. Garforth Wes.—F. Gent 0; H. Ward 10, C. Bilton 8, J. Bulmer 0, A. Hewitt 0, H. Goodall (not out) 18, F. Goodall 3, J. Sherry (not out) 1; extras, 4; total (for 6 wkts.), 50.

HALTON WES. A. V. CROSSGATES WES. A.—At Halton. Scores :—Halton A.—J. Hemsworth 3, W. A. Taylor 1, A. Baron 1, S. Clarke 1, S. Sunter 11, H. Sunter 0, total, 48. Palmer 11, Allerby 9, A. W. Taylor 5, L. Townend 11, E. Bulmer (not out) 10, extras, 13; total,76. Crossgates Wes. A.—C. Baildiff 2, H. Brook 0, F. Mills 1, A. Brook 20, E. Hewitt 5, H. Rodgers 6, J. Selman 4, E C White 1, E. Walker (not out) 4, G. Broadbent 1; extras, 4; total, 48.

GREAT PRESTON A. V. MICKLEFIELD A.—At Great Preston. Scores :—Great Preston A.—E. Colley 1, H. Wiggleworth 18, H. Haddaway 20, Hy. Lilley 9, F. Hutchinson 40, W. Thompson 11, Colley 0, Whatley 1, Lilley 1, E. Swales 6, W. Howson (not out) 1, H. Firth 2, extras, 12; total, 130. Micklefield A.—T. Longdon 4, J. Mealkin 21, H. Glover 11, Limbert 1, W. Kilburn 2, T. Walton 2, L. Mealkin 20, W. L. Townend 19, A. Moakes 8, J. Goodman 4, C. Ragan (not out) 0, extras, 6; total, 111.

WHITKIRK A. V. SWILLINGTON AND COLTON—At Whitkirk. Scores :—Swillington and Colton—A. Dobson 39, J. F. Southwick 83, E. Gascoigne 1, G. Farndale (not out) 25, F. Wright (not out) 0, extras, 17; total (for 3 wkts.), 165. Innings declared. Whitkirk A.—H. Stott 3, L. Firth 1, W. Cuttle 38, H. Nowell 5, W. Pogson 5, G. Nowell 3, W. E. White 0, E. Mackay (not out) 6, S. Woodward 12, R. H. Bruce 0, extras, 4, total, 78.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood	10	7	2	1	15
Oulton	10	6	3	1	13
Carlton	8	4	2	2	10
Altofts	8	4	3	1	9
Kippax	8	4	3	1	9
Robin Hood	8	3	3	2	8
Rothwell	7	3	4	0	6
Stanley	7	3	4	0	6
Woodlesford	9	1	8	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood	9	8	1	0	16
Carlton	7	5	2	0	10
Rothwell	7	4	2	1	9
Stanley	7	4	2	1	9
Woodlesford	7	4	5	0	8
Kippax	9	3	5	1	7
Altofts Wesleyan	7	3	4	0	6
Oulton	7	2	5	0	4
Robin Hood	7	1	6	0	2

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

Altofts v. Rothwell. Messrs Tate and Lumb.
Stanley v. Carlton. Messrs Tattersall and Fox.
Outwood v. Robin Hood. Messrs Newton and Pawson.
Kippax v. Woodlesford. Messrs Morley and Holden.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

OULTON V. KIPPAX—At Oulton. Scores :—

Oulton—W. J. Butler, lbw, b Alb. Crippwell, 6; W. Haygarth, c and b Alb. Crippwell, 2; J. B. Butterick, c Bickerdike, b Cripwell, 17; A. E. Wright c Lloyd, b Cripwell, 10; W. Hutchinson, b A. Crippwell, 2; Cliff Higgins, b Bickerdike, 13; P. C. Higgins, b Bickerdike, 15; J. Brown, b Bickerdike, 0; J. Bickerdike, not out, 11; extras, 4; total, 72.

Kippax—S. Edwards, c R. Higgins, b Walker, 0; W. Lloyd, c H. Higgins, b Hutchinson, 0; E. Bickerdike, c R. Higgins, b Walker, 5; A. Cripwell, b Walker, 4; E. Bickerdike, b Walker, 2; G. Plows, c Cliff Higgins, b Hutchinson, 13; S. Booth, b Walker, 0; H. Limbert, b Walker, 10; L. Veitch, b Hutchinson, 0; Alb. Crippwell, b Walker, 6; S. Smart, not out, 7; extras, 3; total, 42.

OUTWOOD FRIENDS V. WOODLESFORD—At Woodlesford. Scores :—

Outwood—H. Dixon, c Denison, b Hamer, 21; W. Pickard, c W. Glover, b Hamer, 0; J. W. Lunn, c Harrison, b Brittlebank, 25; D. White, c Wilkinson, b Brittlebank, 15; J. Jones, c Baxter, b Brittlebank, 0; Bentley, c Denison, b Evans, 1; A. Hargreaves, c Harrison, b Hitchen, 9; P. Carr, c Hitchen, b Brittlebank, 0; E. Pickard, c and b Wilkinson, 7; J. Woolley, c R. Hoyland, b Hamer, 15; extras, 9; total, 114.

Woodlesford—W. Harrison, b White, 7; A. Brittlebank, c and b Pickard, 2; E. Baxter, c Thompson, White, 7; E. Dobson, b Pickard, 0; H. Bennett, b Pickard, 0; Wilkinson, b White, 0; J. Hamer, not out, 1; A. Evans, b Pickard, 0; E. Hitchen, b White, 4; V. Williams, b White, 0; A. Denison, b White, 0; extras, 2; total, 24.

OUTWOOD FRIENDS A. V. WOODLESFORD A.—At Outwood. Scores :—Outw

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

Author of "The Orchid Room," "The Medicine Lady," "From the Hand of the Hunter," "His Masool," "Little Wife Hester," &c.

CHAPTER XXV.

Whether Thomas Oswald would have yielded to sempion or not can never be known, for the simple reason that Silas Luke had got inside the grounds of Comop Grange, and Silas Luke was now Thomas Oswald's worst enemy.

Silas wandered slowly with that soft, sweet sense of being forgiven under the overhanging trees. Presently, he came to the exact spot where he had met the sweet young lady yesterday. It seemed to him that he could see the mark of his own dirty figure as it lay on the soft green sward. Well, he was clean now. He would not contaminate the young grass and the sweet growing things. He took off his hat, he pushed back his hair, and looked into the water. He said to himself:

"I am good, and it's splendid to be good; it's worth miles more than a couple of pounds a week. It's worth more than all the money in the universe. I wonder when she will come. I'll tell her I'll put her on her guard. Maybe, they'll think it right to lock me up, but I don't mind—I don't mind what happens to me now. It is so nice to feel clean and good."

Meanwhile, Pamela, who, little guessing that her dear favoured tramp, Silas, was waiting for her, went into the house. She retired to her own room, where for some time she cried very bitterly. Then Peter came up and tapped at the door. She said, "Come in," and he entered.

"Pamela, my little darling! This must not go on, it really mustn't. You are looking perfectly ghastly. You must come out with me; you must, my dear one. We'll just go for a walk by ourselves. You know that my father would not do what he did without good reason."

"You don't! And I love him, but I can't understand," said poor Pamela. "I do so hate hurting anyone, particularly a solitary, broken-down creature like Silas."

"Oh, at any rate, come for a walk, dearest. We can talk just as well out in the open air as here."

Pamela agreed, and they presently went out through one of the open doors into the lovely sunlit landscape. The soft breeze blew on their glowing cheeks. Pamela was all in white. She took up a white parasol in the hall and held it over her head. Her dark hair was somewhat tumbled, for she had ruffled it in her excess of grief. Her cheeks were flushed, owing to the tears she had shed, but the cool breeze quickly brought them back to their normal condition, and the redness round her eyelids softened until it disappeared. She leant against Peter, and looked up at him, smiling as she did so.

"I am glad you are with me, Peter. I am glad you are so strong—that you are taller than I am—that I shall always be able to look to you to lean against, to love, to be happy with——"

"I say, Pamela!" The young man stopped abruptly. He pointed in a certain direction. "How did he get in, Pam?"

Pamela glanced quickly a step or two away from Peter. The tramp was coming to meet them.

"Pamela, ought we to speak to him?"

"Peter, he is in the grounds, I must speak to him; I will. Oh, this is a great relief. I will tell him that he is to go, and then we will always be kind to him, and that he will hear from us by-and-bye. Oh, that is a great relief. Let us go at once and talk to the poor fellow."

"I will go up to the house, if you like, Pamela, and bring those clothes."

"Will you, darling? Oh, thank you so much. Be as quick as you can, Peter. I'm so much. Be as quick as you can, Peter. I'm so sick of you and all for you."

Paul, busily engaged writing his letters in the study, little knew what was taking place. Pamela was alone with the tramp. Silas looked at her. Suddenly, he went on his knees.

"Be up for our lessons?" he said.

"Yes, Silas; there is no one near."

"I've been awaiting for you. I am glad so you are come."

"Silas," said the girl, bending forward, "what is the matter with you? You look better to-day."

"I am clean—that is it," was his reply.

"Clean?" said Pamela. "Clean? Why, yes, you certainly are clean."

"In more senses nor one," remarked Silas. "May I talk to you, lady? May I speak out what is in my heart?"

"You may, but you must be quick. My father—oh, he doesn't wish you to come here, and I was very much afraid they'd prevent you coming at the lodge, but now you are here I can talk to you. I wish to say, before you say anything to me, that I shall always be your friend, and if you want money I will give you some; but, what is far better than money, my dear Peter and I will teach you to earn it for yourself. You know, Silas, to earn it for yourself. You know, Silas, Peter and I are going to be married very soon. Oh, we are so happy! We are to be husband and wife, and I shall be his happy wife in two years' time. But I'm not goin' to do it; and it was 'cos' o' you, missie—'cos' you're in danger, missie. But I'll tell you what. You be in danger, missie, if you take the money and do the thing that I am going to tell you. You be in danger, missie, if you go to the house of your own you shall have a little tiny house of your own you shall have a little tiny house of your own to live in, and you will get good wages. Then you will be able to dress yourself, and clothe yourself properly, and you will be happy—for those who are befriended by the people who love them must be happy. for they are close to those people."

"Silas," said Silas; "you——"

"Oh, missie, missie!" said Silas; "you are too, too unmerciful. But you won't do it, missie; you couldn't!"

"You will see if I can't do it. I have made up my mind to do it," said the girl. "And up my mind to do it," said the girl. "And now tell me what has changed you, and why you look happier to-day!"

"Because I am clean. Yesterday I was—eh! dirty in body and black dirty in soul, and I had made up my mind to do a deed, wicked, terrible, awful. But I'm not goin' to do it; and it was 'cos' o' you, missie—'cos' you're in danger, missie. But I'll tell you what you be—that I couldn't do it. No; I'll tell yer what. You be in danger, missie, if you were bribed to come here and do the thing that I must not do now. Oh, the man what bribed me knows as I won't do it no more. He'll get someone else. I can't tell you his name, for that I've promised not to; but, missie, you and Mr. Peter—you must go 'way from here—far, far away, 'cause when I was bribed to do was to take the life from you, missie, or the life from him, so that you might never, never marry the one with the other. Now you know. No wonder you're white. Come 'long here, sir; come 'long! The young lady's took bad. Come 'long, sir, quick, quick!"

Silas stood up and raised his voice. Peter, who was coming leisurely across the lawn, began to run. He had a parcel of clothes in his hand. He flung them on the grass and rushed up to Pamela.

"My darling! My treasure! What is it?"

"It's 'cause o' me, sir. I had to tell her I had to warn her. I am—thank Heaven I'm saved in time. It were 'cause of her, sir, as I be so much beautiful, and too—too good because she's too beautiful, and too—too good—better than anybody I've ever come across, so I couldn't do it, and I told him as wanted me to do it that I could not do it, and I'll tell you. You be's a bad 'un, and he won't leave a stone unturned—he don't want you and missie to marry, and he won't leave a stone unturned."

"Oh, Peter, Peter!" said Pamela, looking up now, and stretching out her hands with an imploring gesture to her lover. "Oh! Peter, this poor, miserable man—he must be mad, I think. He says that he has been bribed to kill either you or me!"

"No, I ain't mad," said Silas. "There are folks in the world mad from wickedness, and I were, maybe, mad with hunger and misery and wickedness too—till I met you, sweet, cautiful angel. But I were bribed to do it. were to be a pund a week for all my natural life when once you—you or me, I could choose which—were out of the way."

"But this is awful—perfectly awful!" said Peter. "You come calmly here and tell us that someone has bribed you to kill either this young lady or me!"

"That is it, sir; that is it. I ain't the one, I will say good-bye now. If you want me, I'll leave my soul—you, who I meant to kill. Heaven bless you! Heaven bless you!"

He stumbled to his feet. Tears, almost unknown to them, were warm and sin-defiled eyes, rose now and splashed down on to the girl's little hand. He caught it frantically in his.

"Oh, Heaven bless yer!" he said. Then, before either Peter or Pamela could utter a word, he had turned away from them. The clothes which were to have been given to him lay forgotten on the path. Neither the young people nor the tramp thought about them at that moment.

(To be concluded).

SHORT STORY.

A TERRIBLE FATE.

People often wondered why it was that Cyril Bretherton had never married. He was handsome, rich, of good social position—possessing all that could most commend him to enterprising mammas with ambitious daughters.

Yet at the age of forty he still remained a bachelor, and evinced no desire to change his solitary condition. It was reserved for me, his most intimate friend, to learn from his own lips that sad story which has cast a sombre tint over his life, changing him from a gay, debonair young fellow into a silent, almost morose man. He and I were sitting smoking, one night after dinner, in his luxuriously furnished "den"—half literary, half picture shop, for Bretherton was passionately fond of painting.

"Pearson, old chap," he said suddenly, after a prolonged silence, "are you prepared to listen to a yarn to-night? One that I have never brought myself to tell to anyone before."

"I should like it above all things, and I promise to respect your confidence," I answered, eagerly.

"So long as I live—I do not desire the promise to extend further," said Cyril, moodily. And as he said this I noticed that his dark hair was beginning to show a few silver threads, although the story should longer remain secret.

There was a minute's silence, then Cyril continued:

"I know that my choosing to remain a bachelor has puzzled a good many people, you amongst the number, old fellow. Well, when you have heard my tale I think you will no longer wonder." He lit another cigar, and, between the puffs, resumed:

"You are aware that when I left Oxford I decided to go abroad and study art. I had plenty of money and no home ties, so could go where fancy led me. Though nearly twenty-four, I had never been seriously in love until I met Esmé Carolus. She, too, was a student at the same *atelier*, and it was there we became acquainted. Her beauty—her goodness— But stay, I will not attempt to describe her. Let me shew you her portrait."

Bretherton rose up and unlocked a cabinet, from which he drew a carefully covered picture. "I cannot bear that any casual eyes should gaze upon her face," he said, in a low voice, as he removed the wrappings. I saw an exquisitely executed water-colour sketch—Bretherton's work, I knew—of a girl's head. Soft tendrils of bronze hair caressed the low, broad forehead, and the glorious dark eyes seemed to look into one's very soul. The face was young, almost childish, and its innocent, appealing expression was very charming.

"Do you wonder that I loved her?" Bretherton asked, as he put the picture down and turned towards the fire.

"Like me, Esmé was practically alone in the world," he resumed, presently. "She was under the guardianship of a half-cousin, who held her small fortune in trust for her until she came of age, in some two years' time.

"There was no love lost between M. Gripois and myself. I always fancied that Esmé was afraid of him. There was certainly something repellent about his sallow face and sinister eyes. I never knew how Monsieur earned his living, but I had a strong suspicion that he existed chiefly on the I terest, if not the capital, of Esmé's dowry. However, I would see her rights settled when we were married.

"I was forgetting this event over in a hurry, but Gripois would not give his consent while she remained under his control. We must have been engaged some six months when I made a rather alarming discovery about Esmé. One day she was absent from the *atelier*, and I called to inquire about her at their landlord's apartments. The old female who 'did' for them answered my knock. Esmé was unwell; she could not see me, and the ancient dragon was about to close the door in my face.

"'At least she will send me a message,' I persisted, casually displaying a five-franc piece. 'But perhaps I can see Monsieur.' She hesitated. But the money decided her, and presently Monsieur appeared, dirty and dilapidated as to the clothes, and greasy as to the mouth.

"He was unwilling for a moment, then beckoned me mysteriously into the little *salon*.

"'You shall see Esmé,' he said, 'but she will not recognise you.'

"'Surely she is not so ill!' I exclaimed, alarmed.

"Without answering, he pushed open a door, and I saw that Esmé had an unfortunate habit of biting unspeakable torture, poor child! do you bring unspeakable torture, poor child! do you bring unspeakable torture, poor child! do you bring

A ROTHWELL LADY'S MARRIAGE.

A CEREMONY IN CALIFORNIA.

The wedding was solemnized on Sunday morning, June 14th, in Sierraville, California, at the pretty country home of the bridegroom, of Joseph Herbert Broyles and Annie Elizabeth Newby, by Justice of Peace Fritz Ohland. The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. William Tiffany, of Rothwell, England, and a native of that place. Mr Broyles is a native of California, U.S.A. The bride went to Winnepeg, Canada, during June, 1913, where she became acquainted with the bridegroom, and after twelve months in Canada she went to California in June, 1914. The bridegroom's eldest daughter and son-in-law, Mrs and Mr H. L. Blatchley, acted as bridesmaid and best man. The bride's dress was of blue cashmere, and a blouse of white shadow lace, and she carried a pretty bouquet. The bridesmaid wore a gown of white lansdown and shadow-lace, and carried a bouquet of white flowers.

As the wedding march was played by Miss Mary H. Blatchley, the bridal party entered the parlour, where the nuptial knot was tied. The room was very prettily decorated with green and white ribbons, and flowers to match. After the ceremony, a lunch was served to the guests by Miss Lottie Broyles, Misses Mary and Irma Blatchley, and Mrs Julia Wiltse, who wore hand embroidered dresses of pink crepe. The bridegroom presented the bride with a ring of pearls and sapphires, and the bride gave the bridegroom a gold tie pin and tie set of gold stones.

Many beautiful gifts were received, among them being:—Wedding cake and too piece dinner set, Mr and Mrs H. L. Blatchley; bride's-cake, Miss Broyles; six silver teaspoons, Miss Nellie Broyles; six silver knives and forks, Miss Echo Broyles; silver thimble, Herbert and Donald Broyles; hand-embroidered bed-spread, Mr and Mrs Wm. Flockton, of Canada; ribbon holder, Rena Flockton, of Canada; glass lemonade set, tea set, and berry set, Mr and Mrs Bert Miller and family; bed-spread, Mr and Mrs L. L. Blatchley and family; two linen guest towels, Misses Knox and Thompson (Canada); set embroidered pillow cases, Mr and Mrs Roy Hull (Canada); cut-glass sugar bowl, Mrs Sherrin (Canada); six dessert knives, Mrs F. Johnson (Canada); pearl butter knife, Mrs H. Johnson (Canada); pair linen sheets, Mr and Mrs Wilson (Canada); linen table cloth, Mr and Mrs Wright (Canada); carving set, Mr and Mrs Heavens (Canada); 12 linen serviettes, Miss Radcliffe (Canada); glass tea set, Mr and Mrs R. E. Yarrington; linen tablecloth, Mr and Mrs W. Nicholson; canary bird, Mr and Mrs F. Wiltse.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

KIPPAX AND SOUTH MILFORD CASES.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr Wm. Crosland.

Applications for one hour's extension were made by N. Copley, Queen's Inn; Alfred Johnson, White Swan Hotel; Ada D. Gibson, Black Bull Inn, South Milford, on the occasion of South Milford Feast and Sports, and they were granted.

C. Dixon, Red Bear Hotel; P. Townend, Oddfellows' Arms; J. Simpson, White Swan Inn, and C. E. Wilstrop, New Inn, were granted an hour's extension for Sherburn Feast and Show.

J. H. Poulter, White Horse Inn, and F. Grayson, Junction Hotel, Church Fenton, were granted an hour's extension for Church Fenton Sports.

John Wood, labourer, South Milford, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 27th ult. at South Milford. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Edward Appleyard, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 27th in Kirkgate, Sherburn. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Mary Brown, married, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 27th ult. at Kirkgate, Sherburn. Defendant did not appear. Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Harry Clabby, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 27th ult. in High Street, Sherburn. Defendant did not appear, and he was fined 5s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

John Mosby, miner, Kippax, was charged with stealing a pick blade, the property of John Taylor, miner, of Leeds, on the 25th ult. The complainant stated he went to the pit office at Micklefield for his pick, and it was not there. He afterwards found defendant using it. He asked him for it, and he replied "I don't know whose it is. Someone took my pick, so I took this." He then gave it to witness. On being formally charged, defendant said he was not guilty of stealing the pick. He found the pick in his place, and he had never looked at the numbers. The Bench gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the case.

William Matthewson, joiner, South Milford, was charged with drunkenness on the 28th ult on Doncaster and Tadcaster Road. Mr C. Kemp appeared for defendant and pleaded guilty. The man was very respectable and had never been proceeded against before. He asked them to deal with him under the First Offenders' Act. The Bench dismissed the case on payment of costs, 4s.

OTTER HUNTING AT COLLINGHAM

Mr W. Thompson's otter hounds met on Wednesday at Collingham Bridge, where a big field was assembled, and enjoyed some capital sport. Drawing up stream, hounds spoke to the drag almost at once, and intermittently all through Linton Ings, carefully drawing every bit of cover up to Langwith Wood, until, when nearing the end of this one-time resident's favourite cover, they marked at a rock, and, without any assistance, got their otter away, swimming her down stream for a short distance, when she turned back, and made up stream nearly to Keswick Ox Close, but, not caring to face the shallow there, returned in the vicinity of where she was marked.

Scent was very bad, and, although hounds never lost her, they could never press her, and it seemed long odds on the otter, for several times, when she was viewed and hollowed to, and hounds close on her rudder, they could scarcely own the line. A stickle had been formed at the low end of Langwith Wood to prevent the otter getting down stream into Linton Deeps, but for some time she never attempted coming down so far until some extra drive on the part of hounds hustled her, and she rushed the stickle, but for some unaccountable reason stopped at a rock a few yards below, when she had all Linton Deeps to go at.

For a few minutes hounds did not locate her, but flushed below, and were swimming her wask in midstream, gradually drawing up nearer to her retreat, which she evidently did not think were secure for before hounds reached the rock she carried it, and swam up stream for a hundred yards, landing on the bank, and endeavouring to make up into Langwith Wood. But hounds were close on to her, seizing her on the bank, and pulling her back into the river—a bitch otter of 15lb.

While hounds were breaking up this otter it was reported that another otter had been viewed making up stream. Hounds were cast on at once, and had a drag up to Carthick, but were never able to mark, for scent was so bad as it well could be, the river being exceedingly clear, and full of weed waterings. From Carthick to Harewood Bridge it was palpably a two-dog, and nothing more was done.

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING—APATHY OF CLUBS

WILL THE COMPETITIONS BE DROPPED?

The annual meeting of Barkston Ash Football Association was held at the Station Hotel, Cross-gates, on Wednesday evening, and those present were Mr J. R. Batty (President), Mr Alf. Johnson (vice-president), Mr Arthur Flowith (hon. treas.), Mr W. A. Osborne (hon. sec.), Mr A. Deighton (Church Fenton), Mr Inman (Austford), Mr Metcalfe (Tadcaster), members of the Executive; and Mr Tankard (Barwick R.S.).

The Hon. Sec., in his report, stated that during the past season there were 18 clubs affiliated to the Association, a similar number to that of the previous season. The various competitions were won by the following clubs, viz.: Deighton Sheaf Cup, South Milford (for the first time); Barkston Ash Cup, Cawood United (for the first time); and the Templenewsam Charity Cup, Gorforth W.R. Owing to the dearth of clubs, it was unfortunately found impossible to offer the Junior Cup and Lane Fox Shield for competition, and these trophies were temporarily withdrawn. The football played during the season created very little enthusiasm, and interest throughout the division was practically nil, and no doubt much of this was caused by the small number of matches played. One exception to the lukewarmness was the Cup final played on the Bowling Green at Selby. It produced one of the best "gates" there had been for some years, and there certainly appeared a prospect of a revival of Association football in Selby and the district. The number of reported players was extremely low; only five came before the Commission during the season, three being from Gorforth W.R., 1 from Barwick United, and 1 from Church Fenton United. In his last report, it was found necessary to mention what was a blot on that season's football, and again last season they had the same two clubs (Gorforth W.R. and South Milford) in bitter conflict. Much unpleasantness was undoubtedly caused by the decisions of the Appeals Board—a committee which the Association would be well advised to discard in the future, and to take all appeals to the full body of the West Riding Association. At the same time, there was no reason why the Gorforth Club should have taken such an unsportsmanlike action as they did in retaining Deighton Shield. This was the first time on record in the Association that any trophy had been withheld by a club. The Executive also came in for much uncalled for abuse, and so far as he was concerned he was anxious to sever his connection with the secretarial work, rather than allow himself to be abused by such unsportsmanlike and disappointed partisans. During the season the Executive had, with one or two exceptions, attended the meetings fairly well, and had always done their best for all clubs, although not giving satisfaction to everyone.

The Hon. Treas. submitted the balance sheet, which had been audited by Mr W. Tate, incorporated accountant, Gorforth. The season was commenced with a sum of £91 12s. 9d. in hand, and including this, the income was £53 15s. 7d. After meeting all expenditure there was a balance left of £14 16s. 1d. Including a balance of £18 3s. 7d. the income of the Templenewsam Charity Cup Competition was £25 5s. 3d., and after giving £10 to Leeds Infirmary, and three guineas in grants to injured players, there remained a balance in the bank of £10 12s. 3d.

The Chairman said that there was an increase of £3 in the bank, and that was not bad considering the season.

Mr Metcalfe proposed the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

Mr Inman seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr Deighton proposed that the hon. sec. be granted an honorarium of £10. Mr Metcalfe seconded, and this was adopted.

Mr Flowith moved that Mr Batty, who had carried out his duties in an efficient manner, be re-elected to the presidency, and Mr Deighton seconded.

Mr Batty said that he had had 25 years' experience of cricket and football in the district, but after what had occurred last season he could not accept office again.

Mr Deighton asked if it was not advisable to consider what they were to do with the Competitions.

Mr Metcalfe said that if they did not go on with the Competitions they would drop through, as he was disinclined to go on unless more interest was shown by the clubs.

Mr Deighton said that every club had been notified, and the meeting had power to consider the question.

The Hon. Sec. said that the more one did for the Association the more one was abused. The abuse he and the President had had to take was simply disgraceful.

Mr Flowith said the attendance was wretchedly poor for an annual meeting, and they ought to consider the advisability of continuing the Competitions.

Mr Batty said that he thought if they gave the Competitions a rest for a year it would do good.

Mr Inman said the district would be very quiet in the winter without footmall, and he thought they should endeavour to get the Competitions going.

The Hon. Sec. said the only clubs that had joined were Boston Spa and Church Fenton. Barwick R.S. and Wetherby were prepared to join, and he had had a letter from Fairburn about joining one of the Competitions.

Mr Inman said Aberfield would join, the Hon. Sec. said Sherburn would go into the Junior League, and Mr Johnson said South Milford would run two teams.

After further discussion, Mr Deighton suggested that the Competitions be dropped for a year.

Mr Flowith said that was a serious step, but unless clubs showed more interest it was inevitable.

Mr Inman said he was in favour of going on.

Eventually Mr Flowith proposed that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, July 22nd, and that if a sufficient number of entries from clubs is not received by the 21st the Competitions be dropped.

Mr Deighton seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr Osborne was instructed to convey the decision of the meeting to the clubs, who will thus have the responsibility of deciding the question.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

NURSING SCHEME—NAMING OF STREETS.

A meeting of the Garforth Urban District Council was held at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr R. Routledge, senr., Mr E. C. Archer, Mr H. Gascoigne, Mr Goodall, Mr W. W. Hartley, Mr T. S. Slater, and Mr H. Chappel, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the Water Inspector (Mr Naylor), and the surveyor (Mr Abbot).

At a meeting of the Water Committee Mr E. J. Silcock's account, amounting to £22 3s. 6d., charges in connection with the financial adjustment with Tadcaster District Council, was passed.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee the Clerk read a letter from Mr Mark Learoyd, stating that he had got a man to plough the land at the sewage beds, but he had been delayed owing to the wet, and he would plough and harrow it as soon as possible.—A letter was read from Mr Barsell offering to rent the two cottages in the mill yard, and stating that he was endeavouring to abate a nuisance complained of.

At a meeting of the Fire and Lighting Committee it was agreed to get 14 outdoor cups for the use of firemen. An advertisement was ordered to be inserted in the "Courier" for tenders for painting and lettering distance plates from hydrants.

The medical officer of health (Dr. Pickersgill) sent his report for June, and it stated that, according to the Education Committee, whooping-cough, mumps, and measles were bad in the district. Two cases of tuberculosis had been notified, and there were no cases of scarlet fever, and no cases of infectious disease were in the hospital. The sanitary state of the district, wrote the Doctor, was very satisfactory. During the month two deaths had occurred, while eight births—six males and two females—had been notified.

The Clerk explained that Dr. Pickersgill had been very ill and had been ordered away.

Mr Chappel asked when they were to have the medical officer's annual report. They had been expecting it for the past two months.

It was decided that the Clerk write and ask for it as soon as possible.

The water inspector's report showed that the consumption of water for the month ending June 29th (a period of 35 days) was 1,645,000 gallons—an average of 47,000 gallons per day. The total consumption of water for the quarter ending June 29th was 4,108,000 gallons, which was 877,000 gallons less than the previous quarter. During the month three cottages were connected up in Sturton Lane.

A letter was read from the West Riding County Council with reference to the treatment of tuberculous patients from Garforth, and suggesting that the expenses of such patients be defrayed by the sanitary district concerned, paying one half after deducting the contribution of the West Riding Insurance Committee and the Government grant.

The Chairman intimated that they had no option but to enter into such an agreement, and this it was resolved to do, on the motion of Mr Archer, seconded by Mr Routledge.

A motion by Mr Chappel as to the alteration of water charges, so far as they relate to fried fish shops, was seconded by Mr Gascoigne, and carried.

The Clerk reported that some of the business of last Wednesday night would have been to appoint delegates to a conference convened by the West Riding County Council relating to the Combined Nursing Scheme, which was held at Tadcaster on Friday. As Mr Archer and Mr Gascoigne were the only two to attend they thought the matter should be left with the Clerk to arrange with the Chairman to represent the Council.

Mr Dobson said he went over to Tadcaster, and found there representatives from the County Council and representatives from various education committees and nursing associations. The suggestion was that in those places where they had a district nurse, the nurse might carry out the officers, and a grant would be made by the County Council of about £6 per 1000 inhabitants. If they had a nurse, Mr Dobson said, she would want paying for it, and he did not see that they were going to get any profit out of it. A representative of the County Council said it might be wise if a nursing association was formed in the district. That was to say, Garforth combine with Aberford and Barwick, but the places were so far apart that the scheme could not be worked satisfactorily. He himself thought it would be best for the West Riding County Council to provide their own nurse. It was also suggested that if a nurse was appointed she could take over duties under the Public Health Act and that this Council might make a grant towards her pay. He was of the opinion that the nurse should carry out her duty as a district nurse, and that the Council Council appoint a nurse. He advised the Council to take no further steps, but to let the West Riding Authorities appoint a nurse.

This was agreed to.

An application by one of the roadmen for an advance of wages was considered, and a grant of 1s extra 2s. per week was passed.

Mr Chappel raised a question as to the naming of streets and the numbering of the houses.

Mr Dobson said Mr Breed had had the matter in hand, and so far as he knew possessed all the particulars.

Mr Chappel moved that the Clerk write Mr Breed asking for the particulars, so that the matter could be dealt with at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Archer seconded, and this was carried.

Mr Frank Pullan, of Barwick-in-Elmet, has received the degree of B.A. at the University of Leeds.

BOWLS.—Mr A. W. Westerman, the well-known Tadcaster bowler, who was beaten in the final for the championship of Barkston Ash on Monday by Mr H. Thomas, of Hallam, has entered the Leeds and District individual merit competition, to be played on Saturday.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Etoffs, who were at home, inflicted a crushing defeat on the Leodiensians Scores:—Etoffs—Pickersgill 5, Midgley 16, Foster (not out) 73, Turner 43, Arrowsmith 20, Maltby 0, B. Turner (not out) 26, extras 11; total for 6 wkts. 194 (innings closed). Leodiensians—Lambert 4, Vause 3, Nutt 1, Cooper 28, Rigby 10, Evans 0, Gill 4, Jackson 8, Casson 4, Outram (not out) 2, Ramsden 0, extras 5; total 69.

DISORDER.—Matthew Bilbrough, bricklayer's labourer, and Mary King, house-keeper, Tadcaster, were charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Tadcaster on July 4th.—P.C. Kitwood said he was in Wighill Lane on Saturday night, and he saw defendants, who were drunk and fighting, and they used disgusting language.—Bilbrough said he was not drunk.—P.C. Southern gave corroborative evidence.—The woman, who said that that was the first time she had been in Court, was fined 2s. 6d. and costs, and Bilbrough 5s. and costs.

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"At Suez . . . a stout, almost mountainous porter saved my life. . . . He was a fat porter, and his face—well, it was not so much that it resembled a cocoanut, as that it was also like an orange. For a face it was too ambitious; for it would have been ample. His complexion inclined towards the orange; his features, the play of his emotions, to the cocoanut."

The children attending the St. Mary's Church, Sunday School, Tadcaster, had their annual treat on Wednesday. There was a service in the church, and tea in the schoolroom, the remainder of the day being spent in games in a field.

A QUESTION OF RATES.—The Wetherby Golf Club have been summoned by the Overseers of Linton township for the non-payment of £20 18s. for rates. The defence was that of their original 93 acres of land, the Club have exchanged with the neighbouring farmers and given 60 acres for 19. An appeal has been made to the Assessment Committee, but no alteration has yet been made. The club was ordered to pay the amount claimed, but advised to renew the appeal.

ROTHWELL AND OULTON CEMETERY.

The Bill confirming a provisional order of the Local Government Board forming the Rothwell Joint Cemetery District was on Thursday sent by the Examiners for second reading in the Lords. It has passed the Commons.

The places concerned are the Urban District of Rothwell, and the district comprising the contributory place of Oulton-with-Woodlesford, in the Rural District of Hunslet.

MOTORIST IN TROUBLE.—At Wetherby George William Cooke, East Keswick, was ordered to pay the costs in two cases—one for driving a motor car to the danger of the public, and the other for failing to stop when called upon to do so by a police constable. Defendant had only owned a motor car for three weeks when the incidents happened.

CRICKET.—On Saturday Moortown defeated Leeds St. Clement's at Street Lane rather easily. Scores:—St. Clement's—Walton 7, Langbourne 0, Quinn 18, Murgatroyd 0, Davies 1, Dably 28, Matthewman 3, Wilson 1, Boyce 2, Fowler 9, Hirst 4, extra 1; total 68. Moortown —Wilson (not out) 23, M. Topham 7, France 22, Heywood 9, Pearson (not out) 1, extras 8; total (for 3 wkts.) 70.

CRICKET.—On Saturday, at home, Harewood received a crushing defeat from Roundhay. Scores:—Roundhay—Morris 62, Craven 14, Blackburn 41, Hanmore (not out) 41, Childerson 3, Crosland 25, extras 9; total (for 5 wkts.) 195. (Declared). Harewood—Lacey 2, Harland 4, Brooks 0, Matthews 4, Ironside 3, Wade 0, Brooks (not out) 4, Bryant 0, Ibbotson 0, Stephenson 2, Crowther 8, extras 4; total 33.

A QUICK TURN.—Leslie Drummond, clerk, of Leeds, was fined 10s. and costs, at Selby, on Monday, for driving a motor-cycle to the danger of the public, in Finkle Street, Selby, on Sunday evening, the 28th ult. Defendant drove round the corner of a side street at a fast speed, and people in the street had a narrow escape. Defendant was also ordered to pay 1s. and costs for failing to produce his driver's licence when asked for it.

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Hunslet Guardians have, in their wisdom, decided to withdraw a boy in their care from the secondary school he was attending, and give up the scholarship he has won, and they have thus taken the responsibility of making or marring the lad's career. Poor law service may have its attractions, but I must confess that the boy's continued association with the institutions was one of the objections that appealed to me. Of course, the lad might not have won more scholarships, and the Guardians would then have been in a dilemma as to what to do with him, but as he was the first boy in the Homes to win a scholarship, and, as his abilities were highly spoken of, the Guardians might have run the risk. His own decision to become master's clerk must be taken into consideration, and, altogether, the Guardians, I must agree, had a difficult question to decide, but they have agreed on a certain course, and I hope they will not be disappointed.

The Primrose Leaguers are to have a field day at Templenewsam on Saturday, and I daresay they will turn up in battalions at the ancient place. As usual, there will be speech-making, and the principal attraction will be Sir Mark Sykes, M.P., who is making a reputation for himself as a politician, especially interested in foreign affairs. It will be remembered that at a recent demonstration at Leeds Sir Mark had a lively encounter with a number of Irishmen, and he dealt with them in a very good-humoured and tactful manner. The squire of Templenewsam will preside, and, as our advt. columns show, other speakers will include the Member for Barkston Ash and Mr D. B. Wilson, J.P., of Seacroft Hall.

Months ago Garforth Urban Council decided to name the streets and number the houses, and in the course of the christening ceremony "Briggate" became "Main Street," and such old-fashioned names as "The Forties" and "Paradise" disappeared. The work was probably thought at the time to be of prime importance, and the news that the name plates have not been put up no doubt comes as a surprise to outsiders. But it is only Garforth's way. The Council mean well, but they are hampered by an eternal lack of pence, and as they are afraid to increase the rates, work must remain undone until the money is forthcoming. At the present time the Council have several resolutions passed and placed on the minutes, which are still waiting fulfilment, but it looks as if the street names were at last to be put up for public inspection.

In starting a nursing scheme for Garforth it is evident that no help will be forthcoming from the Urban Council, who, for the performance of certain duties, have power to make a grant to a nurse. Certain members, I know, were so disgusted at the apathy displayed by the working-classes, who would alone benefit by the scheme, when it was proposed to form a nursing association, that they determined they would not trouble any more about it. No one seems anxious to take the initiative in this matter, owing to the rebuff received several years ago, and unless the working-classes themselves take it up it is doubtful that an association will be established. Garforth is a most difficult place for social work, owing to various causes, and it would be pleasing to see all sections of the community working for a common purpose.

Barkston Ash farm hands, if they are not a very ungrateful crew, ought to thank Providence every morning for casting their lines in such pleasant places. That is the conclusion an outsider might come to after reading the address on the agricultural labour problem by Mr John Thompson, of East Keswick. Bardsey, who is one of the leading farmers in the district. Mr Thompson, who is a man of ability, has adopted as his hobby the educating of his class on agricultural questions, and being a good speaker, he can, in his bright, breezy way, always get a good audience. No doubt he pleased the Boroughbridge gentlemen, to whom he addressed the other night, mightily, but one wonders what would have been the upshot had some of the statements been made to members of the Workers' Union. The economic question which Mr Thompson dealt with has an interest for people outside the agricultural circle, and it is argued that frequently there is a connection between the price for unskilled labour in towns and the wages paid to workers in agricultural areas.

Although a great many people who live in towns were brought up in the country, and are tolerably well acquainted with agricultural conditions, Mr Thompson has an undisguised contempt for any opinion that may emanate from that quarter, but he may, or may not, believe that that opinion will eventually influence the agricultural problem. By the time a farm hand is thirty, if he remains single, Mr Thompson says he can easily save £200 or £300, and one wonders what the workmen have to say to this. Mr Thompson cites the case of a young man in his own employment—it speaks volumes for Mr Thompson as a master—who left recently with £250 in his pocket—a tidy sum for a farm hand to save, but we are not told how it was done. To save in this way, a man must eschew the joys of matrimony, he must be a tiler, and he must assuredly practice stern self-denial. It is not an alluring prospect when all is said, and as a matter of fact, the farm hand, as a rule, weds the girl of his choice and gets a home of his own.

In regard to wages, they are put at from 17s. to 21s. per week, with house, garden, milk, potatoes, etc., and Mr Thompson asserts that the farm hand is better-off than the man in the town who is receiving 8s. or 10s. more per week. If agricultural labourers are so well off, why are they now agitating for a minimum wage of 22s. per week? Suppose a man's weekly income is all told, was—taking the lowest figure quoted—25s., would he not be regarded as insane if he attempted to barter it away for 22s. in cash? Again, why are so many agricultural labourers anxious to get employment on the railways, where wages are not particularly attractive? Why, too, have so many of the best-paid agricultural workers gone to Canada in the opportunities for advancement in this country are so good? Now, I am not ignorant on the question of wages paid to agricultural labourers, and if Mr Thompson will make inquiries in the country around Leeds, where wages should be highest, he will find good men working for £1 per week and less.

Now it is clear that if farm labourers are to have an improved position it must be done either by combination or legislation, but Mr Thompson does not like either. But what is good for agriculturists cannot be bad for the men, and among farmers there is no more strenuous advocate of organization and combination that Mr Thompson himself. All organization aims at one thing—betterment, and farmers, in combining by means of chambers of clubs, and unions, are doing their best to help themselves, so why should the labourer be blamed if he joins a trade union? In regard to a minimum wage, no one will assert that the sum now given farm workers in the worst-paid counties in England is adequate, and I believe members of the two larger political parties have schemes for improving the workers' lot. If agriculturists would see it, it is unfair to themselves that labour should be so cheap in one part of the country, because it gives the farmers employing it an unfair advantage in competing with farmers in districts where better wages are paid. In other trades this works out to the hurt of employers, and cases could be cited where masters are beaten on their own ground by men who pay lower wages to their workmen. Lord Salisbury gave the wages for labourers in a number of counties, and he said "The highest (16s.) was a very low figure on which to maintain a wife and family. To that must be added the fact that prices had risen to such an extent that those wages were not so valuable as they used to be." This is a recognition of the fact that labourers have a grievance, and how is it to be remedied?

While on the labour problem, a may say that complaint was made at Sherburn Show of a scarcity of good men. This is owing to activity in other industries in the district, but it shows, at any rate, that men are ready to leave the land when they get the opportunity. It was stated by one farmer that men were not to be depended on, but they are probably not so bad as the farm hand near Tadcaster, who laid himself down to rest behind a hedge when he should have been at work. This sort of thing is contrary to all notions of fair-play—it is not "playing the game," and the man who engages him is not only robbing his employer, but he is not true to himself. With the labourer who is poorly paid I have every sympathy, but the man who is ready to take advantage of his employer deserves condemnation.

Sherburn Show was unfortunate in that a combination of circumstances tended to interfere somewhat with its success. Haymaking demanded the attention of many farmers in the district, and they were consequently unable to put in an appearance on the showground early in the day, and a number of them failed to send in the stock they had entered for competition. In some of the horse classes there was practically no competition, and in at least two classes exhibitors had simply to trot animals round the ring and lift the prizes. There were well-known prize-winning animals in the ring—in one class a horse that won at Belfast was forward—and I daresay local farmers did not care about competing in classes in which they were entered. It seems to me that more attention must be given to heavy horse classes, which are popular with local agriculturists, to cattle and poultry, but it is of little use offering valuable prizes if the light horse classes produce only two. The committee are very enthusiastic, and so long as they manifest the spirit shown on Monday Sherburn Show will continue to be a success.

How disease is caused! The County Council are on the track of Wetherby Rural District Council, part of whose area is without an adequate water supply. At Thorparch and Micklethwaite, it is stated, a number of houses obtain their supply of water for domestic purposes from the river, which receives the sewage effluents of Addingham, Ilkley, Menston, Burley, Otley, and Wetherby. Bacteriological examinations of the water have proved it to be polluted. Yet people wonder how typhoid fever is caused. Some years ago an epidemic occurred in a village in Tadcaster district, and it was caused by polluted well water. At Spofforth, near Wetherby, water from the sewage effluent of householders has been analysed, and it, too, has been condemned. It is evident that the Wetherby Rural Council must be up and doing, or the County Council will have something to say to them.

When is the Whitkirk recreation field to be open to the children? The Templenewsam Council, who have assumed responsibility for the management of the ground, received a form of agreement, but, at the last meeting, they did not sign it, nor was anyone empowered to sign it. The question being apparently adjourned until a deputation waited upon Mr Wood's agent with respect to a permanent entrance to the field. Now, would it not have been better to have signed the agreement and had the ground opened to public use, leaving the question of the entrance to be settled afterwards, instead of causing so much delay? The squire has been generous, and the Council should, surely, have been expeditious.

"Surplus money on the dissolution of the Kippax Non-Political Ratepayers' Association, per Jacob Green, 15s." This interesting obituary notice of what was at one time a particularly vigorous organization appeared in a newspaper the other day, and if in life it accomplished little, it has in death done good, for its surplus cash has gone to Leeds Infirmary funds. Garforth once had a Ratepayers' Association, too—I don't mean the W.M. Association—but it was so active that, like the Kippax organization, it soon expended itself, and all that is left of it is a memory. Ratepayers' Associations are, however, greatly needed in these days, when there is so much apathy towards administrative work, and they can be made valuable educational agencies, but they are of no value whatever if their only function is to badger and torment public men.

Parsons are not always so straight as the spiritual director of the residents of Roundhay, who is not without humour. In connection with St John's Church a fete is to be held, and, in his magazine, the Vicar asks for a large attendance of the parishioners. Most clergymen would be content to leave it at that, but not so the outspoken Vicar, who evidently has a full knowledge of the frailties of his flock. "We also venture to hope," he says, "that washing day being passed for that week, as much as possible of that well-known but little appreciated brand of starch 'The Roundhay Social Starch,' may be left at home for the afternoon." But it is not so long since the residents of another part of Roundhay were explaining that they did not know the meaning of snobbery.

Will the Tadcaster District Council follow the example of West Ham Guardians if the Local Government Board decline to pass the expenditure for a water supply to a trough on the Tadcaster Road? The Guardians aforesaid have decided to go on strike so far as the administration of outrelief is concerned, as "a protest against the district auditor's interference with their discretion in granting such relief." Tadcaster District Council have, as already stated, determined to risk a surcharge, and it is possible that the members will sign the cheque may have to find the money themselves. It all depends on the humour of the auditor, who is apparently a law unto himself. As an instance of this, it may be stated that public bodies have no power to provide seats by the roadsides, yet Kippax Council erected seats and got the account passed without so much as a murmur.

Seeing the Tadcaster District Council are in such a generous mood, one would not be surprised were they to receive applications from a number of officials and workmen for increased remuneration, and who would blame them? The Council should be model employers, giving all workmen a living wage, but it is doubtful that all the rewards for this class of labour are adequate for the service rendered. Members will probably state that men are paid all that they are worth, but what are they worth? Extravagant wages, I know, are given by none of the local road authorities, and none of them, like the New York administrators, present scavengers with medals for worthy service and give them a fortnight's holiday annually. Probably the local road-makers would think the world was coming to an end were the authorities to launch out in that way.

Will all who have seats allotted to them in the church kindly bear in mind—that quite apart from the dictates of courtesy—they have no shadow of a right to look out of the wrong corner of their eye at anyone who sits in any seat which was unoccupied when the choir entered the church." Thus writes the Vicar of Roundhay to his flock. It appears that pew rents are charged at St. John's Church, but I had simply to say that it was decided, with the full consent of the pew-holders, that when the choir enters the church all seats unoccupied become free for the use of strangers. I have known people actually remove strangers from seats in which they themselves had been accustomed to sit, and to which they had no legal right whatever.

The road surveyor for Tadcaster rural area will be inclined to "cock his beaver." "It is surprising what a good surface many of the by-roads have," says a writer in a contemporary. "There is a road, for example, leading from Barwick-in-Elmet to Garforth, which in point of surface, will stand comparison with the best of the main roads, and it is a pretty road, too, were it not that half-way along it one comes in sight of the ugly colliery winding gear which marks out the neighbourhood of Garforth as a sweet place spoiled." It is evident that Mr Scott, the surveyor, has made a good job of this road, and the unsolicited testimonial he has received should be an encouragement to him. It is very unfortunate that Garforth is "a sweet place spoiled," but it would be unwise to limit industry, which means bread and butter for a great many people, in order to please casual visitors.

Kathleen E. Walker, of Cawood, has won a West Riding scholarship for intending teacher.

Oswald Hare, Elliott Lund, John Mills, and W. W. Smith, of Cawood, have won county minor scholarships.

RETIRED.—Surgeon-General W. W. Kenny, Honorary Surgeon to the King, who has lately finished his term at York, where he was the last principal medical officer and the first deputy-director of medical services, retired from the Army on pension on Wednesday. He would have completed 37 years' service next month. He inspected the Aberfordia Ambulance League a fortnight ago.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE.

At the Empire this week there is an excellent programme. There are several turns that are clever or grotesque, and one or two that have those characteristics in combination. "Potts in Pert" is a revival sketch with Herbert Darnley as the chief comedian. It is extremely farcical and well performed. The "Four Readings" make an exceptionally good show as acrobats, and their performance would be none the worse if the track of projecting one blindfolded man to be caught by another were eliminated, as involving a quite needless risk. Trovato gives an eccentric exhibition on the violin, and Rebla indulges in some clever jugglery. Smart stepdancing is done by Hamlin and Mack, and the comedians include Rowlands and Ford, Harry Bedford, who illustrates the "first ragtime melody," and Johnson and Best, comedians of the acrobatic order.

"The Honeymoon Express," described by its author as "a new musical joy-ride in eight stops" (direct from the Oxford Music Hall), will be the principal attraction at the Leeds Empire next week. The brilliant success of this really bright and up-to-date production, which, by the way, had to be withdrawn in the zenith of its success, in order to make room for previously arranged shows, has resulted in its being booked for the Empire first-hand by Mr Frank Allen, the managing director. An idea of its quality may be guaged when it is announced that such artistes as George Gregory (principal comedian with Mr George Edwardes); William Smythe, Stanley Lupino (from Drury Lane), Rosie Pink, the well-known musical comedy artiste, and Herbert Wellesley, a well-known character comedian, are appearing in the principal roles. Other city artistes take part in this production, a particularly novel feature of the chorus being the exquisitely gowned girls. The book and lyrics are by George Arthurs, while the music has been composed by the famous "rag-time king," Louis Hirsch. The whole production is staged by Ned Wayburn, the producer of "Hullo, Tango!" at the London Hippodrome. Other additions include the Van Dammes, Dutch acrobats; Leipzig, the incomparable conjurer, the Scottish Meisters; Marie Kay, comedienne; and the American bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week Miss Clarice Mayne has had a fine reception. Chic and charming as ever, she sings several delightful songs in her own dainty way, most of them new. No mention of this fascinating artiste, of course, can be allowed to pass without a reference to "That," who at the piano contributes his quota of quaint accompaniment and humorous comment. La Maze Trio, American eccentric acrobats, tumble about the stage in the most startling and amusing style; one trick gives the audience a positive thrill, which, however, quickly turns to boisterous laughter. Whatever music can be extracted from the xylophone Murfayne succeeds in extracting, in the form of operatic selections, cleverly executed; Foreman and Fannan engage in their usual cross-talk; R. A. Speedwell, "the wizard smoker," is not so much an artiste as a performer of tricks on the easel; others on the bill are Kisbey, the callboy; the Harmers, vocal duo; and the Sisters Jerome, duettists and dancers.

Next week at the Hippodrome a new revue, entitled "What Price London," will be the principal attraction, and the cast includes Jack Williams, Frank Esmond, Jack Hood, Henry Deas, Mark Daly, the Six Mascots, Margaret Stuart, the Two Cures, Kathleen Gray, Rita Everard, etc. There are three scenes, viz., on the Bridge at Westminster, Charing Cross Station, and Theatrical Garden Fete. Others billed to appear are Miller and St. Juste, two boys and a piano; Bi-Bo-Bi, the Sousa of the bells; Soho Trio, in song and dance; and the Sutcliffe family, Scotland's most versatile and popular entertainers. In addition, Hippodrome moving pictures will be shown.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

At the City Varieties this week the chief turn is decidedly novel. It is supplied by Jack Shires, who as P.C. Green, of Pudsey, gets some harmless fun out of the eccentricities of the lazy policeman and unenthusiastic fireman. Pastor and Rose combine rag-time and acrobatism effectively, though the burlesque conducting of the orchestra is a bit out-of-date; the Three Max Boothers likewise fall into the ragtime craze, though here it takes the form of dancing on wooden shoes and on ball-bearing roller skates; Sydney E. Brandon gives quite a dramatic sketch as a tramp, but wastes too much time in making-up in sight of the audience; Nestah does some clever juggling feats, with comic accessories; and Anetta Campbell sings ballads that please the audience.

Next week at the City Varieties the artistes will include the Five Trippellos, musicians and vocalists; Amos Howard, described as "the droll dancing darkie"; Leighton and Meville, Anglo-French comedy artistes, in a novel act; Jack Barker, entertainer in song, sketch, and burlesque; Bess Holland, in a sensational herculean equilibristic novelty; and Hinsle, the genial comedy illusionist, assisted by Girtie Rees. Pictures, dramatic and humorous, will be depicted by the variescope.

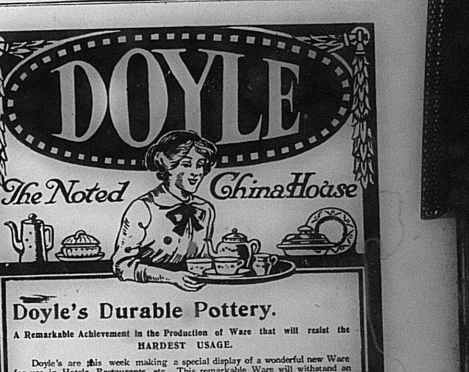
Gladys M. Barker, of Burton Salmon, has won a West Riding scholarship for intending teacher.

Mr Frank Allison, of Selby, won first prize of £20 at the Highland Society's Show at Hawick in the jumping competition for horse or pony.

Mr R. L. Powell, of Askham Bryan, won first prize for agricultural foal, colt or filly, open to farmers farming not more than 100 acres, at Copmanthope Show on Wednesday.

On Wednesday a cricket match was played between Shadwell and Leeds Police (D. Division), and the villagers won easily by 128 to 35. Heaton secured 9 wickets for 20 runs.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The month of July is a busy time in the garden. Summer bedding and the potting of chrysanthemums, take up so much of the gardener's time during the previous month, that it is almost impossible to avoid allowing other garden work to get into arrears. The work is apt to get irksome at this time of the year, but personal inclinations will have to be put on one side, and an extra effort made to once more catch up with the work. There are numerous duties always calling for attention. In the flower garden the plants are just commencing to make satisfactory headway, and with the object of showing them off to the best advantage special points should be taken to keep everything trim and neat.

It is really surprising how great an improvement can be effected by keeping the grass edges closely cropped. Lawns may be mown without using the machine box. Staking and tying will claim some attention, and privet, thorn, and beech hedges may be clipped.

Beds and borders should have the surface soil frequently stirred with the hoe. This keeps weeds down, gives a neat appearance, and prevents the soil from drying rapidly. Remove decaying leaves and spent flowers from plants in the beds and borders.

POT PLANTS.

The work in this department will be varied just at present. Young plants in variety may require potting on, whilst others, such as seedling calceolarias and cinerarias may be pricked into boxes. Gardeners differ in opinion as to the wisdom of placing these seedlings in boxes. Some contend that better results are obtained by placing them in small pots straight away. Experience is the best teacher, and growers will do well to adopt such measures as have given most satisfaction to them in the past. Seeds of the two subjects mentioned, also primulas in variety, may still be sown. Young plants of fuchsias, balsams, petunias, geraniums, coleus, etc., should be potted on before they get root bound. Older plants that are commencing to bloom should be fed with farmyard manure water twice a week. Liliums developing flower buds should also receive regular supplies of liquid food. After flowering they should be stood outdoor in partial shade.

Greenhouses are now commencing to flower. They require less heat when the blooms begin to open. Liquid feeding may be continued until the first few flowers open. Special varieties may be increased by striking the leaves. They root freely if placed in sandy compost in a warm house.

THE VINERY.

The main crop of grapes should now be colouring nicely, and much less syringing and moisture will be required. The thermometer should not be allowed to drop below 60, and 10 degrees higher is the maximum to be aimed at. During hot sunny days it is impossible to prevent this by the best ventilating, up many degrees above 70. When this occurs plenty of top and side ventilation should be given, and a little extra damping down may be practised. Lateral growths must be removed before they attain a large size. In removing laterals it is advisable to leave one joint of the current shoot. Mid-season Court Pendu Plat vines grow very much subject to cracking of the fruit just before it is ripe. In this case it is advisable not to remove the lateral growths after the fruit commences to colour.

FIGS.

Figs are not nearly so popular as they deserve to be. The flavour of the newly ripened fruit is splendid. Years ago they were used to cloth the back walls of vineries and were of course badly shaded by the vines. This prevented them from fruiting satisfactorily, with the result that they have gained a reputation for being difficult to manage. As a matter of fact they are easy to grow providing a suitable position is found for them. They require plenty of sun and air, and the shoots may be stopped at the third leaf.

POT ROSES.

The main object of growing roses in pots is to obtain blooms when outdoor roses are out of season. One of the most important points in rose culture is to get the wood thoroughly ripened when growth is completed. Plants in the open ground do not get properly ripened if the autumn is damp and dull, but pot-grown plants may be ripened without much trouble. They may now be plunged in ashes in a sunny position outdoor. During dry weather regular attention must be paid to watering, but water should not be given until it is really needed. Allow the soil to get nearly dry, then give a good soaking. This is done with the object of giving the plants a partial rest, and thereby hastening the time when almost total cessation of growth will occur. They should never be allowed to get so dry as to cause the wood to shrivel, and if the leaves droop during the day apply water forcibly with a syringe in the evening. Plants that shed their leaves early should be separated from the remainder. They may be taken indoors a few weeks before the main batch, and will usually give a supply of very early blooms. In other cases that alter the plants are stood outdoor they are severely attacked by greenfly. When this occurs every effort should be made to cleanse them. If this is neglected it may seriously hamper the chances of success later on.

HOUSE PLANTS.

A Morley reader asks for advice concerning the treatment of several kinds of house plants, and confesses that plant cultivation is not a success as house plants which are totally unfit for the purpose. To some extent the complaint is a reasonable one, but on the other hand, much depends upon the house, and the treatment the plants receive. A pot plant requires moisture at the root, pure air, and light. Atmospheric moisture is a great help to growing plants, but this can scarcely be provided in a living room house. Foliage plants receive a certain amount of benefit from being stood outdoor during summer, weather if the temperature is not too low. Frequent sponging with soft water will materially assist them to keep fresh and healthy. One of the greatest drawbacks to the cultivation of plants in dwelling-houses are the fumes from burning gas. Much may be done towards minimising the trouble by removing the plants to another room whenever the gas is lighted. Another mistake, which ruins thousands of house plants, is allowing them to stand in water in fancy pots or in saucers. When water is needed it should be given in the usual way, and after surplus which passes through the pot bottom should be emptied out. An exception to this rule is the spirea. This plant takes up so much moisture that it is quite safe to stand it in a saucer of water. Readers who possess a greenhouse should change their house plants at least once a week.

LAYERING STRAWBERRIES.

In preparing strawberry runners for early fruiting the chief point is to get the plants moving in good time. Before autumn sets in they should be well rooted, and the crowns should be plump and firm. The best method of obtaining young plants is to root the runners in small pots. Fill the requisite number of 3-inch pots with ordinary compost, to which has been added about a quarter of its bulk of old mushroom bed. It is advisable to plunge the pots in the beds as this prevents them getting moist, and reduces the necessity of giving water. In selecting the runners to be propagated only those which form first on the string should be used. Beyond this the runners should be retained. In layering, fix them firmly in the middle of each pot, taking it to the soil by means of a hooked wire. Attend to watering daily for about three weeks, when the young plants should have developed sufficient roots to maintain them independently. Examine them carefully, and if they have rooted to the pot bottom they may be severed from the parent plants, and stood fairly close together in a partially-shaded position. Attend to watering, and a fortnight later stand them out in full sun. Select the strongest plants for early forcing and pot on into six-inch pots when the small pots are filled with roots.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Not much doing. Wheat still firm at 35s. to 36s.; oats 20s. 6d. to 22s., and rye 23s. per qr.

PROVISION.

SELBY, Monday—Eggs 11 and 12 for 1s., butter 11d. to 1s. per lb., potatoes 1st per sack; chickens 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—New potatoes fetched £4 5s to £5 per ton. There was a fairly good supply considering that the crops have been put back by frosts. Retail price 4s. per hamper of six pounds. Next week it is likely there will be a lot on offer. For the few old potatoes left the prices were 60s. to 65s. per ton.

CATTLE.

WHITSIDE AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bardle and Son offered 83 dairy and store cattle, 51 fat beasts, 68 sheep, 72 pigs, and 10 calves. The attendance was very much reduced by haymaking. A large show of milk cows, trade dragging, except for the very best class of cattle, and these sold up to £25 5s 6d, medium and useful kinds £18 7s. 6d. to £22, present calvers to £22 17s. 6d., October calvers to £22 10s. 6d., forward calvers useful to £20, and secondary kinds £17 10s. to 7fd., and cows 6½d. per lb. Sheep met a dear trade, small useful shortwools 45s. each, fat ewes 5½d. to 6½d. per lb. Pigs were cheaper, small porkers 7s. 6d., bonier weights 7s. per stone (14lb.), young store pigs 12s. 6d. to 20s. each, calves £1 9s. to £2 1s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 64 beasts, 37 sheep, 21 pigs. The usual attendance of butchers and dealers. Owing to hay harvest only a light supply of stock. Best quality beef sold readily at 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per stone. A slow trade for stores, best quality invariably realising full demand. A brisk trade for sheep, making 9d. and lambs to 10½d. per lb. No quotable change in pigs. Prices as follow:—For bullocks up to £23 5s. 6d., fat heifers £20 17s. 6d., fat cows £18, store cattle £13, cows in calf £16 10s., heifers in calf £18 5s. 6d., cows with a fair amount of stock, £17 7s. 6d., fat lambs £1 19s. 6d., pork pigs £4 15s., store pigs (small) 13s.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a good show of choice stock in all classes, which met a fair demand, at a shade less money on the week, owing possibly to the continued hot sultry weather. The attendance of butchers and dealers was about an average. Beef for choice medium weights maintained late prices, but strong bullocks had to be sold at 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per stone, which sold for £23 2s. 6d., £21, £20 7s. 6d., £20 10s.; from Mr J. Oxley, four grand bullocks for £23 10s., £22 10s., £20 15s., £19 10s.; from Mr R. Machin sent eight good beef bullocks which sold for £20 12s. 6d., £20 10s., £20 2s. 6d., £19 15s., £19 10s., £19, four good bullocks from Mr J. W. Atkinson, sold for £22 10s., £20 7s. 6d., £19 15s., £19 5s.; from Mr Wm. Dunnington, two grand heifers, which sold for £23, £20 7s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Hall sent seven good beasts for £21 15s., £22 2s. 6d., £21 2s. 6d., £21, £20 12s. 6d., £20 15s., £19 10s.; from Mr H. Elvidge, two grand bullocks, £20 15s., £21; from Mr Kendall to £20 17s. 6d., £18 2s. 6d.; from Mr T. T. Dearlove £19, four bullocks, £17, etc.; from Mr R. Joy, two grand heifers £18 17s. 6d., £17 2s. 6d.; from Mr R. Beilby to £19 2s. 6d.; from Mr Jas. Simpson to £19 5s.; from Mr J. Norfolk, to £20 2s. 6d.; prime calves from Mr A. Kendall to 55s.; from Mrs Jerome to 56s. 6d.; Mr H. Hall sent a splendid lamb which sold for 62s.; prime lambs from Mr W. Dunnington to 45s. 6d.; Mr Myers to 43s.; Mr Wilkinson, Leeds, to 42s.; J. Simpson to 43s. 6d.; Mr Lister to 39s. 6d.; J. Britton 46s.; Mr Eyres to 46s.; Mr B. Dunnington to 42s. 6d.; prime fat sheep from Mr W. Walker made to 70s.; from Mr Machin to 65s. 6d.; Mr Dutton 62s.; Mr Joy 62s.; Mr R Beilby 63s. 6d.; Mr Kendall to 59s. 6d.; Mr J. Beilby 59s.; Mr Belberby to 51s. 6d.; Mr R. Machin, jun., to 48s.; Mr Blaken to 51s. 6d.; Mr Beech 57s. 6d.; Mr S. Barker to 65s., etc.

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HUNSLET GUARDIANS AS CRICKETERS.

WHERE WERE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE?

The members of the House Committee of the Hunslet Board of Guardians made a poor response to the challenge which was issued by the members of the Homes Committee to meet them in a cricket match, after the meeting of the Homes Committee, on Monday afternoon. The weather was ideal, but for all that only three members of the House Committee (Mr T. G. Conyers, the genial chairman, Mr W. A. Appleyard, who also serves on the Homes Committee, and Mr Wright Stead), put in an appearance. It was fortunate for this that the House Committee were in a generous mood, for they allowed several of their members to help the Homes Committee mainly through the efforts of those who were performing an act of kindness in making up the side. Mr T. G. Conyers was the only member of the House Committee to bat, and he made a capital stand for 13 before a tricky ball from Mr J. R. Chappell hit his wickets.

The Homes Committee had their innings first, and against the bowling of Mr W. A. Appleyard, who upset them out of the six wickets, and that of Mr E. B. Pickersgill, the side were got out for 61. Mr W. Schofield made 22 runs, while Mr J. Butterick, whose complaint of rheumatism seemed a matter of bluff, and the superintendent of the Hunslet Mr C. P. Wardly, obtained 15 each. Mr J. R. Chappell, whose forte is bowling, was sent back by Mr Appleyard for a duck. Mr T. G. Conyers, who was the only member of the House Committee to bat, made 13, while Mr Pickersgill was still scoring fours, when the game was stopped. His total was 56. Scores:—

Homes Committee.	
J. R. Chappell, b W. A. Appleyard	0
T. Bennett, b W. A. Appleyard	4
J. Butterick, b W. A. Appleyard	15
W. Schofield, c and b E B Pickersgill	22
C. P. Ward, not out	15
J. W. Verity, b E. B. Pickersgill	5
Total	61
House Committee	
T. G. Conyers, b J. R. Chappell	*13
J. Guyne, not out	6
E. B. Pickersgill, not out	—
Total	75

During an interval tea was served to the teams. At the conclusion of the match a vote of thanks to Mr Chappell and the Homes Committee was moved by Mr T. G. Conyers. As Chairman of the House Committee, he had very great pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Homes Committee for the kindly way they had received them. It hoped that when they played the return match the House Committee would be equally successful. To him it had been a remarkable and unexpected pleasure. He was for several years on the Committee, and it was a great pleasure to meet old colleagues of the Homes.

Mr W. Appleyard seconded, and the vote was carried.

In reply, Mr Chappell, on behalf of the Homes Committee, said they had been delighted to meet a fragment of the House Committee. (Laughter). If it had not been for the presence of the Homes Committee the House Committee would have fared very badly, indeed. (Laughter). He was extremely disappointed from two standpoints. Firstly, there was a poor turn up from the House Committee, and a poor turn up on the part of the ladies. He had hoped that they also as a day for the ladies. He hoped that when the return match was played the ladies would be present, and that they would have as pleasant a day as they had had.

A STOURTON MAN AND INSURANCE BENEFITS.

WINNER OF £10 PRIZE.

Mr George Inman, of 98, Queen Street, Stourton, has won a prize of £10 offered by the "Evening News" for the best stories of benefits received under the National Insurance Act. Another prize-winner is Mr A. Fish, Kitchener Road, Selby. Mr Inman's winning paper was as follows:—

I developed consumption in the later part of 1912, and applied to the Insurance Commissioners for sanatorium benefit and was admitted in January, 1913, to Cardigan Sanatorium, where I stayed for twelve weeks. I was treated by both doctors and other officials in the best manner possible, every effort being made for the comfort and welfare of the patients. I received benefit from the Government, and was able to resume work. However, after working a few weeks, I contracted pneumonia, and was attended by my panel doctor, who called in the Tuberculosis Officer, and he recommended me to the Insurance Commissioners for extra nourishment. This benefit consisted of an order on a local tradesman for a supply of milk and eggs to the value of 5s. per week. During the thirteen weeks I was confined to bed my panel doctor visited me four and five times a week, with occasional visits from the tuberculosis officer and nurses.

My weekly sick pay of 10s. per week was paid regularly by a representative from my approved society.

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Free medical attention;
Free medicines.

I am a working man, and should never have been able to get the treatment I have received had it not been for the Insurance Act, and I am sure that I received treatment from my doctor and chemist equal to what I should have received had I been a patient with private means.

In conclusion I may say that I have been treated with every kindness by those gentlemen who are administering the Insurance Act—doctors, sick visitors, the Insurance Commissioners, etc.—besides having received much benefit, which I am not so but for the help of the Insurance Act.

SELBY.

Two steel screw trawlers were launched from the shipyard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., at Selby on Saturday. The vessels were named "Orlanda" and "Marmo."

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KIPPAX VICARAGE LANDS.

MINERAL RIGHTS.

In the Court of Appeal, on Friday, the hearing was concluded of the case of Smith and another v. Medhurst and others upon the appeal by the defendants from a judgment of Mr Justice Warrington in the Chancery Division.

The plaintiffs in the action were the Rev. Ernill Broughton Smith (Vicar of Kippax) and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and the defendants were Mr Arthur Francis Hastings Medhurst and others who are now entitled to the manor of Kippax.

The case arose out of the construction of an enclosure Act passed in the reign of George III. in 1761, and the Act related to the Common of Hollings, which lay within the manor and township of Kippax.

Under the Act certain lands were awarded to the Vicar in lieu of tithes, and the question for decision was whether the vicar of the parish or the lord of the manor was entitled to the minerals under a portion of the glebe belonging to the vicarage that was allotted as glebe land under the award.

Mr Justice Warrington held that the minerals passed to and were the property of the vicar for the time being.

Mr Terrell, K.C., for the respondent vicar, argued that Mr Justice Warrington was right in holding that the minerals under the glebe allotted to the vicar belonged to the vicar of the parish for the time being. The clause for the protection of the vicar provided that "nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to give rights to the Lord of the Manor of the said Soul, mines, and other minerals within the glebe lands now belonging, or allotted, or to be allotted to the vicarage at this time."

Their Lordships reserved judgment.

ROUNDHAY RESIDENT CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS.

DEFENDANT DISCHARGED.

Mr Arthur Cunningham, cinema theatre managing director, of Roundhay, appeared before Mr C. M. Atkinson (Stipendiary Magistrate), at Leeds, on Friday, on a charge of being drunk while having a motor car under his charge, in Briggate, Leeds, on Thursday night. Mr Arthur W. Willey defended.

About 11.30 p.m., it was alleged, the defendant backed his motor-car down Briggate, and into the front of a tramcar. Very little damage was done, but the defendant refused to give his name and address, or to produce his licence when asked to do so by a policeman. The officer said he found that defendant was drunk, and when a crowd gathered and two more policemen came on the scene, he was asked to leave the car. He refused, but a friend, Mr A. E. Whiteman, got off a tramcar and drove the motor to the Millgarth Police Station.

Superintendent Bulmer: What are your grounds for saying he was drunk?

The witness: He seemed very strongly, could not walk straight, and he was not very clear in his speech. The defendant, the witness added, asked for two doctors, whom he named, to be sent for from the police station, but neither of them attended.

In cross-examination, the officer said that no damage was done by the collision.

Mr Willey: Can you tell me a single thing that was not the observation of a sober man? Did he say anything uncivil?—The witness: No.

Do you say he was very drunk?—Well, he was not fit to drive.

Would he have been fit to take charge of a donkey and cart?—No, sir. (Laughter).

The Magistrates: If this man had walked past you and said "Good night, captain," you would not have arrested him? (Laughter).—No, sir.

But if he had said "Get along, you old fool," you would have arrested him?—Yes. (Laughter).

Ernest Morris, driver of the first tramsar, said that he could tell that the defendant was drunk. A police-sergeant from the Millgarth Station said that the defendant was asleep ten minutes after he was placed in a cell.

Mr Willey: What would you expect him to do? You told him he wouldn't be released until three o'clock.—The witness: Yes.

The defendant, in evidence, said that he had been on business until eleven o'clock, and had four bottles of beer. He was not drunk, but quite capable. He reversed his car out of a difficult garage yard, and was backing into Commercial Street when the car and the tram collided.

Mr J. C. Whiteman, of the Pack Horse Hotel, said that he saw what occurred from the top of a tram, and the tram was moving when the collision took place. Mr Cunningham was certainly not drunk.

Mr A. E. Whiteman, who drove the car to the police station, said that he saw the defendant both before and after the collision, and he was quite sober.

The Magistrate said that the defendant had been obstinate and very unwise in his general conduct, but he did not think he was drunk, and he would be discharged.

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A CROSSGATES MAN'S FAILURE.

STARTED BUSINESS WITH £5 CAPITAL.

James Luther Thorpe, formerly a hardware and crockery dealer at the Arcade, Crossgates, underwent his public examination at the Leeds Bankruptcy Court, on Tuesday. His liabilities were given at £222, and there was a deficiency of £158.

The debtor ascribed his failure to competition, County Court costs, interest on borrowed money, and lack of capital for trading.

In reply to the Official Receiver Mr H. Clifford Bowling), the debtor said that he began business as a cycle dealer in 1905, with a capital of about £5. He later incorporated the business of hardware and crockery dealer. The competition referred principally to the cycle business. For the first two or three years he did fairly well, but in 1909 he borrowed money from a man who had since become a professional money-lender. He paid interest at the rate of 5 per cent., on monthly accounts.

The Official Receiver: That is about 60 per cent, per annum.

The Debtor: Yes, but I paid them pretty regularly.

How did you expect to do business without capital?—Well, for a time, up to 1907, I did well, and things were getting better. The debtor's wife kept the books.

You cannot do a credit trade without capital. —Yes, I found that out.

The Official Receiver: You had no reasonable expectation of being able to pay those debts incurred within the last twelve months.

Debtor said he was hoping to do better as time went on.

You were hoping against hope?—Perhaps so.

The examination was closed.

OTTER HUNTING AT HAREWOOD

MASK PRESENTED TO MR BROTHERTON.

Mr W. Thompson's otter hounds met on Friday at Harewood Bridge, and the master had a pack of twenty couples for Harewood dam in a deep, heavy water. Drawing up stream they were no signs of game at the mouth of the runner from the Park lake, and beyond a few stale touches there was nothing doing in the dam.

Rougemont was passed, and it was some distance round the big bend towards Arthington Nunnery, when hounds opened on a steady drag which gradually strengthened, until half-way through Arthington Pastures they were able to mark at a root on the Weeton side of the river. It took a few minutes with the aid of a terrier to bolt her, but she moved to another favourite rest a short distance below, and when hounds moved her out of that she returned to her first one, and continued these tactics for some time before electing to leave, when she made a bold dash down stream, swimming strongly through the lower stickle, hounds swimming after her with a fine cry, whilst gave hope of a decent stretch, a racing on the Harrogate line ensued.

After a quarter of a mile swim, hounds flashed over her, but cast themselves back and refound her in the willows, and for over an hour kept her moving backwards and forwards, but she went gradually falling ad the time, until, although they could always swim she wash, they could not speak to it.

Once they swam the wash a long way down stream, past the Nunnery, a very pretty piece of hound work, casting themselves back, and on their return, the foiled hounds flashed over her, and they again went up stream, when she took refuge in the original root, where she was found, but hounds were full of drive, and after quitting and returning to the same root they swam nearly as far as Arthington Hall, turned and swam down again for some little distance, landed on the bank, and made for a runner, which flows from above Riffa Wood, and canes into the river below Wescoe Hill.

In th's runner was the entrance of a long stone drain, and there she took refuge. It was nearly full of water, but one of the hunt terriers succeeded in bolting her—a bitch otter, 16lb. Time from finding to marking to ground, 4 hours.

The mask was presented by the Master to Mr E. A. Brotherton, the Lord Mayor of Leeds, who is a member and follower of Mr Thompson's hunt.

MR LANE FOX'S SUGGESTION TO THE CHANCELLOR.

In the discussion on the Finance Bill in the House of Commons on Monday, Mr Lloyd George moved an amendment to Clause 3, providing, with the object of stimulating home supply, tax of 10½d. on every £1 of income in repairs, insurance, and management should be able to deduct the full amount of his legitimate expenditure. Up to the present the limit had been 25 per cent.

Mr Prettyman desired on behalf of the agricultural interest generally to thank the Chancellor of the Exchequer for this concession. (Laughter). The huge expenditure of some landlords had amounted to far more than 25 per cent.; and he gratefully welcomed a concession which would have the effect of charging these landowners on Schedule D. (Hear, hear).

Mr Lane Fox suggested that the five years' average expenditure required for working out a claim for deduction was hardly necessary. It involved a great deal of clerical work, and involved an enormous amount of trouble in the cases of estates which did not possess elaborate and well-organised estate offices. It was a great hardship on many small estates to produce a great mass of literature over so many years. It meant long and expensive accounts for particular work on the estate. For instance, the amount of nails, lime, and tiles used in the maintenance of cottages would be required to be shown separately from the amount of similar materials used in respect of other portions of the estate. Small landowners and tenants were becoming more accustomed to that kind of work, but at the same time he hoped the Chancellor of the Exchequer would see his way to reduce the average required of five years and make the process of claiming reduction as easy as possible, because it was in the case of the smaller estates which found it most difficult to make the return, that the relief was most needed. (Hear, hear).

Mr Montague said the five years was the result of a compromise. The original proposal affected the Land Values Duties. He thought the five years' average had worked well.

The amendment was agreed to.

SELBY

A NARROW ESCAPE.—John Wm. Grace, aged 8, whose mother lives at No. 5, Shipyard, Selby, was rescued from fire and drowning in the Canal near his home on Sunday. The boy was playing with a boat which he was drawing with a rope, but it pulled him into the water. He sank, and was in imminent danger of drowning. Several people near tried to effect a rescue, diving into the water several times, but were unsuccessful. After being some minutes in the water the boy was secured by a young man named Tom Steele, an expert swimmer, who brought him to the bank.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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The hot, dry weather always causes trouble of some kind or other in most poultry yards, but the extent of this trouble is in a large measure governed by the owner of the birds. The wise poultry-keeper will have taken time by the forelock and have everything in readiness for a spell of bright sunshine. The necessary shelters for the birds will be up, the houses, &c., freshly creosoted or lime-washed in fact, everything done that will further the comfort of the birds. Shelter from the hot sun is necessary to poultry, both young and old, as is shelter from rain, and neglect to furnish this will cause much trouble, if not heavy losses. Birds that are forced to stand about in the sun all day long are not improved in health by such treatment, and they are quite likely to be seized with apoplexy or vertigo, and whilst the latter may often be cured, the former almost always ends fatally within a few hours. Provide the birds with adequate shelter is Rule No. 1 for the hot weather.

Rule No. 2 is: keep the houses, runs, feeding utensils, &c., scrupulously clean and clean. Fleas and other members of this lively little family thrive splendid during the bright days of summer; in fact, the hotter it is the better they like it, and they enjoy existence accordingly. I have a great hot fowlhouse that was cleaned out about six months ago. In such, and given a high temperature, I guarantee that you will soon have a prosperous colony of fleas, lice, and co., unlimited.

The object of my readings, hower, is poultry-keeping and not flea-keeping, therefore you must be up and doing, unless you have a desire to see your birds suffering from the master hand—a thing they very soon will do, unless you thwart them in time. Clean out the roosts daily, and don't be stingy with the creosote or lime-wash, but put it on with a free and easy hand, not forgetting those little cracks and crevices, as these are, to the mother fleas' minds, ideal nurseries. Frequently renew the nesting material, burning the old and not carelessly throwing it about.

Rule No. 3 relates to the feeding. Don't mix the soft mash up about a week before you want it, as by so doing it is quite sour when fed to the birds, and causes diarrhœa and similar maladies.

Mix it up as it is wanted; no, not even in the morning for use during the day, as in hot weather moist meal rapidly ferments. As the mealtimes arrive so must you mix up the food. It may be a little extra bother, but it is better to endure this than to see your most promising birds turning their toes towards the sky after weeks of careful tending. Again, don't make the mash too sloppy, as this is uncomfortable then they are by stuffing them with heat-forming food like maize. Maize should be entirely dropped during the summer months, and good plump white oats substituted. A soft mash made up of Sussex ground oats dried off, with sharps or biscuit meal, similarly dried off, may be given first thing, although many discontinue soft feeding during the warm weather, giving whole oats instead. Green food is always an important item in the menu, but its importance is greatly enlarged during the hot weather. It is to the fowls a blood-cooling medicine, and it must be given regularly and liberally.

Fresh drinking water is another highly important thing, and must have particular attention. It must be frequently renewed, and the fountains stood in a cool, shady place. Tepid, stagnant water is highly injurious. Flint grit and animal food must not be overlooked.

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or those sending specimens for examination, must remit half-crown postal order).

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

NOSE-RUBBING.

Maori women of New Zealand know nothing about kissing. Nose-rubbing is their form of salutation, and when two friends meet they hold each other's hands, bend their heads, and rub their noses touch, and then rub them gently from side to side. This form of greeting is not confined to the women, but they seldom meet without rubbing noses. In times of lamentation they throw dust on their heads, and their noses touching and mourn for the loss of some chief whom they have in all probability never seen.

EVOLUTION OF THE PENCIL.

When the Egyptians, Romans, and other ancient races wrote on papyrus, or parchment, their instrument was a pointed reed. When they used wooden tablets or wax they made their letters with a sharp stylus of bone or bronze. It is true that a bronze nib was found at Pompeii, and that silver pens were sometimes used in the Middle Ages, but they were merely the curiosities of princes and great men, and until the nineteenth century the quill was the only pen in common use among Western peoples. The pencil as we now know it was an even later invention, says the *Graphic*. The earliest black lead pencil known in history was mentioned in a book printed at Zurich in 1565, but it was not until the seventeenth century that a little stick of graphite enclosed in wood became familiar to all classes of society, as manufactured from the Borrowdale plumbago mines in Cumberland.

THE NUPTIAL RING.

Few brides in these days have any idea why the fourth finger of the left hand is chosen for the wedding-ring, except that it is more convenient than others for a reason common for all alike. The fact is that the Romans, with whom the wedding-ring originated, selected this finger because they believed that a nerve went from it direct to the heart.

LOOSENING GLASS STOPPERS.

There are several ways of loosening the glass stoppers of decanters and bottles. One is to stand the bottle in hot water, another is to drop a little oil with a feather between the stopper and the decanter and stand it near the fire. After a time tap the stopper gently with a piece of wood on all sides, and if it does not move repeat the process. A strip of flannel may be wound round the neck of the bottle and smartly pulled backward and forward to produce friction will sometimes loosen stoppers.

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A falling-off in the number of entries in horse classes has been a common experience of show committees this season, and it was no surprise to find a slight drop at Sherburn; but those entries were clean about ten, but cattle and sheep were up to the average, although some stock entered was not forward owing to farmers being busy in the hayfield. There was an excellent little show of poultry, and this feature of the meeting could easily be developed if the people in the district would display a keener interest in it.

Mr F. Hey is chairman of the Society, Mr C. W. Helm vice-chairman, Mr C. Esbelby the courteous and energetic secretary, Mr F. Bramley the hon. treasurer, and the members of the committee are:—Messrs J. Atkinson, G. H. Ambler, J. Bramley, T. Bumby, C. Cawthorn, G. D. Cliff, C. Dixon, H. Firn, W. Hawley, H. Hawley, G. Hill, H. Hare, A. Johnson, T. Jones, R. Lamb, C. Longfield, J. Marshall, T. Marshall, J. G. Parkin, T. Richardson, W. Smith, E. Stoker, E. Sykes, T. Tomlinson, A. Thompson, W. H. Thompson, W. Wainwright, C. Welburn, C. Whitehead, A. Witter, E. Witter, C. E. Wilstrop, and Dr. Oglesby. Poultry Sub-Committee—Messrs G. H. Ambler, A. Johnson, C. Cawthorn, H. Hawley, and G. D. Cliff. Sports Sub-Committee—Messrs A. Johnson, E. Stoker, W. H. Thompson, H. Firn, E. Hill, C. Cawthorn, and T. Richardson, and Dr. Oglesby.

The Society has a balance at the bank of £111 10s. 9d., and the committee offered a sum of £115 in prizes, and several silver cups. In some of the horse classes the entry was good, but in others it was very discouraging. Some excellent animals, however, were forward, a number having won prizes at larger shows.

The judges were as follows:—Agricultural classes—Mr A. Whinnerah, Warton Hall, Carnforth; and Mr F. Faulkner, Sykehouse, Snaith, R.S.O. Hunters and hackney classes—Mr J. Lodley, Stockwell Stud, Kirkby Grange, Tadmaster; and Mr W. Bramley, Park Place, North Duffield, Selby. Cattle, sheep, and sheep—Mr W. Dunn, Catfoss House, Sigglesthorne, Hull; Mr H. Knowles, Hunsingore, Wetherby. Butter, eggs, and bread—Mrs A. McNeil, Thorgarsby Lodge, York; Mrs W. Bramley, Park House, North Duffield, Selby. Poultry—Mr R. Stainthorp, Darlington. The awards were:—

HORSES.

Agricultural Foal—1, E. Lawson, Biggin; 2, C. W. Helm, Rest Park; 3, J. Turner, Monk Fryston.

Agricultural Filly Foal—1, G. H. Collins, Hillam; 2, E. Stoker, Hagg House, Hambleton; 3, C. Bailey, Saxton.

Colt or Filly Foal, by any of the Bramhope Stud horses—1, G. Hill, Croft Farm, Sherburn.

Colt or Filly Foal, by any of the horses at Mr E. Parkes' Ledsham—1, C. W. Helm, Rest Park; 2, W. H. Welburn and Son, Huddleston Hall.

Colt or Filly Foal by any of the horses of R. Lamb, Fenton—1, E. Lawson, Biggin; 2, H. Jagger, Biggin; 3, C. Parker, Carleton Green.

Colt or Filly Foal by any of Mr J. R. Beattie's horses—1, H. Pullan, Sherburn; 2, J. Turner, Monk Fryston; 3, G. Beevors, Church Fenton.

Agricultural Yearling Colt, Gelding or Filly—1, E. T. Parker, Ledsham; 2, W. H. Welburn and Son.

Agricultural Two-year-old Gelding or Filly—1 and Shire Horse Society's silver medal, J. Sherrard, Bank; 2, R. Thompson and Son, Scruff Hall, Selby; 3, J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton Hill, Leeds; reserve, C. W. Helm; h.c., E. T. Parker.

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Enormous waste goes on every day whilst thousands of people go hungry. "This would be a much healthier country," says a doctor, "if English people ate fruit at the beginning of a meal instead of at the end. As it is, nearly all the best fruit sold at Covent Garden is eventually thrown away in the dustbin. Served after dinner in the best houses, the guests, having already dined well, never eat it. Even the servants turn up their noses at it. Half the hostesses of London buy expensive fruit just to decorate their dinner tables with." Take another case. Broad beans—amongst the best of vegetables—are, we read, so plentiful this year in Surrey that they are not to be gathered, but "ploughed into the ground." And people in the towns hungry for the lack of them! Whence this dislocation of things? Plenty means cheapness, and cheapness seems to be deadly not only to the farmer, but to the fitter feelings of the greengrocer.

Marriage, it is stated, is declining in popularity year by year, and women are being saddled with the blame for this. Economic conditions are changing, and, as more women than ever are engaged in business, professional, and industrial pursuits, it is said that they are anxious to postpone marriage as long as possible, either because their position as independent wage-earners is more to their liking, or because they prefer the comparative freedom of business life to the restrictions of matrimony. In 1912 the marriage-rate was above the average for the previous ten years, but the proportion of marriages to marriageable persons showed a substantial decrease. The changed views in regard to matrimony is reflected in the birth-rate, which in 1912 was the lowest on record, and this is easily understood, because the postponement of marriage for a number of years means a corresponding diminishing of fertility. The wives of thirty years ago, in proportion to their numbers, brought into the world half as many children again as those of the present day. A feature of the Tadcaster rural area is evidently peculiar to other districts. The highest birth-rates obtained are in the mining villages, and the lowest in the agricultural parishes. Why this should be the dwellers in rural areas must themselves explain, but it is not improbable that agricultural labourers, with their limited resources, are not inclined to have families larger than they can bring up with some degree of comfort. If that is the solution, it is remarkable that such a change has come about, because hitherto the country has drawn all its supplies of the best blood and muscle from the country districts. The heaviest infantile mortality, too, is recorded in mining districts, but, in spite of this wastage, the number of survivors at one year of age is far above the average for the working-classes. Textile workers have the smallest families, and they return the lowest birth-rate. And what is the reason for this? "If it may be assumed that the custom of married female labour in the mills provides special economic inducements to this class to restrict its birth-rate," says the official report, "the fact that this is so low, in comparison with other workers of similar standing, is strongly suggestive of purposeful avoidance as the cause of the difference. Indeed, it seems difficult to account otherwise for the contrast between miners and mill hands, two classes very similarly situated in most respects other than the employment of their womenfolk." The effect of the employment of women is well brought out in the Registrar General's report but the exploiters of cheap labour are not likely, whatever the national results, to discourage the invasion by women of spheres of work hitherto the undisputed domain of men. Another peculiar development in recent years is the increase in the number of civil marriages in the country. This may not mean that people have no distinct views on the question, but simply that they adopt the plan which appeals to them as being the least costly and troublesome.

In the old days practically every village had its "characters," and its "half-wits," and they managed to exist somehow. The great majority of them were harmless and inoffensive, and they were just as much a part of the village life as the officials who received their authority from the vestry meeting, and their disappearance would have caused a sensation in the community. How they lived was the concern of no one in particular and it is probable that many of them underwent hardships of the worst kind. As more enlightened views made themselves felt, the disappearance from the villages of the mentally deficient was inevitable, and they are now housed in workhouses and other institutions up and down the country. The passing of the Mental Deficiency Act recently has opened another chapter in the history of the treatment of these unfortunate people, and Boards of Guardians, who give shelter to many of them, have had under consideration the question of dealing with them. It is generally recognised that if the unwise to house "mentally deficients" along with ordinary poor people who come under the care of Poor Law authorities, and in large institutions, where the numbers justify the appointment of a special staff, and the allocation of special quarters, no difficulty is experienced in making provision for this class of inmate, but in small institutions, such as those at Tadcaster, Wetherby, Otley, Ouseburn, and Selby, it is practically impossible, owing to the prohibitive cost, to work along similar lines. At one institution in the West Riding it was stated that there was only one man mentally deficient, and the notion of his being sent to a special place was resented, because, as it was stated, "he was the most useful man about the place." In this case, he was apparently "wake i' t'head and strong i' t'back," and the Guardians were taking full advantage of his weakness. For obvious reasons, it is advisable that these poor people should be housed by themselves; they should be put into institutions specially adapted for them; and they should be taken out of danger's way. Their presence in workhouses is frequently a cause of uneasiness, and scandal sometimes is the result of their mixing with other inmates. At last meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians it was suggested that a conference, with a view to forming a combination of Unions, should be convened, and it is potent that if Guardians do not themselves take the initiative and make their own plans, a county scheme will be carried out. Enterprise often brings its own reward, and if Guardians wish to have control of their patients it is clear that they must be up and doing. It is suggested that a large workhouse in one Union, where there are few poor, might be made a special institution for the treatment of the mentally deficient, but before this could be done the consent of both the Board of Guardians concerned and the Local Government Board would have to be obtained. Probably the Whitkirk Guardians would offer no objection, because they have in past years given encouragement to the adoption of the principle of co-operation among Guardians with a view to economy and efficiency. First of all, the Guardians, in the event of a scheme being favoured, would have to ascertain whether or not a sufficiently large combination could be formed as would make the scheme economically sound, because if the number of poor available was comparatively small it might be cheaper to join a county combination rather than set up an institution of their own with a staff of officials. This is a new problem that requires the earnest consideration of Guardians, many of whom, it must be confessed, have no interest whatever in it, and if a scheme can be devised which will meet all requirements, it should be adopted and carried out.

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IN MEMORIAM.

BRAMLEY—In loving memory of our dear son, John Wm. Bramley, of Garforth, who fell asleep, July 17th, in his 17th year.
"I often think of you, dear one,
When I am all alone;
For memory is the only friend,
The heart can call its own."
—Ever remembered by mother and brother.

WHITEHEAD—In loving remembrance of our dear son, Joseph Forrest Whitehead, Oulton, who died July 17th, 1912.
"In a near and silent graveyard, where the trees their branches wave,
Lies a loving son and brother, in his cold and silent grave."
We think of him in silence, and his name we often call;
Though there's nothing left to answer, but his photo on the wall."
From father, mother, and brothers.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Albert Smith, of Rothwell, has won a West Riding scholarship for intending teacher.

A sum of £3 6s. from the company of the Angel Inn, Rothwell Haigh, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. J. M. Sugden-Wayne, M.P., M. Lupton, Mr E. H. Foster, Mr J. R. Cross, Mr E. Parkin, and Mr Evans.
Husband and Wife.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Thomas Fox, miner, of Rothwell, was summoned by his wife, Betsy Priestley, for maintenance arrears amounting to £6 10s. on an order made by the Court for 10s. a week. Defendant said he could pay the complaint 30s. then—an offer which was accepted by the woman, after being advised to do so by the magistrates, who also adjourned the summons for a month to see how defendant would go on.
Flower Services.—The annual flower services were held at the Rothwell Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday. The services, which were well attended, were especially interesting because of the part two old scholars, the Rev. G. H. Armitage and Mr Albert Yorley, played in them. The Rev. G. W. Armitage, who is a minister in the Dewsbury circuit was the special preacher, and his bright and instructive discourses were greatly appreciated. In the afternoon the children's service was held, when Mr E. P. Lobley, of Dewsbury, presided, and an address was given by the Rev. G. H. Armitage. Several of the scholars brought bunches, which were used during the services for ornamental purposes, and afterwards taken for the benefit of the inmates of the hospital and the workhouse. Mr Albert Yorley, who has come on a visit from Chicago, sang a solo which was much appreciated. He also sang at the evening service.
Views of the M.P. for Normanton.—Mr Fred Hall, M.P., attended a meeting of miners and others at Normanton, Rothwell, on Sunday, and spoke on the claim made by the West Riding Education Committee for payment of the cost of meals served to school children during the recent coal strike. Recently claims for payment were served on about 900 parents in the area covered by the local Sub-Committee and of the West Riding Education Committee, and on the advice of the local Trades and Labour Council their parents refused to pay. Similar claims have been made by 16 County Committees in other districts that were affected by the strike and have met with a like reply without protest. Mr Fred Hall said according to the Education (Provision of Meals) Act, 1906, it was perfectly clear that the West Riding Authority were not the people to deal in the matter, but that the Sub-Committee should deal with it, and the best policy for the parents was to appoint a deputation to approach the local Sub-Committee, who had done so much for the parents up to the present, but the West Riding Committee had gone over their heads and made claims on about 900 persons, without consulting them. The meeting resolved to appoint a deputation to approach local Sub-Committee.

Mr William Stephenson, of Rothwell, is one of the local representatives at the Wesleyan Conference.

Stanley Askew, Joseph Parker, and Henry W. Martin, of Rothwell, have won county minor scholarships.

NEW STORY.—"The Double Chance" is the title of the new story which we have obtained for the "Courier," and it is an exciting tale of colliery life. It should appeal especially to the mining population. It is rarely one comes across a plot so carefully thought out and so full of dramatic situations. The baffling mystery is unfolded with much literary ability, and the the reader is introduced to many of those character sketches for which the famous author (Mr J. S. Fletcher) is so well-known.

FARMERS AND THEIR CROPS.—At a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee at Wakefield, on Wednesday a letter was read from the Yorkshire Farmers' Union stating that at the last meeting of the central committee it was unanimously resolved to draw the attention of the Standing Joint Committee to the serious and wanton damage done to farm crops by trespassers, and asking that the police be instructed to protect farmers against this damage to their crops. The Chief Constable said he had attended to the matter

ANGLER'S SUCCESS.—Mr William Trueman, of the Marsh, Rothwell, is the lucky possessor of a twelve guinea clock, a gold medal and cup won in the annual fishing match promoted by the Leeds Robin Hood Club, which took place at Fulford, York, on Sunday. This is Mr Trueman's first season with the club, and Sunday was the first "fish" he had ever caught with its members, although as an angler Mr Trueman has an experience of about thirty years. The Leeds Robin Hood Club, which is one of the biggest in the county, is the only club with which Mr Trueman has been associated. The match, which lasted over a period of five hours, was taken part in by many well-known anglers who have in their time made notable catches. Mr Trueman's luck came all within the last hour of the match, and at the conclusion he was declared the winner with the biggest catch of 15¾ ozs.

INQUEST.—An inquest was held at the Dunsett Workhouse, Rothwell Haigh, on Tuesday night on William Dixon, an inmate, who died on the previous day. A son, who identified the body, said he believed his father to be about 69 years of age. Mr Soloman, the workhouse master, said the deceased had been an inmate of the institution on and off for the past nineteen years. On Boxing Day, December 26th, 1913, he got permission for a day's leave to visit some relatives. While in Hunslet he fell on the causeway, but in what part of Hunslet he (witness) was unable to say. The deceased was put into a cab by an unknown man, who sent him back to the workhouse. Witness saw him soon after his admission, and thought it advisable to send for Dr. Buck, who came and examined the deceased, who had fractured his right thigh. Since the accident he had been practically confined to his bed, only being able to get up for an hour or so each day. Dr. J. Buck said that death was due to heart failure, and senile decay, probably accelerated by the accident. A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Ronald E. C. Brown, of Allerton Bywater, has won a county minor scholarship.

AN AMBITIOUS YOUTH.—Charles Frobisher (19), draughtsman at Allerton Colliery, was charged at Castleford on Wednesday with stealing valuable surveying instruments belonging to his employers, value £27. A letter from the manager, Mr Smithson, was read in court, and the police superintendent said that the lad ought to be thankful that his employers had given him such a character. The lad was ambitious, and not seeing money as quickly as he liked, the instruments having suffered to the temptation and appropriated them. The youth was bound over for 12 months and ordered to pay the costs, £1 8s.

CARLTON

Ephraim Oakes, of Carlton, has won a county minor scholarship.

CROSSGATES

Among the local representatives at the Wesleyan Conference are the Rev. and Mrs Owen Jones.

On Saturday afternoon Crossgates Recreation had a bowling League match with Garforth, and the latter were defeated by 177 to 173.

A match was played between Crossgates bowlers and Tadcaster in the Barkston Ash League on Saturday, and Crossgates won by 186 to 138.

SWEET PEA SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 25th, a grand show of sweet peas and roses will be held under the auspices of Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society in the Wesleyan School-room, and it should be noticed (see advt.) that entries close on Tuesday, July 21st, to Mr George Tucker, hon. sec., Roseville Terrace, Crossgates.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.—A meeting in connection with the University Tutorial Class for Crossgates district was held on Friday evening—Mr Robert Mackay presiding. The subject for the session was discussed, and as the voting was about equal for each the Workers' Educational Association. It was decided to have the lectures on Thursday nights, and arrangements are to be made about securing a suitable room.

CRICKET.—On Saturday a Junior League match was played between Swillington and Colton and Crossgates A on the ground of the latter, and the homesters won by seven wickets. Scores:—Swillington—A. Hobson 1, J. F. Southwick 21, E. Gascoigne 0, J. W. Wainwright 0, G. Farndale 19, J. Hunt 4, F. Wright 0, W. Wainwright 0, G. Barraclough 0, G. W. Gascoigne 2, G. Mosby —, extras 6—total 53. Crossgates A—W. Wilkinson 11, H. Linley 22 (not out), H. Holliday 1, H. Glover 15, T. Hague 1 (not out), extras —total (for three wickets) 54. For the winners Linley captured 5 wickets for 22, and Walker had 5 for 25.

FAIRBURN.

Alfred G. Bramley, of Fairburn, has won a county minor scholarship.

MR T. E. Makin, of Fairburn, was one of the principal prize-winners of the horse-leaping contest at Copmanthorpe Show on Wednesday.

GARFORTH

Anne H. Teale and Elsie Ramsey, of Garforth, have won county minor scholarships.

Raymond W. Elston, of Garforth, has won a West Riding scholarship for intending teachers.

On Saturday afternoon Garforth W.M.C. bowlers had a League match with Halton Travellers, and the Garforthians won by 189 to 126.

During the present year Garforth division has had the highest school attendance of all the divisions in the West Riding three times, and it was once second, and once third.

GARDEN FETE.—On Saturday, August 1st, a garden fete and sale of work, under the patronage of the Bishop of Knaresborough, will be held at Brookfield, Garforth, Bridge, in aid of Swillington Church expenses. Particulars in advt.

GARFORTH GOLF COURSE.—The formal opening of the Garforth golf course will take place on Saturday, when Abe Mitchell, the famous examateur, and Tom Williamson, of the Notts. County Club, will play a single in the morning and a foursome in the afternoon in company with the Garforth professional, B. Williamson, and a leading amateur. Mitchell, when an amateur, accomplished a great performance in the amateur championship in 1911, and was runner-up to John Ball, who won the final, Mitchell taking him to the 37th hole. Mitchell, who is now a professional at Sonning-on-Thames, also figured prominently in their year's open championship. Williamson is one of the leading professionals in the Midlands and is a brother of the Garforth professional.

HALTON

HUSBAND AND WIFE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Goldthorpe, miner, of Halton, was summoned by his wife Amelia Goldthorpe, for maintenance arrears amounting to £1 10s. 6d. A sentence of one month's imprisonment was suspended to give defendant an opportunity of paying.

SKYRACK POLICE AND CHARITY.—On Wednesday afternoon the annual cricket match promoted by the Skyrack Police for the benefit of the charities was held in the Recreation Ground, Halton, and it was well patronized. Unfortunately, owing to the men being on special duty, the police were unable to put their usual team in the field, and several outsiders were called in to make up the side in the game against Halton tradesmen. An excellent match was seen, and the police won by nine runs. Scores:—Skyrack Police—P.C. Higgins, not out, 33; Walker, Schofield, b O. Bell, 5; C. Higgins, c Bell, b Wainwright, 8 J. Fallow, c Smith, b Wood, 1; A. Stimpson, c Kitson, b Bell, 6; S. Haigh, b Bell, 0; R. Bruce, b Bell, 5; A. Guest, c Bell, b Wainwright, 13; Wright, st. Walker, b Bell, 0; J. Baldwin, b Wainwright, 5; Hankinson, b Wainwright, 13; extras, 23; total, 91. Halton Tradesmen—G. Bell, c Walker, b Bruce, 16; Wood, b Walker, 2; T. Cowell, c Higgins, b Bruce, 12; A. Rennard, st Haigh, b Walker, 2; H. Schofield, run out, 3; J. Walker, c

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

LANE FOX CUP—SECOND ROUND.

On Saturday afternoon four matches will be played in the second round of the Lane Fox Cup Competition, and it is very difficult to forecast with any certainty the results of the games. Garforth Wes., who defeated Collingham, will play Crossgates, and, although the Wesleyans have advantage of ground, they will create a surprise if they defeat their opponents. Tadcaster and Garforth should provide one of the best matches of the day if both teams exhibit their best form. The Calcarians have a peculiar regard for this trophy, which they have won three times since 1910, and the other team to win it within the period alluded to were Garforth. Both teams, I believe, are representative of the best in Barkston Ash cricket, and if the Garforthians have not done so well in the League as they anticipated they have their own fielding to blame. Scearcroft have certainly an advantage in playing on the Green, but the Halton Wes. lexans have been doing so well lately that it would be unwise to be cocksure as to the outcome of the encounter. Micklefield will entertain South Milford, and this should prove another great tussle. Both teams are playing well, but they are, like other teams, playing in different divisions of the League, it is not possible to compare them with any degree of accuracy.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

On Saturday afternoon Saxton did not put in an appearance at Tadcaster, and I presume they were unable to raise a team consequent upon a number of players being engaged hay-making. Of course, the failure to fulfil the engagement caused disappointment to Tadcaster, and they have, in accordance with the rules, made a claim for the points and a guinea. Rule 13 states that "any club failing to fulfil a fixture shall be fined £1 1s., such sum to be awarded to their opponents."

Church Fenton journeyed to Cawood, and the game with the homesters was not of a remunerative character for the visitors. Fenton seem to have several good bowlers, but their batting is weak, and before any headway is made it is obvious that an improvement in this department must take place. Practice is the only means by which this may be achieved. Cawood trundled them out for 32, and F. Jackson, with nine (not out) to his credit, was top scorer. C. Land bowled well, taking 3 wickets for 9, while Dobson secured 2 for 5 and C. Jackson 2 for 16. The homesters registered 38 for a loss of three wickets, and Dobson scored 16 (not out) and Ward 14. A. Claughton secured two wickets for 21, and Mosley had one for six.

Garforth had a fine victory over the Halton team on the Primrose Valley ground. The winners were in splendid batting form, and they scored the huge total of 178. S. Glover contributed 48, Williamson 36, Morley 24, W. Glover 18, G. Reed 15 (not out), and A. Firth 14. Sunter had the bowling honours for Halton, taking four wickets for 29, and C. Sunter obtained 2 for 32 runs. Ballance and W. Pickersgill trundled the Halton side out for 98, the former making 15, and Benson 14. Ballance's six wickets cost 20 runs, and Pickersgill's four were got for 32.

Scearcroft maintain their position at the head of affairs in division 2. Great Preston, who have not done so well this season as one expected they would, and their opponents at the Lodge, and the homesters inflicted a crushing defeat. Batting first, the Crofters opened splendidly, and D. Burton led off with 24, Tom Toft 29, and G. Stead 21, and by the way, has had a remarkably successful season, and has proved himself one of the best all-round players in the district. G. Thompson put on 22 for the 7th wicket, Johnson 14, and Fryer 10, and when 171 runs had been scored for a loss of 8 wickets the innings was declared at an end. C. Wright, who had 3 wickets for 24, was the only Preston bowler to meet with success, eight having a turn with the ball. Probably Preston's long spell of leather-hunting, and the hopelessness of their task, affected the batting display, for the team were dismissed for 47, and of this H. Watson made 29 (not out). Dennis Burton trundled with marked success, his six wickets costing only 14 runs, while Stead had one to his one. C. Johnson 2 for 11, and Fryer 1 for 9.

Barwick did not do themselves justice when opposed to Micklefield, and, after their recent displays, they were expected to give a better batting exhibition. Thirty-three, even against the Micklefield bowling, is a small score, and I daresay the batsmen are cognisant of the fact without my telling them. The highest individual scores were got by H. Walton (9) and J. Rolshaw (8). Townend had the bowling honours for Micklefield, securing six wickets for 19 runs, and Alf. Smith obtained four for thirteen runs. Micklefield won easily by seven wickets, and Stone batted well for 21 (not out), while Wallis contributed a useful 20. Micklefield have to play Scearcroft and Garforth yet, and they will prove stiff matches. Much depends on the result of these games, and if Micklefield could drow level with Scearcroft an interesting state of affairs would be brought about.

Although Halton Wes. managed to defeat Whitkirk, they had to fight very hard for the points, and at one period of the game it looked as if they were to be beaten. Whitkirk had first knock of the wicket, and they were dismissed for 56. Arthur Shepherd again distinguished himself by compiling 25 by good cricket, and the homesters would have made a better show had adequate assistance been rendered him. O. Bell and Wilson were the best of the Halton bowlers. The Wesleyans made 57 for a loss of eight wickets, and, with the exception of Kilburn, who had a valuable 24 to his credit, none of the usual hitters of the team came off. Stephens did excellent by scoring 10 (not out), and at critical period of the game, and his stand was a very timely one. J. Shepherd displayed good bowling form, taking 5 wickets for 14, and E. Pawson secured 3 for 14.

Crossgates Wes. do not appear to have got over their unexpected defeat by Tadcaster in the cup-ties. Up to then the team were doing well, and with every promise of improvement, and it is difficult to account for their falling-off. They went to Shadwell with only nine men, on Saturday, and this does not show much enthusiasm on the part of a club with a large membership. It was the way to court defeat, and they got it. They were sent back for 44, and no fewer than three players were run out. Withy scored 14 (not out), and Robin Hood replied with 92 runs. Shadwell won by three wickets, and Heaton scored 20 (not out) and Scott 11. The Crossgates Withy captured two wickets for five runs and George Umpleby had 3 for 17 runs.

Collingham, too, are doing badly, and their batting exhibition against Crossgates on Saturday was one of the weakest they have given this season. The match was at Collingham, and Crossgates, batting first, ran up the respectable score of 82, and Oliver Goodall was again the chief contributor with 31. The veteran, Burnell, made 10, and Fairburn helped himself to 13. Emmerson is the most useful bowler on the Collingham side, and again he had the honours, taking five wickets for 28, while Twidale had 2 for 15, and Dolby 2 for 27. Collingham's total was 24, and Twidale contributed 10 and Smithson 7, so that there was not much for the others to get. Burnell and Yeates shared the bowling, and each had five wickets for a dozen runs.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Ulleskelf, who have been doing well in the Junior League, were defeated by Tadcaster A on Saturday afternoon, and the Calcarians are now leaders of division 1 by two points. Smart (5 for 14) and Taylor (5 for 17) trundled so well that Ulleskelf were sent back for 33 (Holt 11), and Tadcaster replied with 35 for a loss of 3 wickets, Chatfield scoring 18 (not out) and Nettleton 14—Kirk Deighton and Bramham had a keen game, and the former won by a dozen runs. The winners scored 42, and Stockdale secured 4 wickets for 4 runs, Cass 3 for 18, and Shaw 2 for 13. Bramham's total was 30, and no player on either side got two figures. Linfoot trundled with great effect, capturing 7 wickets for 12, while Jackson had 2 for 5 runs.

Scearcroft A and Garforth A are running a neck-and-neck race for the championship of division 2. On Saturday the Crofters went to Preston, and they were 9 to the good. The homesters' score was 40 (Hy. Lilley 11, W. Hobson 11, not out, and D. Lilley 10), and J. and W. Linley had 3 wickets each for 18 runs. Scearcroft made 113 for one wicket (J. Linley 70, not out, and Stenson 13, not out).—Garforth's opponents were Aberford, and the Garforthians won by seven wickets. Aberford knocked up 65 (Walton 21, Coggin 14, and Inman 10, not out), and Stead claimed six of their wickets for eight runs. Garforth responded with 67 for 3 wickets, and F. Hancock scored 35 (not out). W. Browning 14, and C. Pickersgill 11.—Micklefield A defeated Barwick A rather easily by 58 runs. Micklefield's total was 90 (Goodman 34, Hopps 12, and (Garforth 11), and Marlhem was the best of the Barwick crunders, with 3 wickets for 22. Barwick's score was 32 (Backhouse and T. H. Rolshaw 11 each), and Moakes secured six wickets for 20, and Goodman 3 for 7 runs.

Owing to the defeat of Swillington and Colton, Garforth Wes. are once more in the undisputed leadership of division 3. Their opponents on Saturday were Crossgates Wes. A., who were sent back for 38 (H. Brook 17 and A. Brook 10), and Garforth got the runs for the loss of one wicket (V. Sherry 20 not out, and F. Sherry 10). For the winners H. Ward claimed 6 wickets for 15, R. Brownridge had 2 for 3, and Gent 2 for 20.—Crossgates A defeated Swillington and Colton by seven wickets. The homesters made 53, and Crossgates scored 54 for 3 wickets.

MONK FRYSTON V. SWILLINGTON PARK.

These teams met at Monk Fryston Park, and an excellently-contested game resulted in a win for Swillington Park by four runs. Monk Fryston batted first, and rattled up 111, Harrison scoring 42, Laycock 13, and J. Foster 10 (not out). Swillington made a splendid response, and only two runs were required for victory when the last man went to the wickets. The finish was very exciting, but Swillington managed to get the runs required. Hodgkinson took seven wickets for 49 runs, and Mac-Fryston batted first, and Rothwell and Micklefield Athletic Sports.

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Kirk Deighton v. Ulleskelf. Messrs H. Irish (Werkerby) and G. Fox (Bramham).

Sherburn White Rose v. Tadcaster A. Messrs H. Boston (South Milford) and T. Poulter (Church Fenton).

South Milford A v. Barkston Ash. Messrs T. Carroll (Tadcaster) and T. Ambler (Church Fenton).

Aberford v. Halton A. Messrs J. Fox (Swillington) and Colton) and A. Bailey (Garforth).

Barwick A v. Micklefield A. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and G. C. Earnshaw (Sherburn).

Garforth A v. Micklefield. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton).

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

League Table, including Saturday, July 11th.	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossgates	7	3	4	1079	1175	6
Crossgates Recreation	7	4	3	1253	1232	8
Garforth	10	6	4	1731	1523	8
Garforth Conservatives	7	4	3	1223	1175	8
Garforth W. Men's	6	5	1	1155	795	10
Halton	6	4	2	1032	965	8
Halton Travellers	9	1	8	1240	1730	0
Tadcaster	9	4	5	1519	1429	4

Executive meeting at Station Hotel, Crossgates, on Tuesday next, at 7-15 p.m.

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec

E. GREEN AND SONS V. OULTON.—At Wakefield. Scores:—E. Green and Sons—F. Stead, b Walker, 16; F. Dey, b Knight, 6; W. Ough, b Hutchinson, 5; G. Milsom, b Walker, 28; J. Eddison made 19, but four of the side failed to score a single run among them, while the efforts of the other six amounted to 15. Six of the wickets fell to E. Hitchin for nine runs, and H. Hamer secured the other four at a cost of 25 runs. The same player made 23 (not out) for his side, A. Dennison being the second best with 17 unfinished. In the Junior League Woodlesford A met with a reverse, when they entertained Kippax A, the latter winning by six wickets. The homesters were got out for 25, not one of the players making double figures. The visitors' response was 26 for four wickets, and T. Booth contributed 12.

Carlton had a match at Stanley, and they won decisively by 100 runs. Batting first, they registered the fine score of 169, and L. Brown contributed 30, E. Fozzard 27, S. Lawrence 23, Robb 18, and W. Brown 13 (not out). Newton handled the ball to his profit. Stanley were dismissed for 92, and Dickinson claimed 39 and Littlewood 14. Carlton A were also on the winning side. They went to Stanley back for 27, Ashton and Ellis bowling very well, and then they got the necessary runs for a loss of 3 wickets.

Robin Hood inflicted a crushing defeat on Outwood Friends, who had choice of ground. The home men's score was 97 (Thompson 31 and Wheeler 15, not out), and Robin Hood replied with 92 for a loss of three wickets, P. Wormald making 36, W. Frost 24, L. Armitage 16 (not out), and E. Giles 14.—Robin Hood A won, too. They compiled 79 (F. Wormald 28 and Booth 14), and Outwood had to be content with 51.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	7	6	0	1	12
South Milford	7	5	1	1	11
Saxton	7	3	4	0	6
Cawood	7	3	4	0	6
Church Fenton	7	2	5	0	4
Church Fenton Sycamore	7	1	5	0	2

Division 2.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Scearcroft	8	7	1	0	14
Micklefield	8	6	2	0	12
Garforth	8	6	2	0	12
Halton	8	4	4	0	8
Barwick	8	3	5	0	6
Great Preston	8	0	8	0	0

Division 3.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	8	7	1	0	14
Shadwell	8	5	3	0	10
Crossgates	8	5	3	0	10
Whitkirk	8	4	4	0	8
Crossgates Wesleyans	8	3	5	0	6
Collingham	8	0	8	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	9	7	2	0	14
Ulleskelf	9	6	3	0	12
Kirk Deighton	8	5	2	0	10
South Milford A.	8	4	4	0	8
Bramham	8	2	6	0	4
Sherburn W.R.	7	3	4	0	6
Barkston Ash	8	1	7	0	2

Division 2.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wes.	8	6	2	0	12
Swillington and Colton	8	5	3	0	10
Crossgates A.	8	5	3	0	10
Crossgates Wes. A.	8	3	5	0	6
Whitkirk A.	8	2	6	0	4
Halton Wes. A.	8	2	6	0	4

Results of several matches have not come to hand.

E. D. PAWSON, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

LANE FOX CUP.

Garforth Wesleyans v. Crossgates. Messrs T. (Methers (Great Preston)—and T. Crosland (Micklefield).

Tadcaster v. Garforth. Messrs R. Firn (Cawood) and J. Snow (Wetherby).

Micklefield v. South Milford. Messrs H. Jackson (Leeds) and W. Crosland (Barwick).

Scearcroft v. Halton Wesleyans. Messrs J. Kitching (Leeds) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

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Barwick A v. Micklefield A. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and G. C. Earnshaw (Sherburn).

Garforth A v. Micklefield. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton).

BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE.

COLLINGHAM V. CROSSGATES—At Collingham Scores:—

Crossgates—Burnell, c and b Emmerson, 16; White, b A Dalby, 3; Goodall, c Dalby, b Twidale, 31; Spivey, b Emmerson, 0; Craven, lbw, b Twidale, 2; F. Brooks, b Emmerson, 6; Fairburn, c Graydon, b Emmerson, 13; J. Brooks, run out, 0; Harper, c Emmerson, 0; Wilson, b Emmerson, 7; Yeates, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 82.

Collingham and Linton—F. Whitehead, b Yeates, 2; H. Twidale, b Burnell, 10; A. Dalby, c Wilson, b Burnell, 0; R. Smithson, b Burnell, 7; R. Graydon, b Burnell, 1; A. Newsome, b Burnell, 0; A. E. Smith, not out, 1; A. Young, b Yeates, 2; R. Smith, b Yeates, 0; R. Whitelock, b Yeates, 0; W. Emmerson, c Wilson, b Yeates, 1; total, 24.

SHADWELL UNITED V. CROSSGATES WES.—At Shadwell. Scores:—

Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, c Scott, b Heaton, 0; D. Umpleby, c Flint, b Heaton, 12; G. Umpleby, c Flint, b Heaton, 0; E. Clough, b Heaton, 9; A. Withy, run out, 13; Beaumont, run out, 7; Fidgett, run out, 0; Vitty, b Wilson, 1; Wynne, not out, 2; total, 44.

Shadwell—P. Scott, c D. Umpleby, b Clough, 11; Heaton, not out, 20; Metcalfe, b G. Umpleby, 1; Freeman, not out, 0; G. Smith, c Wynne, b G. Umpleby, 0; J. W. Burnett, b G Umpleby, 1; R. Flint, b Withy, 4; Fawcett, c Beaumont, b Withy, 0; Wilson, not out, 6; extras, 3; total (for 7 wkts.), 46.

WHITKIRK V. HALTON WES.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—

Whitkirk—A. Shepherd, c Murtland, b Powell, 25; A. R. Milford, b H. Wilson, 5; J. W. Pepper, b Murtland, 0; T. Pickersgill, b H. Wilson, 9; W. E. Taylor, c Murtland, b Bell, 3; F. Wainwright, c Batty, b H. Wilson, 1; F. Loveday, c and b Bell, 7; W. L. Moss, b Bell, 1; E. Ingle, c Popplewell, b Powell, 1; C. V. Romford, b Bell, 0; E. D. Pawson, not out, 0; extras, 1; total, 56.

Halton Wes.—C. Kilburn, b Pawson, 24; J. Popplewell, b J. Shepherd, 9; G. D. Crosthwaite, b Pawson, 0; C. Batty, b J. Shepherd, 0; O. Bell, c Milford, b Pawson, 3; Murtland, b Shepherd, 4; H. Stephens, not out, 10; J. A. Popplewell, lbw, b J. Shepherd, 1; A. Powell, b Pawson, 0; H. Wilson, b Shepherd, 0; extras, 6; total (for 8 wkts.), 57.

MICKLEFIELD V. BARWICK—At Barwick. Scores:—

Barwick—J. Pollard, c Wallis, b Townend, 4; F. Lumb, b Townend, 4; H. Walton, b Smith, 9; G. Bowes, b Townend, 2; J. Rolshaw, b Smith, 8; W. Lovett, c Tompkinson, b Townend, 1; T. Rolshaw, b Smith, 11; M. Lumb, c Wallis, b Smith, 2; W. Hartley, not out, 0; V. Rolshaw, b Townend, 1; M. Wilkinson, b Townend, 0; extras, 1; total, 33.

Micklefield—Tompkinson, b V Rolshaw, 2; Wallis, c J Rolshaw, b Bowes, 12; Smith, c Hartley, b V. Rolshaw, 1; Stone, not out, 21; Hobson, not out, 1; total (for 3 wkts.), 37.

SCEARCROFT V. GREAT PRESTON—At Scearcroft. Scores:—

Scearcroft—D. Burton, c Wheatley, b Wiggleworth, 24; T. Toft, c Vorley, b Wright, 29; G. Stead, b Brookes, 53; H. Attack, run out, 2; C. Johnson, b Watson, 13; G. Thompson, c Brookes, b Thompson, 24; H. Fryer, b Wright, 10; E. Johnson, not out, 14; H. Toft, b Wright, 0; extras, 2; total (for 8 wkts.), 171. Innings declared.

Great Preston—T. Wiggleworth, st Attack, b D Burton, 1; H. Watson, not out, 29; J. Green, b D Burton, 1; J. Brookes, c Attack, b D. Burton, 1; J. Vorley, c G Thompson, b I. Fryer, 6; A. Thompson, b C. Johnson, 1; A. Wheatley, c Sub, b C. Johnson, 0; C. Wright, b D. Toft, 0; D. Burton, b C. Wright, b D. Burton, 0; J. Cooper, c C. Johnson b D. Burton, 0; C. Thompson, c J. Pickersgill b Stead, 0; extras, 2; total, 47.

CAWOOD V. CHURCH FENTON—At Cawood. Scores:—

Church Fenton—W. D. Foxton, run out, 3; A. Foxton, b C. O. Lund, 4; W. Mosby, b Jackson, 0; C. O. Lund, run out, 4; A. Claughton, b C. O. Lund, 7; W. Claughton, c Lund, b Jackson, 2; H. Kestes, c Stockdale, b Jackson, 0; H. Johnson, not out, 9; M. Thompson, b Dobson, 0; W. Fawcett, b Dobson, 0; H. Mosby, b R. Lupton, 2; extras, 5; total (for 9 wkts.), 40.

Cawood—C. Lund, b Mosby, 8; J. Claughton, 8; F. Ward, b W. Mosby, 14; W. Barker, b A. Claughton, 0; H. Dodson, not out, 16; C. O. Lund, not out, 0; total (for 6 wkts.), 38.

HALTON V. GARFORTH—At Halton. Scores:—Halton—H. Fryer, b Sunter, 3; S Glover, c Taylor, b Dobson, 48; W. Glover, c Benson, b Sunter, 18; A. Firth, lbw, b Smales, 14; J. Williamson, b Longden, 36; H. Morley, b Longden, 24; G. Reed, not out, 15; J. Kilburn, c Haigh, b Longden, 4; J. Wilson, c Dobson, b Longden, 4; W. Pickersgill, run out, 5; Ballance, c Sunter, b Benson, 3; extras, 6; total, 178.

Hulton—S. Haigh, b Pickersgill, 0; H. Cowell, c Glover, b Ballance, 15; W. Smales, b Pickersgill, 0; H. Taylor, c Firth, b Pickersgill, 0; C. Sunter, c Kilburn, b Pickersgill, 6; W. Benson, b Ballance, 14; J. Longden, lbw, b Ballance, 3; H. Dobson, b Ballance, 0; W. Sunter, b Ballance, 0; R. Hudson, c Williamson, b Ballance, 6; R. W. Shaw, b Ballance, 0; extras, 6; total, 58.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

ULLESKELF V. TADCASTER A.—At Ulleskelf. Scores:—Ulleskelf—J. Sykes o, W. Bean o, F Stronach 2, N Ward 7, F. Holt 11, H. Varey 8, Richardson 11, H. Bean 0, Bennett 0, Wilkinson 7, W Wilkinson 1, T. Tristram (not out) 2, extras 2, total 33. Tadcaster A.—A. Aldous c F. Richardson 11, H. Chatfield 18, Sol. E Nettleton 14, extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 35.

CROSSGATES WES. A. V. GARFORTH WES.—At Old Manston. Scores:—Crossgates Wes. A.—H. Brook 17; C. Holliday 2, F. Hewitt 2, A. Denton, c R. Higgins, b Sellens, 0; H. Brook 3, F. W. B. Willans 1, E. C. White 2, G. Broadbent 2, A. Morris (not out) 0; total, 38. Garforth—V. Sherry, c Sherry, b F. Gent (not out) 8, V. Sibery (not out), 20; extras, 2; total (for 1 wkt.), 40.

MICKLEFIELD A. V. BARWICK A.—At Micklefield. Scores:—Micklefield A.—T. Longden 1; Hall, b Firth, 5; J. Hudson, c Walsh, b H. Garforth 11, T. Walton 9, W. Kilburn 5, C. Ragan 6, J. Goodman 34, W. Hopps 12, A. Moakes (not out) 0; Backhouse 11, Sol. Barlow A.—Backhouse 11, Ingham o, Drake o, A. Rolshaw o, G. Brown, jun., 3, T. H. Rolshaw 11, Woodcock, c Markham o; Scarcliff 1, Poole not out 1, A. Bramley 3, extras, 2; total, 32.

GARFORTH A. V. ABERFORD—At Garforth. Scores:—Aberford—J. Blakey o, J. Coggin 14, G. Connell 6, F. Walton 21, O. Griffin 7, J. Inman (not out) 10, A. Stringer 0, Nutton 0, G. Pickles 0, Mr. Connell 4, extras, 3; total, 65. Garforth A.—F. Hancock (not out) 35, T. Kilburn 4, W. Browning 14, A. Pickersgill 11, extras, 3; total (for 3 wkts.), 67.

GREAT PRESTON V. SCARCROFT A.—At Great Preston. Scores:—Great Preston—G. Wiggleworth 2, A. Wiggleworth 1, E. Colley o, Hr. Lilley o, W. Thompson o, W. Hobson (not out) 11, Hy. Lilley 14, E. Swales 1, W. Oldham 1, D. Lilley 10, G. Hambleton 1, extras, 2; total, 40. Scearcroft—F. Derwick o, A. Benson (not out) 13, J. Linley (not out) 30, total (for 1 wkt.), 43.

BRAMHAM V. KIRK DEIGHTON—At Bramham. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—F. Linfoot 8, T. Beasley 2, J. Beasley 2, G. Jackson 9, G. Firth 3, F. Nicholson 4, H. Oxley 4, G. White 0, A. Swann 5, B. Nicholson (not out) 1, C. Oxley 0, extras, 4; total, 32. Bramham—J. Whittaker 6, J. Cass 1, G. Shaw 8, Tindall, lbws, 5, A. Stockdale 1, H. Shaw o, G. Eastwood 0, F. Bullock (not out) 5, R. Eastwood 1, G. Brown o, D. Kerridge o, extras, 3; total, 30.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

ROTHWELL V. ALTOFTS UNITED—At Altofts. Scores:—

Altofts—Alf. Bednall, b Banks, 4; J. Dolan, b Bedford, 4; W. Hall, b Banks, o; R. Phillips, c Bedford, b Banks, 2; Art. Bednall, b Banks, 1; W. Knowles, b Banks, o; J. Bednall, lbw, b Banks, 5; B. Kirk, b Banks, 2; E. Adams, c Fox, b Banks, 2; J. Hampson, not out, 2; J. Glaze, b Banks, 1; extras, 11; total, 34.

Rothwell—C. Tiffany, c Glaze, b Art. Bednall, 2; H. Hodgkinson, b Bednall, 4; W. Fox, lbw, b Alf. Bednall, 2; H. Hemsworth, c Kirk, b Art. Bednall, 7; E. Tiffany, c Hall, b Alf. Bednall, o; E. Moss, b Alf. Bednall, o; A. Clark, c Knowles, b Alf. Bednall, 1; W. Bedford, at Hall, b Art. Bednall, 15; H. Lane, not out, 1; extras, 3; total, (for 8 wkts.), 35.

KIPPAX V. WOODLESFORD—At Kippax. Scores:—

Kippax—H. Limbert, c Dobson, b Hitchin, o; E. Bickerdike, b Hitchin, 3; B. Eddison, lbw, b Hitchin, 10; A. Cripwell, b Hamer, 2; L. Webster, c Baxter, b Hitchin, 5; L. Veitch, b Hitchin, 1; A. Hardy, b Hamer, o; T. Lowe, b Hitchin, 4; J. Rider, not out, o; A. Varley, c Harr, b Hamer, o; S. Hodgson, c Baxter, b Hamer, 2; extras, 6; total, 40.

Woodlesford—H. Hamer, not out, 23; W. Harrison, lbw, b Cripwell, 1; O. Wilkinson, b Bickerdike, 1; A. Dennison, not out, 14; extras, 8; total (for 2 wkts.), 47.

ROBIN HOOD V. OUTWOOD FRIENDS—At Outwood. Scores:—

Outwood—H. Dixon, b Frost, 4; W. Pickard, b Giles, 4; J. W. Lunn, b Frost, o; D. White, b Hawden, 13; R. Hoyland, b Giles, 2; E. Thompson, c and b Hawden, 31; P. Carr, b Kirkby, 3; J. Jones, run out, 1; J. Colley, c Wormald, b Lamb, 6; A. Hargreaves, b Hawden, 2; M. Wheeler, not out, 15; extras, 12; total, 91.

Robin Hood—E. Giles, b Pickard, 14; W. Frost, run out, 14; P. Wormald, b Colley, b Jones, 26; L. Armitage, not out, 16; J. H. Lamb, not out, 1; extras, 12; total (for 3 wkts.), 92.

STANLEY CHURCH V. CARLTON—At Stanley. Scores:—

Carlton—J. Illingworth, c Bulmer, b Nolan, 2; L. Brown, b Bulmer, 30; E. Fozzard, c Dobson, b Cawthorne, 27; H. Corrie, c Dobson, b Cawthorne, 10; C. Butterworth, b Cawthorne, o; S. Lawrence, c Butterfield, b Cawthorne, 23; W. Sykes, b P. Hargreaves, 1; J. Brooks, b Dickinson, 18; W. Brown, not out, 15; W. Holroyd, b Cawthorne, 1; Newton, c Davison, b Dobson, 35; extras, 7; total, 169.

Stanley—J. Holmes, b Illingworth, 5; H. Littlewood, b Sykes, 14; J. Cawthorne, b Sykes, o; J. Bulmer, b Sykes, o; J. Nolan, b Sykes, 9; A. Davison, b Sykes, 6; L. Hargreaves, c and b Illingworth, 5; E. Butterfield, c Butterworth, b Illingworth, o; C. Dickinson, b Brown, 39; J. Dobson, c Brooke, b Newton, 7; J. Nolan, not out, o; extras, 3; total, 92.

ROTHWELL JUNIOR LEAGUE.

ROTHWELL A. V. ALTOFTS WES.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Rothwell—A. Tiffany 55, B. Fozzard 6, J. Hobson 26, W. Nelson o, W. Ingleby (not out) 31, F. Stringer, o, extras, 5; total (for 5 wkts.), 142. Innings declared. Altofts Wes.—J. Brown 56, J. Hollis o, A. Richards o, C. Hampson o, W. H. Brown o, A. Plant 9, T. Brown 14, W. Carter o, T. Hopson (not out) 11, J. Holdsworth o, M. Brown o, extras, o; total, 91.

KIPPAX A. V. WOODLESFORD A.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—Kippax—H. Limbert, c and b Morton 9, J. Holmes o, J. Hamer 3, T. Collin 1, H. Williams 9, L. Taylor o, F. Baxter o, L. Hopkinson 2, A. Bulmer, b Sykes, o; J. Kenton, 1; total, 25. Kippax—J. Varley 3, R. Stoker o, T. Booth 12, A. Ballance 1, L. Willliams (not out) 4, O. Lilley (not out) o, extras, 6; total (for 4 wkts.), 26.

CARLTON V. STANLEY A.—At Carlton. Scores:—Stanley—C. Poole o, Wm. Colley o, E. Dobson 2, P. Hargreaves 4, W. Colley 4, S. Smith o, J. Hartley 8, J. Turner 2, J. Bulmer 1, J. Brown 2, A. Holroyd (not out) 3, total, 27. Carlton A.—A. Austin 2, H. Hardwick 7, E. Sefton o, W. Ashton 4, W. Fox (not out) 8, A. Turner (not out) 8, extra, 1; total (for 4 wkts.), 30.

ROBIN HOOD A. V. OUTWOOD FRIENDS A.—At Robin Hood. Scores:—Robin Hood—B. Booth 14, E. Wormald 8, J. Holroyd 2, F. Wormald 28, H. Fenton o, Jim Walker o, G. Brown 9, C. Featherstone o, J. Walker (not out) 3, H. Blackburn o, B. Kirkby o, extras, 14; total, 79. Outwood—H. Lees, 4, W. F. Jones 3, J. Whiteley 4, F. Tattersall 1, W. Ashton 3, W. Finnigan o, I. Land 1, G. Richardson 5, J. Whittaker 10, Bedford o, J. Norton (not out) 1, extras, 2; total, 51.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

Kippax v. Altofts. Messrs Britton and Briggs, Rothwell v. Carlton. Messrs Lumb and Booth, Woodlesford v. Stanley. Messrs Tattersall and Newton.

FARMERS AND POTATO PICKERS.

A meeting of the Yorkshire Farmers' Union was held at the Queen Hotel, Doncaster, on Saturday, Mr P. Harrison presiding. A letter was read from Mr J. G. Butcher, M.P., with reference to the potato picker question and the Insurance Act. According to the reply of Mr Wedgwood Benn, on behalf of the Insurance Commissioners, in the Board of Commerce, the term "potato picker," included in the list of subsidiary employments liable for insurance under the Insurance Act, meant persons engaged in harvesting the crop, and does not include persons who sort potatoes at the pie. According to an answer given to Mr. Butcher (Wakefield) ago, he thought that both were exempted; but it would appear, according to Mr Wedgwood Benn, that sorters were not.

Mr W. Armstrong (Selby) said he considered that both—those dealing with the harvest and those working at the pie—should be exempted. In casual women workers on farms should be exempted. If they got an order for 10 tons of potatoes in the middle of the week they required 12 women only one day, they had got to stamp these women's cards at the cost of 5d. each. That was a charge of 5s. upon every waggon of potatoes they sent out. No other class of business men would stand what the British farmers were standing to-day.

It was decided to communicate with members of Parliament who support the Union, and point out the farmers' grievances in regard to the Act, and ask them to bring the matter before the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment.

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A SINGLE-WICKET CRICKET STORY.

A very droll description of a single-wicket cricket match between Bob Grimston and Fred Micklethwaite is given by the late Sir Edward Chandos Leigh, K.C.B., K.C., in "Bar, Bat, and Bit: Recollections and Experiences" (John Murray). In this match "no-balls" were to be allowed:

Micklethwaite went in first and got seventeen. He was a portly, middle-aged man, weighing nearly sixteen stone, and trundled a very round-paced ball underhand. He kept coming over the crease, and when Bob had got fourteen runs, he ran up to within three yards of the wicket and bowled him clean out. Naturally Bob was furious, and this the great Mr. Warde, who was referee and sat in a bath-chair, on being appealed to, answered, 'Grimston was out, but it wasn't cricket on the part of Micklethwaite!' So a return match took place. I should add that in the first match each of these veterans was allowed a ground boy to field for him, but in the return match the boys were barred.

"Bob went in first, and when he made a hit Micklethwaite would say, 'You needn't run, Bob; I give you one for that!' Presently Bob made a much bigger hit. 'I give you one for that,' said Micklethwaite. 'No, you don't,' said Bob, 'it's worth more,' and started to run.

"One of the boys who had fielded in the first match happened to be sitting on a bench, and Micklethwaite sang out to him to run after the ball. The boy did so, and Bob, seeing this, ran after the boy, who dropped the ball. Micklethwaite picked it up, and ran Bob out! Again furious, he appealed to Mr. Warde, who again replied, 'Grimston was out, but it wasn't cricket on the part of Micklethwaite!' Whereupon Bob said, 'If I'm out, I'll kill that boy!'

"Now, in the old days behind the old pavilion there were some deep holes for rubbish. All present joined in the chase. The boy jumped into one of these holes, where Bob kept vainly prodding at him with his bat. At last he was pulled off, and after his rage had subsided, with his usual generosity he gave the boy half-a-crown.

"There was a funny sequel. I challenged Grimston, and he got very much annoyed with me, but as Micklethwaite was standing by he had to accept, and we each found a sovereign to Micklethwaite as stakeholder. The next day, under the direction of the late Lord Beasborough, our wicket was duly prepared. I turned up, but there was no Bob, so I claimed the stakes."

INSANITOUS EXCUSES.

"Even at the best of times the district superintendents were always at loggerheads with Oriental ideas of punctuality; it was nothing uncommon to have half a dozen engines in steam with only a couple of crews ready to go out. A conscientious native doctor would give a driver a medical certificate for a bad toe; another would have married a wife—and the Mohammedan's matrimonial

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LOVE'S CROSS ROADS.

By MRS. L. T. MEADE

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CHAPTER XXVI.

Miss Patricia arrived back at the Grange by the dinner train. A carriage had been sent to the village to meet her, but neither Paul Colthurst nor any of his family accompanied it. The servant who stood in the station hewed gravely to the lady as she alighted from her third-class carriage. He conducted her at once to the grand carriage in waiting, and she was bowled swiftly away, the soft summer breeze blowing on her heated cheeks, in the direction of Colmere Grange.

There was a dull sort of feeling all over Miss Patricia that she was very, very near the heart and essence of the mystery of her life. She felt certain of it. Things had come to such a pass that they could not stay in that happy manner. She did not notice the fact that none of those she loved had come to meet her. Had she had time to think of it, she would have been more pleased than ever.

By-and-bye the carriage rolled up the well-gravelled avenue, and stopped in the grand sweep before the front door. A servant hastily descended the steps. Miss Patricia alighted.

"What is the hour?" she said.

"The dressing-gong has just sounded, ma'am," was the reply.

"Oh, then I shall be in plenty of time," she made answer.

She went up at once to her room. She did not take long in changing her dress. She put on a black silk one which she had generally worn in the evenings since she had come to Connop Grange. As a rule, Mrs. Colthurst would send a maid to help her, and there was always a little glass of milk, a dressing-table, a sweet bouquet of fresh flowers which she was expected to wear at dinner-time. On this occasion, however, the milk was not put in an appearance, and there were no flowers ready.

"I have been busy on their account all day," thought Miss Patricia, "but they have forgotten this dear little service which I love so well."

She put on her dress unaided, and arranged her hair as well as she could. Mrs. Colthurst's maid managed to make a good job of it, and Miss Patricia's wintry locks. They did not look so bright and well ordered and becoming as usual to-night. Having done so, she went downstairs. She had a queer sort of feeling running through her mind, as though she were haunted by two distinct voices, the one of which was widely divergent from the other. One thought belonged to Paul, and Peter, and Thomas Oswald, and the coming parting. The other thought reverted to that region of a woman's mind where it is said that the best of us, if we are worth our salt, are occasionally to stray. She was thinking how soon she might purchase a ready-made dress, and what colour it should be, and how it could be made to look suitable to her present happy position, at the same time not having her look younger than her years.

"For if I hate anything in all the world, I hate that sort of thing," thought Miss Patricia, as she entered the drawing-room.

Pamela was not present, but Mrs. Colthurst was. She was there alone. Miss Patricia looked round the room.

"I am afraid I am late," she said.

"No, you are not at all late. You and I, Miss Hermione, are going to dine alone to-night."

"But why is that?"

"You will know everything after dinner," replied Mrs. Colthurst. "Ah! there's the gong. Will you take my arm? Let me conduct you to the dining-room."

Miss Patricia certainly forgot her dress then. She could not make out what strange turn events could have taken. Dinner was served with due solemnity and all regard to the proprieties. There were a vast number of courses—at one was omitted—although Miss Patricia began to feel so weary from her day's occupation, and so nervous, that she had hardly appetite enough to eat anything. Mrs. Colthurst talked in a sort of surface-manner which was extremely trying to the agitated guest. She addressed Miss Patricia as she would the merest stranger. She spoke of the best pictures of the year in the Academy, the best piece at present to be seen on the stage. She reverted to a little village gossip. She seemed to be talking against time. Her face, generally so smooth and dignified, had some freshly drawn wrinkles on it, which added to her appearance. She was evidently keeping herself in; she was also making a tremendous effort to do so. She was just as finding the task extremely difficult. At last the sweet meal came to an end, and the ladies retired to the drawing-room.

"Now, what is the meaning of this?" said Miss Patricia. "What is it? I can't bear it! Something has happened while I was away!"

"Indeed, yes," said Mrs. Colthurst; "a great deal has happened. Will you come with me? My husband asked me to bring you to him to the study as soon as ever dinner was over. He has asked me to come too. He wants to be present."

"I will go at once."

"Yes, didn't I say so? Don't ask me questions. You will soon know the best and the worst."

Miss Patricia made no remark. Mrs. Colthurst led the way to her husband's study. She tapped at the door. Paul Colthurst's voice called out, "Come in," and the two ladies entered. The latter found Paul seated in a big armchair, with his back plainly to the fireplace and his face turned towards the window. Both windows were shut, however, which fact struck Miss Patricia as strange and unaccountable on this lovely warm summer's evening. Peter and Pamela were also in the room. Pamela's face was deadly white, and the tears were still on her cheeks. Her beauty was marred by the tears she had been shedding. She sat in a somewhat shadowy part of the room in the background, and she was holding Peter's hand.

"Whatever is the matter?" exclaimed Miss Patricia. "What are we here in the dark for? Why are the windows shut, and why do the young people sit back there where they do?"

"I will tell you in a moment, Patricia," replied Paul. "My dear"—he turned to his wife—"this, I think, is your place."

He removed to Mrs. Colthurst to sit by him. When she did so he slipped his arm round her waist. She leant back against his strong arm.

"Please explain," said Miss Patricia.

"Yes, I will tell you everything. Sit here, will you?"

"But why?"

"Because I wish you to." He motioned to a chair not far from Peter and Pamela.

Pamela bent towards Miss Patricia and tried to smile, but her tears welled forth afresh, and, bowing forward, she buried her head on Peter's breast.

"Yes, you too will be safer here," said Paul Colthurst.

"Oh, please tell me what you mean!"

"What I say. Peter is in danger; Pamela is in danger, and you, as a mere matter of revenge, may also come within the aim of one whose object it is to destroy life. But no harm of that sort can happen to my wife and therefore we sit here facing the window. I have kept the windows shut on purpose because of this said danger."

"But, Paul, Paul, I was coming to you with my story. I went to town on purpose. I was coming to you with the knowledge which is now a certainty."

"Patricia, we may all thank you for having come here to-day, but your going to town to-day was doubtless an excellent thing; and I took your advice, and prevented, if I did not prevent, Pamela's having any interview of course with that poor tramp."

"Silas Lake!" interrupted Miss Patricia.

"Yes, I know all about him."

"Well, dear, your goodness, your courage, have just come too late. I will tell you why."

"Please, do. I don't understand."

"There is such a thing," continued Paul, "as a wicked conspiracy. Of such a ways and forsaking them and turning round and being coming, through the mercy of Heaven, good seen again. Patricia, of such a change, such a marvellous change can take place in the case of a poor, forsaken, lonely, starving tramp, surely it can take place in a greater degree with larger issues at stake, in the case of another. Before I say anything further, I will ask Pamela to explain to you what happened this morning."

"Yes, I like this, Auntie Patricia," said Pamela's clear voice. "Peter and I were out in the grounds. You had said something to father, and he did not wish me to talk to the poor tramp, and I—yes, I was angry. Father said I mustn't see the tramp again. As things turned out, it was a very good thing for me that I did see him. We—Peter and I—were walking in the grounds, and we met him, for father forgot to send a message to the lodge that he was not to be admitted. The tramp came alone and asked to see me, not put in an appearance, and there were no flowers ready.

"No wonder, you poor, poor child!"

"But he would not do it," continued Pamela. "He said he couldn't. He said I wouldn't let him—just as if I could prevent him coming to the grounds, and having to see and kissed my hand, and asked Heaven to bless me, and then rushed away; and he said there was only the mansion he cared to be wanted to have him arrested. But I don't think father does want to have him arrested. He's very kind."

"It could do no good," said Paul. "Patricia, please listen. Pamela and Peter came to me with their terrible, their convincing, story, and I sent my darling child upstairs, and I told Peter he was to stay with her as long as I could, and then—"

Paul's voice dropped. He did not speak for a full five minutes. Patricia felt her heart going out to him.

"Do you remember a day," he continued, "when I proposed to you and asked you to give up the most precious thing you possessed in all the world?"

"Did I forget?" said Miss Patricia.

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"I will," she replied.

The next day the Colthurst family and Miss Patricia and Pamela Lennox went to town. By this time, Thomas Oswald had very nearly collected the thousand pounds necessary to secure the fatal capsules from Reuben Jakes. He was in a state of wild excitement. He joked and laughed. His tenants had forsaken him. He was even prepared to do the horrible deed himself. He fraternised with the labourers, who, of their hearts, loved him like him at all. He tried to make himself most agreeable to Mrs. Lucks; and Mrs. Lucks's good-looking niece, he said to her mother that if the Oswalds did not go soon, they would really have to shut up house.

Two days after this, Thomas Oswald was standing in the breakfast-room at No. 10, Jamesstreet, when a telegram was put into his hand. He opened it, and read the few words. They were to this effect:

Married to-day at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, by special licence, by the Rev. Hubert Colthurst, cousin to the bridegroom, Peter Colthurst, son of Paul Colthurst, of Connop Grange, and Pamela Lennox. The happy pair leave immediately for the Continent.

"There I am done!" said Oswald, and he let the flimsy sheet of paper flutter to the ground.

Miss Hattie who presently took it up. "What is the matter with you, Mr. Oswald?" she said.

"Read it," he replied.

She read. "Why, dear, dear, she exclaimed, "there's nothing sad in this. It's a wedding. How perfectly delightful! And a wedding by special licence. I always love that sort. As sure as a person is married by special licence, there's a story behind. What should put you out about this, Mr. Oswald? Why, here's Peter Colthurst—Paul's son—those two were the *dear* young people who had ten here a short time ago. Oh, I'm glad this is delightful! I must fly to mother and tell her."

Years have passed by. Peter and his wife are as happy as any two people can be in this world, which is a strange mingling of happiness and pain, of tears and sorrow, of smiles and tears. And Paul is also happy, for he has confessed his sin, and Heaven has forgiven him.

"I owe it to a poor tramp," he says.

It is wonderful how great deeps in this story were owed to that same poor tramp.

Thomas Oswald, it is grievous to say, notwithstanding the fact that there only stood one life between him and great possessions, never lived to enjoy them. He died three or four years later, a confirmed drunkard. His aunt Thomas quickly followed in his father's footsteps. When, by-and-bye, the time came to redistribute their great property in Laura, who was always gentle and sweet and kind, will be found to be the sole heiress.

There was one thing which Peter and Pamela could not rest until they accomplished. They got Silas out to Australia. They found him invaluable. He lived for them. He was changed in every way that a man could be changed.

Sybil met the clerk at the outer door of the office, and thanking him, said: "I found what I wanted after all," and then hurried downstairs.

After spending three hours in deep and anxious thought, until her mind was in such a ferment of restlessness that sober reflection was no longer possible, she decided to send a telegram in her employer's name, agreeing to accept the contract at 12s. 4d. a ton. Even when her decision might prove disastrous, after all, to Arthur Fermor's interest; but at length she screwed up her courage and despatched the fateful message. As she retreated homeward through the fast gathering darkness her eyes grew moist with tears, for the anxiety and suspense had proved too much for her.

On arriving at the office on the following morning, she found Mr. Fermor pacing about his room, looking very downcast and gloomy.

"How unfortunate it was, Miss Bennett, that I should have been absent when that telegram arrived!" he said, referring to the message which was lying on his desk.

"But I replied to it," she said, striving to appear calm and collected.

"replied to it!" he exclaimed in amazement.

"Yes," and then in a few words she told him all that had transpired during his absence.

As she was on the point of finishing her statement a telegram arrived from Riga worded as follows: "Congratulations. You have secured contract."

Arthur Fermor sprang forward and grasped her hand, with tears—yes, positively tears of joy and gratitude in his eyes.

"Sybil Bennett," he said in a voice broken with emotion, "you have saved me from bankruptcy and ruin. More than that, you have put £25,000 in my pocket. How can I thank you for what you have done for me?"

"I am glad—" And then Sybil paused and nent her eyes to the floor, too agitated to utter another word.

"Sybil," he resumed, in a low and tender tone, "I may tell you frankly now that from the first moment you came here I admired you—nay, loved you, and desired to make you my wife. I know I have been a brute to you, but, believe me, sweetest, I always felt sorry afterwards—always, Sybil." After a pause, he added: "Come, darling, consent to be my wife, and make me the happiest man in London to-day."

Sybil, smiling through her tears, raised her face to his, and their lips met tremblingly in a kiss of deep and abiding love.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME

BUTTER AS FOOD.

Unless eaten raw, butter is one of the most wholesome foods. Children that are kept well supplied with butter do not require to be doctored with cod-liver oil, which is well, as the butter is the cheaper. Consumptive people and diabetics should be supplied with as much butter as they can digest without giving rise to biliousness.

TO TREAT A BURN.

The best treatment for a burn is to cover it at once with several layers of borie gauze. Large burns on any parts of the limbs, and even small burns on the body itself, should be seen to by a doctor at the earliest opportunity, but until that is possible the burn should be kept covered with borie gauze. The worst feature of a severe burn is the shock to the system. The patient appears to be cold and shivering. The best treatment is to cover the patient well with blankets, adding a covered hot water-bottle, and keeping a constant vessel of boiling water on the range, or, if the skin is pale and the lips blue, giving a little hot brandy and water.

POLITENESS IN THE HOME.

It is significant to observe how some men fail to know how to treat their wives and sisters when they meet them. It seems to them quite unnecessary to lift their hats, or to give their nearest and dearest the courtesy they would freely render to a fellow woman outside of the domestic circle. This should not be, and the sooner a stop is put to it the better for all concerned. The ablest and most persuasive treatise on the etiquette of the home will not be able to make it a thing of beauty, although it would be helpful towards that end. What is needed is the right training of boys and girls. Politeness should everywhere be enforced by parents in the same way as other good qualities are taught.

DIET FOR THE INVALID.

When the doctor orders a patient to be kept on a light and nourishing diet, he does not mean, as many people think, that he should live chiefly on beef-tea, jellies, custards, and sponge cakes, grapes, and jelly.

These are the things which in novels you will generally find sick people consuming by the order of their physicians, but in real life such will very quickly have the effect of murdering them.

Beef-tea—the ideal food for the sick, of the ignorant—is, as a matter of fact, not a food at all. One well-known doctor maintained that all Napoleon's wars had not occasioned so much loss of life as meat-eaters' ideas as to the food value of beef-tea.

It is a stimulant, and in illness a stimulant is often of great value, but no one can live on stimulants. In its place as a whisper-up of energy beef-tea will do good, just as poking the fire will make it burn more brightly; but it will not make the fire—or the body—burn on for long. For this reason it has been compared, as a food for the sick, to an ass in a lion's skin.

If, however, it be mixed with a beaten-up egg, milk, and seasoning of salt and pepper, and made into a custard, it will be nourishing, with these real foods, make an excellent form of light, nutritious diet, for beef-tea imparts a flavour to the insipid egg and milk, and many people will find a savoury custard of this kind much more acceptable than beef-tea.

Sponge cakes, which one so often sees on a plate by a sick person's bedside, are bad. They are, or ought to be, largely composed of eggs, and, as far as that goes, are nourishing enough, but they contain far too much sugar. A really good home-made sponge cake is a delicious and indigestible thing.

Its richness in sugar causes it to be a fertile maker of acidity, and this, of course, gives it exceptional unsuitability, anything but desirable for a person under doctor's orders in the matter of food. Grapes are undoubtedly useful to the sick. I do not wish to be understood to say that doctors order them for patients who they are not suitable for sick people, not at all. They are very refreshing, and of a certain amount of value as food, but on account of the sugar they contain; but this very property—their excess of sugar—renders them unfit for some persons.

In any case they can only be considered as adjuncts to a nourishing diet.

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All solid foods should be of a kind to be very easily digested. This is what a doctor means when he orders the sick to live on "light and nourishing" food, such as beef, pork, goose, salmon, &c., should be carefully eschewed, and only tender meats—such as fresh-cut veal, chickens, game, and rabbit—allowed.

Hare is shunned by invalids, as a rule, it is too rich for them, because it has to be cooked with a great deal of fat to prevent it from burning. Fish, as a rule, is very digestible, but it comes into the category of a "light and nourishing" food only when it is delicate fish, such as salmon. White fish is the only kind permitted. For very delicate people it is better to avoid fish altogether.

All and every kind of milk pudding is, of course, included in such a dietary, but do not pin your faith to jelly. This is a great stand by of the sick in fiction, but not in fact.

Jelly contains very little nourishment, but it is pleasant and refreshing as an occasional change. Custards, however, if properly made, the place of milk and eggs it will form a dietetically light, but as certainly not nourishing.

Curds-and-whey and junkets are far too little used in the feeding of invalids. They are both invaluable, for they present milk in a digestible and appetising form, and therefore often tempt people to take it when they have grown weary of it in puddings.

Milk soup is also far too seldom seen on the tables of those for whom is ordered a diet "light and nourishing."—*The Table.*

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Mr Lane Fox, M.P., is interesting himself in the housing question.

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Egg-taking, it is said, is not unknown at local shows. It should be put a stop to.

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A flower show is to be promoted at Roundhay. Why not be content with Crossgates Show?

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Optimistic! A Crossgates man stated in the Bankruptcy Court he started business with £5 capital.

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Garforth had a clean sheet of health, so far as infectious diseases are concerned, for the month of June.

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The youth at Garforth who sold a gold ring for a "tanner" had little idea of values. In his new home he may learn.

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The Rev. J. Warren Milward succeeds the Rev. Lewis Thomas as superintendent minister in the Tadcaster Wesleyan Circuit.

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Mr F. Lockwood, of Thornton-le-Clay, who won the prize for fat bullock at Sherburn Show, says the feeder of "Pat the Giant."

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To use the words of one of the Councillors, "Garforth keeps adding to the stock." Last month there were two deaths and eight births.

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Hullo! South Milford and Sherburn have now a telephone service. Church Fenton has not received the 'phone yet, and it thinks it is slighted.

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Harrogate folks are protesting against flying-men taking possession of the place. Why should not Wetherby give them an invitation to use the race-course?

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Is the dangerous corner at Pinfold Gate, Halton, to be removed? The Council might make another attempt to arrange terms with the owner of the land.

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As showing how dependent agricultural societies are on a subscription list, Sherburn Show in 1913 had £161 5s. in subscriptions and £44 2s. in gate money.

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Kippax can run a flower and poultry show successfully. Garforth cannot get residents to work for one. It is long since the Garforth Flower Show fizzled out.

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"There is no pleasanter outing," says a writer, "than a pother about the by-roads near Sicklinghall and Kirkby Overblow, or by Kirk Deighton and Spofforth."

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The "joke" of the Bramham young man, who sent a threatening letter to a girl, was rather expensive, inasmuch as he had costs amounting to £5 to pay.

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How many of the local farmers' sons take advantage of the agricultural education provided by the County Council? Reference was made to this at Sherburn Show.

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A number of local scholars—Garforth, Micklefield, Oulton, and Rothwell—have won county minor scholarships. Female scholars have gained scholarships for intending teachers.

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Were the members of the House Committee of the Hunslet Guardians afraid of a good beating from the Homes Committee that they did not turn up at the cricket match on Monday.

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Mr Andrew Cochrane, the Selby shipbuilder, says he has been for 40 years a teetotaler, and he advocates total abstinence, but in his old age he takes a "little" in a medicinal way.

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Why has the horticultural show become unpopular in the district? At one time there were numerous exhibitions, but now such shows are held only at Crossgates, Thorner, Tadcaster, and Kippax.

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In celebration of his golden wedding Mr Andrew Cochrane, the Selby shipbuilder, presented each of his employees—740—with a new crown piece. He says his workmen are the best in the country.

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Events for to-morrow (Saturday). Primrose League demonstration at Templenewsam, pageant at Swillington Park, Fete at Monk Fryston, and Church Fenton Sports. Now make your choice.

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Do postmen deliver letters properly? At Rothwell the other week a postman on the morning round, being unable to get an answer at the front door at the back door of a house, left a letter with a newspaper on the top on the garden wall.

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Monk Fryston Show takes place shortly, and the committee are expecting a larger gathering than ever. The show ground is in the Park, which is itself a great attraction, and good weather is all that is required to make the meeting a success.

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The main street of Halton has plenty of traffic just now, and it is a wonder accidents don't occur, owing to the speed which motorists go at. What will be state of the road when the tramcars have brought up to Swarcliffe? The street is not nearly wide enough.

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It was at a luncheon table and a Yorkshireman, not in the first flush of early youth, was complaining about his teeth or his digestion—we are not sure which. "It's a rum thing," he said, "but when I wor young I could ate owt, but could get nowt, but now that I can get owt I can ate nowt."

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Mr Ladley, of Kirkby Wharfe, who was a judge at Sherburn Show, says that at Irish shows there are 15 to 20 horses in the class. Why cannot we do it, he asks. Irishmen said that Englishmen could not break horses when they got them, but he thinks they can manage that. His view is that farmers have not time to breed horses.

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At the end of this month there will be an interesting wedding, for Baroness Beaumont and Mr Bernard Howard have decided to be married at the bride's home, Carlton Towers, near Selby, where the Stapleton family have been "seated" for many centuries. At the ceremony, which will be performed with the full rites of the Roman Catholic Church, Father Bernard Vaughan is to officiate, and there will be a large house party staying at Carlton Towers.

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Will it come off? The Squire of Templenewsam predicts an election for next month.

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Wetherby Orpheus Choir have been visiting villages in the neighbourhood and showing the natives what they can do.

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Now that the ratepayers' association has gone to the wall, it is said the most powerful organization in Kippax is one of the clubs.

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In a quarry at Wetherby there is a very large thistle, which has 33 branches, and the residents have been flocking to see it.

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Mr C. W. Helm, of Rest Park, won more prizes at Sherburn Show than any other competitor. His enterprise deserved its reward.

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The Skyrack magistrates inflicted deserved punishment on a Rothwell man, whom they described as a "cruel and unnatural" parent.

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Oulton bowlers had a large representation in the Leeds merit competition, and several of them did well, Mr Peters probably best. They must try again.

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More generous! At two performances by a crack band at Roundhay on Monday £80 was collected, £62 of which was given by the evening crowd.

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Not so much interest is shown in the cricket matches between the members of the House and Horses Committees of the Hunslet Guardians as in past years. Why is it?

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The County Council have the oversight of Tadcaster District Council's work, and it was rather funny the District Council condemning County Council property at Barkston.

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More complaints about Roundhay tram service. A correspondent says that on Monday night there were not sufficient trams to take the people home, and hundreds had to walk. Not good enough.

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Wetherby's latest! In aid of the funds of the Wetherby Boy Scouts, an open-air whist drive and dance were held on Friday evening in Wetherby Grange Park, kindly lent by Mrs Riley-Smith.

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Crossgates golfers have twice been defeated by South Leeds, and now Crossgates Ladies, who made a draw with South Leeds Ladies at Rothwell Haigh, are inclined to crow over the male exponents.

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Halton Wesleyans would not have Andrew Carnegie's assistance in buying a pipe organ, but the Barwick Wesleyans were not so particular; then they have had some of the millionaire's money, like Seacroft, and why not?

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It is a lot of use leaving the bedroom windows open at night time, says a Rothwell resident, when the Council persist in leaving open at night out the ashpits, leaving the rubbish outside. Why can't the filth be put into a cart at once?

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County Councillor Sykes, of Tadcaster, who has the management of one of the biggest business concerns in the county, having worked his way up the ladder, thinks that young folks are not keen enough nowadays. They must be up and doing.

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Cochrane's Ltd., shipbuilders, Selby, employ a number of men who, although the oldest employee presented Mr and Mrs A. Cochrane with a beautiful gold loving cup on the occasion of their golden wedding. The relations between employers and employed are excellent.

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Although it is hotter now than at midsummer nature's procession out of doors has begun to slacken down, and the tide of seasonal life has reached high-water mark, and will soon be slowly ebbing, and there is an unmistakable restfulness on the face of the country, a mood characteristic of the sultry "dog-days" in July.

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Will there be any green sweetpeas at Crossgates? At the Bath Show the Mayor, who is a doctor, having stated he had hooked in vain for a green sweet pea, poured a few drops of a preparation into a glass vase, selected some white blooms, the stems of which he immersed. To the astonishment of the audience, the white blooms assumed a rich green tint. The trick was accomplished with sal volatile.

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The new register of Parliamentary and local government electors is now in process of preparation. The Parliamentary register will come into force with the beginning of January, and will, in the ordinary course of events, be that on which the next General Election will be fought. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, that all who are entitled to be voters should take every precaution to ensure that their names are correctly inserted.

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In the opinion of some of the postmen at Rothwell letter-boxes in the front doors of houses are merely placed there for ornamental purposes, and not for their convenience (says a correspondent). Consequently made time is wasted by the men on the rounds, (especially in the morning) in going to the back doors of the houses; the time taken in knocking at one back door is sufficient to enable him to cover the greater part of a row.

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"The huge brow of Kilnsey Crag overhanging the road near the two inns," says a writer in a novel, "was littered with strong stones at the crag, which is a good deal farther off than it looks, is forbidden. And besides, all the stones in those parts have been immersed. The Wharfe, which is a contemporary, but he has made a mistake, for on the occasion of their visit the Crossgates Foresters found stones to throw, and they hit the Crag, too.

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Hope of Barkston Ash!—In regard to the Leeds merit bowling tournament, a writer in a contemporary says that "prominent among the sixteen prize-winners is H. Thomas, the Halton player, who has a rare tussle with W. P. Peters, of Oulton, their game being voted the best of those played at the Gipton. It was practically level pegging until Hall-way through the game, when Thomas began to show superiority, and eventually won by four chalks. The winner hopes to also have won the Barkston Ash medal. Well, I'm sure I wish him success, but I fear that the conclusion of the above paragraph will be fulfilled. Peters, by the way, defeated the veteran Tom Swallow, the champion of 1901 and 1909."

SALE OF WORK AT LITTLE PRESTON HALL.

VALUE OF TRAINED NURSES.

Yesterday afternoon a sale of work promoted by Mrs A. Lowther, was held at Little Preston Hall. It had been arranged for the sale to have taken place out of doors in the beautiful garden, but at the eleventh hour this idea had to be abandoned owing to rain, and the goods for sale were carried into one of the rooms. Mrs Mylchreest, of Elbolts, Thornes, performed the opening ceremony. The proceeds of the sale are to be shared between the Ladies' Home Mission and the West Riding Nurses. Among those present were Mrs Childe, of Potterton Hall (President of the Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Whitkirk Deanery), Miss Laverack (Oulton), and Mrs Townsley (secretaries), Mrs Wheeler (Ledston Hall), Miss Walker (Leeds), the Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar of Kippax), and the Rev. J. Gregory (curate-in-charge of Great Preston).

Mrs Mylchreest was introduced by the Rev. E. B. Smith, who explained the objects of the sale. The money which was given to the Home Mission went to the Assistant Clergy Fund, which, he believed, assisted about 1,400 small parishes throughout England and Wales. With regard to the West Riding Nurses Association, he did not profess to know a great deal, but Mrs Lowther, who took a great interest in it, would read a letter to them.

Mrs Mylchreest, in declaring the sale open, said she hoped it would be a great success, so that a substantial sum could be handed over to enable them to carry out such excellent work.

Mrs Lowther read the following letter from Mrs Sheepshanks, of Arthington Hall, the secretary of the West Riding Nurses Association:—

"The objects of the W.R.N.A. are to supply properly trained nurses and midwives throughout the county, to co-operate with other nursing associations in helping on this work, and to form local affiliated associations in districts where no adequate nursing provision already exists. The Association has a house in Leeds where women are trained as nurses and midwives; they learn their work in the district—in the homes of the poor—and so are taught to make use of any appliances which are at hand. The house supplies emergency nurses when an affiliated association needs them, and also holiday nurses. The nurses sent out are inspected by the fully trained superintendent three or four times a year. The fees for one year's training in district and midwifery work are £30, and this includes board, lodgings and the necessary lectures. To a pupil who will bind herself to nurse for the Association for 2 years the fees are reduced to £20. The County Council give scholarships to the amount of £20. The work of the Association is rapidly increasing. Last year £98 was taken at the Leeds house for maternity booking fees against £39 for the year before. The new colliery districts are supply ing for nurses, and now the rules as in school nurses, registration of births, etc., come into force, there will be more and more demand for nurses. The Association is anxious for more women to train; it is a great opening for young women with a promise of work and regular salary. The Association badly needs more support, which it probably would have if better known."

A vote of thanks to Mrs Mylchreest was also proposed by the Rev. E. B. Smith, and seconded by the Rev. J. Gregory, and heartily carried.

AIRING CLOTHES.

There are few servants who have any conception of how to air clothes, and also a lamentably small percentage of mistresses who have any sort of knowledge in this branch of laundry work. The clothing of many families is carefully ironed, but folded and put away so damp that it produces a chill when put on, and doubtless sometimes consequent rheumatism. It is imperative that freshly-laundried clothes be thoroughly aired either by the fire or in the warm sunshine. In cold weather the final airing by the fire is always necessary. A good test of a freshly-laundried garment is to touch one's face with it. If it be long as there is a suspicion of dampness it is not fit to put away or to wear

Mr J. H. Ingleby, J.P., of Firecroft, Tadcaster, was on the Grand Jury at Leeds Assizes.

Ivy E. Clay, of Wetherby, has won a West Riding scholarship for intending teacher.

GOLF.—A match was played between Wetherby Ladies and Howley Hall on the links of the latter, and Wetherby won by 4 to 3. Details. (Wetherby names first):—Mrs Nickols 0 v. Miss Sheard 1, Miss S. Metcalfe 0 v. Mrs Fox 1, Miss Dawson 1 v. Miss Lee 1, Mrs Birkmyre 1 v. Mrs Parker 0, Hon. Mrs Jackson 1 v. Mrs H. Parker 0, Mrs Sykes 1 v. Miss Caunt 0, Miss M. Metcalfe 1 v. Mrs Blackburn 0.

PATENTS.—Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application—Edward Courtwield, improvements in pockets for uniform coats and like garments. Application completed —Bonnet, Thorman, and Wood, Tadcaster, centrifugal separators for sewage, &c. (patent of addition). Patent sealed—Richard Earnshaw Goode, automatic outlet valves for ships' lifeboats.

LORD HAWKE AND CRICKET.—At a cricket gathering in London on Monday Lord Hawke said with regard to the game of cricket that he did not think there was much the matter with it. County elevens to-day were composed much more largely of professionals than they were some years ago, and he hoped that the professionals would always remember that, although they could not take the same risks as the amateur, the public demanded bright and attractive cricket. He would more gladly pay talent money to the professional who played a bright innings of fifty than a stodgy seventy-five.

MR. C. F. RYDER'S VIEWS.—Mr C. F. Ryder, of Scarcroft, in a letter to the "Post," says:—"The Liberal man devoteth Liberal things, and the Conservative owner payeth for them."—such was the new version of an old text which came into my head on Wednesday after reading a leaflet headed "Land and Housing Reform." The little pamphlet is cleverly and attractively compounded, and reeks of Mr Lloyd George. In fact, when reading it, one can fancy the Tempter taking a party of hardheaded voters up into some lofty church tower, and, after showing them parks, and farms, and cottage, saying, "All these things shall be yours if you will keep me in power and power and prosperity by giving me your votes." The Ten Commandments are still read in our churches, and chapels, and, therefore, presumably, their teaching is in the main accepted, and two out of the ten are directed to enforce respect for private ownership. Until lately every one agreed that if you took a man's property you ought to pay for it, but to-day all this is to be changed, and the crystallisation of covetousness into oppressive and spoliatory legislation is to be encouraged in every possible way

MR LANE FOX AND HOUSING.

QUESTIONING MR RUNCIMAN.

On Wednesday in the House of Commons Mr Lane Fox asked the President of the Board of Agriculture whether, since local authorities who were carrying out building schemes in rural districts to replace condemned cottages were not to be assisted under the Government Housing Bill, a similar concession to that already granted under the Housing and Town Planning Act, involving the application of the Housing Bill, and whether the Government would give a preference to areas in which the local authority had made genuine efforts to use its powers under the Housing and Town Planning Act.

Mr Runciman: The number of local authorities carrying out building schemes in agricultural districts is extremely small. In selecting the districts in which cottages are to be built under the provisions of the Housing Bill the Board will have regard to the urgency of the demand and to the practicability of obtaining land at a reasonable price. I am prepared to consider any representations which may be made to me on behalf of local authorities, but the Board cannot bind itself to refrain from exercising its powers in any particular district merely on the ground that the local authority has or has not taken action under the Housing and Town Planning Act.

Mr Lane Fox asked if the President of the Board of Agriculture would state on what principle the societies for building cottages would be selected under the Government Housing Bill, and when he would be able to announce to the House the name of such societies

Mr Runciman: The Board will be prepared to consider an application made by or on behalf of any society which conforms with the definition of Clause 4 of the Bill. Several societies of the kind which the Government have in view have already been successfully promoted by the Rural Housing Organisation Society, and with the increased financial assistance which will be possible under the provisions of the Bill I hope that many more will come into being. After the Bill has been passed into law I shall be prepared to announce to the House from time to time the names of any societies which have been approved.

The Prime Minister told Mr Bathurst that the Government hoped to carry their Housing Bill into law this session if it were treated as a non-contentious measure; if it proved to be highly contentious it would be difficult to pass.

WESLEYAN MINISTER'S REMARKABLE ADDRESS.

Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan, B.A., B.D., Wesleyan minister, of Scarborough, at an open-air meeting, said he stood there as a Socialist. He would explain what Socialism meant in the course of his address. He stood there as a Socialist because he believed that the ideals for which Socialism stood were identical, absolutely identical with the great ethical principles laid down by Jesus Christ, whom he professed to serve. He did not mean by that that everyone who professed to honour Christ and had not been converted to Socialism was a humbug. He did not reflect in the slightest degree on any Christian who was not a Socialist. He had his own opinions as to the reasons that would explain the fact that many Christians were not Socialists. One reason was that most of them were in the dark while he was in the light. He was 50 years in front and they were 50 years behind. (A voice: I won't have that). "Well, I am 500 years in front." Christ had said "If any man will follow me let him take up his cross." He assured the audience he had had to bear his cross because of his loyalty to principle—he ventured to say unflinching loyalty to the principles he had adopted during the last 15 years. He had lived in West Ham, that most sordid and infernal region of the great city known as Greater London. It was there that his eyes were opened for the first time to the reality of the conditions under which the people lived. From the sordid misery of the East End he went to the Royal Borough of Kensington, the residential area of West London. In the West they had an enormous amount of wealth and magnificent buildings. At the outer end there stood the most sordid slums and most infamous conditions.

Proceeding, the rev. gentleman said so far they had not used the pulpit for the proclamation of Socialism. What they did was to proclaim the doctrines of Jesus Christ. They had done so on the platform. He was prepared to lecture in Queen Street any day if the trustees had sufficient enlightenment to ask him. The Labour movement, he went on, was like Liberalism. It meant progress, but they did not quite know where. They must never forget the magnanimous Government that gave old age pensions—but, they had a jolly long time to wait for them. It was only the thin end of the wedge. They had to ram it home. It should be a principle that every British workman should have fair wages. He must take a part in National Insurance. Every person unable to work must immediately enjoy the old age pension without the stigma of poverty. He thought the Labour party generally had not yet got sight of that city of God, that ideal social democracy, where they would have plenty of food, spacious dwellings, garden cities, and leisure to enjoy life. They must abolish private property—not their shirt, for they would always have their shirt, he hoped. Surely no one thought for one moment that they were so utterly foolish as to suggest that they would no longer have their own wives. Because some Socialists had preached free love they were charged with the most infamous charge ever made. Under Socialism there would be much less immorality than there was at present.

A WETHERBY RACE TALE.—A prisoner at Leeds Assizes yesterday told a curious story when indicted on a charge of having in his possession moulds used for the purpose of making counterfeit coins. He was Joseph Hardwick (50), moulder, of 10, Burton Street, Holbeck, Leeds. Examined by his counsel, Mr Charles Mellor, prisoner said he did a little bookmaking, and at Whitsuntide he went to Wetherby Races. There one of the "bookies" was wearing a number of medals and spurious coins for the purpose of advertisement, but he could not pay out after a race and the crowd set upon him. They beat him and tore his coat and medals, etc., away. He (prisoner) saw the struggle, and later found a coin which was made to represent a florin. With the idea of seeing if he could make a coin of a similar character, he made a mould by means of which he made a base florin. It was such a bad imitation, though, that he broke the mould in disgust. Prisoner was found guilty. The judge, in passing sentence of four months' hard labour, said he believed it was Hardwick's first attempt to make counterfeit coin, "and let it be your last," added the judge.

SELBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Mr R. L. Walker presided at the meeting of Selby Guardians on Monday.

The Chairman (Mr R. L. Walker) reported that the conference with the County Committee at Wakefield with reference to the provision to be made for mental defectives proved premature, as the county authority was not prepared with a statement as to their proposals. The Guardians' representatives were to meet again at the County Hall, Wakefield, and formulate a scheme, and it was hoped that a mutual arrangement would be arrived at.

The number of cases in the West Riding is 1,800.

In the Selby Union there are nine cases to be dealt with.

The Rev. R. J. Dunford thought it unfair that the Guardians had no representation on the Board of Control appointed under the Act.

The Chairman replied that the Board was appointed by the Government, and superseded the Commissioners in Lunacy.

Mr W. Daniel: If the Boards of Guardians' had shown less apathy they would not have had control of the working of the Act, which will now be worked by the County Councils.

Mr H. Mason said the Board of Control were really paid officials.

Mr Daniel remarked that this Act, like all modern legislation, was accompanied by officialism.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that defectives who had attained a certain age would not be taken for institutional treatment, as those were cases in which there was no possibility of improvement.

The Rev. R. J. Dunford: They may take us if we are not careful. (Laughter).

Some amusement ensued when it was explained that one of the aged male inmates in the workhouse, who had been in the Askern baths, had made the acquaintance of a rich man who had invited him to spend three weeks at his house at Bramley, Leeds. Both took the waters every year at Askern, and had become acquainted.

The Rev. R. J. Dunford: I don't think the invitation will be returned. (Laughter).

It was agreed to sanction the visit, and pay the railway fare.

TO MAKE SAUCES.

In making sauces, writes "Pepita," care should be taken that the flour is cooked, and not raw. When cooked with butter, less time is required, but when added dissolved in water, at least ten minutes' cooking will not be too much.

WHITE SAUCE.—Melt one tablespoonful of butter in a saucepan, and when it bubbles add one tablespoonful of flour, stirring smooth. Then add very gradually, still stirring smooth and free from lumps, a cupful of hot milk. Add salt and pepper to taste. This is an excellent sauce for potatoes, greenedly, beets, peas, cauliflower, onions, macaroni, chicken, eggs, &c.

BROWN SAUCE.—This is made similarly to the white sauce, only the butter is allowed to brown before the flour is added; then the flour is cooked to brown, and instead of milk add gradually a cupful of hot stock, and stir until smooth and free from lumps. This is excellent served with beef.

BREAD SAUCE.—Boil together until smooth a cupful of grated breadcrumbs and a cupful of milk. Add a teaspoonful of butter and salt and pepper to taste, stirring well. If desired, an onion can be cooked with the same, and then removed; also a little mace or a bay leaf. This sauce is nice for grouse or other game.

TOMATO SAUCE.—One tablespoonful each of butter and flour; cook as for white sauce, and add gradually a cupful of hot, strained tomatoes, stirring smooth and free from lumps. This is served with lamb, veal, or macaroni.

DRAWN BUTTER SAUCE.—Melt two or three tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, and add one tablespoonful of flour, stirring smooth; then add a cupful of hot water or hot stock, still stirring smooth and free from lumps. Add salt and pepper to taste. This is better made in a double boiler, in order that the liquid may not boil. This sauce can be varied by the addition of other ingredients, as, for instance, one or two tablespoonfuls of parsley, lemon juice, mushroom, and shrimp, the name to be covered by the principal ingredient added.—*Mark Lane Express.*

Mr W. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, of Askham Grange; Mrs Fletcher and Sons, Angram, and Mr G. Westaby, of Colton, were prize-winners in the horse classes at Copmanthorpe Show.

ASKERTON.—The children attending the Church Sunday School were on Saturday entertained by Mrs E. O. Simpson, at Hazlewood Castle. Tea was provided, and all had a very enjoyable time. Waggons were provided to convey the children both ways.

A RIVETTER INJURED.—A rivetter named Winn, who is engaged on the new Ardol factory, and who resides at Olympia Cottages, fell several feet while at work at the factory on Friday evening. He was conveyed to the Selby Cottage Hospital for treatment. It is feared that his injuries are serious.

MOTOR AND COW.—An accident, fortunately not attended with very serious consequences, occurred on the Wetherby and York Road, near to Long Marston, on Wednesday. Mr Fred Snape, Wetherby, was driving a party of six persons for a day's outing at Bridlington, in a motor landaulette, when he met another car, and pulled to the left-hand side of the road to allow the two to pass. On the grass, on the left-hand side of the road, a cow was grazing, and just as Mr Snape's car reached it the cow turned to cross the road. Mr Snape swerved to the right to avoid a collision, but could not do so, with the result that the car was overturned. One of the front wheels was smashed to pieces, and other damage was done to the car. Mr Snape himself sprained his ankle badly, but the party inside the car, beyond being cut by broken glass, sustained little injury. The cow walked away for a distance of about 25 yards, and then fell down dead.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

At Templenewsam the primrose Leaguers of the district, along with the members of the St. Robert's Habitation, Wecton, travelled in seven motor chars-à-banc, gathered in force on Saturday, and the meeting was held in the quadrangle, which, however, was the scene of a larger gathering some years ago when the young squires brought home his bride. Sir Mark Sykes, M.P., who is making a name for himself as a politician and as a student of foreign affairs, was the principal speaker, and the audience were greatly pleased with his address. He is no orator, but he is an attractive platform speaker, who draws upon a well-stored mind. He apparently had good practice before he entered Parliament, because he stated that his summers were spent going to club feasts, and there he had an opportunity of developing his gifts as a speaker. In Barlston Ash club feasts are still held, although they have decreased in number, and the usual plan is for the members to parade the district, and then go to church and listen to a sermon on the duty of helping one another. Afterwards dinner is served at one of the inns, and speech-making follows. Some of these club feasts have provided me with a few hours' work, so I know something about them.

Kippax has, I think, made a good bargain with the Rivers Board, and the ratepayers' burden will not be any heavier for the next two or three years. For some considerable time the Board have been pressing the District Council to undertake a scheme of extension of the sewage works, and plans have actually been prepared by a firm of engineers. The site of the sewage works, however, is subsiding owing to the colliery workings, and it was thought inadvisable to proceed with the scheme until the land was in such a condition as would warrant the Council building upon it. For this purpose a deputation waited on the Rivers Board, and they have agreed to the work being deferred on condition that the Council began it in 1916. The Council will, therefore, have a couple of years' grace. Kippax sewage disposal has cost more than that of any township in the area, and it has been entirely owing to the adoption of a penny-wise policy, giving preference to petty fogging schemes, instead of putting their money into one comprehensive and efficient scheme. The ratepayers are now paying for the mistakes their representatives made several years ago.

Aberford, one of the prettiest places in the district, has, like Garforth, a decreasing school population, and to many people this will come as a surprise, seeing that only a year or two have elapsed since the schools were enlarged. At the Education Committee meeting the other day some remarks were made on the comparative growth of Garforth and Aberford, the latter including Lotherton and Parlington, and it seems that Aberford has been practically at a standstill since 1801. In that year it had a population of 659, Lotherton 323, and Parlington 180—total, 1,153, and the figures for the 1911 census were 593-465, and 100—1,218, an increase of 55. Aberford and Parlington have fewer inhabitants, and Lotherton 142 more. The high-water mark for Aberford was reached in 1841, when the population was 782, and Parlington's best figures (229) were got in 1821, while Lotherton had 597 inhabitants in 1851. It is difficult to account for these fluctuations, but there were no doubt reasons for them. At one time Aberford had the pinning industry, and coal-mining has been carried on in the district for centuries, but, as no complete history of the place has, to my knowledge, been written, it is idle to hazard an opinion in regard to the ups and downs of population, which was greatest in 1841, being 1,558.

Garforth, however, has made steady progress. Aberford, which was of some importance in the old coaching days, was a large village when Garforth was a mere hamlet. In 1801 Aberford and Lotherton had 973 inhabitants and Garforth only 234! At that time the urban area was probably depending on agriculture, but a remarkable advance was seen in the next decade, when the population advanced to 610, and this may have been brought about by the development of the mining industry, which, however, had been carried on by the Gascoigne family in the district for several centuries. Between 1831 and 1841 the population increased from 782 to 1,195, and between 1871 and 1881 it went from 1,679 to 2,213, in 1891 the figures were 2,454, in 1901 3,222, and in 1911 3,986. The transformation of Garforth from an insignificant village to an urban district is due entirely to the development of the coal industry, and the making of the railway had an effect on both Garforth and Aberford, the population of the latter going gradually back after 1841.

It must not, however, be assumed that Garforth is not as old as Aberford. An evidence of its antiquity was the existence of a church there when the Doomsday Book was written, but it does not appear to have been the residence of any landowner, and this may account for the silence of the historian in regard to it. Aberford, on the other hand, was the residence of its antiquity, and at one time it had a castle, while it is said to have had a monastery in the seventh century. Owners of Parlington have played their part in the affairs of State in the stormy days when the sword was more powerful than it is now, and at Lotherton an ancient chapel—a little gem in its way—exists, which was built many centuries ago. Were it not for what has been written about the churches and the old families we should know very little about the history of the district, and practically all the ancient families have disappeared.

The Brooksbanks of Healaugh, who seem to be a long-lived race, have a remarkable record in connection with the magistracy. At the present time three generations of the family are associated with the Tadcaster bench—Mr E. Brooksbank, Mr E. C. Brooksbank, and Mr S. Brooksbank—and Mr E. C. Brooksbank, who is Chairman of Tadcaster District Council and of Barkston Ash Conservative Association, has the honour of being a county alderman. Few families have grandfather, father, and son serving as magistrates at one and the same time, but the Brooksbanks have an even prouder record than that. Mr E. Brooksbank is the senior magistrate of the West Riding, and his father and grandfather—the grandfather and great grandfather of Ald. E. C. Brooksbank—lived long enough to occupy a similar position. Thus three generations of one family associated with the Tadcaster Bench have had the honour of seniority in the magistracy in the Riding.

These interesting facts came out on Monday, at Tadcaster Court, when C. H. E. Brooksbank is, owing to advancing years, rarely seen nowadays. Mr Green, the Clerk to the Magistrates, then stated that he had been associated with four generations of Brooksbanks as magistrates. When he was introduced to the Court Ald. E. C. Brooksbank's grandfather was chairman, his father followed as presiding magistrate, and now the chairmanship is occupied by himself (Ald. Brooksbank), whose son (Mr S. Brooksbank) is also on the Bench. This statement drew from Ald. Brooksbank the sincere hope that they would continue to be associated with Mr Green for many years.

Not a single case was on the charge sheet at Tadcaster on Monday—in fact, it was what is known as a maiden sessions—and to mark such an occasion a pair of white gloves is usually presented to the presiding magistrate. It is not long since, however, that such a ceremony was performed at Tadcaster, and, as business has gone down at Tadcaster—a very good sign—the Clerk would have to set up a draper's shop were he to comply with old-established customs to the letter.

Houses are so scarce at Tadcaster that a young man informed the magistrates that it was impossible for him to obtain one in either the town or district. Certain members of the District Council would have us believe that things are not so bad as some would try to make out, but here is a case—a pathetic case—which proves that the housing accommodation does not meet with the demands of the working-classes. Plans have been passed for the erection of a number of cottages by a business firm in the town, and their enterprise will, I hope, have its reward, but the District Council have not, in my view, done all they could in this matter. Naturally, they are averse to building, as the 5-8ths rate is the limit, but the blends with the airiest of stage dancing and deportment. In fact, his work is the essence of grace and artistry. A striking playlet will be produced by Horace Hunter and Co., entitled "The Years Between." This is a sequel to the thrilling playlet "Under Suspicion," which was so successful wherever it was played. "The Years Between," in addition to Horace Hunter, will be played by a very strong company, including Miss Lily Hammersley. Direct from their successful Australian tour, Barton and Ashley will appear in their latest comedy idea, "Money Talks"; the Three Meers, comedy wire performers; Harold Baker, comedian; Gladys Mavius, the Canadian girl; the Three Prestons, in a comedy interlude, "The Village of Shifters"; Lloyd Morgan, light comedian; and a new series of pictures on the bioscope, are some of the attractions, but a most refreshing one is that of King and Benson, in a new duologue, entitled "The Messenger Boy's Courtship."

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week an hour and a quarter of the time is absorbed by the "eight stops" of Messrs Conrad and Zeitlin's "The Honeymoon Express," aptly described as "a musical joy-ride on new lines," in which Mr George Gregory and Little Keeno supply most of the fun. It is a rollicking business from first to last, with plenty of farcical situations, and a host of pretty girls in frequent changes of airy fantastic costumes to accentuate the life and colour. There is some singing, too, especially for Miss Rosie Park and Mr William Symbe, in one or two number being quite catchy, the work of Mr Louis A. Hirsch; also much sprightly dancing. The show is distinctly bright and amusing, and the ingenious mounting helps to make the various scenes highly effective as well as diverting. Among others in the bill are the Scottish Meisters, whose good-humoured singing is excellent; Leipzig, the dexterous card manipulator; and the Van Dammes, Dutch comedy acrobats.

Of all the coons, and there are many, there is probably not one so popular as G. H. Elliott, "the chocolate-coloured coon." He will be the principal attraction at the Empire Palace, Leeds, on Monday next, and will be seen in a series of his delightful studies of coloured life in southern America. Elliott has a most engaging voice, and this he blends with the airiest of stage dancing and deportment. In fact, his work is the essence of grace and artistry. A striking playlet will be produced by Horace Hunter and Co., entitled "The Years Between." This is a sequel to the thrilling playlet "Under Suspicion," which was so successful wherever it was played. "The Years Between," in addition to Horace Hunter, will be played by a very strong company, including Miss Lily Hammersley. Direct from their successful Australian tour, Barton and Ashley will appear in their latest comedy idea, "Money Talks"; the Three Meers, comedy wire performers; Harold Baker, comedian; Gladys Mavius, the Canadian girl; the Three Prestons, in a comedy interlude, "The Village of Shifters"; Lloyd Morgan, light comedian; and a new series of pictures on the bioscope, are some of the attractions, but a most refreshing one is that of King and Benson, in a new duologue, entitled "The Messenger Boy's Courtship."

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HILLAM, FENTON, AND FAIRBURN CASES.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr Walter Crosland.

Albert Hodgson, labourer, of Hillam, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 10th inst at Lumby Lane.—Asked if he had any explanation to offer, defendant said "I've much do you want?" (Laughter). Fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Frederick Hodgson, farmer, of Little Fenton, was charged with removing swine without a licence on the 10th inst. P.C. Wildblood stated the defendant told him he waited at Pontefract Auction Mart, but could see no one to give him a licence. Fined 1s. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Albert Braithwaite, New Fryston, and Wm. Carr, and Arthur Speight, of Castleford, miners, were charged with being drunk and disorderly at Fairburn on the 12th inst. Braithwaite appeared and pleaded not guilty. The others did not appear. Braithwaite told the Bench he was assisting to keep the peace, and he denied being drunk. Braithwaite was fined 2s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs, Carr 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d., and Speight 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Mr M. Rayner, of Manor House, Whinmoor, on first prize for cow for dairy purposes, in calf, to be matured before October 1st, at the Yorkshire Show yesterday.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Moortown were at home to a Leeds Cricket Club team. Scores:—Leeds—Reynolds, 0; Hargate 2, Merry 2, Horsey 28, N. Edwards 8, King 4, Brown 5, Smith 5, Mills 1, Hall 2, G. P. Edwards (not out) 0; extras, 3; total 59. Moortown—Wilson 2, M. Topham 0, Frazer 3, Haywood 0, A. Topham (not out) 13, Layton 0, Little 5, Boothman 0, Pearson 0, Johnson 4, Emmonson 0, extra, 1; total, 32.

OUTING.—A children's outing, promoted by the Yorkshire and District Federation of Commercial Travellers, took place on Saturday, when a large number of young folk were entertained at The Hall, Roundhay, by permission of the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton). During the afternoon a programme of sports was gone through, the Lady Mayoress of Leeds (Mrs Charles Ratcliffe) and the Lord Mayor distributing the prizes at the close.

SPORTS.—The annual athletic sports of Shadwell Industrial School, took place on Saturday afternoon on the sports ground of the school in the presence of a large body of spectators. A novel and interesting feature in the programme was what was described as a "V.C. Race," in which two boys act as a horse, with a third boy as rider, and each team had to "rescue" a disabled comrade a hundred yards out, and return with him to the starting point. The Shoemakers' team were successful, and also gained second place in the relay race, in which the Farmers' team were the winners. The Farmers' team also won the tug-of-war. H. Douglas was first home in the half-mile, and the 220 yards race for the school championship was won by E. A. Clayton.

LORD HAWKE AND CRICKET.—In the columns of the "Daily Telegraph" Lord Hawke, in an article, entitled "Cricket Memories," says, "It seems a fair cry back to Hawtrey's preparatory school at Slough, where I made my first real acquaintance with the game, and to that red letter day at Eton (I believe it was in 1876) when as a Lower Boy I fell so deeply in love with "Miss Cricket," as the result of making 172 out of 191. But my affection is still as ardent and sincere. It is true I have flirted with hunting and big-game shooting. Indeed, I must reluctantly confess that there was once a danger of me jilting my first love. This was in 1892, when with some friends I went on a shooting expedition in Nepal. The neighbouring rajahs treated us in the most hospitable manner. They lent us forty-two elephants and twenty camels to carry our luggage. I managed to bag thirteen tigers that trip, and had such an enjoyable time between shooting, fishing, and camping out, that I thought of the time I should not be averse from repeating the trip every year. But the call of cricket was too strong, and I remained faithful to my first love."

SALE OF WORK AND FETE.—On Saturday a sale of work and fete were held in the grounds of Monk Fryston Hall, in aid of foreign missions. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs H. L. Lyon, of Hillam Hall. Unfortunately, owing to counter attractions in the district, the attendance throughout the day was disappointing. Stalls were arranged in the Concert Hall, and were in charge of members of the Monk Fryston Missionary Working Party and the Girls' Friendly Society. There were various attractions including two performances of a missionary play entitled "The Great Musician" by the "King's Messengers." The maypole dances was performed twice in "Bonnie Scotland," and there was an exhibition by the Monk Fryston troop of Boy Scouts. The gardens and zoo were open to the public. Addresses on missionary work were also given in the afternoon and evening by the Rev. W. A. Hewett, rector of Castleford, and the Rev. Canon Tupper-Carey, of York. Teas were served in the Alpine Hall. It is understood that there will be a satisfactory balance on the day's proceedings. The arrangements were ably carried out by Miss Clarke, of Monk Fryston Vicarage.

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Authorised Capital	£1,250,000
Paid-up Capital	£750,000
Reserve Fund	£750,000
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Report of the Directors to the 30th June, 1914.

To be submitted to the Shareholders at the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, to be held at 26, Kingstreet, E.C., on Wednesday, 15th July, 1914.

The Directors report that the deposits on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £27,723,000 (or, 1d., to exceed £14,200,102 11s. 9d. on the 29th August, 1913; the date when the new Bank commenced business, showed an increase in deposits of £13,522,897 9s. 4d. The cash in hand, at Bank of England, and in London, and bankers' bills on the 30th June, 1913, amounted to £4,044,564, and on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £4,703,586.

The Directors have made investments, at Bank of England, at short notice, and hold £10,000 to the deposits in December, 1911, was 11.5 per cent.; in June, 1912, 12.4 per cent.; in June, 1913, 12.4 per cent.; and June, 1914, 12.55 per cent. The Securities on the 30th June, 1913, were £11,672,361 10s. 8d., and on the 30th June, 1914, were £11,672,361 10s. 8d. These securities are all written down to market value, and on the 30th June, 1914, were £1,453,000 11s. 6d., and on the 30th June, 1913, were £1,453,000 11s. 6d.

The Directors have made arrangements with the London Joint City and Midland Bank Ltd. for the transfer of the business of the Bank, which has been completed, and the Directors desire to place on record their great appreciation of the services which have rendered to the Bank.

The auditors, Messrs. J. W. Clegg and R. A. Smithson, chartered accountants, of Leeds, now retire, and offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board.
67, ALDWYN, Chairman.
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Dr. Balance-Sheet, 30th June, 1914. Cr.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Share Capital— 250,000 Shares of £5 each, £3 Paid.			By Cash in hand, at Bank of England, and at Short Notice,	43,706,587 10 11	
" Capital Paid-up,	750,000 0 0		Bankers' Bills,	1,836,656 10 2	
" Reserve Fund	750,000 0 0	1,500,000 0 0			4,963,244 1 1
" Amount due to Depositors and other Accounts	20,720,689 0 1		Consols	873,750 0 0	
Uncalled Capital, £500,000.			" Local Loans Stock	16,903 0 0	
			Other Securities	10,781,711 10 8	
					11,672,361 10 8
			Loans on Security and other Accounts	16,635,645 11 7	
			Bank Premises	4,539,621 16 8	
			Other Assets	445,421 9 8	
					445,421 9 8
	£22,220,689 0 1				£22,220,689 0 1

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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies (Consolidated) Act, 1908, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and that in our report had we been examined the Books and Accounts of the Bank and the above Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, a full and fair balance sheet, and is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books. We have seen the Mortgages and other Securities for certified the Registered Stocks, and compared the Balance Sheet with the entries in the Books. We have obtained from Bankers. We have periodically checked the Cash at Head Office and principal Branches. The Bank's Officers have the Directors and Officers of the Bank all the information and explanations we have required.

J. W. CLEGG, R. A. SMITHSON, } Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

July 14th, 1914.

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

WEEDS

Weeds and insect pests cause a tremendous amount of work and worry in almost every garden. Very little neglect in regard to keeping weeds in check will result in disaster. Chickweed, shepherd's purse, groundsel, and wild grasses increase at a tremendous rate. In closely-planted beds and borders hand-picking must be resorted to, and although this is a tedious task, it is perhaps the most effective method of keeping the weeds down. During dry weather much good may be done by frequent use of the hoe. Specially made hoes with a very narrow blade, may be obtained from any nurseryman. These are extremely useful for hoeing between ordinary bedding plants such as geraniums, calceolarias, etc. The work should be done early in the day, as a few hours' sunshine will shrivel up the weeds that have been hoed off. Weed killer is very effective when applied judiciously to walks and carriage drives. It must not be used amongst growing plants as it is destructive to all kinds of plant life. How often one sees a badly-kept or little used entrance almost covered with weeds? Their unsightliness is not their only drawback, as the seed is almost certain to get blown about in all directions as it ripens. One thorough application with a good weed killer would clear the weed infested area, and give a neat appearance at little cost. Apply when the grass is in a moist condition. A weedy lawn detracts very much from the beauty of a garden. Large weeds such as dandelions and plantains are best removed by hand. An old knife may be used to grub them out. Cut through the root at the depth of an inch or so, and drop a pinch of common salt into the hole immediately the top of the weed is lifted out. Daisies are difficult to get out by hand and are best dealt with by giving a dressing of sulphate of ammonia. This must be applied carefully or the grass will get severely scorched. Break the sulphate of ammonia into a powder and mix it with three times its bulk of fine dust. Apply through an ordinary flour dredger, giving a dressing that will just cover the leaves. The grass will probably turn brown for a few days, but will soon recover and grow away stronger than ever. Unlike the weed killer usually applied to garden paths, that the lawn should be applied whilst the ground is dry. If wet weather follows immediately after applying it, very probably the result will not prove satisfactory and a second application will have to be made. Wild woodkeine, quick grass, and similar weeds that develop long, spreading roots from the smallest piece of root must be carefully forked out. It is only by persistent efforts that they can be cleared out. No amount of hoeing or hand-pulling will destroy them.

MICHAELMAS DAISIES

These are few hardy autumn-flowering perennials to compare with the asters for producing a mass of bloom. They are very fine even when grown under natural conditions, but to get the best results it becomes necessary to thin out the shoots. The very weak ones must be pulled out by the roots, and the remainder thinned out sufficiently to allow the full benefit of light and air to reach those that are retained for flowering. Suitable stakes should be provided in good time but should be so arranged as not to become an eyesore when the plants are in bloom. An occasional watering with soot water or liquid animal manure will improve the quality of the flowers.

CELERY

Market growers of celery are fully alive to the advantages of having an early supply. It is admitted by all that the quality is not nearly so good during August as it is later in the year, but that does not alter the fact that better prices can be obtained during August than at any other time. The moisture-loving nature of the plant makes it important that special care must be taken to avoid allowing the roots to get dry. The surface soil about the plants should be frequently earthed up. The earliest additions of soil are given more with the object of conserving the moisture than of blanching the stalks. It is a mistake to pile a quantity of soil around the plants until they have reached a height of 12 or 18 inches. They may then be earthed up to the base of the leaves, and further additions may be made as the plants grow. We have not noticed any maggot-infested leaves up to now, but it is not too late for the pest to make its appearance. Spraying overhead with soot water or quassia water will usually prevent an attack. Late varieties should be transplanted into watered immediately after planting. This will help them to get established. The ridges between the rows may be used for raising young plants of lettuce for transplanting in other parts of the garden as early cabbages, etc., mature and are taken off.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

For conservatory decoration there are few superior plants to the tuberous-rooted begonia. Under suitable conditions they continue to bear flowers for five or six months. They are gross feeders, and must have ample rooting space provided. A common error is to allow them to flower in small pots. They produce a quantity of roots and if these are confined to the restricted area of a small pot, the growth hardens and soon becomes crippled. Liquid feeding must have regular attention when the pots fill with roots, and seed pods should be removed before they have had time to tax the energy of the plants. The double varieties will produce larger and finer blooms if disbudded to one flower on a stem. The side blooms are almost invariably single.

TOMATOES

The houses in which tomatoes are growing require plenty of ventilation. No fire heat is necessary at this time of the year, providing the plants are growing freely. Late batches that have not yet established themselves may be assisted with a little fire heat in the evening. Plants that are in full bearing may be topdressed occasionally with some rich compost, and twice a week liquid manure may be given. Remove all lateral growths, but preserve all foliage on the main stem with the excepting of any that is shading the fruit. Dryness at the root is extremely bad for tomatoes, and as they are thirsty plants constant attention must be paid that is shading the fruit. Dryness at the root is extremely bad for tomatoes, and as they are thirsty plants constant attention must be paid to supplies in demand seed may now be sown. It is often said that winter tomatoes are almost flavourless. This is entirely wrong. There is no reason why a tomato should not be almost as full flavoured in winter as it is in summer. The misconception has probably arisen through the custom of cutting the fruit whilst it is green, and ripening it off in a dry room. To obtain a full-flavoured fruit in winter the ripening process should be completed on the plants, and in a heated greenhouse that is well-ventilated. Raise the seedlings in a warm house and then grow on in a cold frame until the end of August. By this time the plants should be blossoming freely and may be potted into six-inch pots and stood in their fruiting quarters.

"Grower" (Bramley) writes to say he has experienced a lot of trouble during the last few weeks with his tomatoes. He is growing several varieties in one house, and one of them named Champion has given more trouble than any other. The leaves, he says, first commence to look pale and sickly, then they droop badly, and finally the plant dies. He has been careful in regard to ventilating and watering, and is at a loss to understand why his plants act in this erratic manner. It may be some little consolation to "Grower" to know that he is probably not to blame. His plants are affected by the "sleeping" disease, a constitutional weakness that is very infectious and all infected plants should be carefully removed and burnt at once. Before commencing operations another year he should remove all the soil, gravel, or any other loose material in the house, and give it a thorough cleansing with carbolic soap. He should also take care to obtain his seed from uninfected plants. The Board of Agriculture have published a leaflet which gives the following hint. "If the disease appears in a greenhouse every part of the house should be washed with a solution of carbolic acid and water (one part of acid to 20 of water), after the soil has been removed."

GARFORTH GOLF COURSE.

FORMAL OPENING

On Saturday the golf course at Garforth, which has been in existence about fifteen months, was formally opened. It was only last Christmas that the laying out of the course on the present lines was undertaken by Dr Mitchell-Leaney, whose efforts so far have been directed to the making of new undulating greens and the rearrangement of the holes. As opened by the playing of a match between Abe Mitchell and Tom Williamson, the course is arranged in the fashion of a double loop, which brings the ninth, as well as the eighteenth, hole close to the club-house. But much remains to be done before the way of bunkering, for the tree hazards and the old colliery surface heaps—relics of the mining that went on in the locality a century ago —are not sufficient for modern golf requirements. With a subscription list of over 280 members, however, the club is on the high road to prosperity, and within a year or two there is every prospect that Garforth will be known as one of the best golf courses in the Leeds district. At present the greens and the rough approaches impose difficulties which even experienced players like Mitchell and Williamson could not overcome. The club possesses one big advantage in the fact that the historic Cock Beck winds through its territory. From this beck with its single tributary no fewer than twelve of the greens can easily be fed with water by means of a short hose pipe and a petrol motor pump.

The individual reputations of Abe Mitchell, as the picturesque exemplar, and of Tom Williamson, as the best of the Midland professionals, were sufficient to attract a considerable following for their match. Both men played good if not brilliant golf. Mitchell drove a very long ball. Though not possessed of Williamson's physical advantage in the matter of weight, he could drive his opponent almost invariably by twenty or thirty yards, though in the doing of it he not infrequently found himself in the rough with all his fine driving Mitchell found that it availed him nothing. He was out-played in every other respect, but more particularly in his putting. The ex-amateur seemed as if he could not gauge the distance in his approaches, and in his putting failed to appreciate the value of the adage "never up, never in." He missed no fewer than four putts of well under a yard in length, and these he threw away almost every hole which he appeared to have "up his sleeve." In the end he lost by six down and four to play, and though Mitchell has seldom sustained such a severe beating as this, he can not perhaps be surprising on this occasion, as he had not previously seen the course, while his opponent had had the advantage of having two practice rounds over it. Williamson, with his knowledge of the distances gained from his practice rounds on Friday, was very accurate in his pitches, his mashie play being well-nigh perfect. The scores were:—Williamson 71, Mitchell 79.

In the afternoon a four-ball match between Mitchell and C. W. Collier (the well-known Leeds amateur) and Tom Williamson and E. Williamson (professional at Garforth) was played Mitchell and Collier winning by 2 and 1.

TADCASTER

POISONED WHARFE—Anglers who visited the Wharfe between Tadcaster and Ulleskelf yesterday, (Thursday) week were met with a grievous sight on reaching the river, for, floating on their backs and hung up in the weeds, were scores and scores of dead fish, killed apparently by some poisonous matter which had entered the stream immediately below Tadcaster. There were salmon, roach, dace, chub, barbel, and bream, all of which had suffered from the same cause. Particularly fine were the bream, which measured about two feet in length, must have weighed over 2lb. This is a serious matter for the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Anglers, who spend large sums of money in re-stocking the river annually, and who pay heavy rentals for the fishing rights.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN.
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A SUCCESSFUL BREEDING SEASON.
(Continued).

(Readers are particularly requested to note that this series of articles commenced with the first issue in January. In order to obtain their full value, the earlier articles should be read in conjunction with the current one).

The exceptional heat we have been experiencing necessitated prompt consideration of the series of articles—"A Successful Breeding Season"—in order that I might draw your attention to what I described as hot weather treatment of poultry, but we can now return to the old subject.

"Dietary for Week-old Chickens" was the subject under discussion. I have already told you that I do not believe in strict adherence to the "Cry-baby" system. Youngsters continually fed on small or broken grain do not mature rapidly, and rarely or never attain full development. Extremes are invariably bad. Alternate feeds of soft food and hard grain, are, in my opinion, the best; but even with this accepted rule, intelligent application of it is necessary to ensure success.

A little and often is one excellent rule. Never permit the young chicks to eat to repletion, excepting at the last meal at night. Your aim is to keep them active, and an over-fed chick, like an over-fed person, rarely displays activity. Activity, I have often written, is the keynote to health.

Ring the changes frequently in your dietary is another maxim to bear in mind. It will stimulate their appetites, they will relish the change, Spratt's Chicken Meal and Chicko are splendid preparations, and excellent food for growing stock. Variety can be obtained by giving an occasional feed of oatmeal moistened with milk or made into porridge—a feed of this about twice a week, particularly during hot weather—while the scraps from the house can always be utilised.

Green food is a necessity, but should never be given in such quantities as to permit it to wither. Just a sufficiency that will be eagerly eaten up, and whilst they are young it must be cut up for them into suitable pieces.

Sharp grit of a size suitable for chickens should always be before them. Without it they cannot possibly digest their food, and bad digestion is the forerunner of diarrhœa, a disease particularly fatal to young chickens, especially in the warmer weather.

Pure clean drinking water that has not been exposed to the rays of the sun is another necessity. Do not think me wearisome when I keep harping against the water being exposed to the sun. Some hundreds of dead chicks are sent to me annually for post-mortem examination, and sunburnt water is too frequently the cause of inflammation which has resulted fatally.

Reverting to the question of green food, I have always been a great believer in giving a choppel onion to young stock occasionally. Quite recently my attention has been drawn to a letter which appeared in "Egypt," in which the writer —a Mr Chappelet—ardently advocates an onion meal every day. His letter is as interesting as it is convincing, I therefore reproduce a portion of same for your guidance:—

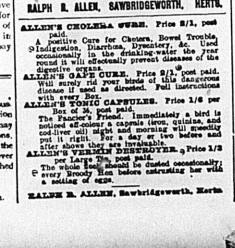
"It may interest you to know that I have found chopped raw onions of the greatest benefit to summer chicks. I know of them for bronze turkey poults, but had not hitherto tried them for baby chicks. Now, I consider them a first-rate preventive of, and antidote to, white diarrhœa, and from their appearance at this season should not be afraid to undertake the raising of a very large percentage of summer chicks from average stock.

"About the middle of May, after very trying weather for chicks, I had two broods of fifty baby chicks, and one brood of two months old, badly out of sorts and ill with diarrhœa.

"After treating them for their symptoms perfunctorily with quinine, it was up to me to discover something that they could and would eat and digest. It was then that I tried feeding them with onions (no wholemeal barley, liberally mixed) with raw chopped onions. The chicks, one and all, ate it with delight, picking out the onions raw though they were plump. At once the diarrhœa left them and they almost all recovered, the older ones feathering in three or four days' time. Since then, working with the same pens, the cultivators, and brooders, I have not had a single case of diarrhœa, and hardly one sick chicken, through the impossible weather we have been enduring."

(To be continued).

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, provided those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal fee. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).



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HON. E. L. WOOD'S BOXING SIMILE.

SIR M. SYKES' SPEECH—DEMAGOGUE'S PARADISE.

CRITICISM OF MR LLOYD GEORGE.

MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Under the auspices of the Templenewsam Primrose League and Conservative Association a demonstration was held in Templenewsam (by the kind permission of the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., and Lady Dorothy Wood) on Saturday afternoon, and the weather conditions being ideal, the visitors to the ancient place had a very enjoyable time. In addition to a large number of residents of Temple-newsam, Gregg-ates Seacroft, Barkstick, Leeds and Garforth, the members of the St. Robert Habitation, Weetson and Bramhall, turned out in strength. They were welcomed by Mr Wood, in whose constituency they reside. The pleasure grounds and gardens were thrown open, and prior to the speech-making, which took place in the quadrangle, the people had an opportunity of viewing the grounds. Selections of music were discoursed by the Garforth Band.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., presided over the meeting, and he was supported by Lady Dorothy Wood, Sir Mark Sykes, M.P., Mr Lane Fox, M.P., Mr Darcy H. Wilson, J.P. (Seacroft Hall), Dr Wilson (Kirkby Overblow), Mr P. S. Marsden (Whitkirk), Mr J. H. Tomlinson (Colton), etc.

HON. E. L. WOOD'S SIMILE

The Chairman said there was a time not very long ago when their opponents were inclined to minimise, to laugh at, and to attempt to ignore the grave Irish danger, upon which their thoughts and minds were now centred. That time had gone by. There was re very few people now who thought it was an idle dream of party politicians. The whole great—because the danger was seen to be too hideous and it was seen there was too great a chance of the nightmare coming true. It would be unpardonable of anybody to do or say anything at that moment, at that week-end of all week-ends, that would in any degree whatever have an adverse influence upon a settlement, when at the last moment of the 11th hour there was a possibility of peace. He would content himself with saying down one condition that must be found in whatever proposals for settlement the House of Commons would be asked to consider. As Unionists their opposition to Home Rule was not at that moment under discussion. They remained a Unionist party, but when they stood at that particular moment, on the very crisis of civil war, was that they said with perfect frankness it was an idle thing for any Government at this point of danger to make any proposals that would not discharge the first object of their making—to satisfy the reasonable demands of Ulster. (Applause). Referring to the famous boxing match, he said it was decided by the referee owing to a foul stroke. That foul stroke by Gunboat Smith was, he believed, accidental, but the foul stroke by which as he conceived it the Government was trying to ruin Ulster was no accident, but was premeditated, and was the result of a long four years' of rascality. (Applause). There was one other difference, that whereas it was possible in that match for the referee at the first apparent foul stroke to step in and stop it, here the referee—the people —did no power to step in and perhaps the harm was done. Let them be sure of one fact, that when the great referee, the nation, had an opportunity of announcing its verdict it would condemn—as the referee in the case done at Olympia on the foul stroke that had been perpetrated, unless wiser counsels prevailed, the foul stroke of a tyrannical Government upon a loyal people. (Applause).

SIR M. SYKES AND SOCIAL REFORM

Sir Mark Sykes, who had an excellent reception, said that if one had asked oneself what a Labour candidate would have said at last election, and the election before that, as to what his policy, and that of his party was, he presumed he would have honestly answered and avowed that the object of the Liberal Party, if returned to power, would be to promote certain social reforms, reform the Constitution, and settle the Irish question. He took it that that was what the Government set out to do. Let them first consider the question of social reform. To hear the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr Masterman speak, they would imagine that until they were well up the political ladder no one ever before, Liberal or Conservative, had had the welfare of the people at heart, or the intelligence or humanity to do anything at all, and that they were the first people ever to try to do anything in the way of social reform. As a matter of fact, that was not the case. They would find that they began various schemes of social reform somewhere about the time of Queen Elizabeth. Let them take it for granted these two gentlemen were not the first social reformers, and likewise that there had been social reforms promoted by both sides in politics before that. Many measures had been passed by Unionist Governments, and he desired to know his opinion of these the objects and aims of social reform. Let them take Lord Salisbury's County Councils' and Education Acts, Disraeli's Masters' and Servants' Act, or Mr Chamberlain's Compensation Act, and they would find running through these certain definite objects—to develop existing institutions, to enable the people to progress in peace and develop ideas, and the enlarging of classes together, so that there would be comradeship between rich and poor, and between employer and employed. (Applause).

DEMAGOGUE'S PARADISE

Social reforms of the kind he (the speaker) had mentioned—and he could mention a good many Liberal reforms as well—had the benefit of those not immediately concerned only, but the whole country at heart, and the object was to produce unity and a prosperous people, doing their work with more efficiency than in the past. Radical social reform had brought in class hatred. Mr Lloyd George, addressing the bankers in London the previous night, said it was an awful thing to know there was industrial unrest. Who was responsible for it if he was not? (Applause). Class hatred had been Mr Lloyd George's stand-by in good and other times, but that particular stand-by had not stood by him very well lately. Take the Insurance Act—a yelling in idea—and see the wreckage that followed in its train, particularly the large number of small societies, with memberships between 100 and 200, and when there was excellent feeling, which had ceased to exist. He stated that at one time he used to go to club feasts, where he found the farm labourer, farmer, and visitor at a common board, and trying to pull together to make these societies go. An ill-considered scheme had sent them into the general wreckage. (Hear, hear). What the demagogue wanted was not a contented and happy people. He would not do any business there. (Laughter). What he wanted was a discontented and unhappy people. That was a demagogue's paradise. (Laughter). The demagogue's office was the offering of bribes, and when he had none to offer he wanted the people to be at war with one another, so that he could appeal to class and hatred, which Mr Lloyd George had never failed to do.

WELSH CHURCH QUESTION

In regard to the Welsh Church question, he said he could speak upon it in an unbiassed way, because he was a Roman Catholic. That Church was one of the links in the chain of social progress. The Government had passed the Bill, and it was only the prelude to attacking the Church of England in England itself. That they could not deny. When they had attacked the Church of England in England did the member of any religious organization imagine that their funds or policy would be safe from their clutches? What was it he he result in Wales? The Church in Wales was disestablished, and certain clergymen would cease to have livings. Sooner or later children would be born, who might not be baptised for want of one to come to do it. Some people might die, and would want consolation, and there would be no one to administer it. People would marry without going to any church, and who would be content with the registrar's office. These might seem small, petty things, but they were a blow at the vitality of the whole country (—hear, hear)—and the beginning of setting-up a godless and demoralized people. (Applause). It was the beginning of the end of the Christian religion. If religion was attacked in one form then all religion must suffer. (Applause). And where religion suffered the heart was eaten out of the country, and they would not be able to produce such men as they had produced in the past. In attacking the Welsh Church, although it might be the Church of a minority, the Government had done in this country what it dared not do to a Mohammedan mosque in Egypt, or a pagan temple in India. (Applause).

THE IRISH QUESTION

He said no one could deny that this country had had a Constitution which had known 230 years of peace and progress and constant change. Without any civil commotion England had changed more than any country in the world, and he would say that France, in spite of all the revolutions, was to-day more like the France of Louis XIV. than England was like the England of George II. From a petty agricultural state England had become a world-wide empire. They had changed and changed, and they had had a Constitution which had enabled the people to be consulted and enabled the people to have their way sooner or later, and not enabled one man, a caucus, or clique to force upon the majority of the people what they did not want. (Applause). What had the Government to put in the place of the House of Lords? Not the people. Take the case in General Election of Manchester. (Laughter). With regard to the Irish question, he ventured to say he spoke on it with different sentiments to many people. He had the good fortune to be private secretary to the late Mr George Wyndham, and was one of those who worked with him in Ireland in the beginning of the first decade of the 20th century. In the Edwardian days he was a friend of Nationalism that never was there before, because Ireland, which for 200 years had been the scene of revolution, intimidation, famine, and vice, and the creation of various secret societies,—the scene of horrible political crimes, and the place where men's lives were made a hell on earth to them because they did not agree with others, and where had been religious and racial hatred and wrongs committed by both sides—that Ireland with her woes behind her, stricken by emigration and poverty and political and religious strife—they worked with enthusiasm and hope, because Mr Wyndham was busy with his land scheme, Landowner and tenant, Protestant and Catholic, were brought together, and prosperity came to the country side, and the evil things of the past were dying down. Much of the work that Mr Wyndham did nothing could undo. The Irish were making the land pay, and prosperity came to them, and the funds of the Nationalist Party began to decrease. All that work had been stopped and the country had been thrown back into the pit of misery and desolation.

"THEIR OWN SILLY STORY."

It required something more than good-will in order to take up the appalling difficulty, the appalling situation which the Government had deliberately walked into, and if revolution came they had brought it on themselves, and if civil war took place in Ireland, he would not say that it would not spread into this land, and if Ireland was hurled into chaos and ruin, this country and perhaps the Empire would fall. The Government had requisitioned and said it was nothing. They passed the Parliament Act, and went on with their work. They were now face to face with a situation that they could not cope with, and with a situation which arose chiefly out of their own dishonesty. If they had believed that they had the electorate behind them why did they not go before the Electorate? Simply because they did not believe their own silly story. (Applause). What had been the total result of this Government's policy? It was the division in Ulster, a broken constitution, a constitution that in effect was a farce, law and order forgotten—because when law was not sanctioned where was order?—the law sinking, the constitution going, revolution looming in front of us, and to-day the whole social structure in this country was supported by one thing only, and that was that we were in an era of peace and prosperity. It was only in times of peril and booms, and they all knew that prosperity was only transitory. If they put the present political situation to the test of disaster and calamity in this country they would come down like a pack of cards. (Applause).

SPEECH BY MR LANE FOX.

Mr Lane Fox, who was very cordially received, gave a brief address, and, referring to the Irish question, said that the Government had got frequent warnings as to what would happen in Ireland, but they had all been received with scoffs and jeers. It made things so sometimes when he read some of the things he saw in Liberal newspapers, and there were still people who believed all they saw there. He should be the last person to attack the Press, but looking at the statements made about Ireland, and realizing how utterly deluding they were, it made one realize the responsibility of those who were deliberately misleading their fellow-countrymen. On one placard he read "Belfast Fiasco." It meant that Sir Edward Carson had given deliberate warning that at present he had run out, and the Provisional Government had practically come into existence. Because there were 60 fire and bloodshed one paper described it as the "Belfast Fiasco." Had they been honest they would have warned their fellow-countrymen that they had brought the country to the brink of civil war. That was no matter to jest about. Ulster people were determined to keep what they had and the Government would never take it from them.

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What they asked for and were determined to A WISTOW FARMER SAVES A BOY.—On Saturhold Englishmen were taught to protect. Minis- day Leonard Parrot, aged 7, son of a shopkeeper, ters, he said, should go to Ireland and see things of New Lane, Selby, who was at the canal bank of New England and Ireland and see things of New Lane, Selby, who was at the canal bank for themselves. Mr Birrell only went there to for themselves. Mr Birrell only went there to slipped into the water come away again. (Laughter). He saw a and sank. One of his companions ran a short statement the other day in a Radical newspaper distance to the roadway and attracted the atdistance to the roadway and attracted the attention of Peter Lister, a bricklayer's constructor, tention of Peter Lister, a bricklayer's constructor, of Wistow, who that at last a great movement was set up which tention of Mr J. Peddington, of Wistow, who would pacify, and have a great effect on the at once hastened to the canal, and, guided by would pacify, and have a great effect on the at once hastened to the canal, and, guided by the motion of the water, managed to seize the Shannon refused to do trade with Belfast, be- drowning boy and pull him to the bank. The cause it would not accept Home Rule. He knew boy was unconscious, and Mr Peddington, Carrick-on-Shannon, which was a small country after applying artificial respiration for a short town, and the effect of a boycott of Belfast time, conveyed him to Dr. G. D. Todd's surgery, trade would be like Crossgates refusing to trade where Mrs Todd, who was the only one at home with Leeds—(laughter)—except that Crossgates at the time, attended to the boy and restored was more important than Carrick-on-Shannon, him to consciousness.
and in the future would be more so. They had a Government which did not hesitate to rob a Church, which did not hesitate to risk civil war, and which did not hesitate to delude poor labourers throughout the country, promising a new heaven and a new earth, and new cottages brought by no one knew whom—(laughter)—and promising 9d. for 4d.—(laughter)—and what was the object? They saw a General Election like a Niagara in front of them, and they knew they had got to face it or get round it somehow, and their only object was to secure a sufficient majority of votes to take care that otherwise they saw to be a great disaster coming upon them. If they could only get the Plural Voting Bill they would sacrifice everything else, and he thought the object? They saw a General Election like a Niagara in front of them, and they knew they had got to face it or get round it somehow, and their only object was to secure a sufficient majority of votes to take care that otherwise they saw to be a great disaster coming upon them. If they could only get the Plural Voting Bill they would sacrifice everything else, and he thought every party which voted upon conditions of that kind no longer deserved the confidence of the electors of the country. (Applause).

Mr D. B. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr and Lady Dorothy Wood, and the speakers. He said that when an election came it would be the duty of the rank and file to work their hardest. He was sure the members of the Primrose League would do so. (Applause).

Dr Wilson, on behalf of St. Robert's Habitation, seconded.

The resolution was passed, and Sir Mark Sykes replied.

Tea was afterwards served in a large marquee, erected near the north front of the house.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday Mr D. Hill, of the Fox and Hounds, was granted an occasional licence for the show.

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

KIPPAX, SHERBURN, BARWICK, AND TADCASTER AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held in the Board Room at Tadcaster on Monday—Alt. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Mrs. Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Messrs E Parker (Ledsham), C. Ellis (Micklefield), Walter Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford). W. P. Birkinshaw (Ledston), J. Wordsworth and E. H. Lowe (Great Preston), T. Hey and J. E. Cawthorn (Sherburn), R. Wright (Barwick), J. Lailey (Kirkby Wharfe), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), E. Parkin, J.P., and J. Harding (Kippax). F. Myers (Bilbrough), J. Nettleton and J. H. Ingleby, J.P. (Tadcaster), F. Phillips and Pearson (Allerton Bywater). T. H. Prater (Parlington), J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), G. Webster (Huddleston-Lumby), and T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bousfield).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance in hand of £3,837.

THE HOUSE

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been five admissions to the workhouse, one birth, 5 discharges, and 3 deaths. The inmates numbered 84 in the house and 17 in the children's home—an increase of 11 on the corresponding date last year. Tee tramps relieved during the two weeks were 14 and 10 against 8 and 13 on the same weeks last year.

Mr Wordsworth said that the Relief Committee had had very few cases before them, and they had granted no fresh relief.

The House Committee minutes showed that with regard to the alterations at the workhouse the Local Government Board's architect was to visit Tadcaster, and a committee was appointed to meet him. The half-yearly reports from the medical officer and master were received, and they were satisfactory.

At a meeting of Bilbrough Home Committee it was stated that the master and matron could not manage without assistance, and it was decided that help be given on two days a week.

Mr Prater, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that a number of parishes were in arrears with calls, and the question was left in the hands of the Clerk.

REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFERENCES

A meeting of representatives of Assessment Committees is to be held in London to consider a proposed new system of valuation, and the Board were asked to appoint representatives.—Canon Greenwood proposed that the Chairman, Mr Prater, and the Clerk represent the Board. It was a most important matter, and he thought they should be represented.—The vote was agreed to.

A letter was read from the Land Union in regard to grants to local authorities from the imperial exchequer, and it was referred to the Finance Committee.

It was agreed that, owing to the Bank Holiday, the next meeting should be held that day month.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Wharfedale Union asking a conference on Oxley in reference to the treatment of the mentally defective. It was agreed that Canon Greenwood and Mr Wordsworth should represent the Board at the conference.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the meeting of the District Council the officers present were Mr Scott, surveyor; Mr Driver, and Mr Wood, sanitary inspectors.

It was reported that the treasurer had a balance in hand of £8,953. The cost of the district roads during the fortnight was reported to be £68 14s. 8d.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was reported that the census in connection with the classification of main roads was to be taken on August 5th, and it was suggested that a census of the district roads should be taken on the same date. It was agreed that Mr Scott arrange to have a census of the district roads taken.—In regard to a road improvement at Bilbrough, it was agreed the Council should pay half the cost. Permission was granted for the erection of poles for overhead telegraph at Barwick. Permission was given to temporary the roads from Sherburn to Sherburn Station, and from Barkston to Church Fenton Station. Permission was given to open roads at Kippax and Askham Bryan for the laying of gas and sewer pipes. East Tadcaster Council were stating that the footpath at Hillside was now satisfactory.—A conference is to be held at Wakefield anent the classification of roads, and the Chairman, Clerk, and surveyor were appointed to attend.—It was reported that a road was being damaged by surface water and it was stated to arise owing to the Micklefield Coal Company having no surface drains on their property, and they were to be asked to attend to the matter. A sum of £4 15s. was passed for a road improvement at Kippax.

The Chairman said he could not attend the conference at Wakefield, and no other member seemed disposed to go.

THE WATER TROUGH

In regard to the much discussed water trough on the Tadcaster and York Road, a tender was submitted for the erection of a brick chamber, and putting in a meter, and it was accepted.—Mr Scott asked if he would be in order to put up a notice board warning engine men against taking the water?—The Chairman: Yes, certainly.—It was agreed in addition to the erection of the board that a lock be put on the trough.

Various parishes were reported to be in arrears with calls, and the Clerk was left to take action in regard to them.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans for the erection of a new house at the "White Swan," Kippax, were passed, and also were plans for a house in Brigshaw Lane, All-erton Bywater.—An extension of sewer at Aberford is to be carried out, and tenders are to be obtained.—In regard to a deposit of night-soil in a lane at Barwick, it was reported that the person concerned would spread it on the land as soon as he could, and he would allow no more to be deposited there. Tenders for the erection of a fence at Lock Lane sewage works were received, and it was decided the Council purchase the material, and that the work be done by the man engaged at the works.—A sewer at Askham Bryan was reported to be blocked, and the inspector was instructed to do what was necessary in the case.—Tenders for a pump at South Milford sewage works were submitted, and one is to be purchased.—The question of a pump, etc., at Tadcaster sewage works was referred to the local committee.—A drain at Sherburn was reported to be blocked, and it is to be cleaned out. Plans for a building for Mr S. Smith, Tadcaster, were passed.—The County Council wrote offering to sell half-an-acre of land at Barkston, and the inspector was instructed to survey the land and ascertain how many houses would be built on it.—It was reported that the Rivers Board agreed to the improvement of the Kippax sewage works being deferred on an undertaking being given that plans would be sent to the Local Government Board before next June, and arrangements made to start the work in spring, 1916. It was decided to give the undertaking required.—The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning a loan of £400 for making connections to the houses at Lock Lane, and two of £100 each, and it was agreed to apply to the Loans Board for the money.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board in regard to the prevention of disease during the hot weather.

A NUISANCE AT TADCASTER

Mr Ingleby stated that at last meeting notice was served on Mr Samuel Smith to remove some rubbish in Cinder Lane, Tadcaster. It had been deposited there by the tenants of the allotment gardens, and Mr Smith said they ought to apply to them. That was rather a big order. He asked what were the best steps to take in the matter, because there was no doubt it was a nuisance. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the tenants.

PAGEANT AT SWILLINGTON PARK.

FOR GREAT PRESTON CHURCH FUNDS

Many strangely clad figures might have been seen flitting to and fro in the grounds of Swillington Park on Saturday afternoon. They were merry-makers, who were taking part in a "Village Pageant," with a view to raising funds for the building of a boundary wall round St. Aidan's Church, Great Preston. Numerous characters were represented, and the costumes worn by the ladies and gentlemen, who had been busy for several weeks preparing for the event, made a picturesque display. The grounds were an ideal spot for such a scene, and the company were lucky in being favoured with such fine weather.

The pageant was under the direction of Mr O. B. Milnes, headmaster of the Bowers Allerton National School, who, in the bright dress of a herald, looked as if he had walked out of a gaily-coloured picture book. His good lady, attired in a crinoline, which made a striking contrast to the hobble skirt, represented a lady of 1850.

The Queen of the Pageant was Mrs Jubb, who was attended by six maids of honour. Other characters were:—"Bellman" Mr J. Hughes, "Britannia" Mrs. Oubridge, "England" Mrs Naylor, "Wales" Mrs Gregory, who sang in Welsh the national song; "Scotland" Miss Gregory, "Ireland" Mrs Ponder, "Country Squire" Mr N. Firth, "Spring" Miss H. Spurden, "Summer" Miss A. Sharp, "Autumn" Miss J. Ponder, "Winter" Miss F. Stephenson, "Robin Hood" Mr F. Milner, "Monk" Mr H. Smith, "Dick Whittington" Miss Lily Rye, "Cicely" and his wife" Mr and Mrs Barrs, "Sandwich man" Mr J. Smith, "Scotch Fisher Girl" Mrs Smith, "Lord Hawke" Mr H. Milner, "Red Cross Nurse" Mrs Hamers, "Old watchman" Mr B. Hollyhead, "Mother Shipton" Mrs N. Firth, "English yeoman-time of Cromwell" Mr B. Ledbury, "Indian lady" Mrs Leigh, "Pierrot" Miss Noble, "Jester" Mr A. Cooper, "Millennial" Mrs A. Parker, "Nigger" Mr J. Sharpe, "Spanish dancer" Miss Cawood, "Chinaman" Mr D. Cooper, "Hope" Miss L. Swales, "Italian dancer" Miss M. Hughes, "Undergraduate" Mr Tooth, "Harvest girl" Mrs Smart, "Japanese lady" Miss G. Longbottom, "Pierrette" Miss Hughes, "Knight" Miss Bell, "Pierrot" Mrs Hollyhead "Swiss girl" Miss Cawood, "Sailor" Mrs Hollyhead "Swiss girl" Miss Haddlaway, "Japanese lady" Miss Ponder, "Indian squaw" Miss Douglas, "Herald" Mr O. B. Milnes. The following girls represented flowers:—"Marguerite" Miss Milnes, "Dorothy Perkins," Connie Oubridge; "Crimson rambler," Edna Hollyhead; "Hiawatha," Elsie Wyllie; "Rose," Misses Oswin, A. Hughes, G. Smith, G. Steinsby, M. Bower, C. Lavery, L. Smith; "Chrysonthemum," Ivy Smart; "Carnation," Amy Ledbury; "Cornflower," Olive Fawcett; "Poppy," Ivy Goodall; "Marguerite," Misses A. Stephenson and R. Bockhouse; "Sunflower," Eva Jubb; "Sweet Pea," H. Wilson.

After the presentation of the characters to the Queen, a short sketch, entitled "Bold Robin and the Babes," was given by the children of St. Aidan's Band of Hope, who played their parts well, under the conductorship of the Rev. J. Gregory, curate-in-charge. A display of scout training by the Great Preston Troupe, under Scoutmaster Oubridge, and the South Leeds Troupe, was an interesting feature. A clever exhibition of Morris dancing, under the supervision of Mr Nowell, was also given. During the afternoon and evening the Oulton Band rendered an excellent programme of music.

ALLEGED BURGLARY AT MONK FRYSTON.

GROCER'S SHOP BROKEN INTO.

Arthur Sheard, labourer, of Manchester, was charged at Selby on Saturday on remand with burglariously entering the dwelling-house of Mr Joseph Laycock, grocer, at Monk Fryston, during the night of the 14th inst, and stealing therefrom a quantity of beef and other eatables, etc., etc.

Evidence was given that the house had been securely locked up, but in the morning the pantry window was found broken. The woodwork had been smashed, and the glass broken. An entrance had been effected through the window, the larder being ransacked, a quantity of pie from a barrel had been consumed, and various eatables such as bananas, beef, and a spice loaf were missing.

Mrs Dodgson, a widow, of Hillam, who was passing on a bicycle, said she saw the accused leave the back of the premises about 3 o'clock in the morning; he staggered as if he was the worse for drink, and went towards Hambleton.

P.C. Holliday said that on receiving a report of the occurrence he went in search of the accused, and was accompanied by Mrs Dodgson, who pointed out the man. Accused was found lying on the roadside near Hambleton, and was arrested after a slight scuffle, in which the constable received a puncture in the right hand from a knitting needle, which the accused held in his hand. A sharpened file in his possession corresponded with marks on the window, and he was also in possession of the missing spice loaf.

Accused was committed for trial at the next Assizes.

Superintendent Stafford stated that the accused had a bad record, and was known by several aliases. He had been sentenced at Leeds Assizes for burglary and housebreaking, and at the same court two sentences of three years each were recorded against him for sacrilege. At York Assizes he had also been sentenced to three years' penal servitude for sacrilege. Supt. Stafford added that he would hand accused over to the Leeds West Riding Police on another charge of breaking into Swillington Church.

The Rev. B. Hemsworth commended the constable and Mrs Dodgson for the prompt way they had acted in the case before the court.

A GARFORTH ASSAULT CASE.

COLLIERY EMPLOYES' DIFFERENCES.

Some time was spent by the magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday in hearing a case of assault which was said to be the outcome of an alleged tampering with the winding gear of the Garforth Colliery. The complainant was William Wilson, Leeds, pit winding engineman, and the defendant was Thomas William Benn, Garforth, also a pit winding engine man.

Mr A. Willey appeared for the complainant, and Mr A. Masser for the defendant.

The complainant said he had been employed at the Garforth Colliery about six months—He was the winding engine man on the night shift and the defendant did the same duty on the day shift. He complained of the way in which the defendant left the winding gear for him. On Thursday, June 25th, about 9.30 p.m., he was going on duty, and was speaking to a man called Joyce, when the defendant came up and said: "What about the —— brakes?" Wilson said "Come in the engine-man who saw you do it." He went on to say that he found the brakes of the winding gear very bad at times, tied up at one side and eased off on the other, and had to adjust them before he could do anything. Going back to the time of the incident in question, Wilson said defendant struck him three blows with his fist in the face. He was knocked down and while on the ground he was kicked on the arm, and he was rendered unable to work for about ten days.

Mr Masser: You make the statement that this man deliberately tampered with the brakes.—Witness: Yes.

And that by so doing he placed the lives of several men in jeopardy?—Yes.

Have you ever made this complaint to Mr Routledge?—Yes.

Have you referred Mr Routledge to the charge man?—Yes.

In spite of this complaint Mr Routledge still continues to employ the defendant, and values his services?—Yes.

Mr Willey: And he employs my client, too.

Mr Masser: Have you made a complaint about the defendant's father?—Witness: Yes.

Complainant, answering other questions, said he never raised his fists to the defendant.

Mr Willey (to Wilson): You have not received a counter-summons from this man for assault, like a guy fitz assaulted him.

Wilson: No.

Harry Johnson, a bye-workman at the colliery, said that on the night in question about 10.20 p.m. he saw the complainant on a seat at the pit. He seemed to be in pain. His arm was black and swollen.

The defendant, in the witness box, said he had worked at the Garforth Colliery for seventeen years. Never before had he had any trouble with anyone at the pit. His father worked there also as winding engineman. Soon after the complainant came to work at the pit he (defendant) heard that he was making allegations about him and his father. There was no truth in the allegations, which had only been made at others and not to him direct. Mr Routledge had never spoken to him about it. On the night in question he (defendant) was coming over the bridge when he heard the complainant's voice. He was talking to Joyce, and using abusive language about him and his father with regard to slacking the brakes of the gear, and making it dangerous for men to go down. The complainant was the first to put on his fists. Witness did not know he was going to strike him. After falling to the ground complainant got up and ran away towards the manager's office.

Mr Willey: Did you never make any complaint to the manager with reference to the allegations?—Witness: No, I always try to fight my own battles with words.

But your story is that you did not fight your own battle; you never struck a blow, and that the man was injured through a fall and through no fault of yours.—Witness: Yes.

George Mallinson, lamp-keeper at the colliery, corroborated the statement of Benn as to the assault.

After a short deliberation, the magistrates found the case proved, and defendant was fined 20s. and costs.

SACRILEGE AT SWILLINGTON CHURCH.

A "DEAF" PRISONER WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

There was a sequel to the breaking into Swillington Church, at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, when Arthur Sheard, described as a shoemaker, was charged by the Rev. Nathaniel Bergheim, the Rector of Swillington, with sacrilege.

Supt. Symonds said that the charge was of breaking and entering the church, and afterransacking it, taking three small keys and a towel. When prisoner was arrested at Selby on July 16th, on a charge of burglary, the articles were found in his possession.

Prisoner, who denied any knowledge of the affair, stated that he was very hard of hearing, although several police officers who had had dealings with him stated that his hearing was quite good. The evidence, he said, he could not hear, and the Clerk had to let him read his notes, although on one occasion, when a certain statement was made in the court he replied quite readily.

Evidence was given by William Bell, the sexton of Swillington Church, that about 2.10 p.m.—on Monday, July 13th, he locked up the church and left by the south door. The following morning about nine o'clock he visited the church, and found that it had been entered during the night. The west window had been tampered with, and a quantity of glass taken out. Nothing was missing when he entered the church, and a cupboard had been broken open and a safe in the west porch had also been tampered with. In the vestry another safe had been interfered with. A drawer had also been broken open and the contents had been strewn about the floor. Three keys and a cloth were missing. These witness identified as belonging to the Sunday morning. Certain marks on the window might have been made with a file which was found upon the prisoner.

Prisoner said he knew nothing about it. He found the things on the roadside.

Harry Ramsay, miner, of Garforth, stated that about 11 p.m. on Monday, July 13th, he was returning home from the pit at Methley. About thirty yards before he got to the church he passed a man, and he had a good look at him. He now identified the prisoner as the man.

The gardener to the Rector of Swillington stated that about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning he was sent by the Rector to the church on business, and found that the place had been entered.

P.C. Holiday, Monk Fryston, said he arrested the prisoner at Hambleton on Thursday, July 16th, on a charge of burglary. The articles mentioned were found upon him.

Inspector Ramsey, of Garforth, said the aperture in the west window of the church was about half-a-yard square.

Prisoner was committed to take his trial at the next Assizes.

WELL-KNOWN CAWOOD MAN FINED.

EVIDENCE BY A SHERBURN WITNESS.

On Tuesday at Selby—before the Rev. H. Hemsworth, Mr T. Liversidge, and Dr Todd—four summonses were heard against Samuel Walford, of Cawood, who is well-known among Barkston Ash cricketers, for giving certificates relating to deaths, those certificates purporting to be signed by a registered medical practitioner.

Mr Harold Harker (London) prosecuted on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions, and Mr C. H. March, Selby, defended.

Mr Harker said that the defendant, who was unregistered, had attended a number of cases in Cawood. He was charged with forging a certificate relating to the death of a child named Annie Ibbetson, in December, 1912. The second information related to the death of a child named Hannah Denny in February of the present year. The Registrar-General supplied printed forms, but it was not a necessity that the certificate should be on a printed form. In this case they were not, and the reason the defendant had not been supplied with ordinary printed forms was because he was not on the register as a medical practitioner. Each of the certificates given by the defendant was signed, "S. Walford, pro. E. W. H. Pilcher, surgeon." The defendant had given these certificates in the name of Mr Pilcher, surgeon, without having any authority for using that name. Neither the name of Pilcher nor the defendant's name appeared in the Medical Register for 1913. The information the prosecution had was that Mr Pilcher had been dead some ten years. About thirty-five years ago Walford was assistant to a doctor resident at Cawood, but the business changed hands, and Dr. Pilcher, no doubt a registered practitioner, came on the scene. He remained at Cawood six or nine months, and left. His name did not appear in the Medical Register after 1886. From inquiries made a certain Edward Wm. Pilcher died in the Islington Infirmary in 1903, and the widow would be called as a witness.

Dr Todd, one of the Justices, pointed out that no medical practitioner could authorise anyone else to sign a certificate on his behalf.

Mrs Georgina Pilcher, of London, said she was a widow. Her husband died in 1903. She was married to him the year before. He was sixty-seven years old, and told her that he was well connected with doctors, but never said he was a doctor. He was a solicitor's clerk for twenty-two years. He was given to drink before she knew him.

Mr March, for the defence: We say this is not the man who was at Cawood.

In answer to questions by Mr March, the witness said her husband never showed any knowledge of medicine during her married life, and never talked to her of being in Cawood. She was rather surprised to find out that her late husband was a doctor.

Richard Gill, of Sherburn, said that over thirty years ago Dr Pilcher lodged with him at Sherburn. He had never seen or heard of him since. He would be a man about fifty years of age. He was a very quiet man, but had a thirst.

The Clerk: Quiet, but dry. Was he addicted to drink?

Witness: Yes, he was. The witness added that he could not say that the photograph produced was the doctor's. It might be.

Evidence was given of the granting of the certificates by the defendant, and to inquests being held because the certificates were not accepted.

Mr March submitted that no one had been deceived or defrauded by the defendant, whom everybody knew at Cawood was an unqualified man, and they went to him with their eyes open. It was for the prosecution to prove that Dr Pilcher was dead, and that the name had been forged. The defendant did not hold himself up to be a registered medical practitioner, and there was no evidence that he had ever done so.

The prosecution withdrew the forgery charge, and the Bench, after retiring, found the defendant guilty of issuing two false certificates. They fined him 10s. and costs in each case.

A WITNESSED MOTHER'S LAPSE.—On a promise of reform by the defendant, the Wakefield West Riding magistrates on Friday adjourned for a week, a summons against Mary Ellen Worth, of East Ardsley, formerly of Middleton, for neglect of her three children, Ernest (11), Ada (9), and Fanny (12 months). It was stated that the woman was left a widow four years ago, and for some time got on comfortably and respectably with the help of friends at Middleton. During the last few years, however, she had lapsed. Her moral character was not of the best, and the conditions in which the children had to live were abominable.

IMPORTANT TO BARKSTON ASH FARMERS.

INSURANCE PROBLEM—POTATO PICKERS.

At Selby Petty Sessions on Monday Mr George Edward Hides, farmer, of Drax Abbey, was charged with failing to pay, in six cases, contributions under the National Insurance Act in respect of field workers.

Mr L. G. Dawson, solicitor, London, appeared on behalf of the National Insurance Commissioners, and Mr C. H. March, solicitor, Selby, defended.

The case for the Commissioners was that the defendant employed women workers at the potato pie, hoeing, and other work in the fields, but had failed to pay contributions in respect of them. The inspector who visited the farm had done his best to induce the defendant to make the payments, but without success. At first he said the women had no cards, but when they did present them he contended that the Subsidiary Employment Order was wide enough to cover all classes of field work. It was submitted that the merits or demerits of the Act were entirely outside the scope of the proceedings.

One of the witnesses caused some amusement by stating that at first she was receiving 1s. 3d. per day, but went on strike and got 1s. 9d. per day, which was considered good pay.

Mr E. L. Grice, inspector under the Act, gave evidence that when he visited the farm he saw women hoeing. He explained to Mr Hides that he had official instructions that potato picking came under the Subsidiary Employment Order at the annual gathering of potatoes.

Mr Marsh contended that the workers were engaged in the excepted class of subsidiary employment under the head of potato pickers, and immediately before employment they were not insured persons.

Four of the six summonses taken out related to dates in July last year, and the remaining two cases had reference to dates in April this year.

One or two of the married women employed stated that they took the casual work for pocket money.

Mr Hides, who was called to give evidence for the defence, said that he farmed 360 acres in Yorkshire and 800 acres in Lincolnshire. He had 300 acres of potatoes this year. He considered that the sorting and planting of potatoes could not be made into separate employments.

After the Bench had retired for a short time to consider their decision,

The Chairman announced that they had unanimously come to the conclusion that the women employed were potato pickers, and they dismissed all the cases. They also found that the women engaged were not, prior to the dates mentioned, insured persons.

Mr Dawson asked for a case to be stated, and also asked the Bench to say whether the class of work the women were actually doing was known as potato picking.

The Chairman said the Bench could not add anything to what had been said. It was difficult to separate one employment from the other. The Bench also said the case would go before the Divisional Court.

SPORTS AT CHURCH FENTON.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS

On Saturday the athletic sports promoted by Church Fenton Brass Band took place, and aroused considerable interest. The results were:

100 Yards Flat Handicap.—Heat winners:—J. Birdsall, Tadcaster, 10 yards start; T. Hargrave, York, 10; C. Hill, Tadcaster, 9; W. Smith, York, 8.—Final—1, R. Birdsall; 2, W. Smith; 3, C. Hill.

220 Yards Flat Handicap—Heat winners—H. Mortimer, Brotherton, 30; C. Mortimer, Garforth, 65; F. Moore, Brotherton, 60; R. Goodall, Garforth, 50. Final—1, F. Moore; 2, A. Milner; 3, C. Mortimer.

220 Yards Flat Handicap—Heat winners—H. Clements, Scarthingwell, 22; J. Burton, Askern, 18; J. Cromack, Sherburn, 21; C. Eastwood, Kippax, 22. Final—1, C. Eastwood; 2, J. Burton; 3, J. Cromack.

One Mile Cycle Handicap—Heat winners—C. Goodyear, Marston, 100; J. Downes, Kippax, 140; M. Gill, Sherburn, (150); F. Moore, Brotherton, 115. Final—1, C. Goodyear; 2, J. Downes, 3, F. Moore.

120 Yards Flat Handicap—Heat winners—R. Birdsall, Tadcaster, 12; J. Burton, Askern, 11; G. Martin, Kippax, 11½; C. Eastwood, Kippax, 13. Final—1, R. Birdsall; 2, G. Martin; 3, C. Eastwood.

ROTHWELL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

SICKNESS IN THE DISTRICT.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell District Education Sub-Committee was held at the Carlton Lane, Council School on Friday evening, Mr J. Butterfield (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Stoner, Mr J. Hirst, Mr T. Thomas, Mr T. Ellis, Mr R. McCullough, Mr J. Walton, Mr S. R. Chadwick, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr W. Steel).

The Clerk reported that owing to an epidemic of measles, the Carlton Lane Infants' School, Rothwell, had been closed until after the midsummer holiday. Sixty-two cases were reported within ten days.

The attendance at most of the schools was affected by sickness. The Lofthouse National infants' departments, which, had to be closed owing to whooping cough, dropped its percentage from 81.56 (for five days) in May to 43.18, and from 81.81 (children under five) to 14.28. The percentage for the whole district for the month was 88.38 as compared with 88.36 in May.

The percentage for the various schools was as follows.—Rothwell Council (mixed) 90.9; Rothwell Council (infants), over five 87.36, under five 87.03; Stourton Council (mixed) 91.83; Stourton Council (infants), over five 87.58, under five 82.5; Robin Hood Council (mixed) 94.14; Robin Hood Council (infants) over five 82.23, under five 85.33; Carlton Council (mixed) 90.4; Carlton Council (infants) over five 90, under five 68.96; Thorpe Council (mixed) 87.59; Thorpe Council (infants) over five 84.61, under five 66.66; Wood Lane Infants (Rothwell) over five 91.23, under five 86.66 Rothwell National (mixed) 88.69; Rothwell National (infants) over five 87.34; under five 75.55; Lofthouse National (mixed) 87.91; Lofthouse National (infants) over five 43.18, under five 14.28; Middleton National (mixed) 94.17; Middleton National (infants) over five 85.71, under five 66.66.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Wheat, which is scarce, was quoted at 35s. to 36s., oats firm at 20s. to 22s.; rye 24s. to 25s. per qr. Only about an average attendance.

PROVISIONS

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 10 and 11 for 1s.; butter 1s. to 1s. 1d. per lb.; chickens 5s. to 5s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Plenty of new potatoes brought in, the prices being from 2s. 6d. to 3s. per hamper of four score. The prices of old potatoes still on hand were unchanged.

CATTLE

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs. Richardson and Son disposed of 78 beasts, 17 sheep, and 51 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers, but only a light show of stock. Best beef made fully 9d. per stone. Heavy cows a slow trade, plainer ones. Good demand for calving heifers of quality. Sheep unchanged. Pork pigs slightly dearer. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £23 7s. 6d., fat heifers to £21, fat cows to £19 10s., store cattle to £13, cows in calf to £18 15s., cows in milk to £16 5s., fat sheep to £12 10s 6d, pork pigs to £6, gilts in pig to £13 12s., and store pigs to £1 8s. each.

GARFORTH AUCTION MART, Monday.—Mr William Ash sold 20 prime bullocks and heifers, 85 fat sheep and lambs, 2 calves, and 5 pigs. A good number of buyers were present. Beef made fully late rates, the best quality realizing 7¾d. to 8d. per lb, and good beef and cows, 6¾d. to 7¾d. per lb. Fat cows and young lambs met a very good demand, small shearlings making 9¾d. to 10d., heavier ditto 9d., fat north ewes 7¾d. to 8d., Scotch ewes 8d., choice fat lambs 10¾d., and others sold to 10d. per lb. Mr W. Crowther had three heifers, making £17 17s. 6d. to £19 7s. 6d.; two bullocks from Mr H. Revis made £17 12s. 6d. and £20 12s. 6d.; nine choice bullocks from Mr Wm. Wilkinson realized from £17 12s. 6d. to £22; and choice heifers from Mr C. Bentley, made £18 15s. to £19 12s. 6d. Several pens of good number of buyers were present. Beef made fully late rates, the best quality realizing 7¾d. to 8d. per lb, and good beef and cows, 6¾d. to 7¾d. per lb. Fat cows and young lambs met a very good demand, small shearlings making 9¾d. to 10d., heavier ditto 9d., fat north ewes 7¾d. to 8d., Scotch ewes 8d., choice fat lambs 10¾d., and others sold to 10d. per lb. Mr W. Crowther had three heifers, making £17 17s. 6d. to £19 7s. 6d.; two bullocks from Mr H. Revis made £17 12s. 6d. and £20 12s. 6d.; nine choice bullocks from Mr Wm. Wilkinson realized from £17 12s. 6d. to £22; and choice heifers from Mr C. Bentley, made £18 15s. to £19 12s. 6d. Several pens of shearlings from Mr T. L. Lake made 50s. 6d. to 58s. 6d. each; Messrs Winter and Sons' shearlings 53s. 6d. to 58s. 6d.; useful shearlings from Mr Kenneth Wilson realized from 52s. 6d. to 60s. 6d. each; Mr W. P. Nicholson's north ewes made 47s. and 49s., and his lambs to 36s.; Scotch ewes from Mr R. H. Scott reached 38s. Fat lambs from Mr F. Sperling made up to 43s. each. Mr S. Lumb had some good lambs, making up to 44s 6d. each other lambs made 27s to 32s. Breeding calves realized to 33s. each, and small store pigs to 18s. each.

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The Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., relies upon the visitors to observe the printed notices and to see that no damage is done to the trees or shrubs. No bicycles, motor-cycles, conveyances, or dogs will be allowed in the Park.

BRAMHAM PARK AND GARDENS will be OPEN to the PUBLIC on WEDNESDAY, the 5th AUGUST, and WEDNESDAY, the 12th AUGUST, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., for the benefit of the Local Charities.
Admission: One Shilling.

CROSSGATES & DISTRICT SWEET PEA SOCIETY.
A GRAND EXHIBITION OF SWEET PEAS and ROSES
will be held in the
CROSSGATES WESLEYAN SCHOOLROOM, SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 1914.
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PATRONAL FESTIVAL OF MANSTON PARISH CHURCH,
SATURDAY, JULY 25th (St. JAMES' DAY).
In connection with the Celebration of the Festival members of the St. James' Guild will give two performances of
"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM,"
at 3 p.m. and at 7 p.m., in the VICARAGE GARDEN.
Admission to the Garden, 6d. Tea at 5 p.m., 6d. Children Half-price at the Afternoon Performance.

SEACROFT.
SALE OF WORK
and
GARDEN FETE
ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th, 1914.
IN THE VICARAGE GARDEN.
To be Opened at 3 p.m.
In aid of Fund for Cleaning and Decorating the Church.
Admission 4d. Teas 6d. and 9d.

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on SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1914
Commencing at 3 o'clock.
in aid of the Swillington Church Expenses.
Plain and Fancy Work Stall, Flower Stall, Sweet and Sample Stall, Ice Creams, Games, Competitions, Cocoanut Shies, Slow Bicycle Race, Sack Race, Donkey Rides, Brown and Polson's Cake Making Competition. Dramatic Entertainment.
Garforth Brass Band will be in attendance.
Dancing on the Lawn commencing at 6.30.
Admission 6d.; After 6 p.m., 3d.
Meat Tea in the Garden, 9d.; Tea in the House, 1s.

CLIFFORD VILLAGE SPORTS.
MONDAY (Bank Holiday), AUG. 3rd, 1914
Commence 1 p.m. Admission 6d.
Open Events:—440 Yds. Hurdle Race (Handicap), Prizes—20s., 10s., 5s. 100 Yards Handicap, Prizes—50s., 20s., 10s. One Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap), Prizes—30s., 15s., 7s. 6d. Obstacle Race, Prizes—20s., 10s., 5s.
Entry Fee 1s. each event; close July 28th. There will also be events for Residents in the Village.
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' & TRADES' UNION COUNCIL.
A DEMONSTRATION.
will be held on
SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 1914.
when the
Affiliated Societies and Branches will join in Procession; consisting of Adult Male and Female and Juvenile Members of the following:—Independent Order of Rechabites, Ancient Order of Romans, Equalised Order of Druids, Grand United Order of Oddfellows, White Rose Friendly Society, and Loyal Duke of Lancaster Lodge, headed by
ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE BAND
The beautiful banners of the various Societies will be displayed. The Societies and Branches will assemble at the
COUNCIL OFFICES at 1.30 p.m.
PROCESSION WILL START at 2 p.m.
A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the COUNCIL'S RECREATION GROUND, CARLTON LANE, to be Addressed by the following:—Bro. Ismay Robinson, P.D.C.R., I.O.R., Leeds District; Bro. G. E. Lamott, P.M.E.C., A.O.R., Leeds District; Bro. J. Drabble, P.D.C.R., I.O.R., Sheffield District; and others. Chair to be taken by Councillor J. Hirst, J.P., Chairman of the Rothwell Urban District Council.
Collection will be taken on route and at Entrance to Ground in Aid of Charities.
A. Blackburn, President. J. Wade, Secretary.

GARFORTH MEDICAL CHARITIES.
CARNIVAL, SPORTS & GALA,
SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 25th.
GRAND SACRED CONCERT
SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3 P.M.
ADDRESSES by the
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E. H. Foster, Esq., J.P., C.C., and
A. T. Aubrey, Esq.
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TENDERS

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.
SEWER EXTENSION AT ABERFORD.
THE Council invite TENDERS for the CONSTRUCTION of about 160 YARDS of 6 INCH SEWER, with MANHOLES, etc., at Aberford. Plans may be seen and specifications and any information obtained from Mr H. M. Driver, Surveyor, Garforth, near Leeds. Sealed tenders endorsed "Sewer Extension, Aberford," to be sent to me not later than Friday, 14th August, 1914.
GEO A. BROMET,
Clerk to the Council.
Tadcaster, 20th July, 1914.

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEEDS HOSPITAL GALA AND SPORTS, ROUNDHAY PARK.
MONDAY and TUESDAY, AUGUST 3rd and 4th, 1914.
ATHLETIC SPORTS. (Under A.A.A. Laws and N.C.U. Rules).
OVER £100 IN PRIZES.

	MONDAY.						Entry Fees
	1st.		2nd.		3rd.		
1. 100 Yds. Flat Handicap	£ 5	s. d. 5 0	£ 2	s. d. 2 0	£ 1	s. d. 1 0	1 6
2. 220 Yds. Flat Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
3. ½-Mile Cycle Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
4. Mile Cycle Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
5. 100 Yards Novice Flat Handicap (for boys under 16 years of age ...	2	2 0	1	1 0	0	10 6	0 6
6. 100 Yards Sack Race Handicap (over hurdles 15 in. high) ...	3	3 0	1	1 0	0	10 6	1 0
	TUESDAY.						
7. ½-Mile Cycle Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
8. Mile Cycle Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
9. 100 Yds. Leeds Schoolboys' Flat...	2	2 0	1	1 0	0	10 6	0 6
10. Mile Flat Handicap	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
11. 120 Yds. Local Flat Handicap (6 miles radius)	Challenge Cup and						
	5	5 0	2	2 0	1	1 0	1 6
12. 100 Yards Sack Race Handicap (over hurdles 15 in. high)	3	3 0	1	1 0	0	10 6	1 0

GREAT FLYING DISPLAY, Etc.
ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, JULY 25th.
Entry Forms and all particulars from WALTER WORMALD, Secretary,
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Monday, 27th July, 12.30 p.m. to York and Malton for ½ day and Scarborough for ½ to 4 days. 12.45 p.m. to Selby, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ½ day and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. Tuesday, 28th July, 12.45 p.m. to Selby, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ½ day and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. Wednesday, 29th July, 12.13 p.m. to York, Malton, Pickering, Goathland, and Grosmont for ½ day, and Whitby for ½ to 4 days. 12.30 p.m. to York and Malton for ½ day and Scarborough for ½ to 4 days. 12.45 p.m. to Selby, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ½ day, and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. 12.57 p.m. (calling at Crossgates only) to Wetherby, Thorparch, and Tadcaster (Show). 1.32 p.m. to Goole and Hull. Thursday, 30th July, 12.3 p.m. to Pocklington, Market Weighton, and Driffield for ½ day, and Bridlington for ½ to 4 days. 12.30 p.m. to York and Malton for ½ day, and Scarborough for ½ to 4 days. For further particulars see bills.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 1914.

A great many people would be pleased were the tied-house system swept away, and had the decision of the Liverpool Stipendiary Magistrate, given several months ago, been allowed to stand, it would have effected a revolution in the licensing system. Messrs James Mellor, the well-known Liverpool brewers, were summoned for selling liquor without a licence, and it was argued that the licence for the public-house in question was in the name of a manager, who was merely a dummy, inasmuch as he was neither the owner nor the tenant of the premises, but merely the servant of a company, who themselves did not hold a magistrates' licence, though they were the actual sellers of the liquor. The magistrate decided to convict, his decision amounting to a declaration that the whole system of public-house managership was illegal, and that the person holding the licence must be either the owner or the actual tenant of the premises. In appealing against this decision, the contentions were urged that the whole situation was well known to the Licensing Magistrates, that the practice had been recognised for something like thirty years, and that the brewery company were sufficiently protected by the fact that the liquor was sold by a manager who had been judged by the Justices to be a fit and proper person. In the end this view has been up held by the Divisional Court. Had the appeal been dismissed it would have compelled the great brewery companies to have changed their policy, but it would not have ended the tied-house system, although it might have brought some modification. So far as the public are concerned, the decision is not perhaps of much importance, because it does not affect the supply of liquor, but it shows the position in which the licensing system is now placed. Instead of the monopoly being in many hands it is gradually going into fewer—the great brewing companies, whose chief concern is not the supplying of refreshment to the public, but the earning of dividends. Whether the manager-publican system is worse than the old system is open to argument; it may or may not result in better conducted houses, but it is obvious that if a man knows his living depends on his ability to conduct a business on proper lines he will be careful. Had the appeal not been sustained brewery companies would have been compelled to get tenants for their houses, which would still have been tied, and there is no doubt that the temptation of the tied-house tenant "to push business," for the sake of his own pocket, is great.

Mr H. Kirby, of Haddlesey Lodge, holds the record this year in the Selby district as the first to commence harvesting operations which were begun on Wednesday afternoon in a field of winter oats off the Selby and Doncaster road.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer—not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No notice will be taken of anonymous letters, and rejected communications cannot be returned.
Notice of Births and Deaths are charged 1s. each prepaid. They must be inscribed by the clergyman and address of the sender.
Notices of marriages are charged at the rate of 2s. 6d. each
In Memoriam Notices 1s. each, and 6d. extra for all matter up to four lines

MARRIAGE.

Webb—McCormack.—On 6th July, 1914, at Christ Church, Vancouver, B.C., by the Rev. R. B. Day, Rector, Vincent Dean, second son of Mr and Mrs L. Webb, of New Marston, Crossgates, to Mabel, only daughter of Mr Fred and the late Mrs Susan McCormack, of Crossgates, Leeds.

DEATHS.

Briers.—July 17th, at Carr Field House, Barwick-in-Elmet, aged 70 years, Charles Briers.
Sparling.—July 15th, at Shadwell, John Sparling, in his 90th year.
Sharpes.—July 22nd, at Mount Pleasant, Kippax, after illness borne with patience, Hannah, beloved wife of Samuel Sharpes, formerly of Ferrensby Lodge, near Knaresborough.

IN MEMORIAM.

Pratt.—In ever loving memory of a dear husband and father, Allan Pratt, of Garforth, who died July 23rd, 1912.
"God will bind the broken chain
Closer when we most again."
"Earthly loss, eternal gain."
—From wife and daughter.

Pratt.—In ever loving memory of our dear son, Allan Pratt, of Garforth, who died July 23rd, 1912.
"Dear is the spot where our loved one is laid,
Dear is the memory that never shall fade;
Sweet is the hope that again we shall meet,
Kneeling together at Jesus's feet."
—From father, mother, and brothers.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS

ROTHWELL

Miss E. A. Morton, of Rothwell, has passed the examination of Associate of the London College of Music for pianoforte playing and theory.

Two excellent sermons were preached at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday by the Rev. T. A. Turney, of the Liverpool Mission, one of the Conference ministers.

At the London College of Music examination held in Leeds on the 15th inst., Frank Hartley, of Lofthouse, who is under the tuition of Mr T. A. Idle, L.L.C.M., Rothwell, was successful in passing in the advanced intermediate section.—Advt.

Homing.—On Saturday seventeen members of Rothwell Homing Society sent 220 birds to compete in the race from Ambergate (47 miles). Results:—G. Brown 1,401 yds, W. Dobson 1,396, J. Crossley 1,389 A. Hodgkinson 1,381, G. Ward 1,279, J Armitage 1,267, E H Parker 1,233, G 1,360, Keitel 1,354, J. Crossley 1,348, Keitel 1,332, G. Brown 1,330, James Armitage 1,328. Mr Keitel wins old bird average cup, Ambergate to Rennes, 1,003.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax. Applications completed—J M Cobb, East Ardsley, improvements in cove pedestals; Bromet, Thorman and Wood, Tadcaster, improvements in centrifugal separators; and Edward Court, Wakefield, improvements in or relating to the propulsion of ships. Patents renewed—William Pattle, York, improvements in tents; and H. J. Haddan and A. E. Miller, Leeds, improvements in casting reels.

Fete.—The annual church fete was held in the Vicarage grounds on Saturday afternoon. The proceedings commenced with a cycle gymkhana in which prizes were given for the best decorated bicycles. Headed by the Rothwell Old Band, the competitors made a circuit of the town, and thence to the Vicarage. In addition to the above there were various entertainments provided, and a cricket match between the ladies and the gentlemen. In the evening a display of ambulance work was given by the members of the Rothwell Detachment of the Aberfordia Division of the St. John Association. The proceeds were in aid of the Church funds.

Salvation Army.—Saturday and Sunday were two great days for the local corps of the Salvation Army, a visit being paid by the bandsmen of the Doncaster corps. The band, which number thirty, are well trained musicians, and rendered delightful programmes of music. On Saturday evening a special concert was given at the Salvation Army Hall—Councillor F. H. McCullough and W. Robinson presiding. On Sunday the band conducted an open air service at Woodlesford, and in the afternoon the Mechanics' Hall, which had been engaged for the occasion, was well filled. The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson (the Wesleyan minister) presided. In the evening the usual service was held, and it was conducted by the band.

Friendly Societies' Council.—A meeting of the Rothwell and District Friendly Societies' Council was held at Rothwell on Saturday, Mr A. Blackburn presiding. Others present were Mr. Wright (vice-president), Messrs Smith, Wade, Watson, and Knight (committee), and delegates Bro. F. Johnson (Rechabites) Bros. J. Brook and J. Trueman (Romans), and Bros. H. Lunn and W. Hardey (Oddfellows). A draw was made for the order of procession in the demonstration on Sunday, and resulted as follows:—1, Romans; 2, Druids; 3, Rechabites; 4, Oddfellows; 5, White Rose Lodge (Oulton); 6, The Royal Duke of Lancaster (Woodlesford). It was agreed to hold the annual meeting of the Council on September 10th. A long discussion arose over the medical benefits for the Sunday School being carried in the procession. A service was held in the church, and tea was afterwards provided at the school. Tea over, the vicarage grounds were visited, and games and sports were indulged in. It is estimated that about seven hundred children took part in the treat, while later in the evening over a thousand people adjourned to the field. The results of the races for boys were as follows:—Flat Race (Juniors)—1, J. Wilkshire; 2, W. Rollinson. Dress Race—R. Brown; 2, J. Wilkshire. 100 Yards Flat Race—H. Ely; 2, A. Bulmer. 80 Yards Race—E. Ward; 2, J. Cripps. Quarter-mile Race—F. Bridges; 2 (dead heat), H. Arrowsmith and H. Barton. Games were also arranged for the girls. Mr A. Denton acted as handicapper, and the officials included Messrs J. H. Rawlings, J. Harrison, H. Dacre, W. Elliott, F. Field, and W. Rodley.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Skyrack Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (Chairman), Col. A. M. Sagar Musgrave, Ald. W. Braithwaite, Mr J. Hirst, Mr J. R. Cross, Hon. R. D. Kitson, and Ald. F. M. Lupton.

CRICKET.—The Rothwell W.M. Cricket Club got a severe drubbing at the hands of the Beeston W.M. C.C. on Saturday. The match took place at Rothwell, the homesters were dismissed for a total of sixteen. Scores:—Rothwell W.M.—J. Parker 2, S. Pritchard 6, H. Brown 0, J. Atack 0, J. H. Fox 0, J. Thurwell 0, L. Simpson 1, J. Balmer 2, A. Thurwell (not out) 0, R. Dawson 0, J. Seanor 1, extras, 5; total, 16. Beeston W.M.—Leonard (not out) 8, Setter (not out) 8, extra, 1; total, 17.

ALLERTON BYWATER

VICAR'S MARRIAGE.—The marriage took place at Hale, Cheshire, of the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Cerry, vicar of Allerton Bywater, fourth son of the late Mr George Curry, of Tynemouth, to Miss Jane Lilian Everett, only child of the late Mr Edmund T. Everett, of Poynton, and Mrs Everett, of Richmond House, Hale. The bride wore a gown of ivory satin charmeuse, with full Court train. The bridesmaids were the Misses Gertrude Platt, Dora White, Josephine Bright, and Eveline Bright. The Rev. T. E. R. Wilford, rector of Garforth, was the best man. The honeymoon is being spent in Germany.

CROSSGATES

PATRONAL FESTIVAL.—The patronal festival of Manston Church will be celebrated on Saturday, and the members of St. James' Guild will give performances afternoon and evening of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Vicarage Garden. For particulars see advert.

SHOW.—On Saturday the show of sweet peas and roses promoted by the Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society, will be held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom. Splendid entries have been received, and there is every indication that the exhibition will be a great success. See advert.

HORSE.—In the Leeds Federation race from Ambergate on Saturday, Mr J. Middleton, of Crossgates,' owns a bird, which covered the 51 miles at a speed of 1,415 yards, per minute. Mr Hornby was second with 1,370, and Mr E. Linley (both Crossgates) was third with 1,350.—Eleven members of Crossgates Club sent 128 birds. J. Middleton 1,415 (wins special and first pool), Hornby 2, E. Linley 1,350 (wins second pool), Fox Lee and Ingle 1,326, Middleton 1,322, 1,293, Fox 1,267, Barber and Limbert 1,263, Birch 1,259.

GOLF COMPETITIONS.—On Saturday at Crossgates links the following competitions were decided:—Mixed Foursomes—Mrs J. Simpson and J. A. Townsend, 81 net. Ladies' Approaching and Putting—Mrs J. M. Wade. Ladies' Driving—Mrs Gray. Gentlemen's Approaching and Putting—Mr Spedding. Gentlemen's Driving—G. P. Poyser. The prizes were given by Messrs Harry Rhodes and J. H. Thomas, and presented by the President (Mr Hedley Hurst). In the return match between Crossgates Ladies and South Leeds Ladies on Thursday at Crossgates, the former won by six to two. Details (Crossgates names first):—Miss E. Dawson 1 v. Mrs Drake 0, Miss A. Rhodes ½ v. Mrs Green ½, Mrs H. Rhodes 0 v. Miss Spencer 1, Mrs Thewlis ½ v. Mrs Pratt ½, Mrs Wade 1 v. Miss Calder 0, Mrs Simpson 1 v. Miss Bolton 0, Mrs McCallum 1 v. Miss Stuart 0, Mrs Poyser 1 v. Miss Wheelhouse 0.

BOWLING.—On Saturday a League match was played between Crossgates and Leeds at the green of the former, and Crossgates won by 165 to 159. Details (Crossgates names first):—F. Hardcastle 16 v. H. Thomas 21, H. Whitfield 15 v. T. Harrison 21, H. Bamforth 21 v. A. Caine 21, F. W. Jubb 21 v. R. Pinder 18, J. Connor 12 v. F. Vince 21, G. Danby 9 v. W. Green 21, L. Semper 21 v. H. Lamb 8, C. E. Spendley 12 v. Dr. Holiday 21, T. Holiday 21 v. T. Bedford 5, and A. Hughes 21 v. W. Scott 4. On Monday Crossgates played Halton Travellers at Halton, and Crossgates won by 178 to 151. Details (Crossgates names first):—E. Spendley 21 v. A. Calvert 15, J. Crossley 11 v. Chapman 21, H. Whitfield 21 v. W. Calverley 13, G. Danby 21 v. B. Smith 6, J. Mac-Leod 9 v. J. Hebden 21, Dr. Holiday 21 v. H. Barnett 21 v. Archdale 10, J. A. Rymer 21 v. J. Haigh 13, L. Semper 21 v. B. Dickenson 19, and A. Hughes 13 v. W. Adams 21.

MARRIAGE.—On July 9th the marriage was solemnised at Christ Church, Vancouver, B.C., of Mr Vincent D. Webb, second son of Mr and Mrs I. Webb, of New Manston, Crossgates, and Miss Mabel McCormack, only daughter of Mr Fred and the late Mrs Susan McCormack, of Crossgates. The Rev. R. B. Day, the rector, was the officiating clergyman. Both bride and bridegroom are members of well-known Crossgates families, who have been prominently identified with the district for a good many years. Mr Webb, who has been absent for a number of years, returned on a visit about eighteen months ago, and he has now made his home in Vancouver, where he is going in for fruit farming. Few persons are better known in Crossgates than Mrs Webb. She was a considerable time she was a greatly appreciated teacher in the infants' department of Manston School, and afterwards she successfully carried on a private school in Crossgates. She was an enthusiastic church-worker, she was for a number of years a teacher in Manston Church Sunday School, and being an accomplished musician, she acted as deputy organist at the parish. Before leaving for her new home the children attending her school presented her with a beautiful fruit dish, the Sunday school teachers at Manston gave her a Bible, and the members of Seacroft ambulance class presented her with a pair of silver sugar tongs. She received a large number of presents from friends.

GARFORTH

A MENDICANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Sees, a moulder, of no fixed abode, was sent to prison for one month on a charge of begging at Garforth on Sunday.

CARNIVAL.—On Saturday the annual carnival for the medical charities will take place at Garforth, and numerous attractions will be provided. A good entry has been obtained for the ambulance competition and the firemen's competition, and a scouts' display will be an interesting feature of the proceedings. The Rigsaw fire engine, about which much has been said, will figure in the procession. On Sunday the usual festival will be held, and particulars are given in our advert columns.

CRICKET.—The annual match between Garforth Co-operative Stores and Stanton was played at Saxton on Monday. Scores:—Garforth Co-op.—R. Goodall, c Johnson, b Lawn, 26; A. Pickersgill, b b Parker, 6; J. Wade, b A E Parker, 5; H. Hudson, b A E Parker, 5; H. Preston, b H Parker, 1; H. Young, c and b A Parker, 0; C. Preston, b A E Parker, 0; P. Scott, b A E Parker, 4; J. Shipton, b Lawn, 0; C. Kirk run out, 3; A. Dickinson, not out, 1; extras, 9; total, 56. Saxton—A. Parker, c C Preston, b Goodall, 8; J. Shipton, c C Preston, b Hudson, 0; H. Parker, b Waite, 5; C. Lawn, b Waite, 0; A. E. Parker, b Young, 29; W. Lawn, b Young, 4; A. Johnson, b Pickersgill, 0; A. Firn, b Pickersgill, 1; N. Strangeway, c Goodall, b Pickersgill, 0; R. Simpson, not out, 1; L. Parker, b Young, 0; extras, 3; total, 51.

ALLOWED TO GO.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Francis Riley, a fireman, and Harry Huggins, a driller, both of no fixed abode, were charged with sleeping out at Garforth on Monday. P.C. Davies said that while examining farm property on the Leeds and Selby Road he found the two prisoners lying in a hayshock. Riley said he was on his way to Hull to join a ship, but having no money, he was compelled to walk. He had turned into the field for a rest. Huggins said he was in search of work. Both men were allowed to go.

BOWLING.—Garforth W.M. had their return League match with Todcaster on Saturday, and won by 207 to 127. Details (Garforth names first):—J. Whitley 20 v. A. W. Westerman 23, T. Whitley 21 v. J. H. Schofield 4, G. Hill 21 v. G. Berwick 2, T. Cockerham 19 v. C. Mowerson 16, M. Morritt 21 v. J. H. Hull 11, J. Backhouse 21 v. C. Walker 16, and W. H. Meeks 21 v. W. Wilcock 18. A. Cockrem has won first prize in the W.M. Club handicap. Final—A. Cockrem (owes 9 points) 31, and T. Cockerham (owes 3) 19.

DRUNK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday four Garforth miners named Richard Parry, William Wilson, John Brownridge, and Thomas Dixon were summoned for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Beever stated that about 11.30 p.m. on July 10th he was on the Leeds and Selby Road at Garforth, when he saw the four defendants lying on the footpath shouting and singing at the top of their voices, and making use of abusive language. He spoke to them, and they went home. Parry, Wilson, and Brownridge were fined 5s. and costs, and Dixon, who did not appear, was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

HALTON

Mr H. Thomas, of Hilton, playing for Leeds and district against Huddersfield and district in a bowling match on Wednesday, defeated Mr H. Brunton (Springwood) by three points. Mr P. Vince (Halton), however, was defeated by Mr Milner (Paddock) by seven.

THE "DOG AND GUN."—On Friday at Leeds permission was asked by the Home Counties Trust (Ltd.) to make certain alterations to the Dog and Gun Inn, in York Road. It was stated that the nearest houses of the same kind conducted by the company were in Notts. The Chairman said it was the unanimous wish of the magistrates that the Dog and Gun should be pulled down and rebuilt. The applicants said his clients wanted to see how the scheme developed. Mr Woodhouse granted the application, but said the justices regretted the applicants were not going "to make a bigger job of it."

KIPPAX

Mr G. Longbottom, of Kippax, was a prize-winner at Roundhay Flower Show on Saturday.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES.—At the recent musical examination for pianoforte playing, held in Leeds on the 13th inst., Miss Mabel Rowley (Kippax) passed with honours in the intermediate section, gaining 87 marks, and Miss Gladys Hiscock passed in the primary section, gaining 94 marks.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The members of the Christian Endeavour in connection with this church held a meeting on Wednesday evening, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. E. Clements, the newly-appointed minister to the Castleford circuit. The solo "Harvest field" was contributed by Mr G. Prince. The meeting was presided over by Mr Hebden.

FREE GARDENERS' LODGE.—The juveniles in connection with this Lodge were given an outing to Bridlington on Saturday. There were about 60 juvenile members, and they were in charge of Mr Vince. They marched in procession from headquarters to the Kippax Station, where they joined the train. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the seaside. The return journey was completed about 12.45 on Sunday morning.

KIPPAX SEWAGE SCHEME.—On Friday at a meeting of the West Riding Rivers Board, in accordance with the minutes of the Domestic Sewage Committee, it was resolved to consent to the improvement of Kippax sewage works, belonging to the Todcaster Rural District Council, on their giving an undertaking that before June 30th next the plans and scheme shall be prepared and submitted to the Local Government Board, and arrangements made so to commence the construction of the works in the spring of 1916.

LOFTHOUSE

HOMING.—On Saturday seven members of Lofthouse Homing Society sent birds to take part in the race from Ambergate (46 miles). Results:—W. Ramsden 1,752, H. Clarkson 1,321 (two birds). W. Ramsden 1,317, J. Hebden 1,317, W. Chappell 1,302, T. Ward 1,296, W. Ramsden 1,279, J. Armitage 1,267, E. H. Parker 1,233, G. P. Balme 1,210, D. Brooke 1,210, F. Stacey 1,204, A. Calvert 1,169.

COAL UNDER A RESERVOIR.—In the Chancery Division on Friday Mr Justice Astbury allowed a notice of motion in the action of the Wakefield Corporation v. the Lofthouse Colliery Co., Ltd., for an injunction restraining the defendants from working coal under a reservoir belonging to plaintiffs to stand over the hearing of the action. Mr Ashton Cross, for the Corporation, said the defendants had asked for another week in order to answer evidence.

LEDSHAM

Mr E. T. Parker, of Ledsham, received a "commended" for his exhibit in the shire stud class at the Yorkshire Show, and he was second for yearling shire colt.

Wednesday was a "red letter" day in the history of modern Castleford, its Church life especially, the occasion being the visit of her Highness Princess Marie Louise, of Schleswig-Holstein, whose object was to open a bazaar and sale of work in connection with the parish church. Fete at Red Hill, presided over by the parish church. The Princess was the guest of Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., of Ledston Hall.

OULTON

On Wednesday in the bowling match between Leeds and Huddersfield Mr J. W. Morley (Oulton) was defeated by 1 points and Mr W. P. Rivers (Oulton) by nine.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with the Chapel anniversary services at the Oulton Wesleyan Chapel the special preacher on Sunday morning was the Rev. W. Humphrey, one of the Conference ministers. In the evening the service was conducted by the Rev. S. R. Willcin, who is also taking part in the Conference.

TREAT.—The annual treat in connection with St John's Church School took place on Wednesday, under pleasant weather conditions. About 250 scholars took part in the procession, which, being formed at the Institute, made a round of the whole village, headed by the Boy Scouts' Band. Afterwards a service was held in the Church, and a short address was given by the Rev. H. T. Pattinson (curate). Tea was provided at four o'clock, the children subsequently visiting Oulton Park, where games and sports were arranged by the teachers. Hoop-la and Aunt Sally stalls formed an attraction, and out of these alone a sum of about £7 was raised. The effort was in aid of the new scheme inaugurated by the Sunday School teachers, and it is estimated that the whole of the cost of the working of the Sunday School for the year, apart from the £10 which is guaranteed by the church, will be defrayed. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss A. Bell and Mr R. V. Higgins.

ROBIN HOOD

GARDEN PARTY.—A successful garden party was held in the grounds of Ebor House, the residence of Mr G. Armitage, on Wednesday afternoon, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the United Methodist Church.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—On Sunday afternoon the P.S.A. service at the Primitive Methodist Church was addressed by the Rev. W. S. Spencer. Mr J. Collinson presided over a large gathering.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with the pulpit arrangements during the Wesleyan Conference at Leeds, the preacher on Sunday at the Stourton Primitive Methodist Church was Mr. Killingbeck, of the Hunslet Wesleyan Church.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Frederick Pearce, navvy, of Stourton, was summoned by Elizabeth Jowett for having used abusive language. The prosecutrix stated that the defendant had been lodging at her house and on Saturday, July 11th, about 11.10 p.m., he came home the worse for drink and commenced using abusive language when she ordered him out. Eventually she had to call in the police. P.C. Wright spoke to being called to the house, and corroborated the last witness's evidence. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

SWILLINGTON

BEGGING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Driscoll, a fireman, of no fixed abode, was sent to prison for fourteen days on a charge of begging at Swillington on Monday.

WOODLESFORD

HOMING.—On Saturday seven members of Woodlesford Homing Society sent 43 birds to take part in the race from Ambergate. Details:—J. Hagins 1,348, A. Bayliss 1,207 (2 birds), A. Carter 1,235, A. Jackson 1,207, W. Maundrill 1,092, J. Bowman 1,081.

FESTIVAL.—In connection with Woodlesford All Saints' Church the children's annual festival and flower service were held on Sunday. In the morning there was the sung Eucharist and sermon, and in the afternoon the flower service took place. The sermon was preached by the Rev H. T. Pattinson (curate of Oulton). After the singing of the "Magnificat," a solemn procession took place round the church, in which all the members of the congregation joined. The flowers, which had been brought by the children for the service, were subsequently sent to the Children's Homes, Rothwell Haigh. The annual school treat took place on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Tea was served at four o'clock in the Council Schools, after which the children were taken to Eshold Park, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr Dennis Hargreaves, and there games were played and sports arranged for the elder children.

YORKSHIRE PENNY BANK.

The report submitted to the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting, held at 28, King Street, London, stated that the deposits on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £20,720,689 0s. 1d., as against £18,200,102 11s. 9d. on the 29th August, 1911, the date when the new bank commenced business, showing an increase in deposits of £2,520,586 8s. 4d. The cash in hand, at Bank of England, at short notice and bankers' balances, on the 30th June, 1913, amounted to £4,064,362, and on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £4,963,284. The percentage of cash in hand, at Bank of England, and bankers' balances, to deposits in deposits in December, 1911, was 13.8 per cent., in June, 1912, 15.4 per cent., in June, 1913, 20.4 per cent., and June, 1914, is 23.95 per cent. The Stock Exchange securities on the 30th June, 1913, were £11,222,426 0s. 9d., and on the 30th June, 1914, £11,672,361 10s. 8d. These securities are all written down to the market value. The loans on securities and other accounts on the 30th June, 1913, were £4,923,800 11s. 6d., and on the 30th June, 1914, were £4,539,621 18s. 8d. All bad debts have been written off and provision made for doubtful debts. It is with deep regret the directors record the death of their general manager, Mr H. B. Sellers, after a faithful service to the bank of 25 years. They have appointed Mr John Carnes, the secretary, and Mr T. F. Pollock, the assistant general manager, to be joint general managers, and Messrs W. H. Horsey, H. J. Jackson, A. P. Nicholson, J. S. Taylor, and G. E. Thackeray to be district managers. The directors have made arrangements with the local committee whereby their services will be continued until the expiration of the period for which they were elected, and the directors record their great appreciation of the services which they have rendered to the bank.

Mr W. Greenwood, of Roundhay, and 92, Briggate, Leeds, won second prize for foal, produce of hackney brood mare, at the Yorkshire Show yesterday.

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Arthington and Elfolfts met at Arthington. Scores:—Arthington—H. Marshall 2, J. Marshall 11, Wood 1, Mycock 2, A. Sharper 2, Child 10, S. Sharper 2, J. Sharper 0, G. Procter 4, Clapham 0, J. W. Proctor 0, extra, 1; total, 41. Elfolfts—Pickersgill (not out) 16, Midgley 4, Foster 0, Thornley (not out) 23, extras, 2; total (for 2 wkts.), 45.

NO HOUSES.—On Monday at Todcaster Petty Sessions an application for an ejectment order was made by Jane Bolland against James Foster, painter, Todcaster. On the Chairman asking why he had not got out of the house, the defendant said that he was unable to get another house in Todcaster and district. The Chairman said they had no option in granting an order for ejectment. You will have to get out in 21 days. Defendant: What if I cannot get a house. I have two small children. Supt. Slack said that he would have to get out.

FETE.—The annual fete and sports in connection with the West Riding Police Orphanage took place on Wednesday afternoon in the spacious grounds of Elfolfts, Thorner, kindly lent by Mr T. S. Pickersgill. For once the weather was favourable, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. The attractions included a cricket match, sports, a band, and calculating the absolute weight of a sheep. In the match between Elfolfts and the Police the scores were:—Elfolfts—T G Mylchreest, b Marples, 4; R. Pickersgill, lbw, b Goodall, 44; A. Midgley, b Atkinson, 19; W. Arrowsmith, run out, 6; E. Turner, b Atkinson, 17; R Silversides, b Marples, 14; E. Bratton, b Atkinson, 10; H. Higgs, not out, 10; F. Fatkin, b Atkinson, 2; J. Handasley, b Atkinson, 0; H. H. Stabler, c Otter, b Marples, 6; extras, 4; total, 136. West Riding Police—Lockett, c Hardisty, b Stabler, 6; Bowen, b Turner, 1; Marples, b Stabler, 0; Goodall, c Pickersgill, b Stabler, 10; Matthews, c Pickersgill, b Turner, 1; Atkinson, b Turner, 2; Beaumont, lbw, b Turner, 3; Bennett, b Turner, 0; Askam, b Turner, 0; Otter, not out, 2; Tate, b Stabler, 0; extras, 3; total, 28.

ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night, Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs. C. Chadwick, J. Armitage, T. P. Wade, W. Wade, H. Kirkby, S. Dobson, H. Cordon, J. Horner, T. Ellis, R. McCullough, W. Robinson, and W. Speak, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer of health (Dr. H. Stevenson), the surveyor (Mr J. Southward), and the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was decided that the Council accept the original proposal made on behalf of Major Calverley in purchase the frontage land for widening in Whitehall Field as it is sold to purchasers at 4s. a yard, or alternately offer £300 for the frontage if continued to the bottom of Gillet Lane, so as to have a 45 feet road. It was also resolved that Major Calverley and Mr Hindle be asked to make an amended offer in regard to the improvement of Windmill Lane. The Committee were unable to see their way to increase the offer in regard to Mrs Nother's property. The surveyor was instructed to see the owner of cottages in Church Street, and ask him to remedy the danger from flooding. It was resolved that Mr England be asked to meet the committee as to tramway fares. It was resolved that the surveyor type and circulate a copy of his report on the paving of yards, and that he notify the owners and occupiers of the state of Matty Lane and Middleton Lane, and ask for immediate repairs. It was resolved that Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth be notified of the dangerous siding opposite Spurr's Row, and asked if they can put in additional runaway points.

"DEATH TRAP" AT ROBIN HOOD

The minutes were moved by Mr J. Horner, in the absence of the Chairman (Mr W. Lunn).

Mr Chadwick, in referring to the minute relating to Matty Lane, and Middleton Lane, said he thought it unfair that the owners should be called upon to repair the roadway, as it was the duty of the Council. He also referred to the crossing at the Half-Way House at Robin Hood, and described the corner as the "death trap of the district." One man had been killed at this particular spot, while accidents happened there every week. He was of the opinion that notice boards ought to be placed, say, about fifty yards down the Thorpe Road, and the road coming from Rothwell, warning drivers of vehicles and cyclists not to exceed a speed of three or four miles an hour. The crossing the Council had not done their duty in that respect.

The Chairman: Don't you think we ought to ask the Motor Union to put up notices.

Mr Chadwick: The triangles and boards denoting "school" are taken little notice of.

Mr Armitage: There was another accident between a motor car and motor cycle there only on Saturday, and it was a wonder there was no fatality. But a short while ago three accidents occurred in one week. I do not know how they are going to be avoided if people will go at such break-neck speeds. Notice boards might be of some use.

Mr Dobson: If boards are only put down the Thorpe Road and the street from Rothwell, the people on the highway are left to do as they like. I suggest that notice boards be placed the same distance down the Wakefield Road at the Half-Way House, Rothwell.

Mr Chadwick: The man on the Wakefield Road has a straight view of the road. It is the man coming from Rothwell and Thorpe; he is hedged in going to the buildings at the corner, and he runs straight into the trap. Mr Chadwick added that he did not desire the Council to be censured by a coroner's jury.

Mr Horner: Highways Committee have the matter in hand and it has been deferred until the next meeting.

Mr Speak: Another danger is the stopping places, where cars stand together.

The Chairman said he agreed.

Mr W. Wade said he would second Mr Chadwick's motion.

In reply to the discussion, Mr Horner said the Committee had the matter in reference to the crossing at Robin Hood in hand, and they were determined to deal with it. They knew all about the accidents. The dangerous part of the crossing was the road coming from Rothwell. He thought the matter ought to be left to the Committee, and when they made any alteration it would be a great improvement to the crossing. He also said that the Committee had received a letter from Mr England, the manager of the Wakefield Tramways Co., but he was vague that they had asked for an interview at the next meeting.

On a vote being taken Mr Chadwick's motion was carried, and the minutes were passed.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

A vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr William Ashcroft was moved by Mr Chadwick. The deceased, he said, had during his time on the Council, tried to serve the ratepayers well.

Mr Armitage seconded, and said whatever the deceased's faults in the past, he was always sincere.

The Chairman endorsed the remarks, and the motion was carried by all standing.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was resolved that the County Council be asked to abide by their original offer to pay £50 towards the salary of £100 for the combined appointment of public health visitor and school nurse. It was also resolved that a bicycle be got for Miss Stoney. A petition was received from Thorpe with 125 signatures, and a certificate from Dr Ewing, that a nuisance which causes the Council trouble about the dwelling houses, particularly in Back Colville Terrace and Oakley Street, and that the stench in the summer time is sufficient to lower the vitality of individuals residing there. A deputation attended the committee meeting and stated that every tenant buy about six, between the club and the bridge, were in favour of their petition, which was the Council to bring about the abolition of the privy middens. The deputation stated that there are 142 privies in the area, and the tenants are in a helpless position, as it is impossible for them to find other houses elsewhere. One member of the deputation, a railwayman, obliged to live in the district, had to wait from February to September before he could get a house. They stated that the average rental of the houses is 5s. 9d. a week, and the rents have been raised once or twice within a comparatively short period. They asked the Council to condemn the privies in Back Oakley Street, an exceptionally narrow street, with 65 houses in it. The Committee decided to visit Thorpe.

The application from the County Council in regard to the cost of treating tubercular cases was considered, and it was decided to leave the matter over until a reply was received from the Local Government Board as to their sanction to the shelters at the Joint Hospital. It was agreed that closing orders be served on the owners of the following houses:—No. 3, Main Street, Carlton, and No. 6, Naylor's Yard, Rothwell.

The inspector reported that the Local Government Board had called for particulars of all houses in the district, on which closing orders and notices to repair had been served, and what action had been taken by the landowners and the Council, and that full particulars had been supplied. The Board also asked the Council to state the number of new houses and the nature of accommodation which should be provided in the district for persons of the working classes. The inspector asked for the Committee's instructions, and the Committee referred the matter to the Council. It was resolved that statutory notices be served in accordance with the inspector's list dated the 13th July, 1914.

Mr Lambert, of Thistle Garth, was lodged a claim for damage by flood. The Council denied liability and offered to pay 7s. 6d., the cost of cleaning out the premises. It was resolved that the land required for the Lofthouse Burial Ground be purchased without investigation of title. A letter from Messrs Bromet and Sons in regard to the demolition of the tiled houses, and in regard to the Thatch Cottage at Stourton, was referred to the Council. The Clerk reported that the Local Government Board had sanctioned the adoption by the Council of the Notification of Births Act, and the same would be in force from the 18th July.

Mr Robinson asked what provision was being made by the Council for those persons who were turned out of their houses.

Mr Chadwick said the matter would come up afterwards in committee.

Mr Kirkby asked if it was not a bad precedent in giving money to compensate for the damage done by the recent storm.

Mr Chadwick said the amount they were giving was only a portion of the claim. There was a precedent.

Mr Horner moved an amendment that the minutes be passed with the exception of the minute referring to the claim.

Mr W. Wade said it was either a case of sending down two women from Rothwell to do the work or letting the people engage help themselves. The claim was for work done.

Mr Horner said that, after hearing the explanation, he would withdraw his amendment, and the minutes were passed.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

Dr Stevenson presented his report for the past month, which showed that during the period twenty-seven cases of scarlet fever, nine cases of diphtheria, and one case of phthisis had been notified. Twenty-seven cases were removed to the hospital. During the four weeks twenty-three births, seven males and sixteen females, were notified, while the deaths numbered twenty-two.

Asked if there was any decrease in the cases of scarlet fever, Dr Stevenson replied that he thought there was towards the end of the month. Diphtheria seemed to be at an end. One case of typhoid fever was reported from Lofthouse.

BUILDINGS

At a meeting of the Building Committee the following plans were dealt with:—Plan for 2 houses, Middleton Avenue, Hunslet, for Mr J. Mitchell, referred back; plan for 13 houses, Middleton Avenue, Hunslet, Mitchell, referred back; plan for Gardeners' houses, Middleton Avenue, Hunslet, for Mr J. Harrison

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION—SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CUP.

The League season is rapidly drawing to a close, and in another week the clubs entitled to figure in the semi-finals will have made themselves known. Tadcaster, who are one point ahead of Milford, should beat Church Fenton on Saturday, and Milford will be expected to account for Saxton. In division two Seacroft are a couple of points ahead of Micklefield and Garforth, and the meeting of these Crofters and Micklefield on the village green will arouse great interest. The homesters have, I think, the better chance of obtaining the points. Garforth are stronger than Barwick, and Halton will get a surprise if they go down at Preston. Halton Wesleyans have made their position practically secure, having a four points' lead over Crossgates and Shadwell, and they must lose both games and Shadwell, and they must lose both of the remaining matches to jeopardise their chances. They should manage to overcome Shadwell on their own ground, and Crossgates Wes. will be expected to succeed against Collingham at Old Manston, while Whitkirk, at home, will have to give an improved display if they are to beat Crossgates.

CARFORTH V. TADCASTER.

Tadcaster, who have won the Lane Fox Cup more times than any club in the Division, are again serious competitors for the trophy, and their surprise victory over Crossgates Wes., followed by their decisive win over Garforth on Saturday, stamps them as a team of undoubted merit. Not for a long time have the Garforthians given such a wretched batting exhibition, and, as every Tadcaster will therefore dwell must be strictly confined wholly to the remarkably fine bowling of their opponents—a fact which the losers will ungrudgingly admit. Disaster met them at the outset, S. Glover and H. Prime, as usual, opened the batting, and, after Baker had sent down a maiden over, Prime was got rid of with Herbert's first ball, and with the second ball he clean bowled W. Glover. Two wickets for no run-t Williamson assisted S. Glover to lift the score to 8, and then the former was bowled by Herbert. Wilson followed, and, without the addition of a single, he was cleverly caught in the slips by Todd, off Herbert. Thus four of the best wickets were down for eight. Kilburn then partnered S. Glover, who gave a sterling exhibition, and the score was taken to 28 ere Kilburn departed, caught by West, off Baker. Morley was caught by Roper off Baker, and Glover was dismissed by the same bowler. Glover was accredited the "hat" trick, and then sent back Reed and Firth with successive balls. When eight wickets were down West followed Herbert, and he bowled Pickersgill, relieved Herbert, and S. Glover scored Thirty-five runs were got, and S. Glover scored 22. Herbert captured four wickets for 13, Baker 5 for 20, and West 1 for nil. Garforth, with the exception of S. Glover, were unable to play the bowling, and there was not a boundary hit in the score. Mason and Todd opened for Tadcaster, who were given a task surprisingly easy, and the runs were on the board before Todd was bowled by Ballance, Hebden followed, and, with the score at 18, Mason was out to a good catch. Freer was caught by Morley, off W. Glover, when the total was 25, and then Garbutt joined Hebden, and they bit off the runs, each having a huge drive. The Calcarians have only to maintain this form in order to secure the trophy again.

MICKLEFIELD V SOUTH MILFORD.

Micklefield and South Milford had an exciting contest one day, and at the finish a single run only divided the scores. The losers somehow failed to benefit by the fine opportunity Micklefield offered them, and they are now probably sorry that it was done. Milford's score was 47, and not a single player had double figures, but Chilton, Osborne, and Hesselgrave registered 0 each. Stone, trundled with great success, took five wickets for 18, and Smith five wickets for 11, and Townend 2 for 14. Micklefield were expected to easily top their opponents' score, and Smith, who made 11 before he was run out, and Tomlinson (0) opened well, and while Stone, Lunn, Hobson, and Walton contributed five or six each, four players were speedily got rid of, and, amid severe excitement, better 3 were closed for 46. It was another triumph for Chilton, who secured 6 wickets for 28 runs, and Lindley claimed 2 for 17.

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SEACROFT V. HALTON WES.

Although Halton Wes. made a very creditable appearance at the green, they had to admit that the Crofters were slightly the better combination. Seacroft, who put on 157, made the highest score obtained in the tournament on Saturday, and Tomlinson made 33. Fryer 31, Stead 17, Burton 15, C. Johnson 13, and F. Taylor 12. On Halton going in the wicket of J. Popplewell was soon lost, both he and Crosthwaite not having a single, and, as O. Bell had only 3, three good wickets were got rid of cheaply. This was calculated to disheart the team, but they played pluckily, and S. Botty (42) had the best innings of the match. Kilburn's contribution was 13, and C. Batty claimed 14. F. Taylor was the best of the Seacroft bowlers, having 3 wickets for 13, while C. Johnson had 2 for 4, T. Toft 2 for 9, and D. Burton 1 for 20.

ALLERTON BYWATER AND THE HEPWORTH CUP.

On Saturday afternoon at Roundhay Allerton Bywater met North Leeds in the semi-final for the Hepworth Cup. There was an excellent attendance when Dooley and Allen opened the batting for the visitors. Baron and Collier were first called upon in the attack, and with no up Clark palpably missed Dooley at point, the batsman showing his appreciation by twice prettily glancing Baron to the leg boundary. Allen also got 2 fours in the same direction, and this punishment brought on James with the score at 35. The fifty was hoisted after 40 minutes' play, both batsmen having shaped well, but immediately afterwards Allen was dismissed by an excellent catch at the wicket for a well-played innings of 30. Simpson took the vacant position, and got a nice boundary from each bowler, while Dooley off-drive Collier in great style for another four. At 55 Noble went on for Collier, and another wicket quickly fell, Dooley being run out as a result of a brilliant throw-in by Gillespie. With James was superseded by G. Fenwick. Simpson forced the game well, and sent up the hundred with a fine boundary. The separation came at 118, Gillespie holding a catch offered by Nicholls at cover-point off Fenwick's bowling. Simpson's dashing innings was closed at 124, his 37 including seven boundaries. Carter made 10, and Burton followed with 21. Stones and Wall did not get two figures, but Smithson played well for 21, and the innings realised 210. North Leeds started promisingly, and when play ceased they had 115 runs for four wickets. The game was finished on Monday evening, and the remaining players were soon got rid of, the total being 144. Allerton will now meet Hunslet in the final.

MIDDLETON PARK OUSTED.

Middleton Park played Hunslet in the semi-final for the Hepworth Cup at Parkside, and the home side won easily by seven wickets. R. Sutcliffe (10) and W. Barraclough (17) opened for Middleton, and had it not been for them the side would have made a poor show. H. Speake made 2, S. Goulthorpe 11, A. Spink 9, G. H. Place 6, J. W. Place 3, J. W. Clarkson 2, W. Richardson 3, J. Ramsden 4 (not out), and Miller 0. There were 9 extras, and the total was 76. For a loss of three wickets Hunslet put on 77, and Gill registered 31 and Place 34.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE—BARWICK'S SCORE

An interesting tussle is going on between Ulleskelf and Tadcaster A. for supremacy in division one. The Calcarians, who are two points ahead, played the White Rose team at Sherburn, and the homesters were beaten by five wickets. Sherburn's score was 30 (Cooke 19), and Smart secured five wickets for 12, and Chatfield two for no runs. For a loss of five wickets Tadcaster had 34, and Kettlewell scored 13 (not out). B. Hey got two wickets for 13, and Cawthorne had 2 for 10.—Ulleskelf went to Kirk Deighton, and they had a four wickets' victory. The losers made 41 (H. Bateman 10, not out, and G. White 20), and Sykes claimed 3 wickets for 10, Stramach 4 for 18, and Lacy 2 for 4. Towards Ulleskelf's score of 45 for six wickets, D. Varey contributed 17 (not out) and F. Holt 11. For the losers H. Oxley captured 4 wickets for 19.—South Milford A. were superior to Barkston Ash A., the winners scored 67 (Stainburn 31, not out), and Barkston 37 (Hills 17 and Batley 10). Greenwood (Barkston) had the best bowling record, with 4 for 13, while Hills had 3 for 10, and Smith 3 for 13. For Milford Lindley secured 4 wickets for 16, Stainburn had 2 for 4, and Hill 2 for 9.

Garforth A., who have played a match more than Seacroft A., are now leaders of division 2. Their opponents on Saturday were Micklefield A. —a greatly improved team—and they registered 78 (Goodman 21, Townend 18, and Hilbert 11, not out). W. Pickersgill got two of their wickets for 7, and Hewitt 2 for 8. Garforth A. won by three wickets, F. Hancock making 17 and W. Bowering 23. J. Moakes (Micklefield) secured five wickets for 38 runs.—Aberford defeated Halton A. by three wickets. The Haltonians scored 46 (Guest 12), and J. Inman claimed four of their wickets for four, while G. Connell had 4 for 18. Aberford registered 48 for 7 loss of seven wickets (Blakeley 23 and Walton 14). Sunter secured three wickets for nothing, and Longden had 3 for 22.

A remarkable score! Barwick A. made 2 against Preston A. on Saturday, and only one was a run! The match was at Barwick, and Preston were got rid of for 39 (Hy. Lilley 20, not out). T. H. Robshaw obtained 5 wickets for 15 and Markham 5 for 24. Then Barwick had their innings, and only Woodhead scored a single. A Barwick man said they "gave a very poor batting display." He was a humorist and no mistake. A Wigglesworth will never bowl better in his life, for he took six wickets for one run, and Oldham had four for no runs.

WAKEFIELD CUP—CARLTON'S DEFEAT

Carlton discovered that they were not good enough for Lofthouse, who won handsomely by 5 wickets and 38 runs. Carlton show their best form, and Parkin, who captured nine wickets, soon had them out for 57, of which Brown had 18. Lawrence 10, and Butterworth 10. Lofthouse's response was 95 for 5, and Carr made 33, Stott 11, and Chadwick 12.

Rothwell had a fine win over Stanley. The game was at Rothwell, and the visitors put on 134 (Cawthorne 47, Littlewood 20, L. Hargreaves 13, and T. Hargreaves 13). Bedford was the most successful Rothwell trundler, with 5 wickets for 24, and Banks came next with 4 for 42. Rothwell, who were easily on the top, gave a great batting display, and the first five men practically made the game safe. Hodgkinson scored 40 (not out), Fox 26, Tiffany 23, and Newton 18.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Kippax had hard lines on Saturday, being defeated by Altofts United by the narrow margin of three runs. Altofts, who had only ten men, scored 72, and Kippax responded with 68. A. Cripwell was top scorer of the match with 25, and Lowe had a useful 10.—Woodlesford A. were defeated by Stanley A. by eight wickets. Stanley scored 87 (Bedford 14), and Stanley replied with 42 for 2 wickets.—Outwood A. overcame Altofts Wes. by 94 to 62.

CROSSGATES WES. V. GREAT PRESTON.

On Saturday afternoon Crossgates Wes. had a match with Great Preston at Garforth. Manston, and the homesters won. Preston scored 40 (T. Wiggleworth 13), and Broadbent secured 3 wickets for nothing, and Brook had 4 for 13 for a loss of five wickets Crossgates made 41, and T. Yeadon was top scorer with 19.

OULTON V. LEEDS POLICE.

On Saturday Oulton entertained the Leeds Police, and an interesting match was witnessed. The proceeds were for the Leeds Infirmary. The men in blue rattled up 85, T. Kendrew 34 and S. Walker 15. Oulton made a feeble response with 37, P. N. Butler being the top scorer with 13. B. Walker (Oulton) captured nine wickets for 41, and S. Knight one for 12. For the visitors, B. Walker secured four wickets for ten runs, and J. W. Thornton five for 25.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	8	7	1	0	14
South Milford	8	6	1	1	13
Cawood	7	3	2	2	6
Saxton	8	3	5	0	6
Church Fenton	8	2	5	1	5
Church Fenton Sycamore	8	1	6	1	3

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft	8	7	1	0	14
Garforth	8	6	2	0	12
Micklefield	8	6	2	0	12
Halton	8	4	4	0	8
Barwick	8	1	7	0	2
Great Preston	8	0	8	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	8	7	1	0	14
Crossgates	8	5	3	0	10
Shadwell	8	5	3	0	10
Whitkirk	8	4	4	0	8
Crossgreet Wesleyans	8	3	5	0	6
Collingham	8	0	8	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	10	8	2	0	16
Ulleskelf	10	7	3	0	14
South Milford A	10	6	4	0	12
Kirk Deighton	9	5	4	0	10
Brantham	9	3	6	0	6
Sherburn White Rose	9	3	6	0	6
Barkston Ash	10	2	8	0	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth A	10	9	1	0	18
Seacroft A	9	8	1	0	16
Halton A	9	5	4	0	10
Great Preston A	9	4	5	0	8
Aberford	9	3	6	0	6
Micklefield A	10	3	7	0	6
Barwick A	9	1	8	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wesleyans	8	6	2	0	12
Crossgates A	8	5	3	0	10
Swillington and Colton	8	5	3	0	10
Crossgates Wesleyans A	8	4	4	0	8
Halton Wesleyans A	8	2	6	0	4
Whitkirk A	8	2	6	0	4

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MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Church Fenton Sycamore v. Cawood. Messrs H. Bell (Saxton) and J. Lupton (South Milford).

Saxton v. South Milford. Messrs J. Limbert (Micklefield) and T. Carroll (Tadcaster).

Tadcaster v. Church Fenton. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and H. Boston (South Milford).

Garforth v. Barwick. Messrs H. Johnson (Crossgates) and J. L. Kitching (Leeds).

Seacroft v. Micklefield. Messrs T. Mathers (Great Preston) and W. Goodall (Barwick).

Great Preston v. Halton. Messrs H. Jackson (Seacroft) and F. Pickersgill (Seacroft).

Crossgates Wesleyans v. Collingham. Messrs A. Burton (Seacroft) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

Halton Wesleyans v. Shadwell. Messrs J. Johnson (Seacroft) and A. Thompson (Great Preston).

Whitkirk v. Crossgates. Messrs C. Atack (Micklefield) and C. Plews (Halton Wesleyans).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Sherburn White Rose v. Kirk Deighton. Messrs H. Watson (Barkston Ash) and E. Smith (Ulleskelf).

Ulleskelf v. Brantham. Messrs R. Firn (Cawood) and C. Thornton (Barkston Ash).

Barkston Ash v. Tadcaster A. Messrs T. Ambler (Church Fenton Sycamore) and G. Fox (Saxton).

Halton A v. Seacroft A. Messrs S. H. Keeble (Crossgates Wesleyans) and T. Goodall (Garforth Wesleyans).

Aberford v. Great Preston A. Messrs J. Fox (Swillington and Colton) and F. Hebden (Garforth).

Barwick A v. Garforth A. Messrs E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton) and T. P. Spivey (Crossgates).

Swillington and Colton v. Crossgates Wesleyans A. Messrs A. Bailey (Garforth) and W. Nicholson (Halton).

Garforth Wesleyans v. Halton Wesleyans A. Messrs T. Crosland (Micklefield) and A. Gascoigne (Kippax).

Crossgates A v. Whitkirk A. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton).

LANE FOX CUP.

TADCASTER V. GARFORTH.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—

Garforth—S. Glover, c Hebden, b Baker, 22; H. Williamson, b Herbert, 2; W. Glover, b Herbert, 0; H. Williamson, b Herbert, 2; J. Wilson, c Todd, b Herbert, 0; J. Kilburn, c West, b Baker, 4; H. Morley, c Roper, b Baker, 12; H. Reed, b Baker, 4; T. Ballance, not out, 0; H. Pickersgill, b West, 0; extras, 2; total, 35.

Tadcaster—H. Todd, b Ballance, 7; J. F. Mason, c W. Glover, b Ballance, 8; J. F. Hebden, not out, 9; G. Freer, c Morley, b W. Glover, 0; J. W. Garbutt, not out, 9; extras, 3; total, 36.

MICKLEFIELD V. SOUTH MILFORD.—At Micklefield.

South Milford—R. Sutton, b Stone, 6; A. Atkinson, b Townend, 3; R. Tindell, lbw, b Stone, 1; Hutchcroft, b Townend, 5; H. Chilton, b Stone, 9; W. Osborne, b Stone, 0; Stainburn, c and b Stone, 0; Hesselgrave, st Taylor, b Smith, 9; A. Limley, run out, 1; C. Sutton, b Smith, 0; A. Atkinson, not out, 0; extras, 4; total, 47.

Micklefield—Wallis, not out, 2; Tomkinson, lbw, b Chilton, 0; Smith, run out, 11; Stone, c Atkinson, b Chilton, 5; Townend, run out, 1; Taylor, c Lindley, b Chilton, 0; Hobson, b Chilton, 6; Lunn, st Sutton, b Chilton, 6; Walton, c Atkinson, b Chilton, 0; Harwick, b Lindley, 0; Walton, b Lindley, 5; extra, 1; total, 46.

GARFORTH WES. V. CROSSGATES.—At Garforth. Scores:—

Crossgates—I. Burnell, b Ward, 0; W. Sykes, c Gent, b Ward, 14; A. Fairburn, c Goodall, b Gent, 7; O. Goodall, c Brownridge, b Gent, 0; C. Johnson, b Ward, 0; J. Burnell, c Spivey, c Johnson, b Gent, 2; B. Craven, c Johnson, b Ward, 0; F. Brook, b Gent, 7; J. Harvey, c Johnson, b Gent, 3; W. Turner, not out, 13; Wigglesworth, b Ward, 0; extras, 2; total, 57.

Garforth Wes.—F. Siberry, lbw, b Burnell, 1; H. Ward, c Brook, b Burnell, 7; F. Gent, b Brook, 12; J. Hbt. Siberry, c Harvey, b Yates, 1; H. Goodall, b Yates, 0; R. Brownridge, run out, 0; J. Spivey, not out, 13; W. Bulmer, b Yates, 0; J. Hbt. Siberry, c Harvey, b Yates, 14; A. Hewitt, c Fairburn, b Burnell, 1; H. Siberry, not out, 0; extra, 1; total, 30.

SEACROFT V. HALTON WESLEYANS.—At Seacroft. Scores:—

Seacroft—D. Burton, c Crosthwaite, b O. Bell, 15; T. Toft, b O. Bell, 0; G. Stead, st Stephens, b O. Bell, 17; H. Atack, b O. Bell, 9; C. Thompson, c C. Batty, b Powell, 33; C. Johnson, b O. Bell, 13; I. Fryer, b H. Wilson, 31; E. Johnson, c Popplewell, b C. Batty, 9; F. Taylor, c S. Batty, b Powell, 10; J. W. Pickersgill, c J. Popplewell, b O. Bell, 4; H. Toft, not out, 1; extras, 4; total, 187.

Halton Wesleyans—C. M. Kilburn, c J. W. Pickersgill, b C. Johnson, 13; J. Popplewell, b D. Burton, 0; S. Batty, b F. Taylor, 42; D. Crosthwaite, b C. Johnson, 0; O. Bell, c T. Toft, b G. Stead, 3; J. A. Popplewell, b E. Johnson, 5; C. Batty, b F. Taylor, 14; L. Stephens, not out, 8; A. Powell, b F. Taylor, 1; H. Murtland, c F. Taylor, b T. Toft, 5; H. Wilson, b T. Toft, 0; extras, 8; total, 103.

HEPWORTH CUP.

ALLERTON BYWATER V. NORTH LEEDS.—At Roundhay. Scores:—

Allerton Bywater—D. Dooley, run out, 35; L. Allen, c A. Fenwick, b James, 30; A. Simpson, c Clark, b Noble, 37; A. Nichols, c Gillespie, b G. Fenwick, 7; T. Carter, st A. Fenwick, b Noble, 19; W. Buxton, c Gillespie, b Noble, 21; B. Wall, b G. Fenwick, 11; H. Stones, st A. Fenwick, b Noble, 2; H. Wall, b Baron, 7; H. H. Smithson, c James, b Baron, 21; T. Pointon, not out, 4; extras, 16; total, 210.

North Leeds—A. Fenwick, c Pointon, b Buxton, 40; G. Noble, b Buxton, 9; D. Halloran, b Milner, 23; F. W. Gillespie, b Buxton, 24; J. Clark, b Buxton, 18; G. Fenwick, run out, 9; W. Baron, c Pointon, b Carter, 0; T. James, not out, 5; H. Briggs, b Buxton, 8; J. W. Collier, b Noble, 1; G. A. Carr, absent, 0; extras, 7; total, 144.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

KIPPAX V. ALTOFTS UNITED.—At Kippax. Scores:—

Altofts United—A. Brown, b Cripwell, 9; R. Phillips, b Smart, 11; B. Kirk, b Smart, 0; H. Frith, b Smart, 5; W. Knowles, c Roberts, b Lowe, 0; A. Bednulls, b Lloyd, 10; W. Hall, c and b Cripwell, 11; J. Hampson, b Lloyd, 0; J. Holmes, c Plows, b Cripwell, 1; W. Dean, not out, 5; extras, 13; total, 71. Only 10 men played.

Kippax—W. Lloyd, b Bednall, 0; T. Edwards, b Phillips, 8; B. Edison, c Frith, b Brown, 4; H. Limbert, b Bednall, 4; A. Lowe, run out, 10; E. Plows, lbw, b Phillips, 1; A. Cripwell, c Phillips, b Kirk, 25; A. Brookes, b Knowles, 5; S. T. Roberts, c Frith, b Kirk, 1; A. Rider, c and b Kirk, 0; T. Smart, not out, 1; extras, 10; total, 68.

ROTHWELL JUNIOR LEAGUE.

STANLEY A V. WOODLESFORD A.—At Stanley. Scores:—Woodlesford A.—T. Morton, b W. Colley, 3; J. Baxter, b J. Hartley, 0; L. Taylor, c Gledhill, b Hartley, 0; L. Abbey, b W. Colley, 0; J. Brown, c Woolford, b W. Colley, 14; J. Holmes, b J. Hartley, 0; T. Wilkinson, b W. Colley, 2; W. Williams, b Willie Colley, 4; T. Collin, b W. Colley, 0; G. Morton, not out, 6; B. Parkinson, b Willie Colley, 5; extras, 4; total, 38. Stanley A—G. Kirkham, not out, 17; J. Hartley, c Williams, b Baxter, 7; Wall, b Colley, c Morton, b Collin, 7; C. Poole, not out, 14; total (for 2 wkts.), 42.

WAKEFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP.

CARLTON V. LOFTHOUSE.—Played on Saturday. Scores:—

Carlton—Illingworth, b S. Parkin, 0; Brown, b S. Parkin, 18; Fozzard, c Wrigley, b Parkin, 2; Stones, b Parkin, 0; Lawrence, b Parkin, 10; Sykes, c Longley, b Parkin, 4; Butterworth, c Kner, b Parkin, 10; Newton, lbw, b Longley, 0; W. Brown, c Kellett, b Parkin, 0; G. Brown, not out, 0; J. Brook, c Wrigley, b Parkin, 0; extras, 13; total, 57.

Lofthouse—Kellett, b Illingworth, 6; Carr, c Butterworth, b Sykes, 13; Stott, b Illingworth, 11; S. Parkin, c Sykes, b Illingworth, 3; Wrigley, b W. Brown, 1; Chadwick, not out, 12; T. Parkin, not out, 4; extras, 6; total (for 5 wkts.), 58.

ROTHWELL V. STANLEY.—At Rothwell. Scores:—

Rothwell—J. Holmes, b H. Banks, 6; H. Littlewood, b H. Hemsworth, 20; H. Robinson, b H. Banks, 0; L. Cawthorne, c Tiffany, b H. Banks, 0; J. Heaton, b H. Banks, 12; P. Hargreaves, b H. Bedford, 13; C. Dickenson, b W. Bedford, 2; C. Butterfield, b W. Bedford, 1; L. Hargreaves, b W. Bedford, 17; J. Dobson, not out, 2; J. Bulmer, lbw, b W. Bedford, 1; extras, 12; total, 134.

Rothwell—J. Newton, b C. Dickenson, 18; C. Tiffany, c J. Bulmer, b L. Hargreaves, 23; W. Fox, c J. Bulmer, b L. Hargreaves, 26; H. Hemsworth, c A. Clark, c P. Hargreaves, b C. Dickenson, 12; H. Hemsworth, c J. Heaton, b C. Dickenson, 2; E. Hall, run out, 4; E. Moss, not out, 7; extras, 4; total (for 6 wkts.), 136.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

SHERBURN WHITE ROSE V. TADCASTER A.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Sherburn White Rose—J. E. Eliff 0, J. Gill 1, H. Cawthorne 0, C. Cooke 19, L. Hesselgrave 0, W. Eglin 0, Townend 2, J. Smith 3, B. Hey 1, R. Yeoman 0, T. Popplewell 0, extras 4; total 30. Tadcaster A.—R. Johnson 5, A. Mason 0, Chatfield 5, Kettlewell (not out) 13, A. Taylor 3, Nettleton 1, Smart (not out) 1; total (for 5 wkts.), 34.

KIRK DEIGHTON V. ULLESKELF.—At Kirk Deighton. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—F. Nicholson 4, E. Linfoot 1, R. Nicholson 0, H. Oxley 4, T. Beasley 1, J. Beasley 0, H. Bateman (not out) 10, W. Wrightson 0, A. Swann 2, G. White 10, C. Oxley 1, extras 3; total 41. Ulleskelf—J. Lacey 0, W. Ward 0, F. Holt 11, G. Lacey 0, J. Robinson 0, F. Stronach 5, F. Smith 4, D. Varey (not out) 17, extras 6; total (for 6 wkts.), 45.

SOUTH MILFORD A V. BARKSTON ASH.—At South Milford. Scores:—South Milford A.—Hill 3, Butcher 0, Bissett 0, Brown 10, Lindley 3, Stainburn (not out) 31, Wynne 4, Jerry 1, Chilton 9, Wilson 0, extras 1; total, 67. Barkston Ash—G. Liddle 1, J. Liddle 0, Thornton 2, Hills 17, White 1, Greenwood 0, E. Bailey 0, R. Bailey 0, Smith 0, Wood 0, Bateson (not out) 0, extras 3; total 37.

GARFORTH A V. MICKLEFIELD A.—At Garforth. Scores:—Micklefield A—T. Longden 3, H. Goodman 21, J. Simpson 5, L. Meakin 4, W. Townend 18, C. Shilito 1, H. Hilbert 11, J. Goodman 1, W. Kilburn (not out) 11, T. Limbert 3, A. Moakes 0, extras 5; total 78. Garforth A—H. Hancock 2, W. Bowering 23, W. Pickersgill 0, G. V. Fordham 5, W. Kilburn 7, R. Taylor 8, A. Hewitt (not out) 4, W. Ballance (not out) 0, extras 3; total for (7 wkts.), 52.

ABERFORD V. HALTON A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Halton A.—W. Hudson 0, C. Clark 4, J. Guest 2, Longdon 6, H. Guest 12, F. Nicholson 1, H. Dawson 4, H. Haigh (not out) 0, T. Nicholson 0, E. Wetherell 0, S. Clark 4, J. Inman 0, A. Aberford—J. Blakley 23, H. Abbot 0, A. Lupton 3, J. Inman 2, A. Inman 2, F. Walton 14, G. Connell (not out) 3, H. Markham 0, A. Stringer (not out) 1; total (for 7 wkts.), 48.

GREAT PRESTON A V. BARWICK A.—At Barwick. Scores:—Great Preston A—G. Wrigglesworth 2, W. Howson 0, H. Wrigglesworth 2, H. Firth 0, H. Collett 0, W. Thompson 2, W. Oldham 8, A. Wrigglesworth 0, Hy. Lilley (not out 20, Harry Lilley 3, E. Swales 3; total 39. Barwick A—W. Ingham 0, A. Robshaw 0, E. Backhouse 0, W. Woodhead 1, J. H. Robshaw 0, G. Brown 0, G. Coulthard 0, J. Drake 0, W. Markham (not out) 0, H. Poulter 0, W. A. Bramley 0, extra 1; total, 2.

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BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

TADCASTER, MICKLEFIELD, CAWOOD, AND SAXTON AFFAIRS.

LANE FOX CUP SEMI-FINALS.

A meeting of the Executive of Barkston Ash Cricket Competition was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Tuesday evening—Mr E. W. Herbert presiding. Other members present were Messrs E. D. Pawson (hon. sec.), A. Deighton (Church Fenton), K. Ward (Great Preston), E. Taylor (Shadwell), A. Flowith (Seacroft), J. Popplewell (Halton Wes.), W. H. Smith (Crossgates), J. H. Townend (Micklefield), and Alf. Johnson (South Milford).

Application was made by Swillington and Colton for permission to play a match for the benefit of W. Gascoigne, who had met with an accident.—Mr Flowith proposed that permission be given.—Mr Ward said that he was in favour of the application, but he remembered that a similar application he made for a man was refused.—Mr Flowith said that permission had been granted in similar cases.—The Chairman said that application should be made in each case, and there should be certain reasons why a benefit match should be played.—Mr Ward seconded, and this was agreed to.

Micklefield applied for permission to play a match for the benefit of J. Munro, who had been ill and off work.—Mr Johnson proposed that permission be granted.—Mr Flowith seconded, and this was agreed to.

It was reported that Saxton failed to turn up at Tadcaster, on July 11th, and they sent no notification. Tadcaster claimed the points, and a guinea fine.—Mr Ward: We have no option. It is according to rule.—Mr Pawson said he was told a number of the Saxton men were haymaking. The Chairman said that if Saxton had sent Tadcaster word in the morning they were not going to fulfil the engagement it would have saved them a lot of unnecessary work.—Mr Pawson said he hoped Tadcaster would do the best they could for Saxton.—The Chairman said he did not think Tadcaster would be hard on them.

A singular incident in the Cawood v Micklefield match on June 20th was then dealt with. The Hon. Sec. said that the scores he got were the same, and as nothing no umpire had reported anything, he wrote to Mr Hardcastle, of Church Fenton, who was one of the umpires, about it. He received the following letter from Mr Hardcastle:—

The reason why you have not received a report from me is entirely owing to the assignment of our representative (Mr G. H. Amber). I saw him after the match, and suggested that I should make a report to you. I told him all about the match, and he said that would be quite sufficient, and that when the matter came before the committee he would tell them what I had related to him. Now as to the match. Cawood batted first and scored, I think, 66 runs. Micklefield followed on, and scored 66 runs. The scores, however, by an error, shouted to the batsmen to leave the wicket, as they had won. On arrival at the tent the scores were added up again, and it was found to be a tie. Both teams came out again, but on arrival at the wicket (before another ball had been bowled) the scorers called out, "It's all right, come back." Micklefield had won. The players walked to the tent a second time. At this juncture I looked down the wicket, and found that the stumps at the other end had been drawn, and I pulled the stumps up at my end. I naturally thought that Mr Carroll (the other umpire) had pulled up the stumps at his end, but it appears that he had not done so, but that Land (the Cawood captain) had pulled them up. When the play had reached the tent the second time it was again found that the scores were level. The two captains and the umpires and also the representatives from Cawood (Mr R. Firn) and Micklefield had a consultation, and both Mr Carroll and myself said that the match would have to be continued according to rule, which says that the drawing time shall be 7.30—it was only 5.30 then—and longer if necessary. The Micklefield captain distinctly asked the Cawood captain to play on, but the Cawood captain refused. The Cawood captain held that as the stumps were drawn the match was over. I should like to say, in justice to the Cawood representative (Mr Firn), that he pressed Cawood to go on with the match, but the Cawood captain refused.

The Hon. Sec. explained that he did not think it advisable to call a meeting to deal with this matter, and after consulting with the President, he notified the clubs that the match should stand as a win for Micklefield.

The Chairman said this was the second case of the kind that had arisen this season.

Mr Smith proposed that the hon. sec.'s action be confirmed, Mr Flowith seconded, and this was agreed to.

The semi-finals for the Lane Fox Cup will be played on August 8th. Crossgates and Tadcaster will meet at Church Fenton, and Seacroft and South Milford will play at Garforth.

The Chairman said that hitherto the runners-up in the Senior League had got a prize of £5 but there would, owing to the three divisions, be three clubs in the semi-finals, and he thought they should decide how the prizes should be allocated.—Mr Smith suggested that the runners-up in the final should receive £2, and the runners-up in the semi-finals £1. The Hon. Sec. suggested that a better arrangement would be to give the two clubs 30s. each.—Mr Ward agreed, and said they did not want more expense.—Mr Taylor proposed that each club get 30s., and Mr Townend seconded.—Mr Smith proposed a resolution on the lines of his suggestion, and it was seconded, but it was agreed to give 30s. each to the runners-up.

A sum of £1 10s. has been given to the runners-up in the Junior League, and as there are two teams to consider this season, it was decided to give each 15s.

Fines were imposed on the following teams for not sending results of matches according to rule:—Barkston Ash (Senior), Saxton, Kirk Deighton, Micklefield A., Halton Wes. A., and Sherburn W.R.

R. HOYLAND, Secretary.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY

Carlton v. Kippax. Messrs Fox and Morley.

Outwood v. Oulton. Messrs Lumb and Tate.

Robin Hood v. Rothwell. Messrs Tattersall and Whitehead.

Woodlesford v. Stanley. Messrs Holden and Newsome.

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CHAPTER I.

On a certain evening of early spring, just about the time when the last glimmer of twilight is about to fade into the final darkness of dusk, a woman opened the door of a lowly cottage which stood in the midst of a bleak, treeless high shore a dozen valley, and, standing on the doorstep, looked at the lights which had already begun to twinkle far below. From force of habit, contracted long before and practised through many years, she shaded her eyes with her right hand, although the need had then been done a good half-hour; an observer would have thought she was peering anxiously through the gloom—as she was listening for the sound of a heavy step on the rocky path which came upwards from the stream at the foot of the bank. It was her custom to listen for this footstep every night, and because the sun also directed on the path at that hour and at that hour she had contracted the custom of shielding her eyes.

All familiar aspects of the landscape were still plainly visible to this solitary watcher. On the opposite side of the valley she saw the quiet old castle in which a Saxon king had his state, and near it the old church, square-towered, grey-walled, scarcely visible except the picturesque inn, with its thatched roof and timbered gables; an old farmhouse or two; cottages, whose ages were counted by generations instead of by years. Near by was a complete contrast in, a hotel, a row of red brick cottages, built on regular and mathematical lines, not one brick of which had been there in her girlhood—no, nor for years after she was wife and mother. There was always some resentment in her as she looked at these evidences of modernity—she resented that where the new village now lay there were fields which were famous for their mushrooms, and coppices where she and her mates used to gather nuts, and where her companions had played. And beneath this new village of industry and the river rose the outward evidence of the underground force which had made this change—those old and picturesque outer works of a colossal, the gigantic shaftings, the mighty scaffoldings, the great wheels, the ugly engine-houses, machinery-houses, the mountainous banks of slag—all of which had sprung into being since that day when a scientific man with a long nose and blue spectacles who was stopping at the Castle told Sir Robert Mannersley that his ancient estate lay over a coal seam which might prove to be worth millions.

Margaret Britten turned from this scene full of a wistful longing. She had the instinct of folk who are born and bred on the soil, and change was hard to bear. She had first seen the light in that cottage; she and her man had lived in it when her own father and mother died in it when her own father and mother died; she had borne her own children. All connected with her had earned their living on the land in the old, healthful ways—as labourers, gamekeepers, woodmen. Now there was only one man of her family left—her son—and instead of following the plough over the broad uplands behind the cottage, or assuming the keeper's dark coat, he, too, had chosen another calling. King Coal, and earned his money—good money, as she knew—as checkweighman at the colliery.

As she turned to glance within the cottage doorway Margaret heard Jim's step on the rock-strewn pathway far below, and a look of pleasure flashed across her face. She ran within and opened the door of the oven a few inches, and took a peep at something which was undergoing some process inside, and thereby suffered a savoury odour to escape which reached the nostrils of Jim Britten twenty yards away.

"That smells good, mother!" he exclaimed a minute later, as he came bustling into the cottage, and seizing Margaret by her ample waist hugged her cheekily. "Now, what are you about over at Mannersley! What is it this time?"

"It's liver and bacon, with an onion for flavour, and a gravy that you could stand a spoon in, my lad," replied Margaret, as she began to bustle about. "So get your cleaning-up done and fall to while it's hot."

"No second invitation needed, mother," responded Jim, with alacrity, and plunged into the back-place of the cottage, where he was presently making a great noise with soap and water, and from whence he quickly emerged with shining face and damp hair. "I'm sharper set than ever to-night, mother," he remarked, as he drew a chair to the table and looked approvingly at the smoking dish which Margaret set before him.

"Then lay knife aboard, lad," counselled his mother.

Now that her immediate duties were done she sat down in her easy-chair by the hearth and watched her son eat, a smile of keen enjoyment overspreading her broad, good-humoured countenance. She was one of those old-fashioned women who delight in seeing their menfolk do full justice to their victuals, and who believe—and rightly —that exercise and hard work are the surest sign of sound health. Margaret Britten, in short, was happiest when she was busy, and at the close of his day's labours proving himself a mighty trencherman, and it was her great pride to study his appetite and to tickle his palate. And it was worth it, she said to herself as she sat watching him—a fine, handsome lad of five-and-twenty, straight as a rush, and, with clear grey eyes and direct look, and a head of thick brown hair which still curled as obstinately as when he was a baby in arms. No properer young man in all that countryside, thought Margaret; nor one, other folk might have said, that was more modest, considering that he was all that was left to a mother who had consecrated her heart to him.

"Any news to-day, Jim?" asked Margaret, when the young man had taken off the final edge of his appetite. "Aught happened?"

"Well, I have heard some news, mother," replied Jim, thoughtfully regarding the inroads which he had made on the supper-dish, and then helping himself again. "It's little more than a rumour, but I believe there is a bit of truth in it. Sir Robert's thinking of starting a grand sort of club for the men."

"Some of them men'll get till they don't know what ails 'em," said Margaret, with a sniff. "Why can't they hide at home same as you do?"

Jim laughed, and gave her a wink. "Most of 'em have got a good deal more than I have, mother," he said. "A place like that would do a lot of good."

"I guess that'll be one of Miss Phillipa's ideas," said Margaret. She's always full of plans for doing grand things for them colliers. Nobody did nought for farm-labourers in my time."

"We live in different times, mother," said Jim.

"Aye, marry, and see some different goings-on!" sighed Margaret. She rose and poured fresh tea into her son's cup. "I see that new manager to-day," she said. "I went down the lane to see how poor Sarah Dickinson is and he came by, riding his horse, when I was standing at their garden gate talking to Jane Dickinson. I don't wonder the men don't like him. Jim—there's no doubt he's a handsome young fellow, but I never saw such eyes in all my born days! He fair made me dither—his eyes is that black and fierce."

"I don't know how it is that Mr. Quinton isn't liked," said Jim, thoughtfully. "And as to calling him a new manager, mother—why, he's been here nearly two years! Time to prove him, that. I expect it's because he's very firm, and notices a bit sharp and nearer to it or gear manner known that you were back and had got across again with Sir Robert—it would."

"Why, Jim?"

"Why, sir, because all the men, to every man and lad, believed you innocent, and that there was some secret matter," answered Jim. "On that point to this day, sir, it wouldn't take much to raise a riot."

Clinton stared at him almost incredulously. "You know, sir, what a favourite you were," continued Jim, "and how used to talk to them about racing, and give them tips, and——"

He paused, and seemed to be inviting Clinton to speak.

"Well," said Clinton, "what then, Jim?"

Jim bent forward and spoke in an earnest whisper. "There's Miss Phillipa to be considered, Mr. Clinton," he said. "Hasn't she been through enough already?"

Clinton jumped to his feet in an agitation which he could not conceal.

"Been through enough?" he said, hoarsely "I should think she has been through enough —we've both been through enough Jim, I must see Phillipa—now! Jim, be quick, my uncle refuses to do what he can do, I want her——"

"Well, sir?"

"I want her to follow me out there, and we'll start a new life in a new land!" said Clinton, clenching his hands. "We're engaged, after all, and his first duty's to me!"

Jim had risen and, as he stood staring at his foster-brother,

"Nay, sir, nay!" he said. "Get yourself down at once. You've made a mistake, I'm sure old Miss Phillipa I should tell you so. You couldn't have broken away from there, sir, if there wasn't. You'd ha' stop; I would soon have passed, and you'd have been a free man. Now you're not free. Listen, Mr. Clinton. I'll arrange for you to see Miss Phillipa to-morrow night, and you must see what she says about seeing her father. But if you'll take my advice, sir, when that's done you'll go back and give yourself up. And——"

But Clinton, standing in the room overhead made them both start.

"That's mother," said Jim, "I shall have to tell her you're here, sir. You don't mind, sir?"

"Mind!" exclaimed Clinton. "If you'd seen a few kind faces here this last year or two you'd be glad to see one you could trust, Jim!"

The moment later Margaret, clad in a medley of nondescript garments and a mighty nightcap, burst into the room and threw her arms round her foster-son's neck.

Had the three people thus reunited only known it, at that very hour Colonel Clinton Mannersley through the woods, and had watched him and Jim Britten through the coffin window, now safely away and made off towards the village, meditating on the secret he had discovered.

(To be continued.)

SHORT STORY.

THE PEACHES.

The first time that I saw my old friend and fellow-student, Vital Herbelot, after our graduation, he was twenty-five years old. I was then held by our class in the halls of our Alma Mater. I was not a little surprised to find my friend a Vital Herbelot very different from the young student with whom I used to get my Livy. In our college days he was a shy, tall, thin youth; now I saw before me a solid, well-built, jolly fellow, with a voice of that high, frank tone which indicates that a man accustomed to speak without weighing his words. Certainly his whole appearance was out of keeping with that of a lawyer.

"Well, well!" exclaimed with surprise as soon as I had seen him, "what has happened to you? Have you thrown up law?"

"Oh, yes," he replied. "I gave that up years ago, —and all on account of two peaches."

"You know," said Vital, after we had entered the train, "you know that my father was a politician and a deputy, and that he had destined me to the same career. Well, after studying a year or two with him, I became attached to the Bureau of Administration.

"About this time I married. Everybody said that I had acted like a fool, for neither of us had any money; but she was young and pretty, and we were very much in love.

"My Director-General was a wealthy man. He loved to make a display, and flattered himself that I might be considered a prominent figure in the world. He gave frequent dinners and receptions, and not long after my marriage he honoured my wife and myself by sending us an invitation to a dancing party. At the last moment my wife was taken ill.

"Just as I was about to set out, my wife said, as she smoothed out my neck-tie: 'I suppose everything is ready, dear, and that you can discover everything. I shall want to know what the ladies wore, and what they had for supper, and—and everything.'

"We had heard that there were to be elaborate refreshments. Good things, it had been rumoured, had been ordered from Paris; and peaches, which cost two francs apiece, had been spoken of. As my wife was ill, I resolved to get her some.

"'Oh, yes; the peaches! Do you know, my dear, I must have one of those peaches! If you——'

"I cried out in surprise. I had to shew her how impossible it was for a man wearing an evening suit to smuggle a peach out of the house. But the more I objected, the more she insisted.

"'There's a fashion in peaches, as in all else,' she crowned, no one will notice you. You can take one as though you wanted it yourself, and then you can easily hide it. Don't shrug your shoulders like that. Since I have been ill I have learned how to be cunning. I have been dying to have one. Promise me, dear, to bring me one.'

"What could I do but promise?

"I left the house, the sight of which filled me with despair. As yet I had had no opportunity to pilfer any of the coveted fruit. As I rose, however, I remembered that there were to be elaborate refreshments at the dinner-table, and that remaining on the sideboard would be the most gracefully did the honours.

"At midnight, supper was announced, and the guests passed into the dining-room. As I entered, I glanced rapidly around me. In the centre, giving forth a delicate, delicious odour and presenting a most ravishing lustre to the eye, were the peaches! Oh! they were magnificent!

"Everyone, as he passed, gave the guests to leave the room

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Dr. E. Groves, Messrs T. G. Conyers, W. Schofield, D. O. Hargreaves, G. Armitage, J. Butterfield, T. Bennett, E. B. Pickersgill, W. Stead, J. W. Verity, G. W. Peace, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee, the sub-committee reported a further interview with the Rothwell Urban District Council's Water Committee with regard to the terms and conditions of the Homes water supply, and that the Committee refused to grant such a supply by rent as required, but ultimately expressed their willingness to allow 5 per cent. off the meter charges of 6s per 1,000 gallons. A letter was received from the Rothwell Council repeating the offer made at such further interview, and asking the Guardians' decision thereon; and stating that no question was raised as to correctness of the meter reading to 30th September last, and requesting that the account be paid as it stands. The Clerk reported he had written other Unions enquiring their consumption of and payment for water for their cottage homes, and so far had only received replies from Bradford, Bramley, and Dewsbury stating that they had an unlimited supply by rent. It was resolved that the matter be adjourned for the replies to the enquiries of other Unions to come to hand.

A letter was received from the Clerk to the Leeds Education Committee with reference to the proposal of the Guardians to take Herbert Arrowsmith away from school, stating that he feels sure they disagree with the proposal, but that he will write further after a decision has been come to. It was resolved that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

The minutes were passed.

At a meeting of the House Committee the Workhouse master reported that seven deaths had occurred in the institution during the fortnight. One birth was also reported. It was resolved that the Homes Committee be invited to play a return cricket match on August 26th.

The minutes were passed.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board sanctioning the appointment of Mr G. W. Steel as relieving officer to the number three district of the Union at an annual salary of £120, rising by £5 each year until the maximum of £150 has been reached.

Quite a stir was caused in the Board room when one of the members descried one of the aeroplanes flying between Leeds and Bradford in connection with the Yorkshire Show, and there was a suspension of business for a few moments owing to the members dashing to the windows and watching the machine

Roundhay Flower Show.

At the Roundhay Flower Show, which was opened at Roundhay Park by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton) on Saturday, the predominant features of the exhibits were the displays of roses and sweet peas. The most notable exhibit in the open classes was the display of 24 distinct varieties of cut roses grown by Mr H. Drew, of Longworth, Berkshire. This exhibit gained the "Brotherton Challenge Trophy," a 25-guinea cup presented by the Lord Mayor to the Roundhay and District Horticultural Society for annual competition.

At the opening ceremony the Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs C. Ratcliffe), was supported by Major Dent, Mr T. S. Barber (chairman of the Roundhay Horticultural Society), Mr J. F. Walker, and Mr L. Owen (chairman of the Parks Committee of the Leeds Corporation). The Lord Mayor said all credit was due to the chairman and the committee for the ungrudging effort which they had made. They had done every thing that they could have done and it rested with the public to make the show a success.

The principal results were as follows:—

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Cut Roses, 24 blooms, distinct varieties.—H. Drew, Berks.; 2, G. and W. H. Burch.

Cut Roses, 12 blooms, tea and hybrid teas—R. Harkness and Co.; 2, H. Drew; 3, G. and W. H. Burch.

Cut Roses, 12 blooms in 4 varieties—H. Drew; 2, W. J. Brown and Co.; 3, R. Harkness and Co.

Cut Roses, 12 vases, teas and hybrid teas—H. Drew; 2, R. Harkness and Co.; 3, W. J. Bewan and Co.

Sweet Peas, distinct varieties—C. E. Taylor, Orer Kellett; 2, A. Wormald.

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Sweet Peas, distinct varieties—C. E. Taylor; 2, S. Shackleton; 3, A. Wormald. Six bunches —J. Barrett; 2, S. Shackleton.

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Cut Roses, 12 blooms, 8 varieties—J. E. Fryer; 2, W. W. Brearey; 3, H. Harrop. 6 blooms, distinct varieties—W. W. Brearey; 2, F. J. Issott; 3, H. Harrop.

Sweet Peas, distinct varieties—H. Harrop; 2, W. Baldwin; 3, G. E. Longbottom. Six bunches—H. Harrop; Issott; 2, W. Baldwin; 3, G. E. Longbottom.

Hardy Perennials—E. Bell; 3, E. J. Bulmer.

Violas, distinct varieties—E. Bell; 2, H. Chapman; 3, E. Waters

Dining Table Decoration (special class for ladies)—Mrs. W. Robertson; 2, Mrs J. E. Fryer; 3, Mrs R. Bacon; 4, Mrs Ben Day.

Basket of Roses for Table—Mrs B. Day; 2, Mrs E. Macpherson; 3, Mrs H. Harrop.

Sweet Peas, distinct varieties—W. W. Richardson; 2, E. Macpherson. Three bunches—W. W. Richerison; 2, C. Walker; 3, Mrs Hudson.

Violas, distinct varieties—1, E. Macpherson; 2, C. Walker; 3, Mrs Hudson.

Collection of Vegetables—Mrs Hudson; 2, S. Oddy; 23, H. Shann.

Baskets of Hardy Flowers (Ladies Only)—Mrs E. Macpherson; 2, Mrs J. E. Fryer; 3, Mrs E. J. Bulmer.

Cut Roses, three varieties—F. J. Issott; 2, E. Waters; 3, E. Bacon. Three blooms, distinct varieties—F. J. Issott; 2, J. P. Burrow; 3, J. Dodd. Three blooms, light variety—F J Issott; 2, J. P. Burrow.

Sweet Peas, four bunches, distinct varieties—C. Walker; 2, S. Oddy; 3, J. Jones.

Vase of Sweet Peas—S. Oddy; 2, F. T. Chadwick; 3, J. E. Fryer.

Violas, four vases, distinct varieties—J. E. Dunley; 2, J. E. Fryer; 3, J. P. Burrow.

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Silver-gilt Medals—G. Gibson (herbaceous collection); G. W. Millar (herbaceous collection); W. Arundel and Son (violas); Rev. C. Gallacher (gloxinias).

Bronze Medal—J. Firth and Sons (geraniums).

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING—COMPETITION FORMED

GARFORTH AND MILFORD TROUBLES AGAIN

The adjourned annual meeting of Barkston Ash Football Association was held at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, on Wednesday night—Mr J. R. Batty (President) in the chair. Others present were Messrs A. Deighton (Church Fenton), Allison (Monk Fryston), J. H. Clay (Wetherby), Irish (Wetherby Con.), H. Metcalfe and F. Hesp (Tadcaster), H. Tankard (Barwick), T. S. Slater (Garforth), W. L. Moss (Whitkirk), F. Inman (Aberford), W. A. Osborne (hon. sec.), and A. Flowith (hon. treas.).

Mr Inman proposed that a competition be formed, Mr Hesp seconded, and this was agreed to.

Several gentlemen intimated their intention of retiring from office, and Mr J. H. Clay (Wetherby) was appointed President, Messrs A. Flowith (Crossgates) and F. Inman (Aberford) vice-(Crossgates) and F. Inman (Aberford) vice-presidents, and Mr H. Metcalfe (Tadcaster) hon. sec. and treasurer. Messrs A. Deighton (Church Fenton), G. E. Barker (Selby), and H. Tankard (Barwick) were elected members of the Executive, and Messrs Clay and Flowith were appointed members of Barkston Ash Commission. Mr W. Tate, incorporated accountant, was elected hon. auditor, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his past services.

Mr Slater said he wanted to say something about certain remarks in the hon. sec.'s report at last meeting concerning Garforth. He understood that at a meeting of the West Riding Association they were told to bury the hatchet, and he was sorry that Mr Osborne had opened the case about Garforth Club not being sportsmen. Garforth had not been treated fairly, and when they laid an objection against South Milford it was treated as frivolous. Was that sportsmanlike.

The Chairman said that was outside the business of the meeting.

Mr Slater: The remark was that we were not sportsmen. And it was said we retained the shield. That I deny.

The Chairman: Did you return it, according to rule?

Mr Slater: There is no rule to that effect.

The Chairman: There is.

Mr Slater: Did Micklefield return it?

Mr Osborne: Two wrongs don't make a right.

Mr Slater: Mr Osborne asked me to fetch it from Micklefield, and the year following when we won the shield again—

Mr Osborne: That has nothing to do with my remarks.

Mr Slater: Not even a match was arranged for it to be prevented. We were asked last season to take the shield to Tadcaster, and I said they could fetch it.

Mr Metcalfe said he considered Mr Osborne's report an excellent and truthful one.

Mr Slater: I don't think so, because we did not retain the shield.

Mr Osborne said he was expected to give an annual report and he gave it. He did not say Garforth were not sportsmen, but he said it was not a sportsmanlike action. With regard to fetching the shield from Micklefield, Mr Slater offered to do it, and the reason was that Garforth had a match, and it was to be presented.

Mr Clay: A lo' of this trouble has arisen between the Garforth and South Milford clubs. It has been going on for two years, and I am sorry to see it.

Mr Osborne: As explained in my report.

Mr Clay: We have had bother with other clubs, but we do not carry it from season to season. We are prepared to meet them as sportsmen and friends.

Mr Slater said that South Milford had arranged to play Garforth a charity match, but they did not turn up, and the Executive did nothing to them. Was not that showing spite to Garforth?

Mr Osborne: Certainly not. I have nothing to do with Milford.

Mr Slater said that all the bother arose over a Milford full-back fouling a little lad.

Mr Metcalfe said the difficulty had been that if things did not go as Garforth desired they thought everybody's hand was against them.

There was more talk, and then it was decided to proceed with the business.

It was reported that the following clubs would join a Senior League were one formed:—Micklefield, White Star, Wetherby, South Milford, Aberford, and Tadcaster.

The following clubs applied for membership of the Junior League:—Barwick United, Barwick Rising Sun, Monk Fryston, Wetherby Corinthians, Church Fenton United, Boston Spa, Whitkirk, Sherburn, Aberford A., and Micklefield White Star A.

Mr Clay said that Wetherby Cor. were willing to join the Deighton Shield Competition if there were no Junior League, but they preferred the latter. They could not run a Senior League with five clubs.

The Chairman said that the difficulty of putting all the clubs in one League, and playing in one division was expense.

Mr Moss said that Whitkirk, who were a young team, would not join the Deighton Shield Competition.

Mr Slater suggested that the question should be adjourned, and clubs asked their opinion as to joining the Senior League.

Eventually Mr Deighton moved that only one League be formed, and Mr Tankard seconded.

Mr Flowith proposed that two Leagues be formed, and Mr Allison, who seconded, said it would be a farce Monk Fryston playing against senior teams.

It was decided, by five votes to four, to have only one competition, and that the Deighton Shield be played for.

Mr Flowith proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Batty and Mr Osborne for their services to the Association. He paid a tribute to the excellent work they had done on behalf of local football.

Mr Inman, who seconded, said he was sorry they were retiring.

Mr Clay supported, and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Flowith for his services, and Mr Irish seconding, this was adopted.

Mr Osborne proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Ryder, and to the "Skyrack Courier," Mr Metcalfe seconded, and this was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS—A CONTRAST.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some few weeks ago I read in your interesting paper that the Tadcaster Board of Guardians could not see their way to support a resolution from some other Union to increase the old-age pension from 5s. to 7s. 6d. per week. The Tadcaster Guardians apparently deem the present amount ample, or are studying the ratepayers' pockets, although I have read that the old-age pension has reduced pauperism considerably and consequently saved the ratepayers' pockets.

The comparison I wish to draw is from the last meeting of the Guardians, when it was decided to increase the salary of their Clerk (who was already receiving over £400 per year) by a further £135. The veterans of industry are expected to live on a pension of 5s. per week, but the Clerk requires over £500 per year. With the prospect of a handsome pension of perhaps £200 to £300 per year if he serves the Guardians faithfully and well.

I am not criticising the gentleman's work, nor the importance of it, but I do find fault with these Guardians of the "poor" when the working classes are being considered. They woefully uphold the old proverb "Unto him that hath," etc. In time the working classes will probably have sense enough to send their own class to control their own affairs, but until that time they will have to put up with the present uneven state of affairs.—Yours, etc.,

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TADCASTER COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND KEENNESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue last week I was interested in reading a speech by Mr Sykes, C.C., at the Sherburn Agricultural Show, a comment in your very interesting "Flowings" drawing my attention to it. Mr Sykes is reported to have said that the young men of to-day lacked keenness and ambition, and, although he was speaking to agriculturists, I assume his remarks applied generally. Farmers, as a whole, do not lack keenness, and as for the farm worker he is showing his keenness and ambition by organising and demanding improved conditions all over the country, but I am afraid it is not appreciated by the employer who has, and yet considers that these qualities should be utilised solely for his benefit.

As to other industries, and particularly the one Mr Sykes is interested in, I venture to say that the men are just as ambitious and as keen as ever, and every bit as clever, but the fact is they are not seen, or if so, unrecognised. The condition of the workers in the brewery was not, by any stretch of imagination, good until they organised and demanded improved wages, which now are little enough when one considers the huge profits made.

In other departments it is well known that the avenues to the higher and better paid posts are closed to the ordinary individual. Unless influence is at work there is neither encouragement nor hope for the ordinary worker, and, judging by the miserable wages paid, he is of very poor value, indeed.

Amongst the clerical staff in the brewery discontent is rife, and the wages paid in that department are not a credit to any firm which poses as modern, many of the lower paid being in receipt of wages which a scavenger, roadman, or labourer would scorn. As a class they are long-suffering and patient, but eventually they will be bound to recognise that combination and concerted action are the only remedy for an impossible state. There are slackers in every body of men, but to one who is familiar with the wages and conditions it is surprising to find so many honest and conscientious workers, especially when one considers the smallness of the profits they receive, but are helping to create. It is all very well to take a pride in the rapid and immense growth of the concern Mr Sykes is head of, but I cannot imagine much credit for those who are pocketing the profits and paying the miserable wages which are given. The success of any firm is not due to the energy of a chosen few, but to the workers as a whole employed in that particular industry. Several firms do recognise this fact to a certain extent, and where this is so labour troubles and dissatisfaction are not heard of. A satisfied worker is worth six dissatisfied ones and that fact must reveal itself eventually. Thanking you for space, and also for your most interesting and unbiassed paper.—Yours, etc.,

HOPEFUL.

Selby Show and Gala.

The annual flower show and gala at Selby were held on Saturday. The gala scarcely possesses the prestige of former days, when with fewer counter attractions a large contingent of visitors was won, to flock into the Abbey town from neighbouring villages and places. From time to time there has been an attempt to secure new features in the programme which would attract the public, but this is not always easy to accomplish. The evening's programme, however, still brings together a large assembly of people, including many visitors from the country districts.

For many years the event was held on the Thursday, but since the revival of the show Saturday has been selected in the hope of securing extended patronage. The alteration, however, loses the attendance of the tradespeople, who are unable to leave their shops and places of business on Saturday. Cheap excursions and the pleasures of motoring and cycling have brought about vast changes and the hospital gala now competes strongly with the time-honoured local fete.

In the flower tents there was a considerable number of choice exhibits, the groups of plants being splendid. There was also a creditable display of fruits and vegetables. Athletic sports, horse leaping, and gymnastic displays by noted performers, combined to make an excellent programme.

Mrs H. Connell acted as chairman of the committee, and Mr George Foster as vice-chairman. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr James Kentall.

The attendance in the afternoon was very small, there being a drop in the receipts compared with the last show of about £20. In the evening, however, the gathering was up to the average. The programmes of music contributed by the Olympia Military Band were very much appreciated. The fete was brought to a close by a display of fireworks

A SELBY COW STORY.

A remarkable case of an animal's affection for her offspring is reported from Selby. At the Live Stock Auction Mart on Monday, a cow and calf were disposed of, and were parted, each to go to different owners, but on the following day the cow turned up at the mart in search of her calf.

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There is a good deal to be said in favour of the argument that the moderate taking of fluids at meals is not without benefit, says a writer in *Health*, but the importance of the thorough mastication of food before it is presented to the stomach must never be overlooked. If this is interfered with in any way by the use of liquids we must promptly prohibit their indulgence. The saliva is the best lubricator for the food while it is in the mouth, both because of its starch-digesting powers and because its alkalinity serves to stimulate a copious flow of the acid secretions of the stomach. Any habit, therefore, which permits the entrance of food into the stomach before it is thoroughly incorporated with saliva must be pronounced pernicious in the extreme. If we cannot afford the time necessary for masticating our food properly and incorporating it thoroughly with saliva, it would be better to take nothing but broths and similar foods. The use of water and other liquids as lubricators is not to be tolerated.

PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were Ald. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), Mr C. B. Lamb, Mr E. M. Lawson Smith, Mr J. H. Ingleby, Mr F. Wailes Fairburn, and Mr G. T. Fairfax.

A PRIZE-WINNER.—At Roundhay Show on Saturday much interest was taken in the table decorations—competition limited to ladies—and good taste and judgment were shown in most cases in the arrangement of flowers and delicate foliage. Mrs William Robertson, of Roundhay, received the first prize, a silver rose bowl, given by Mr F. W. Spruce

Mr G. Gunter, of Wetherby, and Mr R. J. Foster, Stockeld Park, were exhibitors in the horse classes at the Yorkshire Show.

GOLF.—In the ladies' competition at Wetherby for the Hon. Eleanor Hawke's prize the results were:—Mrs Dalby, all square; Miss Metcalfe, 3 down; Miss Hilda Buxton, 4 down; Mrs Mallinson, 5 down; Mrs Sykes, 6 down.

BEE-KEEPING.—On Saturday at Roundhay Show one of the tents contained an interesting exhibit of run honey, section honey, and working bees sent by the Yorkshire Beekeepers' Association, and outside useful demonstrations were given by Mr W. E. Richardson, of Whitkirk, the beekeepers' expert, in transferring bees out of the old-fashioned straw skep into the more scientific and economical bar-framed hive. Visitors were much interested in hearing lucid explanations of the life of the bee and its great mission in the fertilisation of fruit and flowers.

WETHERBY GOLF CLUB.—The competition for the Mykhreest Challenge Bowl (presented by Mr T. G. Mykhreest, Elvetis, Thorner) took place on the Wetherby links on Saturday, 32 cards being taken out. The following returned the best cards:—W. H. Platts, 80, 4, 76; N. Graydon, 85, 8, 77; R. Smithson, 89, 12, 77; T. Bath, 90, 12, 78; E. R. Wawn, 81, 3, 78; G. F. Parkinson, 86, 6, 80; E. R. Wilson, 88, 8, 80; P. Pulleyne, 91, 11, 80; H. G. Gilbert, 96, 15, 81; Dr W. F. Steele, 91, 9, 82; J. Pearson, 93, 11, 82. The members were entertained to tea by the President, and the bowl was presented to Mr Platts by Mrs Mykhreest.

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It is evident that Garforth is not paying its way, although it may not be so badly placed as some villages that could be mentioned. Last year the cost of Garforth cases to Leeds Infirmary was £311, and the Medical Charities Society contributed £30, while I believe about £70 was sent from the colliery. Collections are made at the churches and various individuals subscribe to the funds direct, but when all is totalled it will be found that Garforth is indebted to the Infirmary. Last year the deficiency on the working at the Infirmary was nearly £14,000—think of that—and in order to pay their way the governors had to sell stock, thus reducing both the reserve fund and the income. It is obvious that this cannot go on for very long, and it would be a calamity were the activities of the institution in anywise curtailed. Thousands of the people would suffer in consequence. The Infirmary is being extended at the present time, and £30,000 is required to meet the cost. Where is it to come from? Then when the extension is completed and the new wards occupied additional income will be required. It is evident that the governors have faith, otherwise would they would not go ahead. And they are quite right, too. The Infirmary is just as necessary as our isolation hospitals, which are maintained by the ratepayers, and it may be taken for granted that if the people will not support the Infirmary voluntarily they will eventually be compelled to do so. That, I'm afraid, is what it is coming to.

Cases sent for trial from Tadcaster and the Skyrack Courts have been thrown out by grand juries, and I believe local magistrates favour the grand jury system. That wonderfully sagacious man, the Recorder of Pontefract, however, has a different opinion. The other day he said "he regarded it as an absurdity of the first degree that business men should be called away from their occupations to say whether the magistrates had done right in committing two prisoners to take their trial, particularly when it was remembered that they who were asked to say that were men who had not risen to the rank of magistrates."

In less than two years it is possible that the people of Halton will have a tramway service. The Corporation, whose bill has been passed by Parliament, have, for reasons best known to themselves—let not Hunslet residents think that the primary consideration is to benefit them—decided to extend the tram track from the York Road terminus to the Halton Institute, and already preparations are being made in connection with the work, which must, according to the agreement with Hunslet District Council, be carried out within two years. Traffic has increased enormously at Halton in recent years, and, although only a single track may be laid along the main street, it will greatly increase the danger to pedestrians and others. In my opinion, the road at certain points is too narrow, and the corner at the top of Halton Hill should be opened out.

Crossgates has demonstrated that it can grow the best sweet peas in the district. The Sweet Pea Society, which was established about a couple of years ago by a few enthusiasts, seems to have a promising future, and the show on Saturday, despite the fact that numerous would-be exhibitors had their blooms destroyed by the high winds, was a decided advance on the previous exhibitions. As a matter of fact, had all the persons who had notified their intention of entering flowers sent exhibits it would have been impossible to have staged them properly in the room, owing to lack of space. That spells progress. Many beautiful blooms were forward, but the judge had no hesitation whatever in awarding the premier prize to sweet peas grown in a Crossgates garden, and they undoubtedly were the best staged. These exhibitions in no wise interfere with the bigger shows—in fact, they may be a great help to them—and other villages may follow the excellent example set by Crossgates. Men and women must benefit by the cultivation of flowers.

When house-holders begin an agitation for the abolition of privy-middens there is hope for the community. People residents who are within the jurisdiction of the Rothwell Urban Council, condemn the middens as a nuisance, and they say that "the stench in the summer-time is sufficient to lower the vitality of the individuals residing there." This is apparently the opinion, too, of a medical man. Judging by this, Thorpe, which, by the way, was the original home of the Ingrams of Temple Newsam, is in a state of discontent, and the Council have a difficult job presented to them. Middens have been condemned again and again as being the source of disease, and if the conditions are as bad as they are represented to be, the Council must actively pursue a policy of improvement which will give satisfaction to the residents.

Will the Rothwell Urban Council dispense with the services of the Man of the Moon, whose vagaries have given so much dissatisfaction in past years? They are not satisfied, at any rate, with the present arrangements, and they have given instructions for the cost of all-night lighting of the principal streets to be got out. Does this mean that the streets are to be lighted on those nights when the Man of the Moon is billed to appear? He has not always fulfilled his engagements in the past, and consequently the people have had to find their way about in the darkness on certain nights. The report of the Lighting Committee will be awaited with interest.

Like the Tadcaster District Council, the rulers of Rothwell have the Local Government Board on their track. Houses are so scarce in the district that young people are compelled to put off their marriages until they can get dwellings, and the marriage market is thus controlled, not by the number of people desirous of entering the bonds of wedlock, but by the number of houses available in the district. A deputation from Thorpe stated that it was impossible to get houses in the area, and one man had to wait from February to September before he could get a cottage. The Council discussed the question in committee after their last meeting, following the reception of a communication from the Local Government Board, and it is evident that unless private enterprise relieves the Council of responsibility, they will have to undertake the building of cottages, as the Urban Council at Selby have done.

The Barkston Ash Football Association has had its ups and downs. At one time it was one of the most popular organizations in the county, but interest in the game was then exceedingly worse than they were last year. There was a prospect of the Association being wound up, but the threatened disruption has been staved off, and it is now up to footballers to infuse more interest into the competitions and give wholehearted support to the officials.

Between Garforth and South Milford a very bitter feeling exists, and one cannot understand why sport should bring about such a reprehensible state of affairs. It is useless going into the genesis of the trouble, and allocating blame, but it is really time that the hatchet was buried. Many years ago a similar feeling existed between Halton, and Seacroft, and old people have told me that stone-throwing by the villagers frequently took place in the Primrose Valley; but the 'Crofters and Haltonfans are now good friends. Evidence has been furnished that the illfeeling between Milford and Garforth is not confined to footballers, and any attempt to penalize either place, in consequence of the foolishness of certain people, should be dealt with by a firm hand. We do not live in the Middle Ages, and something better is expected of folks now-a-days.

The champion bowler of Barkston Ash—Harry Thomas, of Halton—has won the individual merit competition of Leeds and district, and I congratulate him on his success. A writer in a Leeds paper says:—"Thomas well deserved the honour he gained, and that he was rightly entitled to take it was the unanimous verdict of every one of the large number of spectators present. I read some time ago that a certain player in the Yorkshire Merit Competition was imperturbable. Knowing the player then referred to, I quite accepted what was written as correct, but if the writer was present on Saturday to witness Thomas's method of doing business, he would have to admit that in the matter of imperturbability the Yorkshire Merit competitor was but the 'grandson' of this year's Leeds and district player. The bowlers highly looking he never gets flurried. The bowlers in the Barkston Ash final when he played A. W. Westerman, and when he is seen to stand in the Barkston Ash final when he played A. W. Westerman, and when he is seen to

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

ANTIRRHINUMS.

The tall varieties of antirrhinums require the support of a neat stake. This should be supplied in good time or the plants are apt to topple over, and when this occurs they soon grow unshapely, and it is impossible to train them back into a natural position again. Plants that are now in bloom may be encouraged to continue flowering by removing all seed pods as they appear. This is an important point that is often overlooked. The newer varieties are well worth special attention, and feeding, tying, and hoeing around the plants will give improved results.

CANTERBURY BELLS, ETC.

The Canterbury Bell is another plant that has been much improved during recent years. The colours, size of bloom, and habit of plant all show up to better advantage. Strictly speaking the Canterbury Bell is a hardy biennial, but it is also largely used for conservatory decoration. Seedlings should now be ready for planting into nursery beds, and should be accommodated in a sheltered corner, where the soil is rich and light if possible. Careless lifting from the seed bed is an-wvrable for many weakened plants. They produce a quantity of roots while quite small, and if these are damaged in lifting they are a long time before they recover. Give a thorough soaking of water immediately after planting, and spray overhead daily until free growth is made. Sweet Williams and wallflowers may also be transferred to nursery beds as soon as they are large enough to handle conveniently. This class of plant usually grows so freely that it does not get a fair share of attention. If a plant is worth growing at all, it is worth growing well, and to grow Sweet Williams and Canterbury Bells to the best advantage they must be planted firmly, and receive such little attentions as keeping them free from weeds, stirring the surface soil occasionally, and spraying overhead during hot, dry weather.

HEDGES

If not already done, all privet, thorn, and similar hedges should be clipped at once. It is a mistake to postpone the work with the object of making one clipping suffice. If the growth is allowed to get too long before being clipped, a yellow, sickly appearance is created when clipping takes place. A well-trimmed hedge is very pleasing to the eye, but a badly clipped one will interfere with the neatness of its surroundings. A level top may be obtained by using a tightly strung line as a guide, and the same method may be adopted in straightening the sides. Hedges trimmed now will remain neat until the summer is well advanced.

STOCK, BEAUTY OF NICE

This useful stock is now blooming freely, and is once more proving its value as a useful garden flower. Autumn sown plants commenced blooming in May in our district, and at the present time of writing they look as if they would bloom continuously until the end of the year. Their wonderful habit of continually producing side shoots, which when run to flower makes them among the portative that they should be provided with suitable supports. Where this is done the plants remain in good health, and bloom splendidly, but if they are allowed to topple over they soon assume an untidy and neglected appearance.

FRUIT GARDEN

Apple and pear trees may now be summer pruned. This operation is but indifferently understood by many gardeners, nor is its true value often recognised. The main, or leading shoot on each branch should be allowed to grow away unchecked. The side shoots should be pinched or cut back to about 5 leaves. The fruit should be fully exposed to sun and air, and where large leaves are shading it they should either be removed or threaded away from it.

Raspberry canes that have finished fruiting should be cut away. The young basal growths will probably require thinning. Four or five of the strongest may be left to each plant.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Sow turnip rooted radish, lettuce, spinach, white turnip, parsley, and onions for main successive. Cos lettuce is best for present sowing.

There is no better time than the present for planting swelling parsley in cold frames to provide winter supplies. It is not necessary to cover with sashes at present, except for an hour or two at mid-day, when shade should be provided. Spray overhead morning and evening to ch ck drooping.

Gather peas and beans as soon as they are ready. If allowed to remain on the plants they soon get strong in flavour, and the peas lose their sweetness.

Make free use of the hoe amongst growing crops. It will keep weeds in check, and increase the yield to a remarkable degree.

PLANTS IN POTS

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The early-flowering varieties are now showing flower buds, and must have some assistance in the usage of liquid manure. It should be understood that chrysanthemums are greedy, and will assimilate more manure than the majority of plants. By this we do not mean that extremely strong doses should be given. To do this would be to court failure. An over-strong dose of liquid would probably burn the roots. Weak and often should be the rule in feeding, and rather stronger doses may be given when the plants are approaching maturity. On no account should liquid manure be applied if the soil is in a dry state.

The large-flowered and buds varieties will, in most cases, be benefited by an occasional watering with liquid manure. A simple method of preparing the feed is to mix two buckets of cow manure with one bucket of soot. Stir well together and place in a coarse canvas bag. Plunge the bag in a 50 gallon cask of water and stir frequently. It is not advisable to use the liquid immediately it is prepared, but allow it to settle for a few hours. Refill the cask each time after using the liquid. The manure and soot may be replaced as often as it appears to be losing its strength.

BEGONIA GLOBE DE LORRAINE

These beautiful winter flowering plants are now so popular that it is almost safe to assume they are grown in every garden where a hothouse is available. The young plants should now be growing freely, and should be kept under observation so that they can be repotted as occasion arises. They should not be allowed to get rootbound, but should be transferred to larger pots as soon as the roots commence to run freely around the pot sides. They delight in a rich but open compost. Fibrous loam, clean leaf mould, rough peat, charcoal, mortar rubbish, silver sand, and old manure are all acceptable to them. The pots should be well drained, and the compost should not be pressed too firmly into the pots. This last entails extreme care being paid to watering, as dryness at the root would seriously affect the chances of success. Maintain a moist atmosphere and shade in bright sun. Thrip is one of the worst enemies these plants have to contend with. Syringing with aired water will do much towards keeping the plants free from insects. Stake the plants out neatly as they grow, and pick off all flower buds until the beginning of October. Cuttings inserted now in a propagating case will make charming little plants to flower from Christmas onwards. Three-inch pots are large enough to flower them in. The original Globe de Lorraine is still one of the best, but Agatha, Cinderella, Baroness Rothschild, and Turnford Hall are all well worth growing.

QUESTION

I should esteem it a great favour if you would advise me through your gardening column how to deal with rose trees that have been a failure. They have been planted in a sunny position for two years, and plenty of good manure and good pick soil. They have been mulched during winter with a dressing of good, old manure, and they have had plenty of water this dry spring. The result has been plenty of foliage and also any amount of flower buds, which, on opening, have nearly always burst out at the sides and then began to rot and die away, never in one instance developing into a perfect rose.—A. B.

It is very unusual for roses to act as you describe except during a spell of wet weather. Certain varieties do make a very large, tightly packed bud, have failed to open with us, but we have discarded them in favour of free-flowering varieties. If yours are free-flowering varieties, and have failed to open their flowers during warm, dry weather we should advise you to lift them in the autumn, prune the strongest roots, and replant without adding more manure to the soil.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Prices remained practically unchanged, there being only a fair attendance in consequence of the summer work on the farms. Wheat 35s. to 36s., oats 20s. to 22s. per qr. The carting of crops of wheat and barley is now being between Prince's Avenue and Old Park Road, Roundhay. That land, however, belonged to the Corporation, and a large part of it was occupied as a cricket field. There was also some land that was leased to a golf club, and it was unnecessary to town plan it.

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Mr Farrar, J.P., said he could see no reason why the Leeds City Council should take the land out of the Rural District Council's hands. With regard to the sewage works forming an objection to the development of surrounding land, the land adjoining the site was not suitable for cultivation or development. He did not think the works had affected the value of the land.

The Inspector: You don't mean to say that the new go works have added to the value of the land. (Laughter).

Mr Farrar said he did not infer that.

Mr Atkinson said he also supported the Hunslet Rural District Council.

On the understanding that the Tadcaster Council would have a free hand in the development of their little area in the scheme, Mr Bennet and Mr Procter intimated that they did not oppose the present application.

Mr Charles Lupton spoke for the Roundhay owners, saying they merely wanted the Corporation to be put on the same basis as themselves.

The Inspector (to the Town Clerk): In the event of the Corporation selling their land for building, would it not be possible to do so upon the same conditions as those imposed on adjoining owners?

The Town Clerk: That is my opinion, but I cannot bind myself or the Corporation.

The inquiry was then closed.

CROSSGATES AND ROUNDHAY TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME.

WHY SEACROFT IS EXCLUDED.

OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF HALTON SEWAGE WORKS.

A Local Government Board inquiry into the application of the Leeds Corporation to prepare town-planning schemes of Harehills, Roundhay, Crossgates, and Osmondthorpe, was held at the Leeds Town Hall on Monday morning before Mr Thomas Adams.

The Town Clerk of Leeds (Sir R. E. Fox) presented the case for the Corporation, and the Hunslet Rural District Council and Tadcaster Council were represented by counsel.

Mr W. B. Pindar (Clerk to the Hunslet Rural District Council), Mr J. C. Atkinson (for Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., Temperley Manor), Mr L. A. Brown (Clerk to the Tadcaster Rural District Council), Mr Jones (West Riding County Council), Mr T. H. Prater (agent for Col. Gascoigne), Mr Farrar (agent for Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P.), Mr Charles Lupton and Mr J. R. Ford (property-owners in Roundhay).

The Town Clerk said that the inquiry was a preliminary one, and if the Local Government Board sanctioned the present application another scheme would be introduced. Owners of property affected by the scheme would be consulted and would be dealt with by the Corporation in a manner which he hoped would prove to the mutual benefit of the general public and the owners. The Harehills, Roundhay, and Crossgates area was 2,278 acres in extent and the Osmondthorpe area 895 acres. There was a certain amount of opposition to the scheme. The general objects the Corporation had in view were to obtain the control of the future development of the city, the regulation of building extensions, and the limitation of the number of houses per acre. It was also desired to provide proper main roads and open spaces where necessary. He then went on to deal with the various objections. With regard to that of the Hunslet Rural District Council, he explained that there was a small portion of the Council's area included in the scheme, but the Corporation had allowed the Rural Council to include a small portion of the Leeds City Council's land in their own scheme. Further, the Rural Council objected to the formation of a road through their sewage works—a road which was necessary in the interests of good communication with Leeds. The City Council had made an offer to take over the sewage works, but the Rural Council had declined that offer. Another objection was from the property owners in relation to the non-inclusion of land lying between Prince's Avenue and Old Park Road, Roundhay. That land, however, belonged to the Corporation, and a large part of it was occupied as a cricket field. There was also some land that was leased to a golf club, and it was unnecessary to town plan it.

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ULLESKELF LAND SALE.

THE PURCHASERS.

Mr R. Stephenson, of the firm of Messrs. Stephenson and Sons, auctioneers, Leeds, offered for sale at the Royal Station Hotel, York, yesterday (Thursday) week, on the instructions of the trustees of the late Mr Charles Shann, Tadcaster, a large amount of freehold and copyhold property, consisting of small holdings, farmhouses, buildings, and grass and arable land, in the parish of Ulleskelf. The property, which is situated close to the North Eastern Railway, covers an area of about 186.428 acres.

Lot 1, which consisted of a dwelling house, farm buildings, and cottage, with garth and orchard, covering an area of 63.259 acres, in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at an apportioned rent of £110 14s., was knocked down to Mr J. T. Dixon, of Ulleskelf, at £2,000.

Lot 2 consisted of a close of arable land, of close ing 6.242 acres, also in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at an apportioned rent of £12 10s. This was bought by Mr H. F. Cundall, solicitor, of York, for £350.

Lot 3 was also a close of arable land, of about 5.802 acres in extent. This land, which is also in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at an apportioned rent of £8 12s. 6d., was sold to Mr Nottingham for £200.

Lot 4 comprised a dwelling-house, farm building and garden, in the occupation of Mr Stephenson Wox, and about 40.260 acres of grass and arable land in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at an apportioned rent of £70 15s., was knocked down to Mr T. Dixon, of Ulleskelf, at £2,000.

Lot 5, consisting of 1 acre 6 perches of meadow land, in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at an apportioned rent of £2, was also knocked down to Mr Thomlinson for £40.

Lot 6 comprised a dwelling-house, farm buildings, and gardens in the occupation of Mr Wm. Hague, and an area of about 64.463 acres of arable and grass land, in the occupation of Messrs. Hague and Mr John Pick, at a total apportioned rent of £10. This was sold to Mr J. Fielden, Grimston Park, for £2,000.

Lot 8 comprised a dwelling-house, joiners' shop, outbuildings, and garden, in the occupation of Mr John Pick, at a yearly rent of £12. This was sold to Mr T. Varey, of Ulleskelf, for £210.

The total amount realised was £4,960.

A WETHERBY GROOM KILLED AT BRADFORD.

KICKED BY A MARE.

One of the principal features of the Yorkshire Show on Friday was the parade of all the stock in the large ring. Unfortunately the forenoon parade was marred by a fatal accident. One of the chief attractions was the pedigree brood mares with foal at foot, and as usual they left their stalls one after the other and made their way to the collecting ring prior to passing into the large ring. A groom was leading a mare, and as the foals got rather fractious, and as the result of its capers one of the mares, a big black, belonging to a Leeds gentleman, lunged out, striking the groom. When with sucking foals mare are always at a high tension, and the very slightest thing upsets them. They have often been seen letting out with their hind feet at other horses. Fortunately when the mare struck out on Friday a man named Herbert Wood, aged 32, and a groom in the employment of Mr George Gunter, Wetherby, was close behind leading another mare, the property of Mr Gunter. He was struck on the head just over the right temple, and rendered unconscious. He was attended to by Private Shaw, of the Bradford Section of the St. John Ambulance Association, on the showground, and afterwards removed to the ambulance station. He was examined there by Dr Booth, who found the man was suffering from a fractured skull, and on his advice he was removed to the Bradford Infirmary. He was then in an unconscious and critical condition. His relations and friends were summoned, but he never regained consciousness, and died in the course of the afternoon.

RIVER POLLUTION AT TADCASTER AND ULLESKELF.

WHAT A CORRESPONDENT SAYS.

The reported poisoning of the river Wharfe at either Tadcaster or Ulleskelf does not appear to be so serious as was first reported (says a correspondent). It is true that a considerable number of dead fish were seen to come down the river, and at Ryther from sixty to eighty were counted on the 28th of June behind the New Inn. They consisted of roach, bream, barbel, and salmon. Strange to say, they were all good fish and there was not a single small one amongst them. I paid a visit to this part of the Wharfe with the idea of seeing them, but unfortunately a fresh had come in during the night and swept them all away, though I saw others floating down the river dead. Even in the face of these facts I do not think the damage is anything like what was reported, for on Saturday Mr J. Harrison had a catch of 3lb. of roach and dace, and a club that turned the scale at 3lb., and also a chub and 2lb. of dace from the drain end of Mr Fiddian's waters. On Sunday Mr H. Lutty had 7lb. of dace from Ulleskelf, and at the present time the waters have left a Tadcaster and Ulleskelf are teeming with good big fish. In mentioning these catches as a proof of my belief, I do not intend by any means to condone the offence or belittle the damage that has—perhaps unthinkingly—been done to this fishery. That it has been wantonly done I cannot think is possible, for nobody with any sense at all, knowing what many of the Tadcaster and District Amalgamation anglers have expended to keep up the head of fish in this water, and the harvest that the villages reap from the continual visits of anglers, would allow any deleterious matter to enter the river. In an almost rainless spring and summer such as we have had, disinfectants of all kinds are freely used in private houses and h tels, and where there is not a sufficient flow of water to clear this stuff away, it tends to sink to the bottom of cesspools and accumulate in drain pipes. Then, when a thunderstorm comes along, all this dreadful mixture is shot on to filter beds, that are for the time being overworked, and the result is that much of it is discharged in a very crude condition, to kill the fish in the river. Finally, anglers, hearing of these continued pollutions, will not visit the district; the owner of the fishery finds that his tenants will not pay the same rent as when the fishery was in good order, and so everyone suffers.

A ROUNDHAY RESIDENT SUED

JURY DISAGREE

At Leeds Assizes on Friday an action was heard in which Mrs Agnes Ambler, the widow of William Edward Ambler, of Harehills, Leeds, claimed damages under Lord Campbell's Act against Arthur Michael Lupton, of Springwood, Roundhay, in respect of the loss of her husband through a collision between a motor-cycle that he was driving and a motor-car driven by the defendant. Mr E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., and Mr Harold Newsom appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr E. A. Mitchell-Innes, K.C., and Mr H. T. Waddy were for the defence.

Mr Atkinson said that the action was brought by the widow of the deceased, who was aged 31 and 8. Mr Ambler was 32 years of age, and at the time of his death was acting as a manager and traveller for his father, at a weekly wage of £3 15s. The jury would not be asked to assess damages, since in the event of liability for the accident being proved, it had been agreed that a sum of £750 should be paid. The accident happened about half-past eight on the evening of May 7th. Mr Ambler was travelling up Roundhay Road towards the Park on a motor-cycle, which he was driving in the usual way, when he reached a side-car, in which a young lady named Miss Hetty Robinson was riding. One of Mr Ambler's sons was sitting on the carrier. It was his duty, after lighting up had not arrived just before Gipton Wood the road sharply curved. Round that curve came a motor car driven by the defendant. It was travelling at a considerable speed and the lamps were lit. The car was first seen by Miss Robinson when about 20 or 30 yards away. It was then travelling in the middle of the road, with plenty of room to pass to the off-side of the cycle. According to the evidence, the car suddenly swerved to the wrong side of the road, and smashed into the motor cycle. Mr Ambler was instantly killed, and the other two occupants of the cycle were thrown. After the accident the cycle was found between the tram lines on the near side going to Roundhay and the causeway. Mr Ambler was picked up near to the causeway, and he died without having spoken to himself. The motor car was close to the cycle, and had its bonnet pointed to the direction from which the car had been driven.

Miss Robinson, who was a passenger in the side-car, said that the cycle was travelling between the causeway and the tram lines. The wheel of the cycle was between the tram lines, and the wheel of the side-car was between the tram lines and the causeway. There was no other traffic about. So far as she could tell the cycle was travelling at the speed of a tramcar. The witness saw the motor car coming down in the middle of the road. When about twelve yards away it altered its position to the right. She cried to Mr Ambler, "Mind, Willie, they're into us."

Cross-examined: She did not know that the whole of the damage to the motor cycle was on the left-hand side. She was emphatic that the speed was no greater than that of a tramcar.

Evidence was given by Mr and Mrs Moorhouse, the latter a sister of the dead man, to the effect that the cycle was between the up tram lines. The lights on the car suddenly switched on, and there was a smash. The witnesses were about 100 yards away from the scene of the accident.

Mr. Mitchell-Innes, for the defence, expressed the sympathy of the defendant with the relatives of the late Mr Ambler. Counsel commented on the distance which Mr and Mrs Moorhouse were from the scene of the accident. The cycle was carrying no lights. Although it was true that the latest legal time for the lighting of lamps had not arrived by a minute or so, it might have been that the occupants of the cycle were a little lax in their contributed to the darkness, and thus the absence of lights would constitute negligence. The damage to the motor cycle sidecar, which pointed out, was on the off-hand side, and the front and bottom of the sidecar were broken away. If the car had collided, as Miss Robinson suggested, the whole of the damage would have been on the near side. Mr Lupton's story was that he was driving at about 15 or 18 miles an hour. His right-hand wheel was just within the tram lines, and the wheel on the other side on the edge of the macadam. Suddenly the cycle came out of the dark. Mr Lupton jammed on his brakes, and the collision took place. In wet or dry weather, counsel remarked, the sudden appearance of a cycle in front of a sliding the car to the right. There were reasons as to why the cycles should be travelling on the right hand side of the road. A macadam streets was safer, as it would be more comfortable to ride on it than on granite setts

The defendant in the witness box described the accident. He never saw the cycle until the latter was close in front of the car and crossing head on. When the collision happened the motor car, he thought, was swung round by the cycle. It was elicited from experts in court that the car weighed about 25 cwt. and the cycle 3½cwt.

Cross-examined by Mr Tindal Atkinson, the defendant admitted that there was a large space on the left-hand side of the road. The car was about 6ft. wide, and that left about 14ft. or 15ft. of macadam.

Mr Atkinson: Why were you not travelling nearer to your own side? What made you go out into the middle of the road ?—It is the custom of the road.

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Is the macloam a bit out of order?—It isn't very good.

And you preferred to get on the setts if you could?—Yes. It is the custom of the road to go down on the setts.

In reply to the Judge, the witness said it was quite dark. He could have pulled up within ten yards.

Mr Atkinson: Not only could you have stopped within ten yards, but you had 15 or 16 feet of macadam on your left-hand side?—Yes.

All you had got to do was to shift your wheel and go clear?—The witness agreed.

Then why did not you do it?—No answer.

Further evidence for the defence was given. Walter Potter said that the motor cycle swerved to the right just before the smash. This witness admitted having told a young lady that the defendant was to blame. Fred Parkinson told Mr Atkinson, K.C., that the accident to the cycle happened before the defendant had been on the right side of the road. Other witnesses deposed that the motor cycle was travelling fast.

Mr Langton, a veterinary surgeon, described the injuries to the cycle, and said his theory was that the car struck the cycle at an angle "like 25 minutes to 12." (Laughter).

The jury retired, and after an absence of an hour returned to ask the Judge three questions relating to the evidence.

His Lordship replied that questions of evidence were for the jury to decide.

At 8.25 the jury again returned, and intimated that they could not agree. They were discharged.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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HINTS FOR AUGUST.

Reference must be made to the fact that the moulting season was about to commence, and by this time it should be in full swing. Possibly it will be profitable to consider for a moment this annual change that a fowl passes through. Once every twelve months adult fowls completely cast their feathers, these being replaced by an entirely new set, and this period is termed the moult. Although it cannot be correctly stated that the birds are ill during this time, nevertheless it is a somewhat trying period, and neglect may have disastrous consequences. A common cause of indifferent winter laying is that the hens have been improperly looked after while they were casting their feathers, making them backward and unable to withstand the trying conditions of winter.

This moulting season is the natural time for adult fowls to moult, but it is asserted that by good management the process can be hastened, and thus permit its completion in ample time to allow for winter laying.

The good management referred to consists of sheltering the albuminoid ration in their feed, and confining them to warm quarters. In a few days birds adopted in this manner will get rid gradually begin to shed their feathers, and then the building up for new feather and for winter egg-production begins.

Bear in mind the suggestions given last month regarding moulting. The intelligent poultry-keeper, by careful observation, can gather much practical information during this period. All hens that lay well into the month, which means birds which are casting their feathers as well as contributing to the egg basket, are excellent layers, and can profitably be retained for next year's breeding pens. Again, watch the length of time occupied in moulting; some birds take much longer then others. Select only those who come through rapidly for your breeding stock, and by so doing you are assisting to eliminate "bad strains."

Keep on the look out for lice. Their ravages tend to prolong the moulting season, as well as being responsible for many other evils already enumerated.

Sexes should be separated during the moulting period, and any bird that you do not intend retaining should be sold or potted before the period commences.

The introduction of a little boiled linseed in the morning mash will help the feathering, whilst Colman's Poultry Mustard may now be profitably recommended. Remember its action is not brutal, but it is a stimulant, and is valuable indirectly by its pungency increasing the flow from the salivary glands.

Keep on calling your growing stock, never lose an opportunity of impressing their mind on the truth inst. grouse shooting begins, and down goes the price of chickens. Markets before then if you desire a return for your efforts.

August is a capital month for picking up next season's breeding stock at bargain prices. There are always careless poultry-keepers who have failed to arrange their plans to bring in a constant renewal of pullets for feeding the shop pinch, and they must realise. But in buying from strangers always be careful to isolate the birds for a few days, and adopt the dipped system. Such trifles prevent small details prevents both loss and annoyance.

Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

CROSSGATES, ROTHWELL, AND CARLTON.

THE HOMING PIGEON.

The Leeds Federation Clubs were not favoured on Saturday with ideal conditions for the race from Ashby, although a fair number of the contestants made well over 200 yards per minute. The liberation took place at 9.45 a.m. The best return received was that of the Crossgates Club, in which Mr Middleton made 953 yards. Mr J. Charlesworth Carlton, had two birds, which covered 1½ miles at a speed of 952 yards per minute.

Crossgates H.S. (72 miles).—Eleven members sent 127 birds. Middleton 953 (twins special and first pool), 879, Haddlesey 945, 940.00 (2nd pool), H. Linley 942, Hornby 940.06, 928, Fox 894, E. Linley 890.

Carlton H.S. (68 miles).—Nine members sent 108 birds. J. Charlesworth 952 (2 birds), 930, 921, 919, A. Nunns 932, 915, 908, Mottershaw and Harland 923, E. Nunns 915, 913.

Rothwell H.S. (69 miles).—Nineteen members sent 227 birds. A. Hodgkinson 946, 944, T. Nunns 944.3, W. Dobson 941.5, 930, E. Bedford 940, G. Brown 933, 927, G. Ward 932, J. Crossley 925.

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GARFORTH MEDICAL CHARITIES FESTIVAL.

ADDRESSES BY THE RECTOR AND MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P.

POSITION OF LEEDS INFIRMARY—WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOTE.

On Sunday afternoon the annual festival in connection with the medical charities was held in the Carnival Field at Garforth, and it was very largely attended. Councillor E. R. Archer presided, and he was supported by the Rev. T. E. R. Willford (rector of Garforth), Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C., Councillor W. W. Hartley, and Mr Braham.

The Committee were fortunate in securing the services of St. Mary's Church choir—an efficient body of singers, who contributed very materially to the success of the festival—and under the conductorship of Mr Walter Burnley, they sang with excellent style the anthems "Send out Thy light" (Gounod), and "In humble faith and holy love" (G. M. Garrett), besides leading the singing of the hymns "O worship the King" and "Thou Church, its saviour and guide, and who, as a member of the Leeds Infirmary Committee, was the principal supporter of the festival, and who had taken a prominent part in the church life of Manston for over two decades, and on his retirement from active work some time ago, he left the parish, and now resides at Scarborough.

The presentation was made by the Vicar, who, in a happy, little speech said they desired to show some acknowledgment of Mr White's long service to the parish. Nothing would be easier than to make a long speech about his virtues and his long service, but that would be unkind to Mr White, who had been a churchwarden for nearly years, although not consecutively, and when he was not a warden he was on the Church Council. He was also a valued colleague, and, although the Church Council was an elective body, they desired Mr White to consider himself a life-member, and when he cared to attend the meetings he had an arm chair would be there for him. What they had done had been done in the fullness of their affection for Mr White, and in the fulness of their appreciation of his work, and they knew Mr White would appreciate it.

Mr White very briefly returned thanks for the beautiful gift.

The performance of the play was greatly enjoyed. A delightful sylvan dell had been improvised, with waving grasses and ferns and tall forest trees, as a background, and this served admirably as a stage. Here, in strong contrast with the garish lights and artificial surroundings of the theatre, the impish gambolling of Puck for once appeared quite natural, while the romantic love dalliance of Lysander and Demetrius and Hermia and Helena and Hermia in which the fairies and Bottom took a way which added wonderfully to the effects of the players. One might have been pardoned for supposing a forest glade at Arden; we certainly had "tongues in trees," for a secret wind rustled incessantly through the branches of the elms and beeches forming the wings, and for the most part the voices of the leaves were more distinct than those of the "mortal players" beneath.

The following were the performers:—Theseus, Duke of Athens, Mr F. Alkanson; Egeus, father of Hermia, Mr R. Walker; Lysander, Mr A. Peat; Demetrius, Mr T. Walton; Quince, a Peat; Demetrius, Mr T. Walton; Quince, a carpenter, Mr S. Richardson; Snug, a joiner, Mr R. Wood; Bottom, a weaver, Mr J. Allanson; Flute, a bellows mender, Mr H. Clough; Snout, a tinker, Mr H. Davis; Starveling, a tailor, Mr J. Umpleby; Hippolyta, Queen of Amazons, betrothed to Theseus, Miss P. Chadwick; Hermia, daughter of Egeus, in love with Lysander, Miss C. Umpleby; Helena, in love with Demetrius, Miss D. Grimshaw; Oberon, king of the fairies, Miss L. Clough; Titania, queen of the fairies, Miss M. Walton; Puck, Miss E. Allanson; fairies, Misses L. Dearnley, D. Hepworth, V. Taylor, and E. Grimshaw.

Messrs N. Peat and F. Walton—the latter made a fine figure—displayed marked ability, and their representation of their respective roles gave great satisfaction. The ladies—Miss D. Grimshaw and Miss C. Umpleby—however, were outstanding, and the finest bit of acting in the play was undoubtedly the scene of jealousy between Hermia and Helena. Both parts were somewhat trying for inexperienced players, but Misses Grimshaw and Umpleby acquitted themselves admirably. Not less successful was Miss E. Allanson, who was brightness and mischief personified as Puck, and her interpretation of the role was highly meritorious. Miss L. Clough, as "Oberon," and Miss M. Walton, as "Titania," performed pleasingly, and the fairies made a pretty picture. Mr F. Allanson spoke the prologue well, and Mr R. Walker and Miss Chadwick adequately filled their parts. "Quince's" company, with "Bottom" outstanding, caused no little amusement. Altogether the members were great credit for themselves, and the large audiences thoroughly enjoyed their efforts.

The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to those who had taken part in the performance and to Messrs Mather, Mann, Harland, and Ford for their services, and it was cordially passed.

The proceeds were for the New Church Fund.

SWEET PEA AND ROSE SHOW AT CROSSGATES.

TADCASTER, KIPPAX, AND CROSSGATES WINNERS.

The third annual show of Crossgates and District Sweet Pea Society—the only organization of the kind in the district—was held on Saturday afternoon in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Crossgates, and the increased interest in the was evinced by a considerably larger attendance of the public. Hitherto the Society has appealed to only a limited circle, but the Committee, recognising the possibilities of their show, decided this year to cater for a wider constituency, and open classes were introduced. This step was fully justified by the results, and entries were received from as far afield as Tadcaster. Twenty-four entries were received last year as compared with about seventy on Saturday, and had all the entries been forward it would probably have been difficult to stage them owing to lack of room. The weather, however, has an important bearing on such shows, and the high winds of the previous two days played such havoc in gardens that no fewer than twenty-seven persons who had entered failed to send exhibits, owing simply to their flowers having been destroyed by the gale.

The show of sweet peas, as the judge—Mr Shaw, gardener at Towerhurst, Roundhay—aptly stated, was remarkably fine, and no better blooms could be seen by nurserymen—have been exhibited at any show in a wide district. An outstanding feature was the quality of the local exhibits, being better than those in the open classes, and the silver medal for the best bunch of sweet peas was won by Mr Hewitt, of Austhorpe Road, Crossgates.

The name of the winning flowers, which were pink in colour, was Hercules, and on each of the strong stems, were four blooms. Roses, although not so good as the sweet peas, made a nice show.

The officials of the society are:—President, Mr Albert Whitfield; vice-presidents, Messrs H. F. Cooper, F. Parkinson, H. Schroeder, and W. Smith; management committee—Messrs G. S. Hargreaves, J. Harland, H. Mann, G. Tucker, A. Whitfield, and H. Woffinden; and hon. treas., Mr H. Mann. The duties of hon. secretary were efficiently carried out by Mr G. Tucker, who exhibited some excellent sweet peas which were not for competition.

OPEN CLASSES

Six vases sweet peas, distinct varieties, with own foliage only, and not to consist of 8 specimens.—1, E. Longbottom, Kippax; 2, S. T. Batley, Austhorpe Lodge (gardener, F. Noble).

One vase of sweet peas, not less than 4 varieties, with own foliage only, the vase to contain a set of 12 spikes.—1, G. Metcalfe, Tadcaster; 2, J. Jones, Shadwell Lane, Moortown.

Cut roses, six blooms.—1, G. E. Longbottom, Kippax; 2, Mrs. Childs, Ribston Hall.

Cut roses, three blooms.—1, G. Metcalfe, Tadcaster.

OPEN TO MEMBERS

Four vases of sweet peas, distinct varieties, with own foliage only, one vase to consist of 12 spikes.—1, W. Heath, Austhorpe Road, Crossgates; 2, Miss Hesseldine, Manston.

Two vases of sweet peas, with own foliage only, each vase to consist of 12 spikes, equally divided in three varieties, but 6 varieties in all—1, J. Harland, Roseville Terrace, Manston; 2, H. Stephenson, Lazencroft.

One vase of sweet peas, not less than four varieties, with own foliage only, 12 spikes in the vase—Wilfred Spink, Manston Terrace, Crossgates.

Cut roses, four blooms—1, Mrs Hargreaves; 2, Scaresbrick; 2, B. Mitchell, Oak Terrace, Manston.

Cut roses, two blooms—W. Hewitt, Crossgates; 2, H. Mann, Crossgates.

A bowl or any suitable stand of sweet peas, arranged for decorative effect, any number of spikes, and whatever foliage desired may be used (open to ladies only)—1, Miss G. Godson, Manston; 2, Mrs Longbottom, Kippax.

Silver medal for best bunch of sweet peas in the show—W. Hewitt, Crossgates.

A woman, asked in Court if a young fellow was any relation to her, said "No, he is my son!"

CARNIVAL AT GARFORTH.

FIREMEN'S AND AMBULANCE COMPETITIONS.

SPORTS—DANCING—FLOWER SHOW.

The eleventh annual carnival, sports, and gala in aid of Garforth Medical Charities took place in the Carnival Field at Garforth on Saturday, and, despite the unfavourable weather conditions, for a cold wind blew the whole of the day, the public support was quite up to that of the previous year. There were numerous attractions to interest the spectators, and it was unfortunate that two or three events and competitions were being gone through at the same time, so that the interest was somewhat divided. There were two new features on the programme—the contests for ambulance work and fire practice, and both aroused keen competition.

The usual procession, which was rather small, through the streets, attracted attention, and the principal feature of it was the turn out of firemen. As many could be accommodated, were used for the much-discussed Kippax fire-engine, which still proclaims to the world that it has at one time been a possession of the Scarborough Council. The firemen looked a smart lot in their uniforms and helmets, and with hatchets and lifelines fastened at their sides. There was also a muster of members of the corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, while the collectors, attired in comic and character dress, did a good business en route. The Garforth Brass Band were again in attendance.

On arrival at the ground the dresses of the collectors were judged. The winners of the best character dress were Mrs Cook and Mr H. Dickenson. Mrs Oxtoby and Mr H. Bromley won the prizes for the best comic dress, while the honours for the collecting of the largest amount fell to Mrs Oxtoby and Mrs Cook. Great interest was taken in the maypole dancing, which was gracefully performed by the children of the Garforth Parochial School, under the supervision of Miss Goulden, while the competitors in the firemen's and ambulance contests got to work. The judging of the latter lasted until well on in the evening. Six teams had entered for the firemen's competition as follows:—Garforth No. 1, and 2, and 3, C.W.S. (Pontefract), and Springfield Mills (Forsley). The work was of an interesting character. Each team had, at a given signal, to button on their coats and fasten their helmets and belts, dash off with the fire apparatus and connect up the hose to the hydrants as though an actual fire had occurred. Those who got through the work in the quickest time and to the satisfaction of the judges, were counted the winners. The Garforth No. 2 and 3 teams, along with the Springfield Mills (Forsley), were disqualified, and at the end of the work, the C.W.S. (Pontefract) team were declared the winners, having completed their task in one minute and eight and two-fifths seconds. The Garforth team were second, their time being one minute and twenty seconds. There was also a one man drill for those taking part in the above. The task was to don helmet and axe, attach the stand-pipe to the hydrant, roll out the hose and to effect a supposed rescue. In many cases the unsatisfactory hydrant for the fixing of the stand-pipe proved the competitor's pitfall, for as soon as he dashed off with the hose the stand pipe, which had to all appearances been firmly attached, toppled over. The winners of this section were again Forsley Springfield Mills, time 1-5 secs., G. Clayton (Farsley Council), 6 1-5 secs. The judge of the work was Mr W. E. Marsh, of the tinsmekeper Mr F. Whitehead, both of Farsley.

Seven teams competed in the ambulance section. The work was judged by Sergt. H. Smithson, R.A.M.C., who declared the Newsmarket Silestone Colliery team the winners with 1213 marks. The team from the Glass Houghton Colliery were second with 1181. The Garforth ambulance men were excluded.

Races were run by the boys, the results being as follows:—

100 Yards Handicap (boys under 14)—T. Littlemore, 1; Smith (3 yards).

100 Yards Handicap (boys under 11)—Heat winners—O. C. Smith (6 yards); C. T. Gibson; J. Jones. Final—1, Jones; 2, C. Gibson.

60 Yards Handicap (boys under 8)—Heat winners—J. Roberts (8 yards), G. W. Winter (3), and A. Monks (3). Final—1, Winter; 2, Monks.

Half-mile Handicap (youths under 21, and residents in the Barkston Ash Division)—1, H. E. Dickenson (100 yards); 2, T. Littlemore (140).

The judges were Messrs J. Beevors, J. Prime, T. S. Slater, and E. Archer. Starter, Mr W. Smith.

In the competition for flowers and vegetables the following were the results:—

Six vases of sweet peas (dissimilar)—1, F. Greenwood; 2, J. Beevors.

Six best roses (dissimilar)—1, F. Greenwood.

Six best stocks (dissimilar)—1, E. Pickering; 2, T. Brown.

Six best pansies (dissimilar)—1, P. Haigh; 2, E. Pickering.

Best white cabbage—1, T. Brown; 2, I. Wheatley.

Best six potatoes (kidney)—1, E. Pickering; 2, I. Wheatley.

Best twelve pods of peas—1, J. Goodall; 2, E. Walton.

Largest potato—1, J. Beevors.

Mr D. Heslewood (head gardener at Parlington) and Mr T. S. Slater (Garforth) were the judges.

BARKSTON ASH AND OSGOLDCROSS CONSERVATISM.

DEMONSTRATION AT CARLTON TOWERS

SPEECHES BY MR LANE FOX, M.P., AND MR. CAMPBELL JOHNSTON.

Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash and Osgoldcross Conservative and Unionist Associations a demonstration was held on Saturday in the grounds of Carlton Towers, Carlton. Although the weather was somewhat unfavourable the event was distinctly successful. Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P., C.C. (chairman of the Barkston Ash Conservative and Unionist Association) presided over a large attendance, which included Lady Beaumont, Baroness Beaumont, the Hon. Bernard Fitzalan-Howard, the Hon. Mrs G. R. Lane Fox, Colonel and Mrs Hawdon, the Rev. and Mrs C. F. Hughes, Mr F. S. Hatchard, J.P. (prospective Unionist candidate for the Leigh Division), Mrs. F. S. Hatchard, Mr and Mrs C. Weddall, etc.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by saying they could not do better than begin by thanking Lady Beaumont for her extreme kindness in allowing them the use of her beautiful grounds in which to hold the demonstration. He would also like to take that opportunity of most heartily congratulating Baroness Beaumont on her approaching marriage. (Applause). They all wished her every possible happiness in her future life. (Applause).

Mr A. Stanley Wilson, M.P., was the first speaker.

GENERAL ELECTION

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., who was cordially received, declared that the only possible solution and the only possible way of making a move in the present deadlock was a general election, and that the Radical party, for reasons obvious to everybody, profoundly and strongly deprecated and wished to avoid. They were terrified at the idea of a general election. The Unionist party were crying out for it because they knew they would be given the opportunity of arresting the course of things going on now, and they were anxious to have that chance as soon as possible. Mr Wilson had suggested the horrible possibility —more than that, the horrible certainty—that the first thing they would have to do would be to clear up the mess the Radical would leave behind them. They would have to clear up a mess such as no other political party had ever left behind them. It was the most extraordinary thing instead of allowing local authorities to look after their own needs. The whole campaign was the greatest piece of impudence that had ever been brought before this country. They made all these promises, when what they had actually done was to make the lot of the people worse than it was. (Applause). Mr. Fox concluded by asking the gathering to assist at the next general election, not only to reduce the Coalition majority in the House, but to wipe it out altogether.

THE BUDGET.

Mr W. Campbell Johnston was very brief in his remarks, humorously commencing upon Viscount Haldane's reading of the latest budget. When Lord Haldane delivered an address on "The Lord Haldane delivered an address on "The true inwardness of the Budget," he said—"There are serious problems before us. The birthrate is diminishing. The people are not healthy, for it means more sickness and fewer improvident marriages. But it is impossible to diminish the death-rate. The infant mortality is enormous, and the Budget does not propose to deal with this problem in any other." (Laughter). Budgets had failed in many purposes, said the speaker, but he had never before heard of a Budget for the purpose of increasing the birth-rate and decreasing infantile mortality. (Laughter). He did not think even Mr Lloyd George, with the able exposition of the Lord Chancellor to help him, could induce the country to put into a Radical Government in order to carry out the purpose of his Budget. (Laughter, and hear, hear). Mr Campbell Johnston then proceeded to criticise the proposals of the Conservative party to meet a General Election. They were thoroughly prepared, and, more than that, could go to the country with one voice. The Conservative party was a party of progress, and the democratic party. (Applause).

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The resolution was carried.

Bro. Ismay Robinson said he was there as one interested in friendly society work. He was a great believer in the National Health Insurance Act, which was one of the best Acts of Parliament ever passed for the working classes. He was prepared to admit, however, that it was full of difficulties, but the Act was the production of a fertile mind. It was introduced by Mr Lloyd George because of the mismanagement of friendly societies of bygone days. He (the speaker) was of opinion that the rate of insurance benefit, 50s. for a young man of 21, was not overpaid. Speaking when first the Act came into operation, contributor to the Act ought to be altered, say from 10 to 18, when they should receive full benefit. Then benefit should be paid from the date the claim was certified by the doctor. The medical benefits were not sufficient to meet the needs of the working class to-day. To his mind one of the greatest difficulties was owing to the fact that the doctors were taking too many patients on their panels. Some doctors had between two and three thousand patients, and it was only likely under this state of things that doctors showed an inclination to drop off. Every doctor ought to be restricted to about 1000 or 1200 members. Insurance Committees ought to have more power. He was a member of the Tadcaster Insurance Committee, and when he had to attend those meetings he had, after getting home from work, to devote some sixteen miles, as he could not get to Tadcaster by train. He knew that there everything was "cut and dried," and if they wanted to say anything about the doctors they had to see to it by another Committee—the West Riding County Committee. These committees were a farce, and until they, as friendly societies, made themselves heard, they would always have to put up with it.

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The report was adopted, the Chairman remarking that it was a very handsome act on the part of the secretary to pay for all the postages. (Hear, hear).

Mr Richardson submitted the annual report, in the course of which he stated that in his parambulations through Yorkshire he found that the interest in bee-keeping was growing and that the interest in bee-keeping was growing. Among the societies which were now affiliated were York, Market Weighton, and Sheffield. During the year the membership had increased by 18. Many people were taking an interest in bee-keeping on account of the fertilization of fruit trees, and fruit growers were beginning to understand that if it were not for the bees there would be little fruit in the country. People had done their best to do away with the insects that did harm to the fruit, but they had done little to help the bee, which had done so much good. Many people were keeping one hive of bees for the sake of the fruit, and not for the sake of the honey. Members had approached Lord Allerton with regard to the society co-operating for the purpose of appliances, and he wished the Association to consider the matter. The Association was grateful to the secretaries of the various societies for their labour of love in the interests of bee-keeping. He would like to see that there was a similar association for pure Yorkshire bees in Scarborough, Bridlington, etc., while bees in Leeds and Bradford were so numerous and they did not produce half the amount they might.

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Investing Rural District Council with Urban Powers: Determining Special Expenses.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT.

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To the Rural District Council
of Hunslet:—
And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by virtue of an Order dated the 31st day of January, 1874, and issued by Us, the Local Government Board, certain of the provisions of Section 169 of the Public Health Act, 1875, are in force in the contributory place of Templenewsam, in the Rural District of Hunslet; and whereas We have received and duly considered an application from the Rural District Council of Hunslet under Section 276 of the Public Health Act, 1875, for the issue of an Order putting in force in the said contributory place certain provisions of that Act;

NOW THEREFORE, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Statutes in that behalf, We hereby Declare and Order as follows—

Article I.—Until We by Order otherwise Direct, such of the provisions of Section 169 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as are not already in force shall be in force in the said contributory place, and the said Rural District Council shall accordingly be invested with all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities, and obligations of an Urban District Council, under those provisions, in the said contributory place.

Article II.—The expenses incurred or payable by the said Rural District Council in the execution of the powers conferred upon them by Article I. of this Order, except so far as those expenses may relate to their Establishment and Officers, shall be Special Expenses within the meaning of the Public Health Act, 1875, chargeable upon the said contributory place.

Article III.—This Order shall come into operation on the Tenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and the said Rural District Council shall cause it to be published once in some newspaper circulated within their District before that date.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Eighteenth day of July, in the year One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st, 1914.

Although the death-rate throughout the country is falling, and the average period of life is longer than it was, it is somewhat disquieting to know that certain diseases are claiming an increased toll. One of the most mysterious and deadly of these is cancer. Its cause is unknown, and there are half-a-dozen theories, equally probable and equally unsubstantiated, to account for it. In searching for a cause several have suggested that the increased consumption of tinned food has something to do with it, but investigation has not furnished evidence that danger lies in that quarter. Another theory is that cancer is transmitted from one person to another by old houses and old furniture, and attempts have been made to prove that certain rooms and beds have been associated with fatal cancer cases. If this were found to be true, the eradication of the disease would not be a difficult matter, but, unfortunately, little hope of success is presented from this line of investigation. The report of the Cancer Research Fund for the first year states that statistics have been carefully examined in order to test the validity of this opinion, and the result has not suggested that the cause of the disease has been more closely approached. One point that goes directly against the theory is that while the number of old houses is decreasing, the incidence of cancer is getting greater and greater. The advent of radium upon the stage of science was quickly followed by demonstrations of its power in arresting the growth of the malady, but the promise of the experiments in their early stage was not fulfilled. Eminent surgeons have stated that the only way of dealing with malignant growths is by operation, but, to be successful, the surgeon's aid must be requisitioned in the early stages of the disease, and it is remarked that people, rather than complain, allow cancer to grow until at length it puts them beyond the hope of cure. The progress made in the knowledge and prevention of the disease is very slow, indeed, but the medical profession is actively engaged in the work of investigation, and, sooner or later, something will be done to check the ravages of the malady and mitigate the sufferings of humanity.

An interesting discussion on the decline in the membership of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is going on just now in the newspapers, and many reasons are given for the decrease, the poor parson, as usual, coming in for a substantial share of blame. While spiritual guides here and there may neglect their flocks, the ministers, as a whole, are earnest and diligent in their work, and the multitudinous duties devolving on a man having the oversight of a number of chapels precludes the possibility of his having a great deal of leisure. Captious critics do not always consider the claims the minister has made upon him, otherwise they would be more generous, and if in pastoral visitation, he does not meet their requirements, they should remember that his "parish" is a wide one and that his people are of many congregations. One way of increasing the efficiency of the ministry in regard to visitation would be to multiply the numbers, but that could not be done without augmented funds, which the laity might or might not be willing to give. In regard to the decreased membership, it may be assumed that Methodism is suffering from the effect of its own rules. For years an agitation has been going on for the adoption of some other means than the class meeting as a test of membership, but the Conference has not made any concession to this opinion, and it is probable that many people have fallen away in consequence. Every organization must have laws for its efficient government, and if the class meeting has produced a strong and vigorous type of Methodist, there is reason for the reluctance to give way to the clamour of a few, because a new system, with few personal responsibilities, might bring out a type of member wholly out of accord with the traditions of Methodism. What the Church requires is the living interest of men and women, and something more than mere attendance at a service on Sunday is demanded of them. One cause of leakage, as referred to at the Conference, is evident in almost every town and village; for religious or social reasons people join other religious bodies and the Church of England no doubt gains considerably in this way. Complaint is made, too, about the work at suburban churches, and this is a real question affecting not one denomination only. When people living in towns decide to remove to suburbs or villages they do not always count the cost, and repentance sometimes follows when too late. They have their religious and social associations in the district in which they live, and, in going to a new place, these are uprooted, and an attempt must be made to form new associations. This is not so easily done, and families of young men and women drift away from organizations which have exercised an influence on their lives. Not a few parents have realized the responsibility that such changes bring about, and they have remained at the old chapel for the sake of their families. The chief cause of the decreased membership of churches, however, is the indifference of the people generally. It is often said that agnosticism is exerting a baneful influence on the population, but there is no evidence that it is making headway, and people have their own religious beliefs, although they do not care to ally themselves with any church. A greater responsibility is carried with church membership than many seem to think; it must stand for something, and no amount of argument will convince anyone that it has no obligations. People are, however, wrong in judging a religion by those who profess it; hypocrites are as prolific in the church as they are in society; and it is, therefore, a mistake to pass condemnation on any body because of the faults of its members. In the old days the Church exercised considerable disciplinary powers over its members, but were any return to this system suggested there would be a revolt. Compulsory attendance at church was not calculated to produce improvement, any more than attendance at worship through mere custom, and indifference is just as rife in the church as outside. A great field in the residential quarters as well as in the slums, lies ready for the workers, but the responsibility rests with the members, and not entirely with the parsons, who, it must be remembered, have their human limitations.

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DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—July 23rd, at The Cedars, Lidgett Lane, Moor Allerton, in her 80th year, Margaret, widow of Richard Marshall Atkinson.

BAXTER—July 25th, at William the Fourth, Barwick-in-Elmet, William, the beloved husband of Minnie Baxter, aged 54 years.

PULLAN.—July 27th, at Chapel Lane, Barwick-in-Elmet, Henry Pullan, aged 71.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

DRINK.—At a special court on Saturday, before Mr J. R. Cross, Joe Ledger, of Rothwell Haigh, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Mayrell Avenue, Rothwell, on the previous night at about 10 p.m. P.C. Leahy proved the case, and Ledger was fined 5s. and costs.

EDUCATION.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Atack, a minor, of Rothwell, was summoned for not sending his child to school. The mother of the child said it was not fit to send to school. It was stated that the child had been excluded from school by the medical inspector. A fine of 2s. 6d. was imposed.

GOLF.—On Saturday a match was played between South Leeds and Ossett. Scores:—South Leeds, singles 7, foursomes 4: Ossett, singles 1, foursomes 0. Details of singles (Ossett names first)—O. Myers o v. F. G. Brown 3; J. S. Pollitt 1 v. J. Pratt o; N. White o v. F. Ellison 1; G. W. Rhodes o v. W. Brown 3; J. H. Glover o v. A. Drake 1, F. Ellis o v. W. H. Turner 1, H. Myers o v. J. Clark 1, A. F. Glover 0 v. W. Pratt 1.

CRICKET.—On Saturday the Rothwell W.M.C. had a match with the East Leeds W.M.C. on the latter's ground. Scores:—Rothwell—J. Lord o, H. Sanderson 1, J. Parker 9, J. Fox 1, S. Nunns 7, L. Atack 18, J. Barnett o, J. Parminter (not out) 1, extra, 1; total, 38. East Leeds—J. Green 9, J. Walker 5, M. Jowett 1, C. Waterhouse (not out) 1, Dent 8, Hall (not out) 2, extras, 11; total (for 3 wkts.), 40.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—John Varley, Leeds, improvements for cleaning the taller gills of drawing and roving frames, etc.; and V. L. Tomasso, Leeds, improvements, in ice-cream freezers. Patents accepted—J. R. Foggett, Harrogate, improvements in show pens for animals; and Edward Court, Wakefield, improvements in postal letter boxes

NEW ORGAN.—The work of preparation for the reception of the new organ has begun in earnest at the Primitive Methodist Church. On Sunday worshippers found that the old instrument which had led the singing had mysteriously disappeared, leaving quite a bare space behind the choir seats. For the next few weeks various alterations to this part of the chapel will be effected, in order that the Durham firm, who have the contract on hand, may commence their work. The new instrument will cost about £1,200, half of which sum has been raised by local effort, while £600 has been received from the Carnegie Trust Fund. It is anticipated that the opening ceremony will take place on October 10th.

ASLEEP.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Walter Crossley, a carrier, of Rothwell Haigh, was summoned for having been asleep while in charge of a horse and vehicle. P.S. Metcalfe stated that about 4.10 p.m. on Monday, July 20th, he was on the Wakefield Road, Oulton, when he saw the defendant, who was in charge of a horse, seated at the back of the cart, and he was asleep. He awoke him, and, in reply to the officer's questions, he said he had only just dozed off. The road, said the officer, was very busy at the time. Defendant said he had had very little sleep at nights, as his child was ill with bronchitis. The Chairman said the excuse was reasonable, and they would take a lenient view of the offence. A fine of 2s. and costs was imposed.

A Patriotic Memorandum in aid of the circuit funds of the Primitive Methodist Church, a successful picnic party was held in the grounds of Chatham House, the residence of Mr J. Hirst, on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the hitherto cold weather the idea of having tea in the open had to be abandoned, and an adjournment was made to the Sunday School at the tea hour. During the afternoon an interesting cricket match was played between the ladies and the gentlemen. Each team consisted of sixteen players, the umpires being Messrs J. W. Thurwell and T. Chatham. The match was won by the gentlemen, who scored 99 to the ladies' 33. A prize of half-a-crown was awarded to the highest scorer on either side, and the prizes were carried off by Mrs Tiffany and Mr L. Bedford. Among those who distinguished themselves in bowling were Mrs Tiffany, Miss Burton, and Messrs A. Naylor, J. Ward, and E. Ward. At the kind invitation of Mr Hirst, the gardens were inspected, and before the party broke up the Rev. W. G. Softley tendered the thanks of all to Mr Hirst.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. M. Sagar Musgrave, Mr E. Parkin, and Mr A. Evans. The Chairman intimated that the court would not sit until that day (fortnight, on account of the holidays.

OLD BAND SPORTS—The annual sports and gala of the Rothwell Old Band were held on Saturday before a good attendance of spectators. The results of the events were as follows:—Boys' Race (10 to 14)—1, Goldthorp; 2, Elliott; 3, Fox. Boys' Race (8 to 10)—1, Taylor; 2, Goldthorp; 3, Walker. Boys' Race (under 8)—1, Ely; 2, Goldthorp; 3, Bridgw. Men's (open race)—1, Ely; 2, Butler; 3, Barton. Parish Church A.F.C. Race—1, Taylor; 2, Gibson; 3, Bending. Bands Race—1, Darlington; 2, Copley; 3, Daare. Married Women's Race—1, Mrs Fox; 2, Mrs Ward; 3, Mrs Redley. Bowling at Wicket—1, Taylor; 2, L. Stringer; 3, J. Connor. Married J. Taylor; 2, L. Stringer; 3, J. Connor. Married Women's Hand Handicap—1, Mrs H. Copley. Dart Handicap (men)—1, Bennett; 2, Wood. Mr W. Hamill officiated as judge, and Mr J. Weither was the starter.

RESURRECTION—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Digby, a miner, of Holbeck, was summoned for having travelled on the N.E.R. without having previously paid his fare. Mr W. T. Bainbridge prosecuted for the Railway Company. George Henry Myers, a ticket collector in the Marsh Lane Station, said that when he was taking tickets at the station on July 4th the defendant gave him one the date of which had been scratched off. Sydney Rhodes, booking clerk at the Leeds New Station, proved that the ticket in question had been issued on June 15th. Defendant said that he had, when he got on the train, two tickets in his possession, one for the day in question, and the other an old one. On the way he threw one of the tickets away, thinking it was the old one. The Chairman said the excuse was but a thin one, and asked defendant if he could account for the date having been scratched out. Defendant said he could not. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

ALLERTON BYWATER.

BETTING AT ALLERTON SPORTS.—Charges of loitering for betting purposes at Allerton sports on Saturday were preferred, at Castleford, on Wednesday, against Harry Josephs and Hyman Frieze, tailors, of Leeds, and Joseph Lister, a Leeds bookmaker. Dealing with the case of Josephs and Frieze, Police-constable Herman said he saw the prisoners receiving money and making bets. Josephs was shouting, "Two to one on the field; even money on Dobson." Frieze, on the other hand, was offering "Two to one on Dobson." Josephs was arrested. Josephs stated that the bets he offered were to his own friends, with whom he had come from Leeds. Frieze pleaded guilty. The case against Josephs was dismissed, and Frieze was fined 10s., while also similar fine was inflicted on Lister, who also pleaded guilty.

CROSSGATES.

On Saturday afternoon Crossgates R.H. bowlers defeated Garforth W.M. by 178 to 156.

A report of Crossgates Sweet Pea Society's show is given elsewhere. We are informed that a local gentleman has offered a gold medal for competition next year.

PRESENTATION.—Mr J. W. Gillott, who has been in charge of Leeds Labour Exchange since May, 1912, is to be transferred to Brighton next month. In connection with his departure an informal gathering took place at the Clarion Cafe on Monday night, when a presentation was made to Mr Gillott from members of his staff. In the unavoidable absence of Mr G. C. Venn, the assistant divisional officer, Mr C. P. Kesteven, the deputy-manager, presided, and Mr J. J. Regan made the presentation on behalf of the staff. Mr Gillott resided for several years at Marshall Avenue, Potternewton, and he was a member of the Wesleyan Church choir.

BOWLING.—A friendly match was played on the greens of the Roundhay Bohemians on Wednesday evening between the Crossgates and Roundhay Bohemians, and resulted in a win for the Bohemians, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 4 points. The scores were 154 and 158. Details (Crossgates names first):—J. Firth 14, Details (Crossgates names first):—J. Firth 14, 15 v. J. H. Armitage 8, J. Crossley 15, C. Crabtree 15, Hartley, sen. 15, G. Danby 15, S. Crabtree 15, Hartley, sen. 15, G. Danby 15, S. Crabtree 15, W. H. Morton 15 v. H. Chadwick 9, G. W. Burch 10 v. E. Fogden 15, H. Bennett 15 v. H. Donnally 10, J. A. Rymer 15 v. E. Bennett 13, W. Holdsworth 12 v. J. W. Wilson Bacon 13, W. Holdsworth 12 v. J. W. Wilson Bacon 13, W. H. Herbert 13 v. J. L. Taylor 15, J. Connor 15, J. W. H. Herbert 13 v. J. L. Taylor 15, J. Connor 15 v. W. H. Wilson 7, I. Semper 15 v. L. Hartley, jun. 11, and A. Hughes 9 v. J. W. Pickles 15.

GUARDIANS AND CLERK'S SALARY.—The Leeds Board of Guardians on Wednesday decided to increase the salary of the Clerk, Mr J. H. Ford, from £600 to £800 a year. The increase was recommended by a Special Committee that had enquired into Mr Ford's application, and the Chairman, Mr T. Moore, in moving the adoption of the report, said Mr Ford had been in the service of the Board for thirty-five years, during seventeen of which he had been Clerk. It was twelve years ago that he last had an advance, and in the meantime the work had very much increased. Moreover, in comparison with the salaries paid to the clerks of other big unions, Mr Ford was not well remunerated. He was an able officer, the office was worked economically, and as the settlement negotiations Mr Ford had been the means of saving the rates a large sum of money. Mr A. Edmanson seconded the motion, declaring that Mr Ford had not been well paid for the work he did. He quoted a remark by Mr John Burns that Mr Ford was one of the smartest Poor Law Clerks in the country. (Hear, hear). Mr A. Lee (Crossgates) moved an amendment that the increase should be £135. Mr W. E. Hickman seconded, saying this figure would bring up the total emoluments to £1,000. Mr Ford being also Clerk to the Assessment Committee. The Chairman: We are not dealing with that, but with Mr Ford's salary as Clerk to the Board, which is £600 a year. Mr R. M. Sagar-Musgrave (Shadwell) supported the advance. He spoke of Mr Ford's knowledge and ability, and said it was unfair that he should be under-paid. Mr H. France said the emoluments of the office ought to be taken into consideration. Corporation officials stood on a different footing, for they were not entitled to a pension. In five years' time Mr Ford would be entitled to a pension of £580 a year, in addition to £60 which he was receiving from the Insurance Corporation as compensation for the loss of his office as Clerk to the Roundhay District Council. The Chairman: The Clerk has had to pay 3 per cent. of his salary towards the pension, and he cannot claim the pension until he is 65. Mr J. T. Backton elicited the information that if the Assessment Committee were to be abolished Mr Ford would not be compensated for the loss of office. Mr W. Pitts opposed the increase, and put in a word for the clerks of the office, who, he said, were underpaid. Mr T. Rushton took the same view. The Chairman said it was the Board's fault if the clerks were not well paid, and for his part, he thought their pay ought also to be raised. On a vote, the amendment was defeated by 17 votes to 10, and the increase of £200 was carried by 18 votes to 7. Six members were neutral.

FRYSTON

HOLDING A POLICEMAN.—For obstructing the police in the execution of their duty, John Johnson and Joseph Cooper, two Fryston miners, were fined 20s. each at Castleford on Wednesday. P.C. Lofthouse was arresting a woman in Fryston on Sunday night when the defendants held him until the man got away.

ASSAULT.—E. Smith and J. Brown, both Fryston miners, were charged at Castleford on Monday with a violent assault on Police-constable Lofthouse on Sunday. The two men were outside the Milnes' Arms, at Fryston, the worse for drink, and Brown was seen to strike the constable with a bottle. The defendants were fined 10s. each for drunk and disorderly, Brown was fined 40s. and Smith £3 0s. 6d. for the assault on the constable, and £1 0s. 9d. for a further assault on P.C. Stone, a Fryston miner.

GARFORTH

To-morrow (Saturday) a garden fete and sale of work will take place at Brookfield, Garforth Bridge, and numerous attractions will be provided—free advert.

GARDEN FETE.—On Wednesday a fete was held in the Rectory grounds, and it was largely attended. A flower stall, sweet stall, etc., were provided, and tea was served to the guests on the lawn. Numerous amusements made up an interesting programme, and the candle lighting hat trimming, and other competitions aroused considerable interest. Maypole dancing by the children of the Parochial School was prettily done, and a firemen's display, an ambulance demonstration, conjuring entertainments, etc., were outstanding attractions.

A CLAIM.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edward Smith, a byeworkman, of Garforth, was summoned in connection with a claim for a debt of £3 11s. by Mr H. W. Powell, the Clerk to the Garforth District Education Sub-Committee. The claim, it was stated, was on an agreement with the County Council in respect of the maintenance of his stepson, who was in an institution for deaf children. Defendant said he did not see why he should pay the amount as he still did not belong to him. The Chairman pointed out that he had signed an agreement to pay for the child's keep. An order was made for payment.

HALTON

Halton bowlers defeated Garforth W.M. on Saturday by 176 to 163.

On Wednesday at a garden fete at Harrogate Lady Dorothy Wood opened a sale of work in aid of the local branch of the Y.M.C.A.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Christopher Scott, a farmer, of Colton, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light. P.C. Eadon stated that about 11 p.m. on Monday, the 13th inst., he was on the Wakefield Road at Garforth where he stopped the defendant because he had no light. Scott replied that the lamp had only just gone out, but the lamp was cold. When told he would be reported, defendant said to the officer: "You want putting in a bag and shaking up." Defendant, in defence, said he had not gone 100 yards without a light. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

MINER'S WIFE'S LAMENT.—The wife of a miner at the Waterloo Main Colliery, who summoned her husband for persistent cruelty in the Leeds Police Court on Monday, alleged that since her child was born two months ago, her husband only saw him seven or eight black eyes. "He works when he likes, sir. He generally has a day off on his own." added the wife. Mr A. Walker (Leeds) said: Even the policeman gets off one day in the week. (Laughter). The wife asserted that when the "knocker-up" called in the morning her husband used to get up, open the window, and then go back to bed again. (Laughter). She denied that she was addicted to drink, but said that her husband was happier paying for drink for her than food. An order for 10s. a week was made.

ALLOTMENT HOLDERS AND WATER.—In compliance with a request, the Templenewsam Parish Council got out a scheme of water supply for the allotments in Moor Lane, and they were prepared to carry it out provided the tenants would guarantee to pay all charges. Of the thirty-six allotment-holders only a quarter replied, all-but-seven of whom signed a deputation, consisting of and on Monday Mr Lambert, Ackroyd, and Bower, attended a meeting at which Councillors J. Firth were present, J. Ouvrid, J. A. Hall, and Mr Lambert also were present. The Lambert stated that what the allotment-holders wanted was not a pipe running down the field, but simply the conveyance of the water inside the field, and they would fetch it from that gate. The question was discussed at some length, and an assurance was given by a deputation that the Council would be willing to carry out Mr Lambert's suggestion provided the allotment-holders in the field would give a written guarantee that they would meet the cost. The sub-letting of allotments was also brought up, and it will be discussed at next meeting of the Council.

KIPPAX

Harvesting was commenced at Kippax Common, on Saturday, when a fine crop of oats was cut.

LEAGUE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Thompson, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language to Police-constable Preston about 10 o'clock on Saturday, the 18th inst. P.C. Eadon proved the case, and defendant, who did not regarded the summons, was fined 20s. and costs.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Special services were held in this church on Sunday to augment the finances. Mr Walter Blackburn, of Audby, was the preacher for the day. A flower service took place in the afternoon, when the choir, under the direction of Mr J. Ratcliffe, gave a creditable rendering of the service of song "That hymn of old." The solos were efficiently sung by Miss Halliday (soprano), Miss Goodall (contralto), and Mr J. Farrant (bass), while the duet was sung by Miss E. Smith (soprano) and Miss D. Ratcliffe (contralto). The organ accompaniments were played by Mr W. Hall. Mr G. Plows presided. A public tea was provided in the church on Monday, and the following ladies served at the tea-tables:—Mrs Dent, Mrs Mallinson, Miss Halliday, and Miss Snowden. The proceeds of the tea and Sunday collections were fairly satisfactory.

MINERALS AT KIPPAX.—In the Court of Appeal on Wednesday delivered judgment in the case of Lord Mexborough and Medhurst and others upon the appeal of Mr Arthur Francis Medhurst from a judgment of Mr Justice Warrington in an action brought against him by the Rev. Emil Broughton Smith (vicar of Kippax) and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The question in dispute was as to whether certain minerals in the glebe of the vicar of Kippax belonged to the vicar and his successors or to Mr Medhurst as the Lord of the Manor of Kippax. Mr Justice Warrington made a declaration that the minerals under lands allotted to the vicar which were now glebe lands passed to and were the property of the vicar for the time being. The fact were not in dispute, and the question in the case turned on the construction of an Enclosure Act passed in 1791, which was followed by an enclosure award. The Court by a majority (the Master of the Rolls dissenting) allowed the appeal, holding that the mines and minerals in question remained vested in Mr Medhurst and his heirs and assigns. The Master of the Rolls agreed with the judgment of Mr Justice Warrington. The appeal was accordingly allowed, with costs.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of Kippax Education Committee was held on Wednesday—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Mr J. W. Blackburn (vice-chairman), Mr J. Cripwell, Mr W. Mellor, Mr J. Farrant, Mr R. Lowther, wood, Mr Isaac Robinson, and Mrs Lowther, with the Clerk (Mr Powell). Holidays in connection with the Swillington Common School were being taken earlier than anticipated. Members reported on cases where parents whose children were suffering from adenoids or defective vision. It was stated that some of the parents were inclined to the belief that they rather than the medical officer should decide in the case of their children, what should be done, and other parents, it was stated, were concerned about their children's welfare, and would do what they could in regard to carrying out the doctor's recommendation in these cases. The question of a combined nursing scheme, a meeting for the consideration of which was held at Tadcaster recently, was stated by the Clerk to be waiting for details in regard to the possibilities of working it in co-operation with the Great and Little Preston Nursing Association. Another nursing would be necessary before any definite decision could be reached. The salary of Miss Webb, head teacher in the Kippax Council School, was raised from £115 to £125. Miss Mosby resigned her position as assistant teacher in the Kippax Council School. The Clerk stated that he had received another communication as that he had received another communication as to dealing with teachers' salaries in committee. The committee decided to take no action in the matter. A public meeting is recommended to rouse, if possible, the interest of the young men at Bowers Allerton in regard to the evening classes, which may be held there during the coming winter.

LOFTHOUSE

CRICKET.—On Saturday a match was played between Lofthouse and Upper Batley. Scores:—Lofthouse—S. Parkin 11, Carr 2, Wrigley 68, Thatcher 4, Lee 0, Longley 39, W. Parkin 25, Scott 0, Knee (not out) 19, R. Longley (not out) 30, extras, 9; total (for 7 wkts.), 213. Declared. Upper Batley—E. D. Taylor 14, Bentley 0, J. A. Taylor 33, Hepworth 0, Blackburn 5, J. R. Taylor (not out) 0, L. Taylor (not out) 1, extras, 10; total (for 5 wkts.), 63.

COAL UNDER A RESERVOIR.—In the Chancery Division on Friday, before Mr Justice Astbury, Mr Micklem, K.C., mentioned a notice of motion in the action of the Wakefield Corporation v. the Lofthouse Colliery Co., Ltd., to restrain the defendants from working minerals under one of the plaintiff's reservoirs. Counsel said that it had now been arranged that the motion should stand over generally, the undertaking given by the defendants not to work being accepted as an agreed point being continued. His Lordship assented, and gave liberty for the notice of motion to be restored on two days' notice at any time.

METHLEY

HOMING.—On Saturday six members of Methley Homing Society sent 52 birds to take part in the race from Ashton-under-Lyne (Lancs.) to Armitage Lane (66 pool), Palmer 991, Gallagher 986 (2 birds, £1 pool), Armitage 977, Simpson 975, 966.

MIDDLETON

EDUCATION.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Ernest Booker, a labourer, of Middleton, was summoned for not sending his child to school. Mr G. W. Scott, the attendance officer, stated that out of a possible 128 attendances the child, who was seven years of age, had only been to school 91 times. An order was made for the child to attend school.

CLIFTON

MOTOR FATALITY.—On Thursday night a motorist discovered, lying in the roadway near Oulton, in an unconscious condition, Mr Thomas Benjamin Harris, son of the Chief Constable of Wakefield. Close by was a damaged motor bicycle.

Dr Seville, of Oulton, was summoned, and he ordered the injured man's removal to the Leeds Infirmary, to which he was conveyed by the Wakefield police ambulance. He was found to be suffering from a fracture of the base of the skull, a broken arm, and fractured thigh. Exactly how the accident occurred is doubtful, but the conditions under which Mr Harris was discovered seem to point to a collision with another vehicle. Mr Harris succumbed to his terrible injuries.

ROUNDHAY

CRICKET.—On Saturday Roundhay played Leeds Springfield at Headingley. Scores:—Roundhay—Cruven 4, Morris 17, Blackburn 1, Bentley 39, Childerson 24, R. Brown 53, Watson 4, Tong 0, C. Brown (not out) 18, Blenkinsop 4, Oliver 1, extras, 12; total, 176. Leeds Springfield—Greaves 44, Gaunt 4, Townend 7, Barrett 15, Sanders 0, Whiteley 13, Armistead (not out) 34, Fletcher (not out) 53, extras, 5; total (for 6 wkts.), 174.

LIVING CHESS AT ROUNDHAY.—By permission of Mrs Hawthorn Kitson, a performance of "living chess" was given on Saturday afternoon, in the grounds of Scarcroft Hall, Roundhay, in aid of China medical missions. The cold and gusty weather somewhat interfered with the attendance of visitors, but those who were present thoroughly enjoyed the picturesque contest between the whites and the reds. Led by a small herald, who blew merry blasts on a bugle, the players emerged one by two from the shadow of the trees, and took their places with stately decorum on the chequered lawn. The costumes were charming, and were generally admired. When the opening move to "checkmate" the game was played smoothly, with only one or two slips, and at the close there was hearty applause from the onlookers. The white chessmen were led on the announcements of the mate the white queen and white queen joined hands, while all the members of their court approached them and made obeisance. The players then retired to a pergola and tripped gracefully away. A procession and tripped gracefully away. A procession of visitors and players afterwards had tea at the house.

ROUNDHAY MAN'S KINDLY ACTION.—On Tuesday morning Miss Sykes was taking a class of nearly fifty girls from the Primrose Hill Council School, off Beckett Street, to visit Kirkstall Abbey. The tram ride from the city was enlivened by the girls singing a number of songs, all on the subject of school—"Sylvia," "Drink to me only," and "Jockey to the Fair"—and a couple of gentlemen, sitting at the back of the car, evinced a lively interest in the youngsters, entering into conversation with one or two of the girls and questioning them on the morning's procedure. Many of the children come from poor homes, and although they were especially so many happy youngsters evidently had a real heart, and one of the men, and when he learned that all the money they had was a penny to pay their return fare he slipped half a sovereign into the teacher's hand for the little ones. He insisted on the teacher accepting the money, and when asked for his name replied "Oh, Roundhay." As he and his friend left the car they saluted the kiddies and bowed gracefully. Both Miss Churchill, the headmistress, and Miss Sykes are delighted at the act of kindness, and more particularly with the manner in which it was carried out, and they feel that they would like the gentleman to know of their appreciation. The tram was divided among the girls, each receiving 2½d., and fifteen children who were too poor to afford the car fare, and who, consequently, did not enjoy the outing, also participated in the bounty, the headmistress first obtaining the willing sanction of the more fortunate girls.

SWILLINGTON

MORE BEGGING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Thompson and Patrick Dolan, labourers, of no fixed abode, were charged with begging at Swillington, on the 22nd July. P.C. Eadon proved the case, and both men, who said they were making their way to Selby in search of work, were allowed to go. Another mendicant named Charles Thompson, who was also charged with begging at the same time at Swillington, was sent to prison for fourteen days owing to his behaviour when taken into custody. All three, it was stated, had visited the constable's station.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—The Rev. W. S. Spencer was the speaker at the P.S.A. service held at the Stourton Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon. Mr J. Dobson presided.

WOODLESFORD

DRINK.—At the Leeds west Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Abraham Wood, a miner, of Woodlesford, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Woodlesford on Sunday, the 19th inst. P.C. Coldwell proved the case, saying he found the defendant in a drunken condition on the Aberford Road. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

THE GALA AT ROUNDHAY PARK.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week the popular August Bank Holiday gala and sports of the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund will be held in Roundhay Park. The preparations made for this annual event, now in its 28th consecutive year, show their customary thoroughness, and the prospects of hearty and sustained entertainment are quite promising.

As showing the uniform success which has attended the gala, total profits amounting to £15,757 have accrued to date, and these, of course, have been applied towards the advancement of the beneficial objects for which the fund was formed.

The comprehensive and inviting programme of attractions is headed by Mr R. H. Carr, one of the most consistent and skilful airmen that the country has ever produced. He is to give a display of flying in the afternoon and evening of each day, which will include looping the loop. For this purpose he will bring the 50-h.p. Grahame-White "looping" biplane, whose name, "Lizzie," is already widely known among flying men. Looping in a biplane will be new to Leeds, and therefore additionally interesting. Mr Carr has captured several aerial honours. He was second to the American, Brock, in the Air Derby recently, and secured a second prize in the race from London to Manchester.

The old method of ascending into the heavens has not been discarded. Captain Spencer will be present with his balloon, from which he will execute thrilling parachute descents. There will be numerous side-shows, while for the sports, which are always an important feature of the affair, a good entry has been received. Six bands have been engaged to brighten the gala with music, and each evening fireworks will provide a spectacular finish to an enjoyable day. It is expected the average attendance of 50,000 on each first day and of 40,000 on Tuesday will be drawn to the expansive Park.

SPORTS AT MONK FRYSTON.

Monk Fryston Agricultural Show sports were held on Tuesday, under A.A.A. and N.C.U. Rules, in Monk Fryston Hall Park, before about 1,000 spectators. Mrs Hemsworth, Monk Fryston Hall, and Mrs H. Lyon, Hillam Hall, distributed the prizes. Results:—

100 Yards Flat Race (open)—Final—1, J. J. Prest, York (61); 2, H. Beldon, York (21); 3, T. Limbert, York (10). Won by a yard; same. Time 10 1-5s.

Half-mile Bicycle Race (open)—Final—1, W. H. Bowen, Pontefract (88); 2, A. E. Hartley, Leeds (39); 3, W. Bell, Castleford (61). Won by two yards; same. Time, 1 min. 10 1-5s.

220 Yards Flat Race (open)—Final—1, J. J. Prest, York (14); 2, A. Aisbeth, York (18); 3, T. Limbert, York (10). Won by two yards; same. Time 23 2-5s.

One Mile Bicycle Race (open)—Final—1, R. Bell, Castleford (103); 2, A. Harland, Dewsbury (103); 3, F. W. Bolton, Clifton, York (98). Won by three lengths; a bad third. Time 2m. 57 4-5s.

440 Yards Flat Race (open)—Final—1, D. R. Bullough, Alderton Bywater (34); 2, T. Smith, Leeds (33); 3, E. Brook, Leeds (30). Won by two yards; five yards. Time, 51s.

Half-mile Flat Race (open)—1, A. Gutheridge, Leeds (39); 2, W. Jackson, Hull Sparrah Harriers (70); 3, A. E. Bowell, Leeds (62). Won by a yard; ten yards. Time 2m. 1-5s.

The Rev. Charles E. Cook will be the new resident minister of the Wesleyan Church at South Milford.

The new Wesleyan minister at Tadcaster is the Rev. J. Warren Milward. The Rev. Lewis Thomas goes to the Boroughbridge circuit.

A prisoner at Crewe was in such a filthy condition that the magistrate ordered a charge against him in a cell at the back of the Court-house.

GOLF.—On Saturday the monthly competition at Wetherby took place, and the results were:—C. E. Whitaker 2 down, G. Foster 4 down, S. F. Parkinson 6 down, E. Pulleyne 9 down, M. Hesp 10 down.

AN OFFENCE.—At York, on Monday, the Tadcaster Tower Brewery Company were fined half-a-crown and costs for an offence under the Licensing Act. It was stated that a boy of 16, having begun work at seven in the morning, should not have remained at work after seven in the evening, but on July 9th he was found to be at work at 9.45 p.m.

SALE OF WISTOW FARM LANDS.—Messrs Bentley and Sons held a sale of agricultural lands and houses situated at Wistow, at the George and Dragon, Selby, on Monday. Lots were sold as follows:—Close of arable land 6a. 3r. 2p., to Mr Geo. Neville, Wistow Lordship, for £590; arable land in Bush Close, 7a. 1r. 29p., to Mr Neville for £680; grass land in Burn Lane, 5a. 3r. 28p., to Mr Robt. J. Pocklington, Wistow, for £180; arable land, Sherburn Road, 6a. 1r. 39p., to Mr Thos. Jackson, Cawood Hagg, for £190; three closes of grass and arable land, Burn Lane, 16a. 3r. 30p., to Mr Wm. Jackson, Croft House, Wistow, for £735; two cottages to Mr G. Gray, Selby, for £240.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD NURSING SCHEME.

PUBLIC MEETING

HOW THE SCHEME COULD BE WORKED

Very little interest was taken in the public meeting held in the Harold Hall, Oulton, on Wednesday evening to consider the possibility of forming a nursing association in the district. There were only about a dozen persons present, including Mr H. W. Powell (Clerk to the Outton Education Sub-Committee), and a speaker from Normanton.

Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C., was to have presided but was unable to be present, and in his place Mr Dennis W. Hargreaves was appointed chairman.

Mr Hargreaves said they had met that evening following a vote of the Parish Council annual meeting asking for a nursing association to be formed. A telegram was read from Mr Walter Hargreaves stating that he regretted being unable to be present on account of a minimum wage meeting in Leeds. He also promised the support of his firm if an association was formed. A letter was also read from Mr J. Farrer, J.P., in which he said "Might I suggest that any action which is taken as regards a nursing association should not in any way interfere with the present nursing association at Oulton and Woodlesford and Swillington, as these nurses are doing remarkably good work, and are most useful in the district."

Mr Hargreaves then introduced Mr F. Blakeley, of Normanton, who described how the association there had been formed. He said there was no need to argue the question of the need of a nurse, especially in industrial districts. In many places the usefulness of nurses had been recognised, and they had been working for something over twelve years. At Normanton Common they had had their nurse twelve years. The idea was formed when an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out, and Mr Briggs sent a trained nurse to deal with the cases, owing to the fact that several had terminated fatally. After the nurse had got to work they had not one fatal case. That demonstrated that skilled nursing had saved many human lives. The only things to consider in forming an association were the ways and means; how to financially support one and how to work it. They at Normanton had a long struggle owing to the lack of "big" support, and the task of raising £90 or £100 was a very exacting one. However, they got a grant from Mr Briggs and Messrs Pope and Pearson, and the Hospital Committee, while two guineas each was subscribed by the Pontefract and Wakefield Board of Guardians. This formed a basis of about £55, which was always certain, and the balance was an easy task. The workmen had made them a grant, which had now grown to about £34. Unless they could get something like a good working basis from the start they had no power to give, they would find that they had a big struggle to raise money. They had at first tried one penny a week, or a fixed sum of 4s. per year, from the persons receiving indoor relief. It compulsory, but this scheme was unsatisfactory, because they had cases where people offered the necessary sum and refused to do so. The question to recognise the necessity of the association. Times of trouble came, and when they wanted the services of a skilled nurse they could not say no owing to their being non-contributors. It placed them in a very awkward position. Where, however, the nurse had done work the association received a sort of thank-offering. If he was in a place like Woodlesford he would not join with the County Council, but would start a district like that they would have no time, and besides, the County Council were very exacting. They would, he said, get more out of Friday morning's money by running a society of their own. Mr Hargreaves was a good friend to them at the Council, and it was likely that Messrs Briggs would give them a fairly good start, while the Board of Guardians had the power to give them a grant. If they got as fund of about £40 or £50, they would have no difficulty in raising the balance. He found that the hardest task of collecting was the easiest tasks they had. The secretary told him that he never had a refusal, and each time his books showed that they received 1,000 collections. The liability before people They had to demand payment was a very small one. The recognition of value, but if they got it going for twelve months they would soon become used to places like Woodlesford a new nurse would be not readily taken from them. They got enthusiastic friendly to work they would be all right.

Answering questions, Mr Blakeley said that a nurse cost about £85 per annum, and she provided her own uniform and lodgings. Small collections usually realised £20. The association was not affiliated with the West Riding Nursing Association in Leeds.

Mr Boothroyd said he hoped they would bear in mind what Mr Farrer had said in his letter.

Mr Ridyard said it was made perfectly clear at the parish meeting when the matter was first broached, that anything done was done to supplement what was already being done, and it was far from the intention of any of them to upset any arrangements already in operation, but they felt they would rather have a nursing scheme of their own.

Mr Hargreaves said the matter was brought up at the Hunslet Rural District Council, and he wanted to bring in the Swillington nurses, but the County Council would not accept these nurses as qualified.

Mr Powell said he had seen Mrs Lowther that evening, and he had been told the nurses were receiving a better training now.

Mr Ridyard, who spoke in favour of the nurse taking up the work of the County Council, said his reason for not supporting the motion to form an association that the nurse would often be called upon to look after cases from the school, and they would not be getting any benefit for it. They might as well get the grant of the County Council. It was stated that, according to the County Council grant of £6 13s. 4d. per thousand, the district would receive about £24.

The meeting was then asked to vote for the following resolutions, viz.:—(1) That the nurse take up the work of the County Council, which includes the school work; and (2) That a voluntary nursing association be formed. The first was a proposition of Mr J. W. Ridyard, Mr W. Jopling seconding. The second resolution was moved by Mr Grant, and seconded by Mr Williams. Grant voted for Ridyard's proposition, and five for that of Mr Grant.

It was, however, decided that in view of the non-representative character of the meeting, the matter be left over for about two months.

An unknown cyclist has died as the result of an accident at Pannal.

CRICKET.—On Saturday Eltofts, at home, had a fine victory over Headingley Grove. Scores:—Headingley Grove—A. S. Dworonzy, 29, Denham 3, Petty 80, McEwan 34, Rhodes 2, C. Dewsbury 1, Illingworth 8, Thrippleton 2, Cowpe 3, Spruce 0, Butterworth (not out) 0, Neville for £680; grass land in Burn Lane, 5a. Extras, 6; total, 169. Eltofts—Pickersgill 35, Midgley 13, Foster 9, Hudson (not out) 39, Arrowsmith 17, Turner (not out) 13, extras, 14; total (for 4 wkts.), 170.

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HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

OVERCROWDING AT WOODLESFORD

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD NURSING SCHEME

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, yesterday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), Messrs D. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, and J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer of health (Dr J. Buck), the sanitary inspectors (Messrs W. Whitehead and P. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

The medical officer's report for the past four weeks showed that thirteen births had been registered in the district—three in Oulton and Woodlesford, three in Templenewsam, and five in Middleton. During the same period there had been four deaths, all in Oulton and Woodlesford. Three cases of infectious disease, all scarlet fever, had been notified—two in Oulton and Woodlesford and one in Templenewsam.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr T. H. Killingbeck, Woodlesford, enclosing the following resolution which was unanimously passed at a public meeting held at Woodlesford on Sunday, July 19th:—

"That this meeting of ratepayers of Oulton and Woodlesford protest most strongly against the indifference shown by the Hunslet Rural District Council towards the question of building houses suitable for the workers in the district, and requests them to at once take the necessary steps for erecting a number, and that copy of this be sent by the Council, we approach the Local Government Board, asking them to hold an enquiry into the housing conditions in Oulton and Woodlesford."

The Chairman asked if there had been any application from anyone in that district, who was in need of a house.

The Clerk said they had a statement by the medical officer in his annual report that there was a scarcity of houses in the district. The Council, as a result, considered the matter, and instructed their Clerk to write to the colliery companies asking if there was any prospect of houses being built by the company, and since that time nothing further had been done. He believed the Colliery Company had built a few houses, but not many. He could not say, from his own personal knowledge, whether the accommodity still existed or not. He thought the Council should endeavour to find out.

Mr Hargreaves said they had 300 men who came from a distance and would not live in Woodlesford even if there were houses.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be left to the representatives of Oulton and Woodlesford to enquire and to report.

Mr Hargreaves said it seemed funny that the ratepayers never heard of these Sunday morning meetings.

The Clerk intimated that no matter who had brought the question to their notice, what the Council wanted to do was to ascertain what were the real facts. If any man in the district came to them and said he wanted a house, and he could get one, and that he was willing to pay for one, that was something to go on, but mere statement that houses were scarce was not sufficient.

It was suggested that a deputation of the ratepayers concerned meet the Council, and this was proposed by Mr Hargreaves, and seconded by Mr Marsden, and unanimously carried.

The Clerk reported that he had attended the conference at the County Hall with reference to the Combined Nursing Scheme. With regard to Oulton and Woodlesford, no action was taken, as it was reported that there was a difficulty in the way of a voluntary scheme being formed. It was proposed that Middleton be linked up with East and West Ardsley for the working of the Notification of Births Act and the Education Act.

Mr Hargreaves reported on a meeting held at Oulton on Wednesday evening in regard to the forming of a nursing association for Oulton and Woodlesford. He said the meeting had been adjourned.

The Clerk said he would attend the next meeting.

Mr Whitehead, in his report, mentioned a case of overcrowding in Kitchener Street, Woodlesford. The house contained two rooms downstairs, and two bedrooms. There was a family of a man and his wife and six sons—two sons over twelve years of age, and four under twelve. The man had taken in another family—a man and his wife, with five sons and a daughter. Here they had a house, said the Clerk, with two bedrooms occupied by sixteen people.

Mr Whitehead said they used the sitting rooms. The inspector added that the people were leaving that night and going into Hunslet.

The Medical Officer: Is there any overcrowding when they leave?

Mr Whitehead: No.

Mr Hargreaves: Have you many cases of overcrowding.

The Inspector: A fairish number—people with big families.

It was stated that the long chimney at Middleton which was reported as being unsafe after having been struck by lightning, had been demolished.

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At New Zealand, Aberford, on Sunday, the members of the Seacroft and Crossgates Cycling Club were entertained by Mr and Mrs Young. This annual fixture of the club is eagerly looked for, and some 60 members and their lady friends took advantage of the opportunity.

TRAWLERS LAUNCHED.—In blustery weather, on Saturday morning, there were launched from Messrs Cochrane and Son's shipyard, at Selby, two steel trawlers, which had been built to the order of the Humber Steam Trawling Co., Ltd., Hull. They were respectively named Sea Searcher and Sea Ranger by Mrs H Webber and Mrs Butterell.

ACCIDENT.—As the 9.41 a.m. train from Hull to Leeds was leaving the station on Friday morning at South Milford, the couplings snapped between the seventh carriage from the engine, belonging to the second carriage from the guard, and fell upon the permanent way. The mishap was not found out in time, and the carriage shunted into a siding. There was a delay of about forty minutes, but on Saturday afternoon a match was played at Hillam between the local team and Monk Fryston, and the latter team won easily. Scores:—Hillam—W. Park—Walker 16, Foster 18, H. Laycock (not out) 4, A. Laycock 2, J. Long 0, Heptonstall 1, Robinson 0, Hunter 8, Bramley 24;

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

BARKSTON ASH COMPETITION.

All the clubs in Barkston Ash are not in the Competition, but I hope that next season the present number will be considerably augmented. Now is the time to make application for membership, and, according to the rules, all entries are due on August 1st. New clubs desirous of joining should at once communicate with Mr R. D. Pawson, the hon. secs., Halton.

SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

The Senior League programme will be completed on Saturday, and then the semi-finals will be played. In one division the semi-finalists are Halton Wes.—they have made their position secure—and in the other two divisions they will likely be Tadcaster and Seacroft, but there is just a possibility of an upset in these divisions. South Milford are only a point behind the Cawoodians, and if in the match to-morrow Tadcaster effect a draw they will tie, but if they lose Milford will be the semi-finalists. Tadcaster, I think, will succeed. Church Fenton and Church Fenton Sycamore have their return match, and Cawood will entertain Saxton, who are not shaping as well as they promised. Seacroft's opponents are Halton, and the match is on the Primrose Valley ground. Although they are a smart side, Halton will create a surprise if they snatch a couple of points from their opponents. Micklefield and Garforth should provide a well-contested game, and Barwick are given a chance of obtaining two points at the expense of Great Preston. Crossgates, at home, expect to defeat Crossgates Wes., who are not going as well as in the early part of the season, and at Collingham it is expected Halton Wes. will secure the points, while Shadwell will give Whitkirk the order of the knock unless there is a substantial improvement in their play.

LEAGUE GAMES ON SATURDAY.

Tadcaster administered a crushing defeat to Church Fenton, who, however, have the consolation that they scored more runs than Garforth against the same bowling. The Calcarians started their innings inauspiciously, for Todd (5) and Mason (0) were quickly got rid of, but Hebden (30) and Peter (30, not out) completely mastered the bowling, and the men in the field had a merry time leather-hunting. Freer's score was the best he has got this season. Herbert was then got rid of cheaply, but Baker rattled up 19 (not out), and when the score stood at 148 for four wickets the innings was declared at an end. Mosby was the best of the Church Fenton trundlers, his two wickets costing 30, while Claughton had 1 for 35, and Dixon 1 for 41. Church Fenton's innings had a disastrous opening, the five first men securing only two runs among them, but Atha (16) and W. Claughton (9) offered a stout defence to the deliveries of Herbert and Baker, who trundled unchanged throughout the two innings. Four of the others, however, gave much help, and the score totalled 38. Baker's five wickets cost 18, and Herbert's four were got for 16.

Cawood and Church Fenton Sycamore played a drawn game at Church Fenton. The visitors' score of 90 for seven wickets—registering on declaration—and C. Jackson made 26 and C. O. Lund 22. C. Poulter trundled well, taking 5 wickets for 22, and E. Poulter had 2 for 25. Church Fenton had two innings in which to get the runs, and play must have been slow, for the total secured was 51 for seven wickets. Of course, the bowling was somewhat collared, and the home batsmen, naturally, inclined to take no risks. A. Foxton made 13 and Holt 10. Dobson's four wickets cost 12, and O. Lund had 2 for 13.

Garforth had an easy win over Barwick in a low scoring match. Batting first, the Barwick men found difficulty in playing the bowling of W. Glover and Hallance, and they were dismissed for 39. Walton contributed 13 and Hartley 9. Glover trundled with remarkable effect, capturing four wickets for six, while Hallance got five wickets for 15 runs. Garforth lost two of their best batsmen—S. Glover and H. Prime—without a run on the board, and it was left for them that W. Glover, who batted admirably for 24 (not out), made a stand, as the next three men did not stay long at the wickets. When five wickets had fallen the total was 41. D. Clarke had two wickets for 26, and Bowes had 2 for 24.

Halton had a substantial win over Great Preston, on whose ground the match was played. The homesters scored 59, and F. Wheatley distinguished himself by making 29. Sunter captured four wickets for 17 runs, and Benson had four for 20. Halton scored 88, and Sunter made 21, Ball 13, Heaps 11, and Benson 10. Green was the most successful of the Preston trundlers, his six wickets costing 40, and Thompson had 3 for 26.

Micklefield went to Seacroft determined to handle their rivals, but they failed, although it must be conceded that they made a very good attempt. A singular feature of the match was that D. Burton, T. Toft, and G. Stead—three of the leading batsmen in the home—failed to make anything of a score, and then the bowling was severely trounced, all the other players, with one exception, making two figures. Attack made 100, Fryer 80, Johnson 31, Hartley 9, Robinson 8, E. Taylor 22, Pickersgill 25, and Thompson 16. The total was 198. M. Smith captured 4 wickets for 43, Shaw had 3 for 55, and Fryer and Kinson 2 for 24. Micklefield had a formidable task on any fair wicket, but they tackled it in the proper spirit, and, although it was obvious from the outset that they would not get the best of the opposition, they run up the big score of 150. Hobson claimed the honours of the match with 57, and Godber scored 26. S. Taylor 15, and Goodman 12. Seacroft trundlers were in fine right bowling form, and had the best figures—5 for 38, while E. Johnson got two wickets for 14, G. Stead 1 for 8, and C. Johnson 1 for 17.

Collingham must be congratulated on at last securing a couple of points. Their opponents were Crossgates, and for once in a way Collingham gave a glimpse of their best form. They scored two runs, and the principal contributors were Foster 18, Graydon 15, A. Dalby 12, and Whitehead 12. For the losers, Fox and Thompson secured five wickets for 14, R. Coultas had 2 for 14, A. Beaumont 1 for 8, E. Webster 1 for 17, and E. Clough 1 for 19. Crossgates did not fulfil their usual form as well as was expected, but they got to within seven of their opponents' figures, and at one time it looked as if the lead men at the wickets were to rub the runs for off. It was an excellent finish, and Collingham from have every reason to be satisfied with their 24 runs victory. Towards Crossgates' score of 93, Coultas made 26, and E. Webster scored 12. Graydon's six wickets were got for 37, and by C. Dalby claimed 4 for 36.

Whitkirk, with a good team in the field, gave a sorry display against Crossgates, and they were defeated by no fewer than seven wickets. The losers, batting first, were unable to negotiate the bowling of Yates and White, who were in great form, and the innings closed for 30, Pawson being top scorer with 9. Yates had five wickets for 12 runs, and White's four for six runs. The Wesleyans, who have won their division and will appear in the semi-finals, rattled up 166, and S. Batty compiled 41, Crosthwaite 40, O. Bell 28, C. Kilburn 18, C. Bell 17. Scott was the best of the Shadwell trundlers, taking 5 wickets for 38, while Heaton secured 4 for 75. Shadwell, after their long spell of leather hunting, were given a task that was beyond them, but although they gave a good display, they were sent back for 72, of which Burnett had 16, Metcalfe 14, and Umpleby 11. C. Bell's five wickets cost five runs, O. Bell's three were got for 25, and Wilson's 2 for 20.

The result of one Senior League match has not come to hand, but I understand Milford defeated Saxton by 9 wickets.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCHES.

Ulleskelf are making a good fight in division 1, and if they don't finish ahead of Tadcaster it will not be from want of trying. Their opponents on Saturday were Bramham, and so deadly was the bowling that Bramham went under for 16. Potter claimed six wickets for five runs, and Bean had four for 6 runs, For a loss of five wickets Ulleskelf got the runs necessary for victory. Cass capturing three wickets for 6.—Tadcaster A. and Barkston had a splendidly contested game, and at the finish there was only a runs difference in the scores. Tadcaster made 70 (Shearsmith 16, not out, and Aldous 13), and Barkston got 68 (Bailey 13, Lezenby and Liddle 11 each, and Rhodes 10). For Tadcaster Taylor had three wickets for 14, and Kettlewell 3 for 20. On the other side Woods secured 5 wickets for 31 and Rhodes had 3 for 20.—Kirk Deighton proved superior to Sherburn White Rose, the match being won by seven wickets. The homesters scored 35 (Smith 13). Oxley bowled finely, taking 4 wickets for 5 runs, and Linton went one better by securing three for two runs. For a loss of five wickets Kirk Deighton scored 37, and R. Hey had two of their wickets for 12.

Aberford were defeated on their own ground by Great Preston A. The losers compiled 38 (Blakley 22), and Collett obtained five of their wickets for 18, while Oldham had 4 for 13. For a loss of three wickets Preston put on 42, and Hutchinson made 22 (not out). J. Inman trundled with great success, hitting the stumps three times, and a single was scored off his bowling.—Garforth A. defeated Barwick A. without losing a wicket. The match was at Barwick, and the homesters were dismissed for 21, Garforth A. obtained six wickets for four runs, and A. Hewitt had 3 for 4 runs Kilburn and Baldwin, not out, 5 extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 37.

Halton v. Seacroft. Messrs T. Goodall (Garforth) and J. Dobson (Great Preston).

Crossgates v. Collingham. Messrs A. Eastergone (Kippax) and A. Thompson (Great Preston).

Collingham v. Halton. Wes. Messrs E. Smith (Bickershaw) and J. D. Snow (Wetherby).

Shadwell v. Whitkirk. Messrs F. Pickersgill (Seacroft) and H. Johnson (Crossgates).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Kirk Deighton v. Barkston Ash. Messrs H. Irish (Wetherby) and G. Fox (Bramham).

Bramham v. Sherburn. W.R. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and J. W. Falkingham (Leeds).

Tadcaster A. v. South Milford A. Messrs P. Hardcastle (Church Fenton Syc.) and H. Watson (Barkston Ash).

Seacroft A. v. Micklefield A. Messrs T. P. Spivey (Crossgates) and J. Dobson (Garforth).

Aberford v. Barwick A. Messrs A. Bailey (Garforth) and E. Lewis (Swillington and Colton)

Great Preston A. v. Halton A. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton).

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Crossgates Wes. A. v. Crossgates A. Messrs J. Fox (Swillington and Colton) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

Whitkirk A. v. Garforth Wes. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and T. Blackburn (Great Preston).

BARKSTON ASH CHAMPION BOWLER'S SUCCESS.

HALTON PLAYER WINS LEEDS MERIT.

The concluding rounds of the eighteenth annual Individual Merit Competition for the Championship of the Leeds and District Amateur Association was decided on Saturday at the Chapeltown (Meanwood) Club's green, the honours being secured at his first essay by H. Thomas (Halton), who recently won the championship of the Barkston Ash Association. A record entry of 239 competitors had been narrowed down to sixteen, all of whom participated in the valuable prize-list, and entered the fifth stage with which play was resumed.

In the fifth round Thomas had a hard fight against Archer (Armley), winning by two only, and in the next round he met Barkston Ash champion and had a stern struggle with W. Walker, winner of the 1908 competition. The game was called level on two occasions, and eventually stood at 19-18 in favour of the Halton player, who, with two singles went to game.

In the semi-finals S. Slomon (New Leeds) scored ten chalks before Rubin got in a single, and the pair scored at four ends—7 chalks in all. J. Speight (Municipal Officers) was well beaten by Thomas in the long lengths. The latter led 14-7, and though Speight then registered six chalks in nine ends, he lost by 7 points.

Slomon entered his third final with a total margin of 36 points for the three rounds as against a majority for Thomas of 12 chalks. The Barkston Ash champion, however, going from corner to corner of the green, was six in front at the ninth chalk. Slomon later scored four singles in twice as many ends, but at the sixteenth end the game was 14-6. The issue was never in doubt thereafter. Thomas gaining his second honour this season by 12 points. Details:—

Fifth round—H. Thomas (Halton) 21 v. J. Becker (Armley) 10. Sixth round—H. Thomas 21 v. W. Walker (Holbeck) 18. Semi-finals—H. Thomas 21 v. J. Speight (Leeds Municipal) 14. S Slomon (New Leeds C) 21 v. J E Rubin (Morley) 7. Final—Thomas 21 v. S. Slomon 9.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	9	8	1	0	16
South Milford	9	7	1	1	15
Cawood	9	5	3	1	11
Saxton	9	3	6	0	6
Church Fenton	8	2	6	0	4
Church Fenton Sycamore	9	1	6	2	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft	9	8	1	0	16
Garforth	9	7	2	0	14
Micklefield	9	6	3	0	12
Halton	9	4	5	0	8
Barwick	9	1	8	0	2
Great Preston	9	0	9	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	9	8	1	0	16
Crossgates	9	6	3	0	12
Shadwell	9	5	4	0	10
Whitkirk	9	4	5	0	8
Crossgates Wesleyans	9	3	6	0	6
Collingham	9	2	5	2	6

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	11	9	2	0	18
Ulleskelf	11	8	3	0	16
South Milford A	10	6	4	0	12
Kirk Deighton	10	6	4	0	12
Bramham	10	3	7	0	6
Sherburn White Rose	10	3	7	0	6
Barkston Ash	10	1	9	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth A	11	10	1	0	20
Seacroft A	11	9	2	0	18
Halton A	10	5	5	0	10
Great Preston A	11	5	6	0	10
Aberford	10	3	7	0	6
Micklefield A	10	3	7	0	6
Barwick A	10	1	9	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wesleyans	9	7	2	0	14
Swillington and Colton	9	6	3	0	12
Crossgates A	9	5	4	0	10
Crossgates Wesleyans A	9	4	5	0	8
Whitkirk A	9	3	6	0	6
Halton Wesleyans A	9	2	7	0	4

E. D. PAWSON, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Cawood v. Saxton. Messrs T. Crosland (Micklefield) and T. Mathers (Great Preston).

Church Fenton v. Church Fenton Syc. Messrs W. Turner (Tadcaster) and R Firn (Cawood)

South Milford v. Tadcaster. Messrs W. Crosland (Barwick) and H. Jackson (Leeds).

Barwick v. Great Preston. Messrs C. Plews (Halton Wes.) and S. H. Keeble (Crossgates Wes.).

Micklefield v. Garforth. Messrs J. Johnson (Seacroft) and H. Bell (Saxton).

Halton v. Seacroft. Messrs T. Goodall (Garforth) v. C. Atack (Micklefield).

Crossgates v. Crossgates Wes. Messrs A. Eastergone (Kippax) and A. Thompson (Great Preston).

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MIDDLETON PARK DEFEATED.

Middleton Park, playing at home in the Yorkshire Central League, were caught napping on Saturday afternoon, and Bramley gave them a sound drubbing. The scores were:—Bramley—Green 5, Hinchcliffe 38, Haigh 10, Cooper 11, Walker (not out) 26, Wood 0, Mallory 0, J. Walker (not out) 62, W. Walker 4, Barnett 0, Waterhouse 14, Lilley 4, extras, 13; total, 207. Middleton Park—Sutcliffe 23, Barraclough 18, J. W. Place 0, Speeks 3, Goodhouse 0, Smith 4, H. Place 0, Clarkson 15, Richardson 12, Ramsden 29, Butler (not out) 6, extras, 27; total, 149.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Rothwell gave a wretched batting exhibition when opposed to Robin Hood on Saturday afternoon, and the match did not last long. So well did Fryer and Hedley bowl that the side was out for 24, and half of them failed to score. For a loss of six wickets Robin Hood knocked off the necessary runs in exactly sixteen overs, but an easy win. Robin Hood A. however, Wornald 24 and C. Fearnley 17), and without losing a wicket Rothwell knocked up 63. A. Tiffany having 34 and B. Fozzard 19.

Woodlesford proved too strong for Stanley, who were well beaten. The victors, who had choice of the scoring, put up 164, and Barker contributed 39, John Hitchen 28, and Wilkinson 13. Stanley replied with 56, of which Heaton claimed 18 and Davison 11.

Kippax and Carlton tried conclusions, and the honours went to the latter. Carlton batted splendidly, sending up 153, and J. Brooks and L. Butterworth 17. Fozzard 16, J. Brown 15, Illingworth 13, and Sykes 12. Kippax made a creditable reply, but they fizzled nearly 70 runs behind. Towards a total of 86, Eddison had 32, and Plaws 16. The meeting of the A. teams at Kippax produced a good struggle, and the homesters won by six wickets. Kippax scored 149 (Hallowell 40, Booth 11 not), and Ashton secured five wickets for 39, and Ellis had 3 for 25. Carlton were dismissed for 43 (Ashton 12), and A. Crippwell took five for 20, while G. Crippwell had five for 29.

Oulton were completely outplayed at Outwood by the Friendly team. Batting first, the losers were non-plussed by the deliveries of White and Pickard, and they were all out for the meagre score of 30, of which P. Higgins (not out) claimed 11. Pickard obtained 6 wickets for 21, and White 4 for 9. Outwood scored 88 for seven wickets—in a high scoring match Oulton A. overcame Outwood A. by three runs. Oulton led off with 117 (Lockwood 34, not out, C. Batterick 22, and Nettleton 13), and Outwood responded with 114.

BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE.

CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE v. CAWOOD.—At Church Fenton. Scores:—

Cawood—F. Thompson, c J. Harrison, b C. Poulter, 21; C. O. Lund, c G. H. Ambler, b C. Poulter, 22; H. Lund, b C. Poulter, 0; S. Lund, b E. Poulter, 2; H. Dobson, b E. Poulter, 0; W. Harker, b C. Poulter, 2; C. Jackson, c F. Poulter, b C. Poulter, 26; J. Turner, b J. Harrison, 7; T. Barkle, c Holt, b E. Poulter, 8; A. Clifford, c and b E. Poulter, 4; Preston, not out, 3; extras, 12; total, 90.

Church Fenton Sycamore—A. Poulter, b O. Lund, 2; C. Poulter, b Jackson, 0; G. Foxton, b Dobson, 13; A. Holt, b Dobson, 10; G. H. Ambler, c Turner, b Dobson, 8; E. Poulter, 0; O. Lund, 2; A. Moore, not out, 3; J. Harrison, c O. Lund, b Dobson, 3; extras, 5; total (7 wkts.), 51.

TADCASTER V. CHURCH FENTON.—At Tadcaster. Scores:—

Tadcaster—H. Todd, c Thompson, b Claughton, 5; J. F. Mason, b Dixon, 0; J. T. Hebden, c Hodgkinson, b Mosby, 36; G. Freer, b Claughton, 7; C. Herbert, b Mosby, 0; R. T. Baker, not out, 19; extras, 9; total (for 4 wkts.), 118.

Church Fenton—W. D. Foxton, b Herbert, 0; A. Foxton, c Hebden, b Herbert, 0; A. Claughton, b Baker, 22; J. A. Thompson, b Herbert, 0; W. Dixon, b Baker, 0; T. Atha, c Grimston, b Baker, 16; W. Claughton, lbw, b Baker, 9; W. Mosby, c Roger, b Baker, 3; F. Jackson, run out, 3; H. Deighton, b Herbert, 0; A. B. Hodgreaves, not out, 1; extras, 4; total, 38.

GARFORTH V. BARWICK.—At Garforth. Scores:—

Barwick—G. Bowes, b Pickersgill, 2; F. Lamb, b Ballance, 2; H. Walton, c Ballance, b W. Glover, 13; J. Pollard, b Ballance, 1; W. Hartley, c S. Glover, b Ballance, 0; J. Robshaw, c S. Glover, b W. Glover, 0; W. Lovatt, b Ballance, 2; D. Childe, b W. Glover, 1; W. Armitage, b Ballance, 2; V. Robshaw, c Ballance, b Glover, 2; W. Brown, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 30.

Garforth—S. Glover, c Lovatt, b Bowes, 0; H. Prime, b Childe, 0; W. Glover, not out, 24; H. Williamson, run out, 2; T. Ballance, b Childe, 5; H. Morley, c and b Childe, 0; J. Bowes, 1; J. Wilson, not out, 8; extra, 1; total (for 5 wkts.), 41.

SEACROFT V. MICKLEFIELD.—At Seacroft. Scores:—

Seacroft—D. Burton, b H. Smith, 0; T. Toft, c Wallis, b Stones, 23; G. Thompson, c Townend, b A. Smith, 16; G. Stead, c Hardwick, b Stones, 3; H. Attack, b Tompkinson, 36; I. Fryer, c Tompkinson, b Smith, 21; C. Johnson, lbw, b Smith, 32; E. Johnson, run out, 27; F. Taylor, c Lunn, b Tompkinson, 22; J. W. Pickersgill, b Stone, 25; H. Toft, not out, 2; extras, 7; total, 198.

Micklefield—Godber, c Thompson, b G. Johnson, 29; Tompkinson, run out, 1; A. Smith, b I. Fryer, 0; A. Stone, c Atack, b Fryer, 4; F. Hobson, c Pickersgill, b Fryer, 57; J. Wallis, c Taylor, b Fryer, 3; H. Goodson, b G. C. Stead, 12; W. Lunn, b I. Fryer, 0; S. Taylor, b E. Johnson, 15; Hardwick, not out, 1; J. H. Townend, lbw, b E. Johnson, 0; extras, 25; total, 150.

CROSSGATES WESLEYANS V. COLLINGHAM.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Collingham—F. Whitehead, b Clough, 12; H. Priddle, b Burton, 0; F. Foster, lbw, b Coultas, 8; H. Graydon, c Coultas, b Webster, 15; G. Foster, b Thompson, 18; A. Dalby, b Coultas, 12; C. Dalby, b Webster, 0; E. Thompson, 4; F. Whitelock, b Thompson, 2; Stokes, not out, 8; H. Whitehead, lbw, b Thompson, 0; Beaumont, b Coultas, 1; extras, 14; total, 106.

Crossgates Wesleyans—C. Brook, b Priddle, 1; H. Graydon, c and b Graydon, 0; E. Webster, c Whitehead, b Dalby, 12; E. Holliday, c Foster, b Graydon, 7; E. Clough, c Twidale, b Graydon, 2; R. Coultas, c Twidale, b Dalby, 26; C. H. Walker, b Graydon, 0; A. Beaumont, b Graydon, 1; V. Thompson, c Foster, b Graydon, 0; H. Wynne, not out, 7; H. Fidgett, c and b Dalby, 2; extras, 12; total, 93.

WHITKIRK V. CROSSGATES.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—

Whitkirk—A. R. Milford, b White, 7; A. Shepherd, b White, 2; T. Pickersgill, b Yates, 4; J. Pawson, b Yates, 9; C. R. J. Mosforth, b Yates, 0; Loveday, c and b Yates, 0; W. E. Taylor, not out, 2; W. L. Moss, c Craven, b Yates, 3; C. Rowland, c Fairburn, b White, 0; C. Batty, c Brookes, b Yates, 0; E. D. Pawson, c Burnell, b Yates, 0; extras, 4; total, 36.

Crossgates—J. Bedford, b S. Shepherd, 7; I. Burnell, not out, 17; A. Fairburn, c Romford, b J. Shepherd, 6; G. Goodall, b Ingle, 0; H. Brookes, not out, 5; extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 37.

HALTON WESLEYANS V. SHADWELL.—At Halton. Scores:—

Halton Wesleyans—C. M. Kilburn, c Heaton, b Scott, 5; T. Popplewell, b Burnett, 0; Heaton, b 2; S. Batty, c and b Scott, 41; L. Stephens, lbw, b Heaton, 0; J. A. Popplewell, lbw, b Heaton, 5; C. O. Bell, b Heaton, 0; C. Batty, b Burnett, 0; Burnett, b Scott, 40; C. E. Batty, b Scott, 1; C. Bell, c Burnett, b Scott, 17; A. Powell, b Heaton, 2; H. Wilson, not out, 2; extras, 10; total, 166.

Shadwell—Burnett, c Crosthwaite, b O. Bell, 8; Heaton, b Wilson, 8; Scott, c C. Batty, b Wilson, 5; Metcalfe, run out, 14; Freeman, c and b O. Bell, 2; Smith, b O. Bell, 0; Burnett, b C. Bell, 16; Hall, b Wilson, 0; Umpleby, c and b O. Bell, b C. Bell, 11; Weatherill, not out, 1; Mawson, run out, 1; extras, 6; total, 72.

GREAT PRESTON V. HALTON.—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Halton—Cowell, b Green, 0; Haigh, run out, 0; Sunter, c Wigglesworth, b Thompson, 21; Dodsworth, lbw, b Thompson, 4; Taylor, b Green, 12; Benson, c Thompson, b Green, 1; Green, 10; Ball, b Green, 13; Sunter, run out, 14; Guest, not out, 7; Shaw, b Green, 3; extras, 4; total, 88.

Great Preston—T Wigglesworth, c Haigh, b Sunter, 0; H. Wigglesworth, c Sunter, b Taylor, 5; R. Wigglesworth, run out, 2; G. Varley, c and b Sunter, 0; A. Moore, not out, 21; J. Harrison, c Haigh, b Benson, 8; W. Varley, b Benson, 0; H. Firth, b Benson, 0; J. Green, c Guest, b Taylor, 0; C. Thompson, c Guest, b Sunter, 1; J. Cooper, c Guest, b Sunter, 3; extras, 9; total, 59.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

BARKSTON ASH V. TADCASTER A.—At Barkston Ash. Scores:—Tadcaster A—Kettlewell 7, E. Smart, b B. Johnson, 3; Shearsmith, not out, 16; Aldous, 15; A. Taylor 7, Ireland 7, Shearsmith (not out) 16, Whitfield 2, Taylor 4, Swan 0, extras 2; total 70.

Barkston Ash — P. Rhodes 10, G. Liddle 0, A. Lezenby 11, D. Atkinson 6, W. Woods 8, Bailey 13, T. Hills 0, Liddle 11, W. White 0, J. White (not out) 4. A. Smith 0, extras 5; total 68.

SHERBURN WHITE ROSE V. KIRK DEIGHTON.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Sherburn White Rose—J. Elliff 2, E. Peteh 4, C. Cooke 0, H. Cawthorne 0, J. Gill 2, G. Hey 0, W. Lunn 0, E. Townend 11, H. Hickman 0, B. Hey (not out) 0, extras 3; total 35. Kirk Deighton—Linfoot 9, Nicholson 5, Raine 1, Oxley 2, T. Bleasby (not out) 6, Swann 0, J. Bleasby (not out) 2, extras 3; total (for 5 wkts), 37.

ULLESKELF V. BRAMHAM.—At Ulleskelf. Scores:—Bramham—J. Dawson 3, J. Cass 0, G. Shaw 0, F. Shaw 0, J. Bullock 5, A. Stockdale 0, G. Brown 1, G. Eastwood 1, D. Kerridge 0, P. Hebron (not out) 1, T. Hebron 0, extras 5; total 16. Ulleskelf—N. Ward 1, J. Sykes (capt.) 4, R. Dean 2, J. Porter 0, W. Bean (not out) 1, F. Hall 0, D. Varley (not out) 4, extras 6; total (for 5 wkts.), 18.

ABERFORD V. GREAT PRESTON A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—J. Blakeley 22, F. Walton 1, E. Copper 0, J. Connell 2, G. Connell 3, H. Abbott 0, A. Stringford 1, Furman 1, T. Lindley (not out) 0, W. Dickinson 1, A. Inman 1, extras 7; total 38. Great Preston A.—F. Hutchinson (not out) 22; H. Wrigglesworth 8, G. Wrigglesworth 0, Collett 1, Lilley (not out) 2, extras, 9; total (for 3 wkts.), 42.

BARWICK A V. GARFORTH A.—At Barwick. Scores:—Barwick A.—M. Lumb 4, E. Bielo house 1, G. Stringford 1, Parkin 8, T. H. Robshaw 1, W. Markham 0, W. Booth 0, J. Wilson 0, B. Howeroft 0, F. Scargill 1, J. Drake (not out) 1, extras 5; total 21. Garforth A.—W. Ballance (not out) 9, W. Kilburn (not out) 8, extras 5; total, 22.

HALTON A V. SEACROFT A.—At Halton. Scores:—Seacroft A.—J. W. Smith 15, J. Liley 31, E. Bielo house 1, G. Stringford 0, T. Linley 1, Hardy 8, S. Ball (not out) 2, J. Hepworth 0, A. Bateman 14, W. Linley 3, extras 17; total 148. Halton A.—A. White, G. S. Clarke 0, D. Sunter 1, H. Haigh 2, L. Todd 1, H. Dobson 8, E. Weatherill 4, W. Benzil 13, T. Bond 1, G. Dunbar 0, J. Bradley (not out) 5, extras 3; total, 46.

GARFORTH WESLEYANS V. HALTON WESLEYANS A.—At Garforth. Scores:—Halton Wesleyans A.—H. Batty 3, J. Hemsworth 2, S. Clark 27, A. Baran 2, W. Taylor 0, H. Schofield 1, G. Palmer 5, S. Sunter 2, Kilberly 2, L. Townend 7, G. Goodall (not out) 1, extras 5; total 66. Garforth Wesleyans—F. Sibory 3, F. Gent 6, H. Ward 6, H. Sibory 8, R. Brownridge (not out) 37, H. Goodall (not out) 11; extras, 4; total, 69.

SWILLINGTON AND COLTON V. CROSSGATES WES. A.—At Colton. Scores:—Crossgates Wes. A.—H. Brook 2, H. Thompson 8, G. Willans 4, J. Brook 2, C. Bulliday 1, J. Selman 0, E. C. White 0, E. Beaumont 2, H. Rodgers 22, J. Stephenson 3, H. English (not out) 0, extras 3; total 56. Swillington and Colton—A. Dobson 5, J. F. Southwick (not out) 18, G. Earndale 1, J. Hunt 0, E. Gascoigne (not out) 0, extras 3; total (for 3 wkts.), 27.

CROSSGATES A V. WHITKIRK A.—At Crossgates. Scores:—Crossgates A.—Williamson 6, Linley 1, Holliday 2, H. Glover 4, Whiting 1, Smith 9, Hague 5, W. Glover, 0, A. Curtis 10, Walker 0, Turner (not out) 7, extras 10; total, 46. Whitkirk A.—Coultas 16, E. Nowell 2, H. Nowell 3, W. Cuttle 4, Woodward (not out) 10, Webb 5, White (not out) 2, extras 5; total (for 6 wkts.), 47.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood Adults	12	8	3	1	17
Carlton	10	6	2	2	14
Oulton	11	6	4	1	13
Robin Hood	10	5	3	2	12
Altofts United	10	5	3	2	12
Kippax	10	4	5	1	9
Rothwell	9	4	5	0	8
Woodlesford	12	3	9	0	6
Stanley Church	9	1	6	2	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood Adults A.	12	9	3	0	18
Rothwell A.	10	7	3	0	14
Stanley Church A.	10	6	3	1	13
Carlton A.	9	6	3	0	12
Kippax A.	11	5	5	1	11
Woodlesford A.	12	5	6	1	11
Oulton A.	11	3	7	1	7
Altofts Wesleyan	10	3	7	0	6
Robin Hood A.	9	2	7	0	4

R. HOYLAND, Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

Oulton v. Altofts. Messrs Tattersall and Booth.
Carlton v. Robin Hood. Messrs Beiggs and Lamb.
Kippax v. Stanley Church. Messrs Earnshaw and Tate.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

KIPPAX V. CARLTON.—At Carlton. Scores:—Carlton—J. Brown, b Lowe, 15; J. Brooke, c Lowe, b Lloyd, 21; R. Butterworth, c Lambert, b Lowe, 17; E. Fozzard, b Lloyd, 16; W. Brown, b Lloyd, 5; H. Corns, b Bickerdike, 7; C. Sykes, run out, 12; L. Brown, lbw, b Lowe, 21; S. Lascarone, b Lloyd, 9; T. Illingworth, c Elder, b Lloyd, 13; W. Newton, not out, 4; extras 14; total, 153.

Kippax—B. Eddison, b Newton, 30; W. Lloyd, b Illingworth, 0; E. Bickerdike, b Newton, 5; H. Lambert, retired hurt, 0; A. Brooke, c Brown, b Illingworth, 1; C. Butler, b White, 2; A. Wright, b Illingworth, 8; E. Plows, b Brown, 16; T. Roberts, b Brown, 8; T. Smart, b Brown, 1; A. Varley, b Brown, 0; A. Rider, not out, 0; extras, 14; total, 86.

OULTON V. OUTWOOD FRIENDS.—At Outwood. Scores:—

Oulton—H. Butler, b Pickard, 0; R. Higgins, b Pickard, 1; C. Butler, b White, 1; A. Wright, c Lunn, b Pickard, 3; S. Knight, c Hoyland, b White, 0; J. Butterick, b White, 2; B. Chappell, c Colby, b White, 4; C. Higgins, not out, 4; J. Hutchinson, b Pickard, 2; R. Bell, b White, 0; Pickard, 4; R. V. Higgins, c White, b Pickard, 0; extra, 11; total, 36.

Outwood Friends—H. Dixon, b Walker, 10; P. Carr, not out, 5; J. W. Lunn, not out, 20; extras, 3; total (for 1 wkt.), 38

ROBIN HOOD V. ROTHWELL.—At Robin Hood. Scores:—

Rothwell—C. Tiffany, c Howden, b Holroyd, 11; J. Newton, c sub, b Frost, 1; W. Fox, b Frost, 0; H. Hodgkinson, c Kirkby, b Holroyd, 1; A. Tiffany, b Frost, 0; H. Hoyland, c Holroyd, 0; E. Tiffany, c and b Frost, 0; E. Moss, not out, 4; W. Bedford, c Giles, b Holroyd, 6; H. Lane, b Frost, 0; H. Banks, b Frost, 6; extra, 1; total, 30.

Robin Hood—W. Frost, b Moss, 5; E. Smith, c Tiffany, b Bedford, 52; P. Wormald, b Bedford, 24; Giles, b Moss, 0; L. Holroyd, b Moss, 0; L. Armitage, not

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE

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SYNOPSIS OF OPENING CHAPTERS: Clinton Mannersley had been accused and convicted of forgery by his uncle, Sir Robert Mannersley. He had protested his innocence, but the evidence was strong against him. Now, when a term of imprisonment had nearly expired, he has escaped from Dartmoor. Secretly he sends a letter to Sir Robert's daughter, Phillipa, whom he loves. In this he makes known his escape, and again protests his innocence. Phillipa never believed him guilty, but now the wild tone of his letter alarms her, and she makes known its contents to a sturdy miner, Jim Britten, Clinton's foster-brother. Jim feels sure that Clinton will come straight to him, and his expectations are fulfilled the same night. Unknown to either, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who steals silently away into the darkness.

CHAPTER III.

Sir Robert Mannersley, seventeenth of his line in the proud order of the Baronetage, had been a poor man until coal was found on his estate, and he was glad, for the sake of his family, to develop the enormous mineral wealth which lay all around him. He would have liked to preserve some of the old simplicity and dignity of life in the immediate vicinity of the Castle, but all that was left of old times was the Castle itself, which was really an old house, picturesque and romantic enough now that Time had mellowed it, that had been built out of the ruins of the ancient fortress a hundred years after the latter had been destroyed. Within its time-mellowed chambers Sir Robert found his great recreation. The responsibilities of the colliery had transformed him into a business man, because he was a conscientious man, and he made a point of attending at his offices with punctuality and assiduity; but he was never so happy as when under his own roof-tree and by his own hearth, talking to his friends or showing them some of his treasures.

On the evening of the day following Phillipa Mannersley's visit to the checkweighman's cottage on the opposite side of the valley three people sat round the hearth in the elder man glanced at him, set down the tray of coins, and quietly took his own chair. "Go on, Quinton," he said, not unkindly. "I had an idea that you wanted to speak to me."

"Yes," said Quinton—yes. The fact is, I think I ought to go away. I am not the sort of man to beat about the bush, especially with you, and—I am in love with your daughter."

The old man nodded his head several times. "Aye," he said, "so I thought, Quinton—so I thought. Well, I see no harm in that. Your family is of equal rank with mine, and I have the greatest opinion of you in every way."

"Then you would——" cried Quinton, moved out of his usual calmness.

"Give her to you?" interposed Sir Robert, with a smile. "Aye, very likely I would. But, Quinton, I fear it's no use. Sit down. You know the terrible stain on our recent history?" he went on, when the younger man had taken a seat. "You have heard of what happened to my nephew just before you came here?"

Quinton bowed his head without speaking.

"They were always fond of each other as boy and girl," continued Sir Robert; "and, despite all that has happened, I believe she still cares for that graceless young scoundrel, Quinton, I tremble to think of what may happen when—when he is free again!"

Quinton sat in silence for some time. At last he looked the old man earnestly in the face. "Sir Robert!" he said. "Do you really believe your nephew was guilty?"

Sir Robert passed his hand over his forehead. "I wish I could think else!" he answered. "But—I can't!"

Quinton rose. "I'll go now," he said. "You—you'll understand. And you'll let me speak to you some other time, sir?"

He pressed the hand which the old man gave him, and, leaving the study, got his hat and coat and let himself out by a side door into the grounds. He wanted to be alone—wanted to think.

"Still cares for that graceless young scoundrel!" he said, bitterly.

If that were true, what hope was there for him!

CHAPTER IV.

The place which Clinton Mannersley had selected as a suitable rendezvous was one well known to Phillipa and himself; it was a lonely cave, which centuries earlier had been transformed into a rude oratory by a hermit whose ghost was said to haunt it, and Clinton accordingly fixed upon it as the most likely place wherein to meet his cousin, free man then. Well, then, all we've got to do is to make you dead safe until after tomorrow night. But how and where? Let's think. I have it, sir—Moses Pogmore's!"

Clinton started perceptibly. "What, Black Moses!" he exclaimed. "Why there particularly?"

"Why, sir, because, first of all, Black Moses lives all by himself—he can't abide women and won't have 'em near his place; secondly, his cottage is as lonely as ours is; and thirdly, you were always a favourite of his because you went in for horses and dogs his because you went in for horses and dogs like," said Jim. "Black Moses'll let nobody enter while you're there. Come along, Mr. Clinton, we'll go and see him."

Turning away from the footbridge, near which they had lingered during this conversation, Jim led the way along various paths and through a disused brickfield, in until they came to a disused brickfield, in which a light shone from a cottage window. He posted him in the lee of one of the tumbledown brick-kilns.

"Stop there, Mr. Clinton, while I prepare Moses for your coming," he said. "I've no Moses for your coming," he said. "I've no doubt about your reception, but he might just chance to have some of his mates with him, and I don't want anybody but him to know about you."

Clinton waited under the kiln while Jim went warily up to the cottage. There was a chilly wind, and he was tired; also he was not feeling particularly happy. He meant to keep his promise to Phillipa, but the thought of giving himself up and completing the term of his sentence was not attractive to him, especially after that taste of much-desired freedom. He was feeling very bitter and very wrathful against the whole chain of circumstances which had led his life to this point, when Jim Britten reappeared.

"Come on, sir," said Jim. "There's no one there but Moses. I've told him, and he'll see you're all right."

Gaining the cottage door in such a fashion that no one could see them cross the lighted window, Jim gently opened it and pushed Clinton in before him. The refuge entered, blinking at the light.

"Well, Moses," he said, with an attempt at cheerfulness, "you didn't expect to see me, I'll bet!"

An enormous man, who had scrupulously cleansed himself of the coal-dust and grime of the pit before taking his evening rest, but who was so dark of hair and complexion as fully to justify his mates in calling him Black Moses, rose from a chair on the hearth, and seizing Clinton's hand wrung it with great heartiness.

"Master Clinton, sir!" he said. "Proud to see ye, sir, proud—and glad—to see ye. No, the laws in the land, sir!" he said. "Jim, my lad, I don't like a man to come under my roof without suppin'. I'll make thee a sup o' tea or coffee, like—which, now?"

"I'll have a drink of that milk, Moses," said Jim, pointing to a measure which stood on the table. "Here's your good health," he continued, as Moses pushed the milk towards him. "And now I'll go—I know Mr. Clinton's in safe hands."

"As safe as if he were a babby and in his cradle," said Moses. "I'll see to him, Jim, my lad."

He saw to his charge that night as if he had been entertaining a king, and next morning, in spite of all that Clinton could urge, insisted on "playing," saying that the loss of a day's work was no more to him than naught, and that he was going to stand by his guest until night. And so the day went by uneventfully, but in safety, and at the time suggested by Phillipa, Clinton, after a hearty farewell from Moses Pogmore, set out in the dusk for the Castle.

He was conscious as he went along, making his way from one point to another like a hunted thing that dreads even the light of day, that he was feeling heart-sick and despondent. He knew very well that he had been a fool of himself in his boyhood and young manhood, that there was no wonder that his uncle had become sick and wearied of his folly and his wild goings-on. But he was also conscious of his own entire innocence in the shrubbery near the windows of Sir Robert's study that he could see into the room. But in his eagerness to see his uncle and pour out his woes and his entreaties he had arrived too early; he could see that the room was empty. Then a servant appeared in the study and drew down all the blinds; after that he could see no more.

After waiting what seemed an age Clinton at last moved out of the shrubbery and crept to the side-door, to which Phillipa had provided him with a key. That door opened directly into the study, as he knew well. He inserted the key in the lock—it turned without a sound. In another second he was inside the room. A high screen stood between him and the centre of the study, hiding his view of the desk whereat Sir Robert usually worked at night. He moved softly round it, expecting to find the room empty. Everything was

Sherburn, and was second in the open class to the gelding. Mr Richard Parker was third with a five-year-old bay mare. Mr Sellers' Pontefract winner led the aged mare class (radius), followed by Mr Helm's brown mare and Mr Jos. Sherrard's mare. The aged gelding class was led by Mr Helm, who continued his triumphs of the day by taking the first two places. His brown gelding secured premier honours, and the big chestnut came second. Mr Parker, Burton Common, provided the winning brood mare and foal, his couple being given preference over Mr Collins'. Mr Helm won the pairs class with his brown mare and brown gelding, and the mare also won the Shire Horse Society's medal, her only opponent being Mr Collins' filly foal.

HUNTERS.

The hunter classes were not very strong in numbers, but there was some of the best quality in the ring. The brood mares were a particularly prominent class, and were led by a nine-year-old grey mare, Grizzle, belonging to Major-General Baldock, of Monk Fryston—a big mare with plenty of bone, and showing good quality. Major-General Baldock also supplied the winning foal, which was by the winning brood mare, got by King's Proctor. It is eleven weeks old, and shows every promise of becoming a useful hunter. Both the yearling and two-year-old classes fell to Mr Walter Lofthouse, Hall Cotheriye.

The open riding class for Mr H. L. Lyon's silver cup brought out four competitors, and the competition was keen between a gelding shown by Messrs. Snowden, Starbeck, and Mr H. H. Rose's, Cosmanthorpe, gelding. Between the two the verdict went to the former at Sherburn, but Mr Foster reversed this decision, and gave the verdict to Mr Rose's gelding.

THE AWARDS.

Dairy cow (open)—1, G. Elliott, Knottingley; 2, R. Mollett, Birkin. Agricultural colt or filly foal (open)—1, H. Collins, Hillam; 2, A. McCloy, Birkin; 3, Mrs E. Stoker, Hambleton. Hunter colt or filly foal (open)—1, Major-General Baldock, Monk Fryston Lodge; 2, E. Ingle and Son, Knottingley; 3, A. Foxton, Roall Manor. Agricultural colt or filly foal (three miles radius)—1, H. Collins, Hillam; 2, A. McCloy; 3, Mrs E. Stoker. Agricultural colt or filly foal sired by any of Mr J. C. Jackson's horses—1, A. McCloy; 2, R. Parker, Barton Common; 3, Jos. South, Poole. Agricultural colt or filly foal sired by any of Mr E. T. Parker's horses—1, C. W. Helm, Rose Park; 2, S. Longbottom, Hillam. Agricultural gelding or filly, yearling (open)—1, A. McCloy; 2, R. Ward, Womersley; 3, W. Dickinson, Ferrybridge. Hunter gelding or filly, yearling—1, W. Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe; 2, Welburn Bros., Huddleston Hall; 3, J. Todd, Birkin. Agricultural gelding or filly, two years old (five miles radius)—1, C. W. Helm; 2, J. Sherrard, Beal; 3, E. T. Parker. Hunter, gelding or filly, 2 years (up-to)—1, W. Lofthouse; 2, Welburn Bros.; 3, F. Dorley, West Haddlesey. Agricultural gelding or filly, 3 years (open)—1, F. Sellers, Knottingley; 2, W. Clough, Selby; 3, W. Dickinson. Family group (agricultural) (five miles radius)—1, A. McCloy; 2, H. Collins; 3, J. Todd. Hunter brood mare, any age—1, Major-General Baldock; 2, A. Foxton; 3, G. Tankard, Thorganby. Agricultural gelding or mare, 4 years and upwards (open)—1, 2, and special (C. W. Helm); 3, R. Parker. Hunter, gelding or mare, 4 years and upwards (open)—1, H. Rose, Copmanthorpe; 2, L. Snowden and Son, Starbeck; 3, Dr Morrison, Escrick. Novice

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The annual puppy walk takes place at Bramham Park on August 7th.

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Apparently the land owners object to the proposed planning of Seacroft. Why?

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Wetherby's water carnival next month will make Knaresborough look to its laurels.

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Sherburn magistrates had an easy day at last Court. Three charges constituted the "sheet."

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Bath Tadcaster and Richmond Hill Wesleyan circuits have new superintendent ministers this year.

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It is suggested the Territorials should sing when on the march. Why not the Aberfordia ambulance men?

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"Harvesting" was started in Wetherby district last week-end, Mr J. A. Field, of Sandbeck, having cut a field of oats.

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The fete at Brookfield, Garforth Bridge, on Saturday, should be a successful one. Many attractions will be provided.

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The Skyrack magistrates had comparatively little business to transact on Tuesday. Nine cases comprised the "sheet."

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Hunslet Guardians are to have a return cricket match at Rothwell on August 26th. Why don't they challenge the Leeds or Tadcaster Boards?

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Poor "Bobby!" "You want putting in a bag and sticking up," said a local farmer to a Garforth policeman, who told him he would be reported for an offence.

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No date has yet been fixed for the marriage of the Hon. Bernard Howard and Baroness Beaumont, of Carlton Towers, Selby. The wedding will take place in November.

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Roundhay people found that running a flower show is not an easy business. The entries did not come up to expectations. The next big flower show is at Crossgates.

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The four principal golf clubs in the district—Wetherby, Garforth, Selby, and Crossgates—are going ahead and no mistake. The membership of Crossgates club has been closed.

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Templenewsam allotment-holders are difficult to deal with, and, for some reason, there is antagonism between them and the Council, although the latter try to meet every reasonable demand.

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Templenewsam Council had a meeting on Monday night, and it had to be adjourned, owing to there not being a quorum. This is the first time such a thing has occurred in the history of the Council.

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Owing to the holidays the Skyrack magistrates will hold no court next week.

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The latest! A football meeting was held at Rothwell on Sunday afternoon.

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Who said there was no demand for land? The Ulleskelf property has sold well.

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Barkston Ash bowlers have their return match with the Airedale Association on August 4th.

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A farce! Tadcaster District Insurance Committee, according to a friendly society worker, is a farce.

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Mrs. Hoste, of Ripon Park, performed the opening ceremony on the second day at Castleford Church bazaar.

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The subject for the first session of the Crossgates University class is literature, and Prof. Masterman has been appointed lecturer.

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What have the doctors to say? A member of Oulton Education Committee says it is stingy and most of the doctors to charge sixpence for medical certificates for children.

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The Skyrack police are keen workers for the charities, and in order to raise money they have fancy fetes at Garforth, Thorner, Ripon, Rothwell, Halton, and Horsforth.

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Why not compromise? The Hunslet Guardians and Rothwell Council are still squabbling about the price of water supplied to the children's homes at Rothwell Haigh.

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Saltfington seems to be the happy hunting ground for the mendicant. During the past few weeks at the Skyrack Court the police have brought several beggars before the magistrates.

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The Rev. Crusshaw Hargreaves (43 years' service) and the Rev. John Harries (38 years' service), who have been superintendents of local circuits, have retired from the Wesleyan Church ministry.

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Mr Michael Rayner, of Whitmoor, won first prize with a cow of capital dairy quality at the Yorkshire Show. It was her first time out this season, but last year she had several wins, including a first at Otley.

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"If you come here with that you had better clear out," was the answer of the Chairman to an allotment-holder, who appeared before the Templenewsam Council and complained about how an official discharged his duties.

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Bad for flying! A perfect hurricane was blowing at Roundhay on Friday morning, and so powerful were the gusts of wind that two large marquees were blown down, while one or two others were very much tattered and torn.

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CRICKET JOTTINGS.

Barkston Ash Competition.

All the clubs in Barkston Ash are not in the Competition, but I hope that next season the present number will be considerably augmented. Now is the time to make application for membership, and, according to the rules, all entries are due on August 1st. New clubs desirous of joining should at once communicate with Mr E. D. Pawson, the hon. sec., Halton.

Senior League Matches for Saturday.

The Senior League programme will be completed on Saturday, and then the semi-finals will be played. In one division the semi-finalists are Halton Wes.—they have made their position secure—and in the other two divisions they will be Tadcaster and Scarcroft, but there is just a possibility of an upset in these divisions. South Milford are only a point behind the Cawoodians, and if in the match to-morrow Tadcaster effect a draw they will tie, but if they lose Milford will be the semi-finalists. Tadcaster, I think, will succeed. Church Fenton and Church Fenton Sycamore, who have their return match, and Cawood will entertain Saxton, who are not shaping as well as they promised. Scarcroft's opponents are Halton, and the match is on the Primrose Valley ground. Although they are a smart side, Halton will create a surprise if they snatch a couple of points from their opponents. Micklefield and Garforth should provide a well-contested game, and Rawdon are given a chance of obtaining two points at the expense of Great Preston. Crossgates, at home, expect to defeat Crossgates Wes., who are not going as well as in the early part of the season, and at Collingham it is expected Halton Wes. will secure the points, while Shadwell will give Whitkirk the order of the knock unless there is a substantial improvement in their play.

League Games on Saturday.

Tadcaster administered a crushing defeat to Church Fenton, who, however, have the consolation that they scored more runs than Garforth against the same bowling. The Caledarians started their innings inauspiciously, for Todd (5) and Mason (0) were quickly got rid of, but Hebden (30) and Fryer (70, not out) completely mastered the bowling, and the men in the field had a merry time leather-hunting. Freer's score is the best he has got this season. Herbert was got rid of cheaply, but Baker rattled up 19 (not out), and when the score stood at 148 for four wickets the innings was declared at an end. Mosby was the best of the Fenton trundlers, his two wickets costing 36, while Coughton had 3 for 35, and Dixon 1 for 41. Church Fenton's innings had a disastrous opening, the five first men securing only two runs among them, but Otho (10) and W. Coughton (9) offered a stout defence to the deliveries of Herbert and Baker, who trundled unchanged throughout the innings. None of the others, however, gave much trouble, and the score totalled 38. Baker's five wickets cost 18, and Herbert's four were got for 16.

Cawood and Church Fenton Sycamore played a drawn game at Church Fenton. The visitors gave a good batting exhibition, registering 90 runs, and C. Jackson made an excellent 42. C. Poulter trundled well, taking 5 wickets for 22, and E. Poulter had 4 for 25. Church Fenton had two hours in which to get the runs, and play must be given credit for the total secured was 4 for seven wickets. Of course, the bowling was exceedingly good, and the home-sters were, naturally, inclined to take no risks. A. Fenton made 13 and Holt 10, Dobson 8, four wickets cost 12, and O. Lund had 2 for 13.

Garforth had an easy win over Barwick in a one-sided match. Batting first, the Barwick men found difficulty in playing the bowling of W. Glover and Ballance, and they were dismissed for 30. Walton contributed 13 and Hartley 9 of these trundled with remarkable effect, capturing four wickets for six, while Ballance claimed five wickets for 15 runs. Garforth lost two of their best batsmen—S. Glover and H. Prime—without a run on the board, and it was well for them that W. Glover, who batted admirably for 24 (not out), made a stand, as the next three men did not stay long at the wicket. When five wickets had fallen the total was 41. D. Childe had two wickets for 26, and Bowes had 2 for 24.

Halton had a substantial win over Great Preston, on whose ground the match was played. The homesters scored 59, and F. Wheatley distinguished himself by making 29. Sunter captured four wickets for 17 runs, and Benson had four for 20. Halton scored 88, and Sunter made 21, Ball 13, Heaps 11, and Benson 10. Great Preston was the most successful of the Preston trundlers, his five wickets costing 40, and Thompson had 3 for 26.

Micklefield went to Scarcroft determined to handle their rivals, but they failed, although it must be conceded that they made a very good effort. A singular feature of the match was that D. Barton, T. Toft, and G. Stead—three of the leading batsmen in the team—failed to make anything of a score, and then the bowling was severely trounced, all the other players, with one exception, making two figures. Attack made 20, Fryer 26, C. Johnson 32, E. Johnsin 27, F. Taylor 22, Pickersgill 25, and Thompson 16, and the total was 198. All Smith captured six bowlers for 43. Stone had 3 for 65, and Tompkinson 2 for 24. Micklefield had a formidable total on any win. Robin Hood A. made 62 (E. Todd, but they tackled it in the proper spirit, Wormald 24 and C. Barnby 17), and without losing a wicket Rothwell knocked up 63. A that they would not beat their opponents, they Tiffany having 34 and B. Fozzard 19. ran up the big score of 150. Hobson claimed the best return for the match with 5 for 47, and Scored 26, S. Taylor 15, and Goodman 12. Sea- were well beaten. The victors, who had choice ward tried to fewer than eight bowlers, and Fryer of ground, ran up 119, and Baxter scored 42, had the best figures—5 for 38, while E. John- Hebden 28, and Wilkinson 13. Stanley replied ston got two wickets for 14, G. Stead 1 for 8, with 36, of which Heaton claimed 18 and and C. Johnson 1 for 17. Dixon 11.

Collingham came by congratulated on at last securing a couple of points with their opponents' bowlers went to the first on Saturday, but they were Crossgates Wes., and for once in a way splendidly, sending up 153, and J. Brooks and L. Collingham gave a glimpse of their best form. Brown contributed 21 each, Butterworth 17, E. They scored two runs, and the principal contri- Bozzard 16, J. Brown 15, Illingworth 13, and butors were Lee 28, Graydon 15, A. Dalby Sykes 24. Kippax put in a creditable reply, but 14, and Whitehead 12. For the losers V. they finished nearly 70 runs behind. Towards a Thompson secured five wickets for 14, R. Coul- total of 86, Eddison had 36 and Plows 16. The ton had it for a hat-trick, and A. Jackson for 8. E. Wes. in the evening of the A. teams at Kippax produced a stiff match, the former scoring 148, the homesters won by six wickets. Towards Crossgates' score of 103, Kippax scored 49 (Ballance and Booth 11 Coultas made 26, and E. Webster scored 12. Oulton were completely outplayed at Outwood Graydon's six wickets were got for 37, and by the Friends' team. Batting first, the invaders C. Dalby claimed 4 for 36. were run-pressed by the deliveries of White and Pickerd, and they were all out for the meagre score of 36, of which P. Higgins (not out) claimed 11. Pickard obtained 6 wickets for 21, and White four for 13. Outwood scored 88 for a loss of a wicket,—in a high scoring match Oulton A. overcame Outwood A. by three runs. Oulton led off with 117 (Lockwood 34, not out, C. Butterick 22, and Nettleton 13), and Outwood responded with 114.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	8	7	1	0	14
South Milford	8	7	1	1	15
Cawood	8	5	3	3	7
Saxton	8	3	6	0	6
Church Fenton	8	1	6	0	4
Church Fenton Sycamore	8	1	6	2	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Scarcroft	8	8	1	0	16
Garforth	8	7	2	0	14
Micklefield	8	6	3	0	12
Halton	8	5	4	0	10
Barwick	8	4	5	0	8
Great Preston	8	0	8	0	0

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	7	8	1	0	16
Crossgates	9	6	3	0	12
Shadwell	9	5	4	0	10
Whitkirk	9	4	5	0	8
Crossgates Wesleyans	9	3	6	0	6
Collingham	9	2	5	0	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	11	9	2	0	18
Ulleskelf	11	8	3	0	16
South Milford A	10	6	4	0	12
Kirk Deighton	10	6	4	0	12
Bramham	10	3	7	0	6
Sherburn White Rose	10	3	7	0	6
Barkston Ash	10	1	9	0	2

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth A	11	10	1	0	20
Seacroft A	10	9	1	0	18
Halton A	10	5	5	0	10
Great Preston A	11	5	6	0	10
Aberford	10	3	7	0	6
Micklefield A	10	3	7	0	6
Barwick A	10	1	9	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wesleyans	9	7	2	0	14
Swillington and Colton	9	6	3	0	12
Crossgates A	9	5	4	0	10
Crossgates Wesleyans A	9	4	5	0	8
Whitkirk A	9	3	6	0	6
Halton Wesleyans A	9	2	7	0	4

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MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Cawood v. Saxton. Messrs T. Crosland (Micklefield) and T. Mathers (Great Preston).

Church Fenton v. Church Fenton Syc. Messrs W. Scarcroft (Tadcaster) and R Firn (Cawood).

South Milford v. Tadcaster. Messrs W. Crossland (Barwick) and H. Jackson (Leeds).

Barwick v. Great Preston. Messrs. C. Peers (Hillam Wes.) and S. H. Keeble (Crossgates Wes.).

Micklefield v. Garforth. Messrs J. Johnson (Scarcroft) and H. Bell (Saxton).

Halton v. Scarcroft. Messrs T. Goodall (Garforth Wes.) v. C. Atack (Micklefield).

Crossgates v. Crossgates Wes. Messrs A. Gascoigne (Kippax) and A. Thompson (Great Preston).

Collingham v. Halton Wes. Messrs E. Smith (Ulleskelf) and J. D. Snow (Wetherby).

Shadwell v. Whitkirk. Messrs F. Pickersgill (Scarcroft) and H. Johnson (Crossgates).

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Kirk Deighton v. Barkston Ash. Messrs H. Irish (Wetherby) and G. Fox (Bramham).

Bramham v. Sherburn W.R. Messrs H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton) and J. W. Falkingham (Leeds).

Tadcaster A. v. South Milford A. Messrs P. Hardcastle (Church Fenton Syc.) and H. Watson (Barkston Ash).

Scarcroft A. v. Micklefield A. Messrs T. P. Spivey (Crossgates) and J. Dobson (Garforth).

Aberford v. Barwick A. Messrs A. Bailey (Garforth) and E. Levitt (Swillington and Colton)

Great Preston A. v. Halton A. Messrs A. Birch (Garforth) and G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton).

Halton Wes. v. Swillington and Colton. Messrs A. Barton (Seacroft) and F. Hebden (Garforth).

Crossgates Wes. A. v. Crossgates A. Messrs J. Fox (Swillington and Colton) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

Whitkirk A. v. Garforth Wes. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and T. Blackburn (Great Preston).

BARKSTON ASH CHAMPION BOWLER'S SUCCESS.

HALTON PLAYER WINS LEEDS MERIT.

The concluding rounds of the eighteenth annual Individual Merit Competition for the Championship of the Leeds and District Amateur Association were decided on Saturday at the Chapeltown (Meanwood) Club's green, the honours being secured at his first essay by H. Thomas (Halton), who recently won the championship of the Barkston Ash Association. A record entry of 230 competitors had been narrowed down to sixteen, all of whom participated in the valuable prize-list, and entered the fifth stage with which play was commenced.

In the fifth round Thomas had a hard fight against Secker (Armley), winning by two only, and in the next round the Barkston Ash champion had a stern struggle with W. Waller, winner of the Elland Institution. The game was called level on seven occasions, and eventually stood at 19-18 in favour of the Halton player, who, with two singles went to game.

In the semi-finals S. Slomon (New Leeds) had seven shafts before Eulkin got in a single, and the latter only scored at four ends—7 chalks in all. J. Speight (Municipal Officers) was well beaten by Thomas in the second game, the latter by 14-7, and though Speight then registered six chalks in nine ends, he lost by 7 points.

Slomon entered his third final with a total margin of 36 points for the three rounds as against a majority for Thomas of 12 chalks. The Barkston Ash champion, however, going from corner to corner of the green, was six in front at the finish chalk. Slomon's first scored four singles a piece as many ends, but at the sixteenth end the game was 14-6. The issue was never in doubt thereafter, Thomas gaining his second honour this season by 12 points. Details:—

Fifth round—H. Thomas (Halton) 21 v. J. Secker (Armley) 19. Sixth round—H. Thomas 21 v. W. Waller (Holbeck) 18. Semi-finals—H. Thomas 21 v. J. Speight (Leeds Municipal) 14. S Sloman (New Leeds C) 21 v. J E Rukin (Morley) 7. Final—Thomas 21 v. S. Sloman 9.

BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE.

Church Fenton Sycamore v. Cawood.—At Church Fenton.

Cawood—F. Thompson, c J. Harrison, b C. Poulter, 2; C. O. Lund, c G. H. Ambler, b C. Poulter, 22; H. Lund, b C. Poulter, 10; G. Lund, b E. Poulter, 2; H. Dobson, b E. Poulter, 0; W. Barker, b C. Poulter, 4; C. Jackson, c F. Poulter, b C. Poulter, 26; J. Turner, b J. Harrison, 7; T. Buckle, c Holt, b E. Poulter, 8; A. Chilton, c and b E. Poulter, 4; Preston, not out, 3; extras, 1; total, 90.

Church Fenton Sycamore—A. Poulter, b O. Lund, 7; C. Poulter, b Jackson, 0; G. Foxton, b Smith, 5; J. E. Mason, b Dixon, 0; J. T. Hebden, c Holgreaves, b Mosby, 36; G. Freer, not out, 79; F. W. Herbert, b Mosby, 0; R. T. Baker, not out, 19; extras, 0; total (for 4 wkts.), 148.

Church Fenton—W. D. Foxton, b Herbert, 0; A. Coughton, c Hebden, b Herbert, 0; W. Coughton, b Baker, 22; J. A. Thompson, b Herbert, 0; W. Dixon, b Baker, 0; T. Atha, c Grimston, b Baker, 16; W. Claughton, lbw, b Baker, 9; W. Mosby, c Raper, b Baker, 3; F. Jackson, run out, 3; H. Deighton, b Herbert, 0; A. B. Holgreaves, not out, 1; extras, 0; total, 38.

Garforth v. Barwick.—At Garforth.

Barwick—G. Bowes, b Pickersgill, 2; F. Lamb, b Ballance, 2; H. Walton, c Ballance, b W. Glover, 13; J. Pollard, b Ballance, 1; W. Hartley, c S. Glover, b Ballance, 0; J. Robshaw, c S. Glover, b W. Glover, 0; W. Lovatt, b Ballance, 2; D. Childe, b W. Glover, 1; W. Armitage, b Ballance, 2; Y. Robshaw, c Ballance, b Glover, 2; W. Brown, not out, 0; extras, 5; total, 30.

Garforth—S. Glover, c Lovatt, b Bowes, 0; H. Prime, b Lamb, 2; W. Glover, not out, 24; F. Taylor, c Lamb, b Tompkinson, 22; J. W. Pickersgill, b Stone, 25; H. Toft, not out, 2; extras, 7; total, 198.

Micklefield—Ardber, c Thompson, b C. Johnson, 26; Tompkinson, run out, 1; A. Smith, b E. Fryer, 0; A. Stone, c Atack, b Fryer, 41; P. Hobson, c Pickersgill, b Fryer, 57; J. Walls, c Taylor, b Fryer, 3; H. Goodman, b G. Stead, 12; W. Lunn, b E. Fryer, 0; S. Taylor, b E. Johnson, 15; Hardwick, not out, 1; J. H. Townend, lbw, b E. Johnson, 0; extras, 25; total, 150.

Crossgates Wesleyans v. Collingham.—At Old Manston. Scores:—

Collingham—H. Whitehead, b Clough, 12; H. Twidale, b Beaumont, 0; R. Gibson, lbw, b Coultas, 8; H. Graydon, c Coultas, b Webster, 15; G. Foster, b Beaumont, 0; W. Dalby, c Coultas, b Thompson, 14; R. Smithson, b Thompson, 4; E. Whitelock, b Thompson, 2; Stokes, not out, 8; H. Whitehead, lbw, b Thompson, 4; J. Dawson, c Beaumont, b Coultas, 1; extras, 14; total, 100.

Crossgates—Wood-Leyes—C. Brook, c Whitehead, b Graydon, 7; D. Umpleby, b Dalby, 2; E. Webster, c Whitehead, b Dalby, 12; E. Holliday, c Foster, b Graydon, 4; J. Clough, c Twidale, b Graydon, 27; R. Coultas, c Twidale, b Dalby, 26; C. H. Walker, b Graydon, 6; A. Beaumont, b Graydon, 15; Thompson, c Whitehead, b Graydon, 0; H. Wynne, not out, 7; H. Fidgett, c and b Dalby, 2; extras, 12; total, 93.

Whitkirk v. Crossgates.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—

Whitkirk—A. R. Milford, b White, 72; A. Shepherd, b White, 2; T. Pickersgill, b Yates, 4; J. Shepherd, run out, 5; R. J. Moss, b White, 0; F. Loveday, c and b Yates, 0; W. E. Taylor, not out, 2; W. L. Moss, c Craven, b Yates, 3; C. Rumford, c Fairburn, b White, 0; E. Ingle, c and b Yates, 0; Bowden, b Dawson, c Burnell, b Yates, 0; extras, 4; total, 36.

Crossgates—W. T. Sykes, b J. Shepherd, 7; I. Burnell, run out, 17; R. Craven, c Rumford, b J. Shepherd, 6; G. Goodall, b Ingle, 0; H. White, not out, 55; extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 37.

Halton Wesleyans v. Shadwell.—At Halton. Scores:—

Halton Wesleyans—C. M. Kilburn, c Heaton, b Scott, 18; J. Popplewell, st Burnett, b Heaton, 2; S. Batty, c and b Scott, 41; L. Stephens, lbw, b Heaton, 0; A. Popplewell, lbw, b Heaton, 5; O. Bell, b Metcalfe, 28; G. D. Crosthwaite, c Burnett, b Scott, 40; C. E. Batty, b Scott, 13; J. Bell, c Burnett, b Scott, 0; A. Bell, not out, 0; Heaton, 2; H. Wilson, not out, 2; extras, 10; total, 160.

Shadwell—Barrett, c Crosthwaite, b O. Bell, 8; Heaton, b Wilson, 8; Scott, c C. Batty, b Wilson, 53; Metcalfe, run out, 14; Freeman, c and b O. Bell, 2; Burnett, b Wilson, 0; Burnett, b C. Bell, 16; Mills, b A. Powell, 0; Umpleby, c O. Bell, b C. Bell, 11; Weatherill, not out, 13; Mawson, run out, 1; extras, 6; total, 72.

Great Preston v. Halton.—At Great Preston. Scores:—

Halton—Cowell, b Green, 0; Haigh, run out, 0; Sunter, c Wigglesworth, b Thompson, 21; Bodsworth, b Haigh, 8; Thompson, b Green, 1; Heaps, b Thompson, 11; Benson, b Green, 10; Ball, b Green, 13; Sunter, run out, 14; Guest, not out, 7; Shaw, b Green, 3; extras, 1; total, 88.

Great Preston—T. Wigglesworth, c Haigh, b Sunter, 0; H. Wigglesworth, c Sunter, b Taylor, 5; R. Wigglesworth, run out, 2; G. Varley, c Haigh, b Sunter, 0; F. Wheatley, not out, 25; A. Thompson, c Haigh, b Benson, 8; W. Varley, b Benson, 0; H. Firth, b Benson, 0; J. Green, c Guest, b Benson, 0; C. Thompson, c Guest, b Sunter, 1; J. Cooper, c Guest, b Sunter, 31; extras, 9; total, 90.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Barkston Ash v. Tadcaster A.—At Barkston Ash. Scores:—Tadcaster A—Kettlewell 7, A. Smart 0, B. Johnson 3, Nettleton 2, Aldous 15, A. Taylor 3, H. Wigglesworth (not out) 0, Chatfield 2, Taylor 4, Swan 0, extras 7; total 70. Barkston Ash — P. Rhodes 10, G. Latter 80, J. Wigglesworth 4, Whitehead 6, Woods 8, R. Bailey 13, E. Hills 0, J. Liddle 11, W. White 0, J. White (not out) 4, A. Smith 0, extras 5; total 68.

Sherburn White Rose v. Kirk Deighton.—At Sherburn. Scores:—Sherburn White Rose—J. Elliff 2, E. Poteh 4, C. Cooke 0, H. Cawthorne 6, W. Smith 11, J. Gill 6, C. Hey 0, W. Lunn 0, E. Tiffany 0, J. Hey 0, Bramham 0, Hey (not out) 0, extras 3; total 35. Kirk Deighton—Linfoot 0, Nicholson 5, Raine 1, Oxley 2, T. Blensby (not out) 6, Swann 0, J. Blensby (not out) 1, extras 3; total (for 5 wkts), 37.

Ulleskelf v. Bramham.—At Ulleskelf. Scores:—Bramham—J. Dawson 3, J. Cass 0, G. Shaw 0, F. Shaw 0, J. Bullock 5, A. Stockdale 0, G. Brown 1, G. Eastwood 1, D. Kerridge 0, P. Hebron (not out) 1, T. Hebron 0, extras 5; total 16. Ulleskelf—J. Ward 1, J. Sykes (capt.) 4, R. Bean 2, J. Porter 0, W. Bean (not out) 1, F. Holt 0, D. Varey (not out) 4, extras 6; total (for 5 wkts.), 18.

Aberford v. Great Preston A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—J. Blakeley 22, F. Walton 11, E. Capper 0, J. Connell 2, G. Connell 3, H. Abbott 0, A. Stringer 0, J. Inman 1, T. Lindley (not out) 3, W. Dickinson 3, A. Inman 1, extras 7; total 38. Great Preston A—F. Hutchinson (not out) 22; H. Wrigglesworth 8, G. Wrigglesworth 0, Collett 1, Lilley (not out) 2, extras, 9; total (for 3 wkts), 42.

Barwick A v. Garforth A.—At Barwick. Scores:—Barwick A—M. Lamb 4, E. Backhouse 1, G. Coulthard 0, J. Porkin 8, T. H. Robshaw 0, W. Markham 0, W. Booth 5, J. Wilson 0, B. Howeroft 0, F. Scargill 1, J. Drake (not out) 1, extras 5; total 21. Garforth A—W. Ballance (not out) 9, W. Kilburn (not out) 8, extras 5; total, 22.

Halton A v. Seacroft A.—At Halton. Scores:—Seacroft A—J. W. Smith 15, J. Liney 31, E. Guest 32, E. Hunter 0, T. Lisley 26, J. Hardy 8, S. Ball (not out) 2, E. Wentworth 2, A. Bateman 14, W. Liney 3, extras 17; total 148. Halton A—A. White 6, S. Clarke 0, J. Guest 1, H. Haigh 2, T. Todd 1, H. Dobson 0, E. Weatherill 4, W. Brazil 13, T. Booth 1, G. Dunbar 0, J. Bradley (not out) 5, extras 5; total, 46.

Garforth Wesleyans v. Halton Wesleyans A—At Garforth. Scores:—Halton Wesleyans A—H. Beatty 3, S. Clark 27, A. Baron 2, W. Taylor 0, H. Schofield 1, G. Palmer 0, S. Sunter 7, A. Kilberly 2, L. Townend 7, G. Goodall (not out) 1, extras 15; total 66. Garforth Wesleyans—F. Siberry 3, F. Gent 6, H. Ward 6, H. Siberry 2, R. Brownridge (not out) 37, H. Goodall (not out) 11; extras, 4; total, 69.

Swillington and Colton v. Crossgates Wes. A.—At Swillington. Scores:—Crossgates Wes. A—H. Brook 2, H. Thompson 8, G. Willans 4, A. Brook 2, C. Holliday 0, J. Selman 0, E. C. White 2, J. Bridgeman 2, H. Rodgers 22; J. Stephenson 3, H. English (not out) 0, extras 33; total 26. Swillington and Colton—A. Dobson 5, J. E. Southwick (not out) 18, G. Earndale 1, J. Hunt 0, E. Gascoigne (not out) 0, extras 3; total (for 3 wkts.), 27.

Crossgates A v. Whitkirk A.—At Crossgates. Scores:—Crossgates—A. Wilkinson 6, Linley 1, Holliday 0, H. Glover 4, Whiting 1, Smith 0, Hague 2, W. Glover 2, A. Carlton, Waller 0, Turner (not out) 7, extras 10; total, 46. Whitkirk—A. Dobson 15, E. Sowell 2, H. Newell 3, W. Cuttle 4, Woodford (not out) 10, Webb 5, White (not out) 2, extras 5; total (for 5 wkts.), 47.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood Adults	12	8	3	1	17
Carlton	10	6	2	2	14
Oulton	11	6	4	1	13
Robin Hood	10	5	3	2	12
Alotfts United	10	4	3	3	11
Kippax	10	4	5	1	9
Rothwell	10	4	5	0	8
Woodlesford	12	3	9	0	6
Stanley Church	9	1	6	2	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood Adults A	12	9	3	0	18
Rothwell A	10	7	2	1	15
Stanley Church A	10	6	3	1	13
Carlton A	10	6	3	1	13
Kippax A	11	5	5	1	11
Woodlesford A	12	4	8	0	8
Oulton A	11	3	7	1	7
Alotfts Wesleyan	10	2	7	0	4
Robin Hood A	9	2	7	0	4

R. HOYLAND, Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

Oulton v. Alotfts. Messrs Tattersall and Booth.

Carlton v. Robin Hood. Messrs Briggs and Lamb.

Kippax v. Stanley Church. Messrs Earnshaw and Tate.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Kippax v. Carlton.—At Carlton. Scores:—Carlton—J. Brown, b Lowe, 15; J. Brooke, c Lowe, b Lloyd, 21; R. Butterworth, c Lambert, b Lowe, 17; E. Fozzard, b Lloyd, 16 W. Brown, b Lloyd, 5; H. Corns, b Bickerdike, 7; U. Sykes, run out, 12; L. Brown, lbw, b Lowe, 21; S. Lawrance, b Lloyd, 9; J. Illingworth, c Rider, b Lloyd, 13; W. Newton, not out, 4; extras 14; total, 153.

Kippax—B. Eddison, b Newton, 30; W. Lloyd, b Illingworth, 0; E. Bickerdike, b Newton, 5; H. Lambert, retired hurt, 0; A. Brooke, c Brown, b Illingworth, 4; T. Lowe, c Butterworth, b Illingworth, 8; E. Plows, b Brown, 16; T. Lloyd, b Brown, 8; T. Sewell, b Brown, 13; A. Varley, b Newton, 0; not out, 0; extras, 14; total, 86.

Oulton v. Outwood Friends.—At Outwood. Scores:—

Outwood—H. Butler, b Pickard, 0; R. Higgins, b Pickard, 1; P. Butler, b White, 1; A. Wright, c Lunn, b Pickard, 33; S. Knight, c Hoyland, b White, 0; J. Burbrick, b White, 2; R. Chappell, c Colley, b White, 4; P. Higgins, not out, 14; W. Hutchinson, b Pickard, 0; B. Walker, b Pickard, 4; W. Higgins, c White, b Pickard, 0; extras, 14; total, 86.

Outwood Friends—H. Dixon, b Walker, 10; P. Carr, not out, 5; J. W. Lunn, not out, 20; extras, 3; total (for 1 wkt.), 38.

Robin Hood v. Rothwell.—At Robin Hood. Scores:—

Rothwell—C. Tiffany, c Howden, b Holroyd, 11; J. Newton, c sub, b Frost, 1; W. Fox, b Frost, 1; H. Wood, b Holroyd, 5; J. Holroyd, b Holroyd, 1; A. Clark, b Frost, 0; H. Hemsworth, b Holroyd, 0; E. Tiffany, c and b Frost, 0; E. Moss, not out, 4; W. Bywaters, b Holroyd, 0; J. Bullough, H. Lane, b Frost, 0; H. Banks, b Frost, 6; extras, 1; total, 24.

Robin Hood—W. Frost, b Moss, 5; E. Smith, c Tiffany, b Bedford, 5; P. Wormald, b Bedford, 2; G. Giles, b Moss, 6; T. Holroyd, b Moss, 0; L. Bramham, not out, 1; H. Lamb, b Moss, 0; H. Howden, not out, 6; extras, 2; total (for 6 wkts.), 27.

Woodlesford v. Stanley.—At Woodlesford. Scores:—

Woodlesford—W. Hamer, c Bulmer, b Dickinson, 4; O. Wilkinson, c Bulmer, b Hargreaves, 13; A. Brittlebank, b Hargreaves, 0; E. Dobson, b Wilkinson, 6; E. W. Bennett, run out, 0; W. Brown, b Hargreaves, 1; E. Baxter, b Hargreaves, 42; A. Evans, b Dickinson, 7; T. Williams, b Hargreaves, 3; E. Hitchen, c Heaton, b Hargreaves, 8; E. Williams, not out, 1; extras, 14; total, 119.

Stanley—J. Holmes, c Williams, b Wilkinson, 0; C. Littlewood, c Brown, b Wilkinson, 7; P. Hargreaves, b Wilkinson, 0; J. Heaton, b Wilkinson, 18; L. Hargreaves, c and b Hitchen, 3; L. Cawthorne, b Wilkinson, 2; C. Dickinson, b Wilkinson, 6; H. Robinson, b Hitchen, 3; A. Davison, b Wilkinson, 18; J. Bulmer, run out, 0; J. Hartley not out, 2; extras, 4; total, 86.

Mile Handicap—1, T. Tuffey, Leeds St. Mark's, 170 yards start; 2, P. Nettleton, Leeds East View, 220 yards; 3, A. Cheshaman, Barwick, 146. Won easily by 30 yards; five yards separating second and third.

Rothwell A v. Robin Hood A.—At Rothwell. Scores:—Robin Hood A—E. Wormald 24, B. Bell 4, C. Fearnley 17, F. Wormald 3, Bramley 0, Walker 1, C. Featherstone 0, H. Fenton 3, J. Holroyd 2, B. Kirkby 0, Jim Walker 0, H. Blackburn (not out) 0, extras 8; total 62. Rothwell A—A. Tiffany (not out) 34, B. Fozzard (not out) 19, extras 10; total (for 0 wkts.), 65.

Oulton A v. Outwood Adults A.—At Oulton. Scores:—Oulton A—T. Jones 7, R. Whitworth 6, W. Miller 0, C. Butterick 22, J. Swift 8, E. Parkinson 5, F. Palfreeman 1, S. Lockwood (not out) 34; A. Nettleton 13, J. Brown 8, G. F. Higgins 5, extras 7; total 117. Outwood—H. Lees 0, E. Ackroyd 0, W. F. Jones 38, F. Welley 6, F. Tattersall 4, H. Whiteley 15, W. Ashton 6, W. Finnigan 0, J. Whiteley 0, C. Moss (not out) 16, A. Richardson 0, extras 4; total 114.

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In bitterly cold and wild weather, the annual sports and gala promoted by the Allerton-Bywater Colliery Cricket, Football, and Athletic Club were held on the cricket field at Ledstone on Saturday, and, considering the weather, the attendance was quite as large as could be expected. A gale of wind blew right across the sprint track, and also greatly hampered the cyclists The ground is a good one, and possesses a cycle track of about a quarter of a mile, which would be greatly improved by a little more banking and attention to the surface, which was very low on Saturday. From various causes several riders had bad falls, and at one period the pavilion bore the aspect of an accident ward in a hospital. The management was of the go-as-you-please order, and the proceedings terminated long after schedule time. Results :—

Quarter-Mile Bicycle Handicap—Heat winners —I. Johnson, Clifton, 33 yards start; A Goodall, Allerton, 47; T. Sykes, Clifton, 44; W. P. Hoyland, Moorthorpe, 24; R. Davis, Wellington Wheelers, 40; W. H. Davies, Wellington Wheelers, 47; C. H. Hepton, South Kirkby, 38; J. Pugh, Stanley, 22; J. D. Halpin, Leeds Kirkgate, 33; W. H. Bowers, Pontefract, 45. Semi-final round—Heat 1—1, Goodall; 2, R. Davis; 3, Sykes. Won by five yards. Heat 2—1, Bowers; 2, Halpin. Won by a length. As fastest loser Sykes was entitled to compete in the final heat. Final heat—1, Goodall; 2, Bowers; 3, Halpin. A good race was won by a foot; a wheel only dividing second and third.

100 Yards Handicap—Heat winners—G. Waite, Bradford, 10½ yards start; P. Taylor, Seacroft, 7½; D. R. Bullough, Allerton, 8½; G. Crosland, Allerton, 15; T. Sykes, Clifton, 14; W. P. Hoyland, Moorthorpe, 24; R. Davis, Wellington Wheelers, 40; W. H. Davies, Wellington Wheelers, 47; C. H. Hepton, South Kirkby, 38; J. Pugh, Stanley, 22; J. D. Halpin, Leeds Kirkgate, 33; W. H. Bowers, Pontefract, 45. Semi-final round—Heat 1—1, Goodall; 2, R. Davis; 3, Sykes. Won by five yards. Heat 2—1, Bowers; 2, Halpin. Won by a length. As fastest loser Sykes was entitled to compete in the final heat. Final heat—1, Goodall; 2, Bowers; 3, Halpin. A good race was won by a foot; a wheel only dividing second and third.

Half-Mile Bicycle Handicap—Heat winners—B Illingworth, 440 yards start; P. Taylor, Seacroft, 7½; D. R. Bullough, Allerton, 8½; G. Crosland, Allerton, 15; J. Trest, York, 61; J. Andrews, York, 73; P. Gilston, South Leeds, 104. Final heat—1, Taylor; 2, Bullough; 3, Waite. Won by a yard; a yard and a half separating second and third.

Half-Mile Bicycle Handicap—Heat winners—B Burgin, Kippax Road, 85 yards start; A. Dixon, Featherstone, 54; J. D. Halpin, Leeds Kirkgate, 20; W. H. Besse, Bradford, 92; R. Davis, Wellington Wheelers, 75; W. H. Davis, Wellington Wheelers, 60; H. Farrer, Yorkshire Road Club, 105; G. H. Thornton, Wellington Wheelers, 80, and T. A. Wentworth, Clifton, 75. Second heat; W. H. Bowers, Pontefract, 88; F. A. Bamforth, Goole, 28. Semi-final round—Heat 1—1, Burgin; 2, Dixon; 3, R. Davis. Won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third. Heat 2—1, Bamforth; 2, W.

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

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SYNOPSIS OF OPENING CHAPTERS: Clinton Mansersley had been accused and convicted of forgery by his uncle, Sir Robert Mansersley. He had protested his innocence, but the evidence was strong against him. Now, when sentence was virtually expired, he with a term of imprisonment had nearly expired, he sends a letter from Dartmoor. Currently he sends a letter from Dartmoor. Currently he sends a letter to Sir Robert's daughter, Phillipa, whom You know the terrible stain on our record here? he never to be makes known his escape, but again protests his innocence. Phillipa never believed him guilty, but now the wild note of his escape alarms her, and she makes known its contents to a sturdy miner, Jim Britten, Clinton's foster-brother. Jim feels sure that Clinton will come straight to him, and his expectations are fulfilled the same night. Unknown to either, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who steals silently away into the darkness.

CHAPTER III.

Sir Robert Mansersley, seventeenth of his line in the proud order of the Baronetage, had been a poor man until comparatively late in his life, and he was glad, for the sake of his family, to develop the enormous mineral wealth which lay all around him. He would have liked to preserve some of the old simplicity and dignity of life in the immediate vicinity of the Castle, but all that was left of old times was the Castle itself, which was really an old house, picturesque and romantic enough now that Time had mellowed it, that had been built out of the ruins of the ancient fortress a hundred years after the latter had been destroyed. Within its time-mellowed chambers Sir Robert found his great recreation. The responsibilities of the colliery had transformed him into a business man, because he was a conscientious man, and he made a point of attending at his offices with punctuality and assiduity; but he was never so happy as when under his own roof-tree and by his own hearth, talking to his friends or showing them some of his treasures.

On the evening of the day following Phillipa Mansersley's visit to the checkweighman's cottage on the opposite side of the valley three people sat round the hearth in Sir Robert's study examining an old Roman lamp which he had just taken from a cabinet. Sir Robert himself sat in a capacious chair, his white head, which stood a small table supporting a shaded lamp, the light of which fell on his finely-chiselled features, on his wavy hair and moustache, his long, shapely fingers moving lovingly about the curio as he explained some of its peculiarities and beauties to his daughter and his guest. Phillipa, prettier than ever in her dinner dress, hung over the back of the chair; the guest stood before them on the hearthrug. And a close observer would have seen that while the master of the house bent his head to the small lamp, Mr. Mark Quinton was much more interested in its owner's daughter.

The manager of Mansersley Colliery was a tall, well-built man of apparently thirty years of age, who had much of the military man in his appearance, in his manner, in some gestures, the quick flash of his eye—above everything, in the square, determined jaw. It required little knowledge of human nature to see that Mark Quinton was a born martinet—to see that he was accustomed and to have his own way. If his stern life issued an order, it was obeyed. If his stern life issued an order, and his steel-blue eyes emphasised it, most men under him hastened to carry it out with energy. But the stern lips were tender enough, and the keen eyes soft enough, when ever Miss Phillipa Mansersley happened to be near, and some people were beginning to notice the fact.

"And I believe there is no other specimen of this particular date, or of this particular sort, with the exception of one in the British Museum in London," said Sir Robert, lovingly handling his Roman lamp. "A somewhat similar lamp was unearthed some years ago, but it is not at all of the date or class of this—not at all!"

"Wherefore Mansersley Castle and its owners can boast themselves of being in possession of something which would be envied even by the Museum itself, I cannot imagine, unless it were—" said Phillipa, putting her father's thought into words, "unless it were that fireside head. "You ought to be flattered at the attention and the acquaintance of such a connoisseur as Mr. Quinton. And now I must leave you gentlemen to entertain yourselves, for I am going out—I am going to the village at this hour!" exclaimed Sir Robert.

"Out, my dear, at this hour?" exclaimed Sir Robert. "Excuse me, why—"

"Only for a while, papa, and it is on an errand of mercy—one of my old women." said Phillipa. "I shall be home again before you know I am gone."

"I sincerely hope, my dear, that the object of your visit does not reside in the miners' village?" said Sir Robert.

"I go with you wherever it is, Miss Mansersley!" said Quinton.

"It is rather late, and though—" she said.

"Thanks, very, really," she said. "Ann Mary, you know, goes with me everywhere. I shall see you on my return, Mr. Quinton." She gave him a light nod, and left the room.

Sir Robert rose from his chair. "Come, Mr. Quinton, and let me remind me art, eh?" he said. "I have some Roman coins sent to me the other day. I'll show them to you, and I'll in another room. Sit down, sir, and I'll fetch them. Light another cigar, do!"

The old Baronet went out of the room, and the manager walked to a side-table to take a cigar from an open case; in passing another small table on his way, he saw a card lying in the mere scrap of card, crumpled and dirty—and before he could prevent it, he had seen it and read the name on it: "Herrmit's Cell—to-night—nine-thirty."

He chose a cigar, went back to the hearth, and stood there wondering what such a mysterious sentence meant. The door opened and Phillipa returned in her walking dress. She looked flurried, and a little upset.

"All alone, Mr. Quinton? I've exclaimed.

"Your father is fetching some coins, Miss Mansersley," he answered.

"Poor you!" she said. "I—I left something here. I am so careless in leaving things about. I—oh, here it is—an address."

Before Quinton had realised the situation she had snatched up the card he had unwittingly seen, and with a smiling nod had again quitted the room.

When Sir Robert came sauntering back with a tray of coins, some five minutes later, Quinton had let his cigar die out, and was standing very erect and set of face before the old Baronet's desk.

"Now, these coins, Quinton," began Sir Robert, "are, I believe—"

Quinton drew his attention with a short cough. "Sir Robert," he said.

The elder man glanced at him, set down the tray of coins, and quietly took his own chair. "Go on, Quinton," he said, not unkindly. "I had an idea that you wanted to speak to me."

"Yes," said Quinton—"yes. The fact is, I think I ought to go away. I am not the sort of man to keep about the bush, especially with you, and—I am in love with your daughter."

The old man nodded his head several times. "Aye," he said, "so I thought, Quinton—so I thought. Well, I see no harm in that. Your family is of equal rank with mine, and I have the greatest opinion of you in every way. I think—"

"Give her to you?" interposed Sir Robert, with a smile. "Aye, very likely I would. But, Quinton, I fear it's no use. Sit down. You know the terrible stain on our record here? Quinton bowed his head without speaking. "They were always fond of each other as boy and girl," continued Sir Robert; "and, despite all that has happened, I believe they still care for that graceless young scoundrel, Quinton, I tremble to think of what may happen when he comes back to us!"

Quinton sat in silence for some time. At last he looked the old man earnestly in the face. "Sir Robert," he said, "do you really believe your nephew was guilty?"

Sir Robert passed his hand over his forehead. "I wish I could think else!" he answered. "But—I can't!"

Quinton rose. "I'll go now," he said, "You understand. And you'll let me back to you some other time, sir?"

Sir Robert passed the hand which the old man had pressed the day before over his forehead. He pressed the hand, leaving the study. Quinton shook him, and, leaving the study, got his hat and coat and let himself out by a side door into the grounds. He wanted to be alone—wanted to think.

"I wish I could think else!" he muttered. "Still cares for that graceless young scoundrel!" he said, bitterly.

If that were true, what hope was there for him!

CHAPTER IV.

The place which Clinton Mansersley had selected as a suitable rendezvous was one well known to Phillipa and himself; it was a lonely cave, which centuries earlier had been transformed into a rude oratory by a hermit, whose ghost was said to haunt it, and Clinton had accordingly chosen it for one of the most unlikely places wherein to meet his cousin.

Phillipa gained the rendezvous by a roundabout way. As she reached it a figure rose from a dark recess.

"Phillipa!"

"Clinton!"

For a moment she let him take her in his arms and kiss her; for a moment she recollected the days of boy-and-girl love welled up strongly within her; for a moment she had declined to remember anything but that he had suffered cruelly, and that she had the innocent-looking face upon which the sternest to take him to her bosom and comfort him. But then the danger of his situation, the perplexity of the future, rose up before her, and steadied her nerves—she knew that she was the support of the two, and that all light was to come out of all this darkness, if any light was to come out of it.

"Clinton, you must be brave!" she said. "Listen, while I explain the danger of his situation, cannot be out long, and we must say what we have to say quickly. I think we must be hard or have to say quickly. I think we must be hard or cold if I seem practical—it is only because I am so anxious, so terribly anxious, to think what can be done. Why, Clinton, have you done this?"

"Done it, Phillipa—got away? Wouldn't any man have got away if he'd had the chance?" he replied, bitterly. "It's all very well for you and for Jim Britten to say 'Why,' did you do it?' You were neither of you in my place."

"But you had only a few months to wait, Clinton," she urged. "Eight months at the most—I kept a careful count, Clinton—only most—I kept a careful count, Clinton—only eight months—eight eternities of torture!," he exclaimed, between his teeth. "It's no use, Phillipa. I'm out, thank Heaven, and out I'll stop."

"Who helped you—who managed it?" she asked.

"A Warrinder engineer it," he answered, curtly.

"Warrinder! That man? Oh, Clinton!" exclaimed Phillipa, a suppressed exclamation.

"There you are!" he said, testily. "Warrinder's the one man in the world that has tried to help me, anyhow!"

"That's unjust, Clinton, and it's not true," she said. "I had hoped that when you were more to do with your old cousin Phillipa," she added, "you'd never have anything more of men, and I have sometimes wondered whether some of them were not concerned in the affair that brought you to ruin—I have, indeed!"

Clinton uttered a loud snort of disdain. "Rot, rot, Phillipa! The mere idea!" he exclaimed. "Hang it all, we may have been a lot of young asses as regards horses and cards, but we weren't common thieves. No, the real culprits, the scoundrels for whom I've suffered, must be looked for elsewhere at home than that, my dear!"

"But where, Clinton, and how?" she asked.

"That's more for you than for me," he said, resolutely. "And that's why I've got to help me and will see him."

"I will see him quietly and quietly—it will be to him quite calmly and quietly—it will be the chance of a lifetime for you. I'll go to him for the first time I have ever had the chance in this affair in the direction of the Hermit's Cell, plunging at Sir Robert connected me in this affair because of the past. It was the old story of the dog with the bad name. And what's more, I'll go to him for you, Phillipa!"

"And Phillipa, with all her faith in her father, did know it, and she made no direct answer. "And you know her sympathy—she herself had never doubted his innocence.

"I'll keep my eye—my father, Clinton, what after that?" she asked.

"I'm off to Canada," he answered. "Warrinder is going to drive me to Liverpool in his motor—he's hagging about here—and I've got a full kit waiting for me there, and plenty of money. And, Phil, when I've got fairly settled down there in Canada I want you to come out to me. After all I've gone through I want you to come out to me. After all I've gone through you won't leave me alone there, will you, Phil?"

Phillipa's strong will came to the occasion, and turned the tide for her girlhood's sweetheart into the paths of common sense. She took a firm grasp of Clinton's hands.

"Clinton," she said, "we have always been friends since we were children—we have loved each other since we were children. I am not conscious of any change in myself. I am not conscious of any change in myself. I am not conscious of any change in myself

SHOW AT TADCASTER.

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THE SPORTS

The annual agricultural and horticultural show was held at Tadcaster on Wednesday, and a sum of £370 was offered in prizes. The society is in a very healthy condition, and it is well-supported by the people of the district. Among those who gave special prizes were:—Lord Hawke, Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., the members of the Bramham Moor Hunt, Mr S. Smith, Mr W F Walles-Fairbairn, Mr C B Lamb, J.P., Mr J H. Ingleby, J.P., and Mr W. Riley-Smith. The stock was also shown by some of the most prominent exhibitors of the season, and many animals which have been doing well in the show ring during the present year were shown. Exhibitors of heavy horses included Messrs Frank Myers, W. Lofthouse, E. T. Parker, A. T. F. Young, and J. W. and A. Pollard, and among the lighter horses Messrs R. Black, York, W. Lofthouse, W. Severs, G. Gunter, T. and H. Ward, H. Easterby, L. Snowden and Sons, and H. Watson, Newton Kyme. The latter, however, has unfortunately been deprived of one of the best horses which was ever in his stable in Newton Ruby, the Olympia winner of this year. She appeared at the Selby Show a few weeks ago, but soon afterwards she became very ill and died on Sunday last. She was a hackney of the pure type, and in addition to her death being a very serious loss to Mr Watson, it is also a loss to the breed in this country. Some idea of her value may be obtained from the fact that after the London show Mr Watson refused an offer of £700 for her.

The total entries compared very favourably with previous years, and showed an increase on last year. The comparative figures are as follows:—

	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910
Horses	180	171	149	205	217
Poultry, etc.	261	267	239	238	257
Horticulture	129	112	134	153	134
	570	552	522	596	608

The judges were:—Cattle, sheep, and pigs—Mr J. Davison, Lund Court, Nawton, S.O.; and Mr J. Kendrew, Oulston Hall, Easingwold. Agricultural horses—Mr J. Davison, Lund Court, Nawton, S.O.; and Mr J. Kendrew, Oulston Hall, Easingwold. Hackney and hunter classes —Mr J. C. Wilmot-Smith, the Hall, Boroughbridge; and Mr H. P. Webster, Abbey Farm, Yeddingham, West Hesleton. Polo ponies—Mr J. C. Wilmot-Smith, the Hall, Boroughbridge; and Mr W. Riley-Smith, Toulston, Tadcaster, Awards:—

HORSES

Agricultural—Colt foaled in 1914—1, J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton; 2, G. Lax, Cowthorpe; Filly, ditto—1, T. Harrison, Kirkby Overblow; 2, W. Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe; 3, S. Elvidge, Headley Hall. Gelding, colt or filly, foaled in 1913—1, E. T. Parker, Ledsham. Gelding or filly foaled in 1912—1, E. T. Parker; 2, J. J. Slater, Tadcaster; 3, T. W. Watson, Wighill. Ditto, 1911—1, W. Lofthouse; 2, J. Robinson, Bilton; 3, T. B. Watson, Bowbridge. Pair of horses (Mr W. Riley-Smith's prize)—1 and 2, R. Machin, Whixley; 3, C. Gypson, Grimston Grange. Brood mare and foal (Bramham Moor Hunt prize)—1, J. W. and A. Pollard; 2, T. Harrison; 3, W. Cass, Tadcaster. Cart mare and foal (Mr S. Smith's prize)—1, G. Lax; 2, T. Harrison; 3, W. Cass. Gelding or mare (Mr G. R. Lane Fox's prize)—1, H. Watson, Newton Kyme; 2, E. T. Parker; 3, J. Robinson, Bilton.

Hackney or Roadster—Gelding or filly, 4 or 5 years old—1, R. Black, York; 2, W. Johnson, Cawthorpe.

Hunters.—Brood mare (Mr W. F. Walles-Fairbairn's prize)—1 and 2, W. Lofthouse; 3, W. Severs, Wilstrop Hall. Foal (Mr W. F. Walles-Fairbairn's prize)—1, W. Lofthouse; 2, W. Severs. Colt or filly foaled in 1914—1, T. A. Hudson, Pannal; 2, W. Severs; 3, W. Lofthouse. Gelding, colt or filly foaled in 1913—1 and 2, W. Lofthouse. Gelding or filly foaled in 1912—1, W. Lofthouse. Ditto, 1911—1, T. and H. Ward, Harrogate; 2, S. Foxton, Escrick; 3, W. Lofthouse. Brood mare, having had a living foal in 1914—1, T. A. Hudson; 2, H. Easterby, Pilmoor; 3, W. Severs. Hunter, any age—1, L. Snowden and Son, Starbeck; 2, Mrs Kay, Copmanthorpe. Mare or gelding (the President's prize)—1, R. Renton, Ripon; 2, H. Grainger, Clifford; 3, T. and H. Ward.

Ponies, Riding and Driving Classes—Pony not exceeding 13 hands—1, H. Gilding, Haxey; 2, Master Leetham, York. Gelding or mare, any age, to be ridden—1, T. Throup, Cottingham; 2, J. and R. McCall, Kilsyth, N.B.; 3, H. Watson. Ditto driven—1, J. and R. McCall; 2, T. Throup; 3, E. Morris, Hundel. Gelding or mare (local harness class)—1, H. Watson; 2, H Woodruffe, Bramham; 3, W. Southern, Tadcaster. Polo pony (Mr W. Riley-Smith's prize)—1, H. Pugg, Tadcaster; 2, H. Sutton and Son, Boston Spa; 3, R. St. M. Delius, Leeds. Lady's hack, not exceeding 15.3 hh.—1, Mrs Kay; 2, L. Snowden and Son. Gelding or mare, driven—1, H. Gilding; 2, J. Turton, Leeds.

Leaping.—Jumper, open to all comers—1, T. and H. Ward. Jumper, that has never won a prize—1, Welburn Bros., Fryston; 2, G. Sykes, Church Fenton; 3, W. Storey, Aberford.

CATTLE

Dairy cow, any breed, in calf or milk—1, C. Parker, Pontefract; 2, J. F. Archbold, Stanks; 3, J. W. Watson, Wighill. Heifer for dairy purposes, any breed, in calf or milk, not to exceed 2½ years old—1, F. Holliday, Tadcaster; 2, T. B. Watson, Tadcaster. Fat horned Irish bullock—1, M. Thomlinson; 2, J. N. Atkinson, Towlerith; 3, L. Sumpson, Newton Kyme. Fat heifer, any breed—1, E. Jackson, Catterton; 2, W. R. Weddell, Hornington. Fat beast—1 and 2, F Lockwood, Thornton-le-Clay; 3, V Greaves, Bossingthorpe. Pair of home-bred bullocks or heifers, under 2 years old—1, C. C. Scholefield, Tadcaster; 2, L. Sampson.

SHEEP

Three fat shearling sheep—1, G. Lax, Cowthorpe; 2, C. Gypson, Grimston Grange. Five store lambs—1, F. Jackson, Healaugh Grange; 2, S. Elvidge, Headley Hall.

PIGS.

Pig, any breed, under 1 year old—1, A. Hodgson, Wetherby; 2, W. Maclean, Tadcaster.

EGGS.

White eggs—1, F. Jagger, Baildon. Brown eggs—1, F. Jagger; 2, J. Broodbent, Leeds; 3, R. Peckitt, Osgodby.

POULTRY

Duck or drake, any variety—1, J. Y. Wheatley, Appleton Roebuck; 2, R. Wetherall, Angram; 3, Miss Rokeby, Bilbrough. White Wyandotte, cock or hen—1, 2, and 3, J. Townend and Son, Pontefract. Any other variety Wyandotte, ditto—1 and 2, T. Lockwood, Pateley Bridge; 3, Mrs W. R. Abbey, Hessay. Game cock or hen, any variety—1, 2, and 3, W. Myers, Ossett. Wyandotte, any variety, cockerel, hatched 1914—1 and 2, J. Townend and Son; 3, B. Leggott, Normanby. Ditto pullet—1 and 3, J. Townend and Son; 2, T. Lockwood. Rhode Island red cock—1, Mrs Colbeck, Wakefield; 2, F. Uttley, Mytholmroyd; 3, Mrs W. R. Abbey. Ditto hen—1, Mrs Colbeck; 2, and 3, Mrs C. A. Warwick, Boston Spa. Leghorn cock or hen, any variety—1, 2 and 3, G. H. Ambler, Church Fenton. Minorca ditto—1 and 2, H. Wilson, Halifax; 3, A. Holt, Church Fenton. Orpington ditto—1, W. Myers; 2, Mrs Merrin, Ripon; 3, T. Lockwood. Any other variety cock or hen—1 and 3, J. Y. Wheatley; 2, F. Jagger. Couple of table fowls—1, T. Lockwood; 2, F. Jagger; 3, J. W. Whitehead, Tadcaster. Selling class—1, Mrs Merrin; 2, J. Townend and Son; 3, Master G. Ambler, Church Fenton. Bantam cock, any variety—1, J. F. Entwistle, Wakefield; 2, Mrs W. H. Schofield, Tadcaster; 3, White Bros., Thirsk. Ditto hen—1 and 3, J. F. Entwistle; 2, W. Myers. Novice class—1, A. Cairns, Church Fenton; 2, A. Holt; 3, H. Gray, Great Ouseburn.

PIGEONS

Flying homer, any colour, cock or hen (seven miles radius)—1, Wood Bros., Tadcaster; 2, H Harland, Bramham; 3, L. Backhouse, Tadcaster. Ditto (open)—1, W. H. Morris, Beverley; 2, Horn Bros., Starbeck; 3, F. Pounder, Pateley Bridge. Ditto, rung 1914—1, H. and T. K. Child, Dewsbury; 2, T. Walton, Silsden; 3, F. Pounder. Any other variety not mentioned, cock —1, H. and T. K. Child; 2, Hardcastle and Kilson, Easingwold; 3, H. Harland. Ditto, hen —1, Hardcastle and Kilson; 2, S. Williams, Ilkley; 3, H. and T. K. Child. Selling class—1, H. Harland; 2, T. Walton; 3, H. and T. K. Child.

CATS AND RABBITS.

English, under 6 months—1, E. Lister, Wakefield; 2, J. Aconley, Huddersfield; 3, Crawshaw and Son, Liversidge. Dutch, any colour, over 6 months—1, J. Aconley; 2, W. Stead, York; 3, J. S. West, Burnby. Ditto, under 6 months—1, Acomb, York; 2, T. Harrison, York; 3, G. Whiting Horsforth. Any variety except lops—1, W. Dale, York; 2, J. S. West; 3, Mrs W. E. Cutter, Harrogate. Ditto, except English or Dutch—1, Mrs W. E. Cutter; 2, W. Stead; 3, G. Easby, York. Silvers—1, J. Aconley; 2, and 3, G. Eeelby. Black or blue and tan—1, H. Fewery, York; 2, A. G. Phillips, Skipton-in-Craven; 3, H. Richardson, York. Selling class —1, H. P. Carrier, Nottingham; 2, Dykes and Wood, Oulston Hall, Easingwold. Novice class—1, W. Mountain, Harrogate; 2, B. Cheesborough, Ripon; 3, W E Mortimer, Toadsmoor, Kitten, any variety, under 6 months—1, Miss Hickman, Leeds; 2, P. Williamson, Crook; 3, Miss Mulcaster, Seaton.

HORTICULTURAL

Group of plants arranged for effect—1, H. P. Clinch; 2, W. Sykes. Table plants—1, H. P. Clinch, 21; H Bramer; 3, W Riley-Smith, Ampleforth; 2, Blair; 2, G. Jackson. Cut blooms —1, F. Sykes; 2, W. Riley-Smith. Begonias—1, C. B. Lamb; 2, F. Sykes. First prizes for sweet peas exhibits were won by—H. Lamberth, F. Sykes, R. Bland, and J. W. Jefferson; and seconds by R. Grimston and G. Metcalf. White grapes—1, W. Riley-Smith; 2, W. F. Walles-Fairbairn. Black grapes—1, W. Riley-Smith; 2, T Hague. Bread—1, Mrs Thompson; 2, Mrs Ambler. Batter—1, Mrs Midgley; 2, Mrs Howden. Honey—1, J. T. Stephenson; 2, F. Bailey. Sections of honey—1, Mrs Young; 2, R. Bellerby.

THE LUNCHEON

There was a large crowd at the luncheon, and Mr C. B. Lamb, President of the Society, presided. Amongst those present were Alderman E. C. Brooksbank, Mr W. F. Walles-Fairbairn, Mr C. K. Blackett, and many others.

The toast of "The President" was submitted by Mr W. F. Walles-Fairbairn, and responded to by Mr Lamb.

Alderman Brooksbank proposed the toast of "Success to Agriculture and to the Tadcaster Society." He was very glad to think that the Tadcaster Show was flourishing. This was true as regarded all the sections, and as regarded the horticultural section, he would suggest to the committee that by another year they should include a class for bottled fruit. The preserving of fruit was becoming a great industry. He said that although he had been connected with agriculture for many years, he had never seen the crops so good as they were at the present time. He had recently been in Berwickshire and Haddingtonshire, which were considered two of the best agricultural counties, but the crops of Yorkshire were far ahead of those in the north. There were some people who thought that a great deal of good could be done for agriculture by the Imperial Parliament, but his own impression was that they did not want interference. All they wanted was good weather and hard work. (Hear, hear). He was quite sure agriculture in the district would be a great deal more prosperous if it was not for the unrest following on suggestions made by certain political people as to the future of agriculture. If they were left to work out their own salvation it would be better for all classes. (Hear, hear). What he was afraid of was that people would be led away by nostrums which would never bring the results promised. In his opinion there would be nothing more disastrous to agriculture than the institution of the minimum wage, or the establishment of land courts. Any effort to put the relation of farmer, landlord, and labourer on a purely commercial basis would do nothing but harm.

Mr Lamb responded, and endorsed all that the proposer had said. All they wanted was to be left alone, and it would be better for all concerned.

In responding to the toast of "The judges," proposed by Mr C. K. Blackett, Mr Wilmot-Smith congratulated the society on their splendid show of hunters.

THE SPORTS

Sports were held in the evening, and the results were:—

One Mile Bicycle Race—Heat winners—T. Marsh, Wetherby (145 yards); G Scarr, Towton (180); W. Goodyear, Marston (130); P. Smith, Wingate Hill (170). Final—1, W. Goodyear; 2, T. Marsh; 3, G. Scarr.

100 Yards Flat Race, Handicap—Heat winners—E. Surdey, York (5); L. Green, York (5); A. Brackenbury, York (4); J. Darcey, Ulleskelf (9); C. Hill, Tadcaster (6); J. J. Kennedy, Beamham (6); R. Birdsall, Tadcaster (4); T. Tristram, Ulleskelf (6). Final—1, J. Kennedy; 2, L. Green; 3, C. Hill.

Variety Race (horse or pony)—1, C. Welburn, South Milford; 2, Welburn Bros., Fryston.

Half-mile Bicycle Race—Heat winners—P. Smith, Wingate Hill (50); T. Potter, Newton Kyme (55); W. Goodyear, Marston (40); T. Marsh, Wetherby (50). Final—1, W. Goodyear; 2, P. Smith; 3, T. Marsh.

440 Yards Flat Race, Handicap—Heat winners —H. Towriss, Wetherby (12); J. Darcey, Ulleskelf (28); C. Hill, Toulston (15); H. Brackenbury, York (20). Final—1, H. Towriss; 2, H. Brackenbury; 3, J. Darcey.

Musical Chairs on Cycles—1, J. Mortimer, Garforth; 2, C. Lawn, Saxton; 3, R. Ambler, Tadcaster.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TADCASTER COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND KEENNESS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The letter in your paper last week from "Hopeful" spoke the feelings of many employed at the Tadcaster Brewery, and especially in the offices.

His remarks about the wages are quite true, and it is quite time there was some improvement. Speaking as one who has been employed in the offices since leaving school, I can assure you that many of the young men could not live if they were not at home. It would be impossible to pay 14s. or so per week for lodgings, as they are lucky if they receive that by the time they reach 20 or 21 years of age.

As for promotion, it is simply a question of influence or luck, ability rarely being considered. —Yours, etc.,

A YOUNG HOPEFUL.

Sir,—I congratulate "Hopeful" upon his splendid letter in last week's "Courier." As one of the "long-suffering and patient" mortals he alludes to, and having been with the firm a few years, I can endorse most of his remarks. To reach a salary of 30s. per week one has to travel by easy stages, very easy indeed; in fact, when one manages 25s., after about 5 or 6 years' hard and faithful service, one begins to lose hope of ever getting much farther, but if one continues "hopeful," industrious, and patient, one might manage to reach 30s. per week in time. Then one saves up and gets married and produces some more cheap labour.

As I am unused to writing to the Press, I hope you will excuse this poor attempt and allow me to sign myself.—Yours, etc.,

HOPELESS.

THE OTTER WORRY.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—It is refreshing to read Mr George Guest's outspoken denunciation of otter hunting, and blood sports generally.

Would that all beadmasters shared his views, and acted on them.

A relative who lived to advanced age used constantly to say that his greatest regret in life was the cruelty of which he had been guilty as a boy at Eton, where sporting instinct was encouraged to the utmost. To a humane man what can be sadder than to recall heartless cruelties perpetrated in youth?

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Garforth	10	6	4	1731	1523	8
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Garforth W.M.	9	6	3	1681	1276	6
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WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

A match between Barkston Ash Amateur Bowling Association and Airedale Association will be played on Tuesday at Horsforth Black Bull green at 2.45 p.m. Barkston Ash will be represented by F. Hutchinson (President), W. Green (hon. sec.), T. Simpson (vice-president), H. Thomas (Halton), F. Vince (Halton), A. Caine (Halton), G. Lowell (Halton), A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M.), G. Hill (Garforth, W.M.), A. Reed (Garforth W.M.), J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Rec.), J. Fisher (Crossgates Rec.), J. Firth (Crossgates), F. Hardcastle (Crossgates), I. Semper (Crossgates), F. Jubb (Crossgates), J. Barker (Garforth Cons.), A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster), A. Collins (Tadcaster); reserves, W. Morris (Garforth W.M.), G. Freeman (Garforth W.M.), and H. Dransfield (Garforth Cons.).

Barkston Ash Amateur Bowling Association will play Wakefield and District Association on Wednesday, August 19th, at Normanton. Barkston Ash will be represented by:—F. Hutchinson (President), W. Green (hon. sec.), T. Simpson (vice-president), H. Thomas (Halton), F. Vince (Halton), A. Caine (Halton), T. Clarkson (Halton), R. Morris (Halton), A. W. Westerman (Tadcaster), A. Collins (Tadcaster), C. Moverley (Tadcaster), E. Walker (Garforth), J. Firth (Crossgates), I. Semper (Crossgates), F. Jubb (Crossgates), W. Holdsworth (Crossgates), J. Barker (Garforth Cons.), J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Rec.), J. Fisher (Crossgates Rec.), A. Cockrem (Garforth W.M.), G. Hill (Garforth W.M.), and J. Whitley (Garforth W.M.).

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A fine of £3 to include costs was imposed at Leeds Police Court yesterday afternoon on Mr Ralph William Ernest Beckett, son of Lord Grimthorpe, of Stonyhurst House, Shadwell Lane, Moortown, for exceeding the speed limit while motoring in Chapeltown Road.

A second charge of failing to produce his driving licence was not proceeded with.

Superintendent Blakey said that Mr Beckett was motoring in Chapeltown Road on July 22nd, when he was timed and found to be driving at thirty miles an hour. When stopped defendant said he had left his licence at home.

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Having regard to the limited support accorded, it is thought the Garforth Medical Charities Committee would be well advised to consider the question of dropping the carnival and substituting some other means of raising money for the charities. Unless in the large centres of population, the carnival is played out, and one place after another has been compelled to give it up. It is really disheartening work. In one case I know an expenditure of nearly £50 on "attractions" brought a five-pound note to the coffers, and the committee, who had given their time and labour generously, were so disgusted that they would have no more of it. The public would not turn out in sufficient numbers to make the affair a paying proposition.

And why should money have to be fetched out of people's pockets in this way? They imagine they are giving to the charities when they pay to enter the carnival field, but they are simply paying for their own amusements, and they salve their consciences by contributing in this way. The Sunday festival is an excellent way of bringing the needs of the charities to the notice of the public, but look at the work involved in getting a few pounds together. It is rather humiliating to know that every large village in the district—with perhaps one exception—is in debt to the Leeds Infirmary, but this is one of the debts of which people somehow are not ashamed. Were they to owe their grocer or butcher from year to year they would be ashamed to face the creditor, but they are not above taking the benefits given by the Infirmary, and contributing little or nothing. Nor do the wealthy people give as they should. It is frequently argued that, as they do not use the Infirmary, it has no real claim on them. They will find that out should the day come when hospitals are put on the rates.

Templenewsam allotment-holders are rather inclined to dictate to the Parish Council how they should manage the estate under their control, and there have been several "scenes" in consequence thereof. Allotments should be encouraged, and, as one man said, they give the working-men a hobby and "keep them out of the public-house," but there is no reason why the Council should always be under criticism. They have done their best for the allotment-holders, who are always on the hunt for concessions, and their services should be received with a little more gratitude. One man told the Council, after all they have done, "that they should display more interest in the allotments." Did he want the Council to undertake their cultivation? Moreover, when a question is under consideration, the allotment-holders cannot get agreement among themselves, and, in any case, it is impossible for the Council to please everybody. My own opinion is that the the Council are prepared to meet every reasonable request in a proper way.

Is a housing scheme needed for Woodlesford? The District Council have been told that unless they proceed with the erection of a number of working-class dwellings they will be reported to the Local Government Board, and they have in consequence decided to receive a deputation of the people who say there is a scarcity of cottages. It seems to me that the Council will have to do something in the event of the colliery building scheme being dropped. The medical officer reported on this very question some time ago, and he stated there was a scarcity of houses, and now it seems over-crowding is taking place. "Have you many cases of over-crowding?" asked a member at last meeting. "A fairish number—people with large families," replied the inspector. Now, why should over-crowding be allowed at all? It is against both morality and health, but if people have not houses in which they can live under decent conditions what can be expected? It seems to me that there is need for a searching inquiry.

In promoting a nursing scheme for Oulton and Woodlesford, I am inclined to the view that the County Council's work should be undertaken, otherwise there will be over-lapping. It will mean a substantial contribution, too, from the county funds. If a nursing association was formed, and it was decided to work independently of the County Council, more than likely the nurse would have to attend cases in which the other nurse was concerned, and as her work would be mainly among women and children, it is obvious that the association would simply be throwing money away by not accepting the county grant. It is not advisable either that different organizations should be at work in one place, and in order to prevent that some sacrifice would be worth while. It was stated that the interference of the County Council would be a stumbling block, but a nurse's duties under the Notification of Births Act and medical inspection are clearly defined, and it is difficult to see how any trouble should arise. Whitkirk Nursing Association is to do the County Council's work, and other bodies are following their example, so what have Oulton and Woodlesford to fear?

Recently reference was made to the valuable work done in the churchyard by the members of the Whitkirk C.E.M.S., and it is but meet that the daughter parish—Seacroft—should now demonstrate its practical—muscular, some might put it—Christianity. "The contract for the church-cleaning," writes the genial Vicar of Seacroft, in his magazine, "does not include the work of washing the floors of the church. How is it to be done? Seacroft is famed for the many able women who can do such work—who could resist that?—and at present two have kindly promised to help." He calls for volunteers, and I doubt not they will turn out in such numbers as will gratify all concerned. For the "masculine portion of the congregation" work will be found, too, so that the parishioners of Seacroft will have a busy time beautifying their church.

Not a word was uttered concerning the annexation of Templenewsam at the Roundhay and Crossgates town-planning inquiry, but that is the object underlying all the tricky manœuvres of the Leeds Corporation. At the present time the District Council are spending £3,000 on an extension of the Halton sewage works, and if the Corporation are allowed to drive a road through them they will, of course, be destroyed, and the sewage will have to be treated at Knostrop. This would, of course, be making it easy for Leeds, who, at an extension inquiry, could say "We supply Halton with water, we are to give it trams, and we treat its sewage, so we have a good claim on it." That I have accurately stated the case is shown by the evidence of one of the witnesses, who stated that a road could easily be made to the south of the sewage works. The opposition, however, contend that a road is not required, inasmuch as the District Council are amply providing for the needs of the district.

While the Corporation are entitled to use every legitimate means to weaken the Templenewsam opposition, it does not lie with them to mislead the public with statements regarding sham "generous" proposals as to the treatment of the Halton sewage. It would pay them to treat the sewage for nothing could they thus destroy Templenewsam's defences. Leeds Corporation are not a philanthropic body; it is not their custom to relieve outsiders of their rates; and every move they make must rightly be regarded with suspicion.

In town-planning the land at Crossgates and Roundhay, the Corporation are serving the best interests of the district, and they are taking precisely the same steps as the Hunslet District Council have adopted for Templenewsam. Such a scheme provides for the erection of a limited number of houses to the acre; it controls the laying out of the streets, having regard to the public convenience, and not the property-owners or builders' desires, and it demands the provision of public spaces. Had town-planning been the universal custom fifty years ago what a difference it would have made to our towns and cities.

Crossgates will develop, I suppose, in the direction in which land is available for building purposes, and the Corporation have included a portion of Scholes and Austhorpe in their scheme, but Tadcaster District Council will have the control of the development of their own area. Some time ago, following a resolution from the Barwick Council, the District Council, with a view mainly to protecting their own district, appointed a committee to consider the advisability of promoting a town-planning scheme for Scholes ward. This would be a rather large order, and what I presume the Council meant was the land lying between Scholes village and the Leeds boundary. So far as I know the Committee have not yet given any report.

Kippax Education Committee are not so pliable as some of the local committees. Some one—presumably a person representing the profession—is greatly concerned because the Kippax Committee allow questions in connection with teachers' salararies to be reported in the Press, and he implored the committee to change their methods, but they have, in effect, told him they will conduct their business in their own way. So far as I know, teachers have nothing to complain about, because the questions of salaries are dealt with discreetly by the local newspapers, but nothing will please them, I suppose, except the leaving out of these matters. In the days of the old School Boards no such attitude was adopted by the teachers, and there is no reason for any change now.

Seacroft, Shadwell, Roundhay, and Crossgates people have an interest now in the Leeds Board of Guardians, but, seeing they have preferential rating, they will not have to contribute anything towards the increase of £230 towards the Clerk's salary. Mr Ford, let it be said, is a very able official, and what he does not know about Poor Law administration is not worth knowing, but his services were, I think, well rewarded with £600 a year, besides which he is paid for his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee, and he has £60 a year as compensation from Leeds Corporation for loss of office as Clerk to Roundhay and Seacroft Council. Large public bodies seem to be suffering at present from a fit of extraordinary generosity, and the higher officials are simply scooping the golden sovereigns in. Of course, the money belongs the ratepayers, otherwise the gentlemen who give it would not be so free with it. They argue, of course, that the officials are worth the money paid, but it all depends upon how one's services are appraised. Were many of these men in the employment of private firms they would have to be content with a jolly lot less, and they are fortunate that they can get their "masters" to place such a high value on their services. It is time the ratepayers—the people who have to find the money—decided to take an interest in their own affairs.

Judging by the speeches made at the Rothwell demonstration the members of local friendly societies are by no means satisfied with the medical service, and they will not be content until provision is made for their wives and families as well as for themselves. This is undoubtedly a weakness, but the object of the Insurance Act was to look after the bread-winner, so that the family would not suffer unduly by anything that occurred to him. In many districts, it is admitted that medical men's work is largely among women and children, and insured persons would be very glad were means adopted whereby the family could be attended to without the necessity for long medical bills, frequently a difficulty for people to meet. Rothwell people say that the setting up of a State Medical Service would meet the necessities of the case, but Parliament will probably be in no hurry to upset existing arrangements. In talking to a doctor the other day, he told me that he was in favour of a restricted number of insured persons being allocated to medical men, and he gave it as his opinion that in cases where men had two or three thousands on their panels, they could not do the work properly. This gentleman, who has an excellent practice and has as many panel patients as he wants, was probably expressing the views of many of the profession, but it is not likely that the doctors will take action themselves.

Tadcaster Guardians are anxious that a scheme should be formulated for dealing with the mentally defective, and they have in consequence decided to attend a conference convened by the Wharfedale Board to consider the matter. Apparently the institution they have in view is the workhouse at Settle, where, happily, there are few inmates, and it is suggested that these buildings might be adapted as a home for the "deficients" of several Unions. It seems singular that Tadcaster Board should go so far afield, when an institution is to be started on the borders of their own Union at Fryston Hall. Guardians are responsible for this scheme, too, and it appears as if it were to be a permanent one.

Mrs Case, of Ribston, won a number of prizes in the cattle classes at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

Mr J. Pocklington, of Wistow, was second for draught gelding, two years, at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

Mr G. Gunter, of Wetherby, was second for hunter foal, and Mr R. J. Foster, Stockeld Park, first for hunter, gelding or mare, at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

PARS ABOUT THE WAR.

The Germans have arrested a Russian Grand Duke as a prisoner-of-war.

The German cruiser Emden and the Russian cruiser Askold are reported to have been sunk, after battle off Wei-Hai-Wei.

Seventy-two members of the House of Commons have been called to the colours in some branch of His Majesty's forces.

It is stated that Germany has sent an Ultimatum to Italy that if she does not support her allies, Austria-Hungary and Germany, war will be declared against her.

The Admiralty have accepted the Duke of Sutherland's offer of Dunrobin Castle, which will be used as a central surgical base for the North Sea Fleet.

News is forthcoming that a thousand West Riding Boy Scouts are to be selected to render the nation those services for which their training fits them.

The German mine-layer Koenig'n Luise has been sunk off Harwich. The new destroyer Lance was the hero of Britain's first naval engagement in the war. She only fired four shots, but they were all sufficient. The first destroyed the enemy's bridge, and the third and fourth tore away the vessel's stern. It is stated that the Koen'gin Luise sank in six minutes. The British destroyer took the promptest measures to save those on board, and twenty-eight prisoners are now in Shotley Naval Barracks. Nine of the crew of the Lance received any injuries. The German vessel was caught in the very act of laying mines, about sixty miles from Harwich, off the Dutch coast.

Midshipman H.R.H. Prince Albert is serving in the line of battle. The boy was keen on doing his duty with his comrades, and there was no more delighted young sailor on the Collingwood when she left port. There was never any question of the young Prince being withdrawn, and the mothers who turn an anxious face to the sea have a sister in the Royal mother, who waits news as anxiously as they. Her Majesty learns no more of her son than any other mother, the wireless being employed only for official messages.

Th German 7th Army Corps delivered a desperate attack on Liege on Wednesday, in which it is stated 40,000 German troops were engaged against 25,000 Belgians, and the Germans were beaten back at all points with heavy losses. The Belgians pushed home a successful counter-attack. An unofficial statement says the German losses are estimated at 8,000. The message adds "they had also many wounded." It is also stated that the Belgians captured seven guns and made a number of prisoners. Another attack on the Belgian forts was made by the 10th German Army Corps at midnight on Wednesday night, and this is stated to have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Mr Frederick William Mais, of Roseworth, Thorner, left £1,512.

Miss Gwen Robinson, of Wetherby, had a flight with Mr Pickles, the airman, at York, on Friday.

Mr M. Harrison, of Spofforth Haggs, was second for hunter, gelding or filly, two years, at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

Mr R. L. Powell, of Askham Bryan, won third prize for agricultural foal at Huby and Sutton Show on Monday.

In the All-England angling match at Skipton Bridge on Monday Mr Marlow, of Boston Spa, was eighteenth with 1 lb. 3½ oz.

VICAR OF RUFFORTH.—The death has taken place very suddenly, as a result of heart disease, of the Rev. Andrew Wilson, M.A., vicar of Rufforth. Deceased was 65 years of age. Obtaining his degree of B.A. at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1884, he became M.A. three years later. He was ordained deacon at York Minster in 1886, and priest in the following year, and from 1886 to 1890 was curate at St. Paul's, York. He then became vicar of Rufforth.

WEDDING.—The marriage took place at Selby Wesleyan Church, on Saturday, of Mr Arthur Stone, builder, and Miss Janet Wilson, daughter of the late Mr William Wilson, of Brook Street, Selby. The bride, who was prettily attired, was attended by Miss Violet Foster as bridesmaid. The bride was given away by her cousin, Mr Charles Moody, of Market Weighton. A number of relatives and friends were present at the church.

A BREWERY DEAL.—In the action of Cockayne and another v. John Smith Tadcaster Brewery Company (Limited), referring to the sale of a Sheffield brewery and public-houses, the order of the Court was that on payment of £16,000 the Bank are to release their charge, the plaintiffs undertaking to execute conveyances in the form approved in Court. If the undertaking is not carried out, there is liability to apply to the Vacation Judge to enforce it.

MARRIAGE.—The marriage took place quietly (owing to the recent death of the bride's mother) on Saturday, at St. Aidan's Church, Roundhay Road, Leeds, of Mr Arthur Thompson, youngest son of Mr John Thompson, of North View, Thorner, and Miss Lily Sims, only daughter of Mr. Chas. Sims, of 238, Harehills Lane, Leeds. Many beautiful presents were received. Later in the day the bride and bridegroom left for Ambleside, where the honeymoon is being spent.

MR. C. F. RYDER'S VIEWS.—Writing to the newspapers Mr C. F. Ryder says:—In regard to the view that the present is a favourable time for chastising Germany, not only for her political arrogance, but also for her commercial activity, I would only say that, if the promised war is a business one, for goodness sake let it be conducted on business principles. Let us have, 'in the name of common-sense, no whining litany to the "God of Battles" but, Ledger in one hand and Sword in the other, let us go forth and battle strong in the knowledge of our actuarial righteousness.

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OUR GARDENS.

A Weekly Article specially Written for

Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Cleanliness is still the order of the day in this department. Continue to remove spent flowers from pansies, violas, canterbury bells, sweet peas, antirrhinums, and other free seeding subjects. This is very important, as they will increase blooming almost immediately if seed pods are allowed to develop.

Dahlias, hollyhocks, and other tall growing subjects must be secured to suitable supports or they will fall a prey to strong winds.

Roses of the rambler or climbing types are now producing the strong basal growths which will provide next year's show of blooms. The rapid growth of these plants indicates the greedy mass of their roots, which must be kept regularly supplied with water, and in the case of established plants, liquid manure.

LOBELIA.

It is remarkable how often one hears the complaint of a scarcity of lobelia cuttings during the spring months. This cannot be traced to a difficulty in keeping the plants through the winter so much as it can to neglect in preparing the stock plants in the autumn. It is advisable to cut down a few plants now. About an inch of the old growth may be left on. They will soon break into new growth, and may then be lifted and potted into 3-inch pots, and put outdoor until the end of September. During the winter months they should be accommodated on a shelf near the glass in a frost-proof greenhouse. A dozen plants will produce hundreds of cuttings.

VIOLAS.

September is usually considered early enough to commence taking viola cuttings, but where an increased stock of new or choice varieties is wanted a start may now be made. They will strike freely in a shaded position outdoor, or they may be placed straight away into cold frames. The new yellow variety, Moseley Perfection, is a splendid thing, and is bound to become popular. It is free-flowering, and the individual blooms are large and of a rich shade. We were afraid, earlier in the summer, that it would turn out to be a leggy grower, but under better conditions it has developed strong, well-jointed growths, and has proved an ideal bedding variety. The advent of a really good yellow variety will fill a long-felt want, most of the other varieties being far from satisfactory.

SEEDLING PLANTS.

Numerous kinds of seedlings are now ready for transferring to nursery beds. Wallflowers in particular should be attended to in good time. By planting them whilst they are quite small the danger of having long-stemmed, leggy plants is avoided. If they are left in the seed bed until they get drawn it becomes necessary to plant them deeply in the nursery beds. This of itself is not a difficult matter, as they can be dibbled in with a pointed stick, but when they have to be replanted with a trowel in the autumn, a considerable amount of labour is incurred with leggy plants.

INSECT FOES.

The summer of 1914 will be long remembered by gardeners on account of the tremendous number of insect pests that have been a very serious nuisance. We have heard numerous complaints of a minute caterpillar that is literally devouring sweet peas, chrysanthemums, etc. Caterpillars are very difficult to deal with, as few of the usual insecticides appear to affect them. Hand-picking is the surest remedy, and spending soot in their haunts will have a deterrent effect upon them. The soot may be washed from the foliage a few days later by spraying with strong soapy water.

VEGETABLES, ETC.

Rhubarb should never be allowed to flower unless seed is required. As soon as the big flower stalks appear they should be cut off close to the ground.

Recent rains have encouraged the growth of celery and the early rows may now be earthed up if not already done. Before placing earth around the plants yellow leaves and young growths springing from the base should be removed. A light dusting of soot may be placed on the leaves whilst they are moist with dew. This will keep insect pests at a distance.

Herbs are ready for cutting when they commence to flower.

PLANTS IN POTS.

Malmaison carnations may now be layered in cold frames. This is an operation requiring some little skill. Remove the lower leaves of the shoots to be layered, retaining about six pairs of leaves at the top, cut half way through the stem in an upward direction for about an inch, immediately below the leaves. This will form a "tongue" at one side of the stem. From the inside of this tongue the roots will eventually develop, and it is important that the "cut" should be kept wide open to allow the young roots room to spread. Turn the plant out of the pot, trim its pot and lay it on its side in the frame. Sufficient soil must be placed around the ball of soil to prevent it getting dry. Peg the pressed down upon small heaps of fine sandy soil, taking care to completely cover the point where the "tongue" has been prepared. Keep the frame close and moist, and shade from bright sun until root action commences, when more light and air may be given gradually. When the layers are nicely rooted they may be potted into 3-inch pots and returned to a cold frame. The close, moist, and shady treatment should be repeated until they recover from the shock of removal. Young plants usually grow away vigorously and are rarely troubled by insect pests. If large specimen plants are desired, select a few of the healthiest of those that have flowered this year; and repot them into larger pots. Turfy loam, leaf mould, and a little old manure, with sufficient sand to make the whole porous, will suit them very well, and they should be rammed firm with a potting stick.

PERPETUAL-FLOWERING CARNATIONS.

Cuttings rooted during the spring months should now be ready for transferring to their flowering pots. They require plenty of fresh air and may be put in cold frames without the lights being placed down except during rainy weather. They are very impatient of an excess of moisture at the roots, and careful watering is most essential. Any plants that show signs of premature flowering may be cut back. They will soon break into fresh growth. Flowering plants may be helped by having the surface soil freshened up, and receiving a top-dressing of special carnation manure. Red spider is troublesome at this time of the year and must be checked frequently to save the plants from ruin.

There is no better method of dealing with the pest than smearing the hot-water pipes with flower of sulphur. No fire heat is required for carnations at present, but it is worth while lighting the fire for a few hours if red spider is present. Choose a still evening, and close the ventilators tightly.

Put sulphur with think and smear it over the pipes whilst they are cool, using a brush for the purpose. As the heat increases the fumes from the sulphur will fill the house and effectually destroy the spider. Two or three hours later the ventilators may be opened to allow the fumes to escape. The following day give a syringing with some approved insecticide.

It is advisable to cut any blooms that are open before using the sulphur. Outdoor carnations invested with sulphur may be sprayed with salt water. One teaspoonful of salt to the gallon of water.

QUESTIONS.

MILDEW ON ROSES.

Rosedian (Liddesdown) has a number of rose trees that have made free growth, and have produced some splendid blooms. During the last fortnight, he says, the leaves and petals have curled badly, and have become discoloured with a white powdery substance.

The trees are attacked with mildew, which is very prevalent this year. It may be remedied by dusting the affected parts with flowers of sulphur, or by spraying with a solution of potassium. Dissolve one ounce of sulphurated potash in a pint of boiling water. Add sufficient water to make one gallon of solution, and spray the affected parts during the evening of a warm day. The undersides of the leaves will require treatment also, and if the first application does not eradicate the disease give a second dressing a few days later.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS

I have a quantity of tuberous-rooted begonias started to flower. They are in 8-inch pots, and I want them for conservatory decoration. On examination of the roots I find they form a compact ball of matting-mould, and I have practically decided they will soon begin to deteriorate. Is it safe to repot them into larger pots now they are producing flowers, and if so, what size pot do you recommend, and what compost.—"Tuber."

Repot at once into 8-inch pots. Use 3 parts fibrous loam, 1 part each leaf mould, and old manure, with a sprinkling of wood ashes or soot, and sufficient sand to make the whole porous.

Do not press the compost too firm, and water very carefully until the roots start working in the new soil.

GALA AT ROUNDHAY PARK.

KIPPAX AND ROTHWELL SUCCESSES.

The opening day of the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund Gala attracted a vast concourse of people to Roundhay Park on Monday. It was an entirely successful event, since the famous park threw off its aspect of fearful beauty in the morning and the warm sun supplemented the efforts of the promoters, who so effective that in the early afternoon it was possible to view a "gay, reposing throng." The weather conditions ensured the success of the day, and it appears to be certain that the sum of £2,242.000 which has been collected by this pleasant means is the largest for just 27 years will record a notable augmentation. It was a real Bank-Holiday crowd, full of gaiety and movement, and quite oblivious to a perfect concert with the many aids to enjoyment so richly at hand. The principal feature of general interest was, of course, the appearance of Mr Reginald H. Carr, the aviator, with the Grahame White looping biplane. The permission of the Home Office having been obtained, Mr Carr made two ascents in almost ideal flying weather. The first, during the afternoon, sufficiently revealed the airman as a skilful and capable pilot. His machine, while not perhaps so trimly graceful as a monoplane, appeared to have enhanced stability, and guided by Mr Carr, several purposeful evolutions were executed. The loop was looped about half-a-dozen times, but in addition there were during tail slides, spirals, bankings, particularly delightful spiral descent. In the evening Mr Carr spent a shorter time in the air, but again his performance was thrilling and masterful, and the ovation accorded to him by the thousands of onlookers was hearty and complete.

Captain Spencer's ascent by means of a balloon was relatively less exciting, but this silent soaring into the heavens has not lost its charm by any means. The descent by parachute was also accomplished. There was no appreciable lull in the round of entertainments, while the selection made by the Rothwell Foresters' Military Band and the Leeds Model R.U. Band. The absence of hitch in the proceedings was all to the credit of Mr. Walter Wormald (hon. secretary), and his able assistants. Mr F. R. Spark is the chairman of the fund. An entertaining series of sports was an important part of the gala, which was continued on Tuesday. The sports result were as follows:—

100 Yards Flat Race Handicap—1, H. Mellor, Bolton United (10); 2, J. T. Layden, Hudderfield (10); 3, J. W. Ridsdale, York H. (7).

One Mile Bicycle Race Handicap—1, B. Skelding, South Kirkby; 2, Rudford, Pontefract; 3, H. Burton, D.W.C.C.

220 Yards Flat Race Handicap—1, H. Mellor, 2, J. Kelly, Gateshead; 3, A. R. Mumford, Leeds A.C.

100 Yards Sack Hurdle Race—1, H. Brown, Ripon (12); 2, H. Moorcroft, Ormskirk (8); 3, J. Prestwood, Broughton (2)

100 Yards Tandem Handicap—1, C. Field, Cleckheaton (5½); 2, R. Metcalf, Hyde Park (1); 3, H. Ely, Rothwell (6).

Half Mile Bicycle Race Handicap—1, B. Burgin, Kippax Road (28); 2, B. Skelding (88), 3, R. Davis, Wellington Wheelers (2½).

The Cross Bars Jump proved a feature of the Gala on Tuesday. At about five o'clock some 9,000 people had assembled. This is a big decrease on the previous years. The officials attribute this to the excitement caused by war. On the first day there was an attendance of 48,700, which represents an increase of some hundreds as compared with last year, although the figures were 10,000 below the record of eight years ago. Still, it is certain that the medical charities will benefit very considerably. Mr Reginald H. Carr made an ascent in his biplane and executed a number of volplanes, spirals, and banks. A display of spirals, and banks. A display of volplanes, spirals, and banks. A display of upside down flying followed, and the exhibition ended with seven or eight loops. Capt. Spencer made a fine parachute descent from his balloon.

The chief sports results are as follows:—

One Mile Bicycle Race (Handicap)—1, B. Skelding, South Kirkby (185 yards); 2, r. Neal, Mexborough (115); 3, J. H. Parker, Yorkshire Road Club (185), time, 2m. 26 1-5s.

100 Yards Flat Race Handicap (Boys)—1, J. J. Hughes, Hunslet St. Joseph's (6½ yards); 2, F. Ely, Cockburn (scratch); 3, G. Chesterby, Green Lane C.S. Time, 12 3-5s.

220 Yards Flat Race Handicap—1, A. R. Mumford, Leeds A.C. (scratch); 2, P. Taylor, Scholford, Leeds A.C. (scratch); 3, H. Abrams, Methley (30) Time, 25 4-5s.

Sack Hurdle Race Handicap—1, J. Prestwood, Broughton (5); 2, H. Brown, Waterloo H. (5); 3, H. Moorcroft, Ormskirk (11). Time, 19 1-5s.

Half-mile Bicycle Race Handicap—1, J. ?) Halpin, Leeds Kirkgate (50); 2, A. Harland, Grewelthorpe (55); 3, F. A. Bamforth, Goole T. and A.C. (28). Time, 1m. 7 2-5s.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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THE SUMMER MARKETING OF POULTRY

I have just been visiting the Central Market, Smithfield. Poultry-raisers invariably have a grievance against the commission agents in the market. I have no brief on the latter's behalf, but from a sense of justice must point out that when poor returns are received for birds sent, in the great majority of cases it is the poultry-man's fault.

Dead poultry must be sent in a marketable condition and according to the requirements of the market to which they are sent.

To assist to that end I reproduce a few hints on the subject which appeared in my magazine "Monthly Hints on Poultry."

One of the reasons why so many poultry-keepers fail to realise good prices for their dead poultry at this time of the year is because far too little trouble is taken in final preparation of the birds, and thus, upon reaching the market, they are in such a state as permits nothing but the selling at rock-bottom prices.

In the first place, poultry should at all times, and particularly during hot weather, be thoroughly fasted before killing; if there is any food remaining in the crop or intestines when the birds are killed, this after death quickly decomposes, and very soon affects the whole of the carcase. To avoid this all birds should be fasted for at least eighteen hours before killing, whilst a fast of twenty-four is none too long a one.

MARRIAGE OF MISS VIOLET GUNTER

CEREMONY IN LONDON.

St. Saviour's Church, Wolton Street, London, S.W., was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday (Thursday) week, when Miss Violet Gunter, only daughter of the late Major-General James Gunter and Mrs Gunter, of Aldwark Manor, Alne, and formerly of Boston Spa, was married to Mr Charles Bannatyne Findlay, Royal Horse Artillery, eldest son of Mr Robert Elmsall Findlay, of Botwick Castle, Dumbartonshire. The Bishop of Glasgow officiated, assisted by the Rev. S. S. Fox, and the Rev. J. Edmundson, vicar of St. Saviour's. On the altar table were arranged vases of lilies and other white blooms, while banks of flowers and palms dispersed about the altar rails and chancel screen gave an aspect of coolness and relief from the hot sun.

While the guests were assembling, the organist of the church gave a fine rendering of the Overture from "Lohengrin," Grieg's "Morning," and the Prize Song from the "Meistersinger." Awaiting the arrival of the bride, on whom they were to attend in the capacity of bridesmaids, were Miss Marjorie Stuart-Wortley and Miss Barbara Granville (cousins of the bride), Miss Constance Findlay (cousin of the bridegroom), and Miss Ruth Bethell. They presented a pretty picture in their quaintly fashioned dresses of white taffeta, with blue satin belts and face caps, and they carried bouquets of pink roses, tied with blue ribbon. Each wore a pearl and enamel locket, the gift of the bridegroom. Another small, but important member of the bridal retinue was Miss Margaret James Stuart-Wortley, in a white satin suit, subsequently discharged the duties of train-bearer with triumphant gravity.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Francis Gunter, looked very charming in a beautiful gown of ivory satin and old lace, the long train being ornamented at the end with sprays of orange-blossom. Her veil was of rich Brussels lace, and she carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and white orchids. Her ornaments consisted of pearls, the gift of her mother. The bridegroom was attended by a brother officer, Mr H. Nowell, R.H.A., as best man.

The service, which was fully choral, included the hymns, "Come gracious Spirit, heavenly dove," "O perfect love, all human thought transcending," and "The King of Love my Shepherd is," and during the signing of the register the choir sang Gounod's anthem "The King of Love."

Subsequently a reception was held at 29, Lennox Gardens, the town residence of Lady Harriet Harrison, and later in the day the newly married pair left for Scotland, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of ivory faude velvet, with hat to match.

Among the presents received by the bride were:—Colonel and Mrs. Armytage, old Sheffield plate tray; Mr and Mrs John Austin, old silver spoons; Colonel and Mrs. Archibald, miniature; Miss and Miss L. Bethell, old Flemish dimanty; Miss Bethell and Sir Hylton Brison, visitors' book; Mr, Mrs, and Miss C. Burgoyne Lamb, brooch; Lady Brisco and Miss Brisco, leather blotting book; Mr and Mrs W. Bennett, silver pepper pots; Mrs Bethell, old glass flower vase; Miss Boulter, embroidered bag; Mr and Mrs Everard Brooksbank, egg boiler; Mr E. R. Burgess, silver photograph frame; Mr and Mrs Bethell, pair of silk table horses candlesticks; Hon. Mercia Constable Maxwell, book and library set; Mrs Craigie Halkett, china vase; Mr and Miss Colling, silver bottle; Mr and Mrs Walter Grisdale, silver cream jug; Mr and Mrs W. R. Collins, opera glasses; Miss Isabel Dent, satin cushion; Mrs Dent, writing case; Major Dent, pair silver vases; Mr and Mrs Bethell, old Sheffield plate tray; Mr and Mrs Darcy Grey, clock; Captain and Mrs Everard Cowdroy, umbrella.

Mrs James Gunter (mother of the bride), cheque, pearls, amethyst, brooch, pearl and turquoise necklace, house linen; Miss Gunter, parasol; Colonel and Mrs Gascoigne, tortoiseshell and gold box; Mrs Geoffrey Gunter, silver tea caddy; Miss M. Greenway, table cloth; Mr Francis Gunter, diamond tiara; Miss Kate Hume, Prayer Book; the Lady Harriet Harrison, sweeper, dressing bag; the Lady Hawke and the Hon. Mary and Eleanor Hawke, silver tea pot, cream jug, and sugar basin; the Misses Hume, tortoiseshell box; Mrs Edward Heyland, old china dish; Lord Hawke, silver tea; Mrs and Miss Hewetson, jewel case; Captain and Mrs A. P. Heneage, silver sauce boat; the Hon. Alice Hawke, old brass flower stand; Mr and Mrs Hugh Johnston, pearls; Mr and Mrs Hugh Inglis, clock; Mr and Mrs Robert Kerr, leather blotting-book; Mr and Mrs Arthur Kerr, patience cards in case; Mrs Hastings Lamplugh, gold and diamond wrist watch; Miss D. and Miss H. Lowther, tea cloth; Miss Lane Fox, gold and enamel box; Mrs James Lane Fox, cut glass vase; Mr and Mrs. George Lane Fox, umbrella; Miss Leslie, cushion with embroidered cover; Mrs Lee, silver photograph frame; Mr and Mrs Edward Lane Fox, two china figures; the Hon. Mary and Kathleen Lawless, two lamp shades; Misses Mary and Lizzie Lang, butter dish; Miss Alice Marriott, Sheffield plate candlestick; Miss Mildmay, plates and knives and forks; Colonel and Mrs Mostyn Owen, travelling medicine case.

Mrs Parrett, paper weight; Lady Plumer, old sugar tongs; Mr and Mrs Richard Ramsden, clock; Mr and Mrs Garth Ross, silver box; Col. Richardson, silver stamp box; Mrs Charles Scott, armchair, diamond brooch, lace for wedding dress, cut-glass vases, china; Mrs Scott, silver tea service; Miss Strickland Constable and Mrs George Bulfeet, china tea service; Miss Jessie Scott, old silver vase; Lieut.-Col. and Mrs Strickland Constable, silver box; Capt. and Mrs silver blotting book, paper case, and glass; Lady St. Oswald and the Hon. Emily Winn, silver tea pot; Mr Andrew Scott, diamond and beryl pendant; servants at Aldwark Manor, Spode china tea service; Col. the Hon. and Mrs Stuart-Wortley, old Chippindale screen; Miss L. Stokoe, Watford pillow lace; Miss D Stewart Robertson, silver photograph frame; Mr, Mrs, and Miss Spencer Stanhope, carriage rug; Mr and Mrs Hugh Stobart, print; Col. and Mrs Richard Mewsey Thompson, travelling clock; Mr and Mrs. Norton Tomlin, lamp and shade; Mr and Mrs F. Thornton, card tray and cut-glass dishes; Mr George Thompson, silver and enamel bottle; Hon. Mrs. Jenkinson Tower, jewel case; Mrs Worsley, menu-holders; Mrs Edwyn Walker, writing case; Mr Roger Walker, paste and tortoiseshell pins; Hon. Mr and Mrs George Winn, old Sheffield plate tea urn; Miss Mabel Wintour, enamel and pearl brooch; Miss Wyatt, Prayer Book, Mr and Mrs Ernest Walker, parasol; Hon Cecil and Mrs Winn, plate heater; Lady Younger and Mrs Jack Wormald, writing case.

GARDEN FETE AT BROOKFIELD, GARFORTH BRIDGE

COMPETITIONS AND SPORTS.

FOR SWILLINGTON CHURCH EXPENSES.

In the beautiful grounds of Brookfield, Garforth Bridge (the residence of Mr and Mrs Bartle) a garden fete and sale of work took place on Saturday afternoon, and the function proved a most successful and enjoyable one. The primary object was to assist the Swillington Church Expenses Fund, but the fete gave the residents of the parish and district an opportunity of meeting under the happiest conditions, and Mrs Bartle, who, assisted by a splendid body of enthusiastic workers, had arranged the gathering, gave a very cordial welcome to the numerous guests. Amongst those present were Mr John Farrer, J.P. (Bolton), Mrs Prater (Aberford), Mrs Child (The Manor House, Whitkirk), Rev. T. E. R. Wilford, Mr John Wilford, and Miss Wilford (Garforth), Rev. E. B. and Mrs Smith (Kippax), Rev. J. Gregory (Preston), Rev J. Maver (Garforth), Mr W. P. Nicholson (Stutton Grange), Mr and Mrs H. Walker, Mr H. G. Young, Md. Arthur Hartley (Gascliscard), Mr Hemment, Mr and Mrs J. W. Dobson (Garforth), Misses Batley (Austhorpe Lodge), Mr and Mrs Richardson (Garforth House), Mrs Sissons (Waterloo House), Mrs Denby, Mrs Craddock (Garforth), Miss Nichols (Ledston), Mrs Whitehouse and Mr H. Watch-use (Aberford), Mr and Mrs W. Birkinshaw (Warren House), Mrs J. Birkinshaw (Peckfield), Mr and Mrs P. A. Minden, Mr and Mrs McLintock (Whitkirk), Mrs and the Misses Appleyard (Austhorpe), Mrs C. F. Stead (Chapel Allerton), Mrs H. B. Beiggs (Chapel Allerton), Mr Nicholls (churchwarden, Swillington), Mr and Mrs W. Ash (Garforth), Mr Hutton, Miss Ash, Mrs Simpson (Aberford), Miss McQuat (Leeds), Mrs Dickinson, Miss Craven (Peckfield), Miss Rinder, Mr Gibbon, etc.

Mrs Bartle had asked Lady Dorothy Wood, of Temple-newsom, to open the fete, but she wrote regretting her inability, owing to other engagements, to accept the invitation. She, however, sent a handsome donation to the funds. Others who sent donations were Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., Mr R. W. Bower, Mr Johnson (Leeds), Mrs Vivars (Sherburn), and Messrs White and Son (Hull).

The lawn in front of the house was, for the nonce, converted into a fancy fair, and the ladies were busily engaged throughout the afternoon in disposing of the goods on the heavily-laden stalls. Towards the Simple Stall, which was under the supervision of Misses Hider, the tradespeople had contributed most generously, and upon it was a wonderful display of the substance of goods. The Flower Stall, filled with beautiful plants and blooms, was in the charge of Misses Denby (Garforth). Mrs Lowther's stall was laden with plain and fancy work, the production of busy hands, the Sweet Stall was looked after by the Misses Bartle, the Lavender Basket by Miss Dobson, the Icecream Stall by Miss Mason, the Hoopla Stall by Miss Laverack and the Cake Stall by Miss Garland. The cakes-baking competition (Brown and Polson's) was a novel feature, and it was so popular with the ladies that it attracted no fewer than 44 entries. Mrs Hewson (Colton) was given the premier award, Miss Buckley (Roundfield) secured the second prize, and Miss Gummerson (Swillington) the third. Three ladies—Mrs W. Heworth (Whitkirk), Mrs J. Freeman, and Mrs Porter—received highly commended for their work. Mr Whitehouse did excellent business in the cocoanut shie, and "Aunt Sally," in the charge of Miss Dickenson, was another source of fun and profit. During the afternoon excellent selections of music were played by Garforth Band, and a short entertainment was given by Mr McLintock (humorist) and Miss Danks (dancer). Tea was served to the company in the gardens and in the house.

Sports, directed by Messrs H. Walker and H. G. Young, took place in the evening, and some interesting races were seen. Mrs Bartle won the egg and spoon race, and Miss Denby was first in the potato race. Miss Thompson was second. The prize for the three-legged race for girls was secured by K. Bartle and R. Bingham, and in the boys' three-legged race 'he winners were M. Pogson and A. Roberts. Other results were:—Ladies' bicycle race (last to win) —1 Miss Watson, 2 Miss Dickenson. Three-legged race for men—1, Dickinson and Smith, 2 Allen and Smith. Quarter-mile race (open)—1 W. Birch, 2 Dickinson. One hundred yards race (open)—1 W. Birch, 2 John Quigley. Sack race (open)—1 J. Quigley, 2 W. Lawton.

A feature of the evening's programme was an entertainment arranged by Miss Binns. Songs were given by Miss Harrison (Halton) and Mr McLintock, dances by Miss Danks, Miss Richardson, and Miss Thomas, and the sketch "The colonel's consent" was performed by Misses Binns and Harrison and Messrs Heywood, Royston, and Wynne. The accompanists were Mrs McLintock and Miss Dickinson (Swillington Common).

It is expected that the proceeds of the fete will realize about £50.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES CHARITIES

THE CROSSGATES PORTION.

As an effect of the extension of the Leeds city boundary, whereby a great portion of Crossgates became part of the Leeds Corporation's administrative area, included in the Leeds Poor Law Union, it is anticipated (says the "Post") that a new scheme will have to be devised for dealing with the income arising from what are known as the Barwick-in-Elmet Charities. The Barwick Parish Council, in fact, are reported to have applied to the Charity Commissioners for a rearrangement, and the subject is also being considered by the Leeds authorities. Nothing, however, can be done until the Charity Commissioners move in the matter. The main point of interest is that of the total estimated sum of close on £450 annual income available, more than £80 goes in relief of the poor rate. But now that Crossgates, which shares in the charity benefits, has been transferred from the Tadcaster Union to Leeds, the question arises what proportion of this amount shall be handed over. The Barwick people are naturally desirous of securing as large a proportion as possible, and seeing that the original gifts and bequests were made to Barwick-in-Elmet parish, long before the growth of Crossgates with its increasing rateable value was dreamed of, a plea is being put forward for special consideration. The income applied to the relief of rates is drawn from parish lands, including what is called the Poor's Estate, the "Workhouse Allotment," and public stone-quarries. In addition, there is a fund for various doles, and there are the national school site and bull-bags, together with other resources and sources. According to the last scheme of the Charity Commissions, the gross income is £449 18s. 10d., apportioned thus—£70 15s. for education, £12 0s. 4d. for church purposes, £5 for the Wesleyan Sunday School, £60 for Roundhay almshouses and pensions, £10 9s. 3d. distributed in money, £6 4s. 9d. distributed in kind, and £85 for public uses. A new scheme may, of course, mean the appointment of additional trustees representing Leeds or a division of the responsibilities and power of administering the charities, as well as a readjustment of the finances so far as they affect the poor rate.

It may be stated that this question was discussed by Barwick Council two or three months ago, and reports of the meetings have appeared in our columns.

NEW USE FOR FRYSTON HALL.

HOME FOR MENTALLY DEFECTIVE.

A huge scheme promised by eight Poor Law Unions for colonising mentally mentally defective persons has just been brought to maturity, the Local Government Board having provisionally sanctioned the purchase of the Fryston Hall estate at Ackworth, exceeding £100,000.

The Unions that have agreed to combine in the scheme are Dewsbury, Doncaster, Ecclesoll, Bierlow, Halifax, Huddersfield, Penistone, Rotherham, and Sheffield. They include a population of about 1,300,000, and have a joint assessable value of £6,000,000.

The Fryston Hall estate includes an old mansion which formerly belonged to Earl Crewe, extensive out-buildings, a bailiff's house, a block of cottages, a large area of garden ground, and between 400 and 500 acres of land, which embraces a substantial area of woodland.

The estate is situated about two miles from Pontefract railway station, and a shorter distance from the Knottingley and Ferrybridge stations. It is not overlooked in any way, nor is it bounded by any main roads.

In every way the estate is admirably situated and suited for the purpose in view. It is easily accessible from all the eight Unions concerned, being only thirty miles distant from Sheffield, which is the farthest Union.

With provisional sanction to purchase the estate, the Local Government Board have also intimated that they are prepared to issue an order for the establishment of a Joint Committee representing the eight Unions concerned.

On the first of July last the number of uncertified mentally deficient and epileptic persons chargeable to the eight Unions was 618, but it is not proposed to remove to the colony those who are mentally defective owing to senile decay. Altogether there are about 500 people for whom provision will be made.

These at the present time are in workhouses, Union hospitals, and in voluntary institutions all over the country, while a proportion of them are living with their friends and receiving outrelief. Some of those who are receiving outrelief may be found to be quite well cared for in their present surroundings, in which case they will not be removed.

TRAGEDY AT CHURCH FENTON STATION

ASSISTANT STATIONMASTER KILLED.

"CARELESS IN CROSSING THE LINE."

Major Arundel, Coroner, held an inquiry in the general waiting-room at Church Fenton Station on Monday respecting the death of Robert Brownrigg, assistant stationmaster at Church Fenton, who was knocked down and killed by the York and Derby express fish train on Friday night.

Mr Wm. Dixon Foxton was appointed foreman of the jury.

Mr Charles Pearce, district traffic engineer, Sheffield, represented the Midland Railway Company, and Mr A. Deighton, district traffic inspector, York, represented the North Eastern Railway Company.

David Brownrigg, 109, Whalley Road, Blackburn, brother of the deceased man, said he had not seen deceased for four years before his death. Witness received a letter from the deceased a fortnight ago, in which he said he was relieving at the end of September.

Harry Septimus Holt, assistant signalman at Church Fenton, said he was present when deceased was killed about 9.22 on Friday night. Deceased went to the north signal box, which was near the station, to see how the goods train was getting loaded. He was standing on the down Leeds line, and spoke to witness. Witness left him to answer the telephone, and at that time the fish express was approaching on the up Leeds line for York. Witness signalled the train on, but previously told deceased that it was coming. Deceased could not see the signal go down, but could see the light attached to it. Witness was away about five minutes, and when he next saw deceased he was on the Leeds to Normanton line, and about a yard in front of the engine trying to get out of the way. This he failed to do, and he was caught by the engine in the fourfoot way, being carried about 35 yards. The whole of the train passed over him. Witness immediately informed his signalman, who went to deceased.

The Coroner: How far was he away from you when you first had conversation with him?

Witness: About a yard, sir.

How far were you away when he was struck by the engine?—About 9 yards.

Continuing, witness said the train was travelling at from 40 to 50 miles an hour. There were two lights on the front of the engine which could be seen for a distance of 14 miles.

George Tomlinson, Ulleskelf, said he was a signalman at the north signal box, near Church Fenton Station. On Friday night, about 9.22, just as the 6.15 express fish train left, he heard a shout called out: "They have knocked poor old Robert down." Witness at once ran to him and found him on the four-foot way near the up Leeds to Normanton line, near the crossing. Deceased was dead, and witness went back to his box to telephone for assistance. Witness had seen him on the 6.17 p.m., and he was then clear of the Leeds to Normanton line. Deceased knew the fish train was expected, because witness told him so.

George Butler, 274, Woodseats Road, Sheffield, an engine driver in the employ of the Midland Railway Company, said he was in charge of the York and Sheffield fish express, which left the former for the latter at 5.45 p.m., and the north signal-box near Church Fenton at 9.22 p.m. He did not feel anything catch or obstruct the engine. When the train arrived at Leeds he was told he had knocked the Church Fenton assistant station-master down. It was a very dark night. He did not see anyone approaching the signal-box because he thought it was unnecessary.

William Mosby, station-master, Church Fenton, said deceased had been under his station-master seven or eight years. Deceased was near the north signal box on Friday night in pursuit of his duty. Deceased was rather careless in crossing the lines, and witness had cautioned him on several occasions to be more careful.

The Coroner, in summing up, said the question was whether deceased's death was due to an accident or not, and everything pointed to its being a pure accident. If there had been any fault it was with the deceased himself, because they were told in evidence that he knew the fish train was expected and that it could be seen for a distance of one and a half miles, and he ought to have been on the alert.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

Mr Brownrigg's death caused quite a sensation in the district, especially as he was going to retire on his pension next month, and arrangements had already been made for his successor to take up his position.

Deceased was a native of Dumfries, but early in life joined the North Eastern service. He was for many years a guard, and was eventually appointed an assistant stationmaster at York Station. At his own request he was transferred to Church Fenton Station seven or eight years ago. He was predeceased by his wife about two years ago.

A SELBY BANKRUPTCY CASE.

WHAT THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER SAID.

At York Bankruptcy Court on Friday the examination took place of Richard Peel, 73, Volta Street, Selby, and Fred Peel, 71, Volta Street, Selby, trading as Peel Brothers and Co., horticultural engineers, East Common, Selby.

The liabilities were returned at £3,367 15s. 8d., and the deficiency was stated to be £182 13s. Debtors attributed their failure to want of capital, heavy law costs, and decline in trade during the past three years.

In answer to the Official Receiver (Mr Donald S. Mackay) Richard Peel said he and his brother were carrying on business as horticultural engineers at Selby. They had been in business for 12 years. They began with £2, and they had never made any money. It had been a hard struggle to live all the time. The most money they had ever had in the bank was £20, but it was probably put in one day and drawn out the next. They called their creditors together in 1907, and a composition of 7s. 6d. was accepted by them. His brother and he shared the profit, and bore the losses. They had both stuck to the business. All the profits they had made had gone into the business. When they made any profit they built workshops and put down machinery. They had to raise a mortgage on the buildings and land. There was a quantity of machinery in the sheds, and it could all be removed if required. All the machinery was there when they mortgaged the land, except the present gasengine. There was a charge on the land of £81, and he believed the land, if sold, would realise that amount. In fact, he thought it should be worth £90 to £100, while the machinery was worth £86. The gas-engine alone had cost £72, which they had paid off by instalments. A great part of their work was building greenhouses. When they made goods to special order under £10 value they were paid beforehand. They had not been able to complete several of their contracts for want of money, although they had already received money in advance. They had known they were insolvent for over 12 months. They had hoped for better times, but they had never come. They had both worked hard, out their failure was due to want of capital. There were a lot of goods on their land which belonged to other people. He had two insurance policies which were in the custody of Messrs Brown, Brothers and Taylor as security for credit. His wife had purchased all the household furniture out of money she had earned as a laundress. He would undertake to produce his wife's receipts for the furniture.

Fred Peel said he had heard his brother's evidence, and he concurred in it.

The Official Receiver said it was rather suspicious that both their wives should have bought all the furniture.

The examination was closed.

MR WAILES-FAIRBAIRN AS DEPUTY LIEUTENANT.

The "London Gazette" on Friday night contained the following:—

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of the County of York, and of the City and County of York.

William Fairbairn Wailes-Fairbairn, Esquire, of Askham Grange, York, to be Deputy Lieutenant for the said County.

Mr William Fairbairn Wailes-Fairbairn is the eldest son of Mr William Wailes, of Brookfield, Bath. He was educated at Harrow and Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1883, and his M.A. degree in 1886. He had been a Justice of the Peace for the West Riding of Yorkshire since 1900. He joined the Derbyshire Imperial Yeomanry in 1901, was promoted lieutenant in 1903, and captain in 1906. He was for some time Joint Master of the York and Ainsty Hounds, along with Mr J. A. Fullerton. Mr Wailes-Fairbairn adopted the surname of Fairbairn on succeeding his uncle in 1901. Mr Wailes-Fairbairn is descended from the yeoman family of Wailes of Husthwaite. The members of that family have chiefly been farmers, landowners, barristers, and soldiers since the middle of the 16th century.

SELBY

GIFTS TO SELBY ABBEY.—A donation of £10 has been given by the Earl of Londesborough for the Selby Abbey Assistant Clergy Fund; and from Mr Gray (Blackheath), 18 guineas have been received for the carving of nine capitals in the Abbey.

LOCAL COLLIERY FIRM'S REPORT

DIVIDEND OF 20 PER CENT.

The net profits of Henry Briggs, Son, and Co. (Limited) for the year ended June 30th were £69,386, and £2,000 was brought forward. Final dividends of £2 5s. per share on the A Shares and £1 10s. per share on the B Shares are recommended, making £3 and £2 per share respectively, or 20 per cent., for the twelve months, adding £20,000 to the reserve, writing £2,500 off leases, and carrying forward £42,994. The directors report their prices had a downward tendency, particularly in the latter half of the year. This, coupled with the strike in April, caused a dislocation of trade not yet fully overcome. Owing to ill-health, Mr F. C. Shepherd has been compelled to sever his official connection with the company, and to relinquish his seat on the board. Mr John Horsfall (director) and Messrs Close, Hind and Co. (auditors) offer themselves for re-election.

The company's net profits for the past five years and the dividends, etc., are shown in the following table:—

	Net profits.	Added to reserves.	Div'd rate per cent.	Balance forward
	£	£		£
1913-14	90,386	22,500	20%	42,994
1912-13	109,038	40,000	20%	40,593
1911-12	64,071	15,000	15%	36,230
1910-11	38,061	5,000	10%	36,340
1909-10	42,723	15,000	10%	36,067

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday—Wheat prices were quoted at an advance of 3s. and 5s. per qr., but no transactions were reported. There is a very small quantity of old grain to be had. Samples of winter-sown oats may come in at the next market.

PROVISIONS

SELBY, Monday—Eggs 10 for 1s.; butter 1s. 2d. per lb.; chickens 4s. to 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday—The good supply of new potatoes in the market met with a satisfactory demand at from 50s. to 55s. per ton, or 2s. to 2s. 3d. per hamper of 6 stones.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this Auction Mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed at 41 beasts, 31 sheep, and 33 pigs. Owing to the holidays there was only a small supply of stock, an improved trade for cattle, beef making up to 5s. per stone. Pigs and sheep sold rapidly at advanced prices. The prices were as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £23 15s., fat heifers up to £19 7s. 6d., fat cows up to £20 15s., store cattle up to £14 12s. 6d., cows in calf up to £18, cows in milk up to £17 15s., fat sheep up to £3 7s., fat pigs up to £6, and sows in pigs up to £6 15s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday—At this mart Messrs Stephenson and Son held their fortnightly sale when 600 head of cattle and 1,000 sheep and pigs were sent forward. The attendance of butchers and dealers was up to the average. Best quality bullocks and heifers sold with a good inquiry, and was readily disposed of at prices about equal to a fortnight ago, and may be quoted from 84s. to 91s. per cwt. Second-quality cattle and cows met a ready sale, and made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Shearling sheep were a fair show throughout the pens, and sold steadily at 34s. per stone. Pigs and sheep sold rapidly at advanced prices. The prices were as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £24 5s., fat heifers up to £19 7s. 6d., fat cows up to £20 15s., store cattle up to £14 12s. 6d., cows in calf up to £18, cows in milk up to £17 15s., fat sheep up to £3 7s., fat pigs up to £6, and sows in pigs up to £6 15s. each.

TADCASTER, Monday—At this mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son held forward an average show of prime fat cattle, and a good display of fat sheep and lambs; pigs a less show. The attendance of butchers and dealers was well up to the average. Best beef met a steady inquiry to a week ago, making up to 9s. 3d. per stone, cows and heavy beef from 8s. to 8s. 9d. per stone. Sheep and lambs made similar prices to last week, per lb., lambs 10d to 11d. per lb. Fat pigs made more money, from 7s 6d per stone, and store pigs made less money, from 6s to £7 per head. Calves and heifers sold at £4 each. Sheep made to 75s. each. Numbers sold: 94 beasts, 274 sheep and lambs, and 70 pigs. Mr J. W. Watson, of Wighill Manor, had three good bullocks, making £24 12 6d, £24 17s. 6d and £22 12s 6d; Mr Hawkesworth, of Tadcaster, had two good bullocks, making £23 15s and £23 2s 6d; four bullocks from Mr F. Jackson, Healaugh Grange, made £26 7s 6d, £24 17s 6d, £23 12s 6d, and £21 10s.; from Mr W. Westaby, of Healaugh, had three ripe bullocks, which made £25 15s, £24 5s, and £23 7s 6d; Mr T. Richardson, Healaugh, had two bullocks, making £22 7s 6d and £22 15s; Mr I. Sagleson, of Newton Kyme, had six ripe well-finished bullocks, making £25 10s 6d, £24 2s 6d, £23 2s 6d, £20, £19 5s and £20 17s 6d.; Mr R. Case, of Catterton, had two good bullocks, making £26 and £23 12s 6d, and two bullocks making £22 7s 6d and £22 17s 6d; Mr G. Winter, Pallathorpe, had four good beasts, making £21 10s, £21 and 2s 6d, £19 15s; three bullocks from Mr C. Gypson, Grimston, made £22 2s 6d, £21 17s 6d, and £19 17s 6d; four grazing bullocks made by Mr Hall, Hornington, including the second prize winner at Tadcaster Show, made £21 17s 6d, £21 15s, £19 2s 6d, and £19 5s; Mr Jackson, of Bramham, Catterton, had two bullocks and heifers, making to £21 7s 6d. each; two bullocks from Mr Dunnington made £21 5s. each; and two bullocks from the Auctioneers, including the first prize winner at Tadcaster Show, which made £26 15s, £27 10s, £22 17s 6d., £23 17s 6d, £23 12s 6d, £21 15s, £21 17s 6d., and £21. Prime fat sheep from Mr H. Simpson made to 75s each; from Mr A. Gypson to 73s; from Mr J. Hall to 65s. 6d.; from Mr G. Jackson, to 72s.; from Mr J. Bromley to 72s.; from Mr J. T. Dearlove to 66s 6d; from Mr A. Carr to 62s.; from Mr Scarr to 59s.; from Mr Watson, to 51s. each. Prime fat lambs from Mr F. Jackson made to 69s. each; from Mr. Blacker to 51s 6d.; from Mr Swales to 49s.; from Mr Dunnington to 41s.; from Mr R. Dearlove to 53s. 6d.; from Mr Dalby to 47s. 6d.; from Mr T. H. Watson to 44s. each. Fat pigs from Mr Bachelor made to £6 10s each; from Mr T. Richardson, to 86s.; etc. Gilts in pig made to 90s each; and stores from 8s. 6d. to 33s. 6d. each.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

COLD FEET.

A much-neglected health maxim is never to go to bed with cold feet. It should be made even stronger. Cold feet should be guarded against whether by day or night. They are a prolific source of numberless ills, some of which are very serious, with fatal terminations as possible sequence, says a writer in the *Family Doctor*. Congestions occur, catarrhs follow, and finally become chronic and well-nigh incurable.

There are many methods of guarding against cold feet. The very first relates to the foot covering. Never tolerate tight shoes. Give your feet plenty of room, so that there will be no interference with a free and constant circulation of the blood. In cool or cold weather thick soles are a necessity. A proper amount of vigorous exercise, especially walking, should be practised. Kicking, swinging the legs in semi-circles, vigorous massage of the feet, with rapid and forcible flexing and rotating of the ankle joints, so as to pump the blood into the feet, slapping the soles of the feet with the sole of a slipper or with the palm of the hand—all these are aids, and if faithfully used will frequently overcome the tendency to cold feet, which often becomes a habit. The alternate hot and cold foot-bath is often effective in giving permanent relief, if reasonably persisted in.

HOW TO COOK SAUSAGES.

Sausages are often spoilt in appearance by being placed in a hot frying-pan and placed over a hot fire. The secret of success lies in cooking them slowly. Put a little fat in the pan, separate, after being pricked in several places with a fork, should be placed in a cold pan and set on a moderately hot part of the stove so that they are gradually heated through. An ordinary-sized frying-pan will hold half a dozen sausages, and the last part of the time should be over a hot part of the stove, so that the outer part is quickly and evenly browned.

STIMULATING TEA.

A most nourishing and powerful stimulant for invalids or brain workers is tea made with three parts boiling milk to one part of water; it is also far more digestible than ordinary tea, as the milk neutralises the tannin. The quantity of tea used must, of course, be measured by the individual requirement. Three cuddy spoonfuls, or four large teaspoonfuls, to a pint of milk and a third of a pint of water, make a generous cup of tea. It is curious remarks a *Globe* writer, to find how many people servants especially — never learn the simple arts of making tea correctly. The secrets are to heat the pot thoroughly, make the tea the moment the water boils, and let it infuse about ten minutes. The tea-pot is allowed to boil for even a few minutes before the tea is made the water will be "flat," and the flavour of the tea will be lost; while if the latter stands too long the tannin is extracted and the tea bitter and indigestible.

THE CARE OF SINKS.

The kitchen sink and its pipes are sufficiently important to merit more than soft water is to be had; infinitely more so when hard water has to be used. Flush the pipes frequently with hot water mixed with soda, followed by cold water, and when the water from cooked vegetables is poured into the sink it should be followed by a mouthful with plenty of cold water. Grease, of course, chills as it reaches the pipes and hardens on the sides, and the latter should be scalded with soda and used at least once a week in most places; more frequently in cases where water is not to be had. Lime-water is also objectionable in any way.

Where the water is temporar.ly hard it may be boiled and plenty of hot boiled water be poured into the drain; where it is permanent hard water is the only available, a little of the pipes are first heated with plenty of hot water and a very strong solution is then poured through, followed by cold water. If the sink itself in the pipes, whatever may happen when it reaches the sewer. A soap is not formed until it has passed the trap, and is harmless in the water. So the remedy for your trouble seems to be plenty of hot water and frequent application of soda to the sink.

TO CLEAN A FURRED KETTLE.

Sal ammoniac will remove this. Fill the kettle with cold water, add a piece of sal ammoniac to it, and boil. All the fur will dissolve. Well rinse the kettle afterwards.

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NICE DISHES.

FISH WITH MACARONI.—Divide into fairly large flakes cold haddock, cod, ling, or any white fish, season it with salt and pepper, and put it into a buttered dish. Add to it three teacupfuls of fish break into small pieces as much macaroni as will be a breakfast cupful, previously boiling water, add plenty of salt, cook quickly for twenty minutes, or until it begins to soften, drain it well before placing it on top of the fish. Sprinkle lightly with pepper, and thickly with grated cheese. Dredge cheese. Beat an egg, stir in rather more than a teacupful of milk, season with salt. Pour over the dish. Cover the top lightly with breadcrumbs, add a few small pieces of butter, and bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour.

BEET SALAD.—Wash the beets thoroughly, cut off the stems except about three inches, but do not cut from bleeding. Put them in cold water and boil until tender; remove from the fire, slip the skins off, and while in round slices, season with salt, pepper, and white sugar; pour enough white vinegar over to cover them, and set aside until cold. The beets are put in a jar and well covered with vinegar they will keep for some time. Serve on a dish made of cabbage leaves.

SPINACH MOULD.—Boil two pounds of spinach in the usual way; drain, press, and rub it through a sieve. Put it into a saucepan with two ounces of butter, one gill of stock, and half a pint of cream. Make it quite hot, season, and let the whole simmer for about five minutes. Again rub through a sieve, mix with the spinach a well-beaten yolk of an egg, and pile on top of pudding, return to the oven to set, and serve hot.

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The malingering of the working-man formed the subject of a discussion at the British Medical Association, and some novel views were stated by Sir John Collie. That "shamming" does exist every friendly society official knows, but it is doubtful that as many people are thus acting dishonestly as is believed. Sir John Collie, who may be presumed to be speaking from experience, stated "that frequently an accident so perverted the outlook of the victim that he exaggerated his symptoms, which, in course of time, loomed so large in his consciousness that he genuinely believed that he was not able to work. The extra attention paid to a simple man of the working-class by his friends and his employer impressed him with the conviction that he was the central figure of some quite extraordinary occurrence. While he was waiting for a settlement or the trial of the case, the injured man had nothing but himself to think of. He was devoid usually of literary resources, and could not concentrate his thoughts on anything but his body, so that he became a prey to all sorts of pains which in other circumstances would be ignored. The men in the vast majority of cases," said Sir John, "were able to work provided there was sufficient stimulus. The possession of compensation and club money deprived the victim of the stimulus, and the expectation of a lump sum in settlement seemed to demoralise him thoroughly, whilst labour became more and more monotonous and irksome. The stimulus of a return to work was very much less than formerly; indeed, it was often non-existent. Every recollection of the accident brought further injury to the nervous system." All this reminds one of a character delightfully portrayed by Barrie. This man, always well-dressed, had been "ill" for years, and when people sympathised with him, he managed to convey the impression that he was a great sufferer and that he accepted the infliction sent by Providence with Christian resignation. His wife, who had to work hard to keep her home together, was condemned as a "shut" by the neighbours, and when she died as a result of over-work, the husband was discovered to be a fraud. With the passing of the bread-winner, he was compelled to work. His only ailment was laziness, but the sympathy of his neighbours exercised a potent influence on his mind. It is perfectly true that the possession of a sum of money deprives some people of all desire for work, and, like the vagrants, the longer they are away from honest toil the less do they like the notion of returning to it. And it is well-known that persons drawing compensation are not the only malingerers. People of a certain temperament, if suffering slightly, can easily be made to believe they are seriously ill, and the case is recorded of a man, in excellent health, who was brought to a desperate state by a few practical joking friends. One after the other these jokers went to the poor fellow and condoled with him on his wretched appearance, and advised him to see a doctor. At first he treated the subject as a joke, but, as one friend after another commiserated with him, he began to think that he was ill, and he had decided to consult a medical man, when somehow he received enlightenment as to the trick that had been played upon him. It is obvious that the people who should deal with malingering are the doctors, and if they knowingly allow a man to impose on others, they are just as dishonest as he is. No matter how good a scheme may be, there are people who will take advantage of it to their own profit, and it is the business of the men who have the power to put a check to such impositions.

"Each individual, physically, mentally," and morally, is in the main what his parentage and his environment make him." This is the view of Professor Matthew Hey, an authority whose opinion should have weight, but few people will be inclined to accept such a sweeping statement, because it means the acceptance of the complete abrogation of personal responsibility. Still, the question is one that should not be treated with levity, as has been done in certain quarters. Parentage is an important factor in national well-being. Without adopting the arguments of the advocates of eugenics, people readily believe that the raising of a healthy race depends very large upon the character of the people, and there is no escaping the evidences of deterioration when the mentally defective are allowed to have offspring. It is not true, however, to say that "each individual" is what parentage and environment make him. Families, raised from healthy parents, turn out well, with one exception—it is often said that there is usually one black sheep in the flock—and in the one becomes a criminal how can the parentage be blamed? It is not difficult to discover such cases, and surely the parentage and environment must be judged by the majority of the family and not by the minority. The giving way to temptation sometimes lands an individual in prison, with subsequent disastrous results. But it would be wrong to relieve such an one of personal responsibility by placing it upon those who brought him into the world. Over-indulgence in drink, as the Judges have stated again and again, is the cause of the downfall of many good men, and the perpetration of serious offences, and this weakness, very often acquired, brings men down to the lowest depths of degradation. Nevertheless, the other members of the same family may have done well. While it would be foolish to accept the aforesaid doctrine and apply it generally, it may be admitted that parentage does count for much, and children of weak-willed, unhealthy, and vicious parents have a heavy handicap in life. How could it be otherwise? Not only the physical and mental defects they possess, but the environment in which they live, are a source of weakness, and if children are brought up under evil conditions they cannot altogether be held responsible. Yet that is what is assumed in this country. If boys and girls are taught in the home—the school influence is really of secondary importance—that it is their business to prey on their fellows, and that it is clever to cheat the law, is it right to mete out to them the punishment that would be given to one brought up under healthier conditions? It is easy for magistrates to hear evidence and pass sentence, but it is difficult for them to understand whether or not they are giving the treatment the particular case needs. Thousands of the denizens of slum property in town and village never have a chance in life, because the example daily set them has been an evil one, and parental responsibility is the last thing that is thought about, so fierce is the struggle for existence. "As with disease," says Prof. Hey, "so with crime—prevention is better than cure." But how is it to be prevented when conditions which no Christian country should tolerate are allowed to exist? Bound up with this great problem are many social questions—bad housing, "overcrowding," drinking habits, and the marriage of unhealthy individuals. It is wonderful how one problem hangs upon another. Under the best conditions criminals would be made, but their number would be greatly lessened. By the perpetuation of all these evils the nation has a costly bill to meet. Workhouse, asylum, and prison maintenance accounts for many millions every year, the fighting of disease is an expensive battle, and even the burial of the victims comes to a tidy sum annually. Inefficients and defectives are a weakness to the national life, and they, as well as the criminals, are the products of our social conditions, but no one has the courage to deal thoroughly with the problem, because it is so vast.

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MARRIAGE.

Thompson—Sims—On Saturday, August 1st, at St. Aidan's Church, Roundhay Road, Leeds, by the Rev. Edmund Sons of John Thompson, of North View, Thorner, to Lily, only daughter of Charles Sims, of 238, Harehills Lane, Leeds.

DEATHS.

Cundall—August 1, at Holmlea, Appleton Roebuck, aged 65, Joseph Cundall.
Lister—August 2, at 23, Denton Avenue, Roundhay, in his 81st year, Charles Lister.
Robinson—August 1, at Northcote, Middleton, Emma, older daughter of the late William Robinson, of Middleton.
Ellis—August 4, at Rose Cottage, Newsam Green, Mary Ellis, widow of the late William Ellis.

IN MEMORIAM.

Ward—In ever loving memory of a dear husband and father, James Ward, of Pontefract Road, Stourton, who died August 8th, 1911.
"God will bind the broken chain
Closer when we meet again."
"Earthly loss, eternal gain."
From his ever loving wife, sons, and daughter. 2097

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax.—Application completed—M. A. Harper Mitchell, Otley, an improved skirt and blouse holder. Patents sealed—F. M. Dossor, Doncaster, improved apparatus for cleaning and separating seeds, grain, meal, &c.; J. T. Bull and H. H. Hutchinson, Bawtry, improvements in horse shoes.

Golf.—On Saturday the medal competition in connection with South Leeds Golf Club took place at Rothwell Haigh. Results:—first Division—J. Pratt, 79, 4, 75; Hugh Clark, 91, 15, 76; Walter Brown, 85, 8, 78; Fred J. Brown, 82, 4, 78; S. Groves, 90, 14, 79; W. Pratt, 89, 10, 79; E. B. Lawson, 98, 16, 82; J. Prince, 97, 15, 82; P. Nicholson, 97, 15, 82. Second Division—A. Whitehouse, 85, 10, 75; C. Robinson, 97, 22, 75; J. A. Stembridge, 90, 20, 79; T. Hargreaves, 104, 20, 84.

A Boxer's Success.—On Friday night, at the Alhambra Picture House, Hunslet, the new promoter, Mr Felix Allard, placed a good programme of boxing before a large company. Charley Hart was referee, and Tommy Oates acted as timekeeper. Among other items there was a ten rounds contest between J. Fennell, Rothwell, and W. Goldthorpe, Leeds. The lads were well matched, and a hard-hitting bout was seen. Each scored well in turn, but there was rather too much clinching. Fennell was the better boxer, and very tricky in avoiding punishment, and after the full journey had been covered, Fennell was a good winner on points.

Allerton Bywater

Homing.—On Saturday the members of Allerton Bywater Homing Society sent 150 birds to take part in the race from Ambergate. Results:—Hutchinson Bros., 1,337 (two birds), Barrett 1,319 (wins pool), Simpson 1,309, Milner 1,309, Biscomb 1,279, Atkinson 1,278.

The Cricket Club.—There was a cricket club at Allerton Bywater at least thirty years ago, but in 1909 the New Silkstone and Haigh Moor Colliery Company, who employ most of the players, began to take an active interest in the athletics of the village, a cricket, football, and athletic club being formed, to the upkeep of which all the employees of the firm subscribe a penny per week. This is an arrangement which gives satisfaction to everybody concerned, and out of the funds so raised a finely appointed ground has been laid out, a circular cinder quarter-mile cycle track surrounding it. Every run is recorded outside the scorers' box by means of figured bands running on rollers, and the box is also fitted with a large clock, which would not disgrace many a public building. The club heads Pontefract and District League again this season. For the past three seasons the cricket team has been captained by Mr H. F. Smithson, the manager and agent for the colliery company.

Barwick

Mr Baxter and family, of Barwick-in-Elmet, wish to thank all friends for kind messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their sad bereavement.—Advt.

It will be observed by an advertisement that the fete arranged by Mr and Mrs Childe, of Potterton Hall, for the Barwick and Scholes Conservatives has been postponed.

Crossgates

Homing.—On Saturday ten members of Crossgates and District Homing Society sent 94 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—Fox 1,132, Horsby 1,094, Middleton 1,068, Linley 1,055, Haddaway 1,036, Limbert 1,020.

Fairburn

On Wednesday at Harrogate Show Mr T. E. Makin, of Fairburn, was first in the horse-leaping contest.

The honours of the leaping contest at Meltham Show on Saturday were easily gained by the pony belonging to Messrs T. E. Makin and Son, of Fairburn, for which, it is stated, a big sum was offered at the Yorkshire Show.

Homing.—On Saturday seven members of Fairburn Homing Society sent 117 birds to take part in the race from Ambergate. Results:—Green Brothers 1,572 (wins 3d. pool and nomination special), J. Fox 1,536, Lunt and Son 1,517, Barker and Sons 1,508, Barker and Grainger 1,459, J. Powell 1,413.

Garforth

Thirty men belonging to the Aberford-Ia Ambulance League have received orders to proceed to Leeds on Friday.

V. Siberry, playing for Headingley against Barwick C.C. at Barwick on Tuesday, scored 118 out of a total of 191.

Bowling.—Garforth W.M. played their return League match with Halton Travellers on Saturday, and the scores were:—Garforth W.M. 209, Halton Travellers 68. Details (Garforth W.M. names first):—M. Morritt 21 v. C. Catlow 2, W. Yeandle 21 v. B. Dickinson 10, C. Baxter 21 v. W. Adams 3, G. Hill 21 v. T. Chapman 4, F. Cockerham 21 v. J. Heseldon 8, G. Freeman 21 v. A. Mosby 9, A. Cockrem 21 v. H. Bowes 7, T. Simpson 21 v. W. Calverley 5, A. Reed 21 v. B. Smith 9, and W. H. Monks 21 v. G. Mosby 11.

Cricket.—On Monday Garforth Wesleyans played Headingley at Headingley, and the visitors won easily. Scores:—Headingley—A. Etches, c Dibb, b Brownridge, 2; H. Parker, c Johnson, b Brownridge, 3; A. Wilton, c Johnson, b Brownridge, 4; R. Boal, c Casson, b H. Siberry, 34; J. Mitchell, b H. Siberry, 11; H. Joel, c Goodall, b Hewitt, 42; H. Casson, c H. Siberry, b Goodall, 15; T. Kirkup, c H. Siberry, b Goodall, 6; H. Chambers, b Hewitt, 0; J. Murphy, b Hewitt, 0; E. Hough, not out, 1; extras, 5; total, 156. Garforth W.M.—V. Siberry, c Joel, b Boal, 75; B. Casson, c Hough, b Boal, 9; F. Siberry, c Parker, b Boal, 0; J. Goodall, b Joel, 17; R. Brownridge, c Wilson, b Parker, 20; H. Goodall, b Chambers, b Boal, 18; J. Johnson, not out, 24; Harold Siberry, b Boal, 1; H. Siberry, c Parker, b Chambers, 10; A. Hewitt, c Parker, b Chambers, 4; J. Hemsworth, b Joel, 0; H. Dibb, c Boel, b Joel, 9; extras, 0; total 171. For Garforth Hewitt captured 4 wickets for 60 runs.

Halton

On Saturday afternoon Halton Travellers' bowlers were defeated by Garforth W.M. by 209 to 68.

Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., and the War.—On Saturday the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., was one of the speakers at a Unionist meeting at Scalby. He said that we were confronted with a crisis which might involve the gravest results to European civilisation and humanity. He was perfectly certain that the House of Commons interpreted the instincts of every right-thinking Englishman when it supported the Prime Minister in presenting a solid and united front to Europe at the present time was divided into two big groups—the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente—each of which in different ways was bound by different obligations. In the old days England was able to adopt a policy of splendid isolation, but for the last 100 years the increasing cost of armaments had compelled us to depart from that policy. England, in such a matter, stood for no aggressive policy, but if a friendly power was attacked it would be supported. In view of the amount of food supply which came to us from over the seas, we could not acquiesce in any change of front or position on the part of the Power in possession of the seas from which it could command the sea-borne trade. If ever that day arrived, the days of our

ees power and national independence would assuredly be numbered. (Applause).

KIPPAX

The grocers' shops in Kippax were besieged by people requiring flour on Tuesday, and stocks were speedily transferred from shop to cottage.

LINNET CLUB.—Contests each Saturday from January to August each year. Bird Fanciers are asked to note this. Entrance fee for membership, 1s. Contributions 2d. per week.—Advt.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The choir in connection with this Church had their annual trip to Cleethorpes on Monday. The party, numbering 48, went by waggonettes to Castleford, and joined the train there at 5.20. Cleethorpes being reached in good time. The weather conditions were fairly good, enabling the party to enjoy their first visit greatly. The return journey was commenced about 9.20 in the evening, and the party reached Kippax next morning at 2.45.

KIPPAX LINNET CLUB.—A special singing contest was held at the Commercial Hotel on Saturday afternoon, when thirty birds were entered to sing for ten prizes, which were given by Messrs James Farrar, G. Cawood, W. Lister, C. Sowden, S. Halliday, and W. Partridge. Results:—1 R. Plows (trinket set), 2 R. Plows (clock set and vases), 3 R. Plows (alarm clock, given by Mr. A. Halliday), 4 J. Liversidge (plain vases), 5 J. Bath (silver-mounted pipe), 6, J. Bath (4 lb. tobacco, given by Mr W. Partridge), 7 J. Liversidge (50 cigarettes, given by Mr C. Sowden), 8 J. Liversidge (pair vases, given C. Mr J. Farrar), 9 A. Cooper (1 stone of seed, given by Mr W. Lister), 10 J. Wallis (1 stone of seed, given by Mr W. Lister). The birds belonging to R. Plows and J. Liversidge tied for third place, and they decided to sing off for the prize, and R. Plows' bird won easily. Mr J. Wallis presented the prizes at the close of the contest to the winners.

LEDSHAM

Mr E. T. Parker, of Ledsham, was first for second for mare, four years and upwards, and first for mare or filly (15 miles' radius) at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

METHLEY

A sum of £1 18s. 6d., collected at Methley Church, has been sent to the Leeds Infirmary.

HOMING.—On Saturday four members of Methley Homing Society sent 25 birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—Wilkinson 981, Wright (2) 859, Armitage 843, Gallagher (6d. pool) 834, Gallagher (2s. 6d. pool) 670.

MICKLEFIELD

FATALITY.—The body of a man named Joseph Atkinson, of 12, Bland's Cottages, Micklefield, was found on the North-Eastern Railway line near Newthorpe gatehouse at about 10.45 yesterday (Thursday) night. Atkinson was apparently knocked down by the 9.50 train from Leeds to Hull while crossing the line.

MOOR ALLERTON

SUCCESS.—On Wednesday at Harrogate Show Messrs J. W. and A. Pollard, of Moor Allerton, were second and third for draught brood mare, first for draught foal, second for colt, one year, third for filly, two years, third for mare, four years and upwards, and third for mare or filly (15 miles' radius).

CRICKET.—On Saturday afternoon Moortown, who have had a very successful season, easily defeated Arnold and Sons at Moortown. Scores:—Moortown—Wilbert, M. Topham 26, France 1, A. Topham 55, Barnfather 1, Little 9, Boothman 1, Heywood 5, Pearson 0, Marsden 2, Emmonson (not out) 6, extras 9, total 111. Arnold and Sons—Wood 6, Burton 4, Sotet 22, Holt 4, Tinsdale 3, Clay 5, Hobson 0, Parker 0, Bradbury 1, Miller 0, Tillotson 0, extras 4; total, 50.

ROUNDHAY

Mr W. Greenwood, of Roundhay and Leeds, was second for hackney brood mare at Harrogate Show on Wednesday.

GOLF.—On Saturday at the Cobble Hall Links, Roundhay, the bogey competition resulted as follows:—O. Swithenbank (8), 4 up; C. Jowett (9), 4 up; T. J. Sharrock (12), 3 up; F. Cousmedley (5), 1 up; E. Walling (6), 2 up; J. B. Crawford (12), 1 up; J. C. Mussey (5), 1 up; C. F. Thackray (4), all square; C. R. Baker (14), all square; W. H. Jones (5), 2 down; J. C. B. Smith (8), 2 down; S. Parrish (8), 2 down; Paul Rhodes, 3 down; R. Wright (11), 3 down; J. Pearce, 3 down; S. Clarke (9), 5 down.

SHADWELL

The boys of the Shadwell Industrial School are enjoying their new camping experience at Barniston Road, Scarborough. The camp, organised by the Leeds Education Committee, is being worked on military lines. The discipline, conduct, and health of the boys are good.

WOODLESFORD

HOMING.—On Saturday eight members of Woodlesford Homing Society sent eight birds to take part in the race from Rugby. Results:—Jackson 1,137, Carter 1,125, Nettleton 1,042, Hall and Pritchard 997, Higgins 851, Bayliss 729.

CAMPHOR FOR COLDS.

One of the most efficient remedies for breaking up a cold during its earliest stage is camphor, says the "Family Doctor." When the eyes begin to water, and there is the accompanying tingling of the nose and feeling of chilliness, put three drops of camphor on a lump of loaf sugar and place the sugar in the mouth.

Repeat this every fifteen minutes until four or five doses have been taken. At the same time make the bed where they will become thoroughly warm. This will usually prove effectual in breaking up a cold, if the cold is taken at its very beginning. For a child, but one drop should be placed upon the sugar, and five or six doses administered.

Another method of taking the camphor which is sometimes preferred for grown people is to put a spoonful of cream in a cup, add hot water and from ten to fifteen drops of camphor. This makes what is called a camphor julep. Camphor may be prepared by placing in a tightly-corked bottle as much camphor gum as the amount of alcohol which the bottle holds will dissolve. Place some of the gum in the alcohol and add more as this is taken up. This makes a strong, pure solution.

ENTHUSIASM AT SELBY.—An illustration of the way in which the ranks of Selby are being depleted by the war is afforded by the case of the Olympia Oil and Cake Mills at Selby, where no fewer than 300 reservists were employed. They have now been called to the colours, and those with many others employed at other works in the neighbourhood, and at the Post Office. The scenes attending their departure have been marked by both enthusiasm and pathos. Some left for their respective depots on Tuesday night, and others went by trains on Wednesday morning. Many of them are married men with young children, and many affecting farewell scenes were witnessed. As the trains moved out of the station the people assembled on the platforms cheered loudly.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

BOARD AND ROTHWELL COUNCIL.

BOY'S SCHOLARSHIP—RISE IN FOOD PRICES.

The fortnightly meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians was held on Wednesday at the offices at Hunslet—Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mrs Dickenson, Father Ody, Messrs P. S. Marsden, Appleyard, W. Schofield, E. B. Pickersgill, Conyers, J. Butterick, W. Stead, Chappell, Hemingway, with the Assistant Clerk (Mr Ward).

Accounts amounting to £2,031 9s. 11d. were passed.

WORKHOUSE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the House Committee showed that the acting master reported that he had received gifts of flowers from the Woodlesford and Rothwell Parish Churches, the Bower Road Chapel and Spiritual Church, Hunslet, and that the Beabazon workers, together with several of the nurses, were entertained to tea by Mr Farrer at Oulton on the 17th July. It was proposed by Mr Conyers, seconded by Mr W. Verity and unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the Guardians be given to the donors of flowers and to the—Beabazon Committee and Mr Farrer for their kindness in entertaining the Beabazon workers.

The Clerk submitted quotations for repair of electric light cables. It was resolved that the tender of Mr R. F. Winder at £4 10s be accepted, on the understanding that it includes everything necessary for the satisfactory completion of the job.

A letter was received from Arthur Kerbotson giving notice to terminate his engagement as temporary fitter and asking to be released on the 1st. It was resolved that Kerbotson be liberated on the 1st and that the Chairman and Clerk be empowered to engage another man on the same terms as before.

The committee had under consideration the question of painting required to be done in the institution, and made an inspection of the parts of the infirmary needing first attention. It was decided that the Ripolin paint in one of the duty rooms and a corner of the ceiling of one of the large wards on the ground floor of pavilion L, (male infirmary) be properly washed for the committee's inspection, and that the Clerk give an order and detailed instruction to Mr H. Steel for the careful and thorough execution of the work.

A letter was received from the Leeds Blind Institution expressing regret that the Guardians had been unable to place the order for tuning of pianos with them, and stating their willingness on another occasion to consider any price offered by the Guardians.

A letter was received from the Board of Control stating in reply to an enquiry by the Clerk in consequence of difficulties which had arisen in practice that they do not think it would be ultra the medical officer to give a certificate to conceal an order under sections 20 or 21 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, for the temporary detention of a lunatic or alleged lunatic, but pointing out that the Guardians can discharge such patients under Section 81 of the said Act.

The minutes were approved.

HOMES COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee they had under further consideration the offer of the Rothwell Urban District Council to allow an abatement of 5 per cent. in the charges conditional upon the Guardians continuing to receive a supply of water by meter. The Clerk submitted replies to enquiries concerning the terms and conditions of water supplies to similar institutions in seven neighbouring Unions, showing that they all received a supply by rent and at considerably less cost per head of inmates and per £ of rateable value than this concern. It was decided that it was proposed by Mr J. W. Verity, seconded by Mr. Appleyard, and unanimously resolved that the Clerk be instructed to furnish the Council with the further facts, and failing their willingness in the light of such facts to accept the generous offer of the Guardians, to suggest that the matter be made the subject of a reference to the Local Government Board, and that both sides agree to accept their opinion thereon, and also that the Clerk draw the Council's attention to the statement contained in the newspaper report of their last meeting that the Clerk had previously written stating that "the Guardians would not accept the offer" of the Council and challenge its accuracy. A further letter was received from the superintendent as to his recollection of the circumstances attending the high reading of the meter in September last, and on the motion of Mr Butterick, seconded by Mr Appleyard, it was unanimously resolved that the outstanding balance of £3 19s. 2d. on the September (1913) half-year's account be paid under protest.

Letters were received from the Leeds Education Committee respecting the proposed termination of Herbert Arrowsmith's scholarship, and expressing the hope that the Guardians will allow the boy to complete the period for which his scholarship was awarded. A letter was also received from the West Riding Education Committee stating they are unable to waive the terms of the agreement into which the Guardians have entered, and asking for payment of £6 6s., the amount due to them under the agreement. It was proposed by Mr Gaskell, seconded by Mrs. Dickenson, and unanimously resolved that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to the payment of £6 6s. to the West Riding Education Committee, and any sum that may be due to the Leeds Education Committee in default of notice of the lad's withdrawal from the school, and subject thereto that the charges be paid.

A letter was received from the West Riding Education Committee regarding the payment of 1s. 2d. for stationery, &c., and stating they cannot accept responsibility for these extra items which they do not consider to be covered by the scholarship allowance. It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to waive the claim in question.

The Clerk reported that the House Committee desire this committee to play a return cricket match with them on the ground at Tofthouse, and Mr Chappell, seconded by Mrs Dickenson and unanimously resolved that the challenge of the House Committee be accepted.

The minutes were approved.

A RESOLUTION

The Chairman moved that the relieving officers, in submitting applications for relief, state not only the total income of the household from all sources, but also the net income of the applicant and the number of persons dependent on such income.

Mr Conyers said the officers could not always get the information.

The Chairman: Then they must say so.

Mr Schofield, who seconded, said he thought the proposal was necessary, although it might cause the relieving officers a little more work.

The resolution was carried.

RISE IN PRICE OF FOOD.

Mr Wright Stead (Rothwell) said he desired to move that, taking into consideration the high price of food stuffs, in cases where children were involved extra relief be given in kind.

The Chairman said he would have to give notice of that.

Mr Stead said it was no use to put this matter further back.

The Chairman: It will not be put back. It will come up in a fortnight if you give notice.

Mr Stead said he thought he was quite in order, because the Relief Committee minutes were being discussed, and seeing how commodities were rising in price, it was a question of emergency. In a fortnight they hardly knew where these people would be, especially the children.

The Chairman said that they could not make any alteration, because it would be against both the standing orders and the regulations.

Mr Stead: It is a question of emergency and not of standing orders.

The Chairman said he was out of order.

Mr Marsden said that the relieving officers had certain powers in such cases.

The Chairman said that the Clerk stated if the relief given was not sufficient the relieving officers had power to make it sufficient.

Mr Wright said that if anything took place he hoped the relieving officers had the power, but he was afraid they had not.

Mr Conyers said that the relieving officers had discretionary powers.

Mr Wright Stead: Milk?

Mr Conyers: Yes, and groceries.

Mr Stead said that a medical officer's order was required for milk.

The Chairman said that the relieving officers had power to give provisions if a person was destitute.

Mr Butterick said the Board had power to suspend the standing orders if they liked.

The Chairman said they could by a two-thirds majority.

Mr Butterick said he maintained that Mr Stead was in order.

Mr Wright then moved that the standing orders be suspended in order that the question might be discussed.

Mr Marsden asked if it would not be sufficient if the Chairman gave instructions to the relieving officers on the matter.

Mr Stead said he wanted the matter to go through the Board.

Mr Hemingway seconded.

Mr Schofield, as an amendment, moved that it be an instruction to the relieving officers in any case where there was need that the allowance be increased.

Mr Pickersgill seconded.

Mr Stead said he would support that.

The amendment was then agreed to.

RECTOR OF ADEL AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

The Rev. W. H. Draper, M.A., rector of Adel, at the Literature Section at the Cambridge Summer Meeting, lectured on "Some Tendencies of Poetry at the Present Day." In his first lecture he said the tendency in modern poetry to be considered first was what might be described as empiricism, the inclination to make changes or experiments both in subject matter and form. That tendency was fed partly by the recurrent force in human life, the love of novelty and the spirit of adventure, and partly by a widespread acquaintance with the literature and art of other ages and other countries, which was characteristic of our time. This tendency was leading to a rather general neglect of blank verse. Another sign of the times was the effort to catch the evanescent, to seize and express the slightest and most subtle shades of emotion, a literary mode corresponding to impressionism in art. Opposed to it was a tendency to be bald and matter of fact. A sign of the reviving interest in poetry was found in the existence of the Poetry Society, which was founded six years ago, and had already issued six series of poems, and had already justified its existence. A distinct phenomenon in contemporary poetry was its diversity of subject. In past periods poetry had been restricted to a comparatively few subjects and motives, but in our own day we had an astonishing diversity of subject, and yet there had been no great original genius while since Whitman and Browning. The age seemed waiting for a new original mind, but no one could tell when or where he would appear. The thing to be done was to keep poetry alive and held in honour, and in this work very much indeed might be done by extension students.

In the second lecture, Mr Draper dealt with the relation to classicalism. He said that when there arose in any literature a tendency to reaction from the present to the past, from what was contemporary to what was classical, it meant that, for some reason, the mind of the age was either dissatisfied or was exhausted with what was being written for its perusal, and turned for relief to what had the mark and sign of other men's approval. The most recent example in our literature was seen in the work of the present Poet Laureate, Mr Robert Bridges. Incidentally, Mr Draper said, the Poet Laureateship was a greater thing than the holder of it sometimes fully knew. It witnessed to the duty of publicly honouring literature and the art of poetry. One of the most interesting developments in modern poetry was the rise of the Celtic school in Ireland. Both in drama and lyrics it was achieving notable things under the leadership of Mr W. B. Yates. With regard to the effect of the immense development of magazines and newspapers in relation to modern poetry, Mr Draper affirmed that in the special vein of humorous satire and society verse scores of the journals and magazines had served literature well. Perhaps one of the most significant tendencies in the poetry of to-day was that of the linking-up of the poetry of the world. It was a movement partly at its beginning, and arising from the vast growth of inter-communication, coupled with a wider spread spirit of education. What was significant in it was that it not confined to the realm of poetry, but was present on the whole field of the intellectual life.

In the All-England angling match at Skipton Bridge on Monday Mr Atkinson, of Tadcaster, was thirty-second in the list with 144 oz.

HONOUR FOR LORD HELMSLEY.—In the London Gazette" appears a notification of the appointment of Viscount Helmsley, M.P., as a Deputy Lieutenant of the North Riding of the County of York. Viscount Helmsley is so well-known in Yorkshire that it is almost unnecessary to refer to his career. He is the grandson and heir of the Earl of Feversham, and the eldest son of the late Viscount Helmsley, M.P. (who died in 1881), and Muriel Viscountess Helmsley. He has been M.P. for the Thirsk and Malton Division since 1906, and from 1902 to 1905 was Assistant Private Secretary to the Earl of Selbourne, then First Lord of the Admiralty. He is a major in the Yorkshire Hussars, Imperial Yeomanry, and since 1904 has been Master of the Sinnington Foxhounds. He is a Director of the North Eastern Railway Company and of the Yorkshire Insurance Company, and is connected with other undertakings. He is popular with all classes and creeds in Thirsk and Malton, and is an able and influential member.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A MISUNDERSTANDING AND A "BREEZE."

SURVEYOR'S SALARY INCREASED.

NO INFECTIOUS DISEASE FOR A MONTH.

On Wednesday evening the monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), E. R. Archer, R. Routledge, sen., W. W. Hartley, H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, T. C. Slater, and W. Goodall, with the Acting Clerk (Mr H. H. Carr), the medical officer (Dr. Teevan), the surveyor and sanitary inspector (Mr. T. Abbott), and the assistant overseer (Mr. W. Bosher).

THE COMMITTEES.

At a meeting of the Water Committee it was resolved that the Clerk write the Gas Company and state that if any streets are broken up without permission proceedings would be taken against them. The water inspector reported that for the month ending 27th July the consumption of water was 1,406,000 gallons—an average of 50,214 gallons per day for 28 days. During the month four water closets had been fixed at Milnthorp Buildings and two urinals fixed at the Picture House, and a connection made at Goodall's cottage in Barwick Lane, belonging to Colonel Gascoigne. It was agreed that the Picture House be charged 2s. per quarter for water for the urinals.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee the plan of a workshop, proposed to be erected by R. H. Long, in Main Street, Garforth, was approved.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the Clerk reported that he had received the papers from Mr Breed in connection with the naming of the streets, and the consideration of the matter was left over until the Council meeting. The Clerk read an application from Mr John Clarke Warde asking for a renewal of his certificate for a pawnbroking licence in connection with his shop in Station Road, Garforth, and it was agreed that it be granted. The Clerk read a letter from the manager of the Garforth Gas Co. apologising for opening out the road in Church Lane without obtaining the Council's consent. It was agreed that the stone required for the widening of Church Lane be obtained from Messrs Rickard and Co. and Garforth Colliery Co. Councillors Archer and Gascoigne and Mr Abbott were given charge in connection with the taking of the census required by the Road Board.

At a meeting of the Lighting Committee it was decided that the lamp in Beech Grove Avenue be removed to the corner of the entrance to the Back Street.

MISUNDERSTANDING—A SCENE.

On the reading of the Highway Committee minutes, Mr Hartley asked who the members of the firm of Messrs Rickard and Co. were.

The Chairman said they were Messrs Rickard and Mr Routledge, jun.

Mr Hartley said that Mr Routledge, jun., had no right to sit on a committee when business in which he was interested was being done.

Mr Archer: I can state positively that Mr Routledge, jun., did not vote.

Mr Slater said that they were not carrying out repairs; they were simply filling a hole and making a foundation, and they had adopted the cheapest course.

Mr Archer said there was no comparison between the price of stone they had got and another lot, and it was quite satisfactory for the work.

Mr Hartley: I am not saying anything about the stone being satisfactory or unsatisfactory. I am simply putting you in order.

Mr Archer asked if the hare stipulated in such a case that a member should absent himself from the meeting, or that he should not vote?

The Chairman said that he was not quite sure, and he got the book to look up the question.

Mr Archer again stated that Mr Routledge, jun., did not vote.

Mr Hartley said it was against the law. He protested against the widening of the Church Lane not necessary; and the expense was not justified. He also protested against members using their votes on committee—

Mr Archer: I think you are out of order.

Mr Hartley said he was sitting on the committee.

Mr Archer: Does the law say a member shall retire during discussion?

Mr Hartley said they had no record to show he had not voted.

Mr Routledge, jun., then came into the room, and when a member was explained to him, he said he was not interested in the firm; his wife was. He said he supposed the Labour men had brought this up.

Immediately there were protests, and Mr Hartley said it was an insulting slur.

Mr Archer: It is not the only insulting slur.

Mr Routledge, jun.: It is all rot.

Mr Chappel demanded that Mr Routledge should withdraw his remark.

Mr Routledge, jun., said he would not withdraw it.

Mr Gascoigne said that he moved the resolution as to the purchase of the stone, and he had no idea who were members of the company. He was a labour men, he supposed Mr Routledge included him.

Mr Routledge, jun.: No.

Mr Slater: I know Mr Routledge did not vote on the matter. We were pleased to get the stone because it was so much cheaper than the other. We were considering our own benefit.

The Chairman explained that, owing to a misunderstanding, he had misled Mr Hartley as to the members of the firm, and he himself was to blame.

Mr Hartley got up again, and was proceeding to give an explanation, when

Mr Routledge, sen., called him to order, and said he had spoken already.

Mr Hartley said that he never stabbed any member in the back, and what he had said he could say it in the member's presence.

Mr Routledge, jun.: Why did you not say it, then?

Mr Hartley: Because you were not here. I asked who Rickard and Co. were, and the Chairman said you were a member of the company, and I said that the minute was out of order.

Mr Chappel: He said "Labour members," and I expect he means me. I never said anything.

Mr Routledge, sen.: Just withdraw.

Mr Goodall proposed that the minutes be passed.

Mr Archer seconded.

Mr Gascoigne: I think the remark should be withdrawn. We should be better satisfied.

Mr Hartley's remarks were in order in a sense.

The Chairman: That is so.

Mr Gascoigne: I think we ought to settle the matter.

Mr Routledge, sen.: Withdraw the remark.

Mr Routledge, jun.: I am sorry if I said anything wrong.

Mr Archer: There was another remark passed. It was unrecalled for, and if there is one withdrawal I shall insist upon another.

Mr Hartley: What do you mean?

Mr Archer said it was a reflection on the statement he made that Mr Routledge did not vote.

Mr Hartley said he only said there was no record of the voting.

The minutes were passed, and the matter then dropped.

Mr Gascoigne moved that they stop the work of widening the road. He said they might have difficulty in getting money in, and he did not think they should spend any more on it at present.

Mr Routledge, jun., seconded, and this was agreed to.

TAR-SPRAYING—NEXT YEAR.

Mr Slater said that Mr Scarr was cut up about a piece of road not being tar-sprayed near the Bridge. He told him it was not the Council's fault, but that the county surveyor had not sanctioned it. He thought they should see it was done next year.

Mr Archer said that he and Mr Abbott were at a conference at Wakefield, and they saw Mr Carpenter, to whom they mentioned this matter. He said it was an overs ight, and if they would put it in the estimates next year he would allow it to be done.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

Dr. Pickersgill stated that last month there were two deaths and ten births in the area.

Mr Archer: Well done.

Dr. Pickersgill said no cases of infectious disease had been notified, and it was the best record he had ever had.

MR ABBOTT'S SALARY INCREASED.

Mr Routledge, sen., proposed that Mr Abbott's salary be increased by £13 per annum. He said he had done the work well and he was a steady and reliable man. The residents had been making application for advances, and if it went on they would eventually get more than the man who had the supervision had. He had been six years with them, and he thought they would be doing him an injustice if they did not advance his salary.

Mr Archer, who seconded, said Mr Abbott was a conscientious workman, who looked well after the interests of the Council and the ratepayers.

Mr Gascoigne asked how they were to divide the money, because Mr Abbott had so much for being surveyor and so much for being sanitary inspector.

Mr Routledge said that could be arranged easily enough.

The Chairman: At present he gets £65 and £26.

Mr Gascoigne: The advance would give him £2 a week.

Mr Routledge: He is worth it for the amount of work he has to do.

Mr Gascoigne: We have had no application from him. This is unusual.

Mr Routledge said he would propose the advance be given to him as road surveyor.

Mr Archer: That is quite satisfactory to me.

After further discussion the resolution was passed.

ANOTHER APPLICATION.

Two roadmen made application for an advance of 2s. per week.

Mr Routledge first proposed that it be not entertained at present, and then that the question be referred to the Highways Committee.

Mr Abbott said that the applicants, along with two other men, had £1 per week.

Mr Hartley proposed that the applicants be given 1s. per week.

Mr Goodall proposed that all four be given a shilling advance.

Mr Gascoigne seconded, and this was agreed to.

VARIOUS.

Mr Bosher stated that Reservists had been called up, and they had not paid their rates. In such cases he suggested that the amounts should be carried to next half-year as arrears.

The Council approved.

A letter was read from a person offering to demolish the mill chimney, and it was decided to get his terms.

The Selby Company of Territorials assembled on Wednesday in readiness to proceed to York to join their Battalion, the 5th West Yorkshire Regiment.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE.—Special prayers for peace were offered at Selby Abbey on Sunday. The Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Solloway) preaching at the evening service on a passage from the collect for the day, "O God, whose never failing providence ordereth all things," referred to the subject of the crisis which was in all minds, and expressed the fervent hope that even now the horrors of war might be averted. At other places of worship in the town special prayers were said for peace.

THE FOOTPATH DEVIATION.—The Selby Bench on Monday appointed three justices, the Rev. B. Hemsworth, Colonel Hawdon, and Mr H. Anson, to view the proposed deviation of the footpath on the river bank at Selby, near Messrs Cochrane's shipyard. The footpath follows the river bank, but on the establishment of the shipyard on the west bank of the river, some sixteen years ago, a deviation from the original path was carried out. The present proposal contemplates a further deviation. In the near future an extension of the shipyard is to be carried out.

ALLEGED BURGLARY.—Jack Smith, labourer, of no fixed address, was on Wednesday at Selby committed for trial at the West Riding Quarter Sessions on a charge of burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house of Mrs Annie Rimmington, widow, of The Woodlands, Brayton Road, Selby, during the early hours of the morning of July 31st. Evidence was given by Mrs Rimmington, who, o'clock Miss Jane Rimmington, the complainant's daughter, heard someone breaking the front sitting-room window immediately underneath her bedroom. She turned the gas on, opened her window, and raised an alarm. P.C.'s Oultram and Snelling, who were in an adjacent street, heard her calls. They at once entered the grounds of the house and caught the prisoner, who had his arm through a window trying to reach a small writing desk. They seized him and took him to the police station. It was found the prisoner had broken two large squares of plate glass, one in the sitting-room and the other in the dining-room. The accused had cut his hand, and bloodstains were found on the glass. Supt. Stafford stated that the prisoner had been convicted several times, the cases including larceny and shopbreaking. The Chairman commended the two constables for the prompt and smart way in which they captured the prisoner.

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YORK AND AINSTY PUPPY WALK.

THE WINNERS.

STINGY PEOPLE AND THE POULTRY FUND.

The annual judging of the young entry of the York and Ainsty Hounds took place in splendid weather yesterday (Thursday) week at the Kennels, Acomb, where the Master, Lord Furness, entertained a large number of members and supporters of the Hunt and of tenant farmers in the country. There was a capital entry of young stock, including eight couples of dogs and 11½ bitches. The hounds exhibited marked a considerable improvement on former years, the bitches being a particularly fine lot, and competition was keen. The prizes were finally awarded as follows:—

Dog—1, Rallywood (South Devon Viceroy—Newmarket), whelped July, 1913, Mr. Richardson, High Poppleton; 2, Rector (South Devon Viceroy—Newmarket), Mr Rogerson, Copmanthorpe; 3, Spanker (Bramham Moor Senator—Symmetry), May 7, 1913, Mr Shields, Shipton. Bitches—1, Trophy (Bramham Moor Tomboy—Trespass), May 9, 1913, Mr Dunnington, Aline; 2, Cowslip (Lord Zetland's Coroner—Virtue), February, 1913, Lord Furness; 3, Singwell (Holderness Sergeant—Secret), May 5, 1913, Mr Lofthouse, Bishopthorpe; reserve, Trilby (Bramham Moor Senator—Truthful), April 25th, 1913, Mr Hall, Copmanthorpe. Couples—1, Telltale and Trifle (Bramham Moor Tomboy—Trespass), May 9, 1913, Mr C. Burton, Green Hammerton; reserve, Rally and Rector (South Devon Viceroy—Newmarket), July 6, 1913, Mr Rogerson.

The judges were Peter Farrelly, huntsman of the Bramham Moor, and W. Freeman, huntsman of Lord Zetland's Hunt.

A large number of county people, well-known in hunting circles, were present at the luncheon which was held subsequent to the judging. Lord Furness presided, and was supported by Lady Furness, Major Miles J. Stapylton, Lady Vivian, Mr E. Lyett Green, Mr. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, Mrs Wailes Fairbairn (Askham Grange), Sir Edward Green, Bart., Mr T. R. Wright, Mr Guy Fairfax (Bishopsgarth), Mrs F. W. Slingsby, Mr Guy Fairfax-Galloway (Askham Bryan), Mr J. C. Wilmot-Smith, Mr Guy Palmes, Miss Joan Palmes, Lieut-Colonel and Mrs E. W. Stanyforth, Colonel and Mrs N. T. Smith, Mr and Mrs E. Lane Fox (Walton), Major Swetenham, Mr C. Slingsby, Mr and Mrs G. Berry, Mr W. Coates, Colonel, R. F. Meysey-Thompson, etc.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Mr T. R. D. Wright submitted that of the "Hunt Committee," and said he believed the York and Ainsty Hunt was one of the best organised in the country. They had always plenty of good sport, and were fortunate in not having many changes. There was also an absence of ill-feeling and trouble, such as they sometimes heard of in some hunts. That state of things was due to the admirable Hunt Committee. They had a great deal to do, and they did it well, and it was owing to their efforts that the Lunt enjoyed the good sport it did, and that there was no fuss, trouble, or correspondence. Everything went smooth and easy.

Mr. E. Lyett Green, in replying, said the Committee's duties were made easy by the admirable sub-committee. He hoped the present popular Master would continue to fill the office until senile decay finished off the Committee. (Laughter and applause).

Colonel Meysey-Thompson, giving the toast of the covert owners, said he was probably the oldest follower of the Hunt, for his first season with it was that of 1858-59. (Applause). He believed that it was always a terrible disappointment to a covert owner to see his covert to be drawn blank.

Mr. W. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, in responding, said he thought it was a duty if a man had a covert to make it a fox covert's fault if he was sent of it. (Applause). One reason was that without hunting things would be in a very bad way in this country. Hundreds of people who had money and spent money would shut up their houses and go away if there was no hunting. He believed that £20,000,000 a year was circulated through hunting, and, therefore, it was the duty of everybody to do their best to keep hunting going. That particularly applied to covert owners, because if they had no coverts they could not have foxes. There was a certain amount of bother and expense about keeping coverts, but the owner was amply repaid. It was a great joy to him when he saw his covert drawn and found a fox or two.

Lord Furness proposed the health of the puppy-walkers, and Mr Deighton and Mr Dunnington responded.

Colonel Stanyforth submitted the health of the retiring Master, Major Stapylton, who had been associated with the Hunt as Master or joint Master for the past six years. Circumstances had now arisen which had compelled their dear old friend to resign the joint Mastership, but the Hunt hoped that for many years he would continue with them, and so long as he did it was perfectly certain their old Master would do all he possibly could for the sake of the York and Ainsty Hunt. (Applause).

Major Stapylton, in replying, said he saw the Government were very anxious to help hunting, and had brought in a measure by which poultry owners were to be compensated for the damage done by foxes. The unfortunate thing from the point of view of the Hunt, was that the Government did not propose to find the money. That would rest on the shoulders of the subscribers, and it might be by the hunting of some subscribers who had been a little bit stingy to the poultry fund that they might do more for that object. He knew that during the greater part of Mr Green's Mastership and his own they had found it very difficult to make ends meet in the poultry fund, and the deficiency was made up out of Mr. Green's own private pocket. (Applause). By no means all the claims made were justifiable; all the destruction of poultry was not due to foxes. He had three or four hundred head of poultry, and had lost three, foxes and dogs by rats. But there was no claim against the rats. (Laughter). When a fox once took to eating poultry there was nothing for it but to kill it, but the killing should be done properly and not by the time with a gun—(applause)—and until the fox was killed by the hounds the farmer should be compensated fully for the poultry the fox had destroyed.

Mr H. Payne Galloway proposed the Judges, to which Farelly and Freeman responded.

Mr Melrose proposed the health of the Master, and Lord Furness, responding, promised to do his best to furnish good sport. Three things were essential—foxes, hounds, and a good huntsman. He had a good huntsman in Compston, the best of fox preservers, and he hoped that in a few years he would be able to lift the hounds up to a still higher standard.

The toast of the retiring hon. secretary (Major Eley) was proposed by Major Stapylton, the new hon. secretary, Mr C. Wilmot-Smith, responding.

MIDDLETON

The underground workers at the New Pits, Middleton Colliery, have sent £9 17s 6d. to Leeds Infirmary, and the surfacemen at the New Pit £2 2s.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION

AIREDALE ASSOCIATION AGAIN DEFEATED.

This return engagement was decided on the Block Bull green, Horsforth, on Tuesday.

The first encounter at Crossgates, Barkston Ash gathered a head of 92 points, and this was further increased by 122 points on Tuesday's games. Scores:—Barkston Ash 376, Airedale 254.

Details (Barkston Ash names first):—

Hutchinson (Pres.) 21 v. Holdroyd 18.

Green (hon. sec.) 21 v. Rodgers (hon. sec) 9.

Simpson (vice-pres.) 21 v. Cowling (vice-pres.) 14.

Thomas (Halton) 21 v. Richardson (Meanwood) 11.

Cain (Halton) 21 v. Wright (Horsforth Cons.), 2.

Vince (Halton) 21 v. Hudson (Stanhope) 9.

Cockerton (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. Gough (Meanwood) 8

Hill (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. Noble (Stanhope) 17.

Reed (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. Sheldon (Tingley) 7.

Merritt (Garforth W.M.) 21 v. Hogg (Horsforth) 20.

Firth (Crossgates) 21 v. Judson (Meanwood) 16.

Semper (Crossgates) 12 v. Fawcett (Horsforth) 21.

Judd (Crossgates) 11 v. Reece (Horsforth) 21.

Cowl (Crossgates Rec.) 21 v. North (Horsforth Cons.) 8.

Fisher (Crossgates Rec.) 21 v. Hargreaves (Stanhope) 5.

Barker (Garforth Cons.) 19 v. Cowling (Tingley) 21.

Hollay (Tadcaster) 21 v. Duckett (Tingley) 13.

Collins (Tadcaster) 21 v. Drury (Pres.) 9.

Dransfield (Garforth Cons.) 21 v. Bradley (Horsforth) 19.

OULTON MOTOR-CYCLING FATALITY

OPENING OF THE INQUEST.

Mr Thomas Benjamin Harris, son of the Chief Constable of Wakefield, died at the Leeds Infirmary on Friday morning from the injuries he sustained in a motor-cycling accident near Oulton on Thursday night. The inquest was opened at the Leeds Town Hall on Friday by the City Coro er, Mr. J. C. Malcolm. Formal evidence of identification, and medical evidence was given, and the proceedings were then adjourned. The police are investigating the circumstances of the collision, which is supposed to have taken place.

The father, Mr Thomas Middleton Harris, identified the body as that of his son, who was 26 years of age, and a bank clerk, residing with the witness at 3, St. John's Square, Wakefield. His son left home at five minutes past seven on Thursday night, saying that he was going for a ride. He had to call in Leeds to get some tools on the way back, and was riding a new 4 h. p. motor-cycle which he only bought on Monday. For a considerable time he had been accustomed to riding, though he had only possessed a machine of his own for six months. He was coming home from Leeds on the Doncaster Road when the accident occurred. A quarter past eight on Friday morning the witness heard that his son was on the way to the Leeds Infirmary, where he saw him later in an unconscious condition. His son's wings believed his son serious condition.

The inquest was adjourned until he died.

The Coroner: Was he in good health?

Witness: Yes. He was a robust healthy young man.

The Coroner: I do not want to go into further particulars, as I do not think it advisable at present. The case will have to be adjourned.

Dr. Flint, from the Infirmary, said that he received Mr Harris in an unconscious condition. He had torn his right ear and was bruised on the left side of the head, and on the right temple there was also suffering from compound fractures of the right arm and the right leg, and died two hours after admission. On making a post-mortem examination, he found that Mr Harris had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull and laceration of the brain. The immediate cause of death was shock and injury to the head. All the injuries were consistent with a fall.

In answer to the Coroner, Police Sergeant Matthews, of Stourton, stated that there were some circumstances which required investigation, and on that he recommended an adjournment of the case.

The inquest was adjourned to August 11th.

The father expressed his thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness which the police and everyone associated with the case had shown.

The Coroner: You have the sympathy of myself and the jury.

A ROUNDHAY DIVORCE CASE.

WENT OFF WITH WINNIE.

In the Divorce Court on Friday Mr Justice Bargrave Deane heard the petition of Mrs Edith Emily Barker for the dissolution of her marriage with George Valentine Barker on the grounds of his desertion and misconduct. The case was undefended.

Mr Noel Middleton, for the petitioner, said the parties were married in May, 1896, at the Methodist Free Church, Harrogate, and afterwards lived together at Gledhow Wood Road, Roundhay, and other places. There were two children.

The marriage was happy until the spring of 1910, when the husband began to pay attention to a girl named Winnie Ragdale. One night when the wife was away from home respondent had this girl to stay at the house. He explained the matter, however, in a way which satisfied the petitioner at the time, but he continued to associate with Winnie Ragdale, and that resulted in quarrels.

On December 15th, 1910, Mr Barker left his wife, telling her that he was going to get an engagement on the variety stage. He did not return to her, but subsequently sent her a letter, and on going to London she found that he was living with Miss Ragdale.

Mrs Harry Caroline Kerry, of Chestnut Road, Tottenham, said that respondent and co-respondent stayed at her house as Mr and Mrs Valentine George. The co-respondent was in the Karno troupe, and acted under the name of "Ragdale."

His Lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs and custody of the children.

PRUNE SHAPE—Wash and soak a pound of prunes overnight in one pint of cold water. Next day stew them gently in the same water till tender, with three ounces of castor sugar and the grated rind and strained juice of one lemon. Strain them and save the syrup. Halve and stone the prunes, crack about half the stones, blanch and split the kernels, and add them to the fruit. Dissolve seven sheets of gelatine in the syrup, strain it on the fruit, mix thoroughly and press into a wet mould. Turn out when cold and set, cover the top with whipped cream, and decorate with crystallised cherries and angelica.

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

LANE FOX CUP-SEMI-FINALS.

The semi-finals in the Lane Fox Cup Competition will be played on Saturday, and interesting contests will likely be seen at Garforth and Church Fenton. Scarcroft and South Milford will decide their match at Garforth, and, having regard to the erratic manner in which Milford have been performing, I am inclined to favour the chances of Scarcroft, who have certainly shown greater consistency throughout the season. It must not, however, be overlooked that Milford have given one or two remarkable performances this season, and the "Crofters must regard their task as no light one. Crossgates have improved as the season has advanced, but they do not seem to be as strong either in bowling or batting as Tadcaster, and the Collarians will probably work their way into the final. O' course, if Crossgates last as they did last Saturday there is no another tale to tell.

SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Church Fenton and Church Fenton Sycamore beal their return match, and the former were the superior combination. Having first issue of the wicket, Church Fenton registered the respectable total of 85—the highest score, I think, they have made this season—and Atha batted well for 22. W. Claughton for 20, and W. Mosby for 11. C. Poulter was the only Sycamore trundler to meet with success, and his seven wickets were got for 30 runs—a highly creditable performance. Sycamore's score was 53 (Holt 10), and Dixon secured five wickets for 25, and W. Claughton had three for 11 runs.

Cawood had a five wickets' victory over Saxton. The match was at Cawood, and Saxton were sent back for 126, Jackson taking 6 wickets for 16, and S. Lund 4 or 8. For a loss of five wickets Cawood made 51, and the feature of the match was Jackson's score of 33 (not out).

Tadcaster made their position at the head of division 1 secure, and they have finished with three points ahead of South Milford's score. The latter had made some good tonings to the first match, would have gone forward to the semi-final had they won a second time, for they would have had one point more than the Collarians, but they failed to repeat their success. They rattled up 95, and E. Atkinson scored 21. R. Sutton 20, and A. Atkinson 14. The bowling honours fell to Tadcaster's lot to Arthur Swindin, whose five wickets cost 25 runs only, while Wyst had 2 for 5, Baker 2 for 34, and Herbert 1 for 22. The Collarians won handsomely by four wickets, and H. Raper made 26 not out), Mason 24, and Garbutt 21. E. Atkinson captured four of the wickets for 22 runs. South Milford will now concentrate their efforts on the Lane Fox Cup Competition.

Hilltop did not do themselves justice when opposed to Scarcroft, and it is possible that the reputation of their doughty opponents was a factor in their overthrow. They gave a remarkably poor display, at any rate, and 29—Heaps was credited with 17, there were five "extras," and ten men only scored among them—was no score for the team. Stead obtained two wickets for no runs, C. Johnson had four for 6 runs, and D. Burton four for 8. Scarcroft lost a wicket getting the runs necessary for victory, and Thompson made 13 (not out).

Great Preston, in their final match, have secured the points they have been striving for all the season, but which up to Saturday had eluded them, and they deserve them. No team has fought more pluckily than they have, but they have had good scores, too. Their opponents were Barwick, who were dismissed for 40 (Bowes 19), and this was largely because of about by the fine bowling of Thompson, who had seven wickets for 17 runs. T. Wiggleswortb secured two wickets for one run, and Green had one for seven runs. Preston passed their opponents' figures with eight wickets in hand, and R. Wiggleswortb scored 15 (not out) and T. Wiggleswortb 13 (not out).

Garforth, who might have been in the semi-final had their fielding been a shade smarter, had no difficulty whatever in defeating Micklefield, who thus finished third in their division. The match was played at Micklefield, and the visitors, who batted first, opened in distinctly promising style. S. Glover and H. Prime were, as usual, the first batsmen, and they put on a very creditable total for a remunerative one, the former scoring 16 and the latter 30. Subsequently W. Glover registered 14 and T. Ballance made 18. The total being run to 85, Townsend was the best of the five Micklefield trundlers, taking 5 wickets for 32, while Stones obtained 3 for 29, and S. Taylor had 2 for 15. T. Ballance and G. Read bowled so well that they had the homesters out for 54. and E. Stones contributed no fewer than 20. In both Garforth and Micklefield greater interest is being shown in the game, and strong sides should be available next season.

Holton Wesleyans continue their triumphs. They went to Collingham on Saturday, and, as they usually do, they did not score a century, they got sufficient for the day. The winners' total was 72, and S. Batty registered 27 and Stephens 16. Gibson bowled well for Collingham, his four wickets being secured for 21 runs, while Foster obtained five for 29 runs. The losers' total was 43, and the Bells were in grand form with the leather. C. Bell had four wickets for 10, and O. Bell had five for 28.

Whitkirk gave another poor exhibition, and it is difficult to account for their falling-off. They went to Shadwell full of hope, and with the fervent intention of securing a couple of points, but the homesters proved themselves superior all-round. The hosts were got rid of for 43, of which R. H. Moss had 12 and W. L. Moss 11, and their bowling honours were brought about by the excellent bowling of Barrett, who obtained 6 wickets for 16, while Heaton claimed 3 for 19. For a loss of nine wickets Shadwell put up a total of 73, Barrett was credited with 17 (not out) and Freeman with 15 (not out). Pawson captured 2 wickets for 16, and Ingle had one for 21 runs.

Crossgates inflicted a crushing defeat on Crossgates Wesleyans, who were not represented by their usual team. The feature of the Wesleyans' innings was the batting of Webster and Mackay, who were the only Sykes. The Wesleyan team captain was in capital form, and he trounced the bowling right merrily until Sykes came along and knocked his bails off. His score was 51, and the total was 91. Sykes, who is proving himself a very versatile player, sent down six overs, of which three maidens, and he secured 6 wickets for 5 runs. Harvey's two wickets cost 25. Burnell's one 5, and White's one 18. Crossgates won by nine wickets, and Burnell scored 50 (not out), Sykes 23, and Burnton 14 (not out). The Wesleyans tried six bowlers, but the attack was very weak.

JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS.

Tadcaster A, at home, defeated South Milford A, and maintained their position at the head of affairs in division 1. Milford's score was 40 (A. Lindley 19), and five of their wickets fell to A. Taylor for 13, while A. Smart had 3 for 20. Tadcaster scored 41 for a loss of five wickets, Hobbs claiming 19 and Kettlewell 14. Lindley obtained 3 wickets for 19, and J. Hill had 2 for 20.

Barkston are improving. They went to Kirk Deighton, and, although the chances of winning were against them, they brought off a creditable win. The homesters made 51 (Linfoot 21), and White had 3 of their wickets for 5, Wood 5 for 20, and Rhodes 2 for 23. Barkston scored 54 for a loss of three wickets, Holmes claiming 15, Wright 12 (not out), and Rhodes 11.

Aberford were too strong for Barwick A. The winners, who had choice of ground, scored 85 (J. Hannan 30 and A. Lupton 28), and Lumb was the most skilful of the Barwick trundlers, taking five wickets for 13. Barwick were sent back for 24, and F. Walton claimed seven wickets for 9, while J. Inman had three for 9.

Scarcroft A proved much too good for Micklefield A, who were beaten by seven wickets. The losers' score was 63 (Simpson 13, Kilburn 12, not out, and Walton 10), and the Lileys had the bowling honours. W. Liney's four wickets cost 15 runs, and J. Liney's 4 were got for 28 runs. Towards Scarcroft's total of 66 for 3 wickets, J. Liney contributed 37 (not out) and E. Hunter 29. A. Moakes had 2 wickets for 19, and G. Shillito one for 8 runs.

Great Preston A gave Halton A a sound drubbing. The match was at Preston, and the homesters put on 138 (H. Wiggleswortb 34, not out, Howson 27, W. Thompson 15, H. Colley 13, and Hy. Lilley 12), and Holton were dismissed for 48 (Jennett 24). For the winners H. Colley had 3 wickets for 8, and W. Oldham 5 for 23

Crossgates Wesleyans A defeated Crossgates A at Old Manston. The homesters compiled 112 (H. Brook 28, C. Halliday 25, A. Brook 22, and H. Thompson and Batty 11 each), and T. Hague secured five wickets for 28, and W. Wilkinson 4 for 29. Crossgates had to be content with 58 (Walker 16, H. Holliday 14, and Linley 10). A. Brook bowled with remarkable effect, for 19 runs. Tadcaster A won by seven wickets, and F. Siberry scored 22 and H. Siberry 10 (not out). Mackay captured two wickets for 4 runs.

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

WHITKIRK A. v. GARFORTH WES.—At Whitkirk. Scores:—Whitkirk—W R Tate 1, C Nowell 0, W Cuttle 14, H Nowell 0, Wood 0, E Pearson 0, F Webb 3, E McKay 14, G White (not out) 0, M Wainwright 6, R H Wood 0, Bryce, 0, extra, 1; total, 47. Garforth—W. Ward 8, F Siberry 7, Goodall (not out) 7, R Brownridge 0, H Siberry (not out) 10; extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 49.

ABERFORD v. BARWICK A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—J Blakey 1, J Connell 0, H Abbott 4, A Lupton 28, W Smith 3, E McKay 14, G Wright 0, W Wainwright 6, R H Wood 0, Bryce, 0, extra, 1; total, 47. Garforth—W. Ward 8, F Siberry 7, Goodall (not out) 7, R Brownridge 0, H Siberry (not out) 10; extras, 2; total (for 3 wkts.), 49.

ABERFORD v. BARWICK A.—At Aberford. Scores:—Aberford—J Blakey 1, J Connell 0, H Abbott 4, A Lupton 28, W Smith 3, E McKay 14, G White (not out) 0, M Wainwright 6, R H Wood 0, Bryce, 0, extra, 1; total, 47. Barwick—A. Mason 0, J. Nutton 7, B Pickles 3, F Lindley 1, E Capper (not out) 0; extras, 3; total, 85. Barwick—Walton 0, Cockburn 0, Parkin 2, Lumb 0, Speight 0, Markham 0, Coulthard 1, Wilson 0, Poulter, 4, Parker 2, Drake (not out) 0, extras, 6; total, 24.

SCARCROFT A. v. MICKLEFIELD A—At Scarcroft. Scores:—Micklefield A.—L. Meakin 8, W Town end 3, Siberry 0, Goodall 5, T Walton 10, A Moakes 2, T Limbert 0, W Kilburn (not out) 12, J Atkinson 4, C Ragan 0, A Town end 3, extras, 5; total, 52. Scarcroft—J Liney (not out) 37, J W Smith 0, E Guest 0, E Hunter, 29, T Linley (not out) 0, total (for 3 wkts.), 66.

TADCASTER A. v. SOUTH MILFORD A—At Tadcaster. Scores:—South Milford A.—J. Hill 1, F. Crawford 1, L. Kettlewell 0, A. Hobbs 18, A Chilton 3, A Lindley 10, J Talbot 5, H Wilson 5, R Chilton 1, L Wilson 2, R Holgate (not out) 2, extras, 2; total, 90. Tadcaster A.—A Aldous 0, J Johnson 0, A Shearsmith 0, J T Kettlewell 14, H Taylor 2, A Taylor (not out) 2, W Iredale (not out) 2; extras, 2; total (for 5 wkts.), 41.

KIRK DEIGHTON v. BARKSTON ASH.—At Kirk Deighton. Scores:—Kirk Deighton—E. Foster 11, T Nicholson—A Swann 3, J Beasley 0, H Oxley 0, T H Raine 5, J Oxley 7, T Beasley 5, G White 0, R Nicholson (not out) 4, C F Oxley 2, Wilkinson 5; extras, 5; total, 51. Barkston Ash—W White 2, J Haines 15, P Rhodes 11, Weight (not out) 12, W Woods (not out) 5; extras, 6; total (for 3 wkts.), 54.

GREAT PRESTON A v HALTON A—At Great Preston. Scores:—Preston—F Hutchinson 3, H Lilley 1, G Wiggleswortb 9, Hy. Lilley 12, W Howson 27, W Thompson 15, A Wiggleswortb 2, H Wiggleswortb 34, W Oldham 7, W Colley 3, H Colley 13, H Firth 7, extras, 8; total, 138. Halton—Clark 4, Longdon 4, Brazil 22, Haigh 1, Guest 0, Dobson 6, Todd 5, Simpson (not out) 3, Smith 0, A Colley 0, Bowers 0, extra, 1; total, 48.

CROSSGATES WES. A. v. CROSSGATES A.—At Old Manston. Scores:—Crossgates Wes.—H. Thompson 11, H Brook 28, C Holliday 25, Selman 1, A Brook 22, E Beaumont 0, Walker 2, R. Beaumont 4, J Stephenson 1, E C White 2, Batty (not out) 11; extras, 5; total, 112. Crossgates A.—T Hague 0, W Wilkinson 3, H. Linley 18, Holliday 14, W. Turner 2, W. H Smith 0, T Hague 4, C Whiting 0, A Curtis 4, W Walker 16, W Glover 0, H Slater (not out) 3; extras, 2; total, 58.

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Mr Harold Blackburn, after alighting in his aeroplane at Stockeld Park, Wetherby, ran against a hedge, and damaged one of the planes of his machine.

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BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	10	9	1	0	18
South Milford	10	7	2	1	15
Cawood	9	3	3	3	9
Saxton	9	3	3	3	9
Church Fenton	9	3	6	0	6
Church Fenton Sycamore	10	1	7	2	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Scarcroft	10	9	1	0	18
Garforth	10	8	2	0	16
Micklefield	10	6	4	0	12
Holton	10	5	5	0	10
Barwick	10	1	9	0	2
Great Preston	10	1	9	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	10	9	1	0	18
Crossgates	10	7	3	0	14
Shadwell	10	6	4	0	12
Whitkirk	10	4	6	0	8
Crossgates Wesleyans	10	3	7	0	6
Collingham	10	1	9	0	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A.	12	10	2	0	20
Ulleskelf	11	8	3	0	16
South Milford A.	11	6	5	0	12
Kirk Deighton	11	6	5	0	12
Bramham	10	3	7	0	6
Sherburn White Rose	10	3	7	0	6
Barkston Ash	11	2	9	0	4

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth A	11	10	1	0	20
Scarcroft A.	11	9	2	0	18
Great Preston A.	12	6	6	0	12
Halton A.	11	5	6	0	10
Aberford	11	4	7	0	8
Micklefield A.	11	3	8	0	6
Barwick A	11	1	10	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wesleyans	10	8	2	0	16
Swillington and Colton	9	3	6	0	6
Crossgates A.	10	5	5	0	10
Crossgates Wes. A	10	5	5	0	10
Whitkirk A.	9	3	6	0	6
Halton Wesleyans A	9	3	7	0	6

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MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY

LANE FOX CUP—SEMI-FINAL TIES

Tadcaster v. Crossgates. Messrs T. Mathers (Great Preston) and H. Woodbridge (Kirk Deighton).

South Milford v. Scarcroft. Messrs T. Crosland (Micklefield) and W. Crosland (Barwick).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

South Milford A. v. Kirk Deighton. Messrs T. Ambler (Church Fenton Syc.) and T. Carter (Tadcaster).

Barkston Ash v. Bramham. Messrs T. Poulter (Church Fenton) and G. Westerman (Sherburn).

Sherburn W.R. v. Ulleskelf. Messrs C. Morton (Barkston Ash) and H. Bell (Saxton).

Micklefield A. v. Aberford. Messrs F. Hebden (Garforth) and A. Hall (Garforth).

Scarcroft A. v. Garforth A. Messrs W. Nicholson (Halton) and C. Plews (Halton Wes.).

Halton A. v. Barwick A. Messrs F. Pickersgill (Scarcroft) and A. Barton (Scarcroft).

BARKSTON ASH SENIOR LEAGUE.

CHURCH FENTON v. CHURCH FENTON SYCAMORE —At Church Fenton. Scores:—

Church Fenton—F. Jackson, c Moore, b C Poulter, 1; A Claughton, b Whittingham, 4; T Atha, b C Poulter, 22; W. Claughton, b C Poulter, 8; A Thompson, b C Poulter, 8; W Claughton, b C Poulter, 20; W. Mosby, run out, 11; W. Dixon, b C Poulter, 0; C Poulter, b Dolphin, 8; C Poulter, b A B Holgreaves, b C Poulter, 0; A Ruston, not out, 3; extras, 5; total, 85.

Church Fenton Sycamore—G Foxton, c A. Claughton, b W Claughton, 7; A Poulter, b W Claughton, 0; E. Poulter, b W Claughton, 6; C. Poulter, run out, 2; A. Holt, b W Dixon, 10; A Moore, c Holgreaves, b Dixon, 2; D Poulter, b Dixon, 3; J. Harrison, c Thompson, 4; A Dalby, b C Bell, 7; E. Dawson, c Stephens, b O Bell, 0; M Dalby, c C Bell, b O Bell, 0; D. Dawson, not out, 1; extras, 5; total, 43.

CROSSGATES V. CROSSGATES WES.—At Crossgates. Scores:—

Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, b Burnell, 6; G Webster, b Sykes, 51; G Umpleby, lbw, b Sykes, 0; E Halliday, c White, b Harvey, 6; C. Poulter, run out, 2; A. Harvey, 4; E Mills, c Goodall, b Sykes, 1; V Thompson, c White, b Sykes, 5; G Willans, not out, 0; C H Walker, c Goodall, b Burnett, c Wilson, b Sykes, 0; C. Holliday, b Sykes, 0; extras, 3; total, 91.

Crossgates—Burnell, not out, 50; Sykes, 23; Willans 8; Brook, 7; Harvey, 5; Webster, not out, 16; extras, 5; total (for 1 wkt.), 94.

SHADWELL v. WHITKIRK—At Shadwell. Scores:—

Whitkirk—Taylor, b Barrett, 1; Milford, b Heaton, 1; Coultas, st Barnett, b Heaton, 8; Shepherd, c Barrett, b Heaton, 8; J Shepherd, lbw, b Barrett, 1; Pawson, run out, 0; Ingle, b Barrett, 2; W Moss, c Barrett, b Heaton, 11; R Moss, b Barrett, 12; H Scott, c Metcalfe, b Barrett, 0; Smith, not out, 0; extras, 7; total, 43.

Shadwell—Barrett, b Pawson, 2; Heaton, not out, 17; Flint, b Pawson, 0; Metcalfe, b Ingle, 7; Freeman, not out, 15; extras, 4; total, 45.

GREAT PRESTON v. BARWICK-IN-ELMET—At Barwick. Scores:—

Barwick—F. Lumb, b A Thompson, 0; W Hartley, b A Thompson, 0; G Bowes, b A Thompson, 10; H Walton, c Colley, b Green, 0; J Robshaw, b A Thompson, 7; W Armitage, b A Thompson, 8; J Pollard, not out, 6; D Childe, b A Thompson, 3; W Lovett, b H Wiggleswortb, 0; W Cockburn, lbw, b T Wiggleworth, 0; T H Robshaw, b A Thompson, 0; extras, 4; total, 40.

Great Preston—H Wiggleswortb, c and b J Robshaw, 2; F Wheatley, c T H Robshaw, b Walton, 4; T Wiggleswortb, not out, 13; R Wiggleswortb, not out, 15; extras, 7; total (for 4 wkts.), 41.

HALTON v. SEACROFT—At Halton. Scores:—

Halton—E Daniel, c F Taylor, b C Johnson, 0; C Sunter, st Atack, b D Burton, 0; W Smales, c Atack, b Johnson, 3; N Sunter, c H Toft, b D Burton, 0; F Heaps, c D Burton, b G Stead, 17; S Haigh, c H Toft, b C Johnson, 0; W Benson, c T Toft, b D Burton, 1; H Tasker, b C Johnson, 1; N Ball, c T Toft, b Stead, 2; R W Shaw, not out, 0; H Cowell, c T Toft, b Burton, 0; extras, 5; total, 29.

Seacroft—G Stead, c Cowell, 13; C Johnson, c N Sunter, b Daniel, 9; Taylor, not out, 8; total (for 1 wkt.), 30.

MICKLEFIELD v. GARFORTH—At Micklefield. Scores:—

Garforth—S Glover, c Smith, b Taylor, 16; H Prime, b Stones, 30; J Kilburn, c White-head, b Stones, 1; W Glover, b Townend, 14; H Gascoigne, b Townend, 6; A Firth, b Stones, 1; G Reed, b Townend, 0; T Ballance, c Walton, b Taylor, 18; H Morley, c Tomlinson, b Townend, 4; J Pickersgill, b Townend, 3; H Pickersgill, not out, 2; extras, 6; total, 101.

Micklefield—A Smith, b Ballance, 4; G Tomlinson, c Morley, b Ballance, 3; G Wall, 0; Kilburn, b Ballance, 0; E Stones, b Reed, 20; J H Townend, c Firth, b Ballance, 1; H Goodlass, run c Kilburn, b Reed, 6; S Taylor, b Reed, and b 3; S Walton, b Reed, 5; E Hardwick, c and b Ballance, 3; B Whitehead, not out, 1; F. Tomlinson, run out, 2; extras, 6; total, 54.

SOUTH MILFORD v. TADCASTER—At South Milford. Scores:—

South Milford—R Sutton, c Hebden, b Herbert, 20; A Atkinson, c Raper, b Baker, 14; H Hunscroft, b Swindin, 6; H Chilton, b Swindin, 2; E Atkinson, b Swindin, 41; N. Staindon, 2; E Atkinson, b Swindin, 41; N. Staindon, 2; E Atkinson, b Baker, 6; H. Hedgegrave, c Freer, b Swindin, 0; J Hodgson, c Garbutt, b West, 3; R Tindill, c Hebden, b West, 3; J Lindley, c Herbert, b Swindin, 0; J. Bissett, not out, 2; extras, 9; total, 95.

Tadcaster—J F Mason, b E Atkinson, 24; G Freer, b E Atkinson, 7; F Hebden, run out, 4; R T Baker, c Sutton, b E Atkinson, 7; J W Garbutt, c Bissett, b Chilton, 21; E W Herbert; b E Atkinson, 7; T Raper, not out, 26; A Swindin, b Sutton, 0; F. Fim, b Dobson, 2; R. Firn, b Lund, 2; B Hawksley, not out, 3; T. Lund, b Dobson, 0; F Marshall, c Dobson, b Lund, 0; J. Green, b Dobson, 1; total, 36.

Cawood—S. Lund, b Sissons, 0; F Ward, b P Lawn, 2; C

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS: Clinton Mannersley had been accused and convicted of forgery by his uncle, Sir Robert Mannersley. He had protested his innocence, but the evidence was strong against him. Now, when his term of imprisonment had nearly expired, he escapes from Dartmoor. Secretly he sends a note to Sir Robert's daughter, Phillipa, whom he loves. In this he makes known his escape, and again protests his innocence. Phillipa never believed him guilty, but now the wild tone of his letter alarms her, and she makes known its contents to a sturdy miner, Jim Britten, Clinton's foster-brother. Jim feels sure that Clinton will come straight to him, and his expectations are fulfilled the same night. Unknown to either, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who steals silently away into the darkness.

Clinton and Phillipa then meet. Clinton urges upon her the necessity of an interview between her father and himself, so that he may once again declare his innocence. Phillipa, who has a key by which he can easily gain access to Sir Robert's study. When they part, Clinton learns that the police are on his track, and he remains in hiding. The next evening, under cover of the darkness, he finds his way to the Castle. Entering the study, he thinks at first that the room is empty, but, then, to his horror, he sees that Sir Robert has fallen across his desk, and that a red stream is running over the papers beneath him. Attempting to cry for help, he finds himself in the grip of a stern-faced man, and realises with sickening fear that he is suspected of murder.

CHAPTER V.

It was only a sprinkling of rain that went down the shaft of Mannersley Main next morning. Those who went were the sort of men whom nothing affects, men to whom the solidity of temperament which cannot be broken down. As for the rest of the population of the new village, it, like the people of the old, man and boy, woman and child, gave itself up without reserve to a discussion of the terrible tragedy of the previous evening. Before the news had spread like wildfire, as was inevitable in so small and tightly-packed a place, and everybody had known of it for a mid-night. And it naturally presented itself in a crude and primitive form. Clinton, who, after three years' penal servitude for forging his uncle's name a while back, had broken out of prison, and come home, and stabbed Sir Robert to the heart in his own study, and if he had not been caught in the very act, well, hands had been laid on him in a minute after it was done! And he was safely locked up, and Sir Robert was dead and gone —for ever!

Long before breakfast-time that morning the newly-built court-house at Mannersley, in which, so far, nothing more serious than a few charges of drunkenness and poaching had been heard, was besieged by a crowd of miners determined to hear what went on when Clinton was brought up before the magistrates. Some of the more knowing ones would happen, had crammed a package of food in their pockets and stationed themselves at the door of the public entrance before daylight. Amongst these was Black Moses, whose stentorian voice could be heard haranguing those about him at intervals as the morning wore away. The theme of his discourse was his profound and implicit belief in Clinton's innocence; his invariable conclusion a passionate desire to get at the truth of a mystery which Moses stigmatised in unprintable language.

"Tell ye Master Clinton's as innocent as any bairn I' one o' them cradles!" he insisted after the hundredth time, holding forth with undiminished ardour as the clock drew near the sitting of the court. "He could no more do a foul thing like that there One could no more do a foul thing like that there nor our district nurse. Wild and skittish he may be! but he's been as a lad, but there's a difference between sowing yer wild oats and doing murder! He never did it!"

"He might ha' done it in a temper," said a voice. "We're all liable to that there at times."

"I tell thee he never did it," vociferated Black Moses, "and I'll feight thee or any man i' Mannersla as said he did. Wait till all this mystery's over, and some on yer'll see summat."

Within a moment of the doors being opened the court was packed to the last corner; outside, hundreds waited eagerly to hear what news could be passed to them from the favoured ones within. And at that news came, bit by bit, the friends of the accused man—which means practically the whole crowd—which means practically the whole crowd—felt their hearts become as lead and their hopes sink lower and lower. For the whole story, as it was told to the magistrates who had hastened to fill the bench, seemed so simple, so devoid of anything savouring of the mysterious! It was just a plain, straightforward story, sordid, brutal, horrible straightforward story, sordid, brutal, horrible —but, above all, on the face of it, a story which seemed impossible of contradiction.

To Sir Clinton Mannersley, sitting closely guarded in the dock, the whole thing seemed like a horrible nightmare. Although he had like a horrible nightmare. Although he had never closed his eyes since the event which was still hovering in dreadful scarlet on the black before them he was wide awake as to believe himself in a dream or a trance or gone out of his senses, and he kept pinching himself mechanically, as if to ascertain whether he had any feeling left. He stared with astonishment at a young solicitor with whom he had had many a lark in boyish days, recent enough—who was glibly setting forth the case against him. He heard all Rowland Parke's hopes sink lower and lower. For the whole story, as it was told to the magistrates who had hastened to fill the bench, seemed so simple, so devoid of anything savouring of the mysterious! It was just a plain, straightforward story, sordid, brutal, horrible —but, above all, on the face of it, a story which seemed impossible of contradiction.

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C.M.S. MEETING AT MONK FRYSTON PARK.

The C.M.S. Laymen are to be congratulated on the splendid gathering held in the grounds of Monk Fryston Hall, by permission of the Rev. R. and Mrs Hemsworth. In spite of the uncertainty of the railway arrangements owing to the war crisis, fully 500 people journeyed to Monk Fryston, and it was largely due to the enthusiasm and excellent arrangements made by Mrs Hemsworth and Mr G. W. Lloyd (President of the York C.M.S. Laymen's Union) that the gathering was such a success. Mr G. W. Lloyd occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. R. Hemsworth, J.P., the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke (vicar of Monk Fryston), the Rev. J. Topham, the Rev. C. T. Alexander, the Rev. W. P. Dott, Mr W. H. Phillips, Mr E. C. Mackie, Mr G. F. Richardson, etc.

The Bishop of Beverley, who had hoped to be present, wrote regretting his enforced absence owing to an urgent engagement.

The Chairman (Mr G. W. Lloyd), in introducing the speakers, alluded to the war cloud, and asked all present for their prayers in this great national crisis.

The Rev. G. T. Greenshield, missionary to the Esquimaux, described in very graphic language the conditions under which he had to labour, the thermometer sometimes being as low as 70 below zero. He felt sure that all present must feel a vital interest in mission work. Some people seemed to think the Arctic was such a small region that he would be likely to run across an exploring expedition. Sir E. Shackleton took a great interest in missionwork, and had promised to preside at one of his meetings, but had had to go to Norway to test some motor sledges. The converted Esquimaux were fine people, loyal to the British flag, and ready to deny themselves to help others. One convert, now a lay reader, had refused to take food when out with the speaker, and food was running short. "I am hard and dun I need it; you are soft," he remarked, referring, of course, to physical condition.

Mr Greenshield was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his address.

The second speaker was Dr. Eugene Stock, who said that he deplored our strained relations with Germany. From a missionary standpoint they were our firmest allies. In German East Africa they gave all possible help to the missionaries, whereas in the French territories missionaries were never allowed to enter. No natives had co-operated with us in missionary work like Germany. One great mistake people were apt to make was to think that their money went to keep the native churches when established. This was not so. The money was used for evangelisation, and then to train native converts and to fit them for carrying on the work.

After a vote of thanks to the speakers, the host and hostess, and the choir, the meeting was closed by the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke pronouncing the Benediction.

The collection realised £16 7s. 6d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FARM WORKERS' THREATENED STRIKE —A TRUCE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—At a moment when the war clouds of Europe gather ominously, and roll in the direction of our island home it is absolutely necessary that all sections of the community should sink all petty strife and present a united front to the common foe.

As patriots, the farm workers of Yorkshire recognise the seriousness of the step they would have taken but for the sudden development of this national crisis. Their patient and reasonable demands for the betterment of their conditions have met with little sympathy from the majority of farmers in this country.

The following is the programme drawn up by the farm workers of Yorkshire, who are members of the agricultural section of the Workers' Union:—

It is requested that you should concede the following conditions of labour:—

1. A minimum wage of 22s. per week, and an equivalent advance equal to this rate to all hired men.
2. That a week's work should consist of 60 hours, and that the Saturday work should cease at 1 p.m.
3. That all overtime above the normal day's work should be paid for at 6d. per hour.
4. That casual labour should be paid: Men, 4s. 6d. per day; women 2s. 6d. per day.
5. That a three months' notice should be given when a labourer is required to leave his cottage.
6. That all unexhausted improvements in the garden shall be valued and paid for a week before the outgoing tenant's notice expires, by the farmer, unless payment has been made by the incoming tenant.

At the present moment, when the outbreak of war has opened the eyes of the nation to the danger of starvation in case of disaster to the British Fleet, the value of the agricultural worker's labour must be recognised.

Like the artisans of the towns, his cost of living has steadily risen during the past ten years. His wages have, however, remained almost stationary during the same period. While the average hours worked by all classes of skilled and unskilled workers have been reduced, the farm worker's hours remain as long as ever.

The improved housing conditions of most workmen have not yet been extended to the farm workers, whose houses compare unfavourably in many cases with the stables of their employers.

For over twelve months negotiations between the farmers and their men have taken place to bring about the fulfilment of this reasonable programme. In almost every case these negotiations have ended in failure.

The patience of the Yorkshire farm workers has become exhausted, and a resort to a strike before harvest time was decided upon. Such a strike would have resulted either in the granting of the men's demands or the destruction of the crops left rotting on the ground. Such a fight would have ensured suffering both for the farmer and the farm worker under ordinary circumstances. But since the declaration of war such a strike would be a serious menace to the well being of the whole nation. Every grain of food becomes of untold value, and not a single grain must be wasted that can possibly be saved. The patriotism of the farm workers consequently causes them to call a truce for the time being.

But recognising the justice of their case they issue this manifesto to the British people, leaving the judgment in their hands. The food supply of the nation must be guaranteed. The greed of the farmer must not be allowed to endanger the people's food supply. If necessary at a time like this the intervention of the Government should make a strike impossible. This can only be done by the granting of the reasonable demands of the farm workers of Britain.

The rise in food prices will put enhanced profits they have not earned into the pockets of the farmers. Such profits will be made out of the necessities of their fellow citizens. We ask for no such exorbitant benefits.

The demand of the farm worker summed up in a sentence is "A guarantee of food for the family of the man who grows the food of the nation."

The last remnants of serfdom must be destroyed. The hiring system is brutal and degrading. The farm labourer alone has no legal right to holidays, and the farmers bitterly oppose a Saturday half-holiday to those doomed to continuous toil. The hiring agreement makes him a slave for twelve months, afraid to make a stand for better conditions for fear of losing his year's wages and possibly be fined for his pains into the bargain. Over a thousand farm workers with families in Yorkshire receive less than 17s. per week including all perquisites.

Is it to be wondered at that the farm worker refuses longer to be regarded worse than a brute of the field, and is determined to take his place as a man and a citizen of the greatest Empire the world has ever known.

Shall there be peace or war between the farmers and their underpaid, overworked, and badly housed workers.

The public conscience, the safety of the nation, and the necessities of the Government should supply the answer. Peace must be maintained by the granting of the "farm workers' demands by the farmers, compelled if necessary by Government intervention to do this act of justice.—Yours, etc.,

ARTHUR SMITH, Secretary.
Cloteridge View, Horsforth,
Aug. 5th, 1914.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week one of the principal turns is given by Jack Pleasants, the shy comedian. He has four characteristic songs—"Mother's so careful with me," "Does I know that Jane had found another cuckoo," "Gus," and his song of the bashful lover, all sung in the simple style which has earned him his fame. A really novel act is "The Rag Doll," presented by the Martinets, in which the lady shows herself a wonderful tumbler, and some very funny business is introduced into the acrobatic act of Alvoretto, Rogo, and Stogo. One of the features of the programme is the turn of Hodges Bros. and Jacobson, who bring with them some good ragtime medleys. Others on the bill are The Joannys, Daisy Sloan, Charles Stevens, and Dowas and Langford.

On Monday next Mr Eustace Gray will present at the Leeds Empire "Dora's Doze," facetiously termed "a musical slumber in seven nightmares." That this production is of the finest quality may be gleaned from the fact that it has been devised and staged by Ned Wayburn, producer of "Hullo, Tango!" "The Honeymoon Express," etc. The dialogue and lyrics are by George Arthurs, while the music is by the famous composer, Louis A. Hirsch. In the cast will be found Oscar Schwarz (from the London Opera House), Harry Ray (from the Shaftesbury Theatre), Connie Emerald, the Dresden Doll soubrette, Jack Edge, Joe Mott, Australia's famous comedian, Dave O'Toole, Mdlle. Anita, and Jennie Lynn, Marie Leonard, character soubrette (from the Winter Garden, New York), and Millie Warde, ingenue soubrette (from the Hippodrome, London). The seven scenes are: Living Room at Mrs Dicken's Boarding House, Hornborough; Exterior of the Century Night Club, London; Interior of Harry Hill's Emporium, London; At the Great White City, London; Behind the scenes at the Colchipaladium, London; Dora's Honeymoon; and Home again, Hornborough. The musical numbers include "In the boarding house," in scene 1; "The Night Clubbers," "He put it in the bank," scene 2; "The Little Girl Inside," "When Two Hearts beat as one," in scene 3; "Just we two and the moon," scene 4; "My Spooky Girl," in scene 5.

Other additions to the programme include Tonde and McRoberts, in a Scotch comedy sketch entitled, "Elder Hours"; Edna Lyall, the Yorkshire nightingale, and the American Bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week Mr Gus Onlaw presents a troupe of talented lady boxers, including Mdlle. Carpentier (France), the lady champion of the world, Miss Lucie Warner (England), Mdlle. Adele Nielson (Norway), and Miss Alice Fleury (France). They go through a few exhibition contests and admittedly give a good account of themselves. Miss Vera Cain, the British athletic girl, is also among the company, and gives a clever boxing exhibition. Betty Barclay and a Barlipee pay a welcome return visit, and Miss Barclay has a new song, "I'm such a shy girl," which suits her admirably. Robbins, a humorous imitator of musical instruments, presents a quite novel turn. His inane laugh is a big asset. Kartelli, the famous wire performer, is very good, and Blake and Granby, duologue artistes, provoke many a laugh. Others on a good programme are Martin Kamp, the Amsterdam humorist; the Two Boyds, entertainers and dancers; and Tom Cullen, a natural "alto."

Next week at the Hippodrome the great attraction will be Oswald Williams' magical revue. Mr Williams, who is a great illusionist, will be supported by his own company, and his entertainment of mystery will be keenly looked forward to. Others billed to appear are Austin Rudd, in his latest successes; Dutch Daly, the popular concertiniste and monologue artiste; Revue Revels, by Eight College Girls; The Adras, sensational equilibrists; Orpheus, in a musical interlude; Four Its, vocalists and wooden shoe dancers; Big Jass, and pictures.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre a lively entertainment is being presented this week. It consists of a bright series of songs and dances, with a thrilling love story linking the structure together. "Dare Devil Dorothy" it is called, and of course the scheming villain who wants to marry her gets "told off" in lively style. Variety specialities are given by Adeline Yobie, Ida Conway, Tom D. Newell, and Nellie Harcourt's Eight "Revusical Girls."

Next week at Queen's "The Woman who Atoned," described as a magnificent production, will be the attraction, and it will be submitted by Messrs R. S. Ravenscroft and S. Bowen Smith's company, including Miss Isobel Norman. On Thursday and Friday only the comedy drama "The Mormon's Wife" will be staged.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES.

This week at the City Varieties the Jackson Family, who head the bill, are artistic musical entertainers, and their turn was much appreciated at both houses on Monday night. Darty and Partner, comedy acrobats, are a laughable couple; and George Leavers, comedian, has a couple of good songs. Perry and Perry, refined vocalists, sing a pretty number; and the Hana Trio, in a singing and dancing act, are very successful. A lady juggler —Rene—goes through a clever performances.

Next week at the City Varieties the American Cowboy actor, Frank F. Street, will appear in a new and original western sketch "The Gunfighter." Others in the bill are Trey and Mitz, talented terpsichorean twins; Hengler Bros., comedy acrobats; Ethel Brailsford, assisted by Wee Jean, in a novel act; Four Dancerios, in a clever vocal and dancing act; Lea Fields, in burlesque; and pictures.

WHITKIRK MAN TAKEN FOR A SPY.

AN AMUSING EXPERIENCE.

Despite its gravity, the war has provided humour for visitors at Sutton-on-Sea. Within the four corners of that little seaside place rumour has it there are housed two German Secret Service men, who are taking photographs of the topography, and any dark-moustached man with an unusual mien attracts attention.

The coastguards are walking about armed, and a visitor—Mr G. A. Burras, of Whitkirk, has had an amusing experience.

Shortly after 7.30 he was with his camera and son and heir on the sandhills, waiting for a sunset picture. The tripod was fixed, the camera was ready, and all that was wanted was the proper light. But before the proper light came up walked a bronzed-faced coastguard. "Have you been taking photographs at Huttoft?" said the coastguard.

"No," was the reply of Mr Burras, as he turned to adjust his lens for the next picture.

But question number two was more startling. "Somebody has been taking photographs of Huttoft; you answer the description."

The suspected one then began to take things seriously, and in a cautious vein he remarked, "I have not been to Huttoft. I have been in Sutton all the day with my family." But the coastguard was not yet satisfied. "I must ask you for your card!"

Mr Burras had not such a thing in his holiday tweeds, but he volunteered to write his name and address on a piece of paper if that would suffice. He then felt for paper, but there was none, and the coastguard, becoming more suspicious, raised his voice as he said, "You will have to give me your plates."

Unperturbed, Mr Burras smiled, and invited the coastguard to his house, where he would write his name and address and try to prove his sweet innocence. The coastguard agreed.

Eventually the coastguard departed with the name and address, and looked very downcast as he cycled back to the station.

After a while Mr Burras went to see the Chief Officer, and that high authority assured him that they had to be very careful. There had been some suspicious person taking photographs at Huttoft that afternoon. They had also heard that someone had attempted to cut the wires.

"Have you a dog?" asked the Chief Officer, and when Mr Burras assured him that he had not such an animal he was once again beyond suspicion.

Needless to say, Mr Burras has a black, drooping moustache.

ORDINARY MATCHES.

CROSSGATES WES. v. HOLBECK ALBION.—At Old Manston on Tuesday. Scores:—Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, c Dunderdale, b Ambler, 0; G. Umpleby, c Spink, b Bell, 15; E. Webster, c Dunderdale, b Bell, 97; E. Holliday, c Bell, b Pitts, 11; R. Coultas, c Vickers, b Bond, 58; A. Withy, b Bell, 0; E. Mills, not out, 4; G. Willans, not out, 8, extras, 22; total (for 6 wkts.), 215. Holbeck Albion—Vickers, lbw, b A. Withy, 21; Wildman, b G. Umpleby, 12; Spink, b G. Umpleby, 0; Dunderdale, b C. Brook, 0; Lavell, b A. Withy, 12; Bond, b E. Walker, 6; Duthoit, c E. Holliday, b Walker, 10; Pitts, not out, 5; Bell, not out, 0; extras, 8; total (for 7 wkts.), 68. Match drawn.

CROSSGATES WES. v. PUDSEY TRINITY.—At Old Manston on Monday. Scores:—Pudsey — A. Verity, lbw, b A. Brook, 12; G. Verity, b Umpleby, 14; H. Emsley, c and b Selman, 1; H. Verity, b Selman, 0; R. Clegg, c A. Umpleby, b Selman, 0; E. Hudson, b Selman, 1; A. Verity, b A. Brook, 3; E. Milner, c Thompson, b Selman, 0; W. Armitage, run out, 12; E. Holliday, c and b Selman, 17; F. Hinchliffe, c Willans, b Selman, 2; Tomlinson, not out, 0; Armitage, b E. Beaumont, 0; extras, 1; total, 69. Crossgates Wes.—C. Brook, lbw, b A. Verity, 9; G. Umpleby, b Milner, 21; C. H. Walker, b A. Verity, 0; V. Thompson, b Armitage, 7; A. Brook, b Armitage, 0; E. Webster, lbw, b Armitage, 1; E. Walker, lbw, b Milner, 3; G. Willans, c Verity, b Armitage, 1; A. Umpleby, c Halliday, b Milner, 3; E. Beaumont, lbw, b Milner, 4; J. R. Webster, c Hinchliffe, b Milner, 0; F. Hewitt, c Verity, b Milner, 0; J. Selman, not out, 0; extras, 6; total, 55.

AN ANGRY TREE.

In Idaho there exists a species of the acacia tree that a traveller says is entitled to be classed as one of the wonders of plant life. The tree attains a height of about 8ft. When full grown it closes its leaves together in coils each day at sunset. When the tree has thus settled itself for its night's sleep it will flutter violently if touched, and if you shake the branches it will emit a nauseating odour strong enough to bring on a headache. In Idaho it is called the "angry tree," and it is said that it was discovered by some men who were making a camp for the night, and placed one end of a canvas covering over one of its sensitive branches, to use as a support. Immediately the tree began to jerk its branches sharply. The motion continued with increased "nervousness," until at last there came a sickening odour that drove the tired men to a more hospitable camping-place.

SCALLOPED TOMATOES.—Make two breakfastcupfuls of fine bread-crumbs. Butter a round fireproof soufflé dish, and place a layer of crumbs at the bottom. Slice a pound of tomatoes, and roll the pieces in salt sifted with pepper. Cover the crumbs here and there with small pieces of butter, and lay slices of hard-boiled egg on the top. Season between each layer, and build them up high and turn about until the dish is full. Lastly, cover with crumbs, pour melted butter over the top, and brown in the oven.

DUTCH APPLE PUDDING.—Three eggs, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, three cupfuls of flour, two tablespoonfuls of butter, and two teaspoonfuls of baking-powder. Separate the eggs, beat the yolks, and add the milk; next the melted butter and flour. Beat with an egg-beater for about two minutes, add the baking-powder, and beat two minutes longer. Fold in the well-beaten whites. Turn into a shallow, greased baking-pan and place over the top, pressing them down into the batter, sufficient quarters of apples to cover the pudding. Dust thickly with granulated sugar, using at least half a pound and bake in a quick oven for half an hour. Serve hot with orange or hard sauce or milk. Peaches, blackberries, and raspberries may be substituted for the apples.

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Owing to the rise in the price of foodstuffs, some of the Hunslet Guardians, who deal very generously with the poor under their supervision, are afraid that there will be suffering in homes. At a meeting of Tadcaster District Council, and at last meeting a Rothwell representative, in the stirring days when meetings lasted from who would not allow himself to be bowled out, twelve to half-past three, and he provided the wanted provision to be made for such cases. He reporters with more "copy" than any other was told that he was out of order, and that he member. Mr Cundall, whatever people may must give notice of motion, but still he persisted, say about him, was one of the cleverest men pension of the standing orders. Then a resolu- associated with the Council, but he did tion practically similar in terms to the one it owing to the manner in which he reiterated wished to be passed was adopted. The his remarks, being a wearisome speaker. Guardians, as a whole, desire to protest While not without humour, he had a caustic against the poor suffering, but had the Rom- tongue, and many wordy clerks were fought will may not been so persistent the resolution between him and the ex-Chair, whom he con- would probably not have been passed. That it sidered a fair target for his pungent wit. was necessary one does not know, because reliev- Neither was the Chairman exempt from his ing officers have discretionary powers in regard criticism, and I remember on one occasion, when to giving relief, and I have heard an officer tell Mr Cundall was slinging his barbed shafts, a Board what he could and what he could not that Mr Brodelsbank threatened to leave the do. However, all's well in the Hunslet Union, chair unless he desisted. and if commodities become very dear, the poor folks will be granted relief in accordance with their needs.

At the present time little interest is evinced in anything outside the war, and the wholesale abandonment of fetes, meetings, etc., is a striking evidence of how deeply folks have been moved by the events of the past week. Very different, indeed, is the mood of the people as compared with that when hostilities broke out in South Africa; the great issues at stake are realised, and the enormous sacrifices that must be made are, in a measure, known, and these have had a sobering influence upon all classes. Wherever men—or women for that matter—meet, the war is the sole topic of conversation, and the thirst for news is insatiable. The war is the greatest calamity that has fallen on Europe for more than a century, but it is possible that out of it good may come.

Carrier pigeons belonging to fanciers in the district have, I understand, been offered to the War Office for "active service" abroad. The homer is largely used by other nations for carrying messages. Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, of Crossgates, was in Belgium, just about the time the Germans had entered Belgium territory, and he noticed an extraordinary number of pigeons at the great fortress at Namur, on the River Meuse, and he was somewhat mystified. He inquired why there were so many pigeons about, and an officer told him they were used for carrying messages. On the following morning he noticed that the homers had disappeared, and then he learnt that they were on duty.

I understand that in the district—Crossgates, Garforth, Allerton, Rothwell, Carlton, Woodlesford, etc.—there are some of the finest homers in England. Some of the pigeons have made flights this season of 300 and 400 miles, and one fancier has birds which have covered a distance over 600 miles in ten hours. Pigeons must be given voluntarily to the authorities, and owners who desire to serve their country in this way are requested to communicate with the posters in their shop windows. That the intended offering by pigeons for "service," and I doubt not that his example will be followed by many others.

In the larger villages in the district the provision shops were besieged two or three days last week, and everybody who had any money to invest was struggling to "snatch the eye" of the merchants. The siege began on Tuesday in some places, and it continued later in the week, shops queues were formed, and the customers were allowed to enter by one door, and when they had made their purchases they were shown out at the backdoor. And the "early bird" caught the early worm"; for the first-comers, on Tuesday, at any rate, got commodities at prices lower than the late-comers.

Some people, I know, have stocked as much flour as will last them for a year. One, two, and three sacks have been common orders, and people have wondered, when these stocks have been laid in, whether their neighbours were going into the bakery and confectionery line. One result of this has, of course, been to send up the price of flour, and the poorer people, who have to purchase stones or half-stones, find it hard to pay for the foresight—some people call it by another name—of their better-off neighbours. But it was always so; the bottom dog comes off worst, because he cannot help himself.

With the passing of Mr Joseph Cundall, whose death was chronicled in our last issue, generously with the poor under their supervision, an interesting and vigorous personality is gone. The stirring days when meetings lasted from

The recreation field at Whitkirk, so generously given by the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, is now open to the public, and the children have provided for them an excellent little field in which they may indulge in all manner of games. The field has a frontage to the Selby Road, and the entrance gate is there. Having secured this recreation ground, it will be for the resident's generally to see that it is thoroughly appreciated, and to make sure that no damage a done in any way to hedges, etc.

Barwick and Scholes possess several valuable charities, and Crossgates, as part of the ancient parish, is interested in them, so it has come about that since Leeds annexed Crossgates a new scheme for their administration is necessary. In reading the Charity Commissioner's report one opinion is forced on one that the charities were never intended for Crossgates, which came into being long after the pious donors had gone the way of all flesh, and this view is being urged on the Charity Commissioners, who have power to have certain charities administered in any way they please. The Barwick and Scholes people recognise that Crossgates has some claim, but they are very anxious that Leeds Corporation should have no "finger in the pie," and they would be glad to buy Crossgates out.

Barwick Council discussed the question on Monday night, and it was stated, in reply to a question by the Commissioners, that Roundhay had never participated in the charities under discussion. Why they should have asked such a question is a mystery, because they have the report of the last inquiry to guide them, and there is a suspicion that Leeds may be putting in a claim for Roundhay. In the Commissioner's report on Riley's Charity, for instance, it is stated:—

There is some ground for supposing that Roundhay is entitled to some share in the management of the Charity, in the fact that four churchwardens are named in the conveyance of 1773, as it is known that Barwick township was never represented by more than three wardens. But as the words in the feoffee's will, describing the beneficiaries of the Charity, are "parishioners in the town of Barwick," it is not likely that the township of Roundhay will be anxious to claim their right. Roundhay folks would have nothing to do with this charity—not likely—for they have no poor. Originally a penny and a penny loaf were given once a week to each of twelve poor widows, and the rest of the money was distributed in the course of the year among poor people. Now the loaves have been knocked off, and the money is given in doles.

Although nothing has been reported regarding the town-planning of Scholes, I understand the District Council are moving in the matter, and an expert has been in communication with them. Barwick Council are interested in the question, and they are anxious to secure representation on the committee entrusted with the work, and I don't suppose the District Council will raise any objection to it.

A sum of £1 3s., collected at Cawood Ash by an Chapel, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

Captain G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., is the recruiting officer of the 3 Squadron of Yorkshire Hussars. On Saturday one of the troopers was thrown from his horse in Leeds.

HOUSES FOR THE ARMY.—Mr J. Godfrey Lee, J.P., Chairman of the Wetherby Stapelcross Committee, who is purchasing horses in the Wetherby district for the War Office, had a very busy time on Monday. In many parts of the country the question is being asked as to how the farmer will carry on his work, especially at harvest time, when the majority of his horses have been commandeered for the war. In this respect the farmers in the Wetherby district are extremely fortunate, for Mr Lang has used the utmost consideration in his selection of horses, and has only taken such as he actually requires. As a result he has left a sufficient number in the district to allow of the agricultural operations being completed with but little inconvenience. All the horse owners concerned seem to be most satisfied with the method adopted by Mr Lang in his treatment of the owners generally. The farmers, on their part, have responded to the country's call in an admirable spirit, willingly submitting their horses to Mr Lang. On Monday he selected 50 horses, which shortly before noon were despatched to the Royal Field Artillery depot at Leeds.

Those were stirring days! Mr Cundall was a strong fighter, and his knowledge of the work and his powers of speech made him a formidable opponent. Then he was resident at Stutton, where he bought considerable property belonging to Sir William Vavasour, and he was a prominent official of Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture, into whose meetings he imparted no little interest. Over six feet in height, he was a splendidly built man, and he was a fine figure, evidently he got tired of wordy strife, for he retired from public life several years since, but he was very active in his business, and he attended the markets in Leeds regularly. Comparatively few of the old members of Tadcaster District Council are left, and it is strange that the three old Tadcaster representatives—Messrs Scriven, Addinell, and Cundall—should have joined the great majority already.

Recently Tadcaster Board of Guardians asked the Wharfedale Board to convene a conference of Poor Law representatives, with a view to making provision for the treatment of the feeble-minded and epileptics under the recently-passed Mental Deficiency Act, and the meeting took place on Friday at Otley. The Unions represented included Settle, Skipton, Pateley Bridge, Knaresborough, Keighley, Todmorden, Tadcaster, and Wetherby. Mr Jonathan Peate, Chairman of the Wharfedale Union, presided. The conference expressed the opinion that it was desirable to form a combination of certain West Riding Unions for the purpose of making adequate provision for the care of the feeble-minded and epileptics that such a combination might be lawfully and properly comprise the Unions of Sedbergh, Settle, Skipton, Pateley Bridge, Ripon, Great Ouseburn, Knaresborough, Wetherby, Tadcaster, Selby, Wharfedale, Keighley, and Todmorden; and that a provisional committee should be formed of one member and the Clerk for each Union, which should be authorised to collect statistics and other information, and to make inquiries as to any suitable land or premises for a hospital.

Quite a "breeze," which at one time threatened to develop into a "scrap," occurred at last meeting of Garforth Urban Council. The Chairman, in answer to a question, stated inadvertently that a certain member was in a firm who had been given a contract, and it was fatal for one representative to leave allowed this to go unchallenged when he knew the facts of the case. Had he at once explained who the members of the firm were there would have been no bother, and a lot of unnecessary squabbling would have been saved.

At the same time, the member who challenged the minute was, on the information given him, quite in order, and he acted in a perfectly fair and straightforward way. It is well-known that a member of a public body, unless in stated cases, cannot legally accept a contract from it, and the provision, from a public standpoint, is a distinctly necessary one, because men would seek service on public bodies for no other purpose than to "feather their own nests." Of course, there is no question of anything of it at Garforth, and, in fact, I do not know of a public man in the whole district who is using his position to that end.

For the first time for many months a clean bill of health was returned for the district, urban area. Fever cases have cost the ratepayers a pity sum since the district was severed from Tadcaster rural area, and one wonders why there should have been so much disease in the place. It is attributed by some to the carelessness of parents, who visit neighbours' houses to which disease is prevalent, or who do not isolate their children properly when suffering, but if this is so why don't the Council take proceedings when they get a good case? Conclusive there no doubt is, but to what extent it is difficult to hazard an opinion, and parents would be saving themselves a lot of expense if they exercised greater discretion in regard to epidemic disease.

RAILWAY TRAGEDY AT CHALONER'S WHIN.

DOORS LOCKED AT MONK FRYSTON.

CHILD FALLS FROM THE TRAIN.

An inquest was held at York County Hospital on Friday by Mr J. R. Wood (Coroner for York and District) on the body of Marjorie Willis, who died in that institution on Thursday as the result of injuries she received by falling from a train near Chaloner's Whin earlier in the day.

Mr W. C. Scott, of the operating department of the North-Eastern Railway, and Mr G. Levitt, of the engineering department, were present on behalf of the company. Mr R. Lamey represented the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company.

The first witness was Mr Charlie Willis, the father of the child, who said he resided at North Lodge, Wynyard Park, Stockton-on-Tees, on the estate of the Marquis of Londonderry. He was a coachman in the estate offices. The deceased child was five years old, and was travelling with her mother from Rochdale to Billingham when the accident happened.

The mother gave most a pitiable picture. She stated she was travelling with her daughter from Rochdale to Billingham on Thursday on the Lancashire and Yorkshire train, which left Rochdale at 12.50 for Scarborough. There were only the witness, the deceased, and witness's baby in the compartment in which they travelled. Monk Fryston was the "first station they stopped at before the accident happened. Deceased left through the door. The last time witness saw deceased she was sitting on the seat, and she no sooner reached the door than she fell out. Witness pulled the communicator cord and the train was pulled up. Deceased was found on the line dying, but witness was not allowed to stay with her. Deceased had previously walked about the carriage as they had been in the train two hours. Some other passengers had been in the train during that period and had got out, but deceased did not fall out on that side. The other door, witness thought, must have been open all the way.

At this point one of the jurymen was seized with ill fit, but he soon recovered.

John Wheelan, 27, Culcheth Brow, Newton Heath, Manchester, an the employ of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, said he was the guard on the train which left Manchester at 12.10 p.m. on Thursday. It was his duty to see that the carriage doors were secure before the train left Manchester. He last saw the carriage previous to the accident in Miles Platson, and the doors were then certainly locked.

The Coroner: What makes you say that?

I walked the whole length of the corridor at Monk Fryston, and examined the tickets.

The Coroner: If anyone got out at Monk Fryston would it be at this door?

Witness: No, sir; it was on the off side.

Continuing, witness said the door in question was not opened at all from the time they left Victoria Station, Manchester. The first intimation witness had of the accident was when the communication cord was pulled, and the train stopped. He saw a compartment door open. The mother of the child came out, and told him her girl had fallen on to the line. Witness went a short distance back, and met some persons coming to meet him. He told them about the affair, and instructed them to search the line. They found the quickest way to get the child to York was to send an engine and coach, which were standing at the signal-box, to the scene. This was done. He conveyed the mother and baby to York in the train.

The Coroner: Why did you not let her stop?

The witness: It was very dangerous there. There are a lot more lines.

He examined the carriage door, and there was no defect whatever. The lock was in working order, although rather stiff. It would be impossible for it to come open, and the child must have been against the door to open it.

The Coroner: Could a child of 5 years open it?

Witness: Yes.

Continuing, witness said the doors were self-locking, and the door could not have been closed and not caught without his noticing it?

The jurymen: And do you think a child of five could open the door?—Yes.

Where did the accident happen?—At Chaloner's Whin Junction, near the south points, at 2.18 p.m.

If the child was seated with her back to the engine near the compartment door, could it open the door.—Yes.

Thomas North, Greenhill, Acomb, platelayer in the service of the N.E.R. Company, said that at about 2.30 p.m. on Thursday the signalman at Chaloner's Whin told him he had received a message from the South Points signalbox to the effect that a child had fallen on to the lines. They did not know which way and so men were sent in two directions. Witness went towards York and found the body. The child appeared to be dead when she was sleeping, with her feet on the rails, and head on the sleeper in the six footway. He saw she was badly cut, and he procured a stretcher and went to the North platelayers' cabin, where a platelayer rendered first aid, until the engine was sent to take the child away. She showed no sign of consciousness.

Dr. Frederick G. McCarter, house surgeon at the York County Hospital, said the deceased was received into the Hospital about 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Deceased's injuries consisted of two wounds to the scalp on the right side of the head, one on the left side, and the body generally was badly broken up. He thought death was due to laceration of the brain, and shock.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died from laceration of the brain caused by falling from the train through the door coming open. There was no evidence to show how the door did come open, the jury added.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Recent rains have brightened the appearance of the plants in the flower garden, and the opportunity should be taken, whilst the plants are in full bloom, to make notes as a guide to next year's bedding operations; it is as much easier to compare the colours and arrange new schemes whilst the plants are actually in bloom. Soil and aspect play an important part in the success (or otherwise) of the different species of plants grown in the flower garden. Mixed borders should now be examined and notes taken of the kinds that are giving the best results. These should be allowed to predominate in the arrangement next year. Notes of this kind are very useful for future reference, especially those applying to borders having a somewhat unfavourable aspect. Borders with a north aspect are often looked upon as impossible as far as summer bedding is concerned. In many gardens such positions are sown down with hardy annuals. Where this has been done it is quite safe while making note of the most satisfactory varieties. Mention of northern borders reminds us of a beautiful example we saw a short time ago. The arrangement was worked out on the ribbon principle and consisted of six distinct lines. The back row was planted with the strong growing grass commonly called Gardener's Garter. This was followed in turn by stocks, pink Beauty of Nice, yellow calceolarias, Sweet William, Japanese Pink Beauty), viola White Swan, and blue lobelia.

Window boxes, vases, and hanging baskets will now be full of roots and require almost daily waterings. The soil in these comparatively small receptacles soon gets exhausted, if weak liquid manure, or some concentrated food, is not given, the plants soon suffer. Yellow, sickly looking and enfeebled growth are the first visible signs that feeding is required. Continued waterings usually makes the surface soil cake, and the roots would receive benefit if the surface is now broken up and a topdressing of rich soil given. This class of gardening is now very popular. An important point is to prevent overcrowding of the growth, whilst the removal of decaying leaves and flowers should be attended to daily.

PROPAGATION.

The propagation of many kinds of bedding plants may now be commenced. In districts where it is found difficult to preserve violas and pansies through the winter months a start should be made with these subjects first. Flowering stems should be rejected in favour of the basal shoots springing from the base. Use a sharp knife in preparing the cuttings, and cut through immediately below a joint. Remove the leaves of the cuttings to about three inches long, and one or two of the bottom leaves should be removed. A suitable compost for rooting the cuttings is fine loam of old potting soil, one part leaf-mould, and a free admixture of sand. Pass the whole through a half-inch riddle, and place in shallow cold frames to a depth of four or five inches. The bottom of the frame should be broken up to a depth of about 6 inches before placing the soil in position. Place half an inch of fine sand on the surface, and make the holes with a dibber, into the cuttings to at least three inches apart and make them in one quite firm. Give a thorough soaking of water, and place the lights in position during the day, removing them again in the evening. An effort should be made to prevent the cuttings drooping, and with this object in view shade from bright sun should be provided. Sprinkle overhead three times daily during dull or wet weather. In about a fortnight's time the plants will have formed a calloused base, and air must then be given to the frames on suitable days by day. The object of removing the lights in the evening is to keep the cuttings as hardy as possible, and the sooner the lights can be dispensed with in the daytime the better it will be for the plants.

When violas and pansies are in, a start may be made with geraniums. Short-jointed side shoots make the best cuttings, and we have found no better method of rooting the cuttings than to place four around the edge of a three inch pot. The compost for propagating purposes should contain a fair amount of sand, and a little should also be placed at the bottom of each hole before inserting the cutting. Press the soil firmly around them, and if it is moist no water need be given for a few days. Our climate is so uncertain at this time of the year, that we find it an advantage to place the pots of cuttings either in a cold frame, or in a greenhouse shelf. Geraniums are impatient of too much water at any time, and if the cuttings were placed outdoor during a spell of wet weather many of them would damp off. So long as the soil can be kept just moist the cuttings will be all right, and spraying lightly overhead will do more good than giving an excess of water to the soil.

Arabis alpina variegata is now largely used for summer bedding. The usual method of increasing stock is by division, but if large quantities are required they may easily be raised by taking cuttings this month. Cuttings of every small piece will grow, and it is not necessary to remove the lower leaves. Dibble in pieces into sandy compost in cold frames, and keep close, moist and shaded until the roots form.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Peas are now bearing freely and the pods should be gathered before they get old. They will remain sweet for days if spread out thinly on a shelf in a cool place. Do not allow the peas on their plants they soon loose their sweetness, and interfere with the development of younger pods. Later varieties should be sown now in good time. High winds may be expected any time this month, and peas that are not securely staked may be blown down in a few hours.

Continue to sow and transplant lettuce. Sow radishes and onions, and keep the hoe going amongst growing crops.

Celery grows quicker after receiving its first slight earthing up. This should be given whilst the soil is moist, and the foliage dry.

POT PLANTS.

CYCLAMENS.

Cyclamen are now commencing to make new growth and should be repotted without delay. If the old soil is very dry, it should be thoroughly watered, so that it can be removed without seriously damaging the roots. The new compost may be made up of two parts fibrous loam, one part each of leaf-mould and peat, a sixth each of soil from each of the following to each barrow load of loam—soot, wood ashes, lime, mortar, and crushed oyster shells. Add sufficient sand to make the whole porous. No animal manure is required at present. Press the compost firmly into the pots, and allow half the corm to protrude from the soil. Place the plants in a cold frame, and shade from sunshine. Spray overhead every morning but avoid wetting the soil excessively until plenty of new roots have developed. When in full growth there are few plants which require so much water as the cyclamen, but excessive dampness before the roots become thoroughly active would cause the soil to turn sour, and eventually prevent healthy growth being made after words. When the plants are growing freely they may be lifted almost up to the glass, and have the pots plunged in a bed of ashes. This is quite as conducive to disease as is a leaky or draughty one. Have these strong, well-ventilated, watertight structures, straight-sided houses, and your birds will be safe from disease arising from this source. The next thing is cleanliness.

Dirt in any shape or form is a very prolific cause of diseases, and where filth abounds there will also the germs of disease thrive.

Clean all houses, coops, &c., out regularly and do roughly, and also wash out the feeding troughs and drinking fountains, and use the limewash brush with a free hand. Cleanliness is fatal to vermin and disease germs, and therefore if you have your birds and all appertaining thereto scrupulously clean another source of disease will be removed.

Overcrowding the birds is another cause of disease, as the birds' constitutions are lowered and when in this condition they fall easy victims to disease. Avoid overcrowding.

Improper feeding and the unnatural use of spices are direct causes of liver disease and many allied complaints.

The presence of vermin, such as fleas, lice and mites, is also a direct cause of ill-health, for, apart from the injury done the birds by these pests themselves, the birds' constitutions are brought so much in a low condition by them that quite incapable of resisting the attacks of any disease, and thus they fall easy victims. Void of stale ground is full of disease germs, and for this reason birds should never be kept upon ground which has become stale through the continual running of fowls upon it. The common fowl-run should be ploughed in the autumn, and the ground thoroughly dressed in the spring. Neglect to quarantine an already infected bird. Directly a bird shows symptoms of any disease it should be isolated, and the remainder of the birds, and as an extra precaution a little sour powder added to the healthy birds' soft food or drinking water, whilst still better is to dose them also by limewashing or co-soaking all the houses and boiling all the feeding troughs and drinking fountains in a wash of 1 part of Jeyes' Fluid to 20 parts of good disinfectant. A little of this might also be sprinkled about the houses and runs. The absence of sharp flint grit with which to digest their food is another cause of the formation of egg-shell, and green food are all causes of health troubles.

Bearing in mind the foregoing. I think myself I agree with me in saying that although on paper it seems a fair amount, when put into actual practice the advice given entails very little trouble and is well worth carrying out, for it is hard enough when we have to combat a disease which no earthly power can avert, without doubling the chance of trouble by neglecting the simple duties.

Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph K. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must enclose halfpenny postal order. The address of the writer must in all cases be given).

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MR F. W. SUTCLIFFE'S EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

AT LUXEMBURG, LIEGE, AND NAMUR.

Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, of New Mansion, Crossgates, who is Chairman of Barkston Ash District Liberal Association, has had an exciting experience on the German Frontier. For several years he has spent the summer holiday on the Continent, and when he sailed from Dover on the 1st inst. it was his intention to spend a few weeks in Belgium, but, like many more, he was compelled to return to old England in a hurry, and, strange to say, it was not until he returned on Thursday, the 6th, that he learned this country was at war with Germany.

On arriving at Ostend, Mr Sutcliffe went to the station, and booked a seat in the train intending to go on to Luxemburg, and the journey to Brussels was without incident. There was, however, considerable delay at Brussels, where there was great excitement, and he learned that the Reserves were being called up as a precautionary measure. The station was crowded with soldiers, and there was much commotion. Luxemburg, which Belgium and Germany have invaded, has eventually reached, and the first evidences of anything untoward having occurred were revealed at the hotel which the tourists had put up at. The fare provided was of the poorest description, and, when the management was remonstrated with, it was explained that the Belgians had commandeered all the food in the house, with the exception of bread. That was on Sunday morning. Orders had been issued, too, that bakers were not to make pastry, etc.; they were to provide plain bread only. The tourists discovered themselves in a state of siege, because the Belgians would not accept their own paper money, nor would they have English gold. On going down the town, which was under military control, he was told the Germans were on the frontier, but he did not believe it and treated it as a joke.

"Connons they will rattle,
And the bulls they will fly;
For Old Nick will come
To drink old England dry."

This was what he recited to the tourists in his company, not that at the time he had it written; it was the Russian bogey, and now it was the German bogey. However, he soon found the Germans were more serious than he thought, for on returning to the hotel he saw a notice posted, stating that the tourists had better go further from the frontier, in which words, even the way they came. The Germans, they were informed, were about to open fire, and the Belgians were blowing the bridges in order to check the advance of the enemy. As a matter of fact, the party soon had evidence of this, for they heard the bridges being destroyed.

Of course, there was nothing for it but to obey orders, and the party went on to Liege, but it was a case of jumping out of the frying-pan into the fire. German airships and aeroplanes were flying over the district—spying out the land—and the forces of the Fatherland were preparing for an attack. Mr Sutcliffe says that he saw a squadron at Uhlans, and they terrified a lot of women. Clearly it was not prudent to remain here, and, on reaching the British Consul, it was decided to move on.

At Namur, the strongest Belgian fortress on the River Meuse, there is an hotel practically at the fortress, and here Mr Sutcliffe had the highest point in Belgium. To this stronghold the tourists came. They were somewhat surprised to see so many Belgian officers, but it was explained that they were used for carrying messages, and, as a matter of fact, they had disappeared next morning—they had gone to join their units full of soldiers, and on walking through the place, Mr Sutcliffe states, they were treated with every courtesy by the soldiers who permitted him to pass over the bridges and through the regiments. On returning to the hotel, someone suggested that a service should be held, and the suggestion was promptly acted upon. A Scottish minister, who was one of the party, conducted an impressive service, and at the close, the well-known hymn, "O God, our Help" was sung by the little congregation. That service those who participated in it will never forget.

Immediately afterwards they were told to pack up and prepare for departure. It was not, however, until four o'clock on Wednesday morning that the train came—"You had better get ready to clear out." Mr Sutcliffe looked out, and the grounds were full of soldiers, who were hastily erecting wire entanglements by the sett. A special train-car was provided for the tourists, who numbered 35, including a few Americans, and when they got to the station confusion reigned. Rich men were sending their families away to safer quarters, and, to make matters worse, the troops were being concentrated at this point. "After waiting 12 hours," said Mr Sutcliffe, "as train came in, and then ensued a terrific struggle. It was a pitiful sight to see the people struggling over two hours to get on board. Mr Sutcliffe, "by a little tact and gentlemanly conduct, and the men, mustering well with English, cheered lustily. It was fun to see the planed look on the poor-stricken faces as they remarked, on seeing the warship, "We are all right now!" Dover was reached on Thursday, and as the steamer passed before the forts the garrison turned out and cheered and cheered again. Then they were told about the declaration of war.

"The Belgian soldiers, Mr Sutcliffe stated, are determined to make a great fight, and have been inspired by their King's message to the soldiery, with whom he had a talk at Luxemburg, said that he thought they would be beaten by the Germans, for there were so many of them that thousands of them would go down before the forts fell. As we now know, the Belgian soldiers have fought splendidly, and the Belgians, it appears, are controlled by the Belgians, and all messages have to be passed by the Governor, and the news that is not official may or may not be true.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES AFFAIRS

QUESTION OF THE CHARITIES.

GARFORTH GAS CO.'S REPLY.

Barwick-in-Elmet Council had a meeting at Scholes on Monday night, and the members present were Messrs J. W. Rayner (Chairman), Hudson and Wetherall (Scholes), R. Wright, J. Birch, and F. Lumb (Barwick), and the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clarke).

The following letter, in reply to one sent by the Clerk, was read from the Clerk of Crossgates, who are preparing a new scheme for the administration of the charities, owing to Crossgates being included in Leeds:—

With reference to your letter of 9th June, I am to say that the proposed scheme has been under consideration. Before proceeding further with the matter, however, I am to inquire whether it is correctly understood that you suggest that "other charities" should be included in the scheme, and, if so, to request that you will furnish me with the name of such "other charities."

At the same time I am to inquire (a) whether the township of Roundhay has ever participated in the benefits of the charities known as the Poor's Estate, St. Thomas' Doles, and the charity of John Riley; (b) what is the present endowment of the Old Workhouse Trust; and (c) who is the Steward of that Trust and by whom and in what manner is it applied?

The Chairman asked if Roundhay had ever participated in the charities.

Messrs Wright and Wetherill said it had not.

Mr Birch explained that Roundhay had not been part of the civil parish for many years, but it was at one time included in the ecclesiastical parish of Barwick.

The Chairman said they were not interested in ecclesiastical divisions now.

Mr Birch said that none of the charities were for the benefit of the church.

Mr Wright said that the churchwardens, along with representatives of the Council, administered some of the charities, but they were distinctly apart from the church. He did not think the churchwardens had any power at all, and for a long time they lost it, but a former rector of Barwick had an interview with the Charity Commissioners, and he got them to put it back again.

Mr Birch: In opposition to the views of this Council.

The Chairman said that Crossgates was the only place, other than Barwick and Scholes, that had any claim on the charities.

Mr Wright said the Charity Commissioners had all the information they required in the report of the last inquiry, to which the Clerk had called their attention.

The Chairman: It looks to me as if they had some doubt as to whether all the charities should be shared.

Mr Wright: Leeds is probably claiming something for Roundhay out of them.

Mr Needham: We want the other charities exhausted.

The Chairman said it might be worth while to have an interview with the Charity Commissioners.

Mr Wright said there was a charity of £5 which went to the Sunday School, and at one time it was thought by the Church Sunday School that a claim on it, but it was found that at the time the money was left there was no Church Sunday School, and it went to the dissenters' Sunday School.

After further discussion it was proposed by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Wetherill and carried, that the questions be answered, and that the Clerk ask an interview with the Charity Commissioners.

The old workhouse estate consists of five cottages and 64 acres of land, with a net rental of £51, which goes to the relief of the rates.

Mr Demain, manager of the Garforth Gas Co., wrote, in reply to the Clerk, in regard to the cost of gas, fittings, etc., to Barwick consumers as follows:—

I am sorry that I did not make myself quite clear in reference to the sale of fittings. The fact, as I quote, viz., "consumer to find own piping and fittings," refers only to the consumers who elect to use gas with an ordinary meter. This is the usual practice with all gas undertakings. We do, however, find all piping and the fittings for consumers who prefer having a penny slot meter. This is the practice both in Garforth and Aberford now. You will perhaps see that it would be greatly unfair to ask the penny slot consumers to pay 4s. 2d. per 1,000 cubic feet (40 feet for a penny), and the ordinary consumers only 3s. 6d. per 1,000 feet. Hence the reason why we pipe the house and find three fittings, and we have to keep these pipes and fittings continually in repair.

Mr Needham said his remarks were not to be taken as that all consumers at Barwick would be treated alike.

Mr Wright: No distinction was made.

It was decided to send a letter of protest to the Gas Co., on the motion of Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Lumb.

It was decided to issue a precept on the overseers for the amount of a halfpenny rate (between £17 and £18).

The Chairman having raised the question of the Scholes township-planning scheme, Mr Wright said he thought the Council should be represented on the committee, and he proposed that the District Council be asked to give representation, and if they agreed, that Mr Rayner be appointed—Mr Birch seconded, and this was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LORD HAREWOOD'S APPEAL.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—In the present crisis, money will be urgently needed to relieve the distress caused by the war. I would ask you, therefore, to give prominence in your columns up on appeal to the people of the West Riding for subscriptions for the following objects:—

(a) Relief of sick and wounded.
(b) Relief of the families and dependants of all engaged in the war.
(c) Provisions, equipment, and personnel of hospitals and other medical services.

A Special Committee of the West Riding County Association has been already appointed to take charge of, and distribute the funds collected for these purposes, in order to have one central organisation for distribution, and so avoid the confusion and over-lapping which took place during the South African war.

This committee, which has power to enlarge its numbers, is intended to cover the whole area of the West Riding, exclusive of any cities or large towns which may desire to have their own funds and organization. I am confident that the Lord Mayors and Mayors of the West Riding will work in harmony with such committee, so that cases of over-lapping, etc., may be avoided.

All subscriptions to the fund should be directed to West Riding War Fund, Messrs. Beckett's Bank, York, and inquiries addressed to the Secretary, West Riding War Fund, Territorial Headquarters, York.—I am, sir, yours obediently,

HAREWOOD, Lord Lieutenant,
West Riding and of the City and County of York.
West Riding Territorial Headquarters, York,
8th August, 1914.

SEATS IN HALTON RECREATION FIELD.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I should like (through your valuable paper) to call attention to the seats, or lack of seats, in the Halton Recreation Ground. The Council provided 12 splendid seats for us, but just brought them to the ground and left them there some months ago. Now they are mostly broken. The children have carried them about and used them for playing schools, and tobogganslides, until the backs are off and the frames are smashed, all because the Council cannot agree, I expect, as to who can find some wood and screws to fasten them into the ground.

Is there nobody who would do the job for a £, or have we to see them all made into hedges?

These seats supplied a long-felt want, and more people have used the Recreation Ground this year than I have ever seen before, but now if you want to sit down, you must sit where the children think you ought to sit, that is, in a class, with some one else behind you and half-a-dozen "kids" playing schools on either side, under the shade of the one and only tree.

I do think the Council have spoiled a good job for the want of screws or screwbolts and a bit of wood.—Yours, etc.,

A RESIDENT.

It is estimated that 55,000 holiday-makers left Blackpool on Saturday, and by 6 p.m. the town was almost drained of its visitors.

Sentencing prisoners for drunkenness at Birmingham on Saturday, Mr. H. Hobbs, presiding magistrate, said everyone who gets drunk now is squandering the resources of his country, and must be punished accordingly. Heavier fines were imposed. One woman created a scene when being locked down for fourteen days, in default of paying a fine. "Only for a drop of beer," she cried, as she was removed from court.

CROSSGATES AND HALTON MEN'S DASH THROUGH FRANCE.

THRILLING 600 MILES' RIDE.

FRANCE AND THE WAR.

Mr J. Smart White, of Crossgates, Mr Reginald Hall, of Halton, and Mr Hubert Hall, and Mr C. P. Finn, of Castleford, were on holiday in the French Alps at Grenoble, when the news of the mobilisation of all foreigners of whatever nationality must be out of France within three days under pain of arrest. Mr White writes in the "Evening Post":—

The trains were all commandeered for army work, so there was nothing for it but to make a dash by road. That meant a ride of six hundred miles, and we had to pass through the heart of the rapidly mobilising French Army and skirt the dangerous frontier line. In addition we had to consider the probability of getting no petrol, as all supplies were, of course, at once taken over by the Government.

"Full to Defence Majesty's Consul" apparently each of us with a certificate of British nationality, and off we set. The first few miles through the Alps bordering Italy were devoid of incident, but once clear of Aix les Bains and on the verge of the Swiss neutral ground the trouble began. Finn moved us all round fork, and before he knew it was over the border into the neutral territory; and on discovering his error he had great difficulty in getting back. Two English-speaking officers appeared, however, and smoothed matters out.

Crossing the Rhone at Seyssel, we were subjected to a severe scrutiny, and thereafter in every town, village, at every railway crossing or river or canal bridge, we were "arrested," and our papers examined.

We got along fairly well next day until in a good-sized village, a boy suddenly jumped on his cycle and raced ahead of us; we happened to be going quite slowly. On rounding the next bend we saw a line of gendarmes across the road, backed up by a rapidly growing crowd, who were manifestly hostile. We explained we were English, and matters were allayed, but the crowd pushed our machines, Swift's and mine, up to the Gendarmerie for examination of our baggage.

The next question, however, was "Where is Finn?" He had not overtaken us, though following closely. It transpired that the sound of our engines had brought out a gendarme not after Swift and I passed his sett, and on seeing Finn, he rushed into the road, brandishing a naked sword in the most terrifying manner. Finn endeavoured to get permission to go on, but in vain, but the gendarme was obliterate, until a messenger, whom the chief kindly sent at my request, appeared, and escorted our company in.

The chief did not trouble to open our baggage on finding we were English, but was thrilled to see that we were obliged. As I had some of my business cards, bearing the word "Yes" phrase," which might have caused trouble, I took and destroyed them.

At Dole we were about clear of the mountains, and henceforward our way should nowhere be closed. Our next halt was to Bodegen, where constant challenges and examinations so delayed us that we were leaving Chaumont at 7 p.m., as there was a 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew in force. The streets were full of soldiers. We struggled on in the growing darkness, finally dropping thankfully into an hotel at Joinville.

Everywhere this day, and, in fact, all along where we were within fifty miles of the frontier, we passed streams of Swiss and other nationalities struggling pointlessly forward, their point of destination being the most part in hand carts drawn by weeping men and women, while the children toiled along in the dust. Here will be the place to record a forced exit, but always the animal was an old screw, too far gone for the army to use. Poor wretches! It was a sad sight.

While getting petrol next morning, a good Samaritan advised us that it would be safer to get a police safe-conduct in the next military district, and we had hardly bustled in overheard the police lieutenant remark to his chief: "How the d—— did they get so far with only this?" referring to the certificate.

The new passport cleared the way fairly easily as a rule, but on approaching Chateau Thierry we were again arrested and marched off, possibly by the marching nearly a mile to the gendarmerie, only to be very courteously dismissed. A Boy Scout cyclist was sent to conduct us through the town, and a very proud he was of his job. He was a good pedaller, too, and kept along at a smart pace.

Approaching Soissons for the night, we found ourselves stopped peremptorily. It was after 9 o'clock, and the "retat de siege" forbids everybody to travel after this hour, on the risk of being shot at sight. An obliging adjutant, however, appeared, and passed us through. The town swarmed with soldiers, and the hotels were packed.

We stopped in the Grande Place and in a moment were the centre of a bellowing crowd of soldiers, who shook our hands, slapped our backs, and shouted "Vive l'Angleterre!" All we could do was to bellow back our thanks, but finally we, as good Britishers, applied to the police, who very quickly sent courteously to us settled—and well settled, too.

That day we had come through the Burgundy and Champagne districts, and it is charming to see the attempts made by the few remaining inhabitants to carry on the work of the land. For 5, sacrificial motives, both old grandfathers, and boys and girls were weeding the vines, harvesting what they could of the corn, and tending the cows. Butter was apparently able at several hotels we were in, there being, of course, no one left to make it. A land deserted and silent and sad.

In the towns all the women were dressed in deep mourning, and almost the only smiles we saw in that ride of two miles were those of the soldiers on their way to battle.

On two or three occasions we had to appeal to the "mairs" of a town to get petrol, as the stocks were forbidden to sell it. In every case, with his assistance, we got it without further difficulty, and always at normal prices. The same can be said of the hotels, where we were well and reasonably treated.

At Boulogne there was more calmness, due, I suppose, to the people being able to get news close at hand. In the hotel we were lucky enough to get a boat with lots of room, as no train happened to get through from Paris with passengers for it. We thought, however, nine English motor-cars. Some of them had had a good deal of difficulty in getting away, mainly because their owners could not get their paper money changed. My companions were also in this fix, but fortunately I had sent a small draft for myself to Grenoble in case of accidents, and this I just managed to get cashed. On it we struggled home.

France seems to make an end of it this time without a doubt. Her soldiers are optimistic and well-trained, and, my goodness, what thousands of them there are! Strings of motor lorries, up to the Gendarmerie for examination of our baggage.

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HORSE AND FLOWER SHOW AT WISTOW

HAMBLETON, FENTON, HILLAM, AND CAWOOD WINNERS.

The 49th annual Wistow Agricultural and Horticultural Show was held on Tuesday, in perfect weather. It was a very successful event. The fields which had been made during the week by the army of officers for horses had had the effect of rendering a good many prospective entries, while the fact that the barley has been falling somewhat behind had increased the necessity for some farmers to stay at home. The effect, also, affected the attendance, but, everything considered, both the display and the attendance were very satisfactory. Indeed, as regards the latter, one of the shows was that for agricultural horses. There were some very creditable animals in the ring, all of the local sort. Mr. Jno. Burton, of Ulleby, was a winner in the colt, foal class with an unbeaten youngster, whose victories include North Duffield and Selby. Messrs Lee's, Garrick, stood second, and the same colt headed the class for foals which had never won a prize. In the two and three year old class the first prize winners exhibitors were Mr E. Jagger and Mr James Pocklington, who each had horses of which a great deal should be heard. The prize winners were also in the collection in the pairs class.

There were one or two very prominent hunters. Mr J. Pocklington had a fine brood mare class with Jagger in front of considerable quality, with plenty of good bone. She is a mare of the old type that is only too uncommon nowadays. Mr J. Tatsfield's Shamrock was first in the hunter in the foal class. She has come on a great deal since her North Duffield and Selby victories, and looks the right sort of hunter for weight-carrying.

There were several very fine classes in the harness section, and, though the entry was not large, the work were of excellent quality, while the open riding and driving classes saw a promising 1914 winner in the ring in Mr Cawood's Campion, shown by Mr R. Black, York. She had little difficulty in annexing premier honours.

The flower, fruit, and vegetable section was a strong part of the show. This was particularly the case in respect to vegetables, some very attractive classes of turnips and mangolds being on view. The following were the awards:—

HORSES AND COWS.

Foals.—Colt or filly foal, for hunting purposes:—1, G. Tatsfield, Thorgersby; 2, Jas. Pocklington, Wistow; 3, W. H. Winters, Skipwith. Colt or filly foal, for nag purposes:—1, A. B. Cooper, Selby; 2, R. S. Kendall, Cawood. Colt foal, for agricultural purposes:—1, T. Burton, Cliffe; 2, Messrs S. and J. Lee, Escrick; 3, Robt. Pocklington. Filly foal, ditto:—1, G. H. Collins, Hillam; 2, Jos. Hardcastle, Church Fenton. Agricultural colt or filly foal, which has never taken a prize:—1, S. and J. Lee; 2, Jas. Pocklington. Hunting brood mare with foal at foot, or having a living foal in 1914:—1, Jas. Pocklington; equal, G. Smith, Selby, and Messrs Lee's, Escrick. Carting brood mare, ditto:—1, T. Burton; 2, G. H. Collins.

Three-year-olds.—Agricultural gelding or filly:—1, E. Jagger, Stockton Lane, York; 2, Jas. Pocklington; 3, Jas. Pocklington. Hunting gelding or filly:—1, E. Jagger; 2, T. Burton, Cliffe; 3, Jas. Pocklington.

Agricultural gelding or mare, worked during the present season, by a tenant farmer:—1, E. Jagger; 2, E. Jagger; 3, W. Clough, jun., Selby. Pair agricultural horses:—1, E. Jagger; 2, Jas. Pocklington. Single agricultural horse, gelding or mare, class 1, McColl Bros., York; 2, G. B. Copley, Selby.

Dairy cows:—1, E. Hirley, Wistow Lordship; 2, George Elliot, Kettlethorpe.

FLOWERS.

Cut roses, varieties:—1, G. W. Reader, Cawood; 2, Dudding, Selby; 3, T. Woodall, Barlby; 2, T. Tasker, Flaxley Common. Stocks, ditto:—1, G. W. Reader, Asters, ditto:—1, G. W. Reader; 2, A. Ripston, Church Fenton; 3, Mrs Rowntree, Pollington; 2, Mrs Rowntree, Pollington; 3, T. Smarr, Red currants:—1, T. Woodall; 2, G. Howcroft, Riccall. Collection of vegetables:—1, Miss May Pocklington; 2, T. Woodall.

VEGETABLES.

Troy vegetables:—1, G. Howcroft; 2, A. Hemingbrough, Wistow. Tomatoes:—1, Mrs Hambleton; 2, G. Howcroft. Vegetable marrows:—1, Geo. Jackson, Wistow; 2, Chas. Jackson, Wistow. Cauliflowers:—1, A. Brown, Barlby. Kohl-rabi:—1, G. Howcroft, Hambleton; 2, C. Jefferies:—1, G. W. Reader. Cabbage:—1, G. W. Reader; 2, H. Hemingbrough, Barlby. Radishes:—1, Chas. Jackson; 2, G. W. Reader, Wistow. Spring-onions or onions:—1, Howcroft, Hambleton; 2, T. Smarr. Autumn-sown onions:—1, Howcroft; 2, Howcroft, Hambleton. Broad beans:—1, T. Woodall; 2, T. Smarr. French beans:—1, Howcroft, Hambleton; 2, T. Smarr. Scarlet runners:—1, T. Woodall; 2, G. W. Reader. Wistow. Peas:—1, T. Woodall; 2, G. Howcroft. Round potatoes:—1, G. Howcroft; 2, Howcroft, Hambleton. Kidney potatoes:—1, G. Howcroft; 2, Howcroft, Hambleton. Potatoes, any one variety:—1, T. Smarr; 2, G. W. Reader. Six varieties of potatoes:—1, G. Howcroft; 2, G. Stockdale, Wistow. Onions, any one variety:—1, G. W. Reader; 2, Howcroft. Onions, three pecks, given by Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., for the best troy of vegetables (4 varieties), open to all Lordship members, and not to be competed for by cottagers in the Barkston Ash Division under £7 rental:—1, F. Wood; 2, H. Hemingbrough.

FARM PRODUCE.

Butter:—1, Mrs Poskitt, Flishlake; 2, Mrs Rowntree. Eggs (white):—1, Mrs Blanchon, Babwith; 2, T. Smarr. Eggs (brown):—1, Mrs Blanchon; 2, Mrs W. Smith, Ogdodyke. Heaviest hen eggs (single yolks):—1, Mrs Shepherd, Riccall; 2, Mrs Poskitt. Wheat:—1, W. Hirsey, Gateforth; 2, Jas. Pocklington, Wistow. Black oats:—1, G. Sweeting, Wistow. White oats:—1, G. Sweeting; Barley:—1, G. Hirsey; 2, R. Robt. Jackson. Swede turnips:—1, G. Mackshall. White Turnips:—1 and 2, A. E. Backhouse. Red mangolds:—1, G. W. Neville; 2, Chas. E. Simpson, Wistow. Yellow mangolds:—1, R. J. Pocklington, Wistow; 2, T. Gray. Mangels (Messrs Ingpool and Sons' specialities):—1, Tom Gray; 2, A. E. Backhouse; 3, Robt. Jackson. Carrots:—1, A. E. Backhouse; 2, Robt. Jackson. Carrots:—1, C. Parkinson; 2, G. Howcroft; 3, Hambleton; 2, Ed. Marshall, Wistow. Bronze Miss A. Ward, Foggathorpe; 2, Mrs E. Leach, Escrick; 3, Mrs Jim Watson, Ellerton.

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

AVOID MONOTONY IN DIET.

Let all housewives who have considered good cooks avoid monotony above all things. It is quite possible to starve in the midst of plenty—that is to say, we may eat day after day of a fashionable diet, very nourishing in itself, and yet derive no benefit from it. Strive, then, to have variety, and strive to see each dish as "tasty" as possible. Eggs, for instance, can be cooked in a great many ways, and yet most people's whole idea of cooking an egg is to boil it, or fry it, until it is leathery and indigestible. It is not merely to pamper the appetite that one should make everything as tasty as possible. Taste, and a variety of tastes, are necessary to the digestion as well as the enjoyment of food. It has been satisfactorily proved by scientific experiment that no man can be properly nourished on tasteless food. The taste and smell of food excite the digestive juices to flow more abundantly.

SMOKING BAD FOR ARTERIES.

A Dortmund physician has been making a special study of the influence of tobacco smoke on the circulation of the blood. His measurements indicate that the smoking of two-and-medium cigars causes characteristic alterations in many of the most important features in the nicotine effect on the vasomotor centre, which is the chief regulator stimulus to the vessels which results in increased tonus. The behaviour of the pulse-rate is variable. Slight or ten Hostile cigars give a vasomotor result (the effect on the muscles of the vessels) similar to that from two "medium" cigars." These experiments confirm the widely current impression that excessive smoking is harmful to the heart and the arteries. Therefore, anyone with a tendency to the hardening of the arteries ought to be extremely moderate in his use of tobacco, or employ a substitute.

TOOTH-BRUSH DRILL.

As soon as the child is old enough to use a tooth-brush a medium soft brush should be provided, and the child should be carefully taught how to use it, says a writer in *Good Words*. If the teeth are brushed for a few moments after each meal there will be little or no difficulty in keeping them perfectly clean, and ordinary water is the only lotion that will be required. It is also a good practice to rub them a little lightly with the last thing at night. A harsh, stiff brush is not desirable, for it is likely to lacerate the gums and cause bleeding, and the gums are very tender a piece of cotton wool moistened in water may be used for the teeth, but it is more awkward to handle than a brush. The use of toothpicks other than in exceptional circumstances is to be deprecated, for unless applied with care there is every chance of damaging the gums and causing them to recede.

POLISHING BRASS.

New brass needs nothing but dusting with an old silk handkerchief. Brass that is very old, or has been neglected, or has tarnished, should be polished with a paste made by moistening powdered rotton-stone with turpentine. When the brass has been well rubbed, the surface of the brass should be painted over with a mixture of lacquer and turpentine. If treated in this way at the time of spring-cleaning, the brass will last through the summer with little dull.

A FEW LITTLE WRINKLES.

Special care should be rubbed with lemon juice, then dried with a soft cloth.

The varnished street door will look like new if well rubbed over with a cloth dipped in paraffin.

After cleaning the brasses in the usual way, polish them with a dry cloth sprinkled with powdered whiting.

When relaying the stair carpets put a pad of folded newspaper over the edge of each stair. This will lengthen the life of the carpet.

Furniture polish from mahogany furniture, rub a little sweet oil into the mark, then a little spirits of wine. Dry with a soft cloth, and the mark will disappear.

To clean matting, tie some bran in a bag, dip the bag in boiling water, and when the matting is cold, then rinse off with a cloth wrung out in warm salt water.

When you are cleaning the blind flat on a table, sprinkle with powdered bathbrick, slightly warmed, rub well into the blind, then brush off. Any stain, lace edge, apply powdered bathbrick with a brush, working it well in.

NICE DISHES.

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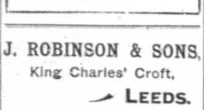
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Nowadays common honesty is expected of nations just as much as of individuals, and any reason why Germany has not a single friend or sympathiser, with the exception of her ally, Austria, among the civilised nations of the world, is the failure of our rulers to appreciate the rights of others. The Kaiser and Prince Buelow have caused monstrosities—the brute of Belgium and—to the German people, and the Prince's proclamation reminders with its phrase "Even if the world be filled with foes" the German people will defend and maintain its place in the sun." France has memories of 1870 to wipe out, or she has never forgotten her loss of Alsace and Lorraine, but even she ally in the great European struggle that is now going on has never attempted to check the legitimate development of Germany, nor has any other nation sought to limit the expansion of the Prussians so long as they were within limited bounds. On the contrary, German ambition has been a source of anxiety to European statesmen for years, and its whole policy seems to have been directed at not maintaining a place in the sun, but of securing the sun as the exclusive possession of the Fatherland. Instead of Germany, it is the other nations who are striving to keep their places in the world, for, in the light of the revelations made in the British Parliament, it is quite clear the German Emperor had determined on a policy of aggrandisement, and for years he has been making plans with a view to striking at the first opportune moment. The horrors of war and the awfulness of human suffering do not count with such men; the conscript soldiers have but to do their bidding, although they would prefer to remain employed at their peaceful occupations; and to gratify the ambition of a single individual for ye must be turned into a battle-field. And how wily the Kaiser has been. Austria, which has too often been the catspaw of Germany, declared war on Servia, because the latter would not comply with certain conditions, following the murder of the heir to the Austrian throne, and when Russia interfered on behalf of the Serbs, Germany took up arms in support of Austria. This looks very simple, but there was something behind it all. The British Foreign Secretary strove hard to prevent the conflagration, but he could not control when the Kaiser thought he should strike, and all the endeavours of Sir Edward Grey to bring about peace failed utterly. France, by her treaty obligations, was compelled to go to the assistance of Russia, and when German troops invaded Belgium—whose neutrality both this country and Germany had covenanted to maintain, Great Britain declared war on Prussia. But behind all this is a story of German perfidy which, happily, the British Government was given to the world, and it proves conclusively, if any proof were ever needed, that Germany intended to make the Austro-Servian quarrel serve her own purpose. Papers were submitted to Parliament, and they set forth in a manner that there is no mistaking how Germany, backed by Austria or using that country as an instrument, has been at the bottom of all this bad business—how, as was surmised at the time, the jubilees exhibited on the unparalleled of Russia and France, but they were equally confident (probably induced to that belief by our internal troubles at the time) that Britain could be "bought off," how they evidently never reckoned on Italy failing to agree to their nefarious designs, how they failed to take account of the opposition of Belgium and the resistance that that little country would be able to make to their military schemes, how the real object of Austria was not simply enforcing reparation for the murder of the Archduke and Duchess, but getting possession of Salonica and dominating all that part of the Balkans, and how their own primary purpose was the subjection of France, the annexation of French colonies, and the ultimate occupation of Belgium. When Sir Edward Grey informed Germany that this country could not be indifferent if France were assailed, the German Chancellor prop-ed that Britain should stand aside whilst the Prussians worked their will in France, particularly in seizing French colonies, on the strength of an "assurance" that the integrity of France and her colonies preserved were the Germans to win in the struggle. Although the Germans later not the grounds for colonisation, they have been extremely anxious to get an outlet for their growing population, and what better than were the French colonies and begin the building up of a world-wide empire? Here was a Power making promises to Britain, and at the same time violating her most treaties by invading Belgium. Moreover, the French are our friends, and we were asked to sell them. Such was the bribe held out to us for the acceptance by Britain of the German proposals, as the Prime Minister said, this country would have been for ever dishonoured. Had such a proposal been made to sell a friend by an individual, as one statesman said, he would have been knocked down. So far as Germany's assurances are concerned, had all her pre-arranged plans matured, and had she succeeded in beating France, what was there to prevent her seizing Belgium and Holland? Then Britain would have had a task. Germany desires a great navy, she is jealous of Britain's naval power, and what would she not give for possession of the ports on the North Sea coast? Were Holland and Belgium to become Germany states, Britain would have a great naval Power on the other side of the sea, and, judging by her history, that Power would not be inclined to be a peaceable neighbour. For years a struggle between Britain and Germany has been foretold, and, if it had its origin owing to Prussian militarism, it is safe to say that it have come about in the manner it has done. Germany is a great military Power, with her army of millions of men, and the fight will be a terrible one, but the other European nations have so much at stake that they cannot lay aside the sword until they have convinced the German Emperor that they, too, have a place in the sun.

Farmers attending Melton market on Saturday said there was a shortage of field workers, in consequence of the calling up of men to the south Riding Territorials, and Farm Waggoners' Reserve.

ACCIDENT.—What might have been a serious accident was narrowly averted at the bottom of Burkers' Hill on Saturday. A trap belonging to Mr Jackson, of Sherburn, was turning the corner for Lotherton, when it was run into by a motor-car. The front of the car caught the axle of the trap and turned the horse completely round, the horse mounting the bonnet of the car. The horse was slightly bruised.

ON GUARD.—Twenty-four of the picked Boy Scouts in Leeds paraded in front of the Y.M.C.A., in Albion Street, on Wednesday afternoon, after which twelve left for Ailed and twelve for Escup. The boys have been deputed to guard the reservoir at Escup and the culvert leading to it at Ailed. The boys will continue to camp and be on guard day and night at these places until further orders.

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DEATHS.

BURLEY.—August 12th, at Kippax, in her 58th year, Mary Ann, beloved wife of James Burley, butcher.

ROGERS.—August 11th, at Harrogate, suddenly, aged 72, Mary Ann, beloved wife of G. R. Rhodes, of Rothwell-Haigh.

INGLEBY.—August 10th, at Rothwell Haigh, near Leeds, aged 49 years, Catherine, the beloved wife of Constantine Ingleby.

THOMPSON.—August 8th, William Thompson, market gardener, Rothwell Haigh, Wakefield, aged 38. Was interred at Lofthouse Cemetery August 11th.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Several members of the Rothwell section of the Aberfordia Division of the St. John Ambulance have volunteered to serve if called upon.

On Sunday evening the Rev. H. Philipson, B.A., took his final leave of the members of the congregation of the Wesleyan Church, and wished them every success in the future.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr. J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Col. A. F. Sykes-Musgrave, Mr. E. H. Foster, Mr. J. R. Greaves, Mr. J. Farrar, Mr. H. Evans, Mr. P. H. Booth, and Mr. J. Pickard.

DRUNKARD.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, in the case of John Priestley and Betsy Priestley, a summons for wife maintenance arrears amounting to £8 17s., neither the prosecutrix nor the defendant appeared, and the summons was accordingly dismissed.

DRINK.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Charles Henry Normans, a labourer, of Hunslet, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at; Rothwell on Sunday, August 2nd. P.C. Abbott spoke to arresting the prisoner in Commercial Street, as he was in a drunken condition and refused to go home. Defendant's wife stated defendant's excuse was that he had had a little drop too much. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

CRICKET.—The Rothwell Wednesday team played an interesting match on Monday evening against the West Riding C.C. on Wednesday, at Rothwell, and won easily. Scores:—Rothwell—A. Tiffany 12, A. Watson (not out) 20, Perkins 2, Mathews 7, R. Firth 8, A. Lunn 7, Elstob 2, Hampson (not out) 35, Baines 2, Nettleton 1, Tiffany 0, extras 3 total (for nine wkts.), 131. West Riding—Silcock 8, Crawford 11, Greenwood 19, Sugar 24, Stiles 23, Marsh 18, Ellis 1, Goodson 0, Chipchase 0, Wood (not out) 2, Cole 0, extras 10; total 126.

A ROTHWELL CASE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, when the case of John Smith, a miner, of Rothwell, who was summoned by his wife, Jane Smith, for persistent cruelty, was called, the complainant applied for the summons to be withdrawn. This was agreed to by the magistrates on condition that the costs were paid. The same defendant, John Smith, was also summoned by the police for having been drunk and disorderly in Church Street, Rothwell, on Sunday, July 26th, about 10.15 p.m. P.S. Metcalf proved the case, and Smith was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

ALLERTON BYWATER

THE PUPPIES.—At Castleford on Wednesday Israel Townsend, Head Street, Allerton Bywater, Castleford, was summoned for cruelty to four puppies. On August 5th a man named Holdsworth found the puppies howling piteously for several hours in a dustbin in Back Powell Street, Townsend said he thought the puppies were dead when he placed them there. A fine of 15s. 6d., or fourteen days, was imposed.

BARWICK

It was stated at a Council meeting on Monday that the purchase of a new pump for Barwick had caused a protest to be issued on the ratepayers.

Lady Peel, of Park Gate, Guiseley (formerly of Potterton), has offered the use of her residence as a hospital or convalescent home for the wounded in the event of the offer has been accepted by the military authorities.

TELEPHONE.—On Monday at a meeting of Barwick Council the Chairman (Mr. Rayner) asked if any correspondence had been received with regard to a telephone service for Barwick. The Clerk said he had none.—Mr Wright said he had heard nothing definite.

NURSING SCHEME.—On Monday night Barwick Council had the suggested nursing scheme for that parish under consideration. It was stated that if a nursing associations were started it would receive £50 for doing the County Council work, but it was asked where the remaining £100 under the parish's contribution was to come from. It was decided to leave the matter alone, and the County Council will, therefore, have to make arrangements for the parish's district nursing work and the notification of births.

CROSSGATES

MR B. Stringer, of Crossgates, won nine first prizes for dahlias, and also awarded a gold medal at Knaresborough Show.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played between Crossgates and Crossgates R.H. on the Recreation Ground. Crossgates won by 250 to 142. Details (Crossgates first):—J. Armistead 7, W. Bell 15, G. Simpson 21, A. Smith 3, Field 3, Firth 21 v. J. W. Hodgson 13, H. Whitehead 7, Lindley 7, J. W. Rimer 17 v. J. Cook 22, T. Fidgett 15 v. S. Boyle 21, J. Connor 21 v. T. Cooper 16, C. Holdsay 21 v. E. A. Wyatt 17, M. Boyle 21 v. Baxter 8, and G. Danby 21 v. J. Fisher 13.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.—Preparations are being made for the resumption of public lighting in the village, and it is evidently the intention of the Corporation to light the footpath alongside the railway, because lamps have been erected on the bridge and on the path. The Corporation, when they annexed Crossgates took over all the responsibilities and obligations of the District Council, and that latter body had entered into an agreement with the Railway Company to maintain and light the footpath, which is on private property, on condition that the gate at the bottom of the steps was removed, and the public had access at all times to the path.

N.B.W.T.A.—On Wednesday the members of the Crossgates and District Branch of the B.W.T.A. held a garden meeting (by the kind invitation of Mrs Crosland, "The Lodge," Scholes). Mrs Haste Carr presided, and there was a good attendance. Mrs Rennard, of Shipley, was the speaker, and gave a most interesting and inspiring address on the "Parable of the Talents," emphasising portions of the text of the parable, and the need for each to cultivate and use their talents in whatever form they take, and also the need for personal influence. Miss Jessop, of Leeds, played violin solos, which were greatly appreciated. Mr Harding (Mrs Crosland's brother), who is on a visit from Australia, accompanied on the piccolo, and Miss Crosland presided at the piano. Mrs. Dewhirst (Whinmoor) proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Crosland, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success, and this was cordially passed. Tea was served at the close.

GARFORTH

AMBULANCE LEAGUE.—A splendid response is being made to the appeal in the area of the Aberfordia division of the Territorial branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for volunteers for service at home and abroad. The Government have accepted an offer of a temporary hospital, fully equipped, at Monk Fryston, placed at the disposal by the Earl of Londesborough. Temporary hospitals have been offered by detachments in the surrounding villages.

PICTURE HOUSE.—An excellent programme of pictures is being shown at the popular Picture House this week. First-rate films have been secured for next week, and on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights the outstanding features will be the great Irish racing drama "The Filly," and a stirring love story of heroism on the battlefield, entitled "For the love of the flag." On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the coloured military drama "The curse of war," which is a sensational and thrilling production, will be exhibited, together with "Britain's Might," showing the British Fleet clearing for action. Other fine class films will be screened. For times and prices see advt.

THE POLICE.—At a meeting of the Standing Joint Committee on Wednesday at Wakefield, it was reported that 45 of the police had been called up to the Army and two to the Navy. The Committee decided to give these men the difference between what they will get from the Government and what they have received as constables, so that each man's wages are assured. To the wives of these men 10s. and 5s. for each child will be added whilst the men are away. The Chief Constable, Major Atcherley, has also been called up, and Mr Quest is now acting Chief Constable. Mr H. H. Fosser and the Chairman of the Committee have been appointed a committee whom the Acting Chief Constable may consult in an emergency.

HALTON

Lady Dorothy Wood, of Templenewsam, has been appointed a member of the committee of the Women's League in Leeds in connection with the war.

Mr H. Thomas (Halton), playing for Leeds against Huddersfield in a bowling match on Wednesday, defeated Mr S. Arlson (Milnsbridge Liberal) by five points.

KIPPAX

Mr John Harding, of Kippax, obtained a first and second prize for smooth-haired Fox Terriers at Harrogate Show on Monday.

THE SHOW.—NEXT Wednesday the annual flower and poultry show and sports will take place at Kippax, and the committee have a large array of specimens. Good entries have been secured for the sports. Entries for the show close on Saturday, the 15th. Particulars are given in our advt. columns.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The elder scholars in connection with this Sunday School held a picnic on Wednesday in the grounds of Mr Hirst's residence at their disposal by Mr Lancelot Tasker. The children were under the supervision of their superintendent, Mr J. F. Hirst. Tea and a bountiful spread, and games and amusements were indulged in, and a very pleasant time was spent.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday David Farrar, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Kippax on Monday, July 20th. Evidence was given by P.C. Hodgson that about 10.15 p.m., he was on duty near to the Cross Hill, Kippax, where he saw the defendant in a very drunken condition, and he was making use of filthy language. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

DISORDER.—At the Skyrack Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Albert Hartley, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Davies stated that on Saturday, August 1st, about 10.15 p.m., he was on duty on Mount Pleasant, Kippax, when he saw the defendant in a very drunken condition. He was making use of bad language. He was fined 5s. and costs. This is a long list of previous convictions against the defendant, who was fined 15s. and costs.

ON LICENSED PREMISES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Gribon, a labourer, of Kippax, was summoned for being found on licensed premises at Kippax on Saturday, August 1st. It was stated by P.C. Aldborough that about 9.30 p.m. on the night in question he saw the defendant, who was then in a drunken condition, enter the Old Tree Inn. Witness followed and called the attention of the barmaid to the man's condition, and she refused him drink. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

A RUNAWAY.—On Wednesday afternoon a horse, attached to a trap and in charge of a boy, was coming in the direction of the village from Leeds Hill, when the horse bolted and went over the Cross Hill and down Hall Lane in a great state of fright. The boy got off the cart before the horse plunged down the hill, and was uninjured. A dozen cows came round the bend at Sol's Preston Dairy, and here the horse and trap avoided collision with the cows was really wonderful. The horse was stopped on Brigshaw Lane.

IN DARKNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Martin, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for being in charge of a vehicle without a light. P.C. Alborough stated that about 11.55 p.m. on Thursday, July 28th, he saw the defendant in High Street, Kippax, in charge of a vehicle which had no light. When questioned by the officer, the defendant said the light had only just gone out. The lamp, however, proved to be quite cold, and there was no candle. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting of this Council was held on Tuesday evening—Mr S. R. Silverwood presiding. The other members present were Mr W. Mellor, Mr W. A. Dinsdale, Mr C. Grigson, Mr R. Johnson, and Mr Dr Mucklestosh, with the Clerk (Mr W. Cripsell). The committee appointed to view the sites for the proposed lamps in Westfield Lane and the Kippax Common gave their report. Five lamps are required in Westfield Lane, and three on the Common. After brushing the report the Council decided to erect the number of lamps suggested by the committee in each locality. In regard to the question of the barbed wire fencing in the Robinson Lane entrance to the Ober Lander, it was stated that the wire had been removed. In re pect to the acquisition of a playing field for the children no definite steps could be taken in relation to the matter, as the interview with the squire had not taken place.

MICKLEFIELD.

Patent List compiled by John E. Wiley, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—J. G. Linneker and J. Adams, Micklefield, cancelling device for winding signal gear in collieries and mines; and A. L. Brockman and C. V. Laycock, Leeds and Hailsham, for an improved lawn mower golf game. Patents sealed—Daniel Todd, Otley, improvements in valves for pneumatic tyres; and S. Wormald and Sons, Micklefield, improvements in railway signalling apparatus.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mrs Laura Pearson, of Chapeltown Road, Leeds, and formerly of Moorlands, Moorlea, Moor Allerton.

Messrs E. H. and A. Milner, of Moor Allerton, won third prize in the pony class (riding) at Harrogate Show.

SUCCESS.—On Saturday at Long Show Misses J. W. and A. Pollard, Moor Allerton, were second for agricultural foal, first for agricultural foal or filly, yearlings (both), first for agricultural gelding or filly, two years, first for gelding or mare, any age, in both open and local classes, and for agricultural brood mare, with foal at foot, and third for draught stallion.

MAGISTRATE'S WILL.—Mr John Richard Flitch, of Southlands, Moor Allerton, who died on April 29th, left estate valued at £34,491. He had been associated all his life with the leather trade, being at the head of the firm of Messrs. J. J. Flitch and Son, Springwell Leather Works, Bushingthorpe, Leeds, but he had retired from business three years ago. His name was added to the list of city magistrates a few years ago, and up to the time of his illness he attended regularly. The will is dated December 10th, 1913, wherein testator left £100 to the Leeds General Infirmary, National Orphan Homes for Children, London, the Leeds Hospital for Women and Children, and the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. He also bequeathed £1,000 each to the Leeds Unmarried Women's Benevolent Institution, Leeds United Institution for the Blind, Deaf, and Dumb, and the Leeds Public Dispensary.

OULTON

MR W. P. Peters (Oulton), playing for Leeds against Huddersfield in a bowling match on Wednesday, defeated Mr P. Kershaw (Shepcridge and Deighton) by no fewer than 14 points.

Mr H. J. Butler, lately of Oulton, and a clerk in the office of the surveyor to the Rothwell Urban District Council, has volunteered for service to the Government as a motor despatch carrier. His offer has been accepted.

AS INSPECTED.—During the week several troops of Territorials have passed through the village. On Monday a diverting incident took place in connection with the passing through of a mounted troop. Two young officers rode some distance ahead, and each was accompanied by a young lady on a bicycle.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, William Lee, a pit sinker living at Oulton, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the Aberford Road at Oulton about 9.30 p.m., on Friday, July 31st. Colwell proved the case, and the defendant wanted to fight with other men. Defendant, who did not appear, and who was said to have a bad record, was fined 30s. and costs.

ROUNDHAY

The Lord Mayor of Leeds has received an offer from Lord Airedale to allow Gledhow Hall to be used for hospital purposes in connection with the war.

Mr W. Greenwood, of Roundhay and Leeds, has presented the prizes for the second Ivy hackney stallion, second for hackney foal, and second for hackney brood mare, with foal at foot.

The Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton), like many other owners of spacious mansions, has offered to devote a large part of his residence, Gledhow Hall, Roundhay, for the services of a hospital for the wounded.

Lord Airedale has offered his résidence at Colsh Hill, Chaughton, near Scarborough, to any authorities for the purpose of a hospital for wounded during the war, and also as a convalescent hospital for wounded after the war is over.

SEMEROUS.—Mr Brotherton, of The Hall, Roundhay (Lord Mayor of Leeds) said at a meeting on Monday that this was a time when our people should discipline themselves to spend money with care. They should, for instance, minimise expenditure on luxuries; and he particularly referred to alcohol and tobacco. Each one who indulged in these things should aim at reducing his expenditure by one-half. He appealed in this emergency especially for capital was at the disposal of his country. (Applause). Moreover, one half of his income —say, the whole of it—should be placed at the disposal of his country in this crisis. (Loud applause).

MR W. HARVEY AND GERMANS.—Mr W. Harvey, of Roundhay, has written a letter of great regret that one of the immediate most results of the present sad state of war, is for foreigners, whether in Germany or England, to be looked upon with suspicion, and in many cases placed under arrest. In the great cities of our land there are hundreds of German citizens who have been working side by side with their British brethren, making friendships, devoting their energies and abilities in legitimate commerce, and it is lamentable that so many of these should soon be regarded as enemies. Probably, in a limited number of cases, German and other foreign residents may have abused the hospitality of this nation, but I feel sure that many of our people are greatly regret the needlessly harsh action of the military authorities, and I desire to plead, at the outset of this terrible strife, for kindly personal feelings towards those domiciled for a time in our midst. The people of the great commodities now plunged into warfare have to contend with one another; and in many cases, and it is lamentable but

CRICKET JOTTINGS.

SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CUP.—SEMI-FINAL.

Tadcaster and Hallon Wes. meet in the Sagar-Musgrave Cup semi-final at South Milford tomorrow (Saturday), and there should be a big crowd to witness, who should prove a very interesting game. Tadcaster are certainly the more experienced team, and they are a strong side in both batting and bowling, but Hallon Wes., who are very enthusiastic, possess some good "talent," and they will, in all probability, make a good fight, for they are very keen on getting into the final. In the League this season both teams have a similar record, having lost only one match. Tadcaster were defeated by Milford, and Hallon Wes. went under to Crossgates.

RILEY-SMITH SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.

The ground at Old Marston, Crossgates, is an excellent choice for the semi-final between Garforth Wes. and Seacroft A, and a good turnout of spectators from Garforth, Seacroft, and Crossgates is expected. The Crofters have a better League record than their opponents, having been beaten only once, whereas Garforth Wes. have lost two matches, but that is nothing to judge by, and both teams will strive hard for supremacy. Both teams have figured prominently in this Competition before, but the Garfothians have never had the shield in their possession.

LANE FOX CUP—CHURCH FENTON FIASCO.

The semi-finals in the Lane Fox Cup Competition were down for decision on Saturday afternoon, and it was very unfortunate that rain fell heavily in the early part of the day, because it was the primary cause of one of the games not being played. It was arranged that Crossgates and Tadcaster should meet at Church Fenton, and the Crossgates men should have travelled by the 1.28 train from Leeds on to Wetherby Fne, but when it arrived at Crossgates the rain was pelting down, and it was doubtful that there would be any play. The Tadcaster players naturally objected to "throwing money away" when there was every indication that the match would not take place. Of course, in adopting this attitude, they were wrong, because it has been ruled that if one side does not turn out the other team may claim the match.

Two Crossgates players, however, made the journey by the train alluded to, and they were asked to wire whether or not play was possible, but no message came. The weather cleared, and Crossgates decided to travel by the 3.50 from Leeds. It was after four before the train arrived at Church Fenton, and then the Tadcaster players and spectators could be descried coming off the field. It appears that the Calcaria forces turned up in good time, and when their opponents failed to put in an appearance by four o'clock they decided to claim the match. The game should have been commenced about 4.30, and it was about 4.40 ere the Crossgates men got to the field. Several people, while not expressing an opinion as to the justification of their action, urged Tadcaster to play the match under protest, but some of the Calcarians argued that, in the event of their losing the toss, and their opponents batting first, it would penalise them had they to bat in a failing light.

Personally, I think Crossgates made a mistake in not travelling by the 1.28 train. The Competition Committee, in fixing the match at Fenton, did not consider that the late to Tadcaster team would be only 8d., and to Crossgates 2s. 3d., for they were concerned about their own exchequer, and thought that they would get a better "gate" at Fenton. In this way, it must be admitted, Crossgates players were placed at a disadvantage. The "luck of the draw" had nothing whatever to do with the case, and the question of fares as affecting both teams in a match should, in fairness to all concerned, be considered in the Sagar-Musgrave Cup Competition. They have won the Sagar-Musgrave Cup more times than ever team in the district, but they have not yet been able to lead the other trophy, and on Saturday South Milford again baulked them. The Milfordians arrived after three, and a bit short was made. The wicket was in a very soft condition, and the bowlers had the upper hand throughout the game. Seacroft had first knock, and D. Burton and T. Toft were the only batsmen. Chillen, and Atkinson being the trundlers. Burton scored seven in the first over, and then he returned the feather to Chilton, who dropped it, while Toft was subsequently stumped. When the Scarce had reached 19 Burton (7) was caught by Atkinson, and without another run on the board Toft was caught out by Osborne. Thompson (13) and Stead (10) then came together, and they batted steadily, bringing the score to 41. Then Thompson was run out—a division which did not please the spectators. Stead was clean bowled by Lindley without any change in the score, and then came a very lapse. Dy Johnson and Fryer were soon got rid of, and six wickets were down for 55. The remaining four yielded one run, the innings closing for 56—a score altogether unworthy of the team. Lindley had five wickets for 13, E. Atkinson 3 for 18, and Chilton one for 23.

The Milfordians were, naturally, on good terms with themselves, and they had visions of a victory. They, however, did not start at all promisingly, and three wickets were lost for 19, and 4 for 22. Then A. Atkinson and Chilton got together, and before they former was bowled the score was taken to 53. Milford were within sight of victory, and by steady play they won by three wickets. Seacroft fielding was not as good as it might have been, several chances being missed, but Milford were also at fault in this respect. Toft had three wickets for seven, Stead two for 12 runs, Johnson one for 6, and Burton 1 for 19.

THE LEAGUES—SEASON'S PLAY.

From a playing standpoint, the season has been one of the most successful in the history of the Competition, and one very satisfactory feature has been the complete fulfilment of the League programme week by week. In the previous season, owing to wet, many matches were abandoned, and the sharing of points by teams tended to place certain clubs in a flattering position. Tadcaster and South Milford have been outstanding in division one, and, although the other clubs possess some fine bowling "talent," they are very weak in batting, and consequently the leading teams had an easy task. In division two, containing Seacroft, Garforth, and Micklefield, there was a splendid struggle, and there is not much to choose between the leaders and Garforth, who, had they availed themselves of the chances they were offered, would have been in the first position. Halton, too, are plucky fighters, and, under good leadership, they should prove a match for local cricket. Hallon Wes., a very enthusiastic combination, are certainly the best eleven in division 3, and they deserve their place, for they have worked hard to secure it. The other teams, with the exception of Collingham, appear to be well matched.

The work of the Executive has this season been very light, indeed, and disputes between clubs have, happily, been very few, and this must be taken as a manifestation of good-fellowship among cricketers generally. Two remarkable cases—the first of the kind—came up for decision. In a Lane Fox Cup match between Micklefield and Cawood and in a Junior League match between Garforth A and Aberford mistakes were made in the scoring, and play was stopped, with Micklefield and Garforth A as winners, but when the figures were gone into thoroughly it was discovered the scores in both cases were equal.

It will be noticed that in the League table Cawood and Church Fenton are shown as having played only 9 matches. This was due to the clubs "taking the law into their own hands," as it were. One wet day it was thought the ground at Fenton would not be fit for play, 24th, in order to save Cawood expense, they were asked not to make the journey. Only the umpires have power to settle this matter, and the Executive decided to pledge the match from the table. Church Fenton made a mistake in notifying their opponents, and Cawood were wrong in not going to Fenton.

JUNIOR LEAGUE—GARFORTH A LOSE.

In the Junior League the most important match was that between Garforth A and Scarcroft A for the leadership of division 2, and it produced a splendid contest. The match was at Seacroft, and the homesters were dismissed for 50 (Hunter 14 and J. Linley 10). W. Hancock trundled effectively for Garforth, taking 7 wickets for 32, while S. Stead had 3 for 4 runs. Garforth were not set a big task, but they failed to accomplish it, finishing three runs behind their opponents. F. Hancock was top scorer of the match with 15. Three Linleys were the Seacroft bowlers, and W. Linley secured 4 wickets for 17, J. Linley 4 for 19, and T. Linley 2 for 9.

Barkston Ash have come away in fine style at the finish of the season, but it is a pity they did not make a spurt earlier. At home, they administered a severe trouncing to Bramham, and they demonstrated that they are not without "talent." Barkston scored 195 (Wright 44, Bailey 30, and Dent 17), and J. Cass captured five wickets for 18, while Dawson had two for 12. Bramham were sent back for 54, and Woods secured six wickets for 18, and Rhodes 3 for 5.

Berwick A, formed for the purpose of encouraging cricket among the juniors, are not at the top of the table, and although they have met with defeat after defeat, they are still game, and on Saturday, bringing their opponents—Barkston Ash A—to Berwick, they showed that practice makes perfect. Their opponents on Saturday were Halton A, and the latter scored 74. Beard 10, Haigh 14, and Grant 10. Lumb had 4 wickets for 17, and Rawdon 4 for 20—creditable records. Eight of the Berwick team failed to score, and provided a total of 10. T. H. Hudson contributed 9 and Scargill 7. Dobson captured five wickets for seven, and Longden had four for 10 runs.

Sherburn White Rose had their fourth victory by defeating Ulleskelf. No details are come to hand, but it is reported Sherburn scored 32 and Ulleskelf 18.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

Rothwell, who were knocked out in the semi-final of the Wakefield Cup Competition in the previous week, were at home to Kippax on Saturday, and won easily. Batting first, the homesters quickly rattled up 144, and declared at the fall of the seventh wicket. A. Tiffany was again in good form, and made 55, while H. Hemsworth played well for 33, and H. Lane scored 22. The other four wickets fell for a total of 15, while the two out men made 11 between them. Kippax responded with 76, to which S. Edwards (12) and A. Ward (26) were the chief contributors. Bowling honours fell to W. Botford (Rothwell), with 3 wickets for 14 runs, and C. Tiffany (Rothwell) and E. Bickerdike (Kippax) each secured 3 wickets for 22.

Woodlesford met with a reverse on Saturday, when they entertained the Carltonians. The homesters, whose chief strength lies in their ball, let down by five "ducks." However, E. Baxter made a stand for his side and scored 25 not out. L. Wilkinson 19, G. Hewitt 15, and T. H. Myton 10 were the other chief scorers. On Carlton taking the field, Newton and E. Fozzard went in to bat, and both settled down to give what proved a clever batting display. Newton made 37 and Fozzard was still batting with 36 to his credit when their opponents' score was passed. The visitors then closed their innings with nine wickets to spare.—Stanley Church defeated Outwood by five wickets.

Kippax A had a match with Rothwell A, and the former won by a couple of wickets. Rothwell batted first, and sent up 99, of which Nelson obtained 14 and Fazzard 11. Kippax scored 60 for a loss of eight wickets, and Alb. Gripwell made 20. B. Stoker 13, and Balfour 10.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood Friends	13	8	3	1	17
Carlton	12	8	2	2	18
Oulton	12	7	4	1	15
Methley	12	5	5	2	12
Robin Hood	12	5	5	2	12
Kippax	13	5	7	1	11
Rothwell	10	5	5	0	10
Woodlesford	13	3	10	0	6
Stanley	11	1	9	1	3

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Outwood A	11	11	3	0	22
Rothwell A	12	7	4	1	15
Carlton A	10	7	3	0	14
Stanley A	11	6	4	1	13
Kippax A	12	6	5	1	13
Altofts Wes.	11	4	7	0	8
Woodlesford A	12	4	8	0	8
Oulton A	12	3	8	1	7
Robin Hood A	10	2	8	0	4

R. HOYLAND, Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY

Altofts v. Woodlesford.—Messrs Lumb and Morley.
Kippax v. Carlton.—Messrs Tattersall and Fox.
Oulton v. Robin Hood.—Messrs Whitehead and Britton.
Stanley v. Rothwell.—Messrs Tate and Booth.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE.

ROTHWELL v. KIPPAX—Played at Rothwell. Scores:—

Rothwell—J. Newton, b Bickerdike, 3; W. Fox, lbw, b Bickerdike, 5; A. Tiffany, c Gripwell, b Eddison, 55; H. Hodgkinson, b Bickerdike, 4; H. Hemsworth, c Gripwell, b Eddison, 33; H. Lane, c and b Lloyd, b Eddison, 22; C. Tiffany, c Varley, b Eddison, 3; E. Bush, not out, 0; E. Mathews, b Eddison, 0; J. Hudson, b Eddison, 0; J. Hall, b Eddison, 0; S. Edwards, run out, 22; W. Lloyd, b Botford, 1; B. Eddison, run out, 7; E. Bickerdike, lbw, b Botford, 2; A. Gripwell, lbw, b Botford, 0; Extras, 5; total, 171.

Kippax—S. Edwards, run out, 22; W. Lloyd, b Botford, 1; B. Eddison, run out, 7; E. Bickerdike, lbw, b Botford, 2; A. Gripwell, lbw, b Botford, 0; Extras, 5; total, 87.

WOODLESFORD v. CARLTON—At Woodlesford. Scores:—

Woodlesford—G. Hewitt, b Illingworth, 15; W. Harrison, lbw, b Carlton, 0; A. Hetherington, b Illingworth, 8; O. Wilkinson, b Illingworth, 0; E. Baxter, not out, 25; E. Hitchin, c Corns, b Illingworth, 1; J. Hudson, c Wright, b Brook, 0; L. Wilkinson, b W Brown, 19; T. Morton, c G. Bennett, b Sykes, 0; T. H. Myton, b Sykes, 0; T. H. Myton, b Nelson, 19; extras, 13; total, 87.

Carlton—W. Newton, c Hitchin, b Myton, 37; E. Fozzard, not out, 36; Sacklington and Colton, result not to hand; extras, 5; total (for 1 wkt.), 83.

ROTHWELL JUNIOR LEAGUE.

KIPPAX A v. ROTHWELL A—At Kippax. Scores:—Rothwell—R. Charlesworth, lbw, b Gripwell, 6; B. Fozzard, b G. Gripwell, 11; J. Hobson, run out, 5; W. Nelson, c Cockerham, b Gripwell, 0; J. Bailey, c Gripwell, b Eddison, 14; J. Stoker, 22; G. Drury, c Goodland, b Gripwell, 51; W. Raby, c Beech, b Stoker, 0; A. Parrish, b Stoker, 3; S. Falkiner, not out, 6; H. Loughley, b Stoker, 1; extras, 22; total, 89.

Kippax—A. Balfour, b Fozzard, 10; W. Gripwell, c Charlesworth, b Nelson, 2; J. Bickerdike, run out, 13; S. Cracknell, lbw, b Nelson, 0; T. Beech, c Fozzard, b Nelson, 0; C. Cockerham, run out, 22; R. Stoker, b Nelson, 13; A. Gripwell, c Balfour, b Nelson, 0; G. Goodland, not out, 0; H. Loughley, b Nelson, 0; extras, 7; total (for 8 wkts.), 80.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster	10	9	1	0	18
South Milford	10	7	2	1	15
*Cawood	9	5	3	1	11
*Church Fenton	9	3	6	0	6
Saxton	10	3	7	0	6
Church Fenton Sycamore	10	1	7	2	4

*Cawood v. Church Fenton match not to be included.

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft	10	9	1	0	18
Garforth	10	8	2	0	16
Micklefield	10	6	4	0	12
Halton	10	5	5	0	10
Berwick	10	1	9	0	2
Great Preston	10	1	9	0	2

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Halton Wesleyans	10	9	1	0	18
Crossgates	10	7	3	0	14
Shadwell	10	6	4	0	12
Whitkirk	10	4	6	0	8
Crossgates Wesleyans	10	3	7	0	6
Collingham	10	1	9	0	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Division 1.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Tadcaster A	12	10	2	0	20
Ulleskelf	12	8	3	1	17
*Kirk Deighton	12	6	5	0	12
*South Milford A	12	6	5	0	12
Bramham	12	4	8	0	8
Sherburn W.R.	12	4	8	0	8
Barkston Ash	12	3	8	1	7
*South Milford A v. Kirk Deighton, result not to hand.

Division 2.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Seacroft A	12	11	1	0	22
Garforth A	12	10	2	0	20
Great Preston A	12	6	6	0	12
Halton A	12	6	6	0	12
*Aberford	12	4	7	0	8
*Micklefield A	12	3	8	0	6
Berwick A	12	1	11	0	2
*Micklefield A v. Aberford, result not to hand.

Division 3.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Garforth Wesleyans	10	8	2	0	16
Sacklington & Colton	10	7	3	0	14
Crossgates A	10	5	5	0	10
Crossgates Wes. A	10	5	5	0	10
Whitkirk A	10	3	7	0	6
*Halton Wesleyans A	10	2	7	0	4
*Halton Wes. A v. Sacklington and Colton, result not to hand.

E. D. Pawson, Hon. Sec.

MATCHES AND UMPIRES FOR SATURDAY.

SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CUP.

Halton Wesleyans v. Tadcaster. At South Milford. Messrs J. E. Kitching (Leeds) and R. Firn (Cawood).

RILEY-SMITH SHIELD.

Garforth Wesleyans v. Seacroft A. At Old Manston. Messrs G. C. Earnshaw (Oulton) and H. Ward (Great Preston).

LANE-FOX CUP SEMI-FINAL.

SEACROFT v. SOUTH MILFORD—Played at Garforth. Scores:—

Seacroft.	
D. Burton, c A Atkinson, b Chilton	12
T Toft, c Osborne, b Lindley	6
G Thompson, run out	13
S Stead, b Lindley	10
C. Johnson, c Howlgrave, b Lindley	2
I. Fryer, lbw, b E. Atkinson	4
E. Johnson, b E. Atkinson	0
F. Taylor c Lindley, b E Atkinson	0
J W Pickersgill, c C Sutton, b Lindley	1
H. Toft, not out	0
S. Simpson, b Lindley	0
Extras	2
Total	56

South Milford	
E. Atkinson, C Johnson, b D. Burton	6
H. Hutchenoth, b Stead	7
H. Hoodgrave, b C Johnson	4
A. Atkinson, b Stead	0
N. Stainburn, b Stead	3
H. Chilton, c Taylor, b Toft	15
W. Sutton, not out	6
A. Lindley, b Toft	3
J. Hodgson, not out	0
Extras	3
Total (for 7 wkts.),	59

BARKSTON ASH JUNIOR LEAGUE.

SEACROFT A. v. GARFORTH A.—At Seacroft. Scores:—Seacroft A.—P. Taylor, b W. Hancock, 4; J. Linley, b W. Hancock, 10; E. Hancock, c W. Hancock, 14; F. Knott, b S. Stead, 1; J. W Smith, c F. Hancock, b S. Stead, 3; T. Linley, c F. Hancock, b S. Stead, 0; J. Hardy, c F. Hancock, b S. Stead, 0; W. Linley, not out, 7; W. Linley, c F. Hancock, b W. Hancock, 2; E. Linley, c F. Hancock, b W. Hancock, 2; Kilburn, lbw, b W. Hancock, 0; W. Linley, not out, 7; extra, 1; total, 56. Garforth A.—F. Hancock, c T. Linley, b W. Linley, 15; T. Kilburn, lbw, b W. Linley, 2; A. Browning, b J. Linley, 22; J. Kilburn, c E. Linley, b W. Linley, 4; W. Hancock, b Linley, 2; A. Hewitt, b T. Linley, 8; W. Hemsworth, c W. Linley, b J. Linley, 4; W. Hancock, b J. Linley, 2; S. Stead, c and b J. Linley, 8; W. Harwood, not out, 0; extras, 2; total, 47.

BARKSTON ASH v. BRAMHAM.—At Barkston. Scores:—Barkston Ash—R. Bailey, b Hebron, 0; J. Dent, b Eastwood, 8; C. Bell, b Hebron, 0; Dove, b Stockdale, 17; W. Woods, c Cass, b Hebron, 0; I. Wright, b Cass, 34; H. West, b Cass, 0; W. Varley, b Hemsworth, 5; A. Ward, c Hodgkinson, b Bedford, 19; O Banks, not out, 19; extras, 42; total, 76.

BRAMHAM v. CARLTON—At Woodlesford. Scores:—

Woodlesford—G. Hewitt, b Illingworth, 15; W. Harrison, lbw, b Carlton, 0; A. Hetherington, b Illingworth, 8; O. Wilkinson, b Illingworth, 0; E. Baxter, not out, 25; E. Hitchin, c Corns, b Illingworth, 1; J. Hudson, c Wright, b Brook, 0; L. Wilkinson, b W Brown, 19; T. Morton, c G. Bennett, b Sykes, 0; T. H. Myton, b Sykes, 0; T. H. Myton, b Nelson, 19; extras, 13; total, 87.

Carlton—W. Newton, c Hitchin, b Myton, 37; E. Fozzard, not out, 36; Sacklington and Colton, result not to hand; extras, 5; total (for 1 wkt.), 83.

A number of Territorials out in search of an early morning shave at Victoria on Monday came across a barber's shop in charge of a man of the proprietor, a German, had left. One of the soldiers ordered the boy to lather the face of the unconscious German, and then went at it with a will. Other soldiers were in a number of their men, whilst he shaved them, and for over an hour good business was done.

BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION

LANE FOX CUP AND SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CUP.

THE TADCASTER AND CROSSGATES SEMI-FINAL.

A meeting of the Barkston Ash Competition was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Monday.—Mr. W. Tinsley presiding. Other members present were Messrs E. D. Pawson (hon. sec.), A Howith (Seacroft), K. Ward (Great Preston), A. Dighton (Church Fenton), J. H. Townend (Micklefield), W. Glover (Garforth), E. W. Herbert (Tadcaster), H. White (Crossgates), A. Cruickshank (Hallon Wes.), A. Johnson (South Milford), and F. Heaps (Hallon).

The Hon. Sec. reported that the Lane Fox Cup semi-final, Crossgates v. Tadcaster, which should have been played at Church Fenton on Saturday, did not take place.

The Hon. Sec. of Tadcaster club had written claiming the match owing to Crossgates not putting in an appearance until after 4 o'clock. The umpires also reported the late arrival of Crossgates.

The Hon. Sec. read the rule bearing on the matter, which is as follows:—"For the first fifteen minutes late, without reasonable excuse, a club shall be fined 10s., and for the second 15 minutes, 20s. If a club be more than 30 minutes late the matter shall be dealt with by the Committee, and if one hour late the match shall be awarded to the club whose team is in readiness to play."

Mr White, on behalf of Crossgates, said he considered it would be most unfair to his club if the match was awarded to Tadcaster, as the circumstances were so extenuating. He stated that two of their players were kept back owing to the war, and that on Saturday morning there were three men's places to be filled. The train fare was excessive, and the weather was so bad he thought the match should certainly be played later.

Mr Herbert stated that Tadcaster in the past had been called upon to make equally long journeys, and that they had turned up according to rule, whatever the weather conditions were. He maintained that Crossgates should have made the journey on the earlier train, and that, in his opinion, the rule affecting the matter was definite.

The Chairman stated that according to rule the match should be awarded to Tadcaster, but under the exceptional circumstances his sympathies were with Crossgates club. The Executive had no power to order the match to be played, but in the event of Tadcaster agreeing to such a proposal the affair would be amicably settled.

Mr Herbert said he could give no such undertaking on behalf of Tadcaster, but he would be pleased to put the matter fully before his club's committee.

The draws for the deciding matches in the Senior and Junior Leagues then took place, and afterwards, in the Senior, and Tadcaster in the Junior, received byes.

It was agreed that the matches be played as arranged on August 15th, as follows:—Halton Wesleyans v. Tadcaster, at South Milford; Garforth Wesleyans v. Seacroft A., at Old Manston, Crossgates.

Mr Herbert proposed, and Mr Glover seconded, that the handicapping of medals for the three Competitions be left in the hands of the President and Hon. Secretary.

It was resolved that the next meeting should be held on August 17th.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman on the call of Messrs Herbert and Dighton.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Owing to trade being unsettled prices for old grain were irregular. The amount asked for wheat was 45s. and upwards. Oats have advanced about 5s. per qr. No new corn is yet on offer.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 8 or 9 for 1s.; butter 1s. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s. 6d., ducks 5s. and 5s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A nice supply of early potatoes on offer. There was a rise in prices, the quotations being from 65s. to 75s. per ton; retail, 2s. 6d. to 3s. per hamper of 1½ stones.

CATTLE.

SELBY AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son sold 54 beasts, 12 sheep, and 58 pigs. There was about an average attendance of buyers. Stock was not of the best quality; prime beef made 9s. 6d. per stone. A sharp trade for pork. Fat bullocks realised up to £30 5s., heifers £19 17s. 6d., cows £19 15s., store cattle £13, heifers in calf £15 10s., cows in milk £22, fat sheep £2 12s., lambs £2 5s. to £2 7s. 6d., pigs £6 2s. 6d., and breeding sows £7 17s. 6d. each.

WHITSIDE AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Barth and Son offered 60 newly laid-down Irish cows and calves, 128 pigs, and 12 calves. There was a good attendance. Trade in all departments was practically normal. The best newly-calven cows made up to £25 5s., present calvers to £23 10s., and October calvers to £20 5s. fat cows for sale. Best heifer beef to 8d. per lb., and cows to 9½d. per lb. Sheep and lambs maintained the recent high quotations, sharp lings realising up to 9½d., ewes to 8d., and lambs 10d. to 11d. per lb. Small pigs sold well, but the heavier kinds to 7s. 3d. per stone to £7 5s. for 2 score each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of prime fat beasts, sheep, and lambs. The attendance of buyers was in excess of a week ago, and trade ruled firm. The choicest quality beef made up to 10s. per stone, secondary from 9s. to 9s. 6d., and cows and heavy sheep 8s. 6d. to 9s. Sheep a good trade up to 10½d. per lb.; heavy sheep 8½d. to 9½d.

Fat bullocks made up to £30 15s. and second to new cattle. Numbers on hand were on sheep and lambs. Mr R. Dutton, Bilton Grange, topped the market with very good bullocks, making £29 5s., and £26; Mr J. H. Tweddle, Bickerton Grange, had seven good bullocks, making £28 5s., and £27 15s.; Mr J. Hebblethwaite, Bickerton Grange, had four good bullocks, making £25, £22 2s. 6d., £21 10s., and £21; Mr T. Dawson, Walkeld

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.—Clinton Massenbury had been arrested and charged with murder of his uncle, Sir Robert Massenbury. He had protested his innocence, but circumstances were strongly against him. Now, when his town of congressmen had nearly completed a session from Scotland, he sends a note to Sir Robert's daughter, Phillipa, asking her to come to his room. Here he confesses and again protests his innocence. Phillipa avers that she believes him guiltless, but now the trial of her father alarms her, and she makes known to Clinton that he is a stand rumor. Clinton is overwhelmed. Jim feels sure that Clinton will come straight to him, and his expectations are fulfilled the same night. Unknown to either, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who also recently was in the bedroom.

Clinton and Phillipa then meet. Clinton urges upon her the necessity of an interview between her father and himself, so that he may once more protest his innocence. Phillipa gives Clinton a key by which he can easily gain access to Sir Robert's room. When they meet, Clinton tells her that the police are on his track, and he remains in hiding for several days, never leaving the house, he finds his way to the Castle. Entering the study he finds a few documents relating to the trial. Among the former, he sees that Sir Robert has fallen across his desk, and that Sir Robert has taken from the papers beneath him. Turning to try for help he finds himself in the grip of a man-servant. He is confronted with screaming fear that he is suspected of murder. Clinton, with assistance of the servant, is arrested to stand for the murder of his uncle. Lonsey Bates, one of the servants, is found dead. He was shot in a treadmill, had been Clinton in the study. As a treadmill had been Clinton in the study. As a treadmill had been witnessed the interview. Mark Quinton, Sir Robert's secretary, was found murdered, and had come to the study just as Clinton had made the appalling discovery, and the man who had entered Clinton's room was sufficiently sinister to suit the help. Clinton assures Phillipa of his innocence of the crime of which he is charged, but it is serious, and a hush falls upon the room when the dead master's daughter is called.

CHAPTER VII.

Of all the people present in court, Clinton Massenbury was the most affected by Phillipa's entrance. But while the rest, from magistrates to printers, were one and all moved to some measure of sympathy across amongst the prisoner as they saw that her face was pale, and that her eyes were swollen and drawn, Basil Parke grasped the sharp, self-assured manner which he had evidently assumed for the occasion, and addressed her in soft tones.

"I am deeply regretful, Miss Massenbury, to put you to the pain of being told that it has been unavoidable, and I will not detain you any longer than I can help," he said. "Please sit down, and tell me if it is yours."

He spoke, and held out a bunch of keys.

"It is mine," replied Phillipa.

"The key which found in Sir Clinton's possession last night. Can you tell us how it came into his possession?"

"I gave it to him."

"When was that?"

"The day before last."

"May I ask for what purpose?"

"I gave it to him that he might have access to my father's study last night."

"Then I take it that you had had interviews with your cousin—with the prisoner—before last?"

Yes.

Rowland Parke hesitated for a moment, as if he were not quite assured of his next question, and in the silence Clinton called witness after witness.

"I will then everything, Phillipa—there's no need to keep you longer," he said.

Phillipa looked at Parke. "That is what I should wish to do," she said, quietly. "There is really no need to detain me, Mr. Parke. I have answered and hesitated Stanford stepped to his client.

"I am sure that if Miss Massenbury is good enough to offer any evidence that may be of assistance to your Worships and to me," he said, "my friend will gladly hear it," he said, in his suavest manner.

"Certainly—certainly!" murmured the chairman.

"I should like to say what I know," said Phillipa, as Stanford sat down again, "and I am sure that my friend is as anxious to put every scrap of evidence before your Worships as I am myself. It is only a few days ago that I heard that my cousin was in the house—in the house, and that he was coming to Manchester. I was made aware of the fact by a letter which I received on the night before last at the Hermit's Cell. We met, and he explained to me that he desired to communicate with my father for the purpose of strongly urging him to reopen the case of my mother's death. I told him that my father would not receive him in the ordinary way, so I arranged that he should come to the house secretly by the garden door next evening at an hour when my father was always engaged in study. That was last night—yesterday—that he should admit himself. I think it right that you should know that I myself, after my cousin had gone, decided that my interests required that his scheme should be carried out, and that I would let some one admit him to the house. I myself, therefore, arranged with the authorities room whom he had escaped."

There was a very slight emphasis on the word "I," as Rowland Parke had evidently no further question to ask. Stanford did not, and Phillipa was therefore given leave to withdraw.

Although you had made no suggestion of the kind, Miss Massenbury," said Mr. Dauncey, "I should have thought it desirable that you should actually leave it your cousin was in the house?"

"No, I never knew—"

"You knew that he be to enter the study by the garden door?"

"I had just time—the time my father was usually there."

"We have heard from Mr. Quinton that he called at the house about twenty minutes past nine, and was on his way to the study when you met him and asked him to come to your apartment."

Phillipa nodded her head. "Yes," she said, "I think I did that on purpose. I did not want anybody to interrupt the interview between my father and my cousin."

"Stanford sat down and helped himself to a pinch of snuff. He glanced at Parke, who merely shook his head.

"I have nothing more to ask Miss Massenbury," he said.

Phillipa left the box, once more assisted by Quinton. But instead of returning to the seat she made a curtsey, addressed to the magistrates, and in cool was immediately seized for her self-possession. "I should like to say something, sir," she said, addressing the chairman, "if you will allow me to do so. I see that there is very necessity for me to ask your Worships to remain the prisoner, he may be released on bail. I am quite willing to give those proceedings there is absolutely evidence to justify you in such a course. I am sure that Sir Clinton will himself in no flutter, and the case can come into the list. I therefore, on behalf of my cousin, consent the prisoner for trial on the charge preferred against him."

Stanford rose slowly from his seat, and, taking off his spectacles, began to wave them in the air, as was his habit when he addressed the learned Bench. He was a handsome gentleman whose manner, befitting a man of his profession, was somewhat of a pompous style.

"I am sure your worships will agree with me that my friend is an admirable and a most accomplished specimen of the products of our present age," he said, with a twinkle in his eye. "And in saying that I am certainly destitute of her perseverance in his cause—to be an opponent of time-saving methods—but before your Worships I must contend that I must cease to be opposed. I must cease to be opposed before your Worships some evidence which will secure the safe custody of the prisoner in this case, and may alter the complexion very considerably. And having offered that evidence, I shall ask for an adjournment. Call Walter Fisher."

A young, alert-looking man, trim, clean shaven, stepped into the witness-box.

"You are a footman at the Castle?" asked Stanford.

"I am, sir."

"How long have you been there?"

"Three and a-half years, sir."

"Will you kindly tell us, first, whenever Sir Robert was at home, to take into his study at precisely half-past nine a tray on which was decanted of whisky, a syphon of mineral water, and a glass?"

"I did, sir."

"Did you do this last night?"

"I did, sir."

"To the exact minute?"

"To the very minute, sir, by the great clock in the inner hall."

"Was Sir Robert in his study?"

"Yes, sir."

"What was he doing?"

"Writing at his desk, sir."

"Was anybody else about him?"

"No, sir."

"What did you do after that?"

"I went back to the inner hall, sir."

"Had Mr. Quinton arrived then?"

"No, sir."

"Where was he?"

"He had gone into the drawing-room with Miss Massenbury, sir."

"Between that time and the time when Mr. Quinton rang the alarm was anyone else admitted to the house?"

"You, sir—Mr. Stead."

"What time was that?"

"Exactly twenty minutes to ten, sir."

"What occurred as regards Mr. Stead?"

"Mr. Dauncey told Mr. Stead that Mr. Quinton was just going to see Sir Robert, and that he would wait in the library."

"Did he go into the library?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is the library next door to the study?"

"Yes, sir."

"And there is a communicating door between them?"

"Yes, sir."

"Now, you heard Mr. Quinton raise the alarm?"

"I did, sir."

"And then I came was that?"

"I should say, sir, as near as possible it was about ten minutes to ten."

"Stead would be ten minutes after Mr. Stead's arrival?"

"So that Mr. Stead for ten minutes had been in the next room to Sir Robert?"

"Yes, sir."

"That will do, Fisher. Call Dr. Whittaker Chadwick."

The doctor, a middle-aged man who was well known in the district as a physician and surgeon of great reputation, and who was much noted for the punctilious care which he took of his patients, stepped into the box.

"I believe that your residence adjoins the Castle?" began Stanford.

"Yes."

"How long would it take you to walk from your house to the magistrates' room at the Castle?"

"A minute and a-half."

"You were in your surgery about ten minutes to ten last night, and you received a telephone message asking you to hurry to the Castle?"

"I did."

"You went at once, and could therefore be in the study within the next two or three minutes at the outside?"

"I was certainly there before five minutes had elapsed."

"You saw and examined Sir Robert's body at once?"

"I did."

"You ascertained the cause of death?"

"Yes. He had been stabbed through the heart by a blow directed from behind."

"I understand, Dr. Childe, that you have a great reputation for accuracy. I want to put a question to you to which you cannot possibly give an inaccurate answer. How long do you consider Sir Robert to have been dead?"

Dr. Childe's answer came with a snap. "Eight minutes."

"Eight minutes! You can give your opinion as nearly as that?"

"Certainly. He had been dead not less than eight or not more than eight minutes."

"That is to say, if you saw him at 9.54, he had been stabbed about or at 9.46?"

"Yes."

"Do you consider that death was instantaneous?"

"Yes; that is, what is called instantaneous."

"Which means—"

"Which means what you realise by instantaneous," said Dr. Childe, with a smile. "You may take it that it was—instantaneous."

"Very good. Now I want another of your careful scientific answers to a critical question. Do you think the blow that struck would of the physical result on Sir Robert?"

"You mean—would Sir Robert cause any action of his body?"

"That is my meaning, doctor."

"Yes," replied Dr. Childe, after a pause, and it did."

"We are told that he was found fallen forwards across his desk. Does that mean that when he was stabbed he simply collapsed over the desk, and could be found from position?"

"No, certainly not. What I am sure occurred was this, and I have this on careful observation of the position of the body. When Sir Robert was struck he leaped from his chair, believed a moment, and then fell face forward across the desk. He was a tall man, and must have struck on especially the one otherwise he would have slipped off it."

"Now just one question or two more. Would any sound arise from Sir Robert when that blow was struck?"

"Almost certainly. He would utter a groan."

"A loud groan?"

"A more or less loud groan."

"Loud enough to be heard in the next room?"

"Unless the walls were exceptionally thick yes."

"You know the relative position of the study and library in this case. Should such a groan have been heard in the library?"

"In my opinion—yes."

"That is, supposing it were uttered?"

"If it, as I have said, morally certain that it would be uttered."

"Thank you, doctor—that is all," said Stanford. He turned to the Bench. "I think your Worships will agree that we have had some speedy interesting evidence," he said. "I want to ask no more, but I have said on the matter by the man who was in the next room. Call Mr. Marshall Stead."

CHAPTER VIII.

The man whose name had just been pronounced by Stanford rose slowly from a seat which he had occupied all the morning in the well of the court, almost under the dock, and at the time the facial blow was dealt; while he had waited there in the library, his employer had been done to death in the study. It was almost as if the crime had been enacted under his very eyes. There was something strange and weird fascination about him, and as he faced Miller Stanford everything but his presence was forgotten.

The man himself was perhaps the coolest person present—not even excepting the practised barrister, who was feeling the excitement of the fray. He was not a man of remarkable appearance—rather, he was of a type so familiar in every commercial centre as to pass unnoticed; the type of the highly respectable, conventional clerk, quiet and reserved in manner, the type which one meets also with banks and counting-houses and mercantile offices. He was quietly and unostentatiously, but at the same time fashionably dressed in dark clothes, out of respect for the dead man he had assumed a black cravat; he wore black gloves. As he stood in the witness box he made a somber picture—a picture of black and white, of light and shade. Everything about him was of a conventional meaning; his clothes, his hair, his carefully-trimmed moustache, and his glossy shoes. And his face was as quiet as himself; entire attitude and appearance suggested an infinite competence.

Mr. Wood began Stanford. "you are chief cashier of the Manxersley Main Colliery?"

"I am."

"That, I suppose, means that you are really at the head of the financial matters?"

"Under the proprietors—yes."

"How long have you held that post?"

"Five years."

"And what was your previous position?"

"I have held every position in the cashier's department, after entering it ten years ago—from an ordinary clerkship up to my chief cashorship."

"And previous to that?"

"I was a boarding-clerk on the Sleeford and Manchester Railway, and stationed here."

"You naturally enjoyed the late Sir Robert's confidence, seeing that you held a position of such great trust and responsibility?"

"I believe I enjoyed that of the late Sir Robert's full confidence in every way."

"You occasionally called at the Castle?"

"I constantly called at the Castle I called regularly."

"As a visitor, or on business, or what?"

"In both respects. Sir Robert sometimes asked me to dine. I occasionally called to see him in the evening on business matters."

"You went there last night—at twenty minutes to ten?"

"Yes."

"And you were shown into the library?"

"I was."

"And remained there until you heard Mr. Quinton call for help?"

"Yes."

"When you entered the study?"

"That is so."

"You went into the study, of course, through the door which communicates with the library?"

"I did."

"Had that door been closed all the time you were in the library?"

"I believe that it had from the fact that it was certainly closed when I went in Mr. Quinton's assistance."

"You have heard the evidence which has been put before the court—the effect that you saw no one in the library from nine-forty to nine-fifty. Is that correct?"

"I have no reason to dispute it. I should say it is quite correct."

"You have also heard Dr. Childe affirm positively that Sir Robert must have been murdered at or about 9.46, and that there almost certainly—we may take it as certainly—have been two sounds—one, the fall of the body; the other a loud groan. Did you, who were in the next room, a silent apartment, mind, where there was no noise or any sound to distract you, hear anything of either?"

Everybody in court regarded Marshall Stead eagerly as this question was put to him. He looked at it steadily as he had answered all the others.

"I heard nothing."

"Absolutely nothing?"

"Absolutely nothing."

Stanford paused for a moment and seemed to be reflecting. He presently went on:

"You know the interior arrangements of the Castle well?"

"Very well indeed, as regards the lower rooms—the reception rooms."

"Don't you think it a strange thing that you should have heard nothing in the library when Sir Robert was in the next room?

"I should think it a strange thing that I heard nothing if the murder actually happened during the ten minutes I was waiting there. In fact, such a possibility is to me inconceivable."

"Dr. Childe's answer came with a snap. "Eight minutes!"

ROUNDHAY RESIDENTS' FLIGHT FROM GERMANY.

GERMANS WILD WITH EXCITEMENT.

THE KIEL CANAL.

Mr James Midgley, of Fieldhead, Park Avenue, Roundhay, a partner in the firm of Rooke and Midgley, solicitors, Leeds, has just arrived home from a visit to Germany. He was in Hamburg when the air suddenly became filled with war and rumours of war. Speaking of his experiences, he said:—"The populace were intensely excited, and full of enthusiasm and optimism for the success of the German arms. So far as I could judge, one and all were fully convinced that there could be one term to the ation of the trouble—further honour and glory ire ge Fatherland. In no instance did I see the slightest sign of depression; everybody appeared enchanted with the mere thought of the coming conflict, as though it was something they had long looked forward to."

This was before the commencement of hostilities with England, but Aga ss English visitors displayed anxiety to get home. They were told that it would be impossible for them to leave, but, acting on the advice of the British Consul, a party of about 180 boarded the Bury, at Hamburg, and they sailed in her a week last Monday. At Cuxhaven, however, they were told they could proceed no further, and the boat was ordered back to Hamburg, whither, after spending a day in vainly trying to get through, she had to return.

"By this time," said Mr Midgley, "England and Germany were at war, and what a change had come over the port! The people were literally wild with excitement, and a strong anti-British feeling dominated the place. The ordinary people in the streets seemed far more antagonistic to great Britain than to France, and as we left the boat we were jeered at and insulted, and generally treated with hostile derision. All the cafes and taverns and shops which formerly bore English names had changed them for others more in keeping with the new situation."

The party decided on attempting the overland journey into Denmark, and this, with several unwelcome interruptions and much inconvenience, was eventually accomplished, and they sailed from Esbjerg to England on a small steamer laden with provisions.

"Everywhere we saw German troops," Mr Midgley added, "and always they were full of confidence in their own success. They were loudly cheered by the crowds, and the troop trains were lavishly decorated with flowers. Often, too, they were labelled 'To London,' or 'To Paris.' The Danes treated us splendidly, and showed us every courtesy and kindness. A crowd of some 5,000 saw us off from Esbjerg."

Miss Albrecht, of Lakeside, Roundhay, had also difficulty in getting out of Germany. She writes:—Before we arrived at Rensburg we passed over the great Kiel Bridge. Therefore stopped at the entrance, and every one had to get out, leaving their remaining possessions. The train went on, and we walked over, guarded on both sides by armed soldiers. The bridge is magnificent, and the view from it the finest and most magnificent I have ever seen. A war ship was hurrying down the canal to Kiel, bound at her slowest speed. Soldiers and guns moving about below us looked like ants. Some said they saw an effigy of King George hung on a gibbet swinging in the breeze. I hope that little black dangling object was an effigy. Up there we seemed suspended between heaven and earth, perhaps we were equally near them both just then, for the day before two men who were exhausted, unable to walk further, were instantly shot.

This bridge practically holds the key to the safety of the German Fleet, for it is through the Kiel Canal the battleships move between the Baltic and the North Sea. It this bridge could be made to fall into the Canal it would be a terrible blow to the German hopes. After two miles' walk we were again interred, in a train, again with doors and windows shut, and so another weary four hours' misery.

At the next stop, Rensburg, the station was filled with armed soldiers—there appeared to be no civilians left in the whole of the country. One soldier went to each compartment to take out the Englishmen and separate them from the women. I was with two women, and they were overjoyed were Germans. My companion had both my ticket and money in his pocket; as the door was shutting on their retreat I realised this to my horror. I tried to get out, but the officer at the door said that the women were to go on. It was a moment I should not care to experience again—my friend managed to put some money into my hand, though a soldier tried to drag him away, but I felt mightily lonely. I can truly say, The widows had to remain closed, for fear, more venturesome than the rest, when they could stand the atmosphere no longer, opened the window a little, and were greeted by the gutteral command "Fenster zu!"

It was not instantly obeyed.

"Zum Donnerwetter—fenster zu!" an officer shouted, and a soldier brought his rifle to the present, and so it was all the weary eight hours' journey through to Wayang, where we were turned out on to a little wayside station at about 5.30 on Thursday evening.

We had had no sleep or rest and little food since Tuesday night. Some of the women looked ghastly, and their heads nodded sideways as they fell asleep for five minutes where they sat or stood. Thursday on the stones in the station embarrassing to get forty winks, but a heavy shower of rain soon disturbed them. The one waiting-room was crowded with people struggling for places at the "buttered-bun" counter. Here we were allowed to go out of the station into the little village, but without money it was of no use to visit the one hotel. There were rumours that the Englishmen were to follow us, and that they had been released from Ruhleben; but by now we were not believing anything until it came to pass. The train should have left at 9, but the frontier was to leave at 1.30 a.m. The hours dragged slowly, for we were uneasy, ignorant of how the men were faring, and if we should finally cross the frontier. We had to go through the Customs at Wayang. My bag passed all right, but when I was asked for a pass I had not even a letter on me to prove my identity! A cheerful prospect indeed. I vowed if ever I did get through I should secure a passport as a soldier always! We were put into the train at 12.30 midnight, with no news as yet of our friends, but just before we started a train brought them in, and we mounted them anxiously. They were all there, but there were no cheers; it may sound astonishing, but we did not dare raise one.

It seems that the men had been arrested, then marched triumphantly through the town for an hour and a half, all carrying their baggage in the midday August sun. At barracks they were dealt up in public places, being assured by the officials that they were not to be released until the war was over, as they were capable of forming armies. Of course, the people followed, highly interested, and it was a good thing for them that they were well guarded by soldiers. Finally they were imprisoned in barracks to await further orders. One poor old lady of 75, who had absolutely refused to be parted from the men, had to struggle along in the useless miserable parade, as also had the children of one of the Consulate staff.

In our compartment from Wayans to Vandrup there were 15 people, and all windows were to be kept shut. There was an old lady with us who had been through the whole journey, and I wonder if she will ever get over it. I never saw anyone look so ghastly. The lamps went out, and we were in pitch darkness, all piled on like herrings. At a place just before the frontier, we were all called out to be examined for the last time. It was quite dark, I think it must have been about 3 a.m. An officer went through our bags again, and asked for passports. The exquisite relief after climbing back into our packed compartment of getting out at friendly Danish Vandrup, the soldiers gone, and all about us Danes—smiling friendly Danes!

CORRESPONDENCE

CROSSGATES V. TADCASTER CRICKET MATCH.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I should like to call before the cricketing public in the Shetcliffe Park District, through the medium of your paper, the facts relating to the semi-final of the Lane Fox Cup Competition, which should have taken place last Saturday at Church Fenton.

The reader will probably remember the state of the weather. It rained practically without a stop from 7 in the morning until 3.30 in the afternoon. The only available train for Crossgates to travel by, leaves Crossgates at 1.40, and arrives at Church Fenton at 2.34. The match was advertised to commence at 2.30 p.m. The ordinary fare on this train is 3s. 3d. return (all week bookings being cancelled), and in face of the fact that three or four of Crossgates team being out of work or on short time, owing to the war, they could not see their way to pay this, with very poor prospects of play, and the probability of having to go again. Crossgates had to find two reserves at the last moment to take the place of two who had to work extra duty, also on account of the war, and could not get away one in time to go by this train. It was decided that two of them should travel by the 1.40 train and explain the position to Tadcaster, the remainder following by the 3.40 p.m. train, via Micklefield. On this train the fare was 1s. 6d. return. As it happened this train was delayed at Gorforth, attaching horse boxes, for 15 minutes, consequently the team did not arrive on the ground until 4.20, or about 1 hr. 50 m. it was possible to commence play. The Tadcaster team were then leaving the field, having claimed the match under Rule 4, which reads—

"For the first fifteen minutes late, without reasonable excuse, a club shall be fined 1s., and for the second 15 minutes 2s. 6d. If a club be more than 30 minutes late the matter shall be dealt with by the committee, and if one hour late the match shall be awarded to the club who's team is in readiness to play."

Crossgates appealed to the committee of the League, asking for a replay, but the committee decided they had no option but to award the match to Tadcaster, the rule, in their opinion, not allowing them to do otherwise. At the same time, they asked the Tadcaster representative to see if his committee would be agreeable to play the match on Tadcaster ground. Crossgates are now in receipt of Tadcaster's decision, which is that they refuse to play.

My opinion is that the words in the rule "without reasonable excuse" are intended to apply to the whole of the rule, or now would the committee be placed should one team be delayed by a breakdown of train or other unforseen accident, and the other team be in unsportsmanlike as to claim the match. I think the Chairman would have been quite in order if he had accepted the proposal that was put forward "that the match be replayed."

I think the matter should be further considered by the League Committee, as I am sure the donor of the Cup, Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., never intended, or would care to see any team dismissed from the Competition under such unfortunate circumstances.

There is no doubt that Tadcaster, should they ultimately become the holders, would hold it with more pleasure if they had won every round by sheer merit, instead of gaining by others' misfortunes.

I have always stuck up for League cricket in the past, but if this is competition spirit the sooner it is ended the better, and I for one am in favour of Crossgates playing ordinary matches only in the future.—Yours truly,

WALTER T. STEEL.

7, Oak Terrace, Crossgates.
Aug. 12th, 1914.

AMBULANCE.—By kind permission of Mrs Talbot-Ponsonby, of Lotherton Hall, the village institute has been requisitioned as an hospital and soldiers' rest. It is fully equipped with beds and 'fix,' nursing will be undertaken by the local section of the Aberfordia Ambulance Association.

FARMER PLEADS IGNORANCE OF THE LAW.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Daniel Hardy, farmer, of Shadwell, was summoned for removing seven pigs from the Auction Mart at Whitkirk, on Monday, July 27th, without having the necessary licence. P.C. Taylor proved the case, and defendant pleaded ignorance as to the necessity of having such a licence. Supt. Symonds stated that a special officer was placed on duty at the Auction Mart to supply these licences, and it would have been necessary for the defendant to have passed the officer in leaving the mart. A fine of one shilling for each pig, together with the costs of the case, was imposed.

TADCASTER HOSPITAL.—The Rev. B. and Mrs Hemsworth have placed at the disposal of the Government the Convent Hall and Alpine Hall for use as a temporary hospital during the war. They have already procured upwards of 50 beds, and directly 15 beds are in readiness it required. Mrs Hemsworth, assisted by a party of nursing helpers, has been busy several days making the necessary arrangements. The rooms are only a few yards from the railway at Milford Junction, and it is thought they will be very convenient if required. The members of the Milford Junction Branch of the St. John Ambulance Association have also promised to render assistance, and the members of the Monk Fryston Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment have signified their willingness to be ready when called upon. Offers of assistance have poured in from all round the district.

A Tale of the Dark Ages.

Three hundred years ago there lived at Augsburg a lad named Willibald, apprentice to a smith, whose industry obtained him the regard of his master, while his good nature caused him to be a favourite with all who knew him. His master was highly estimated his skill that when the day grew into a man he offered to make him his partner, and hinted that he was not displeased at the young man's friendship with his daughter.

Willibald, though favoured by the young lady, was quite free from any feeling of love for her, and the reason of his coldness was apparent.

In the small house opposite lived Dame Martha, a respectable widow, with a grand-daughter of some common loveliness. Young Ellen had quite captivated Willibald; and when he saw her through the window, or the open door, thought there could be no happiness so great as that of calling her his own. But the old woman seldom suffered her to stir from her sight. So that there was no opportunity for the young man to declare the passion with which the fair girl had inspired him.

For a long while Willibald sought some pretence to visit their dwelling, but fortune at length favoured him. One day, when the snow made the ground so slippery as to be dangerous to an unfirm person, he saw Dame Martha coming out of the church door. He hastened to offer the assistance of his arm, and conducted her home. She invited him to enter, for she thought that only a very worthy young man would be so attentive to an aged dame. She was now happier than Willibald. From this day he was one of Dame Martha's most frequent visitors, and was always received with a welcome. In process of time he made bold to lay open his heart to the old woman, and ask permission to make love to her grand-daughter. "My dear young friend," was her reply, "I have the highest esteem for you, and could wish Ellen no better husband. I believe she loves you, too; but you have not yet sufficient for the support of a wife. Save from your wages a decent sum, say thirty gold pieces, for a beginning, then come and receive your bride with my blessing."

Willibald was joyous at this unexpected reply. He had now an object for labour and frugality, and he redoubled his industry, laying by carefully all he made.

About this time Dame Martha became indisposed, and her leech prescribed change of air, as she took a little cottage in the country, about an hour's walk from the city.

One day, as Willibald approached the house, Ellen came to meet him, weeping. She sobbed bitterly as he drew near, and exclaimed—"Ah, Willibald, what a misfortune!"

"You know it, then!" cried he, with faltering voice.

"What—no—what?" asked Ellen, quickly and eagerly.

"That I have been robbed of my box of money," answered the youth, in a tone of anguish.

"Alas!" replied Ellen, "then misfortunes never come single! Yesterday a rich gentleman came to our cottage, and demanded my hand in marriage. His name is Werner; he is a rich merchant from Ulm. Even now he is sitting in the room yonder, with my grandma, drinking wine, and telling her of his house and lands, while his servant, in the stands by the chimney, confirms everything he says. But be comforted, dear Willibald; my grandma may say what she will, I will die rather than be faithless to you!"

Here Dame Martha came out of the house, and commanded Ellen to go in directly. The poor girl was forced to obey; and the old woman said to Willibald: "Young man, I came to say to you that I think it best you should come no more to my cottage. A rich man is a suitor for my Ellen, and it is my duty to do what is for her good."

"Very good—very good, Dame Martha!" cried Willibald, half choking with emotion. "I say nothing of your conduct! If you choose to break my honest fellow's heart—and your own word also—'tis all the same to you."

Saying he hastily went away.

Some hours must have passed unmarked in the indulgence of his grief, for it was late when he rose and tried to find his way homeward. After wandering about some time, without being able to discover the road, he found that he was in a churchyard. "There is the house where the people go to pray," murmured the youth bitterly. "Have I not also prayed? Have I not kept my soul from sin? Prayers will not give Ellen back, she would I say—says, to the lad fend himself—and promise to be his, so she would be mine!"

Scarce had the distracted youth uttered these words when a sound of shrill laughter nearly startled him, and, looking round, he saw a figure which he had no difficulty in recognising by the well-known horns and cloven foot. "I am here," cried he in hoarse tones, "at your service, and ready to do your bidding, asking only a small service in return."

"What is that?" Willibald mustered courage to say, though he trembled all over.

"I have a piece of work for you. I will take you to a spot where lies buried one of my subjects. You must make me an iron railing round this grave; and, in return, I will give you your heart's desire."

"If you have nothing more to ask I am content," replied the young man.

"This is all; but it is a harder task than you imagine. You have but one hour to work. At 12 you must begin, and the railing must be completed by the time the clock strikes 1. If it is done, you are free; if not, you belong to me for ever."

Willibald pledged himself to the unhallowed contract, and followed the fiend, who bobbed on till he stood by a new-made grave.

At the same instant, Willibald saw "fire spring from the ground, and caught a glimpse of several bars of iron and the tools of his trade. The clock so diligently did he apply himself that the work grew rapidly under his hand; a single screw only was wanting when the clock was heard striking 1, and Willibald fell to the ground insensible.

When his senses returned it was morning, the sun was shining brightly, and he thought all that had passed a wild dream.

Full of shame and repentance, Willibald hastened to the church to pray for the pardon of his sin. His heart was lighter after the prayer; but he could not go home to work that day, and sadly he walked towards Dame Martha's cottage.

Ellen came to meet him, as before, and shed tears as she threw her arms round his neck.

"This time," she said, "they are tears of joy. When you left so suddenly yesterday I came into the garden, where I might weep undisturbed. I sat there long after dusk; when, as I leant my head on the table yonder, a female figure approached me. She reminded me of my dead mother, and said: 'Weep not, my child, but pray—pray for your lover; he is in very great danger.' She vanished before I could think her; but I remembered her words and prayed for you all night long."

The young man shuddered, but raised his eyes in grateful thankfulness.

"Early this morning," continued the damsel, "came Herr Werner; I went out to meet him, and told him I would not offend my parents by refusing. He was much vexed, but, without another word, mounted his horse and rode away, followed by his servant. My grandma was angry, but my conscience told me I did right, and now that you return to me in safety, Willibald, I am sure that I have the blessing of Heaven."

And, the young smith felt the same assurance when, a few days later, his box of treasure was restored to him by his master's daughter, who, in a fit of jealousy had stolen it from him. Dame Martha could no longer withhold her consent; but, before Willibald dared to claim Ellen as his bride, he confessed his great sin to the priest, and submitted to the penance enjoined upon him; and this, of course, saved him.

The lovers were married and lived happily, remembering their past troubles only as a warning against incontent and an act of submission to Providence.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Throughout the district excellent work is being done in one way or another on behalf of the men who are serving with the colours, and all classes seem anxious to do something in order to mitigate suffering and distress. Seeing that so many sewing parties are being organised, may I direct attention to a phase of this question which has been dealt with by several newspapers. It is remarked that many women are most patriotically devoting their time to making shirts and other garments for the wounded. All honour to them; for in many cases this work, as something added to the ordinary household cares, involves a real sacrifice of strength and leisure. There are some women, however, who could do good service in another way if instead of, or in addition to, making garments themselves, they employed other women to do so, or even ordered them from the manufacturers. Giving out such work would help to reduce unemployment, and in that way would mitigate the distress caused by the war, as well as being of service to our wounded soldiers and sailors. I learn of one party of ladies in the district who have collected a considerable sum of money, and they have determined to buy material and have garments made by women who will be paid for their work.

In these days signs and prophecies make a remarkable appeal to the imagination of what has been termed a sober-minded people, and, of course, they are all, in some way, construed to our own advantage. Only the other day a man, gazing upon the hundreds of acres of corn, ready for the harvesters, was heard to remark—"Ay, we must be in the right this time. Look at the weather we're having, and the corn ripening in a few days." He apparently had his doubts. Harvest or no harvest, the course adopted by this country, however costly, was the only honourable one to pursue.

In many parts of the country a scarcity of labour to harvest the crops has been experienced, but in Barkston Ash the farmers are apparently managing to get the work done without much inconvenience. And last week-end the Lord was a picture, with the harvesters busy and the bright sunshine playing on the sheaves of golden grain. It was a gratifying scene, strangely in constrast with that enacted on the other side of the North Sea. Farmers are sometimes stated to be lacking in imagination, indifferent to the panorama which nature gradually unfolds before them as the seasons pass, but comparatively few, I believe, have shut out of their minds the conditions here as compared with those in the rural districts where Hans and Gretchen have had their peaceful labours disturbed by the ruthless demands of a despotic ruler.

It will be remembered that during the South African campaign rifle clubs were started all over the district, and numerous pubs had shooting organizations associated with them. Interest, however, soon waned, and it is doubtful that a single rifle club established in the district is now in existence. At the time I pointed out that these clubs would soon go to the wall, and I advocated instead that the young men should join the Territorials and thus make themselves efficient marksmen. The "Warrior" behind the slip-rails no doubt meant well, but how would they handle a rifle? Once more the establishment of shooting ranges is being advocated, but surely past experience will be some guide to people.

To be of any use to the country men must be properly drilled and trained; they must be taught the value of discipline; and shooting must be learned under proper conditions. This can only be accomplished by Government organization, and by men pledging themselves to undertake service. Although I do not believe in compulsory service, as it is known in various countries, I think that young men generally would profit by a training, but it could not be given by gun clubs. The manhood of the nation has responded nobly to Lord Kitchener's call, but how vastly easier would the formation of a second Army have been had young men generally had some sort of training.

In Barkston Ash and Rothwell district no attempt, so far as I know, has been made to popularize the Territorial movement, although there are hundreds of young men eligible for membership. Selby, Tadcaster, and Wetherby have had their detachments, but Sherburn, Garforth, Kippax, Allerton Bywater, and Rothwell, as recruiting centres, have been neglected. Every one of the places mentioned could support a company, or half-a-company, and I know districts more sparsely populated which have turned out some of the best "shots" in the country. A dearth of men willing to act as officers has often been given as a reason for the apathy towards the movement, and it is lamentable that men of influence do not realize their responsibilities.

Seacroft people have had a disappointment this year. Their cricket team has always been in the front rank in Barkston Ash, and the manner in which they have maintained their position season after season, despite the loss of players, should make other clubs inquire how it is done. This year they had visions of three trophies going to Seacroft, but they have, contrary to expectations, already said farewell to the Lane Fox Cup and the Riley Smith Shield, for a year at least, and they are wondering what will happen in the Sagar Musgrave Cup final when they meet Halton Wen. They have won the trophy presented by Mr Sagar Musgrave, of Shadwell, in 1901 no fewer than nine times, and they have secured the shield given by the late Mr H. H. Riley-Smith, of Tadcaster, in 1909, three times, but the Lane Fox Cup they cannot secure.

It was understood that at last meeting Garforth Urban Council would undertake the work of naming the streets, etc., but the question was ignored, owing, I suppose, to the necessity for practising stern economy at this time. The streets have been christened, but the "fathers" may re-name some of them in order to honour some of the heroes of the war. After the South African bother Woodlesford named its streets, and they were christened after British officers had his doubts. Harwest or no harvest, the course adopted by this country, however costly, was the only honourable one to pursue.

An amusing story is related concerning an Aberford man. Aflame with patriotic zeal, he, along with two chums, determined that they would offer their services to the country, and forthwith journeyed to the nearest recruiting office. Having explained their errand, they were medically examined, and two were rejected. One was informed that his teeth were bad, and that Lord Kitchener greatly regretted he could not accept his services. The Aberfordian, however, did not see any reason in this, and he turned on the officer, and said—"Rejected for bad teeth, am I? I don't want to eat the Germans, I want to kill 'em." All the same, his heart beat does not now beat under the khaki.

The Aberfordia Ambulance League, whose area stretches from Tadcaster to Rothwell, has done splendidly. Fifteen from the Garforth, Bowers, Allerton, and Rothwell detachments, who have signed on as members of the Royal Army Medical Corps, are now on duty at the Scarborough Northern Hospital at Beckett's Park, Leeds, and it is probable that they will be sent on active service. These men will receive 1s. 2d. per day as wages from a grateful country and their wives will get 1s. 1d. per day and 2d. for each child. "Aberfordia," I understand, has, if numbers are taken into consideration, distinguished itself above all other Voluntary Aid Detachments.

The ladies of the League are ready whenever their services are required. At Garforth fifteen beds are to be provided at St. Mary's Hall, and they will be ready at 24 hours' notice. Parlington Hall is to be turned into an hospital, with 20 beds, by Mrs Gascoigne, and the Aberford ladies will be in charge of it. The Whitkirk ladies have, as stated last week, decided to have an hospital, but the best institution in the district will be at Monk Fryston, where the two excellent halls in the Park will be utilized for this purpose. Tadcaster ladies have got permission to use part of the infirmary at Tadcaster, and the fever hospital at Garforth Cliff will also be used if necessary.

It will be remembered that the men at Allerton Bywater Colliery some time since purchased a motor ambulance for use in cases of accident at the pit, and, as an evidence of the good feeling existing between the owners and themselves, they decided that the money should come out of their own pockets. If my information is correct, the ambulance has cost £600. In the beginning of the week I was told that the ambulance had been "commandeered," and its first work will be done for the good of the country.

Many stories are related about the sale of horses in the district to the war authorities, and it is evident that many people have parted with animals to which they were attached. One man stated that he purchased a horse at Sherburn, and he had had it for seven years, and he was afraid it would have to go. Another went, but the favourite animal remained. "I love my horse," he said, "but I determined to work it up to the last, and if they took it they would have to have it. I would be a coward if I hid the horse away and the country wanted it." In another case a farmer had some of his horses taken by Leeds, and he actually went to the city when the military were exercising horses to have a last look at the animals he had parted with.

Ulleskelf is to be favoured with a cricket final on Saturday. The competing teams are Tadcaster and South Milford, and, as the sides are well-matched, an interesting game should be the outcome. It is impossible for the Competition to get along without funds, and it is hoped that the people in the rural districts will turn up in large numbers and justify the Committee's action in having the match on Ulleskelf ground.

At a meeting of Garforth Urban Council it was stated that Reservists' wives and families had been reduced to sore straits owing to the breadwinners having been called up, and surely local people will see that they do not suffer meantime. The War Office has issued a communique on the subject of separation allowances for the wives and children of soldiers, Reservists, Territorials, and civilians enlisted for temporary service. Separation allowances will be paid during the war at the same rates to the wives not on the married establishment as to those on the establishment, but as the War Office is not at present in possession of any register of these there will be some inevitable delay in making the first payments

Lord Hawke has a brother who is at present in command of one of the Dreadnoughts.

PRESENTATION.—The Selby Gospel Temperance Meeting and friends have presented a silver epergne to the Rev. W. C. Poles, Wesleyan superintendent minister, on his removal from Selby to the York Wesley Circuit. Mr J. Hesketh presided at the gathering. Mr Poles preached his farewell sermon on Sunday night. During his term of service in Selby he has been highly esteemed, and has been one of the best ministers ever connected with the Selby Circuit.

LADY GOLFERS BUSY.—A meeting of the lady members of the Headingley Golf Club was held at the headquarters, Adel, on Friday, to arrange for the distribution of work in connection with the organisation of the Lady Mayoress. Mrs Harding said that they required ladies to undertake the making of garments for the men who were fighting, and also to visit their families while they were away. They were not pressing for money alone, and they would value the work of those who could not aid them financially. During the afternoon over sixty garments were taken away, and nearly £50 was subscribed. It was arranged that meetings for the distribution of work should be held at the clubhouse every Friday at 2 o'clock.

SELBY URBAN COUNCIL.—At a special meeting of the Selby Urban District Council held on Wednesday night—Councillor J. S. Ullathorne presiding—a resolution was adopted with reference to the Museum buildings, the gift to the town under the will of the late Sir Jonathan Hutchinson. The Council have purchased the reversionary interest in the property from Lord Londesborough. The resolution now agreed to was that the Council accept the Museums and Gymnasiums Act, and that the provisions of the same come into operation on October 1st. Dr Bertram Hill, the medical officer to the Selby Council and other local authorities, being away on duty with the Army Medical Corps, it was decided to appoint Dr Radcliffe, of South Milford, as medical officer pro tem., he having the full qualifications for the post. Councillor Mark Scott reported that the use of Brayton Barff, the high ground near Selby, had been granted to the military authorities, and that a military guard had been placed at the waterworks.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR-WAGGON.—While playing outside the barracks of the depot of the 2nd West Yorkshire Regiment on Saturday afternoon, York, Christopher Thomas Perkins, whose parents live at the Barracks, was knocked down by a motor waggon belonging to Messrs. John Smith and Co., Ltd., brewers, Tadcaster. The boy, who is aged four years, failed to notice the approach of the waggon until it was quite near to him. He then endeavoured unsuccessfully to get out of the way, and was caught by the left hind wheel. Whether he was actually run over or not does not seem clear, but when he was picked up and taken into the Military Hospital close by it was found that he had received an abdominal injury. After the injury had received attention, the little boy was taken to the York County Hospital, where he was detained. So far as can at present be ascertained, the boy is not seriously injured, but is merely suffering from a flesh wound. It is also stated that the man who was controlling the brakes of the waggon had his leg badly scraped by jumping from the waggon in an endeavour to save the child from injury.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the programme is headed by Olga, Elgar, and Eli Hudson, who give a musical entertainment of a high order. They are capable instrumentalists, and they provide some melodious numbers. A. D. Robbins and company give a very funny cycle act, their curiously constructed machines reaching the height of absurdity. "The Partners," a sketch presented by Fisher and Green, contains some humorous passages. Amongst the other turns are Marie Santa and her Merry Japs, in a musical comedy playlet, "A Night in Japan"; James A. Watts, jun., buck-and-wing songs and dances; Daisy Taylor, Scotch comedienne and dancer; Australian McEvans, eccentric dancers; and Dan Wade, comedian.

After its recent successful run at the Empire Theatre, London, Mr R. G. Hunter's six-scene "Bur-revue-lesque," "A Mixed Grill," with Fred Farren, Ida Crispi, and John Humphries, will make its appearance at the Leeds Empire on Monday night. This mirthful and thoroughly up-to-date revue, with its smart dialogue and lyrics by W. H. Risque, and delightful melodies by Howard Talbot, is largely a sort of burlesque of the higher of intellectual dramas, and there is certainly much that is delicious in the way of humour. The original cast is as follows:—Ida Crispi, Fred Farren, John Humphries, Maud Joy, Robert Lennyre, Iris Scott, Jinnie James, Ethel George, and Jack Buchanan. The revue is produced by Fred Farren, while the orchestra is under the direction of Howard Carr. There are supplementary turns on the programme, including Bruce Gree, dame comedian; Alfredo, vaga-bond violinist; and Tom E. Finglass, cowboy cyclist. The fine film-fully sanctioned animated pictures of the Great European War will be shown, consisting of King Albert bidding farewell to his 6th Regiment, soldiers leaving the Gare du Nord for the Front, scenes on the fighting line with guns in action, the wounded being attended to at the Royal Palace, etc.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal turn is given by the celebrated entertainers, Mr Barclay Gammon. Whether in song or patter this gifted artist has his audience in a titter, but the climax is reached by his rendering of the latest "Who Killed Bill Kaiser?" Joe Boganny's Royal Lunatic Bakers are too well known to need much praise. The final boxing scene between two diminutive members of the company still proves an irresistible attraction. "An Impromptu," a novel dancing scene presented by Mr Alfred Haines, is somewhat novel and highly entertaining. Other capital turns are provided by Sinding, the "human-wire electra"; Binns and Binns, in comedy and music; Miss Olive Weir, American impersonator; Alcide Captaine, a clever and accomplished gymnast; and the King's College Boys, in a splendid vocal turn of songs and choruses

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal turn will be given by Albert Whelan, the celebrated Australian entertainer; the Harmony Four, Irene May, and Jessie Berg.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

At the Queen's Theatre this week the attraction is Mr Arthur Shirley's play "Fallen by the Way," which Mr J. Forbes Knowles' company are producing. The play centres round the early downfall of Ethel Holland, one of two sisters, who is eventually rescued and married to David Grant, a young missionary and church worker. The latter is the main character in the play, and nothing could be finer than Mr Forbes Knowles's impersonation of the role. Other members of the cast also play their parts comfortably, while the humour contributed by Miss Leslie-Vyner and Miss Nellie Shirley is highly appreciated, and creates plenty of laughter. The stage effects are also on an elaborate scale.

Next week at the Queen's Theatre Mrs Kimberley's No. 1. Company will appear in "The Boy Detective," described as one of the most up-to-date dramas travelling.

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OUR GARDENS.

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

PROBABLE SCARCITY OF BULBS—HOW TO MEET THE DIFFICULTY.

Dutch bulbs are almost certain to be very scarce this year. Owing to the war there is little likelihood of large consignments getting through, and any bulbs that do reach this country will be very dear. This state of affairs will tax the gardener's ingenuity, and no doubt many methods will be adopted whereby the probable shortage of spring flowers will be met. It is next to impossible to find substitutes that can equal the charming Dutch bulbs and daffodil, and all we can do is to make the best of the material at hand.

In many gardens quantities of bulbs have been naturalised in shrubberies and borders, and these may now be utilised for forcing purposes. For the moment it will be sufficient for us to consider the problem of producing flowers during the first three months in the year, that is, the season when forced bulbs are most in demand. It is not generally known that bulbs will often flower again the year after being forced, especially those that have not been subjected to severe forcing. Many gardeners put the pots of bulbs outdoor after flowering, and in some of these, when the tops decay, the bulbs are turned out of the pots and put close together in a shady place, with soil and roots, to remain there for autumn. Where this system has been followed a number of serviceable Bulbs should now be available for potting or boxing up.

Roman Hyacinths, after being forced once, are useless, and the earliest varieties of tulips such as Due Von Thol in variety are very little better. The majority ofdaffodils will give satisfactory results a second year, although it is obvious that the flowers will be much smaller than those from new bulbs. No time should be lost in getting the bulbs boxed or potted. The sooner they are planted the less forcing they will require to get them in bloom early in the new year. Select firm-rooked, heavy bulbs for the purpose and place them in a fairly rich compost.

Tulips and hyacinths that were lifted from the flower beds in spring should also provide a fair number of useful bulbs for pot culture.

Reverting to the subject of naturalised bulbs for forcing purposes, great care should be exercised in lifting them. In most cases root action will have commenced, and as far as it is practicable the roots should be preserved. If the bulbs are in clumps, they should be lifted and planted into boxes without separating them. Many will be too small to produce flowers, but if an attempt was made to sort them, the whole clump would suffer.

In the absence of cholter material, the consolmon bluebell from the fields and woods may be pressed into service. For conservatory decoration small subjects such as snowdrops, crocus, scillas, and chionodoxas may be used.

In addition to bulbs, numerous kinds of hardy shrubs and herbaceous perennials may be pressed into service for early flowering. Deutzias, spiraea, hiburnum, lilac, wistaria, and prunus are but a few of the many hard wooded subjects that force readily. These, of course, must not be lifted until autumn is well advanced. The same treatment may be applied to the following herbaceous perennials—astilbe, anemone, double spiraea, heuchera sanguinea, double and single pyrethrums, veronicas in variety, marmosa and German iris. Excessive forcing should not be applied to any of these subjects. Garden pinks, sweet williams, wallflowers, Canterbury bells, and corn-cockle grandiflora are also suitable for our purpose, and it will be seen that by using a little forethought the difficulty may be overcome.

Another method of overcoming the difficulty is to raise a quantity of suitable plants from seed. Sweet peas suggest themselves to the mind at once, and although it is a difficult matter to get them to flower before April comes in, but a little extra attention they may be persuaded to bloom even in March. The friendly calcium may be had in bloom much earlier, but our experience with these has shown them to be inferior in colour, and much smaller in size than the ordinary varieties. For earliest flowering seed may be sown in early September. Five seeds in a five-inch pot are sufficient, and the pots may be put in a cold frame until germination takes place. Afterwards they may be put outdoor until the end of October, or until frost threatens. During November and December the object of the grower should be to prevent the plants drawing.

cool, light position should be found for them, and if they show a tendency to "bolt," the tops may be pinched out. If numerous shoots develop in consequence of the opinching they must be thinned to one or two on each plant. Early in the new year healthy growth will commence and attention must then be paid to repotting and staking as examination arises. At no time must excessive fire heat be used. All that is required is a exclusion of frost. Another sowing could be made about the middle of October. These should be wintered in the cold frame, and pots in reserve to provide a succession of flowers.

Nicotianas are not generally used for cutting, but there is no reason why they should not be grown for that purpose. Their habit of throwing their flowers in the daytime may be prevented, if many flowers growing them for cutting purposes. When cut and placed in a comparatively shaded room, however, they do not close their flowers, and if once used, we venture to predict they will find a regular place in house decoration. Sow the seed at once, and grow on through the winter in an intermediate house, repotting them as necessity arises. They are not over particular about position, any corner of the greenhouse being suitable for them. The white variety, Affinis, is exquisitely scented, and the variety Sanderae is a nice red variety. The Sand-rea forbiddi is useful for conservatory decoration, but the colours are too much of a muddy purple character to allow them to be described as suitable for table decoration.

Cineraria Stellata stands very well when cut. Seedlings may be induced to flower early by forcing them in comparatively small pots. Under this treatment the leaves are apt to assume a rather sickly appearance but this is no detriment when the flowers are wanted for cutting. Before long must be commenced in earnest if we desire commence to run to flower, or the individual blooms will be very small. The large flowered varieties are practically useless for cutting.

Schizanthus Retusus Alba is another pretty subject possessing all the good qualities of a flower for cutting purposes. Seed may be sown in September.

Primula Obconica and P. Malacoides stand well in water. Plants of the former, if not in bud, may be purchased at a nursery. The Malacoides variety may be raised from seed any time this month. They should be grown in a fairly warm house from the first. Spring sown plants will shortly commence to flower. In the face of the probable shortage of flowers later on it will be advisable to pick off all flower buds as they appear. This will keep the plants strong and healthy and cause them to flower freely later on.

Calla lilies can be brought into full bloom early in the new year. If not already done, repotting must now be attended to. Turn the plants out of the pots and reduce the ball of soil as much as possible without injuring the roots. Repot into suitable sized pots, using a rich compost for the purpose. Under ordinary conditions the plants would probably be allowed to stand outdoor until the end or September. After early flowering they may be put in a cold frame after potting, and as soon as free growth commences they should be transferred to the greenhouse. Copious supplies of water are needed during the growing season.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

HALTON, COLTON, AND WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton Education Sub-Committee was held in the Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Halton Place, Leeds, on Tuesday evening —Mr G. M. Abbey (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs J H. Tomlinson (vice-chairman), B. Wood Higgins, P. S. Marsden, S. H. Young, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The attendance returns for July were considered, that of the Woodleford Council School being noted as good. The returns for the various schools in the district are as follows:—Woodlesford Council (mixed) 91.41; Woodlesford Council (infants) 82.35; Oulton St. John's (mixed) 92.75 Oulton St. John's (infants) 91.57; Halton Council School, Halton Council (infants) 86.1 Colton Council (mixed) 87.6.

The following tenders for the supply of fuel to the schools were received:—Coal, Messrs Briggs, Oulton and Woodsford; Waterloo Main Colliery, Halton and Colton Schools; coke, the Barnsley Gas Company.

A letter was read from Miss Steel, of the Colton Council School, tendering her resignation, which was accepted. In her stead Miss M. Corcoran, of Wetherby, was appointed.

The Clerk reported that application had been made by the War Office for the use of Halton School for the erection of beds. The necessary arrangements had been made when the authorities from York had written saying the school would not be required, the Parochial Hall having been secured.

With regard to a communication from the Central Riding Education Committee respecting the provision of meals for school children during the war, it was decided to hold a meeting to arrange matters in September.

HUMOURS OF BATHING IN JAPAN.

One of the minor trials of the Briton visiting Japan is the system of bathing which prevails there, which he will not understand, and desire for privacy during our ablutions. Mr. W. Carey Jeffries, in "Two Undergraduates in the East" (Sports and Sportsmen, Limited), says:

"We were given a room together, and thought we would like a bath. The Japanese bathe in their baths every evening, and all in the same water. That is not as bad as it sounds, as they never wash in the bath, but always outside it, and then, having taken the soap off, they get into the bath. The bath rooms are always quite open, and often the maid will bring in a tea tray for you while you get to another room. They do not think any more about it than we do of walking down stairs, and it is quite untrue that there are peepholes in the doors and sides, a statement that one often hears in England. Their baths are quite different from ours, and far better in many ways, difficult as they for Europeans to realise them, and also at first somewhat 'disconcerting. We were given kimonos to go down to the bath in, and the latter was in a corner of the room downstairs. It was not a bath as we understand it, but was a large tub, one-third of the boards of which had been taken away, and the remainder fastened in the corner of the room. A little Japanese maid was sweeping the floor when we entered, so we coughed and called for a few minutes with no effect. She evidently intended continuing her work, and did not even look at us, so T. at last got out the bath. The maid went on scrubbing until her bucket was empty, then she got up, went over to the bath in which T. was, put her bucket in and filled it, and then went on scrubbing, utterly unconcerned!"

HALTON

The Hon. Edward Wood, M.P., regrets that, owing to the war, he has been compelled to cancel the Garrowby Harrier luncheon, which was to have taken place on August 24th, at Garrowby.

ECZEMA CURED IN THREE WEEKS

(Copy). 40, Club Row,

Kirkstall, Leeds.

Dear Sir,—This is to certify that my son, Rowland Craven, has been completely cured of eczema in three weeks by your Zam-Buk ointment. Prior to that I had him under the doctors' treatment for 2½ years without any satisfaction whatever. He is now 4 years of age. Before consulting you my little boy could not get any rest day or night. Thanking you for your kindness to me, and the cheapness of your remedies,

I remain, dear sir, yours truly,

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HALTON MAN'S ADVENTURE WITH WHITAKER CHURCHMEN TAKEN FOR GERMAN SPIES.

AN INCIDENT AT SKEGNESS.

Mr. Harry Jackson, of Whitkirk, who is staying at Skegness, along with his wife, Mr William Beavins, of Whitkirk, and Mr George Farndale, of Halton, writes:—

On Saturday Mr Beavins and myself set off in the afternoon to go to see Wainfleet Church, a historic church about 7 miles from here, and not being quite sure of our way we had to consult our guide book and map to get our bearings. We duly arrived at the church, and were kindly shown over by the vicar, who also took us up the tower, from which we had a very fine view to Lincolnshire and the coast, looking right over to Wash.

On Monday night my wife, Mr Farndale, and I went to a pierrot entertainment on the sands. The show had only just commenced when a naval officer came up and whispered in my ear that he would like to see me outside. On going out he told me a report had been handed in by the patrol "bodyguard" men that I had been seen studying a map on the road a mile from the naval air station here. He wanted to know what we were doing there, when we came, where from, names and addresses, what the little flag was in my coat-lapel (which flag, by the way, I had purchased at a cigarette factory), when we were going back, and a lot questions besides.

However, I think we eventually satisfied him that we were not spies, and after profuse apologies from him for having interrupted our evening's entertainment, he took his departure.

Just imagine the "pillars" of the Whitkirk Church being taken for "furriners" from Germany!"

SKYRACK MAGISTRATE'S SCATHING COMMENT.

AN INCIDENT AT WOODLESFORD.

"The bench think it is a very bad case, and that you have behaved like a brute. You are fined 40s and 2s per cent. of these supplies are derived from nations now engaged in warfare; to a greater or lesser extent, shipping must be affected, so that in addition to some two-thirds of our imports beside out of further diminution must be expected on this account.

With these remarks, sharply pressed on the previous evening about 5.30, he was on the Aberford Road, Woodlesford, near to the Station, when he saw a waggon drawn by two horses coming up the hill at a terrific speed. He pulled up the horses, and found the defendant, who was in charge, in a very drunken condition. He took the waggon to the Black Bull Hotel, where it was left, the defendant being taken to the West Riding Police Station at Leeds. The officer said he examined the waggon, and found that one of them was all of a lather, and covered with sweds over a foot long all over the back. Witness said he saw the defendant about 300 yards away coming over the Garnal Bridge, and he was beating both horses. The one previously mentioned was practically exhausted, and the other horse had pulled the waggon up the hill. Under the circumstances he did fostering wound. The defendant had come from Selby, and was going to Desabury. P.C. Hobinson also gave evidence.

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Mr. G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., who is with the Yorkshire Hussars at Scarborough, writes in reply to inquiries as to how fox-hunting will be carried on in the Riding Mear country by the present crisis. He states—Many of my horses have gone for military purposes, and both I and my huntsman have joined up as military duty. But I am convinced that it would be a real disaster, especially to the already inadequate horse supply of the country, if hunting were to be given up altogether, and I am arranging for the hunt servants to start cubhunting on Monday next, with the Bramham Moor Cubs as possibly, should whatever the difficulties, by mounting them on ponies and on such other horses as the needs of the country may leave us. I hope that this will be carefully limited and killed throughout this winter in the ordinary way. I strongly therefore appeal to all those by whose kind permission I shall be hunting this season, to the pest, whether landowners, shooting tenants, tenant farmers, poultry rearers, or gamekeepers, to give me every facility to be able to kill the foxes as usual, and to put no unusual difficulties in the way of fox-hunting at this most critical time for the country. I shall be grateful if subject to this opinion without notice, and orders are accepted without engagement.

Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts., will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown fee for each case. The name of the writer must in all cases be given.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr H. J. Bowring, of Moor Allerton, has taken Mr. Ernest Jowitt's residence as a convalescent home for soldiers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GARFORTH MINERS AND THE MINIMUM WAGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you publish in the columns of your paper the following resolution which was passed at the Council meeting of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, on the 8th of August?

"That we deplore the unwarranted action of a private person against the author of the West Yorkshire endeavours in refusing to pay the £1 award of Judge Amphlett, and calls the attention of the general public to the fact that at this time, when appeals are being made on all sides for patriotism and loyalty, the West Yorkshire coalowners are refusing to carry out the existing law with regard to the minimum wage."

Yours, etc.,

CHAS. H. HERBEN,
Sec., Garforth Branch, Y.M.A.
Garforth, Aug. 18th, 1914.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN.

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WAR CHAT—No. 4.

During the continuation of war, the articles must necessarily be brief, as the space at my disposal is limited. Again, there is a great danger of a scarcity of paper, in which case the standard size of our newspapers are being reduced.

Now, how does war affect the poultry-industry? They England imports annually some ten million pounds worth of eggs and poultry from Continental countries is an elementary fact to which public attention is continually being drawn. Between 90 and 95 per cent. of these supplies are to a greater or lesser extent, shipping must be affected, so that in addition to some two-thirds of our imports beside out of further diminution must be expected on this account.

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YORK AND AINSTY HUNT.

Lord Furness, the Master of the York and Ainsty, writes anent hunting the Ainsty country. He says:—

"Very notwithstanding the sacrifices which establishments have been called upon to make, and the difficulty there will be to carry on hunting on the same lines as formerly, it seems the most essential in the best interests of the sport in the future that, as soon as harvesting operations will allow, cubhunting be commenced, and a couple of Hounds to commence cub-hunting their countries.

I may state that, as regards the York and Ainsty country, I propose to start when the harvesting conditions permit. I do not think foxhunting should be allowed to cease, since difficulties of transport have been overcome. Certainly its extinction would be a thing to be deplored for many reasons, not the least being the large number of men employed in the stables, and the supply of horses at the command of the nation. I cannot, therefore, appeal too strongly to landlords, farmers, and all others interested to give as few difficulties in the way of their coverts being cubhunted when the moment is thought opportune to make a commencement.

YOUR FATE FROM YOUR FINGER-NAILS

The little white marks on the finger-nails have always been looked upon as signs of certain qualities and as foretelling certain events that are likely to occur in the life of the possessor.

Beginning with the thumb, and taking the fingers in order, the specks denote—

A gift [illegible];
A friend, a foe;
A journey, a voyage.

Red and spotted nails are said to show a fiery and hot-tempered disposition, and pale, convoluted nails one that is melancholy and listless.

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THE SEERESS.

"Mrs. Stout!" called Bella from the kitchen. The lady threw down the slip she was trimming with scarlet trade for little Edie, and disappeared within those sacred precincts. Alone and Lou heard a confabulation there, which was presently explained by Mrs. Stout, who popped her head within the door and exclaimed:

"Girls, there's a woman in the kitchen who will tell your fortune for something to eat."

"Oh, crass her palm with silver, and let's know what wonderful fortunes lie in store for us," cried Lou, enthusiastically. "Will you have your fortune told, Ab, if I will have mine?"

"Yes, put on my wedding-ring, so that she will not suspect I'm married," answered that deceptive creature.

They trooped into the kitchen and beheld the reader of their fates. She sat in one corner, an old chair by her side, and on it a piece of white cotton containing bits of roots and herbs, from which she was making a selection. She made a sweeping inclination to the young ladies, and rushed at Bella (who is only sixteen, and was no "stiddy company"), with three bits of root.

"Here, my sweet young lady, is some roots that will nourish you for all diseases." Here she looked at Edie. "You need never be afraid of a child's dyin' if you give them a little tea made of this."

Bella accepted the gift gravely and proceeded to "lay it upon the shelf."

"We should like our fortunes told," said Lou, speaking for herself and Ab.

"Sartin, sartin; it will give me great pleasure to look for you; but I must wait for the tea."

"Yes, the kettle will soon be boiling," said Mrs. Stout. "Here, Lou, I want you."

Lou disappeared, and soon came back with a plate of bread and another of fried fish, which she placed on the chair beside the guest.

"Thank you, thank you," and the fortune-teller thrust in Lou's hand a soiled, crumpled bit of brown paper. "There," said she, "is a little reserving luck for your fairy. When you're sick and going to die, and the doctor has given you up, and your friends are a-weepin' and a-wailin,' put a little of that in a cup of tea, and it will cure you."

With a choking voice and a face full of profound thankfulness that she had found a panacea for all life's ills, Lou replied:

"And here," said the fortune-teller to Mrs. Stout, "is some medicine for you. When you have any aches or pains it will keep you from taking rackey all and salts."

"Where do you get all the roots?" asked Lou, considering a conversation, while Bella poured the tea.

"From Mount Erin, my lady, the beautifullest country you ever saw when you is ill there."

"I'd like to go there," whispered Ab, who was always taking the aldwche and neuralgia.

"It is a good enough country for wealth and prosperity," continued the fortune-teller, "but not for health. It's stage whitening," and such things, but not a good country for health."

"Would you come with me, suppose to bring people these medicines?" interrogated Lou.

"Yes, and some friends. We brought these roots over in flower-pots. A great many families come here from Mount Erin years ago. We meetin' each week, but nearly a hundred got lost. We came from Mount Erin to find them."

"Yes, that's a terrible thing," said Lou, feigning great interest.

"Then we came in a fine steamer—my sister, her husband, and my husband. I had the luck of them all, and they got lost. We're getting over with a vainer. The families we left here years ago had nice steamers, and they got lost."

A change of base had taken place in the *dramatis personæ*, and Bella, now sitting in the doorway by Lou, asked anxiously:

"She doesn't mean that, like the three men who went to sea in a sieve, they've gone and got lost in vegetable steamers, does she? Because, you know, Lou, that's the kind of timber Jenkins and they've got holes in them."

"How can you be so irreverent in the presence of the prophetic message?" reproved Lou. "Why do you wish your friends to go back with you?"—to the fortune-teller.

"They've made some money, but they've lost it; and this ain't much of a country for losing money. I'm sure we're afraid of their gettin' lost, so we came to carry them back to the beautiful Mount Erin." Then, with true feminine instinct, she added: "I got cold, and had the toothache, and my face swelled, and I'm afraid I'll have it on the voyage. It must be the ocean air didn't agree with me."

"Probably," assented Mrs. Stout. "Do you like travelling by land or water best?"

"Oh, by land. There's a gap of death. I suppose the tea's ready?"

Mrs. Stout handed her a cup supplied with milk and sugar, and all waited anxiously to hear Lou's fortune.

The woman soon disposed of her tea, emptied the dregs in her saucer, and proceeded to study the cup.

"I see a journey," she said. "Many letters, notes and friends. Great prosperity, wealth, journeys and visits, and delightful converse with many people. You had an invitation to take a journey years ago, and you would have made much money, but you declined. It would have been wealth and great good fortin'."

"I never dreamed I did not go!" said Lou.

"But you will have another invitation, and you will travel a long distance, and great wealth will come to you, and you will send for your friends, and be able to live in splendour and magnificent fortin.' Your wealth is comin' through some relative; I think it is an uncle on the mother's side. Is it?"

"It must be my Uncle Samson," said Lou, wickedly, referring to an uncle who had been dead for three years and who left no money enough to pay for his funeral expenses.

"That's him," cried the woman of divination, pouring a little more tea into the cup and rinsing it round and round. "I see sunshine and ease and money, and no sickness, trouble or adversity; only prosperity and happiness, and beautiful letters and newspapers."

"That's because the tea in the canister was so strong," said Bella.

"And how about my lover?" said Lou, a little shyly this time.

"Oh, he is of noble family, and wealthy, and you shall only have a deal of trouble, but it'll be unnecessary, for success will attend all your undertakings. You shall have notes and beautiful letters with money from seaport towns, and visit three beautiful villages and some cities."

"But my lover is ill," said wicked Mrs. Allen. "Is he going to get well?"

"Oh, yes; you shall marry him—have good fortin.'"

"Where is she going to live?" asked Mrs. Stout from behind the screen, where she was making gestures, ostensibly to amuse Edie, but really with mischievous endeavours to disturb the girl's gravi-

"You are born four to five in summer, prefer to the country, and you'll have a very beautiful, magnificent and healthy part,' " etc.

"I'm glad it's not me," said Mrs. Ab. "We can't be happy away from each other."

"You shall visit backwards and forwards all the time."

Then the woman fell to drinking the tea in a rickety, lonely fashion—gurgling. Cup after cup disappeared with astonishing velocity, Lou recording each by a kick registered on the stocking and punctuating the alarming diaphragmatic properties with a sympathetic cough.

The teapot drained, she opened one of her bundles of roots, and, with cold water, mixed a decoction in a few the more of spot, and handed them to Mrs. Stout with the assurance that they would cure any disease of any kind. Then, with a last good wish for Lou, she departed, probably to take the grand steward to Mount Erin.

"I never saw cups run so nobly and wonderfully; all your prophecies shall be fulfilled, Lou."

"I do not believe it," said Lou, a little pettishly, "I shall not part from my own dear friends, and I'm very sorry I was such a fool as to get angry with you for dancing with Arthur Watkins. I came to ask you to go out riding this evening."

And of course Lou's wish [illegible].

[THE END.]

LADIES' COLUMN.

WHEN WASHING BLOUSES.

To prevent the colour from running when blouses are washed, never rub soap on them, but rub out the stains with other things. Make a lather of warm water, wash the blouse in it quickly, rinse in cold water, and hang to dry as quickly as possible. A little alum in the water will help to preserve the colour.

REMOVING INK STAINS.

The stain of almost every kind of ink is quickly removed, but the stains of the ink varying so much as to require different methods for its removal.

In most cases lemon or cold water will be found invaluable in getting out the greater portion of ink stains. If the stain is small enough to be placed in a basin of water, this method should be resorted to at once, and the stain will soon be found to disappear.

If ink is spilt on the floor, it is an excellent plan to cover immediately with sand or salt. Afterwards use flour, or even blotting-paper. As quickly as these become soaked, apply a fresh supply, and when the whole of the ink has been absorbed as possible, rub with a raw lemon, paring off each time the stain becomes lemon, paring off each time the stain becomes lighter, and finishing rinsing with cold water.

If handy, apply dilute oxalic acid in preference to the lemon, and rinse well with cold water. Ten minutes in water to which has been added a little borax or ammonia.

Spots of ink on wood articles to the rays of the sun is also a method employed by many, but this can only be done in summer when there is an abundance of time at disposal.

NICE DISHES.

Onion Soup.—Cut into slices two or three Spanish onions, and two or three potatoes. In a saucepan melt either butter or lard to the value of a tablespoonful. Put in the onions, and fry them till they are lightly browned. Then add the potatoes, with a pint of boiling water in which meat or fish has been cooked for the sake of the stock or gravy. Let the vegetables simmer till quite soft. As soon as the onion is soft enough to mash, pass the whole through a sieve. Put it back into the pan. Make up the required quantity, season to taste, and when boiling stir in a tablespoonful of cornflour, mixed smooth and gently for a few minutes after adding the cornflour. Add a piece of butter if it is required, by stirring in a tablespoonful of grated cheese just before serving. Pour into a hot dish, and have a little flour may be added before the cheese.

Baked Halibut.—Wash and dry a piece of halibut, cut it into portions, brush them lightly with lemon-juice, flour them, and lay them in a well-buttered tin. Season with pepper and salt, and pour over them a little melted butter. Bake in a moderate oven for about half an hour, or until tender. Lift the fillets on to a hot dish, arrange round them a few sprigs of parsley, and serve with Fillets or Beef—Wash and dry half a pound of fillet beef cut from the best part. Melt half an ounce of butter in a stewpan, and fry the fillets till they are lightly browned on both sides. Add a stock cube, pour on the lid, and let them simmer very gently for about half an hour. Season with salt and pepper, stir in the following mixture: Mix a large tablespoonful of the oysters in half, add them to the stew, and thicken with a little flour and water. Arrange the fillets neatly on a dish with the oysters in the centre, and strain the gravy over. Serve with potatoes.

Fig Pudding.—Mix together half a pound of finely-chopped suet, half a pound of flour (one ounce of finely-chopped suet two barely-filled teacupfuls of breadcrumbs, a teaspoonful rather less than a teacupful (three ounces) of soft brown sugar, and a teacupful (four ounces) of flour previously mixed with a very small quantity of salt and baking powder. Add a pound of figs and cream of tartar. Moisten with about a teacupful of milk. Steam in a greased basin for four hours. Serve with hot jam, and another hour and a half before serving it.

Treacle Tart.—Line a pie dish and quarter six large cooking apples. Melt two ounces of butter in the dish, and bake it in a quick oven till the apples are soft. Add two ounces of breadcrumbs, two ounces of sugar, and the grated rind of a lemon. Mix well together, and if quite soft. Rub through a hair-sieve or whisk up till firm and smooth, then add the beaten yolks of three eggs and half a teaspoonful each of ginger, cinnamon. Have ready about three ounces of treacle, and add to the other ingredients, and put thinly to line the sides of a pie-dish. Damp the top of the pastry lining and arrange a ring of ratafia biscuits on it. Put the apple mixture in the dish, and bake it in a quick oven till the paste is cooked and the mixture set. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, with three tablespoonfuls of icing sugar and a drop or two of vanilla essence; heap this meringue on the pudding. Dust it thickly with castor sugar, decorate with a few glacé cherries, and put it back in the oven for a few minutes, till the delicately tinged with brown, and serve at once.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PREPARATIONS TO ALLEVIATE DISTRESS

KIPPAX, ALLERTON, TADCASTER, AND ABERFORD AFFAIRS.

A meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at the workhouse on Tadcaster on Monday—Alf. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were the Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Garinston), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Messrs T. H. Teale (Parlington), W. Simpson (Lead), R. Wright (Berwick), J. E. Cawthorn (Sherburn), W. Sykes, C.C., and J. Rattleson (Tadcaster), J. Wordsworth and H. Lewis (Great Preston), B. Braham and J. Prime (Garforth), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), J. Harding and W. A. Dickinson (Kippax), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), W. Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford), Pearson and W. Robinson (Allerton Bywater), and J. V. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bromet).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £3,175 in hand.

It was reported that during the month there had been 8 admissions, 7 discharges, and one death in the workhouse. The inmates totalled 81 in the house, and 19 in the children's homes was against 100 at the corresponding date last year.

Mr Wordsworth reported that the fever hospital at Garforth had been offered to the military authorities.

The Chairman suggested that the Sherburn cottage hospital might be offered, too.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee reported that application had been made by the Tadcaster district for the use part of the infirmary for wounded soldiers, and it was agreed that 15 beds be set apart for this purpose.

A letter was received from Nurse Owen, bewailing her resignation, her appointment, and the resignation was received with regret.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood said that they might have twenty beds in the infirmary to spare, but they did not want to pledge themselves to more than 15.

Mr Sykes asked why Nurse Owen was leaving.

Canon Greenwood said she did not say in her letter.

The Chairman said he was very sorry to learn that she was leaving.

Mr Sykes said he questioned whether they had ever had another nurse as good.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood said that they had not had a single instance of any tradesman causing his prices to them. They had all stuck to the contract prices.

Mr Pryder submitted the minutes of the Finance Committee. Tadcaster East Parish Council desired to know why the rates were higher on the east side than on the west side of the bridge. The reply given was that it was owing to the difference in rateable value.

DISTRESS COMMITTEE

The Clerk read a communication from the Local Government Board anent the appointment of the Distress Committee's officers in High Ousegate the Guardians to furnish these committees with lists of persons in receipt of relief in order to prevent overlapping. A letter was also read from the Yorkshire Poor Law Association stating four representatives of Boards of Guardians had to be appointed on the Central Distress Committee, and they had called a meeting in Leeds to make the appointment of the four members.

The Chairman said that the position of the Guardians was clear. They had to furnish lists of persons in receipt of poor relief to the Distress Committee, and then the distress suffering owing to the war would receive assistance from the Distress Committee, of which Mr Sykes was a member.

Mr Sykes then stated what the scheme was and how the committee was composed. He said that the County Committee had appointed eight sub-committees for the various districts, so that in this way every case would receive attention. Happily there was plenty of work on the land at present, and where any distress would arise would be in the colliery and manufacturing districts. He held particularly strong views on over-lapping, and they ought by every means in try to prevent it. That was the purpose of the county scheme.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Guardians should be called to appoint a sub-committee, if necessary.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

The Clerk reported on the conference of the Boards of Guardians in Otley on the mental deficiency question (reported in our last issue).

A letter was read from Sheffield Board asking the Board to join another combination, but it was agreed to stick to the Wharfedale combination.

The Yorkshire Poor Law Association wrote calling a conference on the same question, but it was decided not to send delegates to it.

Canon Greenwood said that at the Otley conference a provisional committee was appointed, consisting of one member and the Clerk from each Board in the combination. As far as possible it was intended to utilise existing buildings, and so avoid erecting new premises, and going in for a costly scheme.

The Chairman: You have appointed a committee to draw up a scheme?

Canon Greenwood: Yes, but it will not committee unless. It will come before the Boards.

The Chairman said that having appointed that committee it was not necessary to send representatives to conferences called by other bodies.

It was suggested that Clerk Greenwood should be the Tadcaster member of the Provisional Committee for the Wharfedale scheme.

It was decided not to send representatives to a conference called by the Royal Albert Institution.

The Clerk stated that a return of pauperism had been received, and there was a slight decrease in Tadcaster Union.

A letter from West Ham Union relating to Stoats and ferrets was laid on the table.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At a meeting of the District Council it was reported that the treasurer had a balance in hand of £5,641.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that a letter had been received from the Road Board stating that the work of taking the roads and roads should be postponed. It was agreed to postpone the work in the district.—It was stated that the cost of an improved lighting at Bramham Station would be £6, and it was decided that the Railway Co. should do the work, and the Council bear the cost.—It was proposed to lerb and channel a path on the Swillington road, and the surveyor was asked to prepare an estimate of the cost.—Permission was given to erect a boarding at Tadcaster proofed. Regarding lights are provided at night.—A complaint was received from a Sherburn resident about tipping road-sweepings near his house, and it was referred to the surveyor.

The minutes were confirmed.

Canon Greenwood suggested that the surveyor should be empowered to give permission to roadmen to assist in the gathering of the harvest. In some districts there might be a scarcity of labour, and what he had suggested might be of assistance to farmers.

The suggestion was acted upon, and the surveyor was empowered to give the necessary permission.

SANITARY AND BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee permission was asked by Messrs Barclay and Co., bankers, to purchase a piece of land at their bank at Kippax. The question was adjourned.—Plans were received from Mr Blackett for the erection of a garage at West Tadcaster, and they were approved.—A sewer at Barkston Ash was reported to be blocked, and the inspector was instructed to attend to it. Drain rods at a cost of £8 are to be purchased. Tenders for the scavenging of Allerton Bywater were referred to the Allerton Parish Council. The scavenging contracts for Kippax were secured by Messrs Gilbey and Bickerdike, and for South Milford and Newthorpe by Mr Cepley. The contract to empty the closets at Sherburn was let to Mr Lupton, and at Aberford to Mr Cockrem.

Dr Radcliffe, of South Milford, was appointed to act as medical officer of health while Dr Hill, the medical officer, was on military service, provided certain arrangements could be made.

A letter was received from the Rivers Board urging local authorities to proceed with all sewage works so as to provide employment.

Clerk replied that all work would be put in hand as soon as possible.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

STUTTON, MARSTON, AND TADCASTER. DEFENDANTS.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Messrs C. B. Lamb (in the chair), E. M. Lawson Smith, G. T. Fairfax, and J. Fielden.

A. E. Keeling, carting agent, of Leeds, failed to appear in answer to a charge of cycling without a light on the 3rd inst. at Stutton. P.S. Juniper stated the case, and a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Reuben Lowe, labourer, of Stutton Grove, was charged with cycling without a light on the London Road at Grimston on the 9th inst., and pleaded guilty. P.C. Hardy said that when he stopped defendant he told him his lamp had just gone out, but it was cold. Fined 1s. and costs.

Emily Smith, married woman, of Marston, failed to appear in answer to a charge of having been drunk on the York Road at Marston on July 19th. P.C. Bentley said he found the woman lying on the roadside and she was drunk. When he assisted her to her feet she fell down again. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

Richard Bootland, labourer, Stutton, was charged with indecent conduct in St. James's Square, Tadcaster, on July 19th. P.C. Bennett stated the case, and a fine of 1s. and costs was inflicted.—James Leslly, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with a similar offence in High Ousegate, Tadcaster, and he was fined 1s. and costs.

Tom Shannon, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with having used obscene language in Tadcaster on July 19th. He did not appear. P.C. Bennett said that he was on duty at Rosemary Row, and he saw defendant there. He was using bad and very disgusting and filthy language. A number of people were about at the time. Fined 5s. and costs.

Ellen Kemp, married, of Tadcaster, was summoned by Ann Grimston, widow, of Tadcaster, for assault, and Mrs Kemp also summoned Mrs Grimston for assault. Mr Davies, solicitor, of Leeds, appeared for Mrs Kemp.—In giving evidence Mrs Grimston stated that on July 19th she was on her own premises, and she did not go Mrs Kemp's. Her niece was thrown over her.—Mr Davies: You got some water thrown on to you?—Mrs Grimston: Yes.—Mr Davies: And you did not see who threw it?—Mrs Grimston: No, but she threw it.—Mr Davies: It came over a wall?—Mrs Grimston: Yes.—Mr Green: Have you any witnesses?—Mrs Grimston: Only God and myself. I never bothered with witnesses.—Mr Davies submitted that he had no case to answer, and if the charge was dismissed he would withdraw the cross-summons. He stated that it was a dispute as to a wall, and dirt and water had been thrown from one side to the other. On the day in question some one had thrown water. He thought a word from the magistrates would cause these people to live in peace.—The Chairman said they would dismiss the case, and the other was withdrawn.—Mrs Slack: That's all—[illegible] thank you very much. It is [illegible] hope it is the last.—Supt. Slack: [illegible]ished.—Mrs Grimston: Yes, sir.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PREPARING FOR DISTRESS THAT MAY ARISE.

A special meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices, Garforth on Monday night, in connection with the county scheme for the alleviation of distress that may arise in consequence of the war. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presided, and the other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), R. Nettleton, sen., E. R. Archer, W. Goodall, W. W. Hartley, T. S. Slater, H. Chappell, and H. Gascoigne, with the Acting Clerk (Mr. H. H. Carr).

A letter was received from the County Council stating that they had appointed a Distress Committee to deal with distress that might arise owing to the war, and it was explained that the work would probably be done through local sub-committees acquainted with the industrial conditions in the various districts.

The Chairman said the idea was that all money collected should go to a central fund, and it would be distributed through local sub-committees. In addition to the West Riding Fund, it was anticipated that grants would be made from the National Relief Fund. There was an idea, however, that Garforth should have a fund to its own, and that they should themselves distribute it.

Mr Routledge: Suppose Colonel Gascoigne decides to make an allowance will that money go into the fund?

The Chairman said it would be distributed separately. Several differs—Briggs", Middleton, and Allerton Bywater—were to allow the wives of Reservists and Territorials employed by them one a week and 1s per child. In addition, each soldier's wife would get 1s. a day and an allowance of 2d. per child from the Government. Mr Sykes, of John Smith's Brewery, Tadcaster, said that his firm were to allow sums similar to those given by the collieries named. What they had to guard against was over-lapping.

Mr Routledge said he expected the Miners' Association would subscribe.

The Chairman said that if they took this work up they must see that the people who needed assistance got it.

Mr Routledge expressed a fear that a large percentage of the funds would be spent on alcoholism.

The Chairman said it would be foolish to subscribe money if it were spent in that way.

Mr Gascoigne said that people were already going round to collect for the Belgians.

Mr Routledge: That is for the making of garments for the soldiers.

Mr Archer: I am told that the money is to be sent to the Lord Lady Mayoress's Fund.

The Chairman said they should work for the West Riding Fund. Why should people send money to London?

Mr Archer said he felt very strongly on that question.

Mr Goodall: Is it not possible to have a fund of our own?

Mr Routledge: That is my own view. Let us deal with our own district.

In the course of further conversation, Mr Routledge said that he knew of a Reservist's wife and family who were in want.

Mr Gascoigne said he knew of one case where the woman had only 3s. to start the week with, and she had got nothing from the War Office.

It was pointed out that Reservists' wives should at once communicate with the military authorities and obtain the separation allowance.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY SCARCROFT CASE.

PRISONER AND LADY MAYORESS.

A SMART SWISS COOK.

A remarkable case, [illegible] money by false pretences, came before the magistrates at Leeds Head Rolling Pin Sessions on Tuesday, when Herbert Thornton, described as a moulder, of Leeds, was charged with demanding £5 with menace by steal from Mrs Ann Lady Mary Saville, of Scarcroft Lodge, Thorner.

Supt. Simpkin said that the prisoner had represented himself to be a detective in the Leeds City Police Force and he had demanded the money from her ladyship as a guarantee against her book, who was of Swiss nationality.

There was a second charge against prisoner of stealing a bicycle, valued at £5, the property of Tom Barker, Leeds.

Mrs Ann Lady Mary Saville said that on Tuesday, August 11th, the prisoner came to her residence about noon and was shown into her room. He had asked to see her, saying that he was a detective from the Leeds Town Hall. He explained that he had come about a foreign cook, who the police having sent him. He said he would want £3 as a bond, and £5 from the cook. Her ladyship gave him £3, and, at his dictation, wrote a note, and, he in order to show his bonafides, presented a slip of paper on which was written "Leeds City Police, Detective Department." After giving the prisoner the money she saw him in the hall when he said the cook had refused to give him £5. He said "I shall have to arrest her at once." He also remarked that, although the cook was a Swiss, she might have German tendencies. Prisoner then went to telephone to the Leeds Police, and it seemed as if he spoke to someone.

Answering Supt. Symonds, witness said she was induced to give prisoner the money because she thought his representations were bonafide, and not because she was afraid of the cook being arrested. She fully believed that the same was being done to all people with foreign servants, and that it was a precaution of the police.

The Clerk: Why did you give him the money? Were you afraid of him?—No, he said he would refund the money on Friday.

Answering a further question by the Clerk, her ladyship said the prisoner became very disagreeable, and his manner was distinctly menacing towards the cook especially. She subsequently got the money back.

Emily Brown, cook to the Hon. Lady Mary Saville, said she was of Swiss nationality. On Tuesday, about noon, she came to Scarcroft Lodge and said he came from the detective department of the City Police, Leeds. He told witness she was being watched on account of some to arrest her because she was not English. He said she would have to give particulars about herself and that the particulars would have to be sent to the detective department, Leeds, by Friday. Prisoner said her ladyship had given him £3 and he would want £2 from her, and the money would be refunded on Friday. Witness did not believe a word he said. She was suspicious as the particulars were forwarded. Witness said she would want to know something about him as to whether he was all right. Prisoner then said he would have to leave the house to get any letters addressed to him. Witness then went to the telephone, saying he was going to ring up the police, but he did not know the number.

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This concluded the evidence on the first charge. In connection with the second charge Supt. Symonds stated that after leaving Scarcroft Lodge the prisoner took a bicycle which was standing outside the New Inn. The bicycle belonged to a miner named Tom Barker, of Thwaite Gate, Leeds.

The prosecutor said he was cycling through Scarcroft and left the machine outside the New Inn about 12.45. Half-an-hour later when he went to look for the bicycle it had gone. He gave information to the police. The machine was valued at £5.

Arthur Pearson, blacksmith, of Leeds, said that on Tuesday he saw the prisoner in the Old Fox Inn, Park Street, Leeds. He asked him for a lamp, but subsequently left the bicycle at the house. The next day he saw the prisoner, and he said he was going to the Leeds Town Hall to report a change of address as he was on ticket-of-leave.

The case was committed to take his trial at the next West Riding Quarter Sessions.

TEMPLENEWSAM PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

ALLOTMENTS—WHITKIRK RECREATION GROUND.

A meeting of the Templenewsam Parish Council was held in the Council School, Halton, on Monday evening—Mr J. H. Toomlinson (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs. Baker, Tranter, Dixon, Firth, Fitton, Goodall, and Greaves, with the Clerk (Mr Vevers, Greaves).

Correspondence from the County Council as to a loan for water, etc., for allotments was read, but it was stated by the Chairman that the loan would not be required—as other arrangements had been gone into, and it was thought they would prove more beneficial to all concerned. The District Council had offered to take water to the gate of the allotment field in Keighley Lane, and fix one stand-pipe there, and an agreement between the Council and the allotment holders had been drawn up, and already 23 out of 31 of the tenants had signed it, and there were other tenants ready to sign it when they returned from their holidays. The tenants had agreed to pay for the water they used the water being supplied by meter. This was considered to be very satisfactory, and a resolution was proposed that the Field End allotments be supplied with water at the cost of the allotment holders, the Hunslet Rural District Council to take the water to the gate of the field, and fix one standpipe, only signatories to the agreement to use the water. This was seconded and carried, and the form of application was signed by the chairman.

Tenders were then considered for fixing the bells (14) in the recreation ground at Halton, and Messrs Shaw and Son were successful in getting the work. As some of the seats had been damaged, it was decided that Mr Dixon and the Clerk should see the damaged seats, and if it was thought they could be repaired, instructions should be given to Messrs Shaw and Son to do the work. The places where the seats are to be fixed were left with Mr Dixon and the Clerk.

The Chairman reported that the new recreation ground for children had been opened at Whitkirk, and an agreement between Mr John Farrar and the Parish Council was read.

It was agreed to pay the sum of one shilling per year, to be paid half-yearly as and from July, 1914, the agreement to be terminated by three months' notice on either side, and the Parish Council to pay all rates and taxes in addition to the rent.

The agreement was accepted, and a resolution was passed that the Chairman should sign it. It was also agreed that a notice board should be put on the ground similar to the board at the Halton ground.

It was agreed that a notice be published regarding changes of tenancy in the allotments, no change of tenancy to be made without the sanction of the Parish Council.

ASKHAM RICHARD

HINT TO A GROOM—At York, Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions, Edward Hudman, groom, of Askham Richard, admitted riding a bicycle without a light on August 9th on the Tadcaster road at Askham Richard. P.C. Fawcett said that at 12.30 a.m. when on duty he met the defendant and called on him to stop. He did not do so, and he followed after him, but he also failed to stop. Witness then obtained a cycle and went after defendant and overtook him. Sergeant Cook said another constable had called for defendant. Why don't you enlist. There's plenty of demand for men who know anything about horses. Think it over. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A small trade, there being only a few samples of new grain on offer. Wheats 38s. to 40s., black winter-sown oats 23s. to 26s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs to be 18.; butter 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s.; ducks 4s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—The market was rather disorganised. There was a fall in prices from last week, when a lot was hooded up. The prices were no more than 90s. per ton gs. per ton. Retail 2s. 6d. per bumper of six stones.

CATTLE.

TADCASTER AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a fair show of beasts, sheep, and pigs. The attendance of butchers and dealers was below the average, and trade was easier for beef and mutton. Pigs made more money. Prices—Beasts 1st, £7 8s.; 2d, 7s. 6d.; choicest quality, 9s. 3d.; calves and heavy cattle, 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone; sheep, 9d. to 10d.; lambs, 9½d. to 10½d. per lb.; pork pigs, 7s. 6d. to 8s. per stone; fat bullocks, to £17 10s. each. Numbers sold—43 beasts, 118 sheep and lambs, and 18 pigs.

GARFORTH AUCTION MART, MONDAY.—Mr Wm Ash offered a light show of stock before the above date in relation to trade. Beef and mutton made late rates, and store pigs were better to sell. Prices—For heifers, to £18 12s. 6d.; fat cows, to £18 10s. 6d.; fat bullocks, to £17 10s. each. Numbers sold—43 beasts, 118 sheep and lambs, and 18 pigs.

SELBY MONDAY.—At this mart Messrs Richard son and Son disposed of 77 beasts, 33 sheep, and 45 pigs. There was the usual attendance of buyers, but only a small supply of stock. Trade ruled about the same as last week, best beef making about 9s. per stone. Best calving heifers were in demand; there was no change in mutton or pork. Prices as follow:—Fat bullocks up to £17 7s. 6d., fat heifers up to £16, fat cows up to £18 10s., store cattle up to £14, heifers in calf up to £19 12s. 6d., cows in milk up to £18 10s., fat sheep up to £2 11s. 6d., lambs up to £2 7s. 6d., pork pigs up to £2 6s. 10d., and small store pigs up to 18s. each.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

OLD FRIENDS WITH A NEW FACE.

Iniquitous intercourses contaminate proper habits.

Where individual may pilfer a quadruped, where another may not cast his eyes over the boundary of a field.

Like the instincts of the feline, the mice give themselves up to various pastimes.

Feathered bipeds of advanced age are not to be entrusted with the outer husks of corn.

Casualties will take place in the most excellently-conducted family circles.

More confectioners than are absolutely necessary are apt to ruin the potage.

CONCERNING TATTOOING.

The practice of tattooing the human skin is most widely in vogue among the Japanese, but it prevails also in Africa. In India, too, the practice is widespread. The "art," says an American paper, is of Polynesian origin, the root of the word being "ta," meaning to strike," and the most primitive method of tattooing, which was by beating into the flesh the colouring matter lodged in some sharp point, that left an indelible mark.

Generally speaking, among the people by whom it is most employed, tattooing is held to be significant of manhood, although it is practised on women for ornamental purposes. It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the writers on the subject that the primary object was not one of desire to attract the opposite sex, although this does not exclude motives related to ornamentation. Some have thought that the tattooing is supported by Divine sanction, for the god Vishnu tattooed the arm of Lakshmi as the mark of his wife upon earth and the sun, the moon, and the tulsi plants as a protection for her while she was engaged in the distant and troublesome demesne. He also promised that all the faithful who wore these same marks on their arms should be protected from all evil influences.

Since the operation is a most painful one, it is not usual in countries where the practice obtains to a great extent to tattoo any but the parts of the skin is tough, the order of preference appearing to be, first, the forehead, then the junction of the eyebrows, then the cheeks, chin, and shoulders, and then the arms and back of the hands.

MILLIONS OF BOOKS.

It is computed that the total number of printed books in the world is no less than 11,638,810, and that 8,714,000 of these have been published subsequently to the year 1800, says the *Bulletin de l'Institut International de Bibliographie*. From 1500 to 1800 the number of books produced annually averaged only 1,250. It was not until 1700 that the annual average passed 10,000, and it was not until 1867 that it reached 100,000. From 1900 to 1906, however, the annual output averaged 174,375.—Nearly 140 years were the average output between 1500 and 1535.

A PEREGRINATING TOWN.

For three months of the year the town of Gartek, in Thibet, is situated at the place where it is designated on the maps. During the other nine months it is not there at all, but is about forty miles further south, at a much lower altitude. Climatic conditions are the cause of this migratory habit. When the heat grows too intense for comfort the whole town packs up and, driving the herds of yaks, sheep, and goats, moves up to the higher altitude, and the traders from India at once begin to drift in.

GELATINE COFFING SLAB.

To make one of these, says *Spare Moments*, soak in cold water two ounces of pale gelatine glue until it appears a thick jelly, place in fine pan, and squeeze away surplus water, put in thick earthenware vessel with ten ounces of glycerine, place in the oven, and simmer until gelatine is melted, stirring at intervals. After thoroughly mixing add ten drops of oil of cloves to prevent mouldiness. Pour the mixture into a shallow tray, twelve inches square, with sides one inch high, and stand in a cool, level place, so that the surface of slab will set even and without blisters. This takes about four hours. Before using rub surface of slab with wetted sponge. Place on copy gently, rub slightly, and leave for a few minutes. Remove paper, then place blank sheet on slab, and lightly draw hand over the back. When sufficient impressions have been taken, sponge ink from the surface, remelt over slow fire or in oven, and, if rather blue, mix in a little whiting. The best ink to use for the original is: Methyl violet aniline, 20r.; spirit, 2dr.; mix in a hot bottle, then fill up with water. Use a non-nib in pen.

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HINTS FOR THE HOME.

HOW TO USE DISINFECTANTS.

Nothing is more important to the health of the family than the occasional use of a good disinfectant. This is of great importance, remarks "Pepita" in the *Mark Lane Express*, if there is any reason to suspect there are noxious germs in the premises.

During hot weather the cellar, lavatories, and cesspools about the house should be treated to a good disinfectant every week. During the winter months these places require only an occasional disinfectant.

Thorough ventilation of the house in winter is more difficult than in summer-time, especially if there is sickness or a member of the family who is inclined to take cold easily. When thorough ventilation is hindered the house may be kept in a sanitary condition by the use of a disinfectant.

Carbolic acid is recommended by physicians as especially purifying. It may be bought at a small cost at the chemist's. But if the smell of carbolic acid is disagreeable, thymol water may be used in its place.

Carbolic Acid Solution.—To one quart of hot water add 7oz. of carbolic acid. The acid and water will not form a permanent solution unless the water is boiling hot. This will keep for weeks. When wanted for use add half an ounce to a pint.

Thymol Water Solution.—Into a half-gallon of water put one teaspoonful of spirits of thymol.

Copperas Solution.—To every gallon of water add 1lb. of copperas. Dissolve copperas to a thin bag and suspend it in a barrel containing the water. This is an excellent disinfectant to use in drains, around the outside premises, but it is poisonous, and must be used carefully.

Lime is a good destroyer of many disease germs. It is used dry for sprinkling in rooms, and for whitewashing.

When there is sickness in the house it is a good plan to keep a small dish of carbolic acid solution in one corner of the bedroom for disinfecting purposes. A little of this solution sprinkled on the sleeping person's face at any time will keep them in a sanitary condition, which is very important.

CHILDREN AND THEIR FOOD.

Children who are growing, and rapidly forming flesh and bone, require food rich in flesh-forming material. Yet we find them too often fed with the very foods which do not contain what they most require—cornflour, tapioca, arrowroot, and such articles. These foods are certainly relatively wanting in flesh-forming material, and are only made useful by being taken in large quantities. The best foods for a child are oatmeal, properly cooked as porridge, with soups, broth, and eggs, says Miss Helen Campbell in "Woman and Her Health." In settling the question whether a child is having sufficient food of the right kind it is not enough to consider the child's increase in weight. Weight may be gained through the layers of fat which do not add to the body on account of the food being too rich in starch, sugar, and fat, while all the time the child may be starving for want of flesh-forming material. Health is to be judged, not from the amount of weight, but from the firmness of flesh, redness of lips and cheeks, and straightness of bone.

COOKING FOR INVALIDS.

Boiling, baking, and stewing are not good methods of cooking for patients in bed or suffering from indigestion. Grilling and frying are preferable, because the meat or fish cooked in these ways lose a lot of fat, and are less likely to be overcooked, says Sister Fanning in "The Nursing of Typhoid Fever Illness." Underdone meat is more easily digested than that which is overdone. When grilling meat have a clear fire, warm the griller before fixing the meat on to it. Allow a hot plate for the meat to rest upon. According to thickness of meat. In steaming keep the water boiling all the time, and when the meat is cooking up and getting into the fish or meat. A steamer is not necessary if you put a basin, strike," and a plate over the top of the pan to the edge of the saucepan, and cover it over with a cloth. Fish should be put into fresh fish for an invalid; it is easier to digest; always serve with a sauce to make up for the deficiency of fish blood.

DAINTY SALADS.

A crisp, appetising salad, daintily served, adds much to any meal. Below we give a number of salads, all of which are wholesome and easily prepared:

CELERY SALAD.—Cut celery into pieces an inch and a half long, and put them into cold water for an hour. When crisp slit with a sharp knife across the celery, and turn and shake again. Put into a dry cloth, and pour over it a mayonnaise dressing.

MAYONNAISE DRESSING.—Beat the yolks of two fresh eggs in a cold bowl and mix with an egg-beater. Add a small half-teaspoonful of salt, a pinch of cayenne, and a tablespoonful of cider vinegar, beating constantly. Then slowly, a few drops at a time, about half a pint of olive oil, beating again, and when it is thick; then add the juice of a small lemon and a dust of powdered sugar.

POTATO SALAD.—Boil half a dozen potatoes until tender, but do not let them cook so that they will fall to pieces. Boil four eggs for five minutes, and drop them into cold water. When cold, peel and slice potatoes and eggs and pour over them a mayonnaise dressing.

TOMATO SALAD.—Peel medium-sized tomatoes and chill them on ice. Serve them on a little of the top, and serve the tomatoes on lettuce leaves. Pour over the top of each a heaping teaspoonful of the following dressing: Beat the yolks of two eggs light, add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of mustard, four tablespoonfuls of melted butter, and six tablespoonfuls of vinegar very slowly, and all the time beating. Cook in a double boiler until it thickens; then add the yolks of two eggs, one at a time, and remove from the stove. Chill over ice, and before serving add one cupful of whipped cream.

EGG SALAD.—Boil hard eight or nine eggs, drop into cold water, and when thoroughly cool peel, and put in refrigerator. Arrange the slices lap over on lettuce leaves in a pretty fish salad dish, and pour over them a thin French salad dressing to which has been added a spoonful of chopped parsley.

FRENCH DRESSING.—Take a tablespoonful of Tarragon vinegar, three tablespoonfuls of olive oil, half a teaspoonful of salt, a little black pepper. Mix the salt and pepper and slowly add the oil, then the vinegar, and stir rapidly for two or three minutes.

BEET SALAD.—Cut into small slices cold, tender beets, and add an equal quantity of cold boiled ham, cut away fine, or surplus lettuce leaves, and pour over it mayonnaise dressing or that used for tomato salad.

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WALTER DODGSON, Clerk.
Council Offices,
Rothwell near Leeds.
20th August, 1914.

ROTHWELL GAS-LIGHT COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Low Road, Rothwell, on MONDAY, the 14th day of September, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the Evening, to receive the Report of the Directors and Accounts for Half-year ending 30th June, 1914; to declare a dividend, and to transact the General Business of the Company.

Notice is also hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held immediately after the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, to consider, and, if thought advisable, to pass the following proposed Resolutions, viz.:—

1. A Resolution authorising the raising of £15,000 additional Capital (exclusive of Premiums), or other such sum as may be decided upon, by the issue of the 5% Preference Shares of £10 each, authorised to be raised under the provisions of the Rothwell Gas Orders, 1893, 1902, 1908.

2. A Resolution for Authority to borrow on Mortgage the sum of £5,000 beyond Capital, authorised pursuant to the provisions of the above Act and Orders.

3. A Resolution empowering the Board of Directors to apply for a Provisional Order from the Board of Trade in the next Session of Parliament to increase the Authorised Capital of the Company by the sum of £10,000, with power to create Borrowing powers in accordance therewith, and in addition to the powers in the above-mentioned Act and Orders.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th to the 14th September, both inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
THOS. WORMALD, Secretary.
Gas Office, Rothwell,
Leeds, August 12th 1914

RURAL DISTRICT OF HUNSLET.

PART II. OF THE HOUSING, TOWN PLANNING, &c., ACT, 1909.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a draft TOWN PLANNING SCHEME has been prepared by the RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HUNSLET, and that it is proposed to submit the same, with any modification that may be deemed desirable, to the Local Government Board for their approval under the above Act.

That the land included in the proposed scheme is situate partly in the CONTRIBUTORY PLACE OF TEMPLENEWSAM in the RURAL DISTRICT OF HUNSLET, and partly in the COUNTY BOROUGH OF LEEDS, bounded on the North by the City of Leeds and the Great Eastern Railway, on the East by the parish of Austhorpe and Hollyshaw Lane, on the West by the City of Leeds, and on the South by lands belonging to the Honourable E. P. Wood and Selby Main Road, and more particularly described on the Map now deposited at the Offices of the said Rural District Council of Hunslet, Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds, and marked Map No. 4, the land included in the proposed scheme being surrounded by a red border, and the land excluded from the scheme being coloured brown and hatched dark brown on the said Map.

That the draft Scheme and Map No. 4 above referred to have been deposited at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, Leeds, and will be open for inspection for a period of one month, at all reasonable hours on any week-day during the said period.

That suitable provision has been made for affording to any such person inspecting the said draft scheme and map any necessary explanation or information in regard thereto.

And that the Rural District Council of Hunslet will be prepared to consider any objections or representations made to them in writing during the said period by any persons affected, including any persons representing any corporation or archæological society interested in the amenity of the proposed scheme.

Dated this twentieth day of August, 1914.
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 1914.

How wonderfully the predictions of the pessimists have been falsified by the British democracy! For several years they have been mourning over the decadence of the people, as manifested in their growing love of pleasure and in their demand for a larger share of the good things of life, and the Jeremiahs of our time have not hesitated to state that when the hour of trial came upon the country we should be found wanting. That view we have consistently condemned. The hour of trial is upon the nation, and, however the struggle upon which the allies are engaged may finish, everyone will admit that the people of this country have risen to the occasion in a manner unparalleled in our history. And what were the signs of decadence? Working men were condemned for turning out in thousands to view spectacular games, instead of lounging about public-houses, as so many of them did before, and for a failure to discern the serious aspects of life. The most unsparing critics of the family are its own members, arising largely out of intimate association one with another, and too often the frailties which mark human limitations are seen altogether out of perspective. In this way the harmony of the home circle is disturbed, and the critics do greater mischief than they ever intended doing. What applies to individuals may be applied with equal force to nations, and the malicious stories concerning Britain's decadence have worked great harm. Even our own kith and kin across the seas have been misled by these statements, and when they have returned to the mother land, expecting to see a nation fast falling to pieces, they have been amazed at its strength, vitality, and activity. They have discovered no canker at the heart of the Empire. The advocates of compulsory military service are not blameless either. It may be admitted that they were inspired by the highest patriotic motives—that there was no self-seeking in their aims, but the speeches many of them made gave to the world an entirely erroneous conception of the resources of the country and of the spirit of the people. Foreigners do not understand the British, and who can blame them for believing statements derogatory to the nation, especially when they are made by our own countrymen? In view of all this, is it any surprise that, whatever their lip-service, foreigners have not their old-time respect for us? There was no need to beat the big drum, but the creation of false impressions has done incalculable harm. Without doubt German statesmen, in planning their present war of aggression, believed that the British people were so given over to business and sport, pleasure and ease, that they needed not to take them into consideration at all, and, owing to the predictions of the false prophets, they have made a very serious miscalculation. Our Army they regarded as a thing to be laughed at, because it was no conscript force of millions, but before the struggle is over they may realise that there is a difference in the spirit of men fighting under compulsion and men who enter the battlefield inflamed by the highest patriotism. Judging by the stories which have come from the Front the German soldiers do not know what they are fighting for, but there is not a single British soldier so ignorant. Without honour a nation is bankrupt; it would receive and deserve the contempt and derision of the whole world; and the British soldier knows that he is fighting for national honour. And what a magnificent response there has been to the country's call. Men were invited to shoulder the national burden, and it need be, lay down their lives on the battlefield, and how have they received the summons? Thousands of the manhood of the country have rushed to the recruiting offices to offer their services, and soon a second Army will be in being on these shores. This is no time for glorification, but Britishers have, indeed, reason to be proud of the nation to which they belong. Our statesmen have discharged their duties nobly, striving for peace up to the last minute, and when dishonourable proposals were made to them, which meant the selling of friends and the crushing of the weak, they rejected them with scorn and appealed to the arbitrament of the sword. They have the nation behind them to a man, and the wonderful way in which the crisis has been faced shows the determination of all to see this thing through. A terrible price will have to be paid—it is impossible to count the cost—but Britain's very existence is at stake, and the enemy who have misjudged us so ill must be crushed. Our kinsmen across the seas, at one with us in the stand the nation has taken, have followed the example of the country's sons here, and are determined to have some share in the battle against despotism. Huge gifts of food, so that the poor in this country will not know the pangs of hunger, have been sent from the overseas Dominions, and the burden of the mother country has become the common one of the Empire. Such a day was worth striving for. The various members of the imperial family have forgotten their domestic differences, and they are united in a common cause.

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DEATHS.

AYRES—August 16th (suddenly), at the United Kingdom Hotel, Methley, aged 62, Sarah Ellen Ayres.

ELSTON—August 18, at Commercial Street, Rothwell, Annie Maria, wife of John Elston, chemist.

GREEN—August 16th, at Heath Nurseries, Moortown, Charlie, the beloved husband of Florence Green, and third son of the late Wm. Green, nurseryman, of Garforth and Leeds.

HEMSWORTH—August 16th, at Hillary Place, Robin Hood, aged 79 years, William Hemsworth.

HIRST.—August 16th, at Holmsley, Woodlesford (suddenly), Uriah Hirst, aged 61.

IN MEMORIAM.

BATT.—In ever loving memory of a dear husband and affectionate father, Tom Batt, who died August 21st, 1913.
"He did all as did her best, and we trust that God has given to her eternal rest."
From her dear mother and loving uncle, Wm. H. Swillington.

CHADWICK.—In loving memory of my dear father, W. H. Chadwick, of Garforth, who died August 20th, 1912.
From daughter Jessie and family. 2186

GREEN.—In loving memory of our dear son, George David, who died August 19th, 1913, at Westfield House, Kippax, in the 26th year of his age.
"None can like the broken chain."
Father and mother.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

REGISTRATION OF DEPENDENTS.—It will be seen from our advertisement columns that the wives and dependents of soldiers, sailors, and Territorials who have joined the colours are asked to register at once immediately at the Council Offices, Rothwell.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr E. H. Foster, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr P. H. Booth, Mr J. Hutchinson, Mr E. Parkin, Mr H. Leaman, and Mr J. Farrar.

THE WAR.—On Monday a number of the members of the Rothwell Section of the Abertrodin Division of the St. John Ambulance Association met at the Parish Rooms to take up duties in connection with the Red Cross work. Later in the day, however, several of them returned, it being decided that as at present the married men should not be retained.

CRICKET MATCHES.—Rothwell were at Stanley on Saturday, and won by eighteen runs. The visitors made no great display at the wickets, being dismissed for a total of 57, and H. Hodgkinson was the chief contributor with 20. H. Lunn was second best with 10. The home team made a fine headway against the bowling of H. Banks and W. Bedford, who claimed 6 wickets for 20 runs, and 4 for 15 respectively. Rothwell's total was 75, and the batting was: J. H. Hodgkinson, b Cawthorn, 20; W. Fox, b Cawthorn, 1; E. Moss, b P. Hargreaves, 5; W. Clark, c Duvisor, b Cawthorn, 0; H. Lunn, b Cawthorn, b P. Hargreaves, 3; B. Pozzard, b Cawthorn, 0; W. Bedford, c Walford, b Cawthorn, 11; H. Lunn, c Selby, b Cawthorn, 0; H. Banks, b Cawthorn, 0; O. Banks (not out), 7; extras, 7; total, 57. Stanley—J. Holmes, b H. Banks, 3; H. Little wood, b W. Bedford, 3; J. Davison, c O. Banks, b Bedford, 5; L. Cawthorn, lbw, b H Banks, 2; J. Heaton, c Bedford, b H Banks, 6; C. Poole, c Clark, b H Banks, 0; W. Selby, c Lunn, b Bedford, 0; E. Dobson, c Moss, b H Banks, 7; P. Hargreaves (not out), 5; J. Hobson, b Bedford, 0; H. Walford, b H Banks, 4; extras, 4; total, 39. The same fate which visited the Rothwell first eleven a fortnight ago descended on the A. team on Saturday when they played Darton, in the semi-final of the Wakefield Junior Cup Competition. Although Rothwell made a promising batting display, and knocked up 116 runs, they were unable to bowl out the Darton players, who won by six wickets, it taking eight bowlers to get out the four batsmen. Scores:—Rothwell A.—W. Nelson, b Darton, 16; A. Beaumont, b Stringer, 2; R. Morton, b Tiffany, 17; H. Fletcher, c Stringer, 6; A. Chadwick, not out, 25; F. Brackin, not out, 13; extras, 6; total (for 4 wkts.), 125.

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LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE.—The Postmaster-General announces that he has been able to make arrangements for effecting an improvement in the trunk telephone service between the Bradford and Leeds telephone areas. The interval which all subscribers have to wait at the time at which a call is passed to the trunk exchange and the time at which it is effected will be reduced, and calls will be completed on demand as far as possible, as in the case of an ordinary call between the two exchanges in the same area. The new service will commence on Monday, August 31st. Subscribers in the Bradford area who desire to communicate with subscribers in the Leeds area, and vice versa, should not ask for "Trunks," but should pass the particulars of the exchange and number of the required subscriber to their local exchange precisely in the same way as for a local call. They should then wait at their telephone until the distant subscriber answers. The Bradford and Leeds telephone areas include the following exchanges:—Bradford, Eccleshill, Bingley, Rastford, Cleckheaton, Crosshills, Cullingworth, Dudley Hill, Grassington, Howarth, Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Kirkheaton, Lower Moor, Rawdon, Shipley, Skipton, Steeton, Thornton. Leeds Area—Arthington, Burley, Chapeltown, Crossgates, Drighlington, Garforth, Guiseley, Headingley, Leeds Central, Meanston, Morley, Otley, Rothwell, Roundhay, South Milford, Stanningley, Thorner.

ALLERTON BYWATER

IN THE RIVER AIRE.—An inquest was held at Castleford on Friday concerning the death of Harry Gillott (6), of 10, Wainwright Street, Castleford, whose body was taken from the river Aire. The child was in the habit of playing by the river side, and his mother had frequently fetched him away. A sad feature of the occurrence is that the father of the child had been summoned to join his regiment, and is now stationed at Chatham. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

CARLTON

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CROSSGATES

The Committee of Crossgates Horticultural Society have decided, owing to the war, to abandon the show, which was to have been held on August 31st and Sept. 1st.

MUSHROOM STEALING.—Before Mr Marshall, the Stipendiary Magistrate, at the Leeds City Police Court, on Tuesday morning, John Smith and James Green, both of Leeds, were summoned for stealing mushrooms from land belonging to Mr J. F. Archbold, of Stanks, on Saturday, August 15th. Mr Archbold and Mr Kirkbridge proved the case, and each defendant was ordered to pay 20s. and costs and the damage done.

RESIDENTS AND THE WAR.—On Monday evening a largely-attended meeting of men was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Crossgates, to consider what steps should be adopted to render assistance in connection with the war. Mr D. B Wilson, J.P., of Seacroft Hall, presided, and his was supported by the Rev. H. H. Malleson (vicar), Rev. C. Bell (Methodist), County Councillor Denhirst, and Messrs Chadwick and Lee (Guardians). The Vicar suggested that a Guild be established, and it would be established, and that four departments should be formed, and a subcommittee appointed to manage each. The first would deal with the relief of distress, and their duty would be to find out cases of distress and obtain help from the National Fund. The second would give information to young men desirous of getting employment immediately at the Council Offices, Rothwell.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Morkill (in the chair), Mr E. H. Foster, Mr F. M. Lupton, Mr P. H. Booth, Mr J. Hutchinson, Mr E. Parkin, Mr H. Leaman, and Mr J. Farrar.

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"PICTURE HOUSE.—Excellent programmes have attracted good audiences at the Picture House this week, and to-night and Saturday the films secured have a direct connection with the crisis through which the country is passing. "The Curse of War" is described as the greatest coloured military drama ever produced, and "Britain's Might" shows the British Fleet cleaning for action. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week some excellent films, educational in character, are promised. They include "Kitchener's New Army," "The German Crown Prince and the Death Head Hussars," "The Gallant Belgian Army," etc. In addition "The orphan of war," an interesting and pathetic story of the battlefield, will be shown. For the week-end the great attraction will be the description of "The Battle of Gettysburg"—the Waterloo of the American Civil War—in four parts, and it will assuredly be worth seeing. Times and prices in advert.

Thorner Attendance.—At the meeting of Garforth Education Committee on Wednesday—Mr. Wordsworth presiding—it was reported that the general department of Garforth Council School had the highest attendance in the division for July, and had won the shield. The percentage was 96.05 against 94.87 in July last year. The figures for the other schools were—Garforth Council, infants, 89.43 against 84.23; East Garforth, 89.32 and 91.21; Garforth, Church of England, 89.32 and 89.21; and Oulton, 78.09 and 80.80. East Garforth M.C., 78.69 and 93.02. The attendance at the two last mentioned schools was affected by measles and chicken-pox.

The Late Mr C. Gomm.—It is with profound regret we have to record the death of Mr Charles Gomm, the head master of the Main Street, Garforth, Council School, which occurred on Tuesday morning, after a long illness. Mr Gomm, who was 58 years of age, was a native of Leeds. Deceased, whose illness extended over nearly two years, was aged only 38 years. The funeral service was conducted in the churchyard at St. John's Church, Moortown, on Wednesday, in the presence of a large number of mourning relatives and friends. The interment was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. Barthorough). The service was held in the house, Heath Nurseries, at 3 p.m., and the cortege proceeded to the church. The bearers were Messrs. Green (grocer), Cussins and Mosley (draughtsmen), Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Green, Mrs. E. S. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker (brother-in-law), Master Tom Green (nephew), Mr. F. Carr (brother-in-law), Mrs. Whitaker (aunt), and Mrs. Joseph Green (sister-in-law). Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Archer (Garforth), Mr. Middleton (Moortown), Mr. and Mrs. Pickersgill (Moortown), Mr. Teasdale (Leeds), Mr. T. Cussins (Moortown), Mr. Cussins (Leeds), Mr. Cussins (Moortown), Mr. Ben Holt (Moortown), besides several of deceased's gardening friends, by whom he was much liked in the district. Floral tributes were sent by the widow and children, Mr and Mrs. Hy. Green and children, Mr and Mrs Joseph Green and children, Mr and Mrs Percy Green, Mr and Mrs A. Whitaker, Mrs. Whitaker (aunt), Mrs. Thackray (aunt), employees at Garforth Nurseries, employees at Moortown Nurseries, employees at the nurseries at seed warehouse, Leeds, Mr. W. Allsop (Bond Street, Leeds), Mr. and Miss Middleton (Moortown), Master Brown (Brea, Chesterton), and Mr and Mrs Frank Carr (Leeds). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Hy. Stonock, Garforth.

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ROTHWELL URBAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices on Monday night—Mr. J. Fox (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs G. Gilbert (vice-chairman), A. R. Chadwick, W. Bailey (Hopkinsonville), W. Wade, W. Dyson, J. Armitage, J. Horner, T. Ellis, E. McCulloch, W. Lister, M. Robinson, and W. Spruth, with the Clerk (Mr W. Hodgson), the surveyor (Mr. F. Southwell), and the sanitary inspector (Mr. F. F. Moorhouse).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that a new sludge cart be purchased from Messrs. Lumley and Co., Leeds, at a cost not exceeding £100, if same was approved by the Local Government Board. A letter was read from the Road Board notifying the Council that it was not intended to prosecute in regard to the cutting off the water supply. It was resolved that Messrs Armitage be asked to fetch their pipes off the work by cleaning out the ditches at Shepcote Lane. A letter was read from Messrs Whitehead and Co., Ltd., Chorlton-with-Hardy, stating that the tidings suggested had already been put to by them. The complaint re the flooding of Mr. Cockshaw's house was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

The minutes were passed.

RE LIVE AND DISTRESS

At a meeting of the Finance Committee it was resolved that the question of a District Concert should be left over until the next meeting of the Council, and that the Sanitary Committee be asked to consider how the money is to be raised before they fund the work. A letter was received from the surveyor in regard to Leasewood.

The Clerk read the letter from the County Council relating to the Distress Committee; the surveyor stated that in view of the distribution of relief required in consequence of the war, that the Council supply the names and addresses of the committees of any philanthropic institutions in the district.

The Chairman: Have we any philanthropic institutions in Rothwell?

Mr. Lister: The workhouse.

The Chairman: Is the workhouse for us philanthropic lines? I did not know it was philanthropic.

The Chairman suggested that the question be discussed at a later stage.

Mr. Lister said Rothwell Council could do a lot in finding work. He pointed out the need for sewers in the district—quite five hundred, he understood, if the Council would set about it. Building these houses it would find employment for several in the district. Then the Water Committee, he thought, were asked to see if some cases of the laundry at the bottom of the hill are public baths. Why could not it be opened as a?

He also referred to the question of people thinking gentlemen comfortably for the soldiers, and to sending girls and women to the front to look after the wounded. He thought if each people on a "county of the women," and said it was better that they should find work that talk about giving help.

Mr Armitage said he thought that before Mr. Lister began talking about dealing with distress he should know the difficulty they had to contend with.

Mr Ellis said that certain women of Rothwell were including a meeting that evening to consider what could be done in the matter, and for his part he strongly objected to Mr Lister calling them a "society of old women."

The minutes were subsequently passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Sanitary Committee showed that a Rothwell resident had complained of the condition of a pigsty in regard to the danger of causing a child through puddle-water before it was removed. It was resolved that the Clerk write to the owner, and that the inspector write to Mr John Lister, of Oulton-le-Lane, in regard to some nuisance complained of with host to the Council's property. The Clerk was to write to Messrs Whitehead and Co., Ltd., Chorlton-with-Hardy, to request them to remove the nuisance.

A letter was read from the County Council as to the effect of a combined nursing scheme and the Council, after discussion, decided that the Health Committee was prepared to take up the work as soon as the terms were agreed to. A letter was read from the Clerk to the Leeds Rural Council, stating that a scheme

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "When Charles I. Was King," "Daniel Quayne," "The Pinfolds," &c.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS: Clinton Barrasenby had been accused and convicted of forgery by his uncle, Sir Robert Manchester. He had protested his innocence, but there was strong against him. Now, when evidence was discovered had nearly expired, and his term of imprisonment had nearly expired, a secret from Dr. Manchester. Secretly he sends a note to Sir Robert's daughter, Phillipa, when he loves. In this he makes known his escape, and again protests his innocence. Phillipa still believed him guilty, but now the wild tone of his letter alarms her, and she makes known its contents to a sturdy miner, Jim Britten, Clinton's foster-brother. Jim feels sure that Clinton will come straight to him, and his expectations are fulfilled the same night. Unknown to either, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who steals silently away into the darkness.

Clinton and Phillipa then meet. Clinton urged upon her the necessity of an interview between her father and himself, so that he may once again declare his innocence. Phillipa gives him a key by which he can easily gain access to Sir Robert's study. When they part, Clinton learns that the police are on his track, and he remains in hiding. On the next evening, under cover of the darkness, he finds his way to the Castle. Entering the study he thinks at first that the room is empty, but, then, to his horror, he sees that Sir Robert has fallen across his desk, dead. Sir Robert has fallen across his desk, dead. Clinton's nerve is running over the papers beneath him. Turning to cry for help, he finds himself in the grip of a stern-faced man, and realises, with sickening fear that he is suspected of murder.

Clinton, who succeeds to the title and estates, is tried for the murder of his uncle. Lionel Mosco, who owned many gaming and betting as a means to a livelihood, had seen Clinton in the woods, had followed him to the Castle, had overheard the interview between Sir Robert and Clinton, and had witnessed the interview. Mark Ashton, Sir Robert's confidential manager and personal friend, had come to the study just as Clinton had made the appalling discovery, and as Clinton had made the appalling discovery, and had at once concluded Clinton before he could be sufficiently recover to cry for help. Ashton had declared to keep Phillipa's name out of the matter, but it is useless, and a hush falls upon the court when the dead man's daughter is called.

Phillipa tells the court that she had met Clinton, and had given him the key of the study, and his much-desired interview with her father. And so the case proceeds, the evidence piling against being fatally equal, all to length Clinton is permitted to make a statement. He declares solemnly that eventful night, the evidence that eventful night, he finishes, a voice from the crowd suddenly cries: "It's the real truth! And I can prove it!"

CHAPTER IX.

In the very thick of the closely-packed mass of pitmen at the back of the court a man had risen and was endeavouring to attract the attention of the bench by violent gesticulation. He was a tall, loosely-built fellow of apparently twenty-eight or thirty years, that he chiefly remarkable for the possession of a crop of carroty hair, an enormous mouth, one of the largest noses, and a long, sharp nose. That he was making a holiday was evident from the fact that he was dressed in his best—obviously his best suit of blue serge, and had a silk handkerchief of at least six different colours knotted about his throat.

"I can prove it!" he shouted again. "I can prove it!"

The chairman bent over to the clerk. "Isn't that the man we sent to prison for sentiff?" he asked. "I don't know for assault!"

"Yes, sir, it's Dick King, Ginger King, as they call him," replied the clerk. "He went for a fortnight. His time was only up yesterday."

"I say I can prove it!" vociferated Ginger King.

The chairman looked across at the interrupter with some impatience. "What is it you can prove?" he demanded.

"I can prove that what Mestur Clinton there has stated isn't true," cried Ginger King.

The chairman looked at Stanford. Stanford jumped to his feet.

"I do not know what this witness's evidence may be worth, your Worships," he said, "but I should like to hear it. Will you step down to the witness-box, my friend?"

Ginger King obeyed this summons with alacrity. He was sworn, and, after promising to help sworn with great solemnity.

"Your name, my friend, and your occupation?" asked Stanford.

"Name's Richard King, only they call me Ginger. Miner, answered the witness; "and I'm a collier."

"Well, what do you wish to say?"

"I know what Mestur Clinton there's just told'en is true."

"How do you know it is true?"

"Cause I can prove it's true. Didn't I say so?"

"Now, then, just tell the court what you know," said Stanford, who saw that he had no earthly chance to deal with this man. "Tell it in your own way."

"Then what I were going to do at first if ye hadn't talked so much," said King, "I'll see, it's this here way. Two week ain't had a bit o' a do wi' Jack-Quinton, you'll there pup o' mine, and I belied Jack reight, and it were sometimes there just when I'd reckoned Gaol for a fortnit, 'cause I wouldn't pay t' fine. Well, I come out yesterday, and, of course, I think I'll go to Jack's and have a day or so. Now, there's a young woman in service at Jack's, Sally 'at I'm a bit after, and I bethowt misen last night 'at I'd go up and see if I could see owt on her, 'cause sometimes when I've whistled at t' kitchen window she's come out into t' garden, d'ye see? Well, I come up, and I'd just climbed over t' wall into t' shrubbery, when I see Mestur Clinton there nip across to a door. could see reight fair, there was a bit o' moon between two lighted windows. Thinks I to myself, 'Well, I didn't know 'at you were in lad!' and then I wonders what he were up to. So I nipped across and looked in at t' window. T' room inside were empty, but I could see in, 'cause t' blind doesn't fit close. And as sure as I'm standing here it all happened, as he said just now. There were t' poor old gentleman lyin' over t' writin'-table wi' t' blood on his head, and Mestur Clinton touched him on t' shoulder and looked at him a bit, and then he put down t' pen like, and there t' manager come in at a back door and collared hold on him. And then I made mesen scarce, and so I didn't see owt more. But that's t' truth at I've telled yer."

Stanford looked at the witness intently. "I think your Worships will agree that this is very remarkable evidence," he said. "There are two witnesses. I could call a third to the witness which relate to two important points. King, you say the blind on the window through which you looked did not fit closely. How much space had you through which you could look?"

"A good couple of inches, sir," answered King.

"And were you standing on when you looked through the window?"

"A form, sir, a sort o' ornamental border."

Stanford turned to the police officials. "Perhaps you will look into both these matters at once?" he said. "I need not show you how important they are. When are the boats you were wearing last night, King?"

"I'm wearin' 'em now, sir."

"Very well—the police will want to see them. That's all, for."

But Rowland Parke rose—the great Mr. Miller-Stanford was not to have all his own way. And when Rowland Parke betrayed a tendency to interfere, those who knew the brilliant young gentleman knew that he had something up his sleeve.

"One moment, Wigg," he said, as Ginger was about to leave the box. "I want to ask you a question or two. What time did you leave Bickford Gaol yesterday?"

"Same time as I allus do," answered Ginger, amidst laughter.

"And what time is that, pray?"

"Eight o'clock, o' course."

"What was the first thing you did?"

"Went and had a pint, to be sure—same as on would if you'd gone without for a orinit," retorted Ginger.

"And what time did you come home?"

"Some time durin' t' forenoon," said Ginger. "I were none particular."

"You'd nothing to do and plenty of money to do it with, I suppose," said Parke, half sarcastically. "Now, where did you spend the rest of the day? You may, as well tell the truth, because I can easily find out."

"I've no objection to sayin' where I spent t' day," replied Ginger. "I were a piece at home, dressed mesen up and havin' a bit o' dinner, and then I went to t' Flyin' Horse and stopped there all t' afternoon."

"Oh, and where did you go then?"

"Nay, I went up t' street to t' Prime Lion and stopped there till I bethowt mesen I'd go up and see if I could get a word wi' t' sarvents like."

"And pray how many pints of ale had you had by that time?" asked Parke, with a glance at the bench.

"I'm sure I never kept no count," answered Ginger, unperturbed.

"A good many, I should think," said Parke. "Now, on your oath, were you sober when you went to the Castle?"

"Aye, as sober as what you are just now!"

"Why did you go to the Castle to tell the police what you'd seen?"

"Why, o' course, 'cause Mestur Parke. It made me feel reight bad. I didn't know what to do. So I considered to sleep over it, and come to them this mornin' and see what were said."

"Now, I don't want to appear too inquisitive," said Parke, "but isn't it a fact that you have been convicted several times at this Court for assault, and for being drunk and disorderly conduct?"

"Nay, I know I'm handy wi' mi fists," admitted King.

"And you've also been convicted at least a dozen times for poaching?"

"I'm fond of a bit of sport."

Parke motioned him to leave the box and turned to the bench. "I shall leave it to your Worships to say what amount of credence is to be placed upon the evidence of a witness of this sort," he said, "and I again claim that the prisoner is entitled to the benefit of the reasonable doubt. I am not addressing for a committal. The evidence—"

But the chairman, who had undergone a brief but animated consultation with his colleagues, interrupted the young counsel with uplifted finger.

"We have already decided upon an adjournment, Mr. Parke," he said. "We desire to make a more searching investigation into what has been stated. The evidence of the last witness, I must say, does not appear to us to be as a brawler and a poacher, I see no reason to doubt his word—will have to be thoroughly sifted, and the prisoner is remanded for eight days."

Parke, who had the sharp-eyed little man from Scotland Yard, who had listened in silence to all that had gone on since his arrival, at his side, looked upon as queer a lot of people as ever he had encountered in the whole of his career. Stanford, standing at the extreme left of the magistrates from the bench and the dis- appearance of the prisoner and his escort, the court, which had been seized upon by the reporters, broke out all over those parts of the court which had been seized upon by the public. Shouts and cries about everywhere; groups began to argue; here and there discussions grew hot and fierce, and soon there was a shindy. It took all the efforts of the local police to get the noisy mob out of the court, and the waiting-out process was going on, Inspector Cortelyon went across the rapidly-thinning space in the body of the court and approached Phillipa, who held out her hand to him.

"What do you do, Inspector Cortelyon?" she said. "I recognised you as soon as you came in."

"I am deeply sorry to meet you on such a sad occasion, Miss Mannersley," said the inspector, "and I must apologise for my very polite bow. "The only comfort I can offer you is that after all the evidence is sifted, the truth will be able to establish your cousin's innocence."

"I am indeed, and very grateful I shall be if that can be done, inspector!" exclaimed Phillipa, "and I do, of course, believe in my cousin. But anyone could suspect my unfortunate cousin of such a dreadful crime. I think I heard you saying to Mr. Kilgworth that anyone who really knew Clinton would recognise that it is quite impossible that he could be a party to so far forgotten himself as to—to have done that. Oh, it is inconceivable—inconceivable!"

The shrewd eyes glanced at Quinton's hard, set face, and then at Phillipa's pale, agitated countenance, something of the manager's secret.

"Well," he said, turning again to Phillipa, "I should keep my mind open, if I were you. I always trust a good deal to first impressions, and my own impression is that the two will have to be heard—your cousin Sir Clinton and the foxy-haired gentleman—were telling an absolute truth. At any rate, I propose to ourselves—I take it that this gentleman is a friend of the Baronet's—to look into the matter, and further about Sir Clinton in the matter, except by working in a way which will clear him."

Phillipa's eyes filled with tears. She felt as if she could have thrown her arms round the neck of this man with the wrinkled face.

"Oh, thank you, thank you a thousand times, Inspector Cortelyon!" she cried. "That gives me so much courage. And you are so clever that I feel sure you will clear things up."

"What line do you propose to follow, Inspector Cortelyon?" asked Parke.

"I propose to look for the real culprit," replied the inspector, rising. "I shall go over to Bickford this afternoon, and I shall commence my inquiries there. I propose to look for the real culprit," replied the inspector, rising. "I shall go over to Bickford this afternoon, and I shall commence my inquiries there. I shall look for the man who was waiting for her, she prepared to leave the now nearly empty court. Quinton approached her. "Miss Mannersley," he said, whose mind was of an extraordinary alertness, and could do a good deal of non-ordinary business character. Across the blotting-pad in the centre of the desk there was a pen-wiper, which Sir Robert had been writing at the moment.

Turning away from the window, Inspector Cortelyon began to examine the room, not in any exhaustive fashion, but by strolling here and there, as though he were idly interested. He briefly panelled in black oak, and contained so many articles of furniture that a few pieces—a writing-table, stands, chests, and other impediments of like nature, that would not be missed if removed to a show at all. Low bookcases of black oak were arranged against the panelling here and there in the panels hung etchings and old steel plates. And, with his hands in his pockets and his head bent forward, Inspector Cortelyon began to study the pictures, Inspector Cortelyon began to study the pictures, in reality keeping a sharp ear on the walls. And in one corner he suddenly paused, seeing that a panel was not flush with the others, narrow, had been cut through the panelling. Here was a door on either side of the wall of the room—the same wall in which stood the door that opened on the garden.

"This," said Inspector Cortelyon to himself, "this must be a cupboard," and he tried to open the door by pulling at the beading of the panels. The door, however, remained fixed. He beat upon it with his hand. It sounded very hollow within—much more hollow than a cupboard would have done. And a sudden idea occurring to him, he unlocked the garden door, and, stepping on to the path, glanced along the side of the house.

Built out from the line of the study wall, and projecting in a semi-circle until it terminated in the wall of another wing of the house, was a building of two storeys in height, which doubtless added to the architectural effect, but did not, so far as Inspector Cortelyon could see, possess any utilitarian feature. He made out through casements, by pacing, of how far it was from the garden door to the study, and, by pacing, returning to the study, he paced the distance to the door in the panelling.

Also just as I thought," he said. "That door leads into the building at the angle I'll lay a pound to a penny to a farthing."

Letting himself out into the corridor, he went in search of Dauncey, and, finding him, once led him to the study. He pointed out the door in the panelling.

"Look here, Mr. Dauncey," he said. "What's that? A cupboard?"

The old man shook his head. "No, sir, no," he said. "Used to be, now, to think of it, you seeing that, inspector! You must have sharp eyes. No, sir—it was a fad of my poor dear master's, was that, and one of which he soon tired."

"And but what is it?" asked the inspector.

"It's a stairway, sir, to the great gallery he had built on to the house. He was a very romantic man, sir, was the late Sir Robert, and a good many years ago he made some alterations in the house, and this was one of them. You'll have noticed, inspector, that in this house there's a which runs right round the house on the first floor, and which gives on to the great gallery. Well, sir, it's the same upstairs there. That's where all which does the same thing. That's where all the best and finest pictures are kept. You, sir, by the garden door, opens out into that gallery, and when he was making the alterations I spoke of he had this stairway put in. It's narrow—these walls are six feet thick, inspector—one to the study and one to the library, and that's why I never knew of it myself. You might be could come straight down for them from the gallery, and save the trouble of having to go all round by the great staircase. But, as a matter of fact, he scarcely ever used it, for I think that while every long when he fell down one and put his ankle out, and he declared he'd never, very badly, by coming down the other, and after that he said they were too steep and too narrow, and that he'd have no more of it. Having them built up, and, to tell you the truth, sir, I don't think he ever knew they were."

"All the same, they're both there," said Inspector Cortelyon.

"Yes, sir, both there, inspector," answered the butler. "Would you like to look into this one now, sir?"

"It's locked," said the detective. "I've tried it."

"No, it's not locked, sir," said Dauncey. "There isn't a lock; it's a spring. See—this is it. Just a touch on the timber."

He pressed a projecting portion of the panelling, and the door flew open.

Inspector Cortelyon saw a very narrow stairway of dark wood, going steeply up in the dark.

"Like to go up it, sir?" asked Dauncey. "If so, I'll go up first and open the top door. Mind your head, sir—it's very low and dark."

"Not just now, thank'ee," said Inspector Cortelyon. "Some other time. Is the similar stair in the library, will you?"

"With pleasure, inspector," replied the butler. "But you don't mind, sir, we'll go round by the corridor. I—the fact is, I can't bear to look at my poor master's desk, sir. It gives me the creeps."

"Ah, I don't wonder," said the detective "I'll go round with you."

Dauncey led the way round to the library, and pointed out the second companion stairway. Then, at Inspector Cortelyon's request, he took him up the great staircase in the inner hall, and showed him the stairway doors in the gallery.

"Both all open in the same way," remarked the butler, demonstrating the secret of the panel in each case. "Like to go down them, sir, now?"

"No," answered the inspector. "Shut them—that's right. Now, have you got such a thing as a particularly strong lamp in the house—a very strong one?"

Dauncey said he did not think of anything at first, but suddenly remembered having heard that Mr. Kilgworth, taking in the new electric hall recently of a very powerful bicycle lamp which he had just bought. And he took Inspector Cortelyon to the room, and went for Fisher and the lamp, and had its capabilities demonstrated to him.

"And now don't let anybody disturb me on any account," said the detective, possessing himself of the lamp. "And don't allow those stairway doors to be opened, Mr. Dauncey, towards which I must request those to be carefully."

Then he went back to the study, and locked himself in again, and, coming through to the library by the door, took the chair of that apartment And then, with the aid of the powerful lamp, he began a examination of the staircases set in the walls—and he began with that in the library first.

It seemed to him that there was nothing to be found. Inspector Cortelyon's thoroughness and perseverance were seemed as wearisome as it was amazing. Hour after hour went by, and found him going over every inch of the doors and the walls of the staircases. The walls were of smooth, highly-polished wood; the doors were panelled. He paid the most scrupulous attention to the projections in the panelling which contained the secret springs, and, by the aid of a penknife, peering at them and about them through a pair of special glasses, drew out a thick, folding rule from his pocket with as much anxiety as if he expected them to speak. And it was already growing dusk when he came at last shut off the lamp in the quiet, stuffy, put his glasses in his pocket, and, with a decisive snap, and knew that his labour had been successful.

"I've got him!" he said to himself, "I've got him, sure enough! And I'll hang him, as sure as my name's John Cortelyon!"

(To be continued.)

INDIA'S EXPORTS OF HUMAN HAIR.

Many thousand pounds' weight of human hair is exported from India every year, the hair of the native women being superior to Chinese hair, and a ready classification of the different kinds required. The best customers are firms in England and Germany, which deal with the Indian hair trade. A large part most of the native hair is said to be obtained by dealers, chiefly among the poorer classes, in the months of January and February, when Hindu women, particularly widows, get their heads shaved as a religious duty. Other cities on the River Ganges, which is sacred according to their religion, and there have their heads shaved. Others sell their husbands' hair through a desire to make sacrifice to their deities, and others cut their hair short as a vow that it will grow into the stream. There it is allowed throwing it into the stream. There it is allowed and is then invariably picked up by persons who are in the habit of collecting it, and who sell it for whatever it will bring. It may be mentioned that the Indian women are chiefly noted for their religion to keep their hair closely clipped, this applying even to young girls who have not reached the age of puberty, at the death of their intended husbands.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Wetherby folks are thinking about opening a little range.

Preparing! A St. John Ambulance class has been organized at Roundhay.

Major Coverley has offered the use of Oulton Hall as a convalescent home for soldiers.

In Cottingates and district women are busily engaged making garments for the soldiers.

Potatoes from Selby and district are being sent to the towns in large quantities. Prices are normal.

Another Wetherby Golf Club has abandoned the open meeting fixed for September 4th and 5th.

Helping them on! When troops passed through Tadcaster they were regaled with bread, cheese, and beer.

Up to the present the collieries in the district have been working fairly well, although there have been "play days."

Flowing in! Lord Harewood has given £500 to the West Riding War Fund, and Major Dent, of Ribston Hall, Wetherby, has contributed £100.

No politics now. Arrangements were made for the holding of a Primrose League gathering at Ivy Feathelson, Tadcaster, but it has been abandoned.

Lieut. Beaghey, R.N., well-known in Barnston Ash as the secretary for the Primrose League, has gone to the war aboard one of the warships.

Magistrates have started as recruiting officers. "Why don't you enlist," asked the Chairman at Eastern Aviary Petty Sessions at York, of an Askham Richard grocer.

To work! Wetherby Primrose Leaguers have voted £5 for the purchase of material, and the women are to start making garments for sick and wounded soldiers.

Although Barwick is one of the largest parishes in the district, a penny rate raises only about £35—a reminder that since Crossgates withdrew from the partnership.

The church militant! It may or may not be represented in the army, but a curate up North is subjected by superior people is simply ignorance.—The "Saturday Review." Quite true!

Tadcaster cricketers got a surprise on Saturday at Milford. The Halton Wee, come, saw, and conquered. Will they manage to beat the "Crofters"? They are thinking the matter over.

"He'll be home for French neck," panted Hennessy, as he fell back beaten.

At the "Balm" there were only two in it, Pierre and Lovat Young, and it was by a miracle only that Pierre kept his seat as The Dove swung round the "e. But he did not remain long just after the start with the kitchen scenery, he was thrown to one side and only kept himself up by his grip on the horn of the saddle. Long since, just after he had been began, he had stopped the reins and grasp of the high horn of the saddle with both hands.

"Well done, Captain," yelled Young, as he swung round after Pierre.

Then The Dove straightened himself out for home, and Pierre had to use all his strength and skill to keep his seat.

Half a mile from barracks lived a half-breed family, and as they were two rather good-looking girls there, it may have been that Young had ridden to The Dove before; at all events, Pierre guessed as much when the door was broad-neck speed.

Just in front of the door was a little garden, and a little gate, and at the little gate The Dove swung round, and Pierre, who was prepared for the turn, kept the door full into the little log "shack."

To say that the poor half-breeds were astonished would be to say very mildly indeed, not only astonished, but fairly frightened, too, for he thought the police must want him very badly indeed to have two officers in pursuit, and through the door in that way. Looking through the window he could see some of the others following, and he took to his heels out of the back door, crying:

"By gosa! they must want to hang me, sure!"

The whole family followed suit, and left Pierre in possession.

Lovat Young had caught The Dove and held him while Pierre, trembling all over, but ashamed to show it, had scrambled into the saddle as elegantly as a cat going up a tree.

But The Dove's blood was up, and he took the bit between his teeth again as soon as he felt the wobbling legs on either side of him.

It may have been that Lovat Young very often rode The Dove, and knew how to humour him, and such a thing has not occurred for twenty years.

Mrs York, wife of Captain York, J.P., of Tadcaster, is recovering from typhoid, a convalescent home at Hutton Hall, Long Marston. This was the home of Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught for several months immediately after their marriage.

Lovat Young got his horse back and when he rushed to close with Pierre, Pierre velvety one that night there was just a suspicion of coldness in his eye and a little huskiness in his voice as he said:

"Good old Dove. I guess they'll leave you with us now."

It may have been the dust from the hay that had got into him his throat, though, for westerners are much given to emotion.

The Dove had his busy head across is master's shoulder, and gave a little whinny of delighted recognition as he may have been whimpering for supper.

Spofforth was to have had a flower show this month, but it has been abandoned owing to the war.

No racing! The buildings on the Wetherby steeplechase course have been offered for hospital purposes.

No good news for Kippax bairns. The Council have not managed to secure a recreation ground for them yet.

In Tadcaster a number of supernumerated police are wielding the truncheon again. They have been called from their retirement to duty.

In Wetherby school district the attendance returns showed an average of 86.54 for July, against 88.16 in the previous month, and 86.01 in July of last year.

The better the day! On Sunday the military authorities had by recruiting exposition in Pottifoot, Spofforth, Wetherby, Sicklinghall, Kirkby Overblow, and other places.

Templenewsam Allotments' Association is showing the way. The members are to have a show, and the produce should be worth seeing. Will Micklefield allotment holders copy?

Let local golfers beware! A Roundhay man played barehanded during the great heat about a month ago, and his hands, it is said, were affected. He has gone the way of all flesh.

Will other companies follow suit? The owners of the new colliery at Woodlesford have a number of employees serving with the colours, and they are to make allowances to the wives. It will cost them £100 a week.

Will there be any hunting in the district this winter? It is suggested that so many horses have been taken away that the tally-ho men and women will have to indulge in cycling exercises. Clearly a mad idea imported from Germany.

Although she admitted that she did not see the defendant do it, a woman at Tadcaster summoned a neighbour for throwing water over her. It was a costly bucket of water to both sides, who, of course, had their own costs to meet.

"If the fine weather continues," writes Major Dent, of Ribston Hall, Wetherby, "harvest will make rapid progress, and I appeal to farmers to give their troops ample 'field room.' The temptation to hurry is great, but it is essential that our harvest be got in in the best condition, and a little patience will prevent many hot stacks and much damaged grain."

"PRIVATE FLANIGAN."

The hero of "The Finding of" Private Flanigan" in the new novel of Mrs. Flora Annie Steel's volume entitled "The Mercy of the Lord" (Heinemann)—was the chief asset of his regiment, the 88th, before the Gharkas, Sikhs, and "Tommies" indulged in a football match among the mountains:

"They were the biggest, strongest lot of Sikhs I ever saw, but perhaps because they had such long shins, they simply knocked spots off the rest of us. Even the Ghurkas (the Ghurkas). It was almost pitiable to see them; the more so because they were such plucky little beggars. In fact, I was good at anything and everything he chose to take in hand thoroughly; but that was not much. But I was one of the best man-care fellow did not exist. He was, however, a personal favourite, and I noticed that even the regimentally correct captain dealt leniently with his not infrequent lapses from good manners. Flanigan was a big, fine-looking fellow, at a sing-song held the night of the football match. He literally brought down the house with his clog accompaniment to a patter song in which he parodied the feelings of victor and vanquished."

"YANKEE DOODLE."

Theories concerning the origin of the air of "Yankee Doodle" have been almost as numerous as those touching the birthplace of Homer.

By some the tuneful said to have appeared in America about the year 1755, when the Bunker Hill was fought. In that battle it appears, the Americans learnt it of the British, who had used it as a marching air by the English obtained it.

One of the most interesting and it is thought the latest speculation in this regard comes from Germany. It is contended that the tune originally pertained to a country dance of the district of the former provinces of Schleswig and Holstein, and that the air was also played as a military march by bands of Hessian troops during the war of the American Revolution.

In studying the dances of the "Schwalm" the German antiquarian struck by the similarity in form and rhythm to "Yankee Doodle." It is assumed that, as many of the Hessians who served in America, were recruited in this district, they carried "Yankee Doodle" with them.

Years ago an American was visiting the city of San Sebastian, the seaport capital of Guipuzcoa. He made America, for that is one Guehille, the Vice-Consul of the United States. Señor Guehille had been in Boston, where he was naturally much at home, and called "Yankee Doodle." He had known the tune from infancy as the national air of the Bostons.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

THE RELIEF OF DISTRESS.

The fortnightly meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the offices at Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr. J. Gosling (vice chairman), presiding. The other members present were Mrs Dickinson, Dr Groves, Rev. T. Cody, Messrs T. G. Conyers, W. Lane, Appleyard, J. Butterick, E. B. Pickersgill, J. W. Verity, Pulford, Peace, P. S. Marsden, D. W. Hargreaves, Hemingway, and Bennett, with the Assistant Clerk (Mr. Ward).

At the meeting of the Finance Committee it was reported that accounts amounting to £3,530 had been passed.

CASES OF DISTRESS.

A discussion ensued in regard to the relieving of cases of distress owing to the war, and the Chairman said that the Local Government Board had issued an order that the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund was not to be distributed until every other means had been exhausted. He took it that implied that wherever there was a relief fund it must be exhausted before there could be any call on the National Fund. So far as the Guardians were concerned, he did not see that they could do anything unless people made application for relief. It was not for them to seek cases, but it was for the people requiring relief to come to them.

Mr Conyers stated that up to now the contractors had fulfilled their duties and there had been no lack of supplies.

HOMES COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Workhouse Committee the Master reported that a gift of periodicals had been received from Mrs Simpson, Hunslet; that the deep well pump had ceased to draw, and that it will be necessary to lift the rods and tubes to ascertain the cause. It was resolved that the best thanks of the Guardians be given to Mrs Simpson for her kindness.

The Clerk submitted quotations for repair of the lightning conductor, and it was resolved that the quotation of Mr Thomas Kidney at £1 10s. be accepted.

The Committee had under further consideration the question of painting required to be done in the institution, and inspected the parts that had been washed according to instructions given at the last meeting. It was agreed that the matter be adjourned for the present.

The minutes were approved.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Home's Committee a letter was received from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the Guardians' application for sanction to the payment of £6 6s. to the West Riding Education Committee in respect of the enrolling of Herbert Arrowsmith's scholarship agreement. The Clerk reported he had been informed by the Leeds Education Committee that there would be no further payment due to them in respect of the lad's withdrawal from the Central High School.

The committee had under consideration the question of the engagement of a temporary shoemaker, Mr John Williams, industrial trainer in shoemaking, having been called upon to join his regiment on account of the outbreak of war. It was resolved that a suitable man be temporarily engaged through the Labour Exchange, at the standard rate of wages. It was resolved that the Board be recommended to grant Mr Williams leave of absence, and to take into consideration the question of payment of salary during such absence.

The minutes were approved, and it was stated a temporary shoemaker had been appointed.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. L. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr Wm. Crosland.

Mary Bowen, married woman, of Sherburn, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 1st inst in Kirkgate, Sherburn. P.C. Parkinson stated that he saw defendant very drunk and she was brandishing a stick, which he took from her. Defendant pleaded not guilty. P.C. Wildblood corroborated. Fined 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Samuel Deighton, labourer, of Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 13th inst in Chapel Yard, Sherburn. P.C. Parkinson proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

WEDDING AT SOUTH MILFORD.

On Saturday a pretty wedding took place at St Mary's Church, South Milford, the contracting parties being Miss Elsie Harper, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harper, of High Street, South Milford, and Mr A. H. Sewerby, third son of the late Mr J. Frederick Sewerby, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

The bride was attired in a grey whipcord dress trimmed with oriental silk and a black picture hat. The bridesmaid—Miss May Pawson (of Sherburn)—wore a dress of cream silk trimmed with blue, and hat to match. Mr Harry Harper, brother of the bride, was best man.

The Rev. E. J. Barry (rector) officiated, and Mr J. Harper (father) gave the bride away.

After the wedding a reception was held at the bride's father's house, where the wedding breakfast was served.

HALTON BOWLERS DEATED AT TADCASTER

On Saturday afternoon a League bowling match was played between Tadcaster and Halton on Tadcaster, and the homesters won by 195 to 129. Tadcaster lost at Halton earlier in the season by 47 points, but winning on Saturday by 66 they secured the two points on the two matches. Details of Saturday's match (Tadcaster names first):—C. Moverley 21 v. Booth, E. Walker 21 v. G. Nicol 15; J. H. Scholefield 14 v. H. Thomas 21; E. Doyle 15 v. G. Cowell 21, T. Waddington 21 v. T. Charlson 9; A. W. Westerman 21 v. W. Green 9; J. H. Hull 21 v. A. Caine 11; I. S. Collins 21 v. J. Gorse 9; D. Hill 21 v. W. Glenn 8; C. Walker 21 v. R. Morris 12.

The takings at the Wistow Church bazaar in aid of the funds for the repair of the tower amounted to £80.

PLAYING WITH MATCHES.—In a stack fire which occurred at Wistow eight or nine tons of new hay was destroyed, there being no water at hand to extinguish the flames. A new stack had been partly built when it was seen to be on fire. The stack, it is stated, took fire through a small boy playing near it with matches.

Concerning Barwick-in-Elmet Charities.

SCHOOL LAND—NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Considerable interest is being evinced in the Barwick-in-Elmet Charities at present, and the following extracts are from the Charity Commissioners report in 1826 on some of the charities:—

THE SCHOOL LAND

It was stated by Canon Hope that the encroachment on the waste, mentioned in the report of 1826, was appropriated to the use of the schoolmaster conditionally on his teaching the children of the township free, but on the inclosure only a portion of this encroachment was awarded to and vested in the rector, churchwardens, and the lord of the manor, for the use of the schoolmaster, but subject to no trusts as to the education of free scholars.

The old school was pulled down in 1860, when the Church School was erected, and the site, which was an encroachment on the churchyard, and belonged together with the old school to the rector and churchwardens, was thrown into the churchyard. Before this it had occurred to the trustees that although they had power to appoint a schoolmaster it was very doubtful whether they could dismiss him, and in order to obviate any difficulty the trustees, on the 23rd February, 1854, appointed the rector schoolmaster. It may be pointed out that the power of appointing the schoolmaster was originally vested, as appears from an entry in the parish register in 1736, in the rector alone, and that the trustees of the allotment congrated the power to themselves, but as the rector was one of them and consented to the appointments, there is no question about their validity. Since 1854 the rector has exercised his office by deputy, having appointed three teachers before the erection of the present school, and all since then.

The endowment consists of 7a. or. 20p. of arable land, let to William Wetherall, at the yearly rent of £7. The access is bad, being through copehold land in the occupation of Mr Wetherall. A tithe rent charge of 6s. 8d., payable to the rector, is not claimed.

The rent is paid to the rector, the sole owner by virtue of his office, and is paid by him into the general account of the church school. In consideration of this endowment from 12 to 16 children were taught free until the passing of the Elementary Education Act, 1891.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL

By deed dated 29th January, 1861, the Rev. Charles Augustus Hope, with the consent of Sir George Grey, Bart., Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and patron of the living granted to himself and four others, under the School Sites Acts, 1,600 square yards of glebe, in Barwick, to the use of the minister, and churchwardens of Barwick and their successors, for a school in union with the National Society; and it was provided that the master or mistress should be a member of the Church of England, and that the right to appoint and dismiss the master or mistress should be vested in a committee consisting of the principal officiating minister of the parish, his licensed curate or curates, the churchwardens who were churchmen, and five laymen.

TRUE MARRIAGE.

This is Mr. Harding Hall's conclusion on the subject of matrimony, as described in his book "Love's Legend" (Constable):

"Marriage is not a ceremony made by Church or State; it lies in no empty words; it is no tie, no matrimonial chain. It is a living, growing, changing state wherein two opposites are blended into one. There are two loves in marriage. The first is of the flesh. . . . It comes to us unbidden, it is the cry of fire to steel. It is the basis on which alone the other love can grow. . . . The second love is of the spirit, the same is understanding. Out of the first conflict of two opposites there grows a gradual respect and knowledge. Each learns that the other is complementary, and therefore necessary. . . . Neither seeks to convince the other, to impose his views upon the other's sight. . . . Each has a point of view quite different from the other, and each is true. . . . Were either to renounce his sex then were all balance gone. Marriage is a perpetual struggle to keep the balance true."

BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

League Table, including Saturday, Aug. 15th.

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Crossgates	11	7	4	1809	1781	2
Crossgates Recreation	12	5	7	1778	2177	4
Garforth	11	6	5	1886	1760	10
Garforth W.M.	12	8	4	2272	1992	10
Garforth Conservatives	10	6	4	1704	1729	4
Halton	10	6	4	1681	1417	2
Halton Travellers	12	1	11	1668	2193	—
Tadcaster	12	6	6	2147	1879	8

WALTER GREEN, Hon. Sec.

HOW TO CLEAN ALUMINIUM.

Soda should never be used for cleaning aluminium. Lemon pulp and cold pieces of rind are the best things to use. Drop the pulp and rind into the vessel to be cleaned, fill it with water and boil for a few minutes; then rub with a dry, soft cloth and you will be delighted with the result.

Mr R. J. Foster has given £100 and Mrs Frank Riley Smith £50 to the West Riding War Fund.

At Aberford School the number in average attendance last month was 181, and the percentage 90.05 against 90.82 for the previous July.

On Monday the District Council accepted the tender of Mr Walker to carry out the work connected with a sewer extension at Aberford.

At South Milford School last month there was an average attendance of 195, and the percentage was 94.66 against 92.23 for the previous July.

Special services for the Territorials at Selby were on Sunday held at the Abbey, on the Bowling Green, and at the various places of worship in the town.

Mr G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., has given £50 and Mrs R. Lane Fox £5 to the West Riding War Fund, while the Brantham Park household has given £5 5s.

At meetings of Tadcaster and Riccall District Councils on Monday Dr Radcliffe, of South Milford, was appointed medical officer of health while Dr Hill, who is with the Army Medical Corps, is on active service.

Mr F. J. Lund, J.P., of Becca Hall, Aberford, has placed his late Harrogate residence, "Beaufield," at the disposal of the Mayor of Harrogate to be used as a convalescent home, hospital, or as may be thought fit, in connection with the war.

GARFORTH [illegible] EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

BARWICK ABERFORD, AND GARFORTH AFFAIRS

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr. John Woodhouth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. W. Dobson (vice-chairman), H. Gascoigne, H. Chappell, and T. S. Slater (Garforth), and the Rev. B. W. Shepherd-Walwyn (Aberford), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

It was reported that the percentage of attendance for the district—nine schools—was 89.91 for last month against 88.97 for July, 1913.

Tenders for fuel were received, and the contracts for the supply of coal to the Garforth, Aberford, and Barwick Schools was secured by Garforth Colliery Co., and for the supply of coke by Garforth Gas Co.

It was reported that Mr Ashworth, assistant at Barwick School, had resigned, and as there was a fall in the number of children attending the school it was decided not to appoint a successor.

The Clerk reported that Miss Abbott, a teacher at Garforth Council Infants' School, had resigned, and the Authority was advertising for an uncertificated teacher to take her place. He suggested that Garforth School Committee should be empowered to make the appointment.

As all the members present, with one exception, were from Garforth, Mr Chappell remarked: It is for Mr Walwyn to say. (Laughter).

The Rev. B. W. Shepherd-Walwyn: I have no objection. (Laughter).

It was reported that Miss King, certificated assistant at Garforth Parochial School, had resigned, having obtained an appointment as headmistress of Rathwell National School, Settle.

A letter was read from the West Riding Authority stating that they intended putting the Act relating to the feeding of school children into operation should necessity arise in any district, and they asked to be at once informed when any children in the district were suffering.

The Chairman: I hope it will not be necessary to do it; in fact, I don't think it will be necessary; but if it is we shall have to carry it out.

The Clerk said that it applied to Barwick and Aberford as well as Garforth.

The Chairman: Well, I don't think it will be necessary in Garforth.

Mr Gascoigne: I don't think it is necessary, but we'll have to wait and see.

The Chairman said that it would be very bad if it came to that in Garforth.

The Clerk said that if there was need at any time they should put the Act into operation because other districts did it.

The Chairman said they could not imagine acute distress all at once. If things came to the worst it would be two or three months before they could act.

The Vicar of Aberford brought forward the question of the nursing scheme, and said he supposed that if they got their scheme organised there was nothing to prevent their getting the support mentioned from the County Council.

The Clerk said the Council had advertised for school nurses, but he thought that they would not be prepared to consider a scheme put forward by any district.

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THEFT OF FEEDING CAKE.—At the Petty Sessions Thomas George Scott, a grocer employed by Mr George Gartree, Wetherby, was fined 40s. and costs for stealing a cow-cwt. bag of feeding cake which he had taken for the purpose of feeding his pigs.

DANGEROUS MOTORING.—Mr Wetherby, Ernest Edward Burton, agent, Leeds, was charged with driving a motor-car at a speed dangerous to the public at Wetherby. Mr Holden, solicitor, Harrogate, explained that the defendant was now with his regiment. The defendant was ordered to pay the costs of the case.

ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance at Wetherby Church School last month was 90.57, and Wetherby Council 86.53. Other figures were:—Sicklinghall 91.49, Bardsey Church 93.54, Wighill 94.17, Bickerton 87.58, Spofforth 86.32, Harewood 88.55, Kirk Deighton 88.37, Little Ribston 88.23, Toothwith Woodgrass 87.87, and Long Marston 74.80.

A SOLDIER'S MISHAP AT WETHERBY.—About 80 horses commandeered for the Army were despatched from Wetherby on Saturday. In the principal street of the town a soldier named Coddington was thrown from his horse owing to one of the two he was leading bolshing loose. He was kicked or trampled on by another horse and had to be taken by motor-car to York Military Hospital. He was suffering from concussion.

RELIEF FUND.—A very largely attended and influential meeting in support of the West Riding War Relief Fund, organised by the Earl of Harewood (Lord Lieutenant) was held in the Drill Hall at Wetherby. The Chairman of Harewood presided. A resolution, proposed by Lady Mountgarret, and seconded by the Rev. M. G. Lonsdale, vicar of Harewood, was unanimously adopted, to the effect that support would be given to the West Riding Fund. An Executive Committee was also appointed, and a representative appointed for each village in the area. A considerable amount of money was promised in the room, and Mr R. J. Foster, J.P., of Stockeld Park, has since promised £1,000.

CRICKET.—That Church Fenton is a much improved team is evident by the way in which they disposed of Glasshoughton on Saturday. The result, which may be said to be a surprise to both teams, was brought about in the first place by the excellent bowling of W. Claughton, who had six wickets for 8, and W. Dixon, who had three for 12, and in the second innings which succeeded. Brighter prospects are certainly in store for the Fenton Club. The scores:—Glasshoughton—J. Speed 1, T. Hughes 0, H. Frost 0, H. Hutchinson 5, H. Hempsall 1, E. Griffiths 5, W. Belsdon 0, A. Griffiths 2, J. Murray 6, G. Travis (not out) 0, J. Lucas 0, extras 8; total 28. Church Fenton—J. A. Thompson 11, A. Claughton 17, W. Dixon 7, E. Britton 8, H. Keates (not out) 17, extras, 3; total (for 5 wkts.), 63.

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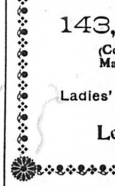
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

However good the intention, did not the Tadcaster District Council shake a mischief in deciding to allow their employees to go harvesting? These men have work, and if farmers require hands they should engage men who are at present out of employment. By this means, they would do getting their own work done, and they would alleviate distress. "I have tramped the whole countryside," writes one unfortunate chap, "and I have offered myself at 2s. 6d. per day, but find that, about this district, everybody is full up with skilled harvesters, working 11 hours a day at 3d. per hour, with teas and drink provided free. I would ask all young men in a similar predicament to myself not to waste time in marching round Leeds, but to go up on the Wolds, where they may have a better chance." Why suppose that roadmen should go harvesting, then?

Barkston Ash farmers are a canny lot, and to surprise them into an admission of prosperity is a feat surely accomplished. They have a rare commital way of talking about prospects, if things are going well, that exasperates the townsman, who will tell you that they seem to have an eternal grudge against Providence. However, agriculturists have so many disappointments of one kind or another that their faith is sometimes severely shaken, and they become chary of making definite statements. A Barwick farmer was congratulated the other day by a friend on his splendid crop of wheat, and he replied "It's enough enough, but it will take a lot of getting in." It would not have been in accordance with habit and custom had he not stated a disadvantage, because his friend might have thought he was doing too well.

Templemoseam allotment-holders and the parish "fathers" have composed their differences, and they are now a happy family. Bother arose over the supplying of water to one of the allotment fields, and the matter dragged on for some time, but a suggestion by the men who till the soil has solved the problem, and harmony now prevails. Templemoseam has, I believe, more allotments than any parish in Barkston Ash, and to such a high state of cultivation have they been brought that people from all parts of the district and beyond go to see them. An admirable provide a working-man with an interesting hobby, and it can be made remunerative, so the movement deserves to be encouraged in every way in the district.

Crossgates people are grateful to the Corporation for lighting the station footpath and bridge, which was a very dangerous place to pedestrians last winter. Two or three years ago the Railway Co. illuminated the dismal path by means of four lamps, but they soon cut off the gas supply when the District Council undertook the lighting, which they had no power to do, and which they never attempted to carry out. Excellent lamps have been erected by the Corporation, and they will be of the greatest service to travellers during the dark nights ahead.

Garforth is a very independent community. For years they were quite entered with the management of their affairs from Tadcaster, and they did not cease to agitate until they obtained urban powers, for they were best on having the spending of their own money. It was a laudable ambition, even if it meant an increased district rate. In the administration of relief funds in cases of distress the same spirit has been shown. Garforth would like to go on "its own," but if it cut itself adrift from the county scheme in the urban area requiring help would be at a disadvantage. The national fund is for the benefit of the nation, and it must be administered in a systematic way. It has been realised, and Garforth has decided to co-operate with the County Council.

Tadcaster consists of two civil parishes, divided by the River Wharfe, but there is only one ecclesiastical parish. Tadcaster thus occupies an unique position among the townships in the Union. It has, of course, two parish councillors, one representing the part on the east side of the water, and the other representing the portion on the west, where the great brewing concerns are situated, and the men of the East want to know from the country scheme. At the present time rated quite properly, but why their rates are people are exasperating splendidly in order to higher than those of the men over the bridge. The gate suffering and distress, and why should not only explanation forthcoming is that it is due to the same spirit be manifested among all classes a difference of rateable value. The men of the when we enjoy the blessings of peace. In a large West own the most valuable part of Tadcaster. parish it requires an income of about £100 per annum to run a nursing association successfully, and it brings all sorts and conditions of people together for work in a common cause.

A circular letter has been addressed by the County Authority to all the Education Sub-Committees in the district—Garforth, Kippax, Oulton, Sherburn, Tadcaster, Wetherby, etc.—stating that they intend putting into operation the Act for the feeding of school children should necessity arise. The last occasion when this course was adopted in the district was during the coal strike, but at Garforth, I believe, there was no need for such measures. At the present time the collieries are working about three days a week, and the families are managing to get along on their greatly reduced income, but the stoppage of the continental coal trade may yet have dire effects upon the colliery population. It will all depend upon the duration of the war. In the agricultural districts work appears to be plentiful, and there will probably be no need to give meals to the school children, but the authorities are ready to cope with all emergencies.

Tadcaster Guardians have no desire to become part owners of the Fryston Hall estate, which is to be converted into a home for mental defectives. They were invited to enter into partnership with several other Boards, but they have joined the Wharfedale combination of Unions, and they had to decline the invitation. The Unions in the Wharfedale combination are largely rural in character, and it is perhaps better that Unions of that kind should be grouped together, leaving Unions in urban areas to make their own arrangements. The intention of the Wharfedale combination, if the scheme can be carried out, is to utilize existing premises, so that a costly scheme will be avoided, and it has been suggested that the establishment at Settle should be utilised for the purpose, and the people at present residing there boarded out in other Unions. This is a common-sense plan, but sentiment is sometimes allowed to interfere in such schemes, and it is possible that the ratepayers of Settle might offer objections to the removal of their poor to other districts.

The championship of Barkston Ash Cricket Competition will be decided at Crossgates on Saturday, and the supporters of Hebron Wes. and Scarcroft will turn out in hundreds in anticipation of a keen game. Hebron Wes. are a comparatively new combination—this is their second season, I believe, in the Senior League—but a team who can defeat Tadcaster are well entitled to respect. Scarcroft, on the hand, are experienced League players, and they have been presented with the Sugar Musgrave Cup no fewer than nine times. They are no doubt confident that they will upset the calculations of the Hebron juniors, whom they have already beaten this season, but after their unexpected collapse before South Milford it would be unwise to be dogmatic as to the result.

Hunting in the Bramham Moor country will this year be shorn of much of its glory. The Master and Deputy Master are military men, and they are now serving their country, while a number of regular followers of the hounds are similarly engaged. There is, however, no intention to allow the sport to die out, and cubhunting has, I believe, been commenced. A great difficulty this season will be the getting of a good mount, seeing that so many of the best horses in the district have been "commandeered" for military purposes, and it is obvious that if hunting is to be kept going ladies and gentlemen will have to utilise the nags that they have.

At the last meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians a short discussion took place on the subject of Reservists' dependents, but, as was stated by the time, the Guardians cannot relieve cases unless application has been made to them. Since then the Local Government Board has issued instructions to Guardians, pointing out that all allowances of various kinds are payable to the dependents of men who have joined the colours, and that where the sums thus payable to the dependents of a soldier or sailor have not reached his family, or the amount is inadequate for their necessities, assistance may be obtained either from the local branches of the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association, or from the local committees. The Board has no doubt that the Guardians will agree that it is not desirable that the wives and relatives of soldiers and sailors should have recourse to poor relief.

A large body of suffragettes, several of whom have recently been released from prison under the King's clemency, created a scene outside the Home Office yesterday. They demanded to see Mr McKenna in connection with the question of forcible feeding, and when told that they could not be received attempted to force their way into the department.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

The chief turn at the Empire is one of the best of the season, "A Mixed Grill," a bright, gay, artistic show, abounding in merriment and ending in an appropriate patriotic note. The burlesque of dramatic authors and of theatrical productions is greatly to popular liking, and is of the same little, very entertaining. Dancing is a strong feature, and here, as well as in the burlesque business, Miss Ida Crispi and Mr Fred Farrer distinguish themselves. Mr John Humphries is a generous contributor to the humour of the piece. Amongst the ordinary turns are Tom E. Finglas, the cowboy comic, who has some bright songs; Alfredo, a clever violinist; and Bruce Green, dame comedian. The war cinema films are an attractive item.

A splendid list of attractions has been secured for the Leeds Empire on Monday next. At the top of the bill will be Liane D'Eve, the famous Parisienne, who created something of a sensation on her first appearance in this country by her novel methods of entertaining. Then there will be Graham Moffat's company of Scottish players, in the Scottish domestic sketch, "The Concealed Bed." This sketch is conceded by eminent critics to be the funniest and most natural sketch on the variety stage. The Zigeuner Quartette will be back again, with their delightful musical treat, while other turns will be the Four Elles, society dancers; Marie Pera and Francis Annesley, in a confidential story, "Between Ourselves"; Lupino Lane, comedian and eccentric dancer; and Victor Kelly, another popular comedian. The latest war news and pictures will be shown on the bioscope screen.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

Albert Whelan, the popular Australian entertainer, who heads the bill at Leeds Hippodrome this week, very soon holds command of his audience, his well-known introductory whistling refrain, so say nothing of his numerous funny stories and character impersonations, earning for him well-merited applause. Though Hoja Nasr Eddin as the comedian who never smiles, has so the audience, who are kept in a continual state of laughter, the pick of the capellos female quartette occupy the boards. The sensational James Jewel provides a somewhat novel turn, and after an exhibition of stage-craft concludes with a striking patriotic military tableaux. Irene May scores with her two vocal efforts. Among other good turns are those supplied by Tim Carlisle, comedian; Bros. Luck, gutter; Jessie Berg, a Russian vi hist; and Leeto, Lilo, and Otto, clever trick and comedy cyclists; while an interesting series of naval pictures are also highly appreciated.

Next week a sensational novelty, "The Girl and the Seal," heads the bill of fare, and should prove an item of great interest. Willie West, Crossley and Co., will present their burlesque pantomimical comedy, entitled "Street Improvements." While a popular turn will be found in Clay Smith and Christine Neilson, in songs and sayings. Others in the bill are Jimmy Britt, the ex-lightweight champion of the World, who will give his wide varied experiences in a humorous monologue; Luvaun and Moana, in a musical treat; Robb Wilton, confidential comedian; will Van Allen, the tramp musician; Harry Marlowe, comedian; and The Whitakers, in a burlesque scene. The latest war news and pictures will be shown on the screen.

LEEDS QUEEN'S THEATRE.

The patrons of the Queen's Theatre have another pair from a popular authoress this week, Miss E. L. Kinder-ley's great detective drama, "The Boy Detective," providing the attraction. The play deals with the hunting down of a notorious gang of criminals, and the climax is reached when it falls to the lot of the youthful detective to unfold his own mother—though he does not know it—as one of the prime movers. There is, in addition, a strong love romance. Mr Paul Beckett capably sustains the part of a modern detective, and is ably supported by Mr Chas. Booth as the Hebrew. Mr Carthage Cuthbaugh plays a conspicuous part in the villainous rôle as Prof. Herlock, a master criminal. Mr Arthur Lucas is the mirth contributor of the humorous pair.

LEEDS CITY VARIETIES

The principal item at the City Varieties this week is a pathetic one, entitled "The Sweetest Flower," a story of humble life. The main part, that of a man who commits a theft to shield his sister, is well acted by Mr. Stafford Smith, and the supporting players are Miss Viva Harcourt, and Messrs A. Leslie and Jack Hobbs. Another attractive turn is that supplied by the Veronia Cornyer Trio, who provide some good harmony in their musical scena, "Her Brother." A clever acrobatic act is contributed by the Brothers Schiller. Other artistes appearing are the Sisters Esden in an unique dancing act, Madame Courtney's Four Clever Kiddies, in a vaudeville entertainment, Mr Wagner, the conceiting king; and Perley, a smart patter-comedy mimic.

Sir John Fiveoh, who commands the British Expeditionary Force, has a peculiarly close connection with the City of Leeds. He is, in fact, a Freeman of the city, the honour having been decreed in November, 1902, shortly after the conclusion of the South African War. His was the second name placed on the roll—the first was that of the late Colonel Northumbrand—today he is the senior Freeman of Leeds. Only two other Freemen are living, Colonel Harding and Lord Allerton. In the course of his speech on the occasion of the presentation of the honour, Gerferd Fenwick paid a warm tribute of praise to Leeds for its patriotism during the war. "Yorkshire in general, and Leeds in particular," he said, "have always been foremost in fostering the military spirit in the country, and have been staunch supporters of volunteers ever since the volunteer movement commenced."

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE WAR CRISIS AND OUR FOOD SUPPLIES.

England has been forced into a war which may tax our resources to the uttermost so far as food supplies are concerned. Whilst hoping for the best, it is our duty to be prepared for the worst, and no effort should be spared in the attempt to keep up a supply of fresh vegetables. Willful waste is sinful at any time, but under the conditions that now obtain, it would be nothing less than criminal. It is rather late to commence the re-cropping of the kitchen garden although certain seeds and plants may still be put in with a reasonable prospect of giving some return. Existing crops, in some instances, may be encouraged to give continued supplies, and by exercising judgment and caution in the gathering of crops now ready for use, considerable saving may be effected. Any vegetable that will remain in good condition for a considerable time should be saved until all perishable crops are exhausted. Peas, beans, cauliflowers and cabbage soon become coarse and unpalatable if not used when they are ready; but Brussels sprouts, parsnips, turnips, carrots, beetroot, celery, onions, savoys, and spring cabbage will keep for a long time. In the case of root crops, if carefully stored, they will remain fresh all winter. Even peas may be dried, and stored for future use.

Under ordinary circumstances cabbages are pulled up when the heads have been cut. It will be advisable this year to leave them in the ground for later use. Remove the yellow leaves from the bottom, fork up the surface soil around the plants, and if dry, give a thorough soaking of water. In a few days they will commence to break into new growth, and sprouts of small heads will, in course of time, be available for cutting. Top-dressing with rotten manure, or feeding with liquid manure will improve the crop. The total yield will be almost as great as the first cutting.

Seed may be sown of orange jelly turnip, round radishes, spinach, Short, Hammersmith parsley lettuce, early varieties of cabbage, curled kale, and Tripoli onions. There is no harder vegetable than curled kale, and if plants can be obtained they should be planted in quantity.

KIDNEY BEANS.

The fortunate possessor of a greenhouse may with confidence attempt the cultivation of kidney beans. A dozen pots will give several useful dishes, and the cultivation is very simple. The best material to grow them in is a compost of two parts loam, one part old mushroom bed or leaf mould, and one part sand. Add a sprinkling of 4/2,000 for the erection of a church and parsonage, and £4,000 in an endowment fund. It consists of nave, north and south aisles, each divided from the nave by six arches, chancel, south porch, and tower, carried up to the height of the tower containing one bell of sonorous tone. The style is Early English, and effective. The tower and spire being picturesque, especially at a distance; the pinnacles at the angle of the tower are connected with the spire by small flying buttresses; all the windows are single lights; the eastern portion of the chancel is an octagonal end in which are three lancets, eight of which are filled with stained-glass, one being in the face of the pulpit, and the other in the vestry, is a blank. The wall below the windows is covered for a series of inches in pairs, and on the face of the pulpit for six inches, and

Lane-Fox Cup Final.

TADCASTER'S SUCCESS AT ULLESKELF.

PRESENTATION OF THE TROPHY.

Once again and for the fourth time, the Tadcaster Cricket Club have become the guardians of the Lane-Fox Cup, the final for which took place at Ulleskelf on Saturday afternoon. Tadcaster having the South Milford men on their ground...

...The game was an enjoyable one. Winning the toss, Tadcaster sent Tasker and Mount out to open the innings, and for the batting of E. Atkinson and A. Lindley. The latter...

...Mount, Tasker, Ayre and self ought to get ten runs." Mr Painter Well, they have not as yet reached enough. (Laughter). I don't think they have won a different thing in succession.

Another voice:— They will do. (Laughter and applause).

Continuing, Mr Painter said he was quite certain they would be delighted at having the cup to go to the other home once more upon the table. Answers to the cup. They had had a most successful season. They had got off with a good start, and during wonderful that they were playing cricket at all when they remarked that this country was engaged in a conflict that had not been known for one hundred and two years. He added that they were deeply feeling about the sound cautions as such as were given by those who had charge of the nation's affairs. They were fully supplied, and the difference at the end would be given as the Prince of Wales' Fund (Applause). He was sure they would all be glad to congratulate the captain on the Tadcaster victory.

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HINTS AS TO TREATMENT OF CONSUMPTIVE CASES.

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DEATHS

The number of deaths registered was 58—3 of which were non-residents—occurring in the Old Hospital; 1 of these belonged to Aberford Workhouse and 1 to Seacroft district. Five transferable deaths have to be added to our list of residents who died elsewhere, and were registered elsewhere. There were consequently 60 deaths of persons belonging to the district. Of these 3 were infants under 1 year of age, 6 between 1 and 2 years, 2 between 2 and 5, 2 between 5 and 15, 7 between 15 and 25, 10 between 25 and 45, 5 between 45 and 65, and 9 of 65 and upwards.

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INFANTILE MORTALITY

The death-rate of infants under one year of age was 142.7 per 1,000 living. Of the 18 deaths of infants under one month's age, and 6 of these occurred in the first week of life.

DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

During the year Dr Hemingway and myself received notifications of infectious disease as follows:—Scarlet, 11 of typhoid, and 9 of tuberculosis. Three deaths were registered from scarlet, but a scarlet fever case was not notified. The cases were from three separate households.

The first case of scarlet fever I notified was on 23rd January, from Scholefield Terrace, and from that date onwards through the year, 9 more cases were notified, the last on 30th December. Fortunately the disease proved mild, and there was no loss of life. The cases were distributed over the whole district, but the most prevalent was in the Main Street, Scholefield Terrace, and Garforth Hall districts. Unfortunately the disease was introduced into the Garforth Hall district by the new cases of scarlet fever which were placed in one room. He added that they were deeply feeling about the sound cautions as such as were given by those who had charge of the nation's affairs. They were fully supplied, and the difference at the end would be given as the Prince of Wales' Fund (Applause). He was sure they would all be glad to congratulate the captain on the Tadcaster victory.

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TUBERCULOSIS

Nine cases of the disease in one form or other were notified, 3 of pulmonary origin, 1 of brain, 1 of intestine, and 1 of wrist, and 2 of tuberculous meningitis. Of these there has been one death, but the deaths from tuberculous diseases will numerically be affected. It is truly the whole man's plague, and no conduct it all our efforts should be directed to stamping it out. Garforth at Beverlands. Seventeen houses in one had, all had disinfectory treatment.

The Chairman said that he thought they should raise a fund in connection with the County Distress Committee.

The Rector said they were extremely sorry to hear Mr Dobson's statement about the trade outlook in the district, but they hoped that it would be better than he had indicated. He thought that the Garforth ratepayers might subscribe to the National or County Relief Funds, and if the worst came out the worst and there was much distress in the district it might be possible to form a local distress fund.

The Chairman said that if they worked in connection with the West Riding Fund, which was in a position to help them, they would be able to get grants. They ought to prevent overlapping.

The Rector. Would you propose a local fund?

The Chairman. No. The West Riding Fund. They following letter was read from the Rev. Edmund Rees, minister of the Garforth Wesleyan Church, who could not attend the meeting:—"I may answer you to know that the National Free Church Council requests the Nonconformist Churches that no one the country to give to the National Fund and not to be local appeals. Our churches are not bound to obey this injunction, but I feel sure that the reasonableness of it is hardly open to question. I shall be glad to attend the meeting and could express my opinion I would plead the claims of the Council."

Mr Dobson said that the Garforth raised a fund and was the money out, on the Mayor's fund cause. Mr Hemelgarn considered that if they knew the exact figure it would be better for Garforth to give to the Mayor's Fund, as then they would know what to do. Mr Hemelgarn considered that if they knew the exact figure it would be better for Garforth to give to the Mayor's Fund, as then they would know what to do.

Mr Rawlinson said he knew there was something wanted to be done in the way of relief. He himself had told from Mrs Cunningham would give £5 to a Distress Fund. The Urban Council had £100 in hand for the Coronation, and they could do the entertainment that they had money to pay for the Wood Riding Fund.

Mr Hemelgarn said there was a diversity of opinion as to whether the National Fund would relieve all cases of unusual strain.

Mr Chambers said that certain cases came under the Unemployed Act. Mr Hemelgarn said that would be available generally for unemployment.

Mr Cunningham. We should insure if more than we pay to the West Riding Fund we are paying the National Fund.

The Chairman said they all knew that the Garforth ratepayers were generous, and if other parts the West Riding Fund, and this borrowed to the National Fund.

Mr Wedlock said that he did not think the Garforth ratepayers would object to three per cent.

Mr Slater then proposed that a fund be raised in Garforth, and be paid over as the West Riding Distress Fund.

Mr Powell seconded, and this was adopted.

Mr Wordsworth proposed that the Urban Council form the same committee.

The Chairman said that they wanted a strong committee, and it was desirable that various organisations should be represented.

Mr Wordsworth said his proposal referred only to the raising of money. The sub-committee could be formed when occasion arose.

The Chairman. No, the best thing is to do it at once. (Applause).

The following were then elected members of the relief committee:—Urban Council, Messrs R. Rawlinson, Jun., and H. Rice; Guardians, Messrs B. Beaumont and J. Prime; Education Committee, Messrs J. Wordsworth and H. Chappell; ministers of religion, Rev. T. E. H. Wilford and Mr J. B. Beard; Leeds Unions, Messrs C. H. Hough and Walker Dibb; Mr H. W. Slater, and members of women's organisations, who have yet to be selected.

Mr Dobson was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and Mr W. G. Booker was asked to act as secretary and treasurer.

A subscription list was opened, and a sum of over £33 was either given or promised. The list will be published in the "Courier" when it is received.

The War Prophesised by an Astrologer.

DISCLOSURES IN THE "GREEN BOOK."

A remarkable forecast of the present war is made in the August productions of the Zoro-Bolt Green Book for Prophecy" for 1914. The noted astrologer Sepharial predicted for this month "the straining to breaking point" of our diplomatic relations, followed by a financial crisis with a pulse feeling at high tension, just as has actually come to pass.

"The atmosphere," he writes, "is highly charged with explosives which are in danger of sudden ignition. Short the grd inst. (as was previously the case) our diplomatic relations will be severely strained, and the bending of the source of our trouble Sepharial draws at the top of the page a German Eagle in flight with a thunder-bound over a vast army of soldiers.

In his November predictions Sepharial foresees trouble in China, Holland, and Africa, and he gives warning to the British Government to watch the wider interests of the nation.

Throughout the month of August the present issue of the "Green Book" states that "War-like alarms in Europe are among the indications of the year."

When it is recalled that this 1914 almanack was in general early in 1913 the full significance of its prophecy is seen.

So far back as Easter last the proprietors of Zoro-Bolt received from Sepharial his predictions for 1914, and the almanack which is already printing contains similar suggestions of a new distribution of power in Europe next year.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The last batch of Swiss soldiers and Reservists at the country left London on Tuesday for Switzerland.

At a meeting of the Council of the South Wales Miners' Federation it was reported that over 7,000 miners were idle in the district.

In Dublin on Monday, Louis Schuster, a chauffeur, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for having no light on his motor-car, on the night of Coronation festivities.

Worry over the wife's illness and a financial crisis that appeared to have caused the death of Mr Emma Burgman, a wealthy wright, formerly a Lorrimar gentleman, of Char ...ood Street, Pimlico.

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Messrs Maple-lorne and Dewar ... was "the finest whisky in the world" ... a decision of Lord ... at Lincoln's Inn ... Monday morning, and mulsed and bit h... actually that name does not appear on the ... bottle.

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A quantity of Mauser rifle ammunition was discovered underneath a gangway leading from the loading stables to the quayside, at Blyth, on Saturday.

In order to meet the expenses and necessities which Belgium has incurred in consequence of the war France and Great Britain have decided to advance her £4,000,000.

On the outbreak of the war, special facilities for marriages were granted in Austria. In the districts in the war-ridden districts of Vienna, twenty couples were married at one time.

General Botha's son, who is aged 17, has left school, and enlisted as a private for active service, without obtaining his father's consent. His parents, however, are understood not to offer any opposition.

While motor-cycling on Monday from Eccleston Bridge to Rhyl his sister is in camp to Rhyl, Dispatch-rider Williams, of Rhyl, received severe injuries, including a compound fracture of the leg, in collision with a motor-car driven by Mr Edwards, of Llandrindod. We ... Monday morning, and mashed and bit h... actually that name does not appear on the ... bottle.

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The fighting force of the "Black Republic," Liberia, is composed of 700 men and almost as many officers. Liberia, however, evidently considers the army a formidable one, since, upon the occasion of hostilities between any of the Powers, it always issues a proclamation of neutrality.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1914.

Unemployment, one result of the war, will cause distress among the working-class population, and the authorities have made preparations for dealing with the suffering that must inevitably arise. No one knows how many months will elapse before Germany is crushed, and, while everyone earnestly desires a speedy issue, it is wisdom to make arrangements to meet all emergencies. Nothing is being neglected by the authorities, who have exhibited commendable foresight and promptitude in dealing with the unprecedented situation, and by the cordial co-operation of all citizens it may be safely assumed that men who care to make their needs known will receive consideration. The Government have, of course, made themselves responsible for the maintenance of the wives and children of those who are serving with the colours, so that that section of the community will, to a large extent, be provided for, but a great many industrial workers will be thrown out of employment in consequence of the stagnation of trade, following on the war, and provision is being made for them. The National Relief Fund and numerous county and city funds have been started for the purpose of helping people who are out of work, and the Local Government Board has asked that all funds should be merged in a National Fund, so that overlapping will be prevented. It will be remembered that during the South African War there was a multiplicity of funds, and very often people who did not require it received assistance over and over again, whilst deserving cases were overlooked. The National Fund, however, is to be administered in a systematic way through committees appointed by the County Councils, and, as all persons contribute to the fund, they will be debarred from participation, it should not be difficult to get the money into the right hands. All public works which can be carried out will probably be put in hand, but authorities are counselled not to make any move in that direction until the situation absolutely demands it. All these precautions are needed if the nation is to tide over the present crisis with a minimum of suffering. On our own district the collieries, which employ thousands of men, are still going although half time is not being worked. Some of the men will be made by the owners to maintain this state of affairs as long as possible. On the land, which provides work for a large population in the area, prospects appear to be good, and for some time, at any rate, the farm hands will be fully employed. Suffering will be greatest in the manufacturing towns, especially amongst the unskilled labourers and their dependents, and they will no doubt receive the attention they need.

What will the ultimate effects of the war be upon Great Britain, and other countries? No one can gross through, or experience such as that which I've just passed, without being changed personally, altered, and already thoughts are beginning to indicate the directions in which the ox-bows of the people will be driving. The merchants, like ourselves, are an embattled nation, and the contents of headlines in "Yorkshire Post" are the Battle-cloud. Years must elapse before the country is crushed and broken, as it surely will be for the time being, and it is likely that these people who are of the same race on each enemy will allow themselves to look at the world through the eyes of a War Lord? Frankly and this country will have those lessons in Teutonic ferocity which cannot very well be forgotten, for the seething capital of the Germans is being blown to the air, and all will be passive. It is impossible that following the war this country will resume a great trade "boom," and it is not very likely that business which usually went to Germany will be diverted to these shores, but if the continental nations and poverty-stricken their requirements, owing to the lack of power, will be lower, and it will eventually fall upon the world's trade. In these days of international trade it is impossible for a great nation to suffer alone, and evidence of this was furnished a few years ago. Nations cannot always pursue the policy they desire, just as this country, which loves peace, has, in the defence of its honour, been forced to fight the Germans, but it may be assumed that the war will have a great educative effect in teaching people what Norman Angell has been preaching for years, viz., that war is ruinous to everybody who engages in it, whether successful or not. Its effect is immediately seen in our own country by the closing down of mills and factories—trade with the belligerent nations is at an end, and the working-classes have begun to feel the pinch already. No further demonstration is needed of the folly of war. Men, it is often said, will not think, but when they find misery and suffering around them they will be compelled to think. Whilst still the German people say when they realise how great a crime has been committed upon them by the Kaiser, and when they see the industry which they have so laboriously built up shattered and ruined? Will they then ask why they have to gain by war? Assuredly the time will come when the free democracies of Europe will make war a thing impossible, and that will be the last great war to have perpetrated that this will be the last great war in Europe, and if the prediction turns out to be accurate, it will be because the nations have become educated on the question. The old doctrine that "might is right," excusable enough in savages, because they know no better, is being put forward for the last time, we hope, in Europe. The outbreak of hostilities has had a remarkable effect in this country in another direction. How many people have noticed the great extension of State control. The Government has taken in hand various forms of administration and activity which it would never have touched before. It has started a State system for the insurance of ships and cargoes. It has practically taken over the railways and put them under State control. It has set up a committee to regulate food prices, and say what is fair and what isn't. And it has given the Board of Trade power to seize stores of food that are being held up to corner the market, and compel the merchant to sell at a reasonable price. All these measures are perfectly justified in the present crisis, and people who held up their hands in horror at Socialism have cheerfully accepted what has been done. There has not been a murmur, nor, expect from those few miserable beings who expected to make something out of the necessities of the poor. Look at these measures how you will, they are simply so many instalments of Socialism or Collectivism—call it by whatever name you please—and people are now arguing that the results will modify the attitude of the public to many domestic problems. Time, of course, will show how opinion will be influenced, but the terrible experience through which the nation is now passing will undoubtedly leave its effects.

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DEATHS.

LEDGER—August 24, at Lytham, aged 84 years, John Ledger, late of the firm of Ledger and Bottle, auctioneers, Crossgates.

VERITY.—August 25th, aged 36 years, Ann, the beloved wife of Thomas H. Verity, "Fairhaven," Davies Avenue, Roundhay.

WATSON—August 20, at 15, Main Street, Carlton, nr. Wakefield, John Watson, aged 88.

IN MEMORIAM.

LAMBERT.—In ever loving memory of Thomas Lambert, who entered into the Homeland on August 28th, 1913.
"Lone are the paths and sad the bowers,
Whence thy meek smile is gone;
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

NO LIGHT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, George Pickersgill, a farmer of Oulton-cum Green, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light. P.C. Wright stated that on Saturday night, at the Rothwell Rural Sanitation, about 10.40 p.m., on Tuesday, August 11th, he saw the defendant riding a bicycle, which had no light. He overtook him and found that defendant carried no lamp at all. A fine of 5s., including costs, was imposed.

THE SALVATION ARMY HELP THE NATIONAL FUND.—Special collections for the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund were taken up by the Salvation Army when there was a gracious response. The collections, which continue to be received from Headquarters, on Monday will be sent apart as a practical and appreciation on behalf of Her Majesty's Navy and Military Forces engaged in the war. As was mentioned by Mr. Albert Newsom, in the opening of the Infirmary Demonstration, the other Sunday, the Salvation Army is badly hit by the war, as they have men on both sides.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT ALLOTTS AT CRICKET.—On Saturday Rothwell were at home to Allerton Bywater, and were easily beaten them. The visitors batted first and totalled 145 runs for eight wickets. W. Knowles was the best of the bowlers amongst the visitors, who had figures of 23 runs for 3. Of the home side well-known H. Hodgkinson took 3 wickets for 7 runs, C. Tiffany 4 for 10, and H. Banks 2 for 20. The scores:—Allerton Bywater: W. Newsom, b. Hodgkinson, 12; A. Tiffany, b. J. Holmes, 34; C. Tiffany, b. W. Huff, 41; H. Hodgkinson, b. Firth, 7; E. Moon, c. Firth, b. Holmes, 16; W. Knowles, run out, 22; E. Tiffany, c. Adams, b. Knowles, 0; F. Gibson, b. Knowles, 4; H. Lane, not out, 0; extras, 19; total (for 8 wkts.), 145. Rothwell United: J. Bedford, c. Lane, b. Banks, 0; E. Adams, run out, 20; H. Firth, b. Banks, 5; J. Brown, c. E. Moon, b. C. Tiffany, 1; W. Huff, bw. b. C. Tiffany, 0; W. Knowles, b. Hodgkinson, 4; A. Bedford, b. Hodgkinson, 12; J. Holmes, c. Fox, b. Hodgkinson, 1; F. Dolan, b. C. Tiffany, 0; R. Deakin, b. C. Tiffany, 0; extras, 3; total, 89.

DISTRESS COMMITTEE FORMED.—As reported in another part of this journal a special meeting was held at the Council Offices on Monday evening to consider the best means of coping with any distress which may arise among the deputations of those who are thrown out of employment, or those who may be affected by unemployment. A committee was formed to pursue enquiries in the North and South Wards, and any cases where relief is needed will be in nice proportion. Although the district forming the Urban area of Rothwell will be a sub-committee of the West Riding Division of Committee, any efforts will be made to raise funds locally, which will be used to alleviate any immediate distress until a grant has been made from the general fund.

BOSTON SPA.

CRICKET.—On Saturday Boston Spa and Thorparch were defeated at cricket by Spofforth on the latter's ground. Scores:—Boston Spa and Thorparch—Hardy, b. Scott, 5; Adkin, 22; H. J. Milner, 2, W. Milner, 6; Maisby, 4; Cleverly, b. Fleming, 16; Dorwin, 5; Mountain, 8; Preston (not out), 11; Atkins, 13; total, 83. Spofforth: Smithson, 0; Bewsden, 5; S. H. Hill (not out) 59, King, 1; Oddy 1; Howard, 0; Pearson, 9; A. Hill, 0; Morrison, 0; Thorparch (not out) 3; extras, 7; total (for 8 wkts.), 83.

COLLINGHAM

At a sale of horses at York, on Wednesday the following from Collingham were sold:—Bay gelding, 5 years, 15.2 hands, by Sandringham, 55gns., the property of Mr F. W. Dalby, Collingham.

GARFORTH

FOR THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.—The sum of £2 12s. 4d. was collected at the Garforth Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday last in aid of the National Relief Fund.

GRASSROOM.—At the public meeting held at Garforth on Friday night—Councillor J. W. Dobson presiding—it was stated by Councillor Archer that the directors of the Picture House had had a meeting, and they had decided to give a performance once a month for the benefit of the Distress Fund so long as it was required. The announcement was received with applause.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Capital houses have enjoyed the bill of fare provided this week. For the latter days of the week a special war topical entitled "Modern Crusaders" was the attraction, and "An Orphan of the War" was a picture, which aroused the sympathy of all. To-night and Saturday "The Watch-dog of the Deep," a powerful two-part story of ocean life; and "The Son of His Father," described as a fine Western drama. Other attractions will be shown in conjunction with the above. There will be the usual children's matinee on Saturday.

HALTON

PAROCHIAL HALL AS TEMPORARY HOSPITAL.—As mentioned in our last issue in the report of the Oulton Education Sub-Committee meeting, the Parochial Hall has been requisitioned by the military authorities as a hospital. Already twenty beds (to be ready at twenty-four hour's notice) have been fitted up.

Halton Sunday school besiege Crossgates in large numbers on Saturday to support the members of the Wesleyan Cricket Club who play Seacroft in the final for the Siegfried Integrative Cup (Senior League). The match will take place on the Crossgates Club's ground, and the umpires will be Messrs J. L. Kitching (Leeds), and C. Auck (Micklefield).

CRICKET.—The Halton Wesleyan Cricket Club engaged Halton in a friendly cricket match on the Halton Moor Road ground on Saturday afternoon. The following was the result:—Halton Wesleyans: P. Popplewell 0, S. Battye 29, C. M. Killip 8, G. D. Crashwaite 45, G. O. Bell 24, J. A. Popplewell 10, A. Powell 8, H. Wilson 26, H. Battye 1, Kitterby (not out) 2, L. Stephenson, extras, 11; total, 180. Halton: S. Battye 5, S. Haigh 14, H. Caswell 3, A. Dodsworth (not out) 41, E. Daniel 3, W. Benson 1, N. Bail 0, Earl 7, D. Wordsworth 0, Shaw 12, L. Sutcliffe 0, extras, 9; total, 95.

SATURDAY'S SHOW.—The Templenewsam Allotments Association held their second annual show on Saturday last, and, as the result of the first season's efforts to show what the allotment holders can grow, the display of flowers and vegetables was very creditable, and it is not unlikely, if circumstances permit, that next year there will be made another year to encourage the allotment-holders. Sweet peas were the chief attraction amongst the flowers, and they were very much admired. The chief prize-winners were as follows:—Sweet peas (open)—1, Mr. Hewitt; 2, W. Walker. Sweet peas (amateur)—1, J. Nicholson; 2, Chadwick; 2, Mr. Lambert. Mr. C. E. Goodall was very successful both with flowers and vegetables, whilst the following had two or three successes to their credit:—S. B. Chadwick, A. B. Calvert, A. Lambert, W. Walker, L. Sunter, J. W. Chadwick, S. Crosland, and J. Firth.

HAREWOOD.

LORD HAREWOOD.—The Earl of Harewood, who is a well-known figure at all the principal race meetings, was 68 on Friday. He is the owner of many of the winners of classic races. In kindness shown to his tenantry has made him a most popular landlord. Huxley once visited Harewood, and, remarking his total to a friend, said that the labourers' houses were the best he had ever seen. Harewood House contains a valuable collection of pictures. A recent work, known as the Long Gallery, has a ceiling painted by Angelica Kauffman. The massive marble vases in the grounds, which are a feature, were made for a former Lord Harewood's estate in the West Indies. The present peer is an A.D.C. to the King.

KIPPAX

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The collections taken on Sunday in this church were for the Prince of Wales' Fund.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—Collections were taken in the United Methodist Church for the Prince of Wales' Fund. The minister at the morning service was Mr L. Pheby. The services in the evening was conducted by a large attendance from Castleford. The services were of a national character, and in harmony with the occasion or object for which they were set apart.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, held in the Liberal and Working Men's Club, on Sunday, Mr W. Atterfield Dickenson (district councillor), presented his monthly report, and there was a large attendance of members, Mr D. Robinson presiding. The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"That the authorities for the supply of water to our village be called to the fact that in such a crisis as we are now passing through our reservoir should by all means be guarded seeing the thousands of souls dependent on this our only supply." The meeting was of the opinion that this was ever more important than the guarding of bridges. A vote of thanks to Mr Dickinson, who replied, brought the meeting to a close.

CHILDREN'S TREAT.—In connection with the Kippax Central Working Men's Club some 350 of the member's children were treated to a substantial tea on Saturday. The ages of those who took part ranged from three to fourteen years. After tea each child was presented with a pocket handkerchief and a bag of sweets. Altogether the youngsters had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Mrs Stephenson and her staff provided the tea, and the tables were united upon by the officials and members of the club.

PARISH CHURCH.—A ready response was made to the invitation given by the Vicar and Mrs Smith to all who were willing to help in the making of garments for our soldiers and sailors. The meeting, which was held on Monday evening, was well attended. The Sunday School teachers, along with their respective classes, are also assisting, and are providing scarves for the male worthy object. Collections were taken in the church on Sunday for the Prince of Wales' Fund. The Vicar was the preacher at the morning and evening services, which were well attended.

STREET COLLECTION.—The committees of the Kippax Old Prize Band and the Medical Charity Committee were the promoters of a street collection. The band played through the principal streets on Saturday afternoon, and the collections were collected by members of the respective committees who willingly gave assistance in helping to augment the finances which by the end of the day must emergencies arising from the war. The committees have not as yet decided whether to send the money to the Mayoress's Fund, or to provide sewing material for the making of garments for our soldiers and sailors.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—Collections were taken in this chapel on Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening, for the Prince of Wales' Fund. The Rev. B. B. Farlow, Castleford, was the preacher. The Christian Endeavour meeting was held on Wednesday evening, when a paper was given by Mr L. Plows, subject "Which is productive of the finest type of character, peace or country life." The discussion on opinion in favour of country life were given by the following:—Mr Eli Wilson, Mr J. Prince, Mr C. H. Hobson, Mr A. Colbourn, and Mr J. H. Howson, who also presided. The pianist was Miss M. A. Smith.

LOFTHOUSE.

TO HELP COLLIERS AT WAR.—The men and boys at Lofthouse Colliery have decided upon a voluntary levy of 5d. per man and 1½d. a boy each week for the benefit of the dependents of their 32 comrades who have joined the colours. There are about 800 men and 400 boys engaged at the colliery. It is proposed to collect the levy week to the wife of each married absentee and 2s. for each child, and 5s to dependents of single men.

HICKLEFIELD

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agents of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications accepted—John Varley, Leeds, improvements for cleaning the fuller gills of drawing and twisting frames, etc.; J. Lindley and J. Adams, Micklefield, cancelling device for winding signal gear, in collieries and mines; V. L. Thomasson, Leeds, improvements in ice-cream freezers; patents renewed—J. W. Loadbeater, Doncaster, treatment and utilisation of peat.

MONK FRYSTON

THE WAR.—Through the untiring efforts of Mrs Hemsworth and Nurse Duke, and a staff of willing and enthusiastic helpers, the two spacious halls in the village are now at the disposal of the Government, with 48 fully-equipped beds, and a band of trained ambulance men and women and nurses. The Ambulance has responded most nobly to the appeal for help. Some have lent beds, while others have assisted in making articles of wearing apparel, etc. Offers of assistance have also poured in from South Milford and district. On Saturday, Sir. Thomas Pilkington, Bart., on behalf of the War Office, visited the hospital, and expressed himself highly satisfied with the arrangements. Services of intercession were held at the Parish Church on Friday, and they were well attended. On Sunday a collection in aid of the fund was made on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Fund.

MOORTOWN

GOLFER AND A FARMER'S CROPS.—Complaints were made at the Leeds West Riding Court on Tuesday by Harry Kent, an Alwoodley farmer, as to damage done to oorn by golfers from the Moortown course searching for lost balls. A summons was brought by him against George William Grasby, money lender, of Wellington Street, Leeds, for doing damage to a field of oats. The prosecutor stated that during the summer £1 worth of damage had been done to his oats by golfers from the Moortown course. He pointed out that always when the corn was out he collected any golf balls in the field and handed them back to the professional of the Moortown Club. Mr Grasby admitted having gone into the field and having done some damage. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed, and the defendant was ordered to pay 5s. damage.

OULTON

INTERCESSION SERVICES.—At Oulton St. John's Church on Friday, special services of intercession were held on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Military Forces engaged in the war, were held. The services were well attended especially in the morning.

COLLECTING FOR THE WAR.—The members of the Oulton patrol of Boy Scouts do not intend to remain idle while there is war in the world, and on Saturday they put in their time to good advantage by collecting for the Oulton and Woodlesford War Fund. At the close of the day, when the amounts were totalled up, it was found that the tidy sum of £1 16s. 2d. had been collected. The highest separate amount was 9s.

CRICKET.—Oulton A. played away at Woodlesford on Saturday, and they had no difficulty in getting the better of their opponents, the match being won by 9 wickets. Scores:—Oulton A., 1st innings, 107 (for 1 wkt.); F. Smith, 33; C. Higgins o, T. Jones 6, W. Miller o, F. Patterson 11, E. Parkinson 5, Parkinson 5, Hopkinson 5, Wright 6, Wood (not out) 14, H. Burnett 5; extras, 10; total 86. Minds—J. Hollis 6, J. Brown 10, W. H. Brown 13, J. Burnett 7, H. Hollis 0, J. Hollis 2, T. Brown 7, M. H. Brown 1, G. Hampson 6, A. Pickard 1, J. Paton (not out) 1, extras 16; total 85.

AN INTERESTING MATCH.—On Saturday the Oulton Band journeyed to Rothwell to friendly match with a team representing the Leeds Banks, and a most interesting game was witnessed. The Rothwell team batted first, and closed their innings, with six wickets down for 189 runs. However, the Oulton men were just able to bring off a victory, the closing stages of the game proving very exciting. The last over of the match was being played when the winning runs were needed to make victory assured, and R. V. Higgins being caught out, H. Cope was the only one left to go in. He scored 4 runs off the over, which made a total of 182. Scores:—Leeds Banks—H. Brundell, c Knight, b Walker, 27; R. Higgins, b Knight, 26; G. Lamb, c and b F. Wright, 40; A. Clark, b Wright, 26; E. H. Dawson, c Cope, b Wright, 47; Yeadon, c Knee, b Wright, 12; G. Hanson, not out, 15; Sharper, not out, 4; extras, 9; total (for 6 wkts.) 189. Did not bat—P. S. Butler, Hopwood, b Hanson, 15; H. J. Butler, st Lamb, b Dawson, 16; F. Wright, at Lamb, b Dawson, 34; S. Knight, run out, 47; W. Hutchinson, c Nicholson, b Hanson, 17; P. C. Higgins, b Hanson, 13; B. Walker, not out, 17; S. Lockwood, c R. Higgins, b Hanson, 11; R. V. Higgins, c Murphy, b R. Higgins, 12; H. Cope, not out, 4; extras, 9; total, 182.

SELBY

RECRUITING IN THE DISTRICT.—Col. Ditmas, of York, who has visited Selby, has secured about 100 recruits for Lord Kitchener's second army.

FIRM'S GENEROSITY.—Messrs Bell, Berry, and Co., coal dealers and shipping agents, Selby, have decided to allow the dependents of their tenants who are Reservists and Territorials to live rent free for two months, and also to supply them with coal free for the same period.

STACKS SET FIRE.—The Selby Fire Brigade was on Friday called out to a stack fire at Quosquo Hall Farm, Barlow, near Selby, the property of Mr F. O'Gram. Two clover stacks had become ignited and the brigade were at work until late in the evening. The damage done amounts to about £100. It appears that a thunderstorm came on, and immediately after a flash of lightning the stacks were seen to be on fire.

LEEDS ARTILLERYMEN CHARGED.—At Selby on Monday, before Mr Mark Scott and Mr T. S. Ullathorne, Thos. Neal, of the West Riding Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, was charged with being an absentee. Defendant absented himself from the camp at Selby, and was apprehended at Monk Fryston on Sunday night by Police Constable Darnborough. Defendant was handed over to a military escort.

AS INTRUDER AMONG THE BUSHES.—Before Dr. G. T. Todd and Mr T. S. Ullathorne, at the Selby Police Court on Saturday, James Melia, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with having been on the enclosed premises of Beech Lodge, Thorpe road, the residence of Mr J. Townend, for an unlawful purpose early last Thursday morning. Soldiers in the locality nearby had their quarters in the grounds of the house at 12.30. He was creeping about in the bushes, and was given into the custody of P.C. Eagle. Defendant, from impression that the affair was an accident, but the police are making strict investigations.

TRAVELERS LAUGHED.—There was laughter from the yard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Limited, shipbuilders, Selby, on Tuesday, a steel screw trawler, the principal dimensions being 120ft. by 22ft. by 11ft. 3in. moulded. The vessel has been built to the order of Messrs The Strand Steam Fishing Co., Ltd., Grimsby, and will be fitted with engines of triple expansion design by Messrs The Great Central Cooperative Engineering and Ship Repairing Co., Ltd., Grimsby. As the vessel left the ways she was christened "Traveller" by Mrs J. H. Wright, of Grimsby. Afterwards another trawler was launched, the principal dimensions being 120ft. by 22ft. by 11ft. moulded. The vessel has been built to the order of Messrs The Lincoln Steam Fishing Co., Ltd., Grimsby, and will be fitted with powerful triple expansion engines by Messrs Amos and Smith, Ltd., of Hull. As the vessel left the ways she was christened "Edenbeg" by Miss Howe, of Grimsby. The whole party adjourned to the builder's offices, where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

SOUTH MILFORD.

THE WAR.—Collections were taken at St Mary's Church on Sunday for the War Fund, and the sum of £6 6s. was realised. Every effort is being made in the village to get material for the making of garments for the soldiers and the wounded when in hospital. Mrs Hemsworth is working hard in aid of the good work, at the Rectory. The Limes, and at Mrs Radcliffe's, and there have been well supported.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The usual P.S.A. service was held in the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, the speaker was Mr. J. H. Walker, of Hunslet.

HUNSLET BOY AND THE TURNIPS.—In the sessions Court William Barfoot (13), a pony driver living in Hunslet, was summoned for doing wilful damage to some turnips belonging to Mr Frederick Walker, farmer, of Middleton, on Sunday, July 26th. The boy was summoned along with four others to appear in the Court on the previous week, but failed to do so. The magistrates issued a warning to the defendant, and ordered him to pay the damage and the costs.

THE WAR AND DISTRESS.—According to the large number of applications which have been made to the Clerk of the Rothwell Urban District Council by the wives and dependents of soldiers, sailors, and Territorials who have left the Colours, it seems as if a big call will be made upon the funds of the Distress Committee, which has been formed by the Council to administer relief by people in the Stourton district. Mr Walter Wade, who is a representative of Stourton on the Council, has shown his practical sympathy by contributing ten guineas to the fund.

DAMAGE.—In the Juvenile Court at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, William Hepworth, a young lad living at Stourton, was summoned for doing wilful damage to some metal railings, the property of the York-shire Copper Works. Evidence as to the damage was given by P.C. Boyes, and the amount of the damage was estimated by Mr Hondel Wright for the Yorkshire Copper Works, Ltd. The defendant's parents placed the boy under the birching him over in the sum of 5s. He was also ordered to pay the costs and the damage.

TADCASTER

EVENING SCHOOL SUCCESSES.—Horace Atkinson, Edward E. Iredale, and Charles R. Swann, ages were given by the Tadcaster Council, have been successful in passing the first year examination in connection with the West Riding County Examination.

THORNER

ELOPETS WIN.—On Saturday Elopets had a match with Horsforth Woodside National, when they defeated easily, winning by nine wickets. Scores:—Horsforth Woodside—Verity, 5; Shaw, 3; Rollis 11, C. Stead 1, Beaudbent 29, Brayshaw 0, Mould 0, T. Stead 0, Stead o, Smith o, H. Stead (not out) 1, Blouht 2; extras, 12; total, 80. Eloptets—Midgley 4, Pickersgill (not out) 41, Baker (not out) 30; extras, 15; total (for 1 wkt.), 90.

WOODLESFORD

A WOODLESFORD FAMILY.—Mrs Was, of Aberford, Woodhall, and Woodlesford, has five sons and a son-in-law, who have joined up for the war. Since last Thursday, when a letter written in England was received, no further news has been heard. Whether they are with the expeditionary forces or not is not known.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.—The Woodlesford first eleven were badly beaten by the Rothwell Temperance team on the latter's ground on Saturday. W. Fryer played havoc with the Woodlesford wickets, and assisted by Giles and Holroyd, the side were got out for a total of 72 runs. The homesters won by five wickets. Of the five wickets down E. Hitchen captured three at a cost of 21 runs. Scores:—Woodlesford—O Wilkinson, b Fryer, 0; A. Dennison, b Frost, 4; A. Evans, b Giles, 22; D. Johnson, b Frost, 2; E. Hitchin, c Frost, b Giles, 9; E. Baxter, c and b Frost, 28; A. Brimbank, b Frost, 2; W. Harrison, c Holroyd, b Frost, 23; H. Williams, c Giles, b Holroyd, 8; L. Wilkinson, c Hoodin, b Frost, 2; V. Williams, not out, 5; extras, 8; total, 72. Robin Hoodin—A. Smith, b Hitchin, 23; P. Wormald, b Wilkinson, 8; L. Armitage, c and b Hitchin, 4; J. Holroyd, b Hitchin, 4; W. Frost, not out, 25; S. Fearnley, b H Williams, 0; G. Giles, not out, 8; extras, 14; total (for 5 wkts), 84. The second team were also beaten under to Robin Hood A., who won by two wickets. The match was played on the Woodlesford ground. Scores:—Woodlesford—Taylor 0, Ellis 4, Lee 2, Morton 17, T. Britton 8, J. Hainer 1, H. Abbey no, T. Colin o, L. Hobkinson 2, C. Ellis 5, W. Britton 4, G. Storey (not out) 1; extras, 10; total, 63. Robin Hood—B. Booth 10, C. Fearnley 1, F. Wormald 23, J. Holroyd 0, B. Kirkby 24, Walker o, B. Kirkby o, H. Blackburn 8, S. Brown (not out) 2, G. W. Daniel (not out) 2; extras, 4; total (for 8 wkts.), 94. F. Wormald took 2 wickets for 12 runs, J. Holroyd 2 for 3, B. Kirkby 3 for 12, and H. Blackburn 3 for 8. Of the Woodlesford travellers Dr. Abbey had the best figures with 3 wkts for 14 runs, and A. Ellis was second best with 3 for 15.

Barkston Ash Football Association.

A meeting of the Executive was held at Crossgates on Thursday evening, Mr J. H. Clay presiding. There were also present Mr A. Deighton (Church Fenton), Mr Inman (Aberford), Mr Barker (Selby), Mr Hall (Crossgates), and the secretary (Mr. Hy. Metcalfe).

The secretary reported that the following clubs had entered the Deighton Shield Competition:—Barkston Ash, Barwick Rangers, Church Fenton, Micklefield, J. Smith's (Tadcaster), Wetherby, Whitkirk, Garforth, and Great Preston.

For vacancies on the executive Mr Moss was elected to represent Division 1, and Mr Heap to represent Division 3. It was resolved to invite the Preston and Garforth clubs to send nominations for Division 4.

Leeds Rangers made an application for a grant from the Templenewsam Charity Fund for A. Hicks, who had his leg broken in the Deighton Shield final last April, and £2 was granted from the fund.

Selby Holmes Mills were given permission to play a match, the proceeds to go to the War Fund.

The secretary reported having given Spofforth permission to play in the Harrogate and District League, and his action was confirmed.

Owing to the difficulty in procuring teams to join the competition, the opening of the season will be delayed until the third or fourth week in September, but the arranging of fixtures will be pushed on with all speed, and all clubs will have a list of the matches in the course of a week or ten days.

Home from Germany.

A CROSSGATES RESIDENT'S SON'S EXPERIENCE

From an account given by Mr A. Chadwick, of Crossgates, as to the experiences of his seventeen-year-old son, who has been matriculated at Marburg, and who, with other students, arrived at Cologne on Monday, it would appear that the British students at the University there have been disappointed. Mr Charles A. Chadwick set out on Monday last, Miss Lilian B. Maddison, M.A., of Garforth, to take a vacation course, and reached the University on July 31st. War had then been declared between France and Germany, and the town was busy with the movement of troops. As the University had been converted into barracks for the soldiers, lectures could not be given to the students, who resided away from the University had nothing to do but wait for unopportunely developments. Their time was spent in walking and boating. Difficulties had, however, to be surmounted. The British students had to be registered as aliens, and the railways were only available for troops and military purposes. It was not until August 17th that the railways become available for civilians. On that date Mr Chadwick's friends, with the American Consul for Theographical and these, when granted, were endorsed by the military commandant of the town. Travelling in a party of five and by stages, Mr Chadwick's company arrived in Rotterdam, the journey, having occupied from 1.50 p.m. on Wednesday until 1.30 p.m. on Thursday.

The party crossed to London under the Dutch flag, by tramp steamer.

A SEVERE COLD.

To cure a cold when it has taken a complete hold is a very difficult thing, but taken in its incipient it is easy enough. A very simple remedy is to inhale the vapour from Vapex. Full directions are with every preparation at 1s. 1½d. each, and may be had until the preparation is exhausted, and then wrap the body in two or three thicknesses of dry blankets in bed. After 15 minutes will be free perspiration for an hour. The individual should go to bed without any experiment as to getting up, and remain there for 24 hours or until the symptoms of the cold have entirely disappeared.

THERAPEUTICS AND INDIGESTION.

In a paper read before the Therapeutical Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, on the Jacobi and medicinal treatment of indigestion, Dr. Leigh said well-regulated diet was always it is important to decide with to ascertain the patient's general condition—anæmic, nervous, or plethoric—before he chooses his food properly or boiling it "on a bound"—noting also how he clothes his stomach, for in these days of tight-lacing it is important that the epigastrium should be well supported. As to diet, Dr. Haig-Brown thinks a cup of tea well diluted with milk, then for breakfast a cup of coffee (one part to three of milk), and a boiled egg with toast; for lunch, mutton, or bird, and well-cooked green vegetables; for dinner, a light meal of fish or poultry and a pudding, rather than vegetables, no pudding, and some liquor brandy. One cup of tea, with plenty of milk, for afternoon tea. For late dinner a teacupful of soup and toast and half a glass of sherry gives the Maud. A weak cup of tea, with plenty of milk, sugar, sandwiches or chicken, mutton that has been cooked in a stew, rice pudding, followed by a bit of biscuit.

A Roundhay Young Lady's Experience.

ESCAPE FROM THE WAR AREA.—INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

Miss Morton, daughter of Mr F. P. Morton, of Roundhay, Spencroft, Harewood Road, Roundhay, and formerly of Crossgates, who has just returned from the Continent, described her experiences in an interesting interview with our representative.

Miss Morton, who has been studying in Lorraine, left England on July 28th, with the intention of joining some friends from Berlin in a holiday in Bavaria. Of course, before I left England, she said, there was a little talk of some unrest between Austria and Servia, but none pictured the uprising of nations in the Balkan States, and Messrs Cooks, at their London Office, assured me that thousands of tourists were taking the same route as myself. I travelled to Ostend via Dover. I got no Berlin without a single hitch. Not a sign of anything was noticed until Cologne was reached, then notes began to pour in, and down the train that several men, who had gone from London had been called back as Germany was going to mobilise. Those travelling with me suggested that it might perhaps be unwise for me to travel further, but, as I was going to friends, I thought I should be all right. Nothing in the trains conveying troops, nor train was four hours late in getting into Munich. Matters now began to look serious. Luggage was piled on almost as high as a house on the platform, and it was impossible for one to get out their baggage. There were hardly any porters to be seen, and one or two who seemed clergy, told tourists that they would have to fish for themselves, and get out their own luggage. I did not bother about mine just then as I found a friend in the person of Mr. Hollis, living for the following morning. Accordingly the next day I sent round one of the porters from the hotel, but he refused saying that I should have to go for it myself. Together we set off for the station, and after much scrambling, I was able to get it.

Rich Americans had to do the same. Another difficulty was the fact that no gold could be had. From Munich I continued my journey to Garmisch, situated in the mountains, where my friends were living. I arrived there in the evening, and there it was so peaceful one could not have thought of any war, although everyone looked grave and expressed the opinion that it would be a serious thing.

Next morning there was a telegram for my friends saying, "Come back at once. It is not safe." Soon after I had only seen them for twenty-four hours they had to leave. Fortunately I made more friends in the town, and we stayed there until England declared war with Germany. Of course, then we had to think of getting out of the enemies country. I must say, however, that we never met with nothing but kindness from the Germans, either by look or by word. People were kindness itself, the whole way through. The only unpleasant experience with the people with whom I travelled said the same thing.

While speaking of the kindly treatment she had received at the hands of the Germans—a striking contrast with the tales which are in circulation of atrocities committed—Miss Morton said she did not think it fair to judge a people by a mob which had got its head. Miss Morton added that the Germans she had met with had helped her wonderfully—in fact, it was through them she had helped her to get some money changed.

"When war was declared between England and Germany," continued Miss Morton, "it seems that the Consul to the American Consul in Munich asking for a passport, but he replied that he could not do anything for a few days, until mobilisation was complete. Then I went to the Consul myself. He added that if I would go to him later he would help me to get a passport. After waiting some five or six days I went to the Consul, and he said that he would see if he still require a letter of introduction or a birth certificate. As I do not carry a birth certificate when I travel, I had to fall back upon the English chaplain in Munich, who I found to have come over from Leeds, and who gave me a letter of introduction. It was while waiting for my passport I discovered a friend from Farsley with whom I travelled home to London. Together we started from Munich for Switzerland. At the frontier everything—baggage, and passengers—was carefully examined, and the officials were very particular about letting people through. I found that for the next few days which passed that we did not fare so well, as the men were not allowed on pressed, but were detained. At Zurich we had to wait for a day or two, as it was quite impossible to get through France, and that we would, for a time, have to stay where we were. We resigned ourselves for a time to Switzerland, and continued our journey as far as Lucerne, where we remained four days. Our party consisted of about three gentlemen, and we visited the Lion of Lucerne, and other places of interest. All of the people who had been on holidays were without any money at all, and they had to rely upon the hotel keepers to let them have it to get them. While here we visited the Consul, who gave us information that a train would start for Basle on the following day. The train got no nearer, and I and my friend decided to leave Lucerne and venture on our own, so on Thursday morning last we set off. There were about three or four hundred people trying to get into the carriages. A large number got into the luggage van, and there was quite a panic as they feared they would be left behind. Fortunately, I and my friend got attached to the train, and although we had what was a couple of German sandwiches, which we sliced with a pocket knife, and which was all we had had since breakfast the day before, we managed to get through. We had to change at Basle, and at Mulhouse

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS: Clinton Marrersley had been found guilty of murder of Jeremy in the suicide, Sir Robert Marrersley. He had protested his innocence, but the evidence was strong against him. Unknown to all other, the meeting is witnessed by a man, who steals silently away into the darkness.

Clinton and Phillipa then meet. Clinton urges upon her the necessity of an interview between her father and himself, so that he may once again declare his innocence. Phillipa gives him a key by which he can easily gain access to Sir Robert's study. When they part, he remains under the impression that Phillipa is true and honest in hiding. The next evening, under cover of the darkness, he finds his way to the castle. Entering the study, he thinks at first that the room is empty; but, then, to his horror, he sees that Sir Robert has fallen across his desk, and that a dead stream is running over the blotting-paper from him. Turning to cry for help, he finds himself in the grip of a sturdy fellow. Phillipa, given the

An Out on and Woodlesf..rd Charity.

THE WEBSTER CHARITY OUTLINED.

In view of the dividing of the Outton and Woodlesford Parish Charities, to be held at special meeting of the Council on October 5th, to discuss the Webster Charity, the following may be of interest to our Outton and Woodlesford readers. It will be remembered that some discussion anent the Charity took place at the annual parish meeting.

The charity was founded by will proved in the Prerogative Court of York, on the 29th March, 1811, and the testator by the said will appointed as the object of his bounty such of the Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, upon an application made to them on the 29th November then in writing, signed by the Rev. Arthur John Edward Irvin (Vicar of Woodlesford); John Nelson Calverley, Esq., of Outton Hall; Thomas William Jenkins, of Outton, gentleman; and Rev. Ernest Huntingdon Dykes (appointed curate of Outton); Robert John Smith, Speight-st, Moortown, Leeds (appointed land agent); and Charles Agnew(?) (then being the trustees or persons acting in the administration of the above-mentioned charity).

The scheme sets forth that all sums of stock comprised in this scheme shall be forthwith transferred, under the authority of a further order of the Board of Charity Commissioners, in the name of "The Official Trustees of Charitable Funds", and all sums of cash now or at any time belonging to the charity and not required for immediate working purposes shall (unless otherwise ordered) as soon as possible be invested, under the like authority, in the name of the official trustees.

The body of trustees shall, when complete, consist of six competent persons, being two representative trustees, and four co-optative trustees. The trustees in office at the date of this scheme in opposition to the Parish Council of Outton-with-Woodlesford shall be entitled, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with respect to determination of trusteeship, to hold office as the first representative trustees under this scheme for the remainder of the term for which they were appointed. The future representative trustees shall be appointed by the Parish Council of Outton-with-Woodlesford. Each representative shall be elected for the term of four years, at a meeting convened and held according to the ordinary procedure of the Council, but no one of such persons shall be duly elected by reason of any resolution to make void or opposed by the Charity Commissioners.

The four following persons were elected first co-optative trustees entitled to hold office for the—Rev. Arthur John Edward Irvin, Vicar of Woodlesford; Thomas William Jenkins, of Outton, gentleman; Rev. Ernest Huntingdon Dykes, curate-in-charge of Outton; and John Nelson Calverley, Esq., of Outton Hall. Every future co-optative trustee shall be appointed by the trustees carrying on business in or near the township of Outton-with-Woodlesford, and shall be appointed by a resolution of the trustees at a meeting of the trustees to be passed at a special meeting.

The trustees shall hold ordinary meetings at least once in every year, at such time and place as they shall appoint by circular, and any two trustees upon four days' notice being given to all the other trustees of the exercise of their discretion, may convene a special meeting at such time and place as they shall appoint. Every notice shall be determined by the majority of the trustees present and voting at the meeting, but no trustee shall appoint a proxy to vote, whether he has or has not previously voted on the same question, but no trustee shall in any other manner delegate his powers for more than one [illegible] at any one meeting.

At the proper times, charges, and expenses at and incidental to the administration and management of the charity shall be duly defrayed by the trustees out of the income thereof.

Subject to the payments aforesaid, the yearly income of the charity shall be applied by the trustees in the three equal parts. The trustees shall apply one of such parts in one or more of the following ways:—(a) In or towards providing the apprenticeship upon reasonable occasions of any useful trade or occupation, for a period in each case of not less than two years, deserving and necessitous children who have resided in the parish or township of Outton-with-Woodlesford, subject to the condition that on indenture or apprenticeship shall in each case be executed containing provisions for carrying into effect the following apprenticeship. The premium shall be payable in not less than two portions, of the second portion one shall be payable after the lapse of at least one year from the commencement of the apprenticeship; (b) the second or any subsequent portion of such premium shall not be paid before or until the trustees have satisfied themselves by personal inquiry that the apprentice is being properly treated; (c) after the execution of the indenture, the apprenticeship, having properly begun, shall be paid or [illegible] to be apprenticed by the indenture, if he shall misconduct himself, or shall leave his master's service without his master's consent, or any reasonable reason as aforesaid, also has become a pupil teacher in a public elementary school, but so that the premium hereunder shall be so [illegible] in the reduction of his or her expenses as a pupil teacher, and so that not more than £10 be expended out of the income of the charity in any one year in premiums under this [illegible]. (d) In the payment of fees or subscriptions, each of a yearly value not exceeding £2 £1, to be awarded to such children as shall be selected by the said trustees from the [illegible] their respective schools, and who shall be desirous of becoming pupils at the college for teachers, called or to be [illegible] grant or attending any day training college for teachers recognised by the Board of Education, and who shall have passed the examination and held under such regulations and conditions as the trustees think fit. Every exhibition shall be tenable only for the purpose of education, for which there is no considerable charge for the time being, or for the payment of which the holder is not, or shall not be required to be, assisted. If the holder of an exhibition is, in the judgment of the trustees, guilty of misconduct, or ceases to be a pupil in the school or college, or ceases to be a pupil in the school or college, or ceases to be a pupil in the school or college

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

A former Oulton clergyman—Rev. E. H. Dykes, who was a noted footballer in his day, has no doubt abhor the duty of the nation at this time. He says that "if young Englishmen are loud to prefer the honours of the football field to those at the battle-field, in order that they may stay at home and put money into the coffers of their respective clubs, then professional football will shortly itself accurated, and will for ever stink in the nostrils of every honest and unsophisticated man and lad." This is a question for the public, and if they refrain from supporting professional football just now, there will be no need for players to stay at home and earn shekels for club committees.

In Burkinton Ash, the great majority of footballers are youths, ineligible for military service, and there cannot be much objection to their indulging in their favourite game. Practice has commenced, but, as organised football in the district is not very strong now, the League matches will not be started until about the end of the month. The cricketers have practically ceased play for a season, but the golfers are at it all the year round, and it is possible that a recruiting officer would find good material for his purpose on some of the local links. Golf is not an old man's game in Burkinton Ash.

Dr. Pickersgill, of Sherburn, who is the medical officer for Garforth urban district, has made some remarks on scarlet fever which the members of the area would do well to give heed to. "Undoubtedly the way in which this disease is spread," he says, "is by personal contact—coming in and out of one another's houses. Parents do not heed the advice given them—many expressing the view that it is better for the children to have it whilst they are young." Many mothers believe that it is necessary their bairns should have measles, scarlet fever, and other ailments; they accept this as part of the children's experience; whereas there is no reason whatever why they should have any disease at all.

"I think," says the doctor, referring to scarlet fever, "if the parents clearly understood that deafness (often permanent), kidney and heart disease, often follow in its train, they would exercise more care and precaution." They will have time to get rid of the notion that children must, as a condition of life, take scarlet fever before any good is done, but it seems to me that the only way to bring offenders to book is by prosecution. One case brought before the magistrates would do more good than fifty warnings. By allowing children to recover from disease to play with others, great harm is done to the community as many more than are, because not only is the disease spread and unnecessarily suffering caused, but heavy cost is imposed on the ratepayers by reason of the isolation hospital charges.

Not long ago a football match in Burkinton Ash commenced upon the impossibility of getting out engine in case of the villagers overlooked properly, owing to the fact that the whistles would not blow. He did not wonder at the spread of consumption, because he knew the conditions under which people lived. In some cottages, he stated, the beds were always warm, because they were occupied both night and day. Large families sometimes were confined in the end house, and when one was not employed on the night shift the other was occupied the beds, and vice-versa. It was a kind of bed and bed arrangement, and could not possibly be productive of good health.

When windows can be opened, however, the people seem neglect to let in the fresh air in. I suppose I suppose they think it will do them harm. The medical officer for Garforth has something to say on the question. "Fresh air," he remarks, "is absolutely necessary—sometimes necessary at night time, because we are apt to have overcrowded bedrooms. There is no reason in allowing the windows to night and opening them in the day time—the longs require fresh air, not the bed clothes. Houses it would be much better to close the windows in the daytime, especially if the house is situated in the midst of traffic, and open them widely at night." Let airways in working strength a village in the district on a fine night, when many of here doors and windows are open, and he will get a surprise. People seem to be frightened of fresh air, and they do themselves injury by bringing bad air, consequent on the keeping of windows closed.

The employees at Allerton Bywater Colliery, who include residents of Kippax as well as of Allerton, generally set an example to their fellows. They are very desirous of investing in war loans during these anxious and unhappy days, and have decided to contribute about £30 per week towards the local War Fund. Each man will pay a small sum weekly, and the combined offerings will be utilised for the purpose named. The employers are not one who behind the men in this enterprise, and they have, I believe, offered generous treatment to all their men who have gone to serve the country.

How is it, may I ask, that the representatives of labour and capital at Allerton Bywater are on such excellent terms, when at other collieries one could name there is frequent annoyance and trouble? It is no use blaming one side, because it is patent, by the Allerton Bywater case, that working arrangements can be carried out to the benefit and satisfaction of all if there is a disposition to do so. Allerton Main is another colliery where employers and employees get on well together, and there is a reason for it. Let the people responsible for the management of collieries where there is constant bickering enquire why the "wheels of industry" run so smoothly at Allerton Bywater and Bowers Ulleron.

The Garforth miners employed at the Isabella and Sunnyside Pits have, like the Allerton men, given generous support to the Relief Fund. Each week they contribute the princes per week and much into there bullpurse, so long as there is need for it. It is evident that the mining population are rising splendidly to the occasion, and their example will not be lost on others. Garforth has also sent a number of young men to join Lord Kitchener's Army. I understand, but I have no idea how many have gone to serve the country.

In abandoning their show this year the Crossgates Horticultural Society Committee have, I think, acted wisely. Owing to the unemployment, caused by the crisis, the attendance would have suffered and the funds would have been depleted. Apart from that, however, this is no time for festivity, and that is a prominent feature of the annual gathering at Crossgates. Still, it is sttrange to have no show this year. For many fifty years it has been a feature at Halton Feast, which was established so long ago that apparently no one knows when it originated, and this break marks a stage in the Society's history.

Swarcliffe is seemingly to have public lighting after all. At the present time the York Road is lighted as far as the hospitals, and it is proposed to extend the route to Seacroft. The work is necessary, said, moreover, the people of Seacroft have just as much right to have their streets illuminated at night as the good folks at Crossgates, to which practical pledge that the work would be done was given. The lighting is greatly appreciated by the residents, who gratefully acknowledge the improvement that has been effected, and I have no doubt that the Crossgates will be equally pleased with the Corporation give them similar treatment.

An increase in the district justified in raising the price of milk. Already there have been two Dairy Farmers' Associations, one in the Wharfedale, and the other in the Aire Valley, and the view is that it is very essential that an ample supply of milk should be provided for the consumption of the public at the lowest possible price, but to attempt to supply it at less than cost means ruin, and a falling off in the supply. One of the chief reasons for demanding an advance is the excessive price of feeding stuffs. It is well known that autumn grass, without other feeding stuffs, will not produce milk in quantity or quality, neither will it keep up the condition of the cows, and if they lose their condition it would be impossible for them to produce much milk during the coming winter."

The Minister for Education has is going on a visit to Germany. May I, in one officer who hopes to go abroad with him," writes Mr. G. R. Lane Fox, "somehow Lord Helmsley's appeal for old members of the Yorkshire Hussars slide and willing to serve abroad, to rejoin their old regiment and bring up the number of existing regiments already volunteering for foreign service to the war strength of a regiment—and an mobile it to serve as a complete unit and not as part of some other unit)? There are many who have served in the A Squadron with me from Leeds and all the district round it, and to whom I would most specially appeal to give to their country and to their country the benefit of that training which, as their cradle they have in the past been willing to undergo."

Mr John Fielden, of Grimston Park, who is a vigorous young man, has decided to return to the Colours, and he has requested his old regiment, the famous Scots Greys. Mr Fielden, who has not taken a prominent part in public life, is a magistrate, and he is associated with the Tadcaster Bench. Sir Charles Lowther, Bart., who is Mr Fielden's brother-in-law, is now with his regiment, and his wife will have charge of the Pytchley Hunt in his absence.

Barkston Ash cricket season finishes on Saturday afternoon with the Junior League final between Garforth Wes. and Tadcaster A at Barkwick. Owing to causes which there is no need to state, the "games" at the other two finals have suffered somewhat, and it is hoped that a good many spectators will turn out and support the Competition on Saturday. It is singular that the Lane Fox Cup should again go to Tadcaster and the Sager-Maugham Cup to Seacroft, and it would seem as if these teams had an especial fancy for the trophies they hold. Tadcaster A have an opportunity of taking to Tadcaster, for the first time, the handsome shield presented by the late Mr H. H. Riley-Smith, but they have a very hard task set them in defeating Garforth Wes., who are hopeful that their names will be inscribed on the trophy. By the way, the last Junior League final was at Barwick, and the merry men of Swinn won the Shield by defeating Halton.

It is stated that a movement is on foot with a view to raising a 2nd trade battalion in Yorkshire. The preliminary steps have already been taken with that object in view, and there is every prospect of the effort proving a success. The idea underlying the proposal is that the battalion shall be raised from among those engaged in the leading trade in the county, filled particularly from the ranks of the miners. With the sympathy and assistance of the men's organisations, which it is hoped to enlist, the promoters feel confident that they will be able speedily not only to raise, but equip and supply officers for a battalion 1,000 strong. It is the intention to offer the services of such a battalion to Lord Kitchener.

In starting rifle clubs in the district, the promoters will, I hope, have before them a well-defined plan, so that the organisations will faithfully fulfil the purpose for which they are intended. Shooting with air guns is good amusement no doubt as those marksmen who were so prominent a few years ago found, but of what practical use is it? If the members of clubs intend to become efficient marksmen they should use ordinary rifles. A difficulty, I know, is experienced in this part of the country in obtaining suitable shooting ranges, but if owners of estates were approached in the proper spirit some provision might be made for clubs.

In connection with our organisations, I understand that all persons who are eligible to join Lord Kitchener's Army are debarred from membership, and the purpose of this is obvious. In the district there are hundreds of single young men who might now be serving the country in its hour of need, and it is advisable that nothing should be done that would in any way prevent these young fellows from enlisting. Throughout the district, I believe, a good many men have answered Lord Kitchener's appeal, and that is very satisfactory. For those who must stay at home shooting practice may be deemed a necessary equipment, but all who can possibly join some of the Army organisations should do so, because they will be making themselves efficient and serving the country at one and the same time.

Some 300 men have enlisted in the Castleford district.

Messrs Rowe, of Scarcroft, have given £20 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

NEW CHAPLAIN.—The Rev. A. O'Brien Neuenham, rector of Coxwhope, has been appointed chaplain at the Wetherby Workhouse in place of the Rev. C. M. Durrant, M.A. (vicar of Wetherby), who has resigned.

TERRITORIAL OFFICER KILLED.—It is reported that Captain R. S. Ledgard, of the Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in the recent fighting. He was adjutant to the 1st Battalion Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment). He was gazetted to the rank of captain in March, 1911, and was appointed adjutant at the beginning of last year. He was the eldest son of Mr Armitage Ledgard, The Manor House, Thorner. Mr Armitage Ledgard is very well known in Leeds business circles, and is also a director of the Grand Hotel, Scarborough. The deceased soldier was born in 1884, and was educated at Winchester.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week there is an excellent programme, which includes several old favourites, and One or Two is Little D'Arc, the fascinating French comedienne, with a pleasing voice and bewitching mannerisms. The changing of her dresses in full view of the audience is a startling feature of her performance. She has had a warm reception, and her rendering of "The Marseillaise" arouses much enthusiasm. That clever comedy sketch of Scottish home life, "The Conceited Bride," is greatly appreciated. The Zigzagger Quartette (three gentlemen players and a lady possessed of a splendid voice) is one of the best items on the bill. Madame Pora and Francis Kennedy, in their risky sketch, "Between Ourselves," are well received. Loquin, Laye, the smart comedian and dancer, is unfortunately unable to appear, but The Lytton Trio (two ladies and a gentleman), who give the depart turn, are pleasing singers and dancers. Victor Kells, comedian, and the four Elles, society dancers, are also on the bill.

Next week at the Empire Palace the programme will include Harry Weldon, in "The White Hope"; Marie Kendall, in her great Cockney song "Be ready," and also introducing "Show me the Gate-car," assisted by Sir McCarthy Howard Bros., wizards of the banjo, in two novelties; Goodfellow and Gregson, comedy duo; George Benson, the popular mimic; The Falcons, comedy acrobats; Fred Land, comedian; and Solo, presenting "A lesson in temperance." The latest war news and films from the front will be shown on the bioscope at each performance.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Leeds Hippodrome this week a sensational act, "The Girl and the Scala," is in the top position, and a host of pleasure-ing young lady puts a couple of seals through a clever juggling performance. A huge tank in the centre of the stage is full of water, and the lady and one of the seals finally "dived under water and in view of the audience. It is a turn out of the ordinary, and the seals are most intelligent creatures. Jimmy Britt, the ex-light-weight champion boxer of the world, tells some good yarns, and his recitations, in which he tells the story of his life, is quite to the liking of the audience. Ella Retford, Miss Retford's comedian, has two good songs; and Lawson, the man with four voices, assisted by Meona, the Hawaiian beauty, gives a delightful musical and singing act. "Street Impressions" is the title of a rollicking comedy sketch by Willie, West, and Crossley. Others appearing are The Warbelers, in "Dick Whittington"; Will Van Allen, a trick musician who deals with current topical matter about the present crisis; Clay Smith and Christine Neilson, in songs and saying; and Harry Markyee, comedian.

Next week at the Hippodrome Ella Retford, described as the "modern girl," will appear, and she will be supported by a company, including Dale and O'Malley, the popular funsters; Billy Williams, in all his latest surroundings; Mona Warwick, a dainty little lady; Mr and Mrs Gordon-Wilde, in a novelty speciality, talking and singing shadows; Florrie Elston, vocalist; Leno and Zeff, Cecil Lyle, presenting many new mysteries; and the Seven Bramusas, introducing a brass band extravaganza "Music Afloat." The latest war news and pictures will also be shown.

LEEDS GRAND THEATRE.

A very popular attraction has been booked for next week at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, the management having arranged for Miss Julia Neilson and Mr Fred Terry, supported by the New Theatre Company, to give six performances, commencing on Monday, of their well-known plays "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." The plays will be given in the following order, viz.:—On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday matinee "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." Mr Fred Terry will be seen in the two characters that have made his name famous throughout the country, those of Sir Percy Blakeney in "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and King Charles II in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." Miss Julia Neilson will give her favourite representations of "The Scarlet Pimpernel," and "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." Julia Neilson has secured a name to conjure with by theatrical managers up and down the country, and this play has never failed them. Miss Julia Neilson and Mr Fred Terry's Company bring with them the whole of the scenery and effects seen on the stage. A number of theatrical managers have abandoned their autumn tours, being unwilling to risk the possible heavy losses almost certain to be met with by every company travelling this year, but Mr Terry thought the matter out, and decided to carry out his arranged programme, at whatever cost to himself and Miss Neilson. Mr Terry says the members of his company have stood loyally by him in the past, and it is his turn now to stand by them, and so prevent his fifty people helping to swell the ranks of the unemployed.

A Selby lady of 87 is busy knitting socks for the wounded soldiers and sailors.

Mr J. H. Hoade, Bickerton, Wetherby, has sent £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NOTICES.—Owing to the increased price of bacon the Wetherby Board of Guardians have decided to substitute a pea soup dinner for the inmates of the Workhouse instead of bacon.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs, and similar devices used for decorative purposes will now be so full of root that almost daily watering will be required. In most instances only a comparatively small amount of soil can be accommodated and when the plants are making free growth the amount of food contained in the soil is soon exhausted. To keep up a succession of bloom it becomes necessary to give frequent applications of liquid manure, and if chemical manure is available it should be given about once a fortnight.

Flower beds and borders are now at their best, and special efforts should be made to maintain a tidy appearance. Decaying leaves and flowers, weeds, and other litter should be picked up at least once a week. Grass edgings should be frequently clipped, and the lawns mown not a week. Strong winds may be expected any hour at this time of the year, and it is important that all tall plants should be securely staked and tied. Pansies and violas develop seed pods at a rapid rate, and these must be picked off or flowering will soon cease. A good soaking with liquid manure will help to prolong their flowering season.

HEDGES.

Privet, thorn, beech, and similar hedges should be clipped this week or next. Very little more growth will be made this year, and by clipping them now a tidy appearance is assured for some time to come. In the case of privet there will be just sufficient time for the production of very short growth, which is an advantage. The young leaves will remain fresh and green throughout the winter months, whereas, if the final clipping is delayed until later in the year, none but old leaves will be left, and these will fall after the first sharp frost.

ANTIRRHINUMS.

There are few more popular flowers at present than the antirrhinum or snapdragon. As a bedding plant it would be hard to beat. During recent years it has been much improved, and the colours of the flowers and habit of the plants generally leave little to be desired. It is seen to best advantage when planted in front of evergreen shrubs, the green background enhancing the beauty of the flowers to a remarkable degree. The light pink, salmon, orange, and yellow shades are very effective, whilst the magenta, dark pink, and dull reds are the least desirable. Seed pods should be regularly removed, as they have a weakening effect upon the plants.

PROPAGATION OF BEDDING PLANTS.

Pansies, violas, penstemons, pinks, geraniums, etc., may now be propagated. In the case of the four first-named they should be placed in a cold frame. The geraniums will be much better rooted in small pots. Four cuttings in a 3-inch pot is the system we find to answer best. The cuttings should be fairly firm, and short-jointed. A mixture of old potting soil and leaf mould, or peat, with, one part each of leaf mould and sand will serve the purpose. It should be passed through a fine sieve, and made firm round the cuttings with a dibber, whilst the magenta, dark pink, and dull reds are the least desirable. Seed pods should be regularly removed, as they have a weakening effect upon the plants.

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RECRUITS FROM TADCASTER AND WETHERBY.

A GREAT RECEPTION.

On Saturday large batches of recruits were brought to York from various towns, including some who came from so far distant as Newcastle-on-Tyne, but the greatest exception was accorded a party from Wetherby, who came by road, having chartered a dozen motor cars, under the commandership of Colonel Ditmas, who has rendered yeoman recruiting service during the past few weeks, Dr. Shadwell, and recruiting officers from the Tadcaster district.

The cars were headed by the Union Jack, and the occupants, fine healthy young fellows to the number of 45, bearing the imprint of active farm life, were heartily cheered along the route. Their sides and bonnets were taken as the crowds fining the route in the city, and their very enthusiasm even during the short time they paraded the streets must have acted as a stole to recruiting.

At the stage of the procession a photograph of the line of motor-cars was taken.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

APPEALON AND TADCASTER CASES.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday, the magistrates present were Messrs. C. B. Lamb (in the chair) and G. T. Fairfax.

The temporary transfer of the licence of the Robin Hood Inn, Tadcaster West, was granted from Mr David Lilley to Mr James Webber, of Bridon.

Amos Dalton, labourer, Tadcaster, was summoned for riding a bicycle without light on the 18th August, at Tadcaster West, and pleaded guilty. P.C. Bennett said the offence was committed at 9.30 p.m. when the Leeds Road. Defendant refused to get off his bicycle until witness got in his way. Then he rode away fast without dismounting, followed by witness. Defendant said he had been working late. He was 34 years of age, and had been in the Army. He had ridden it as stated by the constable. Defendant said he had been working late. He was 34 years of age, and had been in the Army. He had ridden it as stated by the constable but would not pass him.—Fined 1s. and costs.

Henry Dawson, cooper, of Tadcaster, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, did not appear, though he had been liberated on bail.—Supt. Slack said that Dawson was apprehended on August 27th.—The case was adjourned.

Joseph Maynard, Appleton Roebuck, was charged by Robert J. Carr for an alleged game trespass, and pleaded not guilty.

Said that on the previous Tuesday he was going down the road from Colton village when he saw the defendant near a gate. He knew he was in the field as going about the fields with a gun, so he waited a minute or two and then heard a gun go off. He went in the direction of the sound, and saw the defendant coming through one of his (witness's) fields. He had a rabbit in his hand, and appeared to have another in his pocket. A few days previously he (witness) had found a trap set with a leveret in it, and he had also found snares in the fields. Defendant, in cross-examined by witness, was a "dary, good for nothing, and would not work."—Witness: I saw him kill the rabbit.—Defendant: I did not.—Defendant argued that witness could not see into the field as the hedges were two high.—Fined 10s. and costs—one week's fool high, but witness said that he had only one hedge between him and the road.—Defendant: I was the latter 30 or 40 yards away from the gutter in the field.—Defendant stated to the Bench that he had a right to shoot rabbits in Mrs Colborne's field, and that the shot he fired was in her field. The rabbit went through the hedge, he got out, and he found a right to do, for it. It was in Mrs Colebman's field where Carr saw him. He left his gun in Mrs Colborne's field.—On the other hand Carr said defendant had the gun in his (Carr's) field.—Defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

YORKSHIRE HUSSARS FOR ACTIVE SERVICE

VISCOUNT HELMSLEY AND HIS MEN.

Recently Major Viscount Helmsley, M.P., for Thirsk and Malton Division, announced that for the duration of organizing, with the consent of Earl Feversham, Colonel of the Yorkshire Hussars—Major Lord Helmsley, M.P., is one of the officers—as a corps for service regiment, and since then energetic action has been taken by gentlemen in various parts of the county with which the men are recruited to secure volunteers. Lord Helmsley's action has been zealously seconded by Lady Helmsley, and in a very short time the necessary troopers will have been obtained. On Monday his lordship gave an interview to a reporter.

In reply to a query as to how the present members of the regiment had responded to the invitation to volunteer for foreign service, Lord Helmsley stated that nearly all the men had readily volunteered for active service, and were ready for command. Only a few of the youngest members or others who could hardly be spared for such service had failed to come forward.

"Then I may take it that the establishment of the regiment will soon be made up?"

Lord Helmsley, in reply, said: "Oh, yes, I expect we shall get the required strength before the end of this week." Applications have been received from ex-members of the regiment, and there only remain a few places to fill to bring the regiment up to its required strength. I am also expecting a few more of the Harrel ex-troopers to join us during the next few days."

"So it may be said that the appeal for volunteers has met with great success, and come up to your expectations?"

"That is so, and you might say that there are just a few special places to fill, such as saddlers and farriers, and men of that sort."

"When is the regiment expected to go on active service abroad?" asked the pressman.

"We can hardly tell when, but first of all some hard training will have to be done, and we are going into special camp for this purpose."

At the time of the interview the whole of the Hussars had volunteered for foreign service with their officers were marching en route for their camp, or picking up their kits and implementa prior to leaving the East Coast, which they have been guarding from Filey up to Scarborough. Lord Helmsley thinks that the men are now doing of the very best material available in Yorkshire or elsewhere. Most of them have been trained from time to time in regimental and brigade cavalry movements. They are nearly all excellent riders and good shots, while they possess plenty of enthusiasm for their work.

Lord Helmsley and his officers are keen on going out to meet the enemy, and are confident that, with a little preparatory and necessary training they will be able to form a good account of themselves. Each troop and section composing the regiment and representing the various districts consists of strong, healthy, athletic young fellows and they are all well mounted. After a few weeks' duty on the coast fine they look as fit and well for active service as a body of regulars.

A new comet has been located between the constellation of the Great Bear and the Twins of Hercules.

AN OLD GARFORTH RESIDENT.

A LONG LIVED FAMILY.

One of Garforth's oldest residents—Mary Wasterman—who resided with her son, Mr. J. W. Westerman, one of the best known men in the district, passed away on Monday at the ripe age of 84 years. For several centuries the Westermans have been associated with Garforth, and they appear to have been a long-lived race, Deceased's father, who was Henry Westerman, and he had a family of thirteen, and, with the exception of one son—the family blacksmith at Swillington, who died in the age of 45—they all lived to be over 80, and some even to be over 90.

The lime quarries at Garforth Cliff, which were stopped about thirty years ago, were worked by the Westerman family for a couple of centuries, and over sixty years since Mary Westerman's father controlled the undertaking. When he passed away his brother, James—Mr J. W. Westerman's uncle—took the work in hand, and he was the last of the family associated with the quarries.

"When I was a boy," said Mr J. W. Westerman, "horses and waggons came to the quarries from the Yorkshire Wolds for lime, and they used to take out the bosses, fill the waggons and then set off for home. The quarries at that time employed a good many men."

In some respects Mary Westerman, who died of senile decay, was a remarkable woman. "I don't think there is a woman in England like her," said one son. "I have never known her to have an ache or a pain, and she never took medicine. Until about a couple of years ago she never had a doctor, and then the number of visits did not exceed half-a-dozen."

"I have never known her eat beef, mutton, fowl, rabbit, hare, or fish, but she would eat pig flesh—pork, bacon, or ham, and she was fond of Yorkshire pudding and vegetables. As a matter of fact," said Mr Westerman, "I did not taste fish until I was thirty years of age, because my mother would not have it in the house. The first fish—whiting—that I had was on honeymoon when I was newly-married. I don't remember my mother ever having been at the seaside, she rarely went out of Garforth, and she never went further afield than Wakefield, where she had a sister, who died when she was about ninety years of age."

The deceased was a very energetic woman, and in her younger days she had to work hard for her living. She went into the fields potato picking, and the reward for her labours was the munificent sum of one shilling per day. Mr Westerman, who got 6d. a day for helping in the fields, went to work in the Isabella Pit at the early age of ten years, and there he was known as one of the best "hooks" in Yorkshire. To commemorate his 25 years' work the Company and superintendents presented him with a gold watch, and every year he has won the first prize offered to agents in his district, which extends from Leeds to Selby and Tadcaster.

His brother, who was of a bright and lively disposition, was one of the best known figures in Garforth, and in his younger days he did a lot of valuable work among her neighbours by attending the sick, etc.

LORD HAREWOOD AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Lord Harewood writes:—There must be many men who would be unemployed at present or who see the prospect of being unemployed in the near future. It is to these men that I appeal to offer their country's help in the straits she is in. It is not better for them to volunteer for the Army, or later to fill up the gaps in the Territorial Force, than to stand idle in the streets of our towns and become a burden on the State, instead of a help to it?

By volunteering they not only earn pay for themselves, but ensure a provision for their families in the event of without calling on their unions or other resources to support them.

Should the worst happen, and the country be invaded by a foreign army, what shame and regret would those feel who stood aloof and refused to help their country in the hour of her sore need?

I earnestly appeal to all employers of labour, to all who have influence with men out of employment to use every effort to induce young and able-bodied men to volunteer, either for Lord Kitchener's new Army or for the Territorial Force.

Time presses, and in the presence of a quick moving and long enduring foe we cannot afford to put off till to-morrow what should be done to-day.

I am authorised by the Army Council to state that all able-bodied men from 18 to 30 should flock at once to the Regular Army for the duration of the war, and that the age for Territorial recruits is from 17 to 35.

On Monday the Consultations Committee of the Football Association voted £1,000 to the National War Relief Fund, and £250 to the Belgium Relief Fund. Further, the clubs decided to close entirely for professional players to have temporary release for war duty, and appealed to all interested in the game to help in the present crisis.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROTHWELL LABOUR PARTY AND PUBLIC WORK

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rothwell Branch of the Independent Labour Party has passed the following resolution, and forwarded the same to the Chairman of Rothwell Urban District Council:—

"That this branch of the Independent Labour Party urges upon the Rothwell Urban District Council the necessity of setting in motion as much public improvement as is within their power, with a view to finding employment for citizens within the area of the above Council, who are partially employed or totally unemployed during the present European crisis."

Thanking you in anticipation of your giving publicity to above, with a view to the same giving impetus to other societies to follow a similar course.—Yours, etc.,

WRIGHT STEAD, Secretary.

TO THE CRICKET LOVING PUBLIC.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—We, the undersigned, as cricketers, ask you to accord us the publicity, which only your columns can give, in order that we may make a direct appeal to the cricket-loving public on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Fund.

This Fund, which has been called into being by His Royal Highness to meet the countless cases of misery and hardship which must inevitably follow on the heels of the war, makes an irresistible and instantaneous appeal to the generosity of the public, and we, as cricketers, know that there is no public so sportsmanlike and so generous as the cricket-loving one.

As the Prince has truly said, "This is a time when we all stand by one another." All of us as a nation are members of a national team.

We have before us as we write the vision of many a fair English cricket ground packed with eager multitudes.

We have pleasant memories of seas of faces which, in happier times, have watched us play.

If only at this moment of trial we could gather in the sums which have been paid as gate-money at cricket matches, those on whom the war has laid a desolating hand would benefit indeed. The wives and families of our soldiers and sailors would at least be secure from want.

It is this thought which has given rise to this particular appeal. We all those who have watched us play, and who have cheerfully paid their half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences to the turnstile, step forward, and contribute over again their half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences to the Prince's Fund, out of gratitude for the enjoyment the cricket field has given them in the past.

Let everyone who has followed cricket recall to mind the matches he has witnessed and enjoyed, and let each one contribute according to the pleasantness of his memories. Then we shall have for those whom the war has robbed not only of happiness, but even of the means of livelihood, a truly royal sum.

Without any undue spirit of self-importance, we may perhaps say that we have contributed not a little to the interest the public takes in cricket, and therefore we make this personal appeal from ourselves to all those who love the game to send whatever they can spare to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Buckingham Palace, London, S.W.—Yours, etc.,

J. W. H. T. DOUGLAS.
F. R. FOSTER.
H. H. GRAHAM.
W. G. GRACE.
HARRIS.
C. P. HAWARD.
G. HIRST.
J. B. HOBBS.
G. L. JESSOP.
W. RHODES.
R. H. SPOONER.
D. F. W. STEVENS.
F. E. WOOLLEY.

RECRUITING IN VILLAGES.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The country villages, where some of the best material is to be found, will not be reached by big meetings or eminent speakers. The best results must be had village meetings after working hours, explain in plain language the cause of the war, the issues at stake, the meaning and value of our Navy, and safe seas. They must also point to the path of duty which now lies before each man of eligible age.

From the village of West Ashton, with a population of about three hundred, up to Saturday night, when we held our meeting, there were eight men with the colours, but no recruits had joined Lord Kitchener's Army. At that meeting twelve volunteered, ten were passed fit, and left for the depot, one was rejected by the doctor, one desired to join a special corps and has since been elsewhere recruited, leaving ten who will go to the depot and enlist. In the village of Steeple Ashton, where a meeting was held on Tuesday night, twenty-three recruits joined, and there were already serving with the colours forty-two men. Thus, out of a total population in the two villages of about 800, 34 have gone, or are going, to the colours, a fair proportion to the population, if allowance is made for men above and below the age limits, and women and children.

I venture to recommend two things: (1) The simultaneous formation of a local committee of women, so that the relatives may be visited by the recruit leaves, and proper care taken of his dependents; (2) the display of big posters in prominent places in the villages, with the Royal Arms and the words "Roll of Honour" in large capitals, and underneath a description and date of the war, and the names of those who have joined—a copy of this to be supplied to every house where a member of the family is serving with the colours, and later, a framed copy to be given to each family as a permanent record of the bravery and patriotism of their relatives.—Yours, etc.,

WALTER H. LOVE.

Road Ashton, Trowbridge.

GARFORTH MINERS IN TROUBLE

KIPPAX AND LEEDS MEN'S OFFENCES.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Herbert Johnson (53), miner, of Leeds, Ernest Kilner (17), pony driver, of Leeds, George Reed (14), pony driver, of Leeds, and James Walker (17), a pony driver at Kippax, were summoned for travelling on the North Eastern Railway without tickets.

Mr W. T. Bainbridge appeared to prosecute for the Company, and said that the four defendants were employed at the Garforth Colliery, and they travelled from Leeds each day to their work. On July 24th the four were on the Garforth Station platform when the 1.20 p.m. train to Leeds was waiting. The train was not a workmen's train, and they got in, a message being sent on to the Marsh Lane Station, where their names and addresses were taken. The excuse then gave was that they did not know that it was not a workmen's train. Mr Bainbridge said a notice had been issued at a recent sitting, and the Company published bills to show when the workmen's trains were timed to run. The workmen's tickets were only available for workmen's trains, and the offence was treated as one of travelling on the railway without a ticket.

Walter Barker, a porter at the Garforth Station, stated that on July 24th he was attending to the 1.20 p.m. train to Leeds when the defendant Johnson came up to him and asked if he and his three companions could travel by the train. Witness replied that it was not a workmen's train. When the train had gone he noticed the four defendants were missing, and he noticed the four defendants were missing, and he noticed the station-master pass to the platform. The station-master permission to travel by it. The station-master said he had not, and a message was sent to the Marsh Lane Station, where the names were taken.

George Henry Myers, ticket collector at Marsh Lane Station, said that when the ticketsWere collected the defendants handed in workmen's tickets. He told them that it was not a workmen's train and took their names in consequence of the message received from Garforth. The defendants said that they had had pay-day, and intended to travel by that train.

Johnson and Balcewell were fined 2s. 6d. and costs each, Reed 1s. and costs, and Walker, who is under age, was ordered to pay a fine of 1os. and costs.

AN ADEL MAGISTRATE AND THE WAR

YOUNG FELLOWS GOING WITH GIRLS.

Mr A. P. Baines, J.P., of Adel, writes:—As an old Australian and South African bushman, now, unfortunately, not allowed to enlist, being nearer 70 than 60 years of age, I write to ask if nothing can be done to arouse a sense of duty, patriotism, and responsibility, amongst many of our young men.

Let any one who has attended our cricket and football matches, both excellent in their way, walk, as I did on Tuesday, from Leeds to Adel, and see the well-to-do young fellows parading and sauntering about the streets, while our brave soldiers are sacrificing everything for us at the front and the very existence and safety of our nation; let such read what Lord Roberts says about them when addressing the London Fusiliers last Saturday:—"I respect and honour you more than ever I did say. My feeling for you is one of intense admiration. How very different is your action to that of the men who can still go on with their cricket and football, as if the very existence of the country were not at stake. We are engaged in a life and death struggle."

When I look at the wealth and luxury of Leeds and other large centres, what is two millions to the National Fund, and what has been raised if our very existence is at stake, and where are the many who never deny themselves any thing until forced, and who, from year to year spend with old Scrooge, "Are there no workhouses, prisons, or means of decreasing the surplus population?"

A ROUNDHAY MOTORIST IN TROUBLE.

A DANGEROUS SPEED.

Edward Thomas Broadbridge, Woodfield, Roundhay, was summoned at Scarborough on Friday for having driven a motor-car at a speed dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, on the Esplanade, Scarborough, on August 23rd. Defendant, for whom Mr Alf Musser, solicitor, Leeds, appeared, pleaded not guilty.

Police Constable Shepherd, Mr John Crosbaw Wilson, and another gentleman gave evidence that, considering the number of people crossing the Esplanade at the time, the defendant was driving at a speed dangerous to the public. Police Constable Shepherd said that when he stopped the defendant he told him that he was travelling at from twenty to twenty-five miles an hour; defendant admitted that he was going 20 miles an hour, and added that there was no danger as he had perfect control of the car.

Mr Wilson, as a motorist, was emphatic that the speed was dangerous.

Defendant, on oath, said there there was no danger. He had his wife and daughter with him in the car, and was driving with every care.

Defendant was fined 30s. including costs.

The Chairman said they wished to have every consideration for visitors who motored, but they must also protect the public.

The Chief Constable though the Esplanade as a promenade would be a proper place for a speed limit to be fixed.

Mr Musser thought it might be closed to motorists altogether. It would certainly be no hardship.

BARONESS BEAUMONT'S MARRIAGE

BRIDEGROOM FOR THE FRONT.

The wedding of the Baroness Beaumont and the Hon. Bernard Howard, son of Lord Howard, of Glossop, will take place at the Catholic Church, Carlton, near Selby on Saturday next.

The Lord Bishop of Leeds, Dr. Cowgill, will officiate and sing the Nuptial Mass, assisted by the present-at-large, the Rev. Father Waugh. The wedding had been arranged for November next.

The bridegroom is a lieutenant in the Lovat's Scouts, the regiment which was raised by Lord Lovat during the Boer War, and is now embodied in the Highland Brigade, under Lord Lovat himself, and stationed at Huntingdon.

The Hon. Bernard Howard, along with the entire regiment, have volunteered for the front, and on this account, the wedding has been expedited, as it is expected that the regiment will shortly leave for foreign service.

The wedding will be a quiet one, as many of the bridegroom's friends are on active service.

The bridegroom has been granted forty-eight hours' leave of absence for the event.

The baroness will wear a wedding dress of white satin, trimmed with gold brocade, and the dresses of the bridesmaids will be of pink satin, trimmed with old lace.

The bride-smaids are the Hon. Muriel Howard, the Hon. Frances Howard, Miss Pillington, Lady Muriel Bertie, Miss Gwendoline Petre, and the Hon. Ivy Stapleton, sister of the bride.

The bride will be attended by two pages, one being the son of the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Arundel, and the other Master Drummond.

SELBY PETTY SESSIONS

A RAILWAY OFFENCE.

At Selby Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Major Allenby, Mr T. Liversidge, Mr Mark Scott, and Mr Harris Anson.

Ernest Hutchinson, groom, of Norton, near Bridge, was charged for aiding and abetting another person to travel on the North Eastern Railway between Leeds and Selby without payment of the fare on July 13th.

Mr J. D. Simpson (N.E.R. Solicitors' Department, York) prosecuted.

Evidence was given that defendant was taking a horse to Market Weighton and travelled in the horse box, another man, who had since emigrated to America, being with him in the horse box from Leeds. Defendant produced a pass for himself but the other man was without a ticket. Defendant said he was a companion only and got in the vehicle at Selby, and he had paid the train fare for him from Selby to Market Weighton, which the ticket collector, R. Moody, accepted under protest. It was found that defendant's statement was not correct.

Defendant, who was not present in court, was fined £1 and 19s. 6d. costs.

MAGISTRATES AND ASKHAM RICHARD C.C.

THE DUTY OF YOUNG MEN.

At the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York Castle, on Saturday, before Sir John Grant Lawson (in the chair), Major Allenby, Colonel Richardson, and Mr Richard Lawson.

An application was made by Mr William Hodge, of the New Inn, Askham Richard, for an extension from 10 to 11 p.m. that night for the annual cricket supper.

The Chairman said it did not seem a desirable time for cricket suppers when all young men ought to be serving their country.

Applicant said that the men attending would be between 40 and 50 years of age. There would be no young men. Most of the young men had been taken away.

The Chairman said the application would be granted, but the magistrates would expect the applicant to see that no young men who came that they ought to be learning to defend their country and not hanging about. He should say a few kind words to the young men on their duty, and see a little influence with them.

The applicant said he had done that, and that he himself had served the country for 20 years.

The Chairman: You are just the right man for the job. It only wants mentioning to them and they will do it. Many don't seem to know a war is going on.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—New grain in fair supply, but trade not brisk. Wheat, white, 36s. to 37s.; red samples 36s. and 37s., barley 30s. to 33s., oats 22s. to 23s., rye 27s. to 28s. 6d. per qr.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Plenty of potatoes offering, but trade was slack. Quotations from 45s. to 50s. per ton. Retail, 2s. 3d. per hamper of six stones.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 11 for 1s., butter 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 4s. to 5s. per couple.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 58 beasts, 13 sheep, and 56 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers. A short supply of stock, and a good selling trade. Best beasts realising 9s. to 9s. 6d. per stone. A slow trade for stores. Few quality in-calving heifers in demand. Short supply of sheep, and a sharp trade. Bacon pigs and small stores easier to sell. Prices as follow:—Fat bullocks up to 20 cwts., fat heifers for £19 15s., fat cows to £19 15s., store cattle to £12 10s., cows in calf to £18 15s., heifers in calf to £18 15s., fat sheep to £2 15s., bacon pigs to £8, pork pigs to £5 6s., and store pigs (small) to £1 each.

TADCASTER, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son sold a splendid supply of good, well-finished bullocks and heifers. There being a good attendance of butchers and dealers a keen, good demand followed all through the sale. Best lots made a shade more money, making from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone. Calves dear and good to sell at 9s. to 9s. 6d. per lb. Sheep and well, making 6d. to 10d. per lb., lambs 10d. and 11d. per lb. A fair show of pigs, which sold well from 8s. to 8s. 3d., strong pigs from 7s. 6d. to 7s. 9d. per stone, store pigs from 10s. to 35s. each. Following fat beasts were sold:—Hives, sheep and lambs, 95s. pork and store pigs. Top price of fat bullocks £30 10s.; 35 bullocks sold from £23 10s. to £30 15s., fat sheep to £2 15s., lambs very satisfactory from the vendor's point of view. Mr R. Carr, Wighill, topped the sale with 3 grand bullocks, realising £30 10s., and 2 others £22 15s.; Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Healaugh, good bullocks made £24 12s. 6d., and £24 10s.; Mr R. Cross, Saxton, sold a wealthy bullocks at £28 17s. 6d., £25 17s. 6d., £24, and £24; Miss Ramsden, of Oxton Hall, sent a very choice bullocks and heifer, realising £26 10s., £25 5s., and heifer £16 12s. 6d.; Mr C. Hawkswell, of Syningthwaite, sent 2 wealthy bullocks, realising £25 15s. and £25 5s.; Mr J. W. Sadler, of Stockhill Stud Farm, sold 7 grand bullocks at £26 10s., £25 10s., £24 12s. 6d., £24 15s., £24 5s., £24, and £23 10s.; Mr Geo. Swailes, of Healaugh, sent 5 good bullocks, making £24 5s., £22 17s. 6d., £22 10s., £22 7s. 6d., and £22 5s.; Mr T. Dearlove, of Winter, of Pallathorpe, sold some choice bullocks and heifers, 3 bullocks at £25 17s. 6d., £21 5s., and Mr J. T. Dearlove, of Walton, sold 8 wealthy bullocks, realising £25 12s. 6d., £24 5s., £22 15s., £22 2s. 6d., £21 7s. 6d., £20 5s., £20 2s. 6d., £20 7s. 6d.; Mr E. Jackson, of Catterton, sold 3 choice bullocks at £25 15s., £22 15s., and £20 15s.; Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, four grand bullocks, £24 15s., £24, £22 15s., and £22 15s.; Mr Chas. Gyppon, Catterton, 3 grand bullocks, £25 15s., £23 17s. 6d., £23 15s., £23 15s., £18 7s. 6d., and £17 7s. 6d.; the auctioneers sold 20 bullocks at £26 5s., £24 7s. 6d., £22 bullocks at £26 5s., £24 7s. 6d., £22 10s., £22 7s. 6d., £22 5s., £22, £21 15s., £21 10s., £21 5s., and £21 2s. 6d. Fine pens of prime fat sheep from Mr J. Bromet made to 102s. each; Mr L. Sampson, 98s.; Mr Develine, 92s.; Mr Hall, Bolton Percy, 90s.; Messrs Dove, pigs from Mr Fielden made to 36s. per score; pigs from Mr Lady Hawke made to 35s.; Mr S. Jackson, to 36s.; Mr Fawcett-Oliver, 35s.; Mr Simpson, to 23s. 6d. Gilts to 40s. 6d., etc.

Mr Winston Churchill, in an interview with a representative of the United Associations of America, said the war was started, and was being maintained, by the Prussian military autocracy. This conflict was for great Britain and her self-governing colonies not obligations into which so had entered, and of loyalty towards friends in desperate need.

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"The loan is up, he said, slowly. "In default of payment thereof, the broker is authorised to take into his possession that which is deposited, to protect and look as he has never loved in all his empty, lonely life. Sal, will you marry me?"

She thrust the pawn ticket in his hand.

"It's the old number that's not redeemed—talk it," she said, wearily, and Paul Oldfield kissed her beautiful upturned face and held her in his arms, saying: "Mine—my own—by reason and right of law."

THE OLD NUMBER

The shop [illegible] afternoon was darkening, and the small [illegible] tilly, melted as it fell, making the [illegible] ver.

On one of [illegible] rners of a big city stood a [illegible] pawnbroker's shop, well, sweet notes pierced [illegible] to air and distance, and the girl held her child's hands out to [illegible] pennies offered her. Then she walked [illegible] ining to look through the [illegible] windows at the rich furs.

For some [illegible] stood; then, drawing her [illegible] from the shop, she walked [illegible] he passed and [illegible] ark street, entering one of the houses in a [illegible] of tenements.

The great hare was dimly lighted by a lamp [illegible] ve rusty stove, and [illegible] fumes of oil struck the girl unpleasantly [illegible] ment gave her pause. Before the window sat a man busily mending an old violin, while near him was a [illegible] stream with tools.

"Here, father," she said, coming over and throwing some pennies on to [illegible] "I stayed out until I had [illegible] and that is all I could get."

"You hussy! It's because you won't work that you can't get. You're as lazy and proud as your mother was—she'll [illegible] death than ask us a penny."

The girl stood by the stove, with one foot resting on the fender. It was her appearance that [illegible] roused the anger of the man. He spread the coppers in his palm and counted them.

"A shilling, you lazy good-for-nothing. How are we going to pay the rent with [illegible]?"

The girl neither answered nor showed that she had heard. When she had partly dried her feet she went to the cupboard, and, bringing some brown bread and cheese, set them on the table. She then sheltered her father's head with them, and sat down to the cheerless supper. She broke off bits of bread and cheese, and [illegible] unconscious that she was doing.

"You'll be glad enough to see your father turned out, wouldn't you? Rent coming due, and nothing to pay it with." He waited for a reply, but the girl sat, nothing to say.

"Three days more, then nothing to do but freeze and starve, and I'll be rid of you—you're old enough to see the effect. The face opposite remained unchanged [illegible]

"Sal, Sal," here the surly tone changed into a coaxing whine, "Bill Bradden was around to-day [illegible] and he said he'd marry you. Sal, you'll marry Bill Bradden, or you'll leave home."

"Home!" said the girl, and a miserable little laugh.

Nothing in the determinen expression of the girl betrayed the agitation in her mind as she quietly rose and cleared away the dishes, piling the crusts and bits of bread on the [illegible] for the birds. Suddenly a figure passed the window. In an instant the girl had sprung to the door and bolted it.

A loud rap sounded. She went on putting away the supper things. The vigorous pounding continued. Then it ceased.

She did not answer, but slowly lighted the candle, and, passing the window as it [illegible] she man stood peering in, went upstairs. She listened at the pipe-hole, and heard her father open the door to admit a visitor.

"That girl of yours is a rare one. The minute she sees me coming she runs and bolts the door in my face. It doesn't look very encouraging, eh, Garrick?"

"Just you leave matters to me. The girl's got to have some of the stubbornness knocked out of her, that's all."

The men did follow, about the cash. Its agreed and written down in black and white that you are to have the night to make up the sum."

"That's a bargain. The girl's a prize, and I'm willing to pay well for her; keep her wings, and let me have it with the straight selling."

"Let me see—this is the twelfth. Three days to-day, then [illegible] what do you say to doing the thing up to-morrow night? She'll be just as willing to go then as any other night from [illegible] Shall we go ahead?"

Then they laughed together, and shook hands. The girl knew that they could hear nothing more than the clink of glasses.

"Here, how did it fit," she half moaned. "Inside—inside I am freezing—my heart is turning to stone, and my blood is like that of water in a pond—it is not yet quite—I am think."

She heard the door open and Bill Bradden go out. Garrick remained behind the shop, she laid the bundle down, and put on her bonnet and shawl, then walked out and [illegible] ly. The tremendous face of her father as he lay in a heavy stupor in his chair, with head fallen on his breast.

"I have done it, Sal

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A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 7th inst., at the COUNCIL OFFICES, ROTHWELL, at 7 p.m.

All members and societies are requested to attend as private notices are not sent out.

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By order of the Board,
GEO. A. BROMET, Clerk.
Tadcaster, 2nd September, 1914.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1914.

Are Britons really grateful to the men who fight the country's battles? Militarism, as it is understood on the Continent, have not the remotest chance of making any headway here, unless the nation plays completely into the hands of a small section of people, but greater recognition should be given to the men who indulge the profession of arms, and they should be assured of an honoured place in the community. The British soldier—the product of no conscript system—has, by his ability and courage, again proved that he is second to the very best of the fighting men of the world, and he has worthily upheld the great traditions of the Army. He knows his duty and he does it, and the usual judgment on our soldiers is "The men are splendid." Nevertheless, the nation is prone to forget the debt it owes those men, who, for a paltry daily wage, have maintained the prestige of the British Empire. Very well may the soldier know the view held of them by many people in "the piping times of peace"—when no demand is made upon the nation to defend itself against the aggression of an ambitious and unscrupulous foreign foe, and the wonder is that so many men who could achieve success in other walks of life enter the Army. Men have been ostracized simply because they have worn the King's uniform, and they have been compelled to feel very keenly that they are regarded as not being altogether fit to associate with a certain class of the civilian population. It is no use denying knowledge of the fact, because almost everyone has heard Britain's fighting men referred to in disparging terms, and then when the hour of trial comes they look to the despised common soldiers to save their homes and their possessions. The British soldiers are wonderful, and they would be the very first to disclaim all right to be regarded as such; but they must have qualities of the best, because they have never failed the country yet. Victory and defeat they have known, but the spirit which has animated them has always been the same. It is easy to applaud when deeds of heroism are performed on the battlefield, but it is more difficult to pay to the Army its due tribute when the nations have ceased from striving and when the fighting men are at rest. What people have got to recognise, first of all, is that the British soldiers are not the mere scum of the country—that they are, at any rate, equal in all respects to our artizan population, and that, although there are black sheep among them, they deserve, and have a right to expect, the respect of the nation. Some of our public men have, unfortunately, done our soldiers no good at the present time, and it is surprising that they should have gone out of their way, when the best of the manhood of the country is volunteering for active service in the defence of the Empire, to disrepute. Boards of Guardians have passed the following resolution :—"That in view of the large number of able-bodied vagrants recently admitted to the workhouse between the ages of eighteen and thirty, who appear to be generally living on the community, the attention of the Local Government Board and the War Office be drawn to the matter, with a request that legislation be passed for the purpose of utilising in some way the services of these able-bodied men for the country's need at this time of national stress." These men are advocating compulsory service for others—men, be it noted, by no least fitted, without long training, for military service. For years we have advocated the establishment of labour colonies for vagrants, who would thus, under proper supervision, be weaned from the evil, but that is very different from advocating compulsory military service for them. The tramp is not of the stuff of which fighting men are made, and he would be the very last to voluntarily take his place in the fighting line, because his ways are not those of other men. He is a parasite, living on the community, and he would be satisfied so long as there was a community to live upon. To class a man of this type with the British soldier is an insult to the latter, and it is strange that some of the keener-sighted Guardians did not see this. Lord Rochester's appeal is not for waifs but for men, yet the Guardians have the hardihood to offer him vagrants. If any of the Guardians in question are suitable for active service they would show a more patriotic spirit by enlisting, rather than advocating such a step, and the resolution indicates, but they are too comfortable at home, and they would rather trust the defence of the country to tramps. To give these men liberty they probably did not give the resolution full consideration; they know men are required for the Army, and they thought that it was a fine opportunity of getting rid of the male tramp population who live at the country's expense. But greater questions are involved, and it would be a sorry day for this country were it dependent on the Weary Willies and Tired Tims to fight its battles. Tadcaster Guardians, to their credit be it said, would have nothing to do with the resolution.

VICAR'S APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. Frederick Peel, owing to ill-health, has resigned the living of Headingley, which he has held since 1880, and the Archbishop of York has appointed as his successor the Rev. Henry Theodore Ledgard. Mr. Ledgard has held the living of Acaster Malbis since 1908.

Lady Linlithgow is interesting herself in the Linlithgow branch of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association, and at a recent meeting it was proposed to secure members of the Red Cross Society, Hopetoun House, Dalkeith, Cramond House, Wemyss Castle, Lord Inderd, monk houses, great and small, over-looking the Firth of Forth, have been offered, and several accepted, as hospitals or convalescent homes for the sick and wounded, and are partly or wholly fitted up accordingly.

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MARRIAGE.

SILVER WEDDING.

JACKSON—ARTHUES.—Sept. 3rd, 1889, by the Rev. J. Clarke, vicar of St. Mary's Church, Tadcaster, Mr Jos. Thos. Jackson, Post Office, High Street, South Milford, to Miss A. A. Arthurs, of Stutton-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire.

DEATHS.

STATHER.—September 1st, at Newfield, Ledstone, Elizabeth Stather, widow of the late Henry Stather.

WEBSTER.—Bertie, the dearly loved son of Luke and Ann Elizabeth Webster, of Manor House, Kippax, born June 12th, 1899, died September 1st, 1914.

"Asleep in Jesus."

IN MEMORIAM.

NICHOLSON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Ann Nicholson, who died September 1st, 1912.

"A day of remembrance said to recall,
A dearly loved mother missed to us all;
For all of us she did her bitst,
May God grant her eternal rest."
From Son and Daughter.

Mr and Mrs Capper wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy in their sad bereavement.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

THE LATE MR WILLIAM ABBISHAW.—Mr William Abbishaw, of Flockton Villa, Wood Lane, Rothwell Haigh, a retired colliery engineer, left £5,336.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The Leeds Borough and the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Col. A. M. Sagar-Musgrave (in the chair), Messrs J. R. Cross, H. Evans, P. H. Booth, B. Pickard, and Ald. Braithwaite.

SALVATION ARMY.—At the meeting of the local corps of the Salvation Army on Monday, special prayers were offered on behalf of His Majesty's Army and Naval Forces engaged in the war. In the evening Brigadier Bennett, of Leeds, paid the corps a visit.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application—G. W. Ibbotson and T. Tolson, Dewsbury, an improved safety guard for laundry wringing machines. Application completed—T. Roberts, Castleford, screw stoppers for bottles, etc. Patent accepted—J. W. Leadbeater, Doncaster, treatment and utilisation of peat (addition).

COMO KILLED.—A sad fatal accident occurred in Hunslet, Leeds, on Wednesday night, when a six-year-old child, Florence Wingfield, of 11, Organ Yard, Hunslet Road, was knocked down by a motor-car. Police-constable Smith made answer, "Friend," and "should not proceed until receiving an answer from the sentry." It is also intimated that persons found committing wanton mischief, or unauthorised persons approaching or trespassing render themselves liable to be fired upon.

WAR AND TEMPERANCE.—On Sunday afternoon the Crossgates Green, and the British Women's Temperance Association held their usual outdoor Feast meeting on the Green (by kind permission of Mr Johnson). Mr Tindale Rippon presided, and spoke of the exceptional circumstances under which they were met. Mr John Crosbill, B.Sc. (Leeds), in opening, spoke of his difficulty in filling a position which for several years was occupied by Mr Dyson, whose exploits in the Temperance movement had ever known, the late Mr W. Pearson—to himself, as to most of them, a dear personal friend, and one to whom he owed much. Temperance, of the war, he said all their best endeavours were needed to prosecute it, and to bring it as speedily as possible to a favourable conclusion. To some them out-of-doors meetings, and to-all it call for some sacrifice. The Government called for young and efficient men as soldiers, and to all for the conservation of foodstuffs and the avoidance of waste. For physical efficiency the doctors were becoming more and more convinced of the necessity for abstinence from intoxicating liquors, but at this moment the evidence of Lord Kitchener, Roberts, and Wolseley, and Evelyn Wood had more weight. Lord Kitchener precluded alcoholic liquors at the front, and magnificent victory at Omdurman, with the happiest results. Lord Roberts had spoken and written often of the evil effects of drink upon the troops, and the desirability of total abstinence as a help to efficiency." Lord Wolseley declared that as soldiers the teetotalers were much more efficient, capable of doing more work, marching, etc., than the drinkers. "Give me," said he, "an army of teetotalers and I will lead them anywhere." All these and many other acknowledged experts had testified in various ways to the improvement to efficiency from drink. They were all proud of the help the Colonies were offering and sending. One of the finest gifts was Canada's contingent, but of finest but what it must one think of a country that, while supplying such a gift, destroyed as much grain every three weeks, year in and year out, for that was their position. Every year they destroyed as many destroyed 20 times as much food as that magnificent gift from Canada. Here was a chance to conserve the food supply, and the simplest way to achieve it was for all to abstain from drink. The food would be needed to feed the hungry men, women, and children. The time was now come for the client drinkings so be (the speaker) appealed to them to start their sacrifice by giving up drink, and by that one act improve themselves physically, morally, and mentally, whilst at the same time helping the large principal attractions will be "The watch-dog of the deep," a powerful two-part story of ocean life, and "The son of his father," in an exceptionally fine western drama. A first-rate programme will be submitted next week.

MINERS' GENEROUS ACTION.—A generous offer has been made by the employees of the Allerton Bywater Colliery towards the local War Fund. The contributions of one penny a week contributed to the Cricket and Football Club, and one penny a week given to the Motor Ambulance Fund, in addition to an extra penny a week, are to be devoted to the War Fund, which will bring in nearly £30 a week.

CRICKET.—Playing in the Pontefract and District League on Saturday, Allerton Bywater had a match with Featherstone on the latter's ground. Scores:—Featherstone—Ward o, Holme 6, Mills 43, Denton 24, Trafford 87, Stubbs 0, Norfolk 4, Hill 4, Doughty 20, Kitson (not out) 13, Stubbs 1, extras 5: total 171. Allerton Bywater:—Dooley 32, Milner 3, Simpson (not out) 66, Moscroft 0, Wall 13, extras 13: total (for 4 wkts.), 159.

BOWERS ALLERTON

Mr R. W. Bower has given £500 to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

RELIEF FUND.—A collection from the teachers and scholars made at the Mission Sunday School on Sunday afternoon amounted to over 30s. This was in connection with an appeal to Sunday Schools issued by the Leeds Sunday School Union for help for the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund. A further collection is to be made next Sunday.

A GOOD EFFORT.—As a means of raising money in the district for the Relief Fund, on Friday a pie supper on a fairly large scale was held in the Mission Schoolroom, and pies were set at least 100 persons present. Messrs W. Bullock, J. Oubridge, W. S. Blackburn, W. Blackburn, H. Sillistone, and S. Stockwell performed the duties of carvers, with the Misses Mesdames Lilley, Bullock, Milner, Collinson, and H. Charlston. The repast was well enjoyed. A musical evening followed, and Misses Blackburn, Parker, and G. Ward, and Mr John Burns contributed songs, while Mr F. Bullock rendered a violin solo. Miss Spink was the accompanist. Mr W. S. Blackburn presided over the gathering. A vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen by any way was passed, on the call of Mr Walter Blackburn, seconded by Mr Oubridge. The effort was quite successful, £7 clear profit being realized.

BROTHERTON

MEDICAL CHARITIES.—Brotherton United Brass Band and Working Men's Club have sent £6 to Leeds Infirmary. A sum of £5, collected at Brotherton Church, has been sent to the same institution.

CROSSGATES

LITERARY SOCIETY.—The session of the Literary Society should begin next month, but it has been decided, owing to the war, to postpone the opening to a later day. The Crossgates Baptist Church Fellowship meetings will commence at the end of October.

BOWLING.—On Saturday afternoon Crossgates and Crossgates Recreation Hall had a match on the Crossgates green, and the latter won by 210 to 103. Details (Crossgates names first):—G. Darby 21 v. A. Bowes 18, A. Hughes 21 v. F. Johnson 7, J. A. Rymer 21 v. E. Coates 8, L. Connor 21 v. W. Elliot 18, F. Hardcastle 21 v. J. Cook 14, H. Burnett 21 v. P. Hartley 14, W. Holdsworth 21 v. W. Baxter 6, C. Holiday 21 v. E. Cobb 8, I. Semper 21 v. H. Hoyle 9, and F. W. Jubb 21 v. A. Vinall 1.

A WARNING.—It is desirable that public attention should be directed to a notice which has been issued by the Chief Constable of Leeds (Mr. W. Burns Lindley). This is in the form of a poster, copies of which will be displayed at the approaches to certain parts of the city, which have been placed under military protection. A warning is given that armed guards are in the vicinity, and that passengers, whether vehicular or pedestrian, should stop immediately when challenged. Action must answer, "Friend," and "should not proceed until receiving an answer from the sentry." It is also intimated that persons found committing wanton mischief, or unauthorised persons approaching or trespassing render themselves liable to be fired upon.

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Colonel Gascoigne has decided to allow the wives of men employed at Garforth Colliery who have joined H.M. Army 5s. a week, with 2s. a week for each child.

A GOOD RESPONSE.—The young men of Garforth have made a striking response to Lord Kitchener's appeal, and up to Wednesday no fewer than seventy residents of the urban area or employees at Garforth Colliery had joined the Army. Others are anxious to enter the service of the country, and the number of recruits will probably be largely increased in a few days.

BOWLING.—Garforth W.M. played their return match with Garforth Cons. and won by 132 points, the scores being 210 and 78. Details (W.M. names first):—C. Baxter 21 v. H. Bramham, 2; J. Whitley 21 v. W. Cook 5, W. H. Monks 21 v. J. Barker 20, T. Simpson 21 v. F. Sedgwick 0, G. Bramham 21 v. W. H. Phillipson 14. J. Cockren 21 v. W. O. T. Cockerham 21 v. H. Marginson 4, A. Reed 21 v. H. Dransfield 14, W. Yeardsle 21 v. H. Hewitt 14, and M. Morfitt 21 v. W. Dixon 3.

GARFORTH DISTRESS COMMITTEE.—Recently a sub-committee was appointed for Garforth urban area in connection with the West Riding Distress Committee, and the committees are representative of all public bodies and various organizations in the district. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of the Urban Council) is chairman of the committee, and Mr W. G. Sayner is acting as hon. sec. and treasurer. The committee have got to work, and as their first business is to raise funds, they have decided to make a personal appeal to the inhabitants for donations. The undersigned workmen at the Sisters and Isabella Pits have decided to contribute threepence per man and three to fivepence per boy weekly so long as circumstances render it necessary, and the directors of Garforth Picture House have promised to give one per annum a month for their benefit. The following donations have already been received or promised:—Mrs. Gascoigne, £10; Mr J. W. Dobson, £5; Mr R. Routledge, £5; Mr T. E. Wilford, £5; Mr Fenton Jno. Wordsworth, £5; Mr E. R. Archer, £3 3s.; Mr A. E. Carr, £3; Mr T. S. Slater, £3 2s.; Mr R. Routledge, jun., £2 2s.; Mr E. W. Ogden, £2; Mr J. H. Dykes, £2 1s. 18.; Mr H. Gascoigne, £1; Mr H. W. Powell, £1; Mr W. G. Booher, £1; from other sources, 11s. 6d. The money raised will be used for the purpose of alleviating distress caused by the war, and it will be distributed under the direction of the West Riding Distress Committee, who are working in conjunction with the National Relief Fund.

HALTON

The Waterloo Main Colliery Co. have given £250 to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

The indoor servants and gamekeepers at Temple Newsam have sent £3 os. 6d. to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

KIPPAX

PARISH CHURCH.—A special service for women was held in the church on Sunday afternoon. The address was given by the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Smith), his subject being "In time of War."

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Friday William Frost, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Gough stated that about 11.30 p.m. on Friday, August 21st, he was on duty at Peacock Hill, Kippax, where he saw the defendant, who was very drunk and using bad language. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

LANGUAGE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions David Clayton, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language. P.C. Alderwaigh stated that about 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, August 22nd, he was on duty in High Street, Kippax, when he heard the defendant making use of obscene language. A fine of 5s. 6d., including costs, was imposed, as defendant did not appear.

RECRUITING.—A public meeting was held in the field known as Ober Lands on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance, and the Infield Prize Band was present. Short speeches were made, and urged the young men to answer the call to defend the country. Mr G. H. Wheeler, M.P., was the principal speaker, and he touched on the origin of the war, and emphasised the necessity there was for young men between the ages of 18 and 35 joining the army at the present time. He was supported by the Rev. F. Wood, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. E. Parkin, J.P. The Kippax Old Band played along the principal street, and accompanied the singing of the National Anthem in the field.

PARISH COUNCIL.—This Council held a special meeting on Wednesday evening. Mr S. R. Silverwood presided, and the other members present were Mr W. Mellor, Mr J. Cripwell, Mr Hall, Mr W. A. Dickenson, Mr R. Johnson, Mr Mackintosh, and Mr G. Cooper, with the Clerk (Mr W. Cripwell). The Chairman stated the object of the meeting was to consider the steps that should be taken for the formation of a Distress Committee for Kippax. A letter was read from the Clerk of the District Council bearing on the matter, and stating that the local committees when formed should work in conjunction with the Tadcaster Committee, and in connection with the West Riding Committee and the National Committee. All money paid out for relief of distress arising from the war by the Tadcaster Committee would be received from the National Fund.—Mr Cripwell: As some industries are not working half-time there are bound to arise cases of distress. It is feared that a partial employment should be dealt with.—Mr Dickenson: Tadcaster takes the responsibility and the local committees find the needy cases. It was agreed to have another meeting as soon as possible, and invite two representatives from each Friendly Society, the working-men's clubs, the Medical Charities' Committee, and the churches to attend.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of this committee was held on Wednesday.—Mr E. Parkin, J.P., presiding. The other members present were Mr J. W. Blackburn (Kippax), Mr Hall, Mr James Hudson, Mr J. Cripwell, Mr W. Mellor, Mr S. R. Silverwood, Mr J. Hardingt, Mr J. Farrant, Mr A. Atack, and Mrs Lowther, with the Clerk (Mr Powell). The increase of teachers' salaries in the various schools in the district as recommended by the County Authority were considered.—Mr Atack: What is our position in regard to these recommendations?—Have we any alternative other than accepting the recommendations.—The Chairman: To accept the recommendations. That is our position.—Mr Blackburn: What is the object of granting these increases? What have we to guide us?—We should have a principle to work on.—The Chairman: The aim of the County Council is that the teacher should attain to the minimum salary obtaining elsewhere. As a matter of fact, these increases will be given whether we wish it or not.—Mr Silverwood: I take it that the minimum salary must be the guiding principle, and this is the object aimed at evidently.—The Clerk: What is given to the grantee we also take into consideration the ability of the teacher.—The recommendations as to increase of teachers' salaries were agreed to. The committee confirmed the appointment of Miss S. A. Dickenson as assistant teacher at the Kippax Council School. In regard to the provision of meals to the school children, in view of the present crisis, the Clerk stated that meals could be given to the children during holidays, and after consideration the committee decided to adjourn the adoption of the Act. It need should arise immediate steps would be taken to meet it. The results of the examination of the county scholarships were given. In the boys' department the successful students were William Clough and Horace Plows. Miss M. A. Bennett passed the examination in connection with the girls' department.

OULTON

THE HALL.—Major Calverley has offered Oulton Hall to the Government to use for any purpose they may think fit. It is not unlikely that the place will be used for the housing of Belgian refugees.

LADIES BUSY.—On Monday the ladies' association in the Oulton and Woodsford War Fund were busy making pillow cases. They are at present only working one day per week, instead of three; this is with the idea of providing work for those who are unemployed with work. Many garments for the children of those who are away at the front have been made. The Lord Lieutenant's increase, the local troop of Boy Scouts materially assisting with their week-end collections. On Saturday they collected £3 8s., which, together with the previous week's collection, made a total of £5 4s. 7d.

A CLERGYMAN AND FOOTBALL.—Preaching at Holy Trinity Church, Rugby Lane, Leeds, on Sunday night, on "A Fight to a Finish," the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Dykes, formerly of Oulton), himself a noted footballer in his day, said he felt that if as this crisis in our history young Englishmen were encouraged and bribed by the managers and committees to turn a deaf ear to their country's call, if they were led to prefer the honours of the football field to those of the battle field, in order that they might stop at home and put money into the coffers of their respective clubs, then professional football would show itself accursed, and would for ever stink in the nostrils of every honest and unsophisticated man and boy. Blackburn had shown the right spirit and the right example. If Leeds City and the Leeds Northern Union clubs attempted to play their full strength, it would be to the eternal disgrace both of the players and the management.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Special services were held at the Wesleyan Church during the week-end in aid of the Foreign Missions. At the morning and evening services on Sunday the preacher was the Rev. H. Whitehead, of Handsworth. At each of the services the choir rendered an anthem, and a solo was given by Miss Kate Ellis, of Rothwell. In the afternoon the young people gave "The story of a hundred years ago," and those taking part being attired in costume to represent the period. Mr C. M. Thomlinson, of Rothwell, presided, there being a good attendance. On Monday afternoon a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. O. Murtin, of Leeds, who has been a missionary in China for about fifteen years. Mrs Hutchinson, of Woodlesford, gave a solo. Tea was served in the schoolroom, after which the annual missionary meeting was held. Mr A. Fieldhouse, of Huddersfield, presided, and the speakers were the Rev. E. O. Martin, the Rev. J. Hutchinson, and the Rev. M. Phillipson, B.A.

CRICKET.—Playing in the Rothwell and District League the Oulton first eleven were at Carlton on Saturday, when an interesting game was witnessed. Scores:—Oulton—F. Wright, c. Fozzard, b. Sykes, 1; R. Higgins, c. Corns, b. Sykes, 26; S. Knight, c. and b. Illingworth, 2; W. Butterworth, b. Sykes, 10; A. E. Wright, c. Laurence, b. Illingworth, 1; W. Hutchinson, b. W. Broom, 7; B. Walker, b. Sykes, 0; P. C. Higgins, c. and b. Sykes, 31; R. V. Higgins, not out, 6; H. Cope, b. W. Brown, 0; C. Higgins, b. Sykes, 2; extras, 7; total, 96. Carlton—L. Brown, b. Cope, 13; W. Newton, run out, 44; J. Illingworth, c. Cope, b. G. Brown, 0; Higgins, b. Cope, 0; H. Corns, b. Cope, 4; B. Butterworth, b. Cope, 5; A. Sykes, not out, 17; E. Fozzard, lbw, b. Knight, 5; S. Laurence, not out, 0; extras, 7; total (7 wickets), 97. For Oulton H. Cope took five wickets for 21 runs. Oulton A were at home to the Carlton A team. The latter inflicted a crushing defeat on their opponents. Scores:—Carlton—R. Ellis 21, A. Dixon 1, A. Austin 6, J. Ashton 2, W. Ashton 14, H. Hardwick 1, Allen Austin 42, J. Nunn 39, E. Sefton 11, W. Fox (not out) 13. Extras, 10—total, 160. Oulton—C. Butterick 2, S. Swift 0, W. Miller 16, C. Higgins 0, T. Jones 0, S. Lockwood 0, E. Parkson 0, P. Nettleton 0, J. Brown (not out) 2, G. F. Higgins 1, G. Wright 0, extras 2—total 23.

ROUNDHAY

MR N. Nichols, of Roundhay, has given £20 to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

A sum of £17 was collected at Ladywood Wesleyan Church, Roundhay, for the Lord Mayor's Fund. Mr and Mrs Charles J. Berry, of Roundhay, have given £10.

GRENFORD.—The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Mr E. Grenford, has intimated that he will defray the cost of raising the new "Pals" Battalion, which is to be called the City of Leeds Battalion. His lordship has already subscribed £2,500 to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

WEDDING.—The marriage took place at St. Robert's Church, Pannal, of Henry Dixon, second son of Mr G. E. Dixon, Roundhay, and Dorothy, youngest daughter of Mr Edwin Conyers, Pannal. The service was choral, and the officiating clergy were the Rev. I. Wedhams, rector of Great Houghton and Rural Dean, assisted by the Rev. M. Rountree, vicar of Pannal. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory satin charmeuse trimmed with ivory Honiton lace, and her veil consisted of embroidered tulle. The bridesmaid, Miss Marion Wilkinson, wore a dress of pink satin, with Ninon tunic and black velvet hat. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr and Mrs Dixon left during the afternoon for the English lakes.

SEACROFT

ALL Darcy B. Wilson, of Seacroft Hall, has given £25 to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

In the event of distress arising out of the war, the Corporation Lighting Committee report that various works can be put in hand. These include the extension of lighting in York Road to Seacroft, a scheme which will cost £7,.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Farrington Beck, a farmer, of Whinmoor, was summoned for using obscene language. P.C. Whitehead stated that about 5.15 p.m. on August 24th he was on the York Road, Whinmoor, when he had occasion to speak to the defendant respecting his employment. The defendant was not exactly drunk, said the officer, but was recovering from a drunken bout. Further down the road witness again heard Beck use the language complained of, and he took his name and address. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—At the weekly P.S.A. service held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon an interesting address was given by Mr Burnley, of Hunslet. There was but a moderate attendance, presided over by Mr J. Collinson. Mr Wigglesworth was the organist.

SCHOLES

A sum of £1 15s. 4½d., collected at Scholes Wesleyan Chapel, has been sent to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

The collection in aid of the Prince of Wales' Fund taken at Scholes Church on Sunday, the 23rd August, amounted to £1 19s. 8d.

SHADWELL

Mr Lawrence Clayton has given £50 to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

WHITKIRK

At a meeting at Whitkirk on Monday night, it was decided to form a rifle club. Over 35 members were enrolled, and Mr J. Stuart White was elected president. A sum of over £9 was subscribed to the funds.

GARFORTH AND A RIFLE CLUB.

"DOING MORE GOOD BY OFFERING THEM TO ENLIST."

At a meeting of Garforth Urban Council on Wednesday night—Mr R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman) presiding—Mr T. S. Slater brought forward the question of starting a rifle club for Garforth. He said he noticed that most of the surrounding villages had had meetings and had formed miniature rifle clubs, and he thought something should be done in this direction at Garforth. He had attended a meeting at Whitkirk, held for the purpose of forming a rifle club, and he was surprised at the number of people present who were in favour of establishing a club for the purpose of enabling and encouraging to learn how to use a rifle. Then when the time came for shooting in the open he understood that Mr Wood would give them a rifle range at Temperance Beam. Everyone agreed that it was a grand thing for the young men. Such a club would get the young men into the way of discipline. In fact, they would have something of interest place, and afterwards an open range. He did not, however, know a place that was suitable. A number of young men had already spoken to him about joining a rifle club in the village.

Mr W. W. Hartley said he had no objection to young men learning to shoot, but there were more important questions to be dealt with. In the village, if trouble got worse, there were people who would be in a bad way, and the Council would be doing their duty by finding employment for men who, if they could keep their families. He suggested that the Council should proceed with the work at the sewage beds. The Council could form a committee, and they could get men out to do the work and pay them so much an hour.

The Chairman said that a Distress Committee had been formed, and as soon as any distress occurred it would be reported to the Council, and then would be the time for them to take the matter up.

Mr Hartley said he thought the Council should be ready for such an emergency. It would be more important for the Council to discuss such a question than a rifle range.

The Chairman said that whatever was done with regard to a rifle club must be done voluntarily, but if they could get 15 or 20 men to enlist they would be doing more good than forming a rifle club. If they wanted to shoot miniature rifle range there was one at the Liberal Club.

Mr Slater had said that shooting was a grand thing. He disagreed with him. Shooting was a barbarous thing, and he was hoping that they would do away with it altogether.

Mr Slater said that what he said was that it was a grand thing for young men to learn to shoot.

Mr Gascoigne: If men want to know how to shoot let them enlist and serve the country. They will then learn how to shoot. I have had a rifle club with some of our fellows, but they want a rifle range up at the Cliff.

Mr Slater said that what he referred to was miniature shooting. If they wanted in Garforth was a place for shooting, and then they could appeal to the Government to make them a gift of proper Army rifles. The rifle they were using in for at present was an Army pattern rifle.

Mr Gascoigne asked how much they cost.

Mr Archer said he thought they might cost two guineas.

Mr Gascoigne said that if they wanted a rifle club the proper course to take was to call a public meeting.

The Chairman said that if Mr Slater got those interested in the question together, and then called a public meeting, something might be done.

The matter then dropped.

Mr E. Brooksbank has given £25 to the West Riding War Fund.

Sherburn-in-Elmet Ladies' Cricket Club has sent £5 12s. 9d. to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

About twenty young men from Milford parish have responded to Lord Kitchener's appeal to join the colours.

GARDEN PARTY.—A garden party was held at the residence of Mr Wm. Crosland, J.P., The Limes, South Milford, on Saturday, in aid of the local fund for comforts for the wounded soldier in hospital. There was a good attendance. Tea was served on the lawn, after which games of cricket, lawn tennis, and croquet were indulged in.

EXTENSIONS AT BARLOW STATION.—To meet the increased traffic which the proposed works of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., are likely to create additional siding accommodation has been put in at Barlow Station on the Selby and Goole branch line. A short time ago an extra line was laid at the west end of the station, which has been lengthened to meet the business which the construction of the new aircraft works will create an additional siding has been arranged at the east extremity of the station which will accommodate a score or more of waggons. The siding yard fronts Barlow Road, and consequently is in a very convenient position for coals and other vehicles. The signal cabin at the station entrance has been extended so that additional levers may be installed. Barlow seems destined to be a busy station in the future. A commencement has not yet been made with the new works, and the effect of the war may be to cause delay.

A PRETTY ROTHWELL WEDDING

A WOODLESFORD BRIDE.

A pretty wedding took place at the Rothwell Wesleyan Church on Tuesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Miss Maude Waide, fifth daughter of Mr Thomas Waide, of Applegarth House, Woodlesford, and the bridegroom was Mr John Lloyd, third son of Rev. Evan Lloyd, of Rothley. Both parties are well-known in the district, and there was a large congregation in the church, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin charmeuse, trimmed with ninon and lace, with a full court train of brocaded satin, lined with pink ninon. The train was carried by two nieces of the bride—Miss Margaret Waide (goldthorpe) and Miss Joan Waide Langstaff, who were dresses of satin trimmed with ninon to match, to which were attached cornflower blue streamers. The bride's veil was of Brussels net, mounted on a wreath of orange blossom, and was lent by Mrs. Hilton Langstaff (sister of the bride). Attending the bride were her three sisters—Misses Lucy, Madge, and Mary Waide—wearing gowns of white silk sontoy, with overdresses of cornflower-blue ninon, and large white hats, with cornflower-blue trimmings. All the bridesmaids wore strings of pearls (gifts of the bridegroom), Miss Lucy Waide Langstaff (nephew of the bride) wore a courtier suit and gold cuff-links (gifts of the bridegroom), and headed the bridal procession carrying a white satin cushion. The bridal party carried shower bouquets (gifts of the bridegroom), and the bridegroom was attended by his brother (Mr Major Lloyd, from the Gold Coast).

The officiating ministers were the Rev. Evan Lloyd (father of the bridegroom) and Rev. N. W. Thomlinson, and the service was choral. A suitable music was played by Mr T. A Ille, and the solo "Love's Coronation" being given by Miss Armitage, of Leeds.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Applegarth House, Woodlesford—the home of the bride—and later in the day the happy pair left for North Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent. There was an attractive array of presents.

AN INSPIRING APPEAL—"GO NOW."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, speaking at a National Reservists' demonstration, expressed confidence that in such an hour of national peril the sons of England would rally to the flag. Could they not (he said) see their brave soldiers at the front, looking over their shoulders lest they were going to be helped? Were they going to let the Royal Canadians and Australians, and, best of all, these grand Indian fellow-subjects, alone to save our Army from destruction? Surely they could not do so for one moment. "If you will go," said Sir Arthur, "you must go now. There is a time for all things in this world. There is a time for games, there is a time for all business, there is a time for domestic life. All this has passed. There is only time for one thing, and that is war. If the cricketer has got a straight eye, let him look along the barrel of a rifle. If the footballer has strength of limb let it serve him to march to the field of battle. If ever on this earth a war was just it is this war. That foolish man of Berlin, who has misled a great people, is trying to find himself up against something which he never knew existed, and which he never had a chance to meet, he is going to meet the spirit of a free nation, the spirit of men who know what they are fighting for, and will fight on and fight on until victory is attained. Britain can never be beaten. Britain will fight until the malice is gone upon her. Then will come a day of reckoning for this man with the words of God on his lips and the thoughts of a devil in his heart. With cool, long-headed Britishers to lead us, the guilds as we will fight in the cause of justice, and the suppression of barbarism until the appointed end. The nation needs you. There must be no waiting. Now, at this very instant, or it will be too late.

Mr William Hutchinson, of Westfield House, Drax, a retired farmer, has left £7,000.

FORMERLY OF SELBY.—The Rev. William C. Poles, the new superintendent of Wesley Circuit, York, commences his ministry in that city on Sunday. He has just completed a term of three years at Selby, and at a meeting recently held for the purpose of making him a presentation he was described as "one of the best ministers we have had in Selby." Mr Poles is a preacher of considerable power, of the evangelistic type, and delights in proclaiming the Evangel in the open-air.

SELBY'S RECRUITS.—Two hundred recruits have been secured at Selby for Lord Kitchener's new army. Among the recruiters who have responded are Edward O. Oliver, the boot-and-shoe of the Olympia Building, Selby, formerly sergeant-major in the 5th Dragoon Guards, and an old comrade of his in the same regiment, E. C. Jones, who put in nineteen years' service, and a corporal in the same regiment, Selby Olympia Works. Several of the Olympia football team and club who are army reservists are now at the front. Twenty-five members of the Selby Territorial Reserve have registered their names to join the Territorials and act as local guards at bridges and other places. The bulk of the younger men in Class I. have offered themselves for re-enlistment.

MAJOR SWETENHAM KILLED.—News has been received that Major F. Swetenham, of the Royal Scots Greys, has been killed in the recent fighting. By his death the Army has lost a smart soldier, and society a most popular personality, and charm in sport and social life. When the regiment came to York he was a captain of the Greys, and in December, 1912, was promoted to major. Major Swetenham was born at York, his father, a well-known and popular solicitor in the city, being the late Mr Edward Swetenham, of Bishopthorpe Road. He was educated at Eton, and was gazetted to the Greys in 1900. He served in the South African War, and was mentioned in despatches, and received the Queen's medal with three clasps. He was also awarded the King's medal with two clasps. He was a keen polo player, and was a member of the Ranelagh Club. He was also a good all-round sportsman, and was a member of the Bachelors' Club, Piccadilly. He married in 1907 Miss Ethel Mary Hall, daughter of Mr Hall, of Hall Park, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, and leaves a widow and one son.

Major Swetenham's brother, Captain Swetenham, is also in the Greys, and is at present in command of the regimental depot at Canterbury. Another brother, Mr Cecil Swetenham, is a well-known Yorkshire cricketer, and has played for the county for many years. He is a member of the Yorkshire Committee, and is also a member of the Marylebone Cricket Club. Another brother, Mr Edward Swetenham, is a member of the Stock Exchange, London.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT—ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held on Wednesday evening at the offices of Garforth.—Mr R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs. E. R. Archer, W. W. Hartley, T. S. Slater, H. Chappell, and H. Gascoigne, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the medical officer (Dr Pickersgill), the surveyor and inspector (Mr T. Abbott), and the water inspector (Mr. Naylor).

At a meeting of the Water Committee the inspector reported that there had been one connection made at Mr. Dixon's stables in Barwick Lane, and one water closet at No. 8, Cyprus Villas.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee a letter was read from South Seaton applying for an increase of wages, and it was resolved that the Council be recommended to increase 1s. per week.

At the Highways Committee meeting it was decided that the following work on the main roads be gone on with at once: 30 yards 9in. drain in Gosse Hill; asphalte footpath from West Garforth Lane end to a point near to Hunslet House; asphalte footpath from Consservative Club to Salisbury Terrace, and from Gascoigne Arms to the Police Station.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT

Dr Pickersgill said there were a good many cases of measles about, and he pointed out how desirable it was that children should be excluded by parents in regard to their children.

The Chairman: There is no question of closing the schools?

Dr Pickersgill: Not yet. And it is a question that it should do any good.

The Sanitary Inspector's return for six being child-bearing females.

One case of tuberculosis had been notified.

Mr Gascoigne complained of a stench arising from the brick at the Bull Pit Straw Company.

Mr Hartley said it must be contaminated with sewage, because there was a nasty smell coming from it.

WATER AND LIGHTING

Mr Naylor reported that from July 27th to August 25th the consumption of water in the area was 1,960,000 gallons, being at the rate of 44,098 gallons per day. He reported that the Gas Company had made application for water.

The Chairman: You have got the lamps lighted?

Mr Naylor: Yes.

Mr Chappell asked if he had heard about a lamp being smashed in Barley Hill Road. A lady said her little boy had broken it, and she was ready to pay for it.

Mr Naylor said that he had not seen it.

LET OVER

Two tenders were submitted for demolishing the mill chimney.

Mr Slater asked if there was any chance of the electric light being introduced, and the chimney being let stand.

The Chairman said that as for the Council to say whether they would accept one of the tenders, or not.

Mr Slater said this could stand over. They should not put any more on the rates at present.

Mr Archer said the chimney was quite safe, and it would be a very expensive job to pull it down, because the old material would not be of much use so far as road-making was concerned.

The matter was referred to the Highways Committee.

Mr Chappell moved that the Highways Committee consider the Kirkey Hill footpath improvement at their next meeting.—Mr Slater seconded, and this was agreed to.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING

The Yorkshire Electric Power Co. wrote asking the Council to support them in their application to Parliament for electric lighting powers.

The Clerk stated that when they made an application last year the Council supported them.

Mr Hartley said that if the Council wanted to start electric lighting there would be difficulties in the way of getting it in the district.

The Chairman said the Company could supply them as cheaply with electricity as they could supply themselves.

Mr Archer proposed that the Council support the application.

Mr Gascoigne seconded.—Mr Slater moved that it be adjourned to next meeting.

Mr Archer said that he could be satisfactory to him, and this was adopted.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

Crossgates Rec. v. Garforth W.M.

Halton Trav. v. Halton.

Garforth Cons. v. Crossgates.

Miss Fielden, Grimston Park, Tadcaster, is asking for knitted socks for the use of the troops, and she will forward them to the various regiments.

Mrs. John Smith's Tadcaster Brewery Co. have contributed £100 to the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund in Leeds, in addition to similar subscriptions to the West Riding and Bradford Funds.

TUESDAY EVENING SCHOOL.—John Mason, Kenneth and William C. Kettlewell, students in the industrial course at the above school for the last two years, have been awarded exhibitions by the West Riding County Council at the Leeds Technical School.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday Mr Thomas Blackburn, of South Milford, met with a serious accident. While he was harnessing a horse to a waggon preparatory to be kicked on the shoulder by a horse, which sent him into a deep pond near the field. His brother, Mr George Blackburn, of Sherburn, saw what he might have been drowned. Mr Blackburn sustained a dislocated shoulder and he is also suffering from shock.

A GENEROUS OFFER.—Mrs. John Smith, of Tadcaster, have posted the following notice at their brewery:—"Lord Kitchener appeals urgently for more men. All workmen willing to enlist in the Army can find during the continuance of the war on the following scales:—10s. per week per man; 2s. per week for each child under 10 years of age. Wives of married men in the Army will be paid 10s. per week, and in the case of single men will be refund to the credit of the workman or, upon his written authority, will be paid to his wife. On the return of the soldier he will be reinstated.

TADCASTER TOWER BEFRIENDS ANOTHER CLUB.—In connection with this club the third match of the season was played at Wheldrake on Saturday, when a mixed very small Reserves team of H. Nottingham, 2 R. Taylor, 3 F. R. Reed, 4 T. Air, 5 R. W. Pannett, 6 A. Butler, 7 W. Overall, 8 R. Kendra, 9 J. Kirby, 10 W. Moore, 11 T. Wheatley, 12 A. Beadley, 13 C. Bell, 14 J. Capel, 15 H. Taylor, 16 R. Overall, 17 A. T. Taylor, 18 T. Kitchin. Special prizes were won by T. Air for heaviest fish, H. Nottingham for greatest number, R. Kendra for most variety, T. R. Reed for heaviest roach, F. Taylor for second heaviest roach, and R. W. Pannett for heaviest eel.

A WHITKIRK RESIDENT AND FOOTBALL

Mr J. Connor, of Whitkirk (President of the West Riding Football Association), who was for several years President of the Barkston Ash Association, writes:—

Following upon the decision of the Emergency Committee of the West Riding County Association, given in Leeds on Tuesday night, by which they decided to abandon the West Riding Junior and Amateur Cup Competitions, and to recommend that all competitions (both League and Cup) sanctioned by the Association or any of its local associations be abandoned for the present, I should like to appeal to all the associations and leagues in the West Riding to carry out the recommendation of the Emergency Committee without delay. In the grave crisis now affecting this country, I feel that it is the foremost duty of every young player to realise his responsibility, and either join the colours, or endeavour to make himself so efficient that when called upon he will be able to worthily uphold the prestige and traditions of English football.

Some serious inconvenience and monetary loss will be bound to arise through the abandonment of football matches, but compared with the ultimate and stimulating results by which the arms of this country will benefit, the present inconvenience deserves very slight consideration. I hope that, where junior clubs have already rented football grounds, the landlords will release the clubs from any financial responsibility, and that they will take the opportunity of placing the fields at the disposal of the young men for drilling purposes.

A circular will be issued shortly by the West Riding Committee, calling together the local footballers in the various large centres, with the object of stimulating recruiting from among the players and supporters of the various clubs, and I trust the meeting in effort will be made to secure the presence of well-known public men to address them.

By these means, the Committee feel that the young men in the Riding will be made to realise that the future existence of this country is at stake, and that so far as the Committee are concerned, no hindrance shall be placed in the way of the Army authorities in building up the forces of the Army.

One hardly likes to criticise the Football League at the present time, but the sickly sentiment contained in their recent manifesto leaves a feeling of contempt in the heart of every true patriot in the country.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

KIPPAX AND CHURCH FENTON CASES.

Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsley (chairman), Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr William Crosland.

Mr V. T. Harvey applied for a stage play licence for the Mill Garth Rooms, Sherburn, on the 19th inst. for a performance in aid of the Prince of Wales' Fund.—The application was granted.

CHURCH FENTON CASE.

Fred Daniel, labourer, Church Fenton, was charged with trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway on the 16th inst.—Defendant pleaded guilty.—Mr R. B. Bleeker prosecuted.

Wm. Mosby, shuntsmaster, Church Fenton, stated that on the 17th July he saw defendant about 12.30 p.m. commence to crow over the levelcrossing. He called to defendant, who had his eyes fixed on an express, and another was coming in the opposite direction. The defendant was walking his way just in time to avoid being knocked down.

Defendant said he was quite ignorant he was trespassing, as he saw other people going over.

Fined 2s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

A KIPPAX DEFENDANT.

Edward Wrigglil, miner, Kippax, was charged with using threats to Rose Ann Steel on the 18th August. The case was adjourned to next Court.

A CLOTHESPIN APRON.

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A sum of £21 was collected at Wetherby Church for the National Relief Fund.

ASTLEY'S SUICIDE.—A verdict of "suicide from natural causes" was returned at an inquest held on Monday night at Cowthorpe on the body of William Steel (93), Oldfield Place, Wetherby, who died suddenly on Sunday. He had suffered from bronchitis and asthma, and while proceeding to his "pegs" to take part in a fishing match he was seen to fall. When picked up he was dead.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A movement has been initiated at Cardiff to abstain from all sport while the war lasts.

Mauritius planters have offered 1,000,000lbs. of sugar each to the Admiralty and the Army.

Peter Paul Surkow, a Gaghan, was on Monday sentenced to six months' imprisonment for loitering near important works at Rosenau.

King Manuel, in a letter to Capt. Contidas, the Portuguese Royalist leader, states that he has personally offered his services to the King of England.

The fact that in this great national crisis sport is still occupying this time and thought of large numbers of our young men, has called forth very severe comment.

The late Mr James William G. Hobbs, who was sentenced to penal servitude in connection with the Liberator failure, left estate valued for probate at £3,757 gross.

Prince Albert, it is announced, is making good progress towards recovery from the illness which necessitated his removal from the Collingwood to a nursing home in Aberdeen.

The Great Eastern steamers will leave Parkeston Quay, Harwich, for Antwerp at daylight, on Monday, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Only British with passports will be carried.

The late Mr John Lyle, a director of Messrs Abram Lyle and Sons, Ltd., sugar refiners, left estate of a gross value of £452,035. The duties on the property will amount to about £58,000.

The Grimsby trawler Fijian reports that while fishing in the North Sea she struck a mine with her trawl. The mine exploded, but fortunately the ship escaped injury. The trawl itself was blown to pieces.

Mr Lansing, counsellor of the State Department at Washington, says that the warships of belligerents are privileged to board American merchantmen and to remove subjects of the enemy en route for the world.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has graciously sent to the London Chamber of Commerce a contribution of £200 in aid of the outlays involved in carrying out the movement for supplying newspapers for the Fleet.

Captain Theodore Schlegentwert, formerly German Consul at Manchester, who was fined a few days ago for going more than five miles beyond his residence, was on Saturday arrested as a prisoner of war, and handed over to the military authorities.

The attitude of German Colonists in the West of Canada, particularly in the Humboldt and Rosthern districts in Saskatchewan is causing resentment. German publications are openly espousing the enemy's cause, and outbreaks are feared. It is stated that the Provincial Government are considering the question of arrests of Germans and the suppression of their papers.

The King received at Buckingham Palace on Saturday the Belgian Minister in London, who, it is understood, called personally to thank the King, in the name of his Majesty the King of Belgians, for the expression of high appreciation of the devoted bravery of the Belgian troops and the valuable assistance rendered by them to the Allies.

Prince Albert, the King's second son, has been landed at Aberdeen, and is now in a nursing home, in charge of Sir James Reid. Symptoms of appendicitis were diagnosed, and as a result he was transferred to the hospital ship prior to being landed at Aberdeen. The trouble is taking a normal course, and there is no immediate cause for anxiety.

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Affecting scenes were witnessed on Sunday, at Folkestone, among the refugees who arrived from Belgium. Two English-born married Hartland and Hulbert, natives of Birmingham, with their wives and seven little children, arrived from Antwerp, where they had resided for 20 years. They said they had lost everything, and considered themselves fortunate in escaping with their lives. They had been taken for Germans, and narrowly escaped being shot before they were identified as English.

Remarkable is making very satisfactory progress in Bull, where a few days ago the returns were disappointing. Colonel Lonsdale Hall, who was appointed recruiting officer for West Hull, made the experiment of inviting men to sign for service in the Woolsack Barracks on Monday, and he succeeded to the extent of one score enrolled for enlistment in the Field and Horse Artillery, the cavalry, and the Coldstream Guards. The men were drawn chiefly from the railway workers, the oil refiners, municipal employees, and teachers, and others under the Hull Education Committee.

The Episcopal Palace at Llandaff has been destroyed by fire. The Bishop and family were away, the only servants being servants.

The Postmaster-general has directed that in future no charge is to be made by the Post Office on unpaid letters received from British troops serving abroad.

Several Belgian newspapers have opened columns for "lost and found" persons, as this is the only means by which missing relatives can be traced.

The American Red Cross Society has chartered the Hamburg-Amerika steamer, Hamburg, which will sail on Saturday conveying 200 nurses and surgeons to the seat of the war.

Lord St. Audries, addressing the Taunton and West Somerset Farmers' Club, said it was absolutely essential that farmers should not sacrifice their breeding stock however much they were tempted by high prices to sell.

The body of a seaman named John Ryan, of Liverpool, was found decapitated on the rails near the docks at Barry on Saturday, he having been run over on the way to join his ship.

The Management Committee of the Football League on Monday decided in view of the advice that business be "carried on as usual" the game should pursue its course, but that clubs should assist the war funds and players should train to be of national service.

The class lists of the Cambridge Local Examinations show that the number of candidates examined, exclusive of 547 at the Colonial centres, was 8,042. In the senior examination 1,306 boys and 1,666 girls passed, first class honours being gained by 104 boys and 29 girls.

According to a telegram from Paris travellers arriving in Florence state that the English, Russian, and French Pavilions at the Printing Exhibition in Leipzig, containing marvellous collections, have been burnt. It is alleged that no effort was made by the city authorities to stop the fire.

Lord Milner, in a letter, calls attention to next year's expected shortage in the wheat supply, and urges the importance of the cultivation of land in France, Germany, Austria, and Russia, and recommends British farmers to cultivate a large extent of land to provide for the future supply.

The Amateur Football Association have decided, in consequence of the war, to suspend all competitions under their jurisdiction, and steps are to be taken to form a unit for the service of the country. Rugby Union clubs all over the country are cancelling their arrangements, and members are joining the forces.

The National Relief Fund having decided to reject the Burdett Guardians poor-law relief granted to soldiers' and sailors' dependents since the outbreak of the war the Local Government Board has instructed that the names of the recipients be erased from guardians' records, and that the help be not treated as poor relief.

Word was received at Cardiff, on Tuesday afternoon, that the Hon. Archer Windsor-Clive, a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, son of the Earl of Plymouth, Lord-Lieutenant of Glamorgan, has died from wounds he received in the battle near Mons. The young lieutenant, who was 23 years of age, was exceedingly popular with his father's tenantry in Glamorgan.

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Affecting scenes were witnessed on Sunday, at Folkestone, among the refugees who arrived from Belgium. Two English-born married Hartland and Hulbert, natives of Birmingham, with their wives and seven little children, arrived from Antwerp, where they had resided for 20 years. They said they had lost everything, and considered themselves fortunate in escaping with their lives. They had been taken for Germans, and narrowly escaped being shot before they were identified as English.

Remarkable is making very satisfactory progress in Bull, where a few days ago the returns were disappointing. Colonel Lonsdale Hall, who was appointed recruiting officer for West Hull, made the experiment of inviting men to sign for service in the Woolsack Barracks on Monday, and he succeeded to the extent of one score enrolled for enlistment in the Field and Horse Artillery, the cavalry, and the Coldstream Guards. The men were drawn chiefly from the railway workers, the oil refiners, municipal employees, and teachers, and others under the Hull Education Committee.

SAGAR-MUSGRAVE CRICKET CUP

FINAL AT CROSSGATES.

SEACROFT AGAIN VICTORIOUS.

The final for the Sagar-Musgrave Challenge Cup took place on the Crossgates Club's ground on Saturday afternoon before a fair attendance of spectators. The finalists were Seacroft and Halton Wesleyans, who have played remarkably well throughout the season.

Winning the toss, the captain of the Seacroft eleven, D. Burton, partnered by G. Thompson, went out to the wickets to bat. The pitch was in excellent condition, but batsmen and fielders alike were at a disadvantage owing to the bad light, due to storm clouds which threatened to break at any moment; but which fortunately passed over. Burton soon made himself at home at the wicket and his stay there promised to be a long one. He was showing capital form and had rattled up 34, when he sent the ball into the hands of G. O. Bell, who cleverly held it. It was a smart piece of work and was very heartily applause from the spectators. Thompson retired in the early stages of the game, owing to G. O. Bell, who, along with C. Bell, was having a spell at bowling, scattering his wickets. His place was taken by T. Toft, who made a good stand for his sixteen runs. This was another wicket down owing to the alertness of G. O. Bell. With Thompson and Toft dismissed, the board registered 98 runs for a loss of two wickets. G. Stead then filled the breach. H. Wilson, who had taken Isther Foster's place, also afforded Burton a splendid opportunity to make several "stones" off his bowling. A little later C. E. Batty was put on in place of G. O. Bell, and his second ball was effective in causing Stead to place the leather straight into C. Bell's hands. C. Johnson went in to assist Burton, and at the conclusion of the over A. Powell took the ball from Wilson. Johnson's stay at the wicket was just sufficiently long to enable him to break his "duck," but he was nearly caught in a similar manner to Toft. However, C. Batty, a little later, bowled him. E. Johnson, the next man in, used his bat well, although only four runs fell to his credit. When Robinson was dispatched the register showed 78 runs with six wickets down, and I. Fryer, H. Atack, and P. Taylor went to the wickets in a steady procession, it being left to J. Pocklington to make the most big score of 26, which were quickly got by a succession of boundary hits. H. Toft, the last man to go in, made eight, and the innings closed for a total of 140. D. Burton, who did the honours on the side of the trundling for the Wesleyans, took five wickets at an average of 3.4 runs per wicket, a splendid feat. H. Wilson captured 2 for 12, and P. Powell 2 for 23.

C. M. Kilburn (captain) and J. Popplewell opened the game for the Wesleyans, facing the bowling of D. Burton and C. Johnson. The latter bowler opened with a couple of maiden overs. Popplewell played splendid cricket, but he had the misfortune to lose his partner early on, he being bowled by Burton with a single run to his credit. C. Batty filled the vacancy, but it was some time before the pair could get properly going. Bowling changes were made, Pickersgill coming on in place of Johnson, and Bell relieving with Burton. Attack, in his place behind the wickets, was ever alert and never lost a fair opportunity, and it was by his efforts that Popplewell's fine knock was brought about. The scoring was very slow, and Crosthwaite, who took the bat from Popplewell, only added three runs to the score. G. O. Bell, who then took his place at the wicket, was in excellent form, and for Batty, and between them they increased the score slowly but surely. During this pair's spell at the wickets the ball changed hands between Pickersgill and the Seacroft side. Halton had been batting for quite an hour and sixty runs were down to their credit. Batty continued to bat and when ten more runs had been added Bell had the misfortune to be caught out. C. E. Batty followed, but he quickly fell a victim to Bell's bowling. Two more wickets had fallen for 71 runs, and two more fell with only another eleven added. S. Batty was run out—another piece of Attack's smartness, and the next batsman to take his place at a cost of twenty-one runs, the innings closing for 103.

Seacroft had shown some very smart fielding, throwing nothing away. Eight bowlers had been tried, and of these Stead displayed the best form in taking two wickets for six runs, while Burton had two for fourteen. Scores:—

Seacroft.	
D. Burton, c. G. 98 Bell, b Batty	34
G. Thompson, c. G. O. Bell	6
G. Stead, c. C. Bell, b Batty	10
T. Toft, c. G. O. Bell, b H. Wilson	16
C. Johnson, b Batty	4
E. Johnson, c. Powell, b Batty	2
I. Fryer, Bw, b Batty	3
H. Atack, c. Popplewell, b Powell	7
P. Taylor, b Powell	9
J. W. Pickersgill, c. C. Bell, b Wilson	26
H. Toft, not out	8
Extras	6
Total	129

Halton Wesleyans.	
C. M. Kilburn, b Burton	1
J. Popplewell, run out	13
S. Batty, run out	30
G. D. Crosthwaite, b Stead	3
G. O. Bell, c. Atack, b Taylor	35
C. E. Batty, b T. Toft	1
J. A. Popplewell, b C. Johnson	8
C. Bell, b Stead	2
A. Powell, run out	7
H. Wilson, not out	9
L. Stephens, c. T. Toft, b Burton	2
Extras	10
	103

THE CUP PRESENTED

Immediately after the match, the trophy was presented to the winners by Mr W. B. Pindar, who said that it gave him the honour of presenting the cup to the Seacroft Club so often that it was very difficult to find anything new to say about them. They were like the British Army. They should stand up to the bowling up to the good traditions. (Hear, hear). They had already won the cup three times, and they had that afternoon played a brilliant game and fully deserved their honour of taking it home once more. (Cheers). He was sure that those who had had the opportunity of watching the game must have been pleased with the manner in which it had been played, and the bowling up to the players. Now, he had a word to say about the Halton Wesleyans. It seemed strange that only three years ago they were playing in the junior division, and when they began to think whether they would join the senior division or not, they were very nervous, and thought they were scarcely good enough. He hoped they were satisfied with their venture. They had proved themselves worthy opponents of the Seacroft, and he said he had other work to do.

to other junior clubs. Of course, Seacroft were a croft Club, and he hoped it would be an example experienced in final matches, while Halton Wesleyans were only beginners, and they had seen one or two errors of judgment. However, he was sure that when they had a little more experience they would get over all that, and they would see a different complexion put upon the game. (Applause).

The cup, which had been filled with home brewed beer instead of champagne, following the precedent of the previous Saturday's final, the object being to forward the balance to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund, was then presented by Mr D. Burton, the captain of the Seacroft team.

In accepting the cup, Mr Burton said it was the fifth time he had been the captain of the Seacroft team, and it was the fifth time he had received the cup. He congratulated the Halton Wesleyans upon the splendid manner in which they had played on only that day but throughout the season. He expressed the opinion that if there only stuck together they would not be long in winning the cup and the Lane Fox Cup.

Mr C. M. Kilburn, the captain of the Halton Wesleyan team, who also spoke, said he had hoped before the match to have received the cup, but a lack of experience in cupatic games had been their undoing. The match, he said, had been played in the proper spirit, and devoid of any animosity. (Applause).

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ELECTION OF BURIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

PROPOSED RELIEF WORKS IN THE AREA

A special meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices on Monday night, the chief business being the consideration of certain matters relating to the Lemonrood Sewage Works. Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presided, and other members present were Messrs G. W. Blakey (vice-chairman), W. Wade, H. Wade, Cockden, H. Kirkby, S. Isobson, R. McCullough, W. Robinson, W. Lunn, and W. Speak, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the surveyor (Mr J. Southwart), and the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moore).

The Chairman intimated that the question of the Lemonrood Sewage Works was of rather a pressing nature and suggested that it should be discussed in committee.

This was agreed to, and it was decided to proceed with the public business first. This included the election of five members to the Joint Cemetery Board.

The Clerk read the qualifications governing the election of members, and said that the five members must necessarily be on the Urban District Council, while the Chairman had to be elected ex-officio. Should the Chairman not desire to be on the Board then the vice-chairman must be elected in his place. He also explained that the Hunslet Rural District Council would elect three representatives, making nine members of the Board in all.

Mr Hirst then asked for nominations, and Mr McCullough moved that Messrs Corden, Chadwick, Blakey, Lunn, and Kirkby be the five elected, and this proposition was seconded by Mr Speak.

Mr W. Wade said he thought Stourton ought to be represented on the Board.

Mr Corden moved that Mr W. Wade take his place. This was seconded by Mr Lunn.

On a vote being taken the result was as follows:—Messrs Corden (3), Chadwick (8), Blakey (3), Lunn (3), Kirkby (6), W. Wade (6).

The Clerk suggested that another vote be taken on the three lowest and this resulted in Mr Kirkby receiving six votes, Mr Lunn five and Mr Corden two.

Mr Corden was accordingly declared not elected.

Mr F. Chairman said he had received a letter from the Rothwell Branch of the Independent Labour Party.

The letter was as follows:—To the Chairman of the Rothwell Urban District Council—At the monthly meeting of the above party the following resolution was passed:—This Branch of the Independent Labour Party urges upon the Rothwell Urban District Council the necessity of setting in motion at once relief works sufficient as is within their power, with a view of finding employment for citizens within the area of the above Council who are now totally unemployed or totally unemployed during the European crisis."

Mr Lunn said they were told they had no distress in the district. The pits were working fairly well in comparison with others not in the same area. They had not so many men away from the front as other districts, but they were not able to say what was likely to develop out of the crisis. The Council ought to take steps to consider any works that were necessary so as to provide work for men who might be unemployed partially unemployed. There were men working short time—hundreds of men in the district, and they might be working even less time than they were now, and if the Council had work to do, as it had, and it could be done, it would find the best means of relief possible. He knew it was difficult to get money for some of these projects. Housing was an important matter that ought to be dealt with by the Council. However, it would take time for it to generate into a proper scheme. If anything could be done that would simply cost the labour that was the kind of work wanted. The Cemetery Board might get to work, and Skye Bank could be put into proper order, for as could be another thing he would like to suggest, and that was that the Council get permission from Lord Stourton to clean out the dam, so as to turn it into a lake.

The Chairman: The land there belongs to Major Cawthra.

Mr Lunn: Better so. I move that the Council ask Major Cawthra if he will grant the space for the purpose of the dam into a public lake. If we have men out of work it would give immediate relief and would cost very little to the Council with the exception of the labour.

Mr Robinson seconded, and said that he had been speaking to a worker who had expressed the opinion that they would sooner have some work than charity. He (Mr Robinson) thought that would be the case all round.

The Chairman: Don't you think there are other things that could be done quite as well?

Mr Lunn: I think the roads can be done as cheaply and means so much labour.

Mr Corden said he thought it would be better if they kept to the matter in hand.

Mr Dobson agreed, and said it would be a pity when if they got the cemetery into working order they had to close it down. It was very unfair.

Mr Blakey said nothing would be lost by the Council making enquiries.

Mr Lunn remarked that he did not move the resolution in opposition to any other scheme.

The resolution was put and carried.

Mr McHugh moved that the Highways Committee be recommended to improve Stye Bank.

Mr Dobson seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Mr Blakey called attention to the condition of the footpath on the Long Pastures going towards the well.

Mr Hirst said the matter should be referred to the Highways Committee.

A seconder was found and the resolution was carried.

Mr Speak asked if the Council could do a little more road sweeping at Carlton. They only had one man, and he had from Oulcoates Green, Leadwell Lane, and Carlton. The Leadwell Lane residents complained of the road never being swept, and when the man was asked

WILL LOCAL COMPETITION FOOTBALL BE ABANDONED?

The Cup and Emergency Committee of the West Riding County Football Association met at the Grand Central Hotel, Leeds, on Tuesday night, Mr J. Connor (President) presiding.

After discussing at length the question of whether or not the football programme should be proceeded with in view of the war, it was unanimously decided to abandon the Amateur Cup Competition and the County Cup Competition for the present. It was further decided to recommend that all competitions, League and Cup, sanctioned by the association or by any local association under its jurisdiction, be abandoned for the present.

This recommendation, which affects some 500 clubs in the Riding, will be considered by the management committees of the various Leagues, and it is expected that the opinion of the committee will be accepted, and that the programmes will be abandoned.

The committee further decided to arrange for meetings to be held in Leeds, Bradford, Dewsbury, Wakefield, Keighley, Huddersfield, and Castleford, with a view to stimulating recruiting among the players and supporters of the various clubs.

It was decided that the profits accruing from the Senior Cup semi-finals should be handed over to the National Relief Fund.

A TADCASTER MAGISTRATE'S OFFER.

In publishing the notice below Mr W. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, of Askham Grange, writes as follows to the Editor of the "Yorkshire Herald":—

Perhaps if you would be so good as to print the enclosed in your paper, my preliminary remarks might make some young fellows think. There are heaps of young fellows hanging about doing nothing but amusing themselves, who are to outward appearance fit to fight. I wish the women and girls would make a point of ostracising all such, and for very shame they would have to do their duty.

It is the duty of every unmarried man of right age and medically fit, to fight for his country; if he won't do this, he is no man, and his neighbours should shun him and the women look down on him.

To any man in my employ who enlists for active service abroad for the period of the war, I will give a bounty of £5, and keep his place open for him on his return.

To any man in employ who enlists for home defence, I will give a bounty of £2, and keep his place open for him.

Yours, &c., W. F. WAILES-FAIRBAIRN,

Askham Richard, August 29th, 1914.

RILEY SMITH SHIELD FINAL AT BARWICK.

The referees appointed for the final match between Garforth Wes. and Tadcaster A at Barwick on Saturday are Messrs C. Plews (Halton Wes.) and W. Crosland (Scholes).

FOOTBALL MATCHES AND REFEREES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

Clarence Ironworks v. Waterloo Main Colliery. Mr. J. T. Lawson.

New Wortley Juns. Rovers v. Rothwell Parish Church. Mr. A. Holmes.

Garforth White Rose v. Thornhill Lees Albion. Mr. F. Jackson.

Calverley v. Fryston Colliery. Mr L. Jones.

Methley Perseverance v. East Ardsley United. Mr. F. Tyas.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Bowers Albion v. Oulton St. John's. Mr W. Lupton.

East End Athletic v. Kippax Woodville. Mr C. Sturgill.

Shadwell Colliery v. Methley Perseverance R. Mr. H. Field.

Thorpe Stapleton Wes. v. Stourton United. Mr R. W. Smithers.

HOW TO DEAL WITH PRODUCE.

The Leeds University have had before their notice the necessity for giving information for the guidance of farmers, horticulturists, and poultry keepers as to how they should deal with their produce under the present circumstances. They have issued a great deal of interesting information and practical hints applicable to Yorkshire and to the present state of things. The Council are willing to the fullest extent the resources of the land and poultry stock and to supplement the normal food supplies by catch crops upon vacant and waste ground in cultivated.

Plots of land that are normally allowed to lie vacant for the winter should be cropped forthwith. Thus, after early potatoes, seed of such crops as Red Giant mustard and Rape may be sown broadcast.

Small roots may be made, but in any case a quantity of useful "greens" in the form of kale will be forthcoming in March next. Late "greens," prickly seed spring cabbage, and leeks and cabbages are other useful crops. Rough waste land that may be broken up during the coming autumn and sown with planted early next March with Jerusalem artichokes.

It would at present be inadvisable to dispose of poultry stock, is the special advice of the University. The fear that the prices of poultry food will so increase as to make it impossible for poultry to be profitable may not be realised. There is every prospect that eggs will realise sufficiently high prices to compensate for the increased cost of production. It is, therefore, inadvisable to dispose of any fowls that are approaching a profitable age, since it is necessary to maintain, as far as possible, the egg supply as a part of the nation's food, and especially to meet the requirements of the hospitals.

EGGS AS FOOD.

Would it not be wise to substitute more eggs or meat in our daily diet. About one-third of an egg is solid nutriment. This is more than half the weight of the yolk, and is a striking remarks. There are no bones, no tough pieces that have to be laid aside. A good egg is made up of two parts white, one part yolk, and thirty parts yolk. The white of an egg contains only 1 per cent. of fat, and the yolk 32 per cent. Practically an egg is animal food. The vegetarians in England are very few indeed, and many of these men are eighty and ninety years old, and have been remarkably free from sickness. Eggs are best when cooked four minutes; this makes away the animal taste, which is offensive to some, but does not harden the white or yolk so as to make them difficult to digest. An egg, if fresh, is very hard, is difficult of digestion, and kept by those persons possessed of strong stomachs; such eggs should be eaten with bread, and not fried very freely.

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LEEDS.

TIME TABLE FOR SEPTEMBER.

LEEDS, CROSSGATES, GARFORTH, KIPPAX, & MICKLEFIELD.

	X				A				Y			
	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
Leeds	3 54	5 7	6 30	6 35	6 50	8 0	8 15	8 30	9 13	9 50	10 15	10 35
Marsh Lane		5 11	6 33	6 38	6 53	8 3	8 18	.....	9 16	9 53	10 18	10 38
Crossgates	0	5 20	6 42	6 46	7 1	8 11	8 26	.....	9 25	10 2	10 32	10 47
Garforth		5 27	.....	6 53	7 8	.....	8 33	8 43	.....	.....	10 38	10 43
Kippax		.....	.....	7 15	.....	.....	8 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 50
Micklefield		5 38	.....	6.m	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 45	10 56

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	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Leeds	11 15	12 10	12 36	12 40	1 7	1 25	1 38	1 50	2 10	3 30	4 6	4 25
Marsh Lane	11 18	12 13	12 39	12 43	1 10	1 28	1 41	1 53	2 13	3 33	4 9	4 28
Crossgates	11 26	12 21	12 47	12 51	1 18	1 36	1 49	2 1	2 21	3 41	4 17	4 36
Rural District		12 28	12 44	12 59	1 25	.....	1 55	2 19	2 38	3 48	4 24	4 43
Kippax		12 35	.....	.....	1 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 55	.....	.....
Micklefield		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 3	2 25	.....	4 01	.....	.....

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	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Leeds	5 0	5 30	5 43	6 8	6 35	7 15	7 35	8 0
Marsh Lane		5 33	5 46	6 11	6 38	7 18	7 38	8 3
Crossgates	5 8	5 42	5 55	6 20	6 47	7 27	7 47	8 12
Garforth	5 14	.....	6 1	6 26	6 53	7 34	.....	8 18
Kippax		.....	6 23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Micklefield	5 20	.....	6 0	6 39	.....	.....	.....	8 24

	Y											
	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Leeds	8 30	8 56	9 0	9 15	6 47	9 0	9 47	10 45				
Marsh Lane	8 33	8 59	9 3	9 18	6 51	9 3	9 50	10 48				
Crossgates	8 42	9 8	9 12	9 27	7 0	9 12	9 59	10 57				
Garforth	8 48	9 14	9 18	9 33	7 6	9 19	10 6	11 3				
Micklefield	8 54	.....	.....	.....	7 15	9 25	10 12	.....				

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Leeds	7 54	9 0	9 15	6 47	9 0	9 47	10 45					
Marsh Lane	7 57	9 4	9 18	6 51	9 3	9 50	10 48					
Crossgates	8 6	9 12	9 27	7 0	9 12	9 59	10 57					
Garforth	8 12	9 19	9 33	7 8	9 19	10 6	11 3					
Micklefield	8 18	.....	.....	7 15	9 25	10 12	.....					

MICKLEFIELD, KIPPAX, GARFORTH, CROSSGATES, & LEEDS.

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	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
Micklefield	.....	6 9	7 8	.....	7 50	.....	.....	8 16	.....	8 50	.....	.....
Kippax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 10	.....	9 50	.....
Garforth	5 16	6 16	7 17	.....	7 57	.....	.....	8 18	8 22	.....	9 59	.....
Crossgates	5 23	6 23	7 23	7 28	8 3	8 17	.....	8 24	8 29	8 58	9 3	9 39
Marsh Lane	5 32	6 32	7 32	7 37	8 14	8 26	8 32	8 37	9	9 10	9 12	9 48
Leeds	5 35	6 35	7 34	7 40	8 16	8 29	8 35	8 40	9	9 15	9 20	10 16

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	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
Micklefield	.....	11 44	11 52	.....	1 14	2 4	2 31	3 48
Kippax	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garforth	11 2	.....	11 52	11 58	.....	2 10	2 12	3 54
Crossgates	11 8	11 35	11 58	12 5	12 5	2 18	2 25	4 00
Marsh Lane	11 16	11 44	12 7	12 14	12 14	2 27	2 34	4 09
Leeds	11 19	11 46	12 9	12 17	12 17	2 30	2 37	4 12

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	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Micklefield	3 33	4 15	.....	5 11	.....	5 57	.....	6 51	7 27	.....	.....	8 5
Kippax	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 14
Garforth	3 39	4 21	.....	5 19	5 25	.....	6 4	.....	6 57	7 33	.....	8 14
Crossgates	3 46	4 28	4 41	.....	5 31	5 37	6 10	6 41	7 4	7 40	7 46	8 10
Marsh Lane	3 54	4 36	4 49	.....	5 39	5 45	6 18	6 49	7 12	7 48	7 54	8 18
Leeds	3 57	4 39	4 54	5 34	5 42	5 49	6 10	6 51	7 15	7 50	7 59	8 21

	C	Y	B	
	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Micklefield	8 56	9 38	9 51	11 2
Kippax	.....	.....	10 42	.....
Garforth	.....	9 2	.....	11 2
Crossgates	8 41	9 0	9 39	9 50
Marsh Lane	8 48	9 8	9 47	.....
Leeds	8 53	9 21	9 50	8 10

SUNDAYS				
	a.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Micklefield	8 47	.....	6 1	7 46
Garforth	8 53	2 45	6 7	7 52
Crossgates	9 0	2 53	6 13	7 59
Marsh Lane	9 0	3 1	6 21	8 8
Leeds	9 12	3 4	6 23	8 11

SUNDAYS				
	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Micklefield	8 47	.....	6 1	7 46
Garforth	8 53	2 45	6 7	7 52
Crossgates	9 0	2 53	6 13	7 59
Marsh Lane	9

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

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CHAPTER XIII.

If someone had suddenly told Phillipa Manchester that her father had come to life again, she could scarcely have been more surprised than she was by the cashier's announcement. She stared at him with dilating eyes, wondering if he had taken leave of his senses—if some strange event, some sudden illness, had upset his mental balance. But the steadily calm face sitting before her was not Stead's. Stead she had always known—the cool, calm, imperturbable young man, scrupulously dressed after his quiet and almost sombre fashion, and evidently quite master of himself. And she turned white and—as red and white can—when she again realised the significance of the announcement which he had made to her almost as unconcernedly as he might have announced any arrival event connected with the colliery.

"I—I do not understand," she faltered.

The cashier drew his chair a little nearer to hers, and spoke again in his usual even tones and in a guardedly low voice. "I will repeat what I said," he almost whispered. "It is time now for me to clear your cousin Sir Clinton on the charge of——"

Phillipa raised a hand. "Don't, please!" she said. "I can't bear to hear that mentioned. But"—she paused and continued to gaze at him in astonishment—"but if that is the announcement you make, why did you not do so at the hearing before the magistrates?"

Stead, who never ceased to watch her, smiled faintly. It was rarely, as all who knew him were aware, that he ever did smile, and when he did the effect was inscrutable. It seemed to Phillipa that it was more inscrutable than ever on this occasion.

"It was perhaps not in my power to do so then," he said.

"Why, I see," said Phillipa; "you have heard of new evidence—perhaps you have discovered some! Of course, you will see the solicitor and the police, at once, Mr. Stead?"

She was wondering why he had not gone to police and solicitor before, instead of coming to her. And, as if his deep eyes were able to read her very thoughts, he immediately referred to what was in her mind.

"I came to you in the first instance," he said.

"Yes—why particularly to me?" she asked.

"Because you are the first person concerned," he answered.

Again Phillipa gazed at him in blank wonder. It was a full minute before she could find words.

"I?" she exclaimed. "I think my cousin Sir Clinton is the first person concerned, Mr. Stead!"

The cashier again smiled his faint, inscrutable smile. "In a certain sense, yes," he said; "in another sense, no."

"I still fail to comprehend your meaning," she said.

Stead, who had been smoothing the hat which lay on his knee, and regarding it as he might have regarded a cat or a pet dog, suddenly looked at her with a penetrating gaze.

"On the evidence that was put before the magistrates, do you think your cousin will be acquitted?" he asked her.

Phillipa felt herself beginning to be ashamed. She knew that her father had trusted Marshall Stead, that he had encouraged and helped him, and had allowed him to be intimate, but she herself had always felt a curious dislike of him, amounting almost to repulsion, and she had a keener instinct than any personal arguments with him. And her tone unconsciously assumed something of coldness and reserve.

"I do not see any necessity for discussing that," she replied.

"Pardon me," said Stead, "but I do. It is relative to what I have to say. Miss Manners-ley, I think you should not have heard your cousin——naturally."

Phillipa felt that he had got the best of her there, and was none the better pleased with herself.

"In that case," she said, "yes, I do think Sir Clinton will be acquitted."

Stead inclined his head as if he had quite expected her answer. "So a great many people think and say," he observed. "I rely on the evidence of the man King—Ginger King."

"I believe," said Phillipa, who was becoming more and more displeased, "I believe that King's evidence has been proved to be true."

"By whom?" asked Stead.

"By the police," answered Phillipa.

Stead looked. He looked round the room, not as if searching for possible eavesdroppers, but as though considering something. After a moment's silence he faced Phillipa again.

"Miss Mannersley," he said, "King's evidence was false. King was not outside the Castle that night. As a matter of fact—of truth—Phillipa, at the time he said he was at the Castle, outside that particular window, was poaching." And at the next hearing King's evidence will be proved by the two men who were with him in Littlecote Spinney."

Phillipa stared at him with eyes in which incredulousness struggled with fear. "But the boot-prints!" she exclaimed.

"These men will prove that King, seeing a light in the study window as they passed, all three, down the lane at the side of your grounds, climbed over a wall to look, for

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

A RELIEVING OFFICER'S PROMOTION.

HOW MONEY IS SPENT BY RECIPIENTS OF RELIEF.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardian Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr J. Gavins (vice-chairman), presiding. Other members present were: Mrs E. Parker Dickenson, Rev. T. Cody, Messrs T. G. Conyers, P. S. Marsden, D. W. Hargreaves, J. Bannister, E. B. Pickersgill, J. Butterick, T. Bennett, W. Lunn, J. W. Verity, W. Hemingway, H. I. Pulford, G. W. Peace, Dr. E. Groves, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

HOMES COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee a letter was received from the Rothwell Urban District Council with further reference to the charges for water supply, and asking to be furnished with further information respecting supplies to the other authorities' institutions referred to by the Guardians. It was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to furnish the desired information as far as possible.

A circular letter was received from the Board of Agriculture suggesting the expediency of giving away to cottagers for autumn planting any spare seedlings to help to maintain the food supplies of the country during and after the war, and the desirability of employers arranging for any practical gardeners in their service giving instruction and help to persons with gardens to enable them to get the best results from such gardens. It was suggested that the best way in which the committee might help would be by cultivating all the spare land for corn for one year. It was resolved that the matter be adjourned for a month.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee the minutes reported that there had been one death in the institution during the past fortnight. A letter similar to that received by the Homes Committee from the Board of Agriculture was read, and it was resolved that the matter be authorized to give any seedlings not wanted to suitable applicants.

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Yorkshire Vagrancy Committee asking for his advice as to the number and position of any of the proposed bread stations which should be provided in the Union, and enquired the views of the committee thereon. It was proposed by Mr Appleyard, and seconded by Mr Conyers, that it be recommended that a bread station be provided in Hunslet Road. An amendment was proposed by Mr Stead, and seconded by Mr Pulford, to substitute that it be left with the Clerk to suggest a suitable station or stations, having regard to the geographical conditions. This was carried, the resolution being lost. A further amendment was proposed by Father Cody, and seconded by Mr W. Verity, that in the opinion of this committee it is not desirable to have any bread station whatever in the Union. Upon a vote being taken the further amendment was lost.

MISS SEDMAN'S REQUEST.

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee showed that a letter was received from Miss Sedman, the former vaccination officer of the Union, asking that a cheque be made out to her in payment of the amount due to her for vaccination fees, and that such be sent on to her at Sydney, New South Wales. It was resolved that the Guardians be instructed to pay the amount on the production of a receipt.

Mr Bennett asked when the amount was due for, and the Clerk replied that the amount—£6 16s.—was for fees accruing over to her when she went out to Australia.

The minutes were passed.

RELIEVING OFFICER'S PROMOTION.

A letter was read from Mr G. W. Steel, relieving officer, of Rothwell, who is at present stationed at Beckett's Park, Leeds, thanking the Board for their kindness in allowing him part of his salary while he is away. The letter added that the Guardians might be pleased to hear that since he had settled at Beckett's Park he had been twice promoted, firstly to corporal on August 19th, and secondly to sergeant on August 24th, which meant an increase in his daily allowance from the War Office of 2s. 2d. He suggested that the Guardians might wish to reconsider their proposal at the last meeting.

After various suggestions it was decided to endorse the amount allowed by one-third.

HOW MONEY IS SPENT.

A lengthy letter was read by the Clerk from Miss Conyers, the assistant relieving officer, asking the application of the allowances of relief. After four months' experience, Miss Conyers wrote, she was dissatisfied with the manner in which people who were in receipt of relief from the Guardians are using their money. Very often it was pointed out, food which was quite unsuitable and not nourishing was given to the children. She suggested that the Guardians give her permission to have pamphlets printed containing recipes for nourishing food.

Father Cody moved that where Miss Conyers came across cases of people putting relief money to the wrong purpose, such people be brought before the committee, while in future the assistant relieving officer continue to give people any necessary advice.

The Clerk said it would be very difficult to single cases out.

Mr Bennett, who did not agree with the proposal, said that the people who received relief were not the class of people to take such advice kindly.

Mr Butterick said the letter showed that Miss Conyers was very anxious to fulfil her duties in the best possible manner. He would point out, however, that the Guardians were only there to administer relief and not to say in what way the money should be used.

Mrs Dickenson, who spoke in support of Mrs Conyers' suggestion, said she thought the Guardians were looking at the proposal in a very strong light. There would be no harm, such people would take no offence if recipes were sent them.

Dr Groves agreed.

Mr Gavins, who said that no resolution was before them in the matter, was also of the opinion that the letter had not been looked at in the proper light. The assistant relieving officer only asked that she should give advice to the women and to the best kind of food to provide for the children at the cheapest possible rate. It was neither a rule nor a regulation that Miss Conyers had expressed herself willing to undertake to give such advice. Another point was that when some of these people received the relief allowed, they should be called to in a different manner than they were at the present time. He was in a better position perhaps than any other member of the Board to note such people. He knew women who received relief from the Union who could attend a picture house two or three times a week. He asked in all seriousness whether the money in such cases was being used in the best possible manner for the children. He came across a woman only the other day who had lost her husband recently, and who was in receipt of 12s. per week from the Guardians. She had told him that she was in a better position to-day than when her husband was alive. Mr Gavins added that he was of the opinion that it was for them to educate the people how to use the money in the best possible way.

Mr J. W. Verity said he did not object to Miss Conyers giving the advice.

The Chairman again intimated that no resolution was required, and it was decided that the Board proceed with the next business.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

DISTRESS COMMITTEE FORMED FOR THE DISTRICT.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Guardians and District Council was held at Tadcaster on Monday—Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were Mr J. W. Blackburn (vice-chairman), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. Canon Grenwood (Grimston), Rev. C. D. Ash (Sexton), Messrs W. Sykes, C.C. (Tadcaster), W. Simpson (Sandy), E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), H. P. Clinch (Tadcaster), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), T. Carlton (Stutton), T. H. Prater (Partington), A. Chippendale (Scholes), R. Wright (Barwick), W. A. Dickinson (Kippax), E. Parker (Ledsham), F. Phillips (Allerton Bywater), J. H. Schofefield (Oxton), J. Wordsworth (Great Preston), E. Midgley (Colton), J. J. Foster (Sherburn), W. Pearson (Allerton Bywater), H. E. Lowe (Great Preston), A. Watson (Steeton), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton), M. H. Copley (Ryther), A. Johnson (South Milford), J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), and J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck).

The Guardians were reported to have a balance in hand of £1,284 18s. 6d.

During the previous two weeks there had been four admissions to the House, and two discharges. There are at present 86 inmates of the Workhouse, and 17 at the Bilbrough Cottage Home, against a total of 104 at the same date last year. Forty-nine vagrants had been dealt with, being the same number as a year ago.

A communication was read from the Local Government Board to the effect that it had been decided to refund to the relatives of the wives and dependents of soldiers and Territorials the relief granted to such persons since the advent of the war from the Prince of Wales' Fund. The Board up to the present have had no case.

Communications from the Yorkshire Poor Law Association on the way-ticket system for vagrants—the fixing of bread stations, etc.—were referred to the House Committee.

The House Committee had held before them a circular letter respecting the scheme of training and the examination of nurses in poor law infirmaries, and the Clerk was directed to obtain further information for the benefit of the committee.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for the usual half-yearly supplies.

The Local Government Board have returned the plan of suggested alterations at the Workhouse, and say that further improvements are needed. It was decided to place the suggestions before Messrs Bromet and Thornton, architects.—It was resolved not to advise the lightning conductors suggested.—It was agreed to advertise for a new bread nurse.

The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the increase in the salary of the Clerk recently granted by the Board.

A circular letter from the Sedgefield Union, asking that the attention of the Local Government Board and the War Office be drawn to the question of able-bodied vagrants, and that all such between 19 and 30 years of age should be compelled to become soldiers, was ordered to be laid on the table.

The Local Government Board further wrote recommending that Boards of Guardians should make provision for any servant going on active service.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council had in hand £6,201 10s. 4d.

The Highways Committee granted permission for the opening of a road at Sherburn for drainage purposes.—Following a communication from the County Council as to the provision of work for the unemployed, the surveyor was directed to prepare a statement of the work required to be done in the district, and the Clerk was directed to write to the County Council for further particulars as to who would bear the cost of the various works carried out.

The Building and Sanitary Committee rejected plans for a proposed building at Kippax.—A house at Great Preston was reported to be in a filthy condition, and the occupier was given seven days' notice in which to put it right.—An alleged nuisance caused by the keeping of pigs and fowls in a back yard at Well Lane, Kippax, was reported, and a notice was ordered to be served requiring the abatement of the same.—A notice was also ordered to be served upon a Kippax man to connect a pig sty to the sewer.—Plans for a proposed extension to a school at Sherburn were approved, as were those for a shed on the premises of Mr G. H. Moon.—A guard was ordered to be placed round the pumps and engines at Sherburn sewage works.—Scavenging contracts were accepted for Allerton Bywater, Lock Lane, and Barwick.

A letter respecting the guarding of the reservoir at Kippax was referred to the Water Committee.

The Local Government Board's circular asking the Council to take steps to deal with any cases of smallpox which might occur was handed on to the medical officer.

DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The Chairman said that at the last meeting they adjourned the question of a sub-committee under the West Riding Distress Committee until they knew what had been done by the County Council, and in order to put the question into proper form. The District Council they had nothing to do with Garforth, which place would look after its own applicants. He (the Chairman) would suggest that the whole District Council be formed into a sub-committee, so that every parish would be represented, and that they appoint a member from the societies recommended by the County Council. Their own members covered the Poor Law Guardians, the Insurance Committee, Education Sub-Committees, employers of labour, Soldiers' and Sailors' Associations, so that they would then only need representatives of trades unions, special women's organizations, and other philanthropic agencies. He would also suggest that Mr Herbert Smith (Chairman of the West Riding Miners' Association) be asked to nominate someone from his organization to serve on the committee. They had a special women's organization in Tadcaster, of which Mrs G. A. Bromet was the leader, and he suggested that she be asked to join the committee. They should also have representatives from the industrial centres, and from the agricultural community in their area. They should also add Mr Wordsworth, as chairman of the Relief Committee. The Chairman's suggestions as to a sub-committee from the whole committee was also agreed to, Mr H. E. Lowe being appointed to represent Great Preston, Mr W. Pearson for Allerton Bywater, Mr Blackburn for Swillington, Mr Linnicker for Micklefield, Mr W. A. Dickinson for Kippax, Messrs T. H. Prater, R. Wright, and J. Y. Wheatley for the agriculturists, Mr W. Sykes for the employers of labour, Mrs Bromet for the philanthropic agencies, and Mr Herbert Smith for the Miners' Association.

A good deal of correspondence on the subject was referred to the foregoing committee.

The seal of the Council was affixed to the scavenging contracts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A CONTRADICTION FROM WOODLESFORD.

(To the Editor)

Sir,—A persistent rumour has been circulated in this district that my son is, to use a common phrase, a "pro[illegible]."

The best answer to this fabrication that I can give is to state that he volunteered for active service three weeks ago.—Yours, etc.

A. J. E. IRVIS.

Woodlesford Vicarage, Sept. 3rd, 1914

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

WORLD'S LARGEST INSECTS.

The largest insects in the world are described by O. W. Barrett in the *Philippine Agricultural Review*. The largest known winged orthopter is a species of phasmid, or walking-stick (Palophus titan sjostedt) recently discovered in Nyassaland. Its body is 10 1-2in. long. Borneo boasts a wingless phasmid (Phobaeticus Kirbyi redt.) 13in. long. This is the largest living insect, but was surpassed by a dragon-fly like insect (Meganeura monyi, brongn.), with wing expanse of 20in. and a body 14in. long, which flourished in France in the Carboniferous period.

THE FIRST ENGLISH MARTYR.

St. Alban—whose festival is marked as June 17th in the Book of Common Prayer, but in the old calendar of the Church of England as June 22nd—is a person of some historical importance, as well as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. It is believed he was of British birth, though he had most likely been educated by the Romans, who then ruled the country, and he was an officer in the Roman army.

It is ordinarily accepted that he was born in the town now called St. Albans in his honour, and there, beyond all doubt, he was martyred by the Romans in consequence of his adherence to the Christian faith. The story connected with his canonisation is that, while a pagan, he saved a confessor who was being pursued by his persecutors by concealing him in his own house, and going out to meet the soldiers in the confessor's clothes.

Alban was taken before the magistrate, and, declaring his conversion to Christianity, refused to sacrifice to the gods. He was scourged and finally led forth to be beheaded. A great multitude thronged the bridge across the river, whose waters divided when St. Alban reached it, and he passed over dryshod. The soldier ordered to execute him therefore threw down his sword, declaring that he would rather die with him than put him to death. Thereupon both were beheaded on the hill on which the great monastery of St. Albans was built by Offa, King of the Mercians, some 400 years after his martyrdom. Afterwards, on the site of the monastery was erected the fine cathedral which still stands.

THE FLOWERS OF MIDSUMMER

Midsummer has a flower "all on her own," the St. John's Wort (Hypericum), which to this day forms the badge of the Mackinnon clan. Of this plant there are at least a dozen varieties indigenous to Britain, but all of them are credited throughout Western Europe not merely with many medicinal virtues, but with being a sure preventive of the evils resulting from the machinations of witches, demons, or magicians, who at this time of the year were very troublesome to our ancestors. Although belief in the supernatural powers of St. John's Wort has waned, and the medicinal properties are in great measure imaginary, it is a very useful plant by reason of the red or yellow dye yielded by the flower buds, which also produce a red varnish still popular with upholsterers.

THE RECTOR'S NEW APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. W. H. Draper, M.A., rector of Aird, has been appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon.

The Rev. C. H. Stockdale, curate at Bolton Percy, owing to the dearth of labour caused by farm hands being called up for service, has been assisting a local agriculturist.

A LABOURER'S COSTLY LAUGHTER.—At the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions held at York on Saturday Frank McGhee, labourer, of Askham Bryan, was fined 10s. and 7s. 6d. costs for using obscene language in the village on August 24th.—P.C. Taylor proved the case.

GUARDIANS AND TRAMPS.—A question of an interesting character was submitted at Friday's meetings of the Wharfedale Guardians, when the Sedgefield Board asked that the Wharfedale Guardians to pass a resolution asking the Local Government Board and the War Office to consider the advisability of posting legislation with a view to utilizing the services of the male tramp population for the country. Mr H. J. Bambridge said they were not considering the question in a cheap patriotic spirit. It seemed to him that if they were going to pass resolutions that a certain class of people should be sent out to the war it would be those who were exploiting the country by refusing to sell except at exorbitant prices. Patriotism was not shown by flying flags on motor-cars or by shouting tin bugles. Patriotism was something which came home in our daily life, and he hoped they would not spoil it by jibes at those who were not going to serve. Probably they had their duty at home. He moved an amendment that the words "War Office" be omitted from the resolution, but this only met with the support of the proposer and seconder, and the original resolution was carried.

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Usually, no treatment at all is required in fainting, says *Health*. The first, the indispensable, thing to do is to lay the person down flat at once, the head must be put as low as the body; then raise the body and legs a few inches from the ground, the feet six or eight inches, thereby causing the head to be lower than the body, and consciousness will return immediately.

The simplicity of this procedure should cause everyone to know and remember it easily; its efficacy is quick and perfect, and nothing else is required. Holding smelling salts to the nose tends to excite the nerves of sensation and rousing the heart, but to renewed activity is useful. It is, however, far from being essential, and in most cases is not at all necessary.

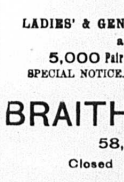
A CURE FOR EARACHE.

In earache, drop one drop of tincture of aconite upon a piece of cotton wool and insert in the affected ear. When the pain is gone remove the medicated cotton wool and replace it with a piece of warm unmedicated cotton wool.

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The following "don'ts" for bathers have been compiled: Don't bathe (1) within two hours after a meal; (2) when exhausted by fatigue or from any other cause; (3) when the body is cooling from perspiration. Don't chill the body by sitting or standing undressed on the shore or in boats after having been in the water. Don't remain in the water after the slightest sensation of chill. Don't bathe in the open air at all if the hands and feet speedily become numbed. But bathe when the body is warm; don't take long about getting into the water.

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Is it not time the Hunslet Guardians instituted a thorough investigation as to how the money they give in relief is expended. The question of food values is important, but many people, apart from paupers, do not understand it, and have no desire for instruction, so that the Guardians cannot say too much on that score. They have a right, however, to interfere when they know the money they give is spent on amusement. The Chairman told his colleagues that he knows women in receipt of relief who go to picture houses two or three times a week, and that should surely be stopped. Relief should be given in kind, or money supplies either stopped or curtailed. It is a pretty pass when ratepayers have to find money for the amusement of recipients of relief. Every suspected case should be watched and promptly dealt with. The Guardians owe that to the ratepayers.

Is there a prospect of the electric light being introduced at Garforth? There was some talk about it at the last meeting of the Urban Council, but this is not the time for starting big schemes. The Council, however, should be very careful what they do in regard to the application of the Yorkshire Electric Power Co., who have asked them to support a bill to confer lighting powers on them. If the Company obtain what they desire they will have a monopoly in the district, and is it advisable for the Council to allow that? If there is to be any monopoly it should belong to Garforth itself and not to a Company existing for the express purpose of earning dividends, and not public convenience.

Barkston Ash has made a splendid response to the country's call for men, and practically every village in the district has now representatives serving with the Colours. At a meeting at Halton the other night one of the speakers pointed out the fine example of the Island of Lewis, which had sent 3,500 men, or one in eight of the population, to fight the country's battles, and it was stated that if Leeds were to contribute men in equal proportion it would raise a force of nearly 70,000. Leeds has a good many men serving in the Navy, Army, and Territorials, but it is not likely that the total number will be anything like that indicated.

Wetherby had, up to last week-end, contributed 114 men, or about one in twenty of its population, and it has the best figures for the district. Selby has a higher percentage—one in fifteen—having turned out 650 men, but it must be remembered that this is a special case, because at one very large works in the town employment is given to Reservists, who are drawn from all parts of the country, when a Wetherby reply's contingent is largely made up of natives. A good many recruits have, I understand, left Wetherby this week, so it's possible that its actual figures are now better than those of the Abbey Town.

How does Wetherby district fare as well? It is largely owing to the efforts of one man. When the call went forth for men Mr Mestrick, the agent for the Monsaga estates, who served in the South African War, determined that the district should do its duty, and he became a most valuable recruiting officer. Day and night he worked with the greatest enthusiasm, and whenever young men were in the cottage, harvesting field, and street—there he was to be found, exercising his persuasive powers, and the young men answered nobly to his call. One contingent, about forty-five in number, who left last week, were entertained to dinner in the inhabitants of the town, and then they were conveyed by a fleet of motor-cars to the headquarters at York, amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm.

And the dependents of these men will be well looked after. Mr Mestrick and those working with him will see to that. One young fellow, anxious to enlist, was troubled about throwing up his work, and he went to Mr Mestrick. Would he guarantee him work when he returned home? The answer was thoroughly satisfactory, and the young fellow is probably now clad in khaki. That is the way to get recruits.

It must not be forgotten that many young men in joining the Army are making sacrifices altogether out of proportion to those made by wealthy people, multitudes of whom have only a very slight inkling as to what their duty is. Send I hope that individuals, if all events, the persons who have the power and the means will see that the men who have thrown up everything in order to serve their country do not suffer. Many employers, who have been hard hit by the stagnation in trade, are doing their utmost to keep their businesses going and so prevent distress, and if other people in responsible positions give a substantial backing suffering will be reduced to a minimum.

A correspondent suggests that the Micklefield Colliery Fund might be utilised in the maintenance of the dependents of miners who have enlisted, and while it is possible the trustees, were they asked, would give consideration to the question, it must be remembered that the families indicated will be treated in precisely the same way as those of men belonging to other occupations. If they received equal treatment they could not very well expect more, and in a national crisis, where so many are drawing from a common fund, is it advisable that resources which may be needed at another time should be utilised for the benefit of a section?

Templenewsam people are apparently disinclined to take measures for the formation of a men's section of the Aberford Ambulance League. Not a single person in the large audience that assembled at Halton the other night could raise sufficient enthusiasm to support the appeal of the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton for the starting of an ambulance class, and the example of the Garforth men, a number of whom have joined the R.A.M.C., was not followed. It is possible that something may be done this winter, but no little enthusiasm is required to maintain an interest in this work.

At Halton, where, by the way, an hospital, with beds and all equipment, is ready for the reception of wounded soldiers or sailors—the ladies shame the men in their enthusiasm for ambulance work—an appeal was made to people not to give charity indiscriminately. In no place that I know is the advice so much needed, and in many instances in the past the generosity of people has simply been abused. If people stand by the Distress Committee there will be no danger of over-lapping and all needs will be met. During the coal strike there was considerable distress at Halton, and a number of residents gave to the needy ones with a generous hand. There was no system about the giving, however, and one poor woman confessed that, although her husband was a wage-earner, she had been better off during the industrial trouble than throughout the whole of her married life.

Kippax Education Committee were greatly concerned at their last meeting about the advances made to teachers' salaries by the Education Authority, and it looked as if there were some antagonism to the proposal. The County Committee have a scale for teachers' salaries, and, if the headmasters' reports on the staffs are satisfactory, advances are given every year until the maximum is reached. That is a very simple explanation, isn't it? It might be a bad job for some of the teachers if there were no scale. Personally I think teachers should be well paid, but I also think that a very high standard of efficiency should be demanded from them.

A good hint for Distress Committees comes from Oulton. In obtaining funds collectors will not receive large donations in the great majority of cases, because the people cannot afford to give large sums, but if they are willing to undertake the work they may easily get weekly contributions, which will eventually amount up to a tidy sum. At Oulton, I am told, the Boy Scouts make collections, and they receive, in coppers, sums of from 30s. upwards per week. This is something the scouts may do, and certainly very few would, I believe, give the job a miss. At nearly all the local collieries and large mills the men are subscribing to a weekly levy for the War Fund, and if a house-to-house collection were made in every village weekly, excellent results would, I believe, be obtained.

One of the Tadcaster fire-eaters—Mr Wailes-Fairbairn—in order to encourage enlistment offered bounties to the men on his estate, but his efforts have met with no favour from the authorities. He posted a notice to the following effect:—

"It is the duty of every unmarried man of right age and medically fit, to fight for his country; if he won't do this he is no man, and his neighbours should shun him and the women look down upon him. In any man in my employ who enlists for active service abroad for the period of the war, I will give a bounty of £5, and keep his pigeon-pen for him on his return. To any man in my employ who enlists for home defence, I will give a bounty of £2, and keep his place open for him."

Mr Wailes-Fairbairn was not the only person who offered bounties, and the practice called forth a rebuke from the authorities. "The crossing over on the part of private persons of giving bonuses to men who enlist is," we are told, "discountenanced by the Army Council, who, although recognising the patriotic and generous spirit shown by the donors, point out that more harm than good may be done to recruiting in the long run. Those not receiving bounties will naturally be discontented, and men may even hang back from recruiting in the hope of being offered a bounty." The better plan, as some employers are doing, is to guarantee whole or part wages while the men are on active service.

As Distress Committees to be formed in the various parishes in Tadcaster rural area? Hunslet District Council's plan is an admirable one. First of all, the Council was formed into a Committee, and then in each parish in the area a local committee was elected at a public meeting. By this means any distress that occurs will soon be known, and a good sum will be raised for relief purposes, inasmuch as a fund has been opened in each place. This plan seems to commend itself to the Tadcaster District Council, who should not let the opportunity slip of enlisting sympathy and support from all quarters.

Will Barwick adopt public lighting? A few years have elapsed since a generously-disposed lady purchased a powerful lamp, which was erected on the village cross, and she lighted the place free of cost. An unsympathetic gentleman—the agent of the lord of the manor—looked upon the putting of the lamp on the cross as a piece of vandalism, and he ordered its removal, and, of course, it had to be taken down. Since then the Barwickers have had to walk in darkness. Recently gas was introduced to the village, and there is a desire apparently on the part of some of the residents to see Barwick brought into line with Aberford by the adoption of public lighting. The Parish Council will, I suppose, discuss the matter first, but before anything can be done a parish meeting must adopt the Lighting Act. Should the project come before the ratepayers it will then be seen whether or not they are willing to pay a small rate for the dispelling of the darkness which enshrouds Barwick of nights.

Following Tadcaster Board's resolution refusing to support the Sedgefield's Union's proposal to utilise tramps as soldiers, the Selby Guardians have very properly taken a similar course, and it is surprising that so many Boards have given it their support. The Chairman of the Selby Board stated that the tramps "would not be worth the cost of carriage to the front," and I quite agree with him. They would form the worst fighting material any country could obtain.

THE MINERS' BATTALION.

Active progress is being made with the formation of the Miners' Battalion, which the West Yorkshire Coal Owners' Association have offered to provide as one of the regiments for Lord Kitchener's Army. Col. J. R. Shaw, of Cardey Hall, Doncaster, has received authorisation from the War Office to proceed with the raising of the battalion, which is to consist of 1,200 healthy men between the ages of 19 and 35, enlisted under Lord Kitchener's new army scheme for three years' service or the duration of the war.

Lord Kitchener has specially directed that the battalion shall be designated the "Pontefract Battalion of the King's Own (Yorkshire Light Infantry)." It had been contemplated in the initial stages that it should be known as the Coal Trade or Miners' Battalion, but this proposal has been over-ruled by the authorities.

The Earl of Mexborough has given £500 to the National Relief Fund.

Mr J. N. Crowther, of Thorner, has sent £1 to the West Riding Relief Fund.

The Misses Nussey, of Thorner, have given £4 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr W. J. Sainsbury, of Thorner, has contributed a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £4 3s. 1d., collected at Bardsey Church, has been sent to Lord Harewood's Fund.

RECRUITING MEETING.—On Monday evening a public meeting was held at the Institute, Aberford, for the purpose of getting young men to offer their services to the country. Col. Gascoigne presided, and he was supported by Mr Lund (Bewa Hall), M. E. O. Simpson (Harewood Castle), M. J. H. Prater, and Mr Childe. Addresses were given by these gentlemen, and several recruits were obtained for the Army. Mr Hervey exhibited excellent limelight views of the countries in which the war is taking place, and gave a description of them as they were thrown on the screen.

TEADMOOR AND FIELD-MUSTED.—A meeting of the Provisional Committee appointed at the to-out conference of representatives of a number of West Riding Unions for the purpose of making provision for the treatment of the feeble-minded was held at Otley on Friday. It was decided that at a conference of West Riding Unions, to be held at Leeds on September 21st, intimation should be given that a combination of certain Unions was in process of formation. It was also decided to form a subcommittee of five members, with Mr Jno. Peate (Wharfedale) as chairman, and Mr E. C. Newstead (Clerk to the Wharfedale Board) as secretary, to collect information to lay before the next meeting of the Provisional Committee in order to give the Unions who were expected to join the combination some idea in actual figures of the capital outlay and the cost of maintaining an institution, Tadcaster Union is in the combination.

A LETTER FROM THE FRONT.—A nephew of Mr George Carver, of Scarcroft, writing from his home near Paris on Wednesday last, said:—We will leave Le Bourget to-morrow, as our house is situated between two forts and just behind a battery. We shall be obliged to leave everything behind us, and can only trust to Providence that the Germans will leave the house alone. In Paris German aeroplanes are dropping bombs, which generally miss their mark. This afternoon one flew over, and two English Tommies potted away at it, but couldn't reach. In England people do not realise what war really is, but here, where all the men up to 48 are called up, one can see the difference. It is surprising to see the French, who as a rule are an excitable lot, remain perfectly calm. If the Prussians get into Paris, not only will they have the men to tackle, but also the women. The latter will not let them have their own way. Living (price of food) has not gone up 1d., except meat.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

VIOLAS.

The value of popular flowers invariably suffers through the flooding of the markets with so-called improved varieties. Glowing descriptions appear in the trade catalogues, and it is to be feared that these descriptions are copied by some of the weekly garden papers. Our advice to readers is to stick to varieties that have proved themselves good, until they are certain that an improved variety is available. From time to time new white varieties have been boomed as "great improvements" on standard sorts. We have seen numbers of them, but for all-round value have seen none to beat the old White Swan. This old favourite is pure white, with the exception of a minute yellow eye. The individual flowers are large, and it is very free flowering. The habit is dwarf and compact, and it remains longer in bloom than any other white variety we have come in contact with.

Lady Hamilton is perhaps the best of the newer white varieties. It is a rayed flower, and has an ivory-like appearance. The habit of the plant is very good, and it flowers for a long time.

Fred Williams is one of the best varieties in cultivation. It is dwarf and free, and the flowers are round and flat.

Archie Grant is a splendid bedder. Rich indigo blue.

Maggie Mott is very compact. The colour is delicate mauve.

Royal Sovereign is an old yellow variety which would be hard to beat for bedding.

Moseley Perfection is a very large yellow variety. Early in the season this variety looks as if it would become grass and leggy, but when it commences to bloom, the growth becomes more compact, and although it is taller than Royal Sovereign, its rich colour and large blooms make it well worthy of cultivation.

Lady Chichester is one of the best of the tricolors and is very popular for bedding.

Cream King is another old favourite which flowers from April until the end of the year. It possesses all the good qualities necessary to a bedding variety and is very hardy. We have plants of it that have prospered for three years without raising cuttings.

Blue King is extremely free-flowering. Its only drawback is that the flowers are not of the best of shapes. It is the best variety we are acquainted with for growing in a shady position.

Edina is a deep, rich purple, and bears large, well-formed flowers. It is a sturdy grower and the flowers are borne on long footstalks. Good in every way.

Duchess of Sutherland is another old favourite. It bears pale mauve flowers and is of dwarf compact habit.

The above are varieties that have been tested and can be relied upon to give good results. There are many other good varieties, but it would be impossible in the space at our disposal to mention them all. Cuttings may be got in any time from now until the middle of October, but in districts where it is difficult to keep the cuttings through winter an early start should be made.

PANSIES FROM SEED.

For early flowering next year pansy seed may now be sown in a cold frame. The seed should be purchased from a reliable firm. Sow the seed in a cold frame, and when the seedlings commence to form the second leaves prick them into a prepared bed in the frame bottom. No manure is needed, and the seedlings may be treated as usually recommended for cuttings. Coddling would cause them to get drawn, and drawn plants rarely recover sufficiently to give good results.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Peas are liable to an attack of mildew at this time of the year. It should be checked immediately it makes its appearance. A dusting of sulphur will effect a clearance.

Onions may be harvested as soon as the tops are ripened. Thick-necked specimens should be bent over to hasten maturity.

Continue to earth up celery at intervals of about ten days. The earliest batch should now be ready for use. Even the outside stalks are useful. They make a delicious vegetable when boiled.

Kale may still be planted as other crops mature. This is one of our hardiest crops.

If not already done transfer a few parsley plants to cold frames for winter use.

POT PLANTS.

Preparations for the housing of such plants as azaleas, camellias, ryttsus, etc., must now be commenced. If possible, the glasshouses should be washed down before the plants are brought in. Azaleas are very liable to attack from thrip, and before they are housed it is advisable to make an effort to clean them. They may be laid on their sides and forcibly syringed, first with clear water, and later with a good insecticide. If a large number are to be treated it is worth while mixing a tub of insecticide in which each plant may be dipped. When housed they should be stood well away from the hot-water pipes. Feeding with soot-water may now be commenced.

BULBS FOR UNHEATED GREENHOUSE.

The practice of forcing bulbs has become so general that the fact that they may be grown successfully in an unheated greenhouse has almost been lost sight of. Forcing is only necessary when early flowers are wanted, and the naturally grown flowers are usually finer and keep their colour longer than the forced ones. Roman hyacinths, Dutch hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, crocus, scillas, lily of the valley, and in fact almost every kind of bulb, offered as "Dutch" readily adapt themselves to cool treatment. They should be potted and plunged in ashes in the usual way, and brought inside when growth commences.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

In disbudding the plants discretion must be exercised. Some varieties produce a large number of young shoots immediately below the bud; these should be removed a few at a time and not in the whole-sale manner sometimes practised. If the bud shows at a rather earlier date than is thought suitable it may be retarded a few days by allowing one or two shoots to remain on the plants for a few days.

About the time the buds show it will be noticed that many of the plants are making a number of basal growths, and in some instances young shoots will break out for a considerable distance up the main stem. This is caused by the natural check given to the flow of sap when the bud forms and direct upward growth is for the time being stopped. All these growths should be removed, as their progress would be made at the expense of the flower buds. Weeds, if allowed to grow in the pots, take up a quantity of nutriment that would otherwise be available for the plants. Lastly the incurved varieties are somewhat later in showing their buds.

From this time extra care must be taken to keep the plants scrupulously clean so far as insects are concerned. Our old enemy the greenfly besties itself at this time of the year, and if allowed to become established on the plants will do much damage. Constant use of tobacco powder and other insecticides will meet the difficulty. Earwigs, caterpillars, daddy-long-legs, and other destructive pests must be searched for every day. It should be remembered that a very small puncture in the side of the bud will prove sufficient to spoil the shape of the flower. Another danger to be guarded against is the wind. To secure to the plants should be safely secured to wires stretched from firm posts, and each shoot should be looped or tied to the stakes.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT—No. 4.

We have already dealt with the all-important order to "carry on." Today I purpose briefly explaining how one important firm has construed this duty.

Most of you have received from time to time booklets which have been written by me. It is just five years ago that I discovered that the addition of mustard to the morning mash was the greatest aid to digestion that had been brought to my knowledge. I published the fact of my experiment in a little booklet which was distributed broadcast. Its immediate effect was to cause others to experiment on similar lines, and within twelve months thousands had arrived at the same opinion as myself. It is impossible for the average man to be aware of the trend of experimental work and then the missionary work to make the results known. Throughout my experiment I had been using poultry mustard manufactured by that old-established firm, J. & J. Colman, Ltd., of London and Norwich. With their accustomed enterprise they associated themselves largely with my enterprise. Thanks to their publicity agency I was soon a well known and practical booklet for poultry-keepers published as well as further extending the knowledge of the efficacy of mustard as an auxiliary to poultry dietary.

It was intended to publish a poultry-keepers' account book this season. I recognised its practical utility to either poultry or market gardeners. It was intended to publish a first edition of 40,000 copies." War broke out. The Empire was involved in hostilities, trade was dislocated, and the so-ons of business were closed. To "carry on" was the order of the day. If Colman's Poultry Mustard was of utility and benefit during times of peace how much more does its efficacy be made evident during a time of war, when it is up to every poultry-keeper to maintain his maximum output in order to assist the national food supply. The order to the printers was for a first edition of 75,000 copies; that being the interpretation of "carry on."

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GARFORTH RESIDENTS AND THE WAR.

PUBLIC MEETING—RECRUITS FROM THE AREA.

SPEECHES BY COL. GASCOIGNE, ALD. C. H. WILSON, K.C. CHADE, AND MR. SIMPSON.

By the courtesy of the directors, a meeting was held in the Picture House, Garforth, on Tuesday night for the purpose of getting men to join the Army. It was a splendid audience of men, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of the Urban Council) presided, and he was supported by Col. Gascoigne, D.S.O., of Lotherton Hall; Mr H. S. Childe, of Parlington Hall; Mr E. O. Simpson, of Hazlewood Castle; Mr T. H. Prater, of Aberford; and Ald. C. H. Wilson, of Leeds. Prior to the meeting the Garforth Band paraded the streets of the village, and before the speech-making commenced in the hall a number of excellent views dealing with the Army and Navy were screened.

The Chairman said that it was all very well to have our gallant Army in France fighting our battles, but help was needed, and it was for every man able to do so to get on his back on the firing line. Garforth, he was pleased to say, had done very well, indeed, and about ninety young fellows had gone from the place. (Applause). Some of the men who had enlisted had volunteered, and then they had their noble band of ambulance men. (Applause). These men had been training for years, and some people thought there was very much good in that, but they saw it now. The call came to all classes. One of his own sons and a nephew had gone, and he hoped that more of the young men of Garforth would answer the country's call. (Applause).

Colonel Gascoigne described how the war had originated, and stated that Britain had not gone to war for possessions or for money, but for the sake of honour, and that the bully of Europe would bully no more. (Applause). They were fighting, along with France, against a military organisation bigger than the world had ever seen. Germany had signed the treaty to maintain the neutrality of Belgium, and she had broken it for her own purpose. Now, why did this country want half-a-million men? In the past it had been the accepted boast that England could always hold her own with a voluntary army—an army which men joined at their pleasure, and every other country in Europe had conscription, so that when war broke out they had only to mobilize and they had millions at command. Britain had only a small army, and part of it was in India. It was, therefore, necessary to have half-a-million men to be ready for what might occur. The crisis was so urgent that the Prime Minister and other Ministers were to make speeches in different parts of the country to urge men to join the colours. Some who had large families could not go, but there was plenty of manhood up to 35 in the country to enable the Army to be raised. They could enlist for three years or for the period of the war, and if the war did not last long they would be discharged and return to their ordinary employment much sooner. He might be sure the country would not want to pay them for doing nothing. He pointed out that if France were beaten there was nothing, with the small British Army, to prevent the Germans invading this country. That was why they wanted a force of men to back up the Army. He then referred to Russians going to France, and was glad they had two strong divisions coming from India—the best fighting troops in India. The news that night was splendid, but they were not to allow that to make them slack at enlisting. The Prime Minister had told them they wanted every man they could get. Were the Germans to land in the North Sea it would not do with the Empire, and they would be in chains for evermore. One satisfaction was that they were fighting in another nation's country, and they had heard about that. They had heard about the sacking of Louvain and the horrors inflicted on the population of Belgium by the Germans, and if they landed in England they would do the same thing. Why, some of them might ask, was he not going to the war? He was too old. He had sent his name to the War Office (applause)—but they would not have him at present. His son was soldiering in India, and he had had a message from him asking if he could not give up his commission and join his old regiment, the Yorkshire Hussars, because he had heard they were going to the Front. (Applause). That would rest with the War Office. Every young man, if he had the right stuff in him, ought to enlist now. (Applause).

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Mr Childe, who has a son in the Army, made a very effective little speech. He said that all these years' there had been talk of conscription, and now was the time to redeem their honour. They had said that they would not have conscription, but that was the time came when they required an army they would come forward. The time had come, and that was what they were there for. He deeply regretted the remains held by the miners at Mons, and how they had flooded the pit rope. He knew that district well, and he might have friends among the men. Could they think of any of them not coming here? The only way to stop the Germans was for their lads to fight and drive them back. If they went they would respect them; if they stayed at home they could not. If they went away they would look after their families. If they came home they would have honour, and if they did not they would have greater honour still. (Applause).

Mr J. E. Simpson, in the course of a short speech, said that because they had tyranny and bloodshed it did not follow it was not going to be overcome. It must and would be fought and dealt with in just the same way as they would deal with any other force pitted against them. The German attack was directed not so much against France and Belgium as against this country. The younger Germans had been taught that their mission was up living ways to be the leaders of culture in the world, and so put an end to the domination of the British race. The officers drunk a toast to the day they would be in England. Could they allow such a thing of that kind? After outlining Lord Kitchener's policy, as stated by him, he appealed to the young men to enlist.

Mr Prater, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speakers, asked if any of the single men could hesitate to help in fighting the Germans who had blocked up the pit shafts and murdered the men in Belgium below, and who had sown mines in the North Sea to the destruction of life and shipping? He only wished that he could take a more active part in the business. He had taken part some recruits from Aberford to York, and he was ready to give any assistance in the matter that he could.

Mr E. R. Archer, in seconding, said he hoped that their efforts would stimulate recruiting.—The resolution was adopted.

Ald. Wilson proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and J. W. Dobson replied.

The Chairman said that they were very much indebted to the Picture House Company for giving them the use of the hall, and he intimated that the directors intended to give the proceeds of the next night's performance to the West Riding Distress Fund.

A call having been made for recruits, twenty young men came forward, amid cheers, and gave their names to Mr R. Routledge, jun.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem and "Rule Britannia."

A WORD FOR SEACROFT.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Public-houses are closed in London at 11 p.m. instead of at 12.30 a.m.

One thousand young men who were employed at the Shotton Ironworks have enlisted.

Mr and Mrs Patrick Calpin, 38, Albert Street, York, have ten sons in either the Army or Navy.

Mrs Glasspool, of Ashton, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, who has five sons at the Front, has received a letter of congratulation from the King.

The National Union of German Authors have pledged themselves never in future to translate any literary work emanating from a hostile country.

Mr Winston Churchill has affixed to the back of his motor-car a large placard, in familiar terms, appealing for recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army.

Although Leigh has a population of 46,000, there is no recruiting station there, the men having to go to Atherton, two miles away, to join the Army.

Lord O'Brien, who for 24 years was Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, died on Monday at his residence, Airfield, Stillorgan, County Dublin. He was 72 years of age.

The Hull Licensing Justices have decided to forbid, under the new Act, the consumption of intoxicating liquors on licensed premises and in registered clubs after 9 p.m.

On Saturday afternoon eight persons were injured in a collision between a train which had halted just outside London Bridge and another proceeding from Cannon Street to Addiscombe Road.

Mr Harry Fulford, the Bradford Golf Club professional, has set a good example by refusing to engage caddies over eighteen years of age on the Hawkeswortn links. Six of the Hawkesworth caddies have enlisted.

A man named John Mobun (64), a labourer, was overcome with fumes while working in a sewer manhole in Cliff Road, Darfield. Some plucky attempts were made to rescue him, but he was dead when he was got out.

The Board of Trade returns for August show that the imports amounted to £42,362,604, against £55,975,704 in the corresponding month of last year. The decrease for the like period shows a decrease of £19,889,488.

William Johnson, a farm labourer, aged 55, in the employ of Mr George Allen, of Kapton, was found dead in his bedroom on Monday morning. When found the deceased was suspended from a bedpost with a halter round his neck.

John Emery, a Grimsby skipper, was killed at Waltham, near Grimsby, through the overturning of a motor-car which he was driving. His wife and son and two friends, who were also in the car, were injured, his wife being seriously hurt.

Cumberland miners have enlisted in such numbers that some of the pits may be compelled to go on short time. The mining community has been profoundly stirred by the imprisoning of the Charleroi colliers in the shafts by the Germans.

The Rev. David Arnot, of South United, Free Church, Blairgowrie, was drowned on Saturday while bathing at Bulliemuir, Perthshire, where he was holidaying with his wife. Mr Arnot was secretary of the Scottish Christian Endeavour Society.

One of the German sailors in the Detention Camp at Frith Hall, Camberley, has died from pneumonia and was buried on Saturday. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was followed by a party of German sailors under an armed escort.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have been officially informed that the importation of ruminants and swine from the United Kingdom into the United States of America has been suspended, owing to the existence of foot and mouth disease in this country.

The value of silence in the present war has already been demonstrated. It is proved beyond doubt by the commander-in-chief of German military orders that the enemy's headquarters did not know for certain that our Army was on the Continent two days after it had landed.

Mr George Craddock, of the firm of Messrs G. Craddock and Co., wire rope makers, Wakefield, has informed his employees that in future preference of employment will be given to those men who have served their country, and that they will always have the best situations.

The body of a man, evidently about 55 years of age, was found about midnight on Sunday in the River Colne at Little-Holme, Marsden. His watch was discovered. In the coat pocket was found an insurance card bearing the name, C. Pettitt. The card was issued at Longtown, Carlisle.

Lily Curzon, of Kedleston, addressing a political recruiting meeting at Hull on Monday night, said the Pinchbeck Napoleon of this war had succeeded in uniting all parties in the British Empire, and we were going to smash him up. Business could not be carried on with the Napoleon and his accursed system to the ground for ever.

A Post Office notice states that it is anticipated that it will shortly be practicable to forward recruiting arrangement under which postal orders are legal tender, and the public are informed that as far as the supply of other legal currency permits coin or currency notes will now be given in exchange for postal orders presented at any money order office.

Lord Rosebery, as Lord-Lieutenant of Linlithgow, addressed a large meeting at Broxburn, on Saturday, held to promote recruiting amongst the miners. He said if some great organiser deliberately planned the war, which he was loth to assert, the curses of humanity would pursue him to the end. We were fighting for the public law of Europe, which, if our enemies were conquerors, would be destroyed for ever.

The planters of Mauritius have presented a million pounds of sugar to the Navy, and a million to the Army.

Sir William Bull and Mr W. Ramsay are placing a rifle range in the grounds of their residence at Hazlemere, Bucks., for practice in shooting by any who volunteer.

Charles Howarshow (54), a shunter, of 31, Recreation Crescent, Hubberholme, has been killed at the Leeds Steelworks, Hunslet, through being crushed against a wall by a waggon.

"The Government of New Brunswick have offered the British Government one hundred thousand bushels of potatoes for distribution. This offer has been gratefully accepted.

William Ernest Smith, of Bingley, who was on his honeymoon at Morecombe, fell out of a boat and was drowned. The widow stated that the accident occurred through changing seats.

At Bradford on Friday Mary Elizabeth Thirnby (24), a single woman, a mill hand, living at 22, Amberley Street, was committed for trial charged with the wilful murder of her newly-born child.

Evelyn Lintott, the Leeds City international half back, has severed his connection with the club and resigned his position as school teacher at Bradford in order to enlist in the Leeds "Pals" Battalion.

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Mr William Dophne, who has just died, at the age of 74, had held the office of verger at the Otley Parish Church for twenty-six years, and he succeeded his father, who filled the post for forty-seven years.

Reading a paper on smoking at a Dover War Relief Committee meeting, expressed the opinion that the ed. a day allowance to soldiers' wives for the support of each child was inadequate, and urged that the Government should consider the question.

Dr. A. C. Farquharson, of Durham, has been adopted by the North Leeds Liberal Two Hundred as prospective candidate. His son, Captain Farquharson is now serving as captain-surgeon in the Durham Light Infantry, and has volunteered for foreign service.

A great deal of destruction was done by a fire which occurred on Monday morning at the corn mill of C. S. Dickinson (Limited), Lincoln. One of the firemen, Harry Capes, was overcome by fumes while working in the premises, and was carried away in a serious condition.

The Wilson Iner Runo struck a mine in the North Sea on Saturday, and shortly afterwards foundered. All the crew were saved, but a number of passengers are missing. 245 having been rescued. The cruiser Pathfinder was also sunk by coming into collision with a mine, and many lives were lost.

Mr Robert Brodie Forman, a retired Liverpool merchant, probate of whose will has been granted in the Liverpool District Probate Registry, left £286,000. On the death of his widow, in whom is left £100,000 in trust for life, he left among other bequests £10,000 to the Liverpool University.

Lord Stamfordham, in reply to a telegram sent to the King by Mr. F. C. Charrington, on the subject of football during the war, points out that the Football Association is desirous of obtaining recruits for the Army, but the King's wish is that nothing having regard to the King's position as its patron.

A young woman, named Nellie Ballard, a pianist engaged at the Junction Inn, Mapplebeck, and Willie Ward (45), a gardener, of Wilmcote, were on Monday admitted to the Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, suffering from serious wounds. It is alleged that the young woman was stabbed in the breast with a carving knife, and that Ward cut his throat and also stabbed himself in the chest.

In Beulah food prices are very high, and bread is doled out by policemen. Quite recently, it has been searched, and any person who had laid in a stock of provisions has had it taken from him without payment. The electric light supplied to the city early hour, and the inhabitants have to use candles after eight o'clock. There were great rejoicings when it was announced that the Army had suffered Brussels, and processions of children are arranged in the streets. It is also stated that unemployment is causing a great deal of anxiety.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the inquest at Broadstairs on Monday on Sir Stephen Richard Piers, who fell 50 feet from the bedroom window at his hotel at Broadstairs early on Saturday morning, sustaining injuries which resulted in his death. At the conclusion of the evidence that the window was constructed casement fashion, the sill being under 23 ins. from the floor. Lady Furness stated that on the night of the accident, and while she was in her dressing-room Sir Stephen must have gone to the window and fallen out. Her husband was active and happy, and the last man in the world to think of injuring himself.

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TEMPLENEWSAM DISTRESS COMMITTEE FORMED.

PUBLIC MEETING AT HALTON.

LOCAL DISTRESS FUND OPENED.

On Friday evening a meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, Halton, for the purpose of forming a Distress Committee for Templenewsam and Thorpe Stapleton, and there was a good attendance of ladies and gentlemen representative of every part of the parish. Mr P. S. Marsden, of Whitkirk, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. B. Guyer (vicar), Rev. J. Mather Hamilton (Baptist Church, Whitkirk), Mr W. Verity, and Mr W. B. Pindar.

The Chairman said the object of the meeting was the relief of distress, if it should arise, not only in their own district, but, if they had anything to spare, in other districts which were not so fortunately circumstanced as they were. Mr Pindar was a member of the County Committee and of the local committee, and he was closely in touch with the work.

Mr Pindar said that that meeting was the outcome of a request addressed by the Local Government Board to the County Council in the beginning of August. The Government had established a committee, of which the President of the Local Government Board was Chairman, and the object was to advise in any measures that might be necessary to deal with cases of distress arising in consequence of the war. In the opinion of the committee it was desirable that local representative committees should be formed, whose function it would be to consider the needs of the locality and undertake the distribution of relief as required. The West Riding Committee, consisting of sixty members, at their first meeting decided that they could best accomplish their work if they acted through local committees, and they requested every Urban and Rural District Council in the Riding to set up a committee. The Honour Rural District Council had formed such a committee, and they thought the needs of the district could be best met by the formation of parish committees consisting of ladies and gentlemen who were intimately acquainted with the needs of the areas in which they dwelt, and they would work in co-operation with the District Council, the County Committee, and the National Committee in what was a common cause for all the people in the country. In the view of the Local Government Board it was much more important, however, that distress should be prevented, and it was much better to prevent it arising than to relieve it afterwards. (Applause). That was a sensible view to take. The most urgent demand on their help arose the demand of the dependents of those who were at the front risking their lives for the protection of the people at home. In addition to these, there were many people who could not go to the front —they could not all be in the fighting line, but they could do their share in other ways—and if the war was protracted industry might suffer seriously and cause distress among workers, and it would be their function to look after these sufferers as well. They, however, did not want a sport and to be done with it. It would want sustained effort as long as the war lasted, which they all hoped would not be long, and probably for some time after the war was finished they would still have demands made upon their help. If they all did their share he was sure they would pull through. (Applause).

The Rev. B. Guyer proposed that a Distress Committee be formed for the parishes of Templenewsam and Thorpe Stapleton to work in co-operation with the Rural District Council and the West Riding Distress Committee, and that a local Distress Fund be opened. He referred to the various funds that were being promoted, and inquired by what means, if they sent contributions, they could get a penny back for the benefit of the district. In regard to the local cases of distress, he said that it would be for the committee to find them out and report them, and the money would come to them from the central fund for distribution. They had, he said, to support the Central Fund, and they must be willing to do what they could, because there might be other districts in greater need than they were. They did not want to check individual charity, but there was always a danger that some people's hearts would be touched, and money would be helping people who would be assisted from the Central Fund, and that would destroy the object of the committee. One family, in that way, might receive more than another family equally deserving. It was for them to give to the Central Fund, and the local committee would see that the money was fairly and equally distributed amongst those who needed it. (Applause).

Mr Pindar explained that it would be for the meeting to say whether they would merge their fund in the Central Fund or not. In many districts they had decided to send 25 per cent. to the Central Fund of the West Riding, and keep 75 per cent. for local needs.

The Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, in seconding the resolution, pointed out that the needs and resources of districts varied, and he stated that the Island of Skye had sent out one in eight of the population to the war. The whole population was 28,000, and the men who had gone numbered 3,500. (Applause). A district like that was rich in men, but it was not rich in money, and they had to help such places. They had not the wealth of Leeds, but they had the manhood. Then at Thirsk and were out of ten in the population had gone, and there were few men left between the ages of 18 and 30. It had the highest percentage in England, and it was a super quality born. He quite agreed with Mr Guyer that there should be no going behind the committee to help people, but he urged that the relief given should be adequate. Suppose a woman got 9s. a week and 2d. each for three children, it would be only 10s. 6d. a week, and she would have to pay 4s. or 5s. for rent and rates. How much would she have left? If they did not send men they should send money, and if they gave money in their own district the amount should be adequate. (Applause).

Mr Pindar, in answer to questions raised by Mr Guyer, said the Prince of Wales' Fund was at present being utilized solely for making grants to the dependents of soldiers and sailors, but it might be used later for grants in aid of civil distress. Lord Harewood's Fund was for the same purpose, but the West Riding Fund was more comprehensive, for it was to give assistance in all cases of distress due to the war, both military and civil. The Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund was in the same position. With regard to the question of distress, he mentioned that this could be done by carrying out public works of various kinds by local authorities.

The Chairman was then put to the meeting and carried.

Mr J. A. Rhodes proposed that the following ladies and gentlemen be elected members of the Templenewsam Distress Committee:—Mrs Carr, Mrs W. G. Crossbweaite, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Ashmore, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Strickland, Mrs Parker, Mrs Pickles, Mrs Dockray, Mrs Harrop, Rev. B. Guyer, Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, Messrs J. Armistead, S. H. Young, G. Dobson, J. Oxrid, T. Rippon, W. Baker, J. Pickles, and Fitton.

This was seconded and agreed to. The three District Councillors—Messrs Marsden, Verity, and Flanagan—and Mr Pindar are exofficio members.

Mr Smithson suggested that the question should be left with the committee. He also made a valuable suggestion as to getting people to promise a certain sum weekly, so that they would have an income assured so long as there was need for it.

The matter was left to the committee.

Mr Rippon said that they each had responsibilities, and he urged that in business as usual endeavour to keep in their employ those who were now working.

This was all the business for which the meeting was called, but the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton brought forward the question of men undertaking ambulance training, pointing out that forthcoth ambulance men had gone on active service, and the formation of a town guard. He suggested that a small committee should be appointed to deal with each department.

Mr Smithson, in regard to ambulance work said it was no use starting it unless it was intended to go on with it. He thought, however, there was scope in the district for it, but unless men were sufficiently interested in it to keep to the work it was not worth supporting. The question of a town guard, he said, required careful consideration.

As there seemed no disposition on the part of the meeting to take the questions up, the Chairman suggested that they should be left to the committee, and this was agreed to.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ROTHWELL DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

WORK IN THE DISTRICT—COLLIERY OWNERS AND RESERVISTS.

A meeting of the Rothwell and District War Distress Committee was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night—Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. There was a good attendance of representatives of the sub-committees from the various wards.

The Clerk to the Council (Mr W. Dodgson), who is one of the secretaries to the Committee, explained how the sub-committees should set about the work of pursuing enquiries relative to distress.

In answer to a question put by Mr J. Horner, Mr Dodgson said they, as a relief committee, could be as generous as they liked, but as far as the National Fund was concerned, there was a limit—the rate of consideration any woman, the wife of a soldier or sailor may receive. Mr Dodgson also promised to supply a list of applicants for relief to the various committees for them to work upon.

He announced the following list of subscriptions:—Mr J. Hirst £3 3s., Mr W. Wade £5 5s. (with another £5 5s. conditionally that the money contributed to Scarfoot dependents of those on active service be given back from another source), Rothwell Empire £5 5s. (with a promise of further support if necessary), Scarcroft Liberal Club £5, and Workingman's Club, Marsh Villa, Rothwell, £3 3s.; Mr S. Dobson, £2 2s.

The Rev. J. Miller Hamilton asked if machinery had been created for dealing with any immediate cases of distress.

The Chairman replied that an emergency committee had been formed to deal with such cases.

Mr S. R. Chadwick said up to the present the pits of Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth had worked better than had been anticipated, and he hoped they would continue to do so, but he failed to see that there was any abnormal distress. If the war continued long, and the supply of props failed, the pits would have to stop, while the building trade would also suffer. At the present time Messrs Charlesworth were giving 10s. per week to the wives of those who had gone to the front or enlisted, and an allowance of 2s. 6d. per child, with a supply of free coals. The men at the pits contributed threepence each per week, and if that sum came to £450, the firm would add the same amount. He hoped, however, distress would not be very acute. If distress became so, he would give all he was able. He asked if it was a fact that the relieving officers to the Guardians had the power to give relief in cases of distress without asking the Board.

Mr Butterick replied that the relieving officers were allowed to give relief in kind but not in money.

It was pointed out by the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson that when the collectors made the round of the district appealing for funds, the people said that there was no distress in the district, and refused to give. He asked if a resolution could not be passed to the effect that a surplus be given to the National Fund, as people might then be induced to give, and the collectors could appeal with more confidence.

The Rev. W. G. Sothby said he would second such a resolution, and the following resolution as drafted by the Clerk was unanimously passed:—"That in the discretion of this Committee money not required locally can be disbursed for other cases of distress arising directly or indirectly from the war."

A speaker who represented the Yorkshire Copper Works at Stourton, said they had plenty of work to do at the present time, as they were working actually for the Government.

Mr Lunn announced that the Middleton Company were giving 5s. to each women whose husband had joined the colours, along with 2s. for each child.

Mr J. Harrison announced that Mr Keitel, Rothwell, who was a naturalised English subject, had contributed a sum of £5 to the local fund.

CROSSGATES AND THE WAR.

ALD. C. B. WILSON, J.P., AND GERMANY.

ADDRESSES BY THE REV. E. BELL AND REV. H. MALLESON.

A meeting to obtain recruits for Lord Kitchener's Army was held in the Oakwood School room, Crossgates, on Friday, and it was well attended. Several speakers, including Captain Kelly, who is conducting the recruiting in Leeds, were announced to be present, but owing to the Lord Mayor of Leeds' campaign they could not attend. Ald. Darcy B. Wilson, J.P., of Scarcroft Hall, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. H. H. Malleson (vicar of Manston) and the Rev. E. Bell (minister of Crossgates Wesleyan Church).

The Chairman said that the war had come upon them so suddenly that there were many who did not understand the origin of it or why England had become mixed up in it. It was clear that the quarrel of Austria with Servia was got up by Germany to bring on a general war at a favourable moment to itself. It was known that Russia would go to war if Servia was attacked by Austria, and that France would support Russia. Germany was relying upon the belief that Russia was not ready, and France was not in a position to fight, while England was so taken up with its own affairs that it could not interfere. Fortunately, the latter was not true. In spite of Sir Edward Grey, and in spite of the efforts of France and Russia, Austria persisted in its demands against Servia and declared war. Germany declared war, and there was still no doubt about England. Germany did all she could to keep England neutral, but what did those proposals mean? They meant that we were asked to be a party to an agreement to hand over the colonies of France to Germany, and as regards Belgium, they meant that we were to barter away the obligation to keep our pledge. They were all delighted when Mr Asquith called it an infamous proposal. (Applause). It was all along foreseen and prepared for by Germany. For years past we had seen how her great and eloquent writers had said that Germany would become one of the most powerful nations in the world. The inevitable war had come, but not as we had thought, between France, Russia, Belgium, and England were fortunately on the same side. The Belgians had covered themselves with glory. The French had fought according to ancient traditions, and the British Army had surpassed itself in coolness and gallantry. The Germans, however, had attacked with such force of numbers that the French and the English had been pushed back to the walls of Paris. The British Army was second to none in the world, although it was a small army. Mr Asquith had affirmed the statement that the Indian troops were on their way. They were splendid soldiers, and would be a welcome addition to our troops. (Applause). Lord Kitchener had asked for 100,000 men, and up to the present reports had been favourable. He had got one-half the number required, and he wanted 250,000 more to put England in the place it should occupy by bringing to an end what he hoped would be a victorious war. Many, he knew, would like to join, but they were prevented by family ties. To the young men to whom they looked to help to crush the intolerable tyranny. In conclusion, he referred to the special battalion being formed in Leeds for business men, and said he hoped as a favourable opportunity the men of Crossgates would go forward and find a place in that battalion. The battalion, he knew, would do its duty and cover Leeds with a halo of reputation. (Applause).

The Rev. Edwin Bell, who aroused considerable enthusiasm, said he was delighted to be there and see so many men who meant business. There was one great regret, and that was that he was not between the ages of 18 and 35; otherwise he would have been in this business, which seemed to him to spread over a critical juncture in the history of the nation and the Empire, when by a stroke of the pen the Government could take over the railways, commandeer property, and if they liked, take the last drop of blood in their veins. They had a right to do that, as the welfare of the whole Empire was of greater importance than anything else. The existence of the Empire was at stake, and the Government had a right to claim every man she wanted. Our Government was not doing that. If his boy was old enough, and he did not wish to go to fight, he would not attempt to persuade him. Why they should be willing to fight was because the war had been forced upon them. Everyone had faith in the Government, and they would not have gone to war if the price of peace could have been paid without dishonour. The Chairman had shown there was a trend of circumstances working up for forty years. They should go to fight to be true to their obligations. President Garfield had said: "It is a fearful thing for one man to stand up in the face of his brother man and refuse to keep his pledge, but it was forty-five million times worse for a nation to do it. It breaks the mainspring of faith."

The German Chancellor had said "What, are you going to fight for a bit of paper." Yes, certainly if we put our name on it. (Applause). A solemn pledge given by any Government pledged it to its life. There were worse things than death; dishonour was worse than death. Consequently, as a nation they had pledged their word, and they had to keep to it, and he believed that England and Belgium would do it. (Applause). If this country was not true at this critical time—he did not speak of the Government, but of the people who made Governments—then she deserved to go under, and he believed they would go under and their good name would go forever. The reason why they should enrol their names was because they had to fight against a terrific power in Europe, whose motto was "Might is right, and the weak can go to the wall." There was a teaching going on in Germany dealing with super-man—that the unfit were no good and that there was no place for them in this world, and he was sorry he had to say it. Germany, which he had always thought was to its own country—the land of Luther—a land which had fought for learning and science—had now become a land of despotism, and was driving out the love of liberty and the fear of God it had in it. The people of Britain sang "Britons never shall be slaves," they would be next door to it if the German Emperor won the day. If Germany came out on top in this conflict they would call to the smaller nations and would aim it us, and then at America, as Mr Winston Churchill had pointed out in an interview with an American journalist. Unless they could go in and give Germany a good chastisement they might as well give up the sense of their freedom and liberty, and be at her beck and call.

The Rev. H. H. Malleson also gave a brief review of circumstances leading up to the war, showing how Germany had been preparing for the conflict for years. Everything pointed to the black treachery of England in joining in the war, went on to say that after much bloodshed the nations of the world would be healed by being Germanised. Was that the ideal of the men—Bismarck or Sir Edward Grey? Did they want their soldiers Germanised, so that they could fight women and children. Every able-bodied man who had any persistent claims upon him should go anywhere for his country, and should be ready to go now. They were slow, he said, in learning the lessons of history. Even if they had two or three million trained men in the country, not by conscription, the war would never have happened. There had never come before the country such a splendid call to service since the days of the Spanish Armada. Forty thousand Londoners had gone. He believed Germany understood that she was not dealing with a contemptible little army.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr A. Lee, and passed.

A number of young men gave in their names for enlistment.

Ed. Wm. Mobley, a dockyard mechanic at Chatham, died on Monday from wounds self-inflicted with a razor. He had previously cut the throat of his wife, who is expected to recover.

NOTABLE WEDDING AT CARLTON TOWERS.

BARONESS BEAUMONT AND HON. B. F. HOWARD.

FATHER VAUGHAN'S INSPIRING ADDRESS.

The wedding of the Baroness Beaumont, daughter of Lady Beaumont, at Carlton Towers, Selby, and the Hon. Bernard Fitzalen Howard, elder son and heir of Lord Howard, of Glossop, took place at Carlton St. Mary's Catholic Church, near Selby, on Saturday.

The ceremony was first fixed for November, but owing to the war, and the fact that the bridegroom, along with his regiment, Lord Lovat's Scouts, has volunteered for foreign service, the original arrangement was departed from. The wedding accordingly took place quietly, only intimate relatives and friends being invited. In the district, however, the greatest interest was taken in the happy event.

The Bishops of Leeds (the Right Rev. Dr. Cowgill) conducted the service, and imparted the solemn nuptial blessing. He was accompanied by other clergy, including Father Bernard Vaughan.

The marriage unites members of two well-known Roman Catholic families. The Baroness Beaumont, who celebrated her 20th birthday on August 1st, is a person in her own right, the title having been called out of abeyance in her favour in 1806, the year following her father's death, by the late Queen Victoria. The Baroness was presented at Court two years ago, and her younger sister, the Hon. Ivy Stapleton, was one of the pretty debutantes of last year.

The bridegroom, who is 29 years of age, is connected with several well-known families, being a cousin of the Duchess of Norfolk and of the Marquis of Bute. He is a lieutenant in Lovat's Scouts, a regiment which (as is well-known) was raised by Lord Lovat, and which distinguished itself during the South African War. The regiment forms part of the Highland Brigade, under the command of Lord Lovat, and is at present stationed at Hurdingdon preparing for active service.

For the wedding the bridegroom was granted two days' leave of absence.

The bride, who was given away by Lady Beaumont, was prettily attired in white satin with gold brocade and Brussels lace veil, and her ornaments consisted of diamond stars. She carried a bouquet of white lilies.

The bridesmaids, the Hon. Ivy Stapleton (sister of the bride), Lady Muriel Howard, Miss Pillkington, the Hon. Frances Howard, and Miss Petre, were dresses of pale pink satin, trimmed with lace, with pale pink lace hats to match. They also carried bouquets of white lilies.

The bridegroom was accompanied by the Hon. Philip Howard, who acted as best man.

A reception followed at Carlton Towers, among the guests being Sir Kenneth and Lady Matheson, the Earl and Countess of Loudoun, Dowager Marchioness of Bute, Lady Langan, Cassandra Countess of Rosse, Lady Muriel Greville, Sir Thomas and Lady Kathleen Pilkington, Lady Dorothy Petre, Major and Mrs Tempest, Mr and Miss Middleton, and Lady Mowbray and Stourton.

The brief honeymoon was spent at Everingham Hall, kindly lent by the Duchess of Norfolk.

Father Bernard Vaughan gave an inspiring address, which was like a call to arms. He said that the bride and bridegroom had plighted their troth, each to each till death did them part. They had entered into a state of life at once solemn and sacred, and as Catholics they knew that they could bring himself could absolon divorce with a view to a second alliance. But what had anticipated the date originally fixed for the marriage? It was the violation on the part of the War Lord of Potsdam of a Treaty to which he had lent his name. Not only had he trampled on the treaty and invaded neutral territory, but he had had the base effrontery to plead that England did play the same foul game, and stab her ally and friend in the back. Because England would be party to no such base line of action, because she was true to her word and loyal to honour, she had replied to the Kaiser's appeal by a call to arms. There was something England prized more than life itself, and that was British honour and British freedom. The bridegroom, like a great section of the rest of the manhood of the country, had joined the colours, but before doing so he had pledged his troth to the lady whose hand and heart he had won by his loving words. She would encase him in the armour of love, and shield him with her prayer of devotion. Their prayers, too, would follow him to the front, and they begged God to send him back with the flag still flying, and England's honour untarnished and unstained. Never would England's sword be sheathed until the shout of victory was heard throughout the Empire, for they were fighting for truth and honour, for King and country.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, the hymns "O Salutaris Hostia," "Ave Verum," and "Tantum Ergo" being sung. After the Benediction the "Divine Praises" were intoned, and the service concluded with the singing of the Psalm "Laudate Dominum."

All the seating accommodation in the beautiful little church was occupied during the service. The villagers and inhabitants of the district for many miles around assembled in the vicinity to witness the arrival of the bridal party and their return from church. Flags were displayed at the houses.

Wedding favours of white heather were distributed to the guests by the Hon. Ivy Stapleton and other bridesmaids.

BARKSTON ASH MEN FOR LEEDS CITY BATTALION.

CROSSGATES, BOSTON SPA, ROTHWELL, TEMPLENEWSAM, OULTON, GARFORTH.

The following local men have joined the Leeds City Battalion:—

Aaron, B., Bankcliffe Lane, Moor Allerton.
Appleyard, E., Osmondville, Osmondthorpe.
Armitage, S. L., Oakwood, Roundhay.
Allsop, J., Park Avenue, Oakwood, Roundhay.
Agutter, D., 6, Talbot Road, Street Lane, Roundhay.
Armitage, B., Oakwood, Roundhay.
Berry, A. B., Rosedene, The Avenue, Roundhay.
Berry, W., 38, Quarry Hill, Oulton.
Boulton, A., Railway Cottage, Old Manston, Crossgates.
Best, R., Junc., Hollyshaw, Whitkirk.
Best, R. E., Rosedene, The Avenue, Roundhay.
Bethell, W., 29, Marshall Street, Crossgates.
Beaumont, R., Rose Cottage, Crossgates.
Boulton, G. H., Springhead, Rothwell.
Brown, B., 42, Shrubbery Hill, Oulton.
Bowmen, R., Park Avenue, Roundhay.
Barnard, G. R., 37, Brookfield Avenue, Roundhay.
Batty, S. T. D., 5, Bridgefield Terrace, Rothwell.
Brook, H., 1, Carter Mount, Whitkirk.
Coultate, H., The Avenue, Roundhay.
Coolsoon, C. F. A., Clifton House, Roundhay.
Chapman, H., Royal Hotel, Boston Spa.
Charge, H. E., Oakwood, Roundhay.
Coggill, H., 4, Airedale Terrace, Stourton.
Chapman, H., The Hall, Roundhay.
Cuttle, W., 7, Carter Avenue, Whitkirk.
Clarke, F., Adel.
Charles, R. F., Woodland Cottage, Oakwood, Roundhay.
Crossland, J. B., Fernville View, Roundhay.
Chadwick, W., 86, Green Lane, Halton.
Clarke, A. T., Argeur, The View, Roundhay.
Cooper, W., Scarcroft, Thorner.
Cook, T., 5, Brooklands, East Keswick.
Dodgson, W., Oakwood, Roundhay, Halton.
Danks, T., 5, Carter Avenue, Whitkirk
Davison, The Lawns, Stourton.
Dimery, G. W., Shadwell Lane, Moortown.
Dobson, A. S., Mayfield, Boston Spa.
Dyson, W. G., Danebury Lodge, Barwick.
Dodgson, J. E., Old Park Road, Roundhay.
Edwards, F. A., Grange Villa, Roundhay.
Ellis, R. C., 18, Hollyshaw Lane, Whitkirk.
Dimery, J. E., Shadwell Industrial School.
Dimery, W. S., Shadwell Industrial School.
Denby, C. P., Springfield, Garforth.
Ferndale, G., Colton.
Firth, H. L., 24, Carter Mount, Whitkirk.
Flockton, F., 2, Bentley Square, Oulton.
Fawcett, J., Sandhill Villa, Roundhay.
Goodall, S. H., 15, Graveley Street, Halton.
Howorth, N., 12, Ayresome Avenue, Roundhay.
Hodgson, A. H., Wycliffe, Moor Allerton.
Hanson, T., The Street, Scarcroft.
Haddon, N. J., 136, Queen Street, Stourton.
Hampshire, J., Manston Gardens, Crossgates.
Ingleby, C. D., Woodville, Roundhay.
Ingleby, E. J., Woodville, Roundhay.
Ingle, H., 22, Ingleden Crescent, Roundhay.
Johnson, C.; The Drive, Roundhay.
James, F. B., Holmefield, Roundhay.
Kelly, K. G., 82, James Street, Wetherby.
Kerr, W. V., 28, Hill Top Mount, Roundhay.
Lake, T. W., Meynell House, Rothwell.
Lawson, L. L., Adel.
Leach, J., Rockfield, Halton.
Lewis, T., Sandringham, Oakwood, Roundhay.
Mawson, G., The Boundary, Street Lane, Roundhay.
Mawson, W. B., The Boundary, Street Lane, Roundhay.
Marsden, H., 22, Gledhow Wood Avenue, Roundhay.
Mawson, W. B., The Boundary, Street Lane, Roundhay.
Allerton, J. S., Brentwood, Roundhay.
Myers, H. W., 3, Bridle Path Cottages, Scarcroft.
Mawson, F. A., North Gates, Wetherby.
Morris, F., 3, Bridle Path Cottages, Scarcroft.
Nettleton, P., St. John's View, Oulton.
Noble, T., Bridle Path Cottages, Scarcroft.
Nelson, W. J., The Hollies, Rothwell.
Noddings, G. W., 52, Wood Lane, Rothwell.
Nottingham, J., Ledsham.
Oliver, A., Lidgett Lane, Gledhow, Roundhay.
Pickersgill, R., Melbourne House, Thorner.
Popplewell, J. W., Stanks.
Pregnell, F. C., Canal Gardens, Roundhay.
Pawson, A. G., Overdale, The Drive, Roundhay.
Pickersgill, J. P., Melbourne House, Thorner.
Richardson, N., Holly Bank Villa, Moortown.
Rouse, E., 49, Jodson Avenue, Roundhay.
Rymer, T. L., Church Fields, Rothwell.
Smith, R., Oakwood, Gillingham.
Sharman, E. P., Norwood, North Park Road, Roundhay.
Sommers, H., Rothwell.
Tannam, R. A., 6, Osborne Villas, Woodsford.
Turner, H. N., Danville, Halton.
Taylor, P., Jasmine House, Scarcroft.
Wainwright, F., Whitkirk.
Wood, J. A., Fairbourne, Surrey Hill, Halton.
Wood, M., Fernville View, Roundhay.
Whitley, B. G., Harewood Road, Collingham.
Wood, E. V., Ayresome Terrace, Street Lane, Roundhay.
Wilkinson, G., 13, Beulah Terrace, Crossgates.
Wilkinson, R., 13, Beulah Terrace, Crossgates.
Watson, H., Whitkirk View, Halton.

5 The Germans have sunk 13 British fishing vessels in the North Sea.

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Mr Ben William Castelow," retired licensed victualler, of Beulah House, Crossgates, left £6,023.

A collection at Stanks Primitive Methodist Chapel for the Lord Mayor's Fund realized £1 9s.

Dr. Bean has sent £5.

We understand that practically all the local men who have joined the Leeds City Battalion have passed the medical examination.

BOWLING.—A match was played between Crossgates and Garforth Conservatives at Garforth on Saturday, and Crossgates won by 189 to 139. Details (Crossgates names first):—J. Crossley 13 v. H. Dransfield 21, F. Hardcastle 21 v. H. Margetson 3, E. W. Jubb 21 v. W. H. Philipson 8, G. W. Burch 21 v. W. Cooke 13, C. Holliday 21 v. W. O. o, J. A. Rymer 16 v. H. Braham 21, I. Semper 19 v. W. Dixon 21, G. Danby 19 v. J. Barker 5, H. Bartrick 21 v. F. Sedgwick 10, and M. Hughes 15 v. T. Braham 21.

CARLTON

A number of the young men of this village have shown their patriotism by joining the colours, about sixty-five having enlisted.

GUARDIANS AND RELIEF.—On Wednesday the Wakefield Guardians approved the estimates for the half-year ending March next, which contained considerable increases, including £3,000 to make provision for extra indoor and outdoor relief in consequence of the war. Other increases are owing to the rise in the price of food and materials. Mr W. Moorhouse said the estimate, which was over £55,000, was the largest in the experience of the Board, being an increase of £5,443 over the corresponding half-year. Apart, however, from the £3,000 for war distress relief, and a County Council increase of £1,768, the estimate was of most satisfactory one, because the Guardians' increase only amounted to £738, which was accounted for by the increased number in the Union Infirmary, the house, and the children's homes, and additional out-relief.

GARFORTH

Miss S. Sissons, of Garforth, has given £2, and Mr T. W. Perry, of Garforth, £1 1s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £1 4s., collected at Garforth Primitive Methodist Chapel, has been sent to Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund. The Rev. S. S. Henshaw has sent two guineas.

THE LATE REV. C. T. WAKEFIELD.—After a brief but painful illness, the Rev. C. T. Wakefield, superintendent minister of the Lady Lane Circuit of the United Methodist Church, died on Friday at his residence, Stanley Lodge, Lavender Walk, Leeds. Mr Wakefield was just entering his sixth year in the Lady Lane Circuit. After the college course in Manchester, he commenced circuit work thirty-five years ago. Twenty-six of these have been spent in Yorkshire. He was an earnest and intelligent minister, a man of great activity, natural disposition, and great kindness of heart. He took a prominent part in the general business of the district. For about six years he was district secretary, and rendered distinguished service in that office. A year ago he was elected to the highest office, that of chairman, and rendered useful service. For several years Mr Wakefield was chairman and secretary of the Conference Scrutineers' Committee, a difficult and responsible office, the duties of which he discharged with great ability. In all his circuits he was prompt friends.

HALTON

Mr J. Houghton, of Halton, has sent £1 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

It is stated that there is a probability of the work of extending the tramway to Halton being commenced shortly

Mr and Mrs J. W. Crosthwaite have given £20 to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund, and Mr W. Strickland £10.

Miss Ivy Easton, of Halton, was one of the singers at a concert for soldiers, given in the Leeds Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Wednesday night.

ENLISTED.—A summons against a Leeds painter named Arthur Wallace for riding a cycle at Halton without a light, was withdrawn at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, as the defendant had enlisted.

DRUNK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Ephraim Briggs, labourer, of Halton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Halton on August 29th. Pc. Taylor said he heard the defendant, who was very drunk, making use of bad language on the Selby Road. He warned him of his conduct, but little further down the road defendant used more bad language. A fine of 5s. including costs was imposed.

KIPPAX

Mr and Mrs Braham and family wish to thank all kind friends for their sympathy in their sad bereavement.—Advt.

COLONEL F. DAVISON BLAND.—Colonel Francis Davison Bland, who has died at the age of 61 at his residence, Kippax Lodge, Malton, after an illness of over three months, at one time commanded the 3rd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. Since coming to Malton nearly four years ago he led a quiet, retired life, frequently indulging in his favourite pastime of angling, at which he was very skilful. He came of an old Yorkshire family, and was a cousin of Mr John Davison Bland, of Kippax Park, the ancestral home for many generations. The family of Davison was united with the Blands in the seventeenth century, when the eldest daughter of Sir John Bland married a Thomas Davison, of Bircklestone. Two generations later Thomas Davison (born 1741) assumed the surname of Bland, and his son, of the same name, married a daughter of the 10th Lord Stourton. Colonel Bland was interred at Scarborough on Friday, and the chief mourners included Mrs F. D. Bland (widow), Miss Madge Bland (daughter), Colonel Bland (brother), and Mr Ewen Davison Bland, of Kippax Park.

MICKLEFIELD

A SUGGESTION.—"A collier," who says he is about to join the battalion for Yorkshire miners, suggests that the surplus of the funds raised in connection with the Micklefield and Thorrhill Colliery disasters, should be devoted either to the National Relief Fund or to the support of the dependents of miners who go on active service.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr W. S. Harper, of Moortown, has given £2 2s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

At St. John's Church, Moor Allerton, a sum of £52 0s. was collected for the Lord Mayor's Fund.

METHLEY

A collection at Methley Church for the National Relief Fund realized £1 2s. 2d.

OULTON

OULTON HALL.—Major Calverley has offered to house and feed 12 Belgian refugees, women and children, at Oulton Hall. The Hall is unfurnished, but Major Calverley generously proposes to furnish four bedrooms, with a sitting-room and kitchen. A committee in the village will take care of the refugees, and Major Calverley will pay for all food and appoint a person to reside on the premises.

ROUNDHAY

A sum of £42 14s., collected at St. Edmund's, Roundhay, has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Messrs W. H. Gilpin and Son, of Roundhay, have sent five guineas to Lord Harewood's Fund, and a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs W. A. Wharam, of Roundhay, has sent five guineas to the Belgian Relief Fund, and Mrs Burrows, of Roundhay, has contributed 5s.

Mr W. T. Middleton, of Roundhay, has given £2 2s., and Mrs S. F. Thackray, of Roundhay, £1, and Mr M. Jackson, Roundhay, 5s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

RELIEF.—Mr R. H. Barran, M.P., Roundhay, has given £10; Miss Mabel L. Reffitt, £5 5s.; Mr and Mrs Secker Walker, £5 5s.; Mr W. Derry, £5. Mrs Adel Bang, £3 3s.; Mr H. Baron, £2 2s.; Mr A. Rankin, £2 2s.; and Mr E. Terry, £1, all of Roundhay, to the Belgian Relief Fund.

WEDDING.—The wedding took place at Roecroe Place Chapel, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, on Wednesday, of Miss Edythe Rhodes, second daughter of Mr Paul Rhodes, builder, of Parkstone, Park Avenue, Roundhay, to Mr Ralph Huxley Newton, second son of Mr Christopher Newton, late of Buckworth, Hunts. The chapel was decorated with plants and flowers. The bride was dressed in white satin and a Brussels lace veil with a bridal bouquet of lilies. The other bridesmaids, Misses Gladys, Doris, and Betty Rhodes, were dressed in primrose satin and nigger brown hats and carried bouquets of brown and yellow chrysanthemums.

BOWLERS AND WAR FUND.—The Leeds and District Amateur Bowling Association played their annual charity match at the Gipton Wood Green, Roundhay, on Saturday, in aid of the Lord Mayor's War Relief Fund. Some sixty-four players participated in the contest, the teams being selected from the winners of this season's Preston Shield and Mosley Trophy Competitions (Chapeltown and Bramley Liberal) and the rest of the clubs in membership. The Competitions team won 17 of the 32 games, but lost on the aggregate scores by six points only, the totals being:—The Rest of Association, 388; Preston and Mosley team, 382.

SEACROFT

Ald. D. B Wilson, J.P., of Seacroft, has given £1 1s. 6d. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

SHADWELL

Mrs Philip Marsden, of Shadwell, has sent 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £1 4s. 5d., collected at Wike Church School, has been sent to Lord Harewood's Fund.

A sum of £2 10s., collected at Shadwell Wesleyan Church, and £1 5s., collected at Red Cat, Shadwell, have been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

STOURTON

A sum of £1 9s. 5d. collected at Stourton Wesleyan Sunday and Saturday School has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

THE WAR.—The following notice, signed by Mr Kenneth Fraser, the general manager, has been posted at the Yorkshire Copper Works:—War with Germany. Lord Kitchener asks for 100,000 men. Will you assist? It is the duty of young single men between the ages of 19 and 35, who are not the sole support of their families, to enlist at once in the new armies, which are now being raised for the defence of our country. The positions of men leaving our employ to thus fulfil their duty will be kept open for them until the conclusion of the war. Steps have been taken to safeguard the dependents of those of our men who have already joined the Forces, and similar steps will be taken in regard to the families of the dependents of new recruits. No single men answering to the above description will be taken on during the continuance of the war. Enlist to-day!

WHITKIRK

Mr P. S. Marsden, of Whitkirk, has sent a guinea and Mr W. Atkinson, of Whitkirk, 10s., to the West Riding Relief Fund

LADY DOROTHY WOOD AND TEMPLENEWSAM.—In this month's "Lady's World" the following appears:—Lord Halifax's daughter-in-law, Lady Dorothy Wood, entertains for Doncaster at Templenewsam, the birthplace of Darnley, Mary Queen of Scots' husband, and a grand historic mansion, now getting spoilt by the grime and smoke of Leeds, which her husband, Mr Edward Wood, inherited from his aunt, Mrs Meynell-Ingram. Lady Dorothy is clever, and how a bright, lovable disposition. Like her only sister, Lady Gwendolen Guinness, she is splendidly educated, and though something of a blue stocking, was once described as the "nicest girl in society." She is quite a good-looking, a clever talker, and a first-rate linguist.

WOODLESFORD

Mrs Campbell, of Woodlesford, has given £1 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

THE LATE MR C. TOWNEND.—We regret to announce the death of Mr Charles Townend, plate-layer, of Rigby Street, South Milford, which died somewhat suddenly, and was interred at St. Mary's Church on Friday. Mr Townend had been a sufferer from heart trouble for three years. He was much respected. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss. There was a large number of mourners, friends, and neighbours at the funeral.

RECRUITING.—Colonel Dimas, speaking at Easingwold on Wednesday night, said that up to the present recruiting had been very satisfactory, especially at Selby, Wetherby, and Ripon. The recruits were not drawn from one class. Lord Kitchener's Army consisted of everybody, from those who lived in the hall to those who lived in the cottage, from those who lived on the land to those in the factories; they had had them from the railways, from the farms, and from the squires' houses. Now they wanted particularly those who worked in agricultural areas on the land.

KIPPAX PEOPLE AND THE WAR.

SPEECHES BY SIR J. C. RICKETT, M.P., THE VICAR, AND DR. INFIELD.

An open-air meeting was held on Cross Hill, Kippax, on Saturday evening, when a large crowd assembled anxious to hear news relating to the war. The meeting, however, was but the forerunner of a much better meeting which was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom immediately after.

Mr E. Parkin, J.P., presided, and he referred to the struggle for right against might, and against militarism. militarism had been fostered and pursued unhesitatingly for purposes of aggression, the ultimate object of which was to crush England and destroy her supremacy. The neutrality of Belgium had not been respected. The treaty to which Germany was a party had been violated, and England, in her love for right and justice, was at war with Germany.

Dr. Infield stated his regret that extremely barbarous methods of cruelty had been resorted to by our enemy, and that indescribable brutality had been practised upon an innocent and defenceless people. The crushing of Germany was no child's play, and the very best endeavours of all our young men should be put forth to cope with the enemy. He was quite willing to do what he could and had volunteered his services, and if his ambulance men had done the same. (Cheers).

The Rev. E. B. Smith (Vicar) roused the large audience by his references to German methods of warfare. That a cultured nation like Germany should stoop to methods of barbarism such as they had read of, and that a small state like Belgium should be the target upon which Germany should wreak her vengeance was almost unthinkable, and it behoved every man for the Indescribable cruelty to the Belgium people, and end his days on the island of St. Helena.

Sir J. C. Rickett, the Liberal Member for Colne Valley, spoke on the cause of the war. He outlined the geographical position, and its advantage or disadvantage to each nation involved. England was fortunate in having the sea between her and the theatre of war, and a very powerful fleet to defend our shores, and keep open the trade routes, the result of which they saw. The people were being fed. Flour could be bought at the above normal, and at much less than it had been in times of peace very often. Sugar was dearer, because the best supply from Germany had been cut off. Germany was not so well placed. Her fleet was anchored at Wilhelmshaven. Food supplies, so far as the outside world was concerned, were isolated from her, and she would feel them more shortly. Germany's craving for expansion was very natural, but she had begun too late with her colonising. Germany's colonies were not worth much. France was much better off. She had some rich colonies, and had France been willing to concede some of these a war with Germany might have been averted. The fighting qualities of our Indian troops, which were being sent over to aid us, were good. These men would fight whether or not if they should be killed on the Monday they would apologise and promise to do better on Wednesday. They were more closely related to the English than were the Jews. The fall of Liege and Namur so soon was accounted for by the fact that these forts had been built to withstand the pounding of guns of much less power than the guns the Germans were using at the present time. In speaking of the wounds which our soldiers received, he stated that those were mostly leg wounds, caused by pieces of shell. The machine guns were terrible things and did a great deal of damage. What remained to be done? If our guns, he said, did not equal those of the Germans, they must have guns that would. Our factories would and must produce the guns required. Provision in the shape of pensions should be made for the wounded to the end of their days.

The Kippax Old Band headed the procession through the streets, and played "Rule Britannia" on the Wesleyan Schoolroom.

A number of Reservists from Kippax have been called up, and a number of young men have enlisted.

KIPPAX DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

SHOULD A LOCAL FUND BE OPENED?

A special meeting of Kippax Parish Council was held on Monday evening, along with two representatives from each church, Friendly Society, Medical Charities Committee, the Working Men's Clubs, and the local branch of the Miners' Union. Mr S. R. Silverwood presided. The object of the meeting was to elect a local Distress Committee, and the question of opinion was invited by the Chairman as to the best method of working.—The Vicar: We know we have only nothing done. In the relief fund principle prospective or immediate. We require to know something before we can do anything.—Mr E. Parkin, J.P.: The Tadcaster Council has been formed, and we have been asked to recommend four names that a local committee should be formed in each parish, and should work through the Tadcaster Committee. It is very likely that letters from applicants will be sent to us, and I am told that some workmen have been dismissed already. Such cases will have to be dealt with.—The Chairman: If we are to have a fund that will should be used for local cases.—Mr Arnold: Has the Council formed any resolution in regard to this question?—Mr Silverwood: The Council is right it best to ask representatives to attend this meeting for consultation and opinion.—The Vicar: The funds that are raised in Kippax will be comparatively small. Should cases of distress be reported, assistance from the National Fund would be required, and the question arises as to whether we have a just claim on the National Fund.—The Chairman: I do not like the idea of a local fund. Whatever we do it is left to Tadcaster we shall get very little.—Mr Atack: Who is to be judge of needy cases? Who is to distribute relief?—Dr. Chairman: The Tadcaster Committee will decide those matters.—Mr Plows: As to the local fund and the suggestion that it should be used for local distress, it is not the right thing. We are connected with the National Fund.—Mr Wm. Green: I understand that the money raised locally will be sent on to Tadcaster, and the local committee will forward information as to needy cases, and grants of relief will be sent on from Tadcaster.—The Vicar: We really ought to know more about the Tadcaster Committee's proposals, and I would like to suggest that this meeting be adjourned until we get information as the matter.—Mr Parkin: I have a form here containing particulars. It is required to know the state of employment. The Tadcaster Committee think it advisable to form a local Distress Committee in each parish. It would not be wise to agree to have one fund at present. We want to do the best we can. The question is one of administration. If the calls for relief are numerous, we may have to appeal to the National Fund. It is impossible at the present time to know what we shall need.—It was agreed to form a local committee of 12 members, but there were thirteen nominated, and these were allowed to stand. In addition to these thirteen, the four District Councillors are ex-officio. The secretary is Mr W. Cripwell (Clerk to the Parish Council), and the treasurer the Vicar.

The committee is as follows:—Mr J. Bowcrof, Mr S. R. Silverwood (Chairman of the Parish Council), Mr J. Cripwell, Mr C. Firth, Mr Wm. Green, Mr J. Smart, Mr A. Plows, Mr E. Norton, Mr D. Smales, Mr W. Medcalf, Mr J. Cooper, Mr J. Atack, and Mr T. Booth.—The Chairman: Now, shall we have suggestions as to methods of working?—The Vicar: Whether we form a fund to be exclusively used for local distress, or whether we join Tadcaster should not be decided by this committee.—Mr Wm. Green: More information is needed from Tadcaster. Would it not be advisable for this committee to meet and go through any correspondence that may come from Tadcaster?—I move they do meet, and that a general meeting be called.—Mr Parkin: What Mr Green suggests is the right thing to do. The committee elected can call a general meeting and that meeting can decide what to do with the money.—The Vicar seconded the motion and it was carried. The committee will meet on Monday evening.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR E. H. FOSTER, J.P., AND RIFLE CLUBS.

(To the Editor).

SIR,—I think it is very desirable that a Rifle Association, with rifle range, should be formed in the districts (wherever possible) in the Barkston Ash Division. We have recently formed one in Horsforth, where I live, and already 240 men have joined the club, and it has been found necessary to arrange for the shooting to be in squads of thirty, each member being allowed to shoot twice in each week.

I am quite aware that there are people who are critical of the benefits of Rifle Associations, but that need not deter others who see what good use they can be made to serve. Any object, however good, will always have critics and opponents.

In Horsforth we are using it in three ways:—

1—As a recruiting centre, and we intend to make a point of getting all employers to have to get members enlisted in the branch of the service in which they desire to serve.

2—As a training ground for the young fellows, who have not yet attained the enlistment age.

3—Giving musketry instruction and company drill to men who are over the enlistment age, but who by reason of the extension of that age may be called upon to serve in the future.

We have secured two excellent musketry instructors, and the whole thing is carried out under proper discipline with service rifles, and is proving of great value.

The Hon. Rupert Beckett, D.L., who came over on Monday to open the range, expressed his pleasure at the result attained and the objects in view.

I shall be glad to send a copy of our rules or any other information to anyone who wishes to form in any district in the Barkston Ash Division with a view to forming a similar Rifle Association and range.—Yours, etc.

ERNEST H. FOSTER.

"The Ridges," Scott Hall Lane, Horsforth, Sept. 10th, 1914.

ATHLETES' VOLUNTEER FORCE.

(To the Editor).

SIR,—At a meeting of the Council of the West Riding Centre of the National Cyclists' Union, it was unanimously agreed to support the above scheme, and that steps be immediately taken to forward the movement.

A subcommittee was formed, and the secretary was instructed to confer with all the other athletic bodies with a view to joint action, and the calling of a great mass meeting of athletes at an early date.

This scheme interferes in no way with the recruiting for the Army; it should, therefore, appeal to all athletes who are debarred by age or physique from enlisting from joining the Regular Forces.

Those who are eligible to enlist in the Army are not accepted for enrolment in the Athletes' Volunteer Force, which is solely intended to provide facilities for civilians to become proficient in the handling of rifles and to learn the rudiments of military drill.

Further particulars of Mr T. A. Edge's scheme can be obtained from the hon. secretary,

A. GOODALL,

8, Monaster Terrace, Crossgates, Leeds.

FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES' FUND.—A praiseworthy effort by the committee of the Milford Junction N.E.R. Silver Band, South Milford, took place on Saturday afternoon at South Milford, in aid of the Prince of Wales' fund. The band had paraded the streets, athletic sports were held in the Cricket Field (kindly lent for the occasion). The following is a list of the officials:—Chairman, Mr Wm. Green; starter, Mr J. T. Whiteley; hon. treasurer, Mr John Carr; starter, Mr Alfred Johnson; gatemen, Messrs Hy Hume, W. W. Ledger, and Cook; judges, Messrs J. Bywell, J. Wolfe, J. Cooper, and J. Wilcox; and stewards, Messrs R. Sutton, E. Atkinson, H. Brooksbank, E. Brown, J. Warner, and J. T. Jackson. The prizes were given by the committee and a few friends. Results—Men's race—100 yards, flat race (open)—Heat winners: J. T. Whiteley (South Milford F.C.), Gill (Sherburn), J. Howie (Brotherton), and Smith (South Milford). Final: 1, Howie; 2 Hutchcroft, Schoolboys' obstacle race (open)—1 D. Sutton, South Milford; 2 R. Wilson, South Milford. Married men's race, 100 yards—Heat winners: Miss E. Armstrong, Miss E. Cawthorne, Mrs D. Terry, and Mrs W. Lowson. Final—1, Mrs Lowson, 2 Mrs Armstrong. Musical bicycle race (open)—1 J. T. Whiteley; 2 Joe Hill. Bowling at wickets (open)—1 R. Gibson, jun. (Hambleton); 2 H. Wilson (South Milford F.C.). Walking contest (open)—1 E. Brown (South Milford), 2 L. Butcher (South Milford). There was a fairly good company present, and a guide was held in the evening. The proceeds were as follows:—Gate £3 16s. 9d., collecting sheet £2 3s. 1od., entries £1 15s. 9d., Scouts' subscription 10s., subscriptions to prize fund £2 3s.—total £10 7s. 3d.; add Lord's assistance £1 10s. od.—net proceeds £8 17s. 6d.

MILTON'S ROLL OF HONOUR.—The young men who have answered the appeal for service in the Army, abroad or home defence, are:—Frank Atkinson, Norman Hanson, James Baker, Tom Dunwell, George Boston, John Neville, Ernest Bruce, John Jas. Newby, Ernest Chilton, George Lambert, Ralph Chilton, Robt. Riley, William Cockerham, A. Wilstrop, Addie Cockerham, J. Winship, Marshall Farrow, Louis Wilson, James Farrow, Clarence Wetherill, Gordon Gill, Wm. Thornton, Jas. Grimbley, and Arthur Jackson.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Harry Weldon heads the programme, and as the boxing "White Hope" he is immensely funny, while his bicycling turn is also worthy of repetition. Marie Kendall has some cheery patriotic numbers, and they go well. Howard Bros. are very clever with the banjo, and Solo's weird "lesson in temperance" amuses the audience. Others who contribute include the Falcons, comedy acrobats; Goodfellow and Gregson, comedy duo; George Busson, mimic; and Fred Laird, comedian. There are also some good cinematograph films.

There was a time when five West-end (London) theatres, variety theatres included, were presenting "Barrie" plays, and it can be said with confidence that there is no play of that famous author more typical of Sir James Barrie as his best than "The Twelve Pound Look," selected by Mr Frank Allen as the leading feature for next week in the Empire programme. Miss Kitty Colyer is no well-known to need any introduction to theatre-goers in Leeds, but her new numbers are likely to enhance and consolidate her great popularity. An artistic treat will be afforded by Mr Alfred E. West, for so long pianist to Mr Albert Chevalier, and composer of countless of that inimitable actor's musical mono logues. Pip Powell and Kate Vesey in "A Perfect Woman"—a sparkling duologue; Arthur Lerriss, Syd. Walker, and Woodhouse and Wells will give a good account of the humorous portion of the programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week Miss Ella Retford is a great attraction, and on Monday night on the conclusion of her final song she was greeted with rounds of applause, but when she come back and added a clever verse suggesting that "Kaiser Willie" would soon have to "Get out and get under," the enthusiasm was such that Miss Retford had to come back and take a "curtain." The Flatt laugh is continuous during the efforts of Dale and O'Malley, the secret of whose success lies in their absurdity of their jokes and mannerisms. The Bramusas, a sepiette of juveniles, play inspiring tunes with a merry abandon; Cecil Lee performs feats that border on the miraculous; and Florrie Elliston makes an acceptable contribution.

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal turn will be given by David Devant, in mysteries and illusions, introducing startling new features. On Saturday, the 10th, there will be a special matinee of Devant's mysteries. Others billed to appear are Fred Barnes, the light comedy star; F. W. St. Clair, who will sing "Follow the drum," by which he has raised about £100 for National Relief Funds; De Wynne Bros., Four Curtiss, step dancers; and Josie Delaine, a versatile little lady.

BARKSTON ASH BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

The following Rest team has been chosen to meet the Winners of the Riley-Smith Cup (Garforth Working Men's) on the green of the latter club on Saturday next, Sept. 12th, at 2.30 p.m.:—

Messrs F. Hutchinson (President) and C.W. Lawson (hon. sec), H. Thomas, Caine, and Nicol (Hallam), A. Wetherall, Moverley, and Collins (Tadcaster), J. Firth and I. Semper (Crossgates), J. Fisher and J. P. Cowl (Crossgates Rec.), E. Walker and Collins (Garforth), J. Barker and Dransfield (Garforth Cons.), and H. Chapman (Halton Travellers).

The Winners have kindly invited the players to tea in the club room, after which a "smoker" will be held, and the Cup received by the President to the Garforth Working Men's Club, this being the second time they have won it.

FOOTBALL MATCHES AND REFEREES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE.

Waterloo Main Colliery v. Methley Perseverance.

H. Fitzpatrick.

Fryston Colliery v. Mirfield United. G. T. Crippo.

Rothwell Parish Church v. Garforth White Rose. W. Thompson.

LEEDS JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Scourton United v. Bowers Allerton. F. Tyas.

Rothwell White Rose R. v. Glass Houghton Colliery. M. Jodl.

Thorpe Wesleyans v. Kippax Woodville. W. Pratt.

Methley Perseverance R. v. Oulton St. John's. J. T. Lawson.

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MARRIAGE.

BOOTH—HOLLINGWORTH.—On August 29th, at Bethesda Methodist Chapel, Leeds, by the Rev. Thomas Hollingworth, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Booth, father of the bridegroom, Arthur Booth, of Rothwell, to Ethel Hollingworth, of Leeds.

DEATHS.

BRADLEY.—On September 3rd, at Rothwell, Mary Ann Bradley, aged 74 years.

CLARKSON.—On September 4th, at Rothwell, Mary Clarkson, aged 74 years.

DAWSON.—On September 4th, at Rothwell, Mary Dawson, aged 74 years.

HOLMES.—On September 4th, at Rothwell, Mary Holmes, aged 74 years.

The damage caused by the war in Belgium up to the present is estimated at forty million sterling.

RILEY-SMITH SHIELD CRICKET FINAL.

WELL-CONTESTED GAME AT BARWICK.

TADCASTER A DEFEAT GARFORTH WES.

On Saturday afternoon the final for the Riley-Smith Cricket Shield was played at Barwick, and a fine struggle between Garforth Wes. and Tadcaster A was witnessed by a fair number of spectators. Garforth were without Gent, one of their best bowlers, else is with the Territorials, and included in the Tadcaster team were C. Harrison and J. W. Garbutt, who have rendered good service with the senior eleven.

Garforth Wes. had first knock of the wicket, and V. Siberry and H. Ward were the first pair to exhibit their skill. Siberry started promisingly by sending the first balls he received from both Harrison and Smart to the boundary. Ward scored one and was then cleverly caught by G. Nettleton at point. Siberry, after two runs had been added, got before the wickets, and received marching orders, but a splendid partnership between F. Siberry and H. Goodall followed. Goodall, at 13, was missed by Nettleton at point, and he celebrated his escape by driving a ball from Smart out of the field. The score rose rapidly, and when it was 29 G. Nettleton went on to trundle in place of Smart. Subsequently Iredale missed Goodall in the long field, but Garbutt, by taking a chance offered by Siberry, with the total at 43, broke up the partnership. Eve another run was added Goodall, who had batted splendidly, and the batter then Smart's hands. Johnson and Brownridge did not remain long together, for the latter, after a run had been added, was clean bowled by Harrison. Herbert Siberry was given out Bowled six wickets were down for 45. Hewitt then joined Johnson, who had played very carefully, but they soon left. Hewitt was caught by Harrison and Johnson by Aldous, with the total at 51. Eight wickets were down, and things were not looking at all well for the Garforthians, but a remarkable partnership between H. Goodall and Harold Siberry put a better complexion on the game. Siberry made a boundary hit, and then he drove a ball to Iredale, but he declined to take the catch, and afterwards the batsmen scored three and lifted the leather over the hedge at the pavilion side for 4. Meantime Goodall contented himself with scoring two. Siberry again hit Harrison to the boundary for three, but the next ball dissolved the partnership, Harrison scattering Goodall's wickets. Nine wickets for 71 was the record. Balmer was the last man in, and he gave Taylor a splendid chance of distinguishing himself, but he dropped the leather. However, the innings soon came to an end, Iredale accepting a catch from Siberry. The total was 73. G. Nettleton was the best of the Tadcaster trundlers, capturing five wickets for 26, while Harrison had a fair 3, and Smart one for 16. The fielding of the Calcarians was faulty, and the missing of several of the batsmen was a distinct blot on their work.

Tadcaster opened their innings with Johnson and Aldous, and the bowlers were Ward and Brownridge. Johnson was soon given out low to Brownridge with only one on the board, but, with the advent of Hardison, the batsmen were on hand, and Brownridge, nine being scored off an over, but he gave place to Harold Siberry. Ward proved expensive, too, and when the score was over 20 H. Goodall went on in his place. Siberry had only one knocked off him in two overs, yet he was taken off, and Ward, whose day it distinctly was not, was given the leather at his end. The bowling, it must be said, was not well managed. Goodall bowled Aldous, who batted admirably for 18, and the second wicket was down for 25. Garbutt afterwards had a boundary hit off Goodall, and Harrison, whose fine, forceful play was the feature of the game, sent a ball from Ward over the pavilion hedge. Garbutt subsequently hit out wildly and had to retire, and he missed it, and it went into his wickets. Three for 33 runs was a good score, but better was to follow. Harrison continued to score freely, and Bejvenjide was again called on in place of Ward. Harrison immediately made a three hit off him, and then Taylor fried to do likewise. Herbert Siberry got the ball and he beat it, but Hewitt secured it, and four wickets were down for 46. E. Nettleton scored a single and brought his score up to four from a three overthrow. However, he sent the next ball into Ward's hands for his do. Iredale followed and opened with a two hit off Goodall, and Harrison drove the ball to the hedge at the other end of the field for 3, being the biggest hit of the match. Iredale despeeted the next ball to Herbert Siberry, and it was securely held—6 for 55—and, with only three more runs on, Shearsmith was run out. The finish proved a very interesting one, and as Harrison continued to find the boundary frequently, Ward was tried again. Seventy was on the board when Nettleton's wicket was got by Goodall, and J. Taylor was smartly caught by V. Siberry with only another run on. Three runs were required for victory when Smart went in, and Harrison put the result beyond all doubt by making a fine three hit. The Garforth fielding was better than that of Tadcaster, but the bowling was not up to the usual. Goodall had the best figures, securing 4 wickets for 21, while Brownridge had 3 for 22, and Ward one for 24 runs. Scores:—

Garforth Wes.	
V. Siberry, Bow, b Harrison	7
H. Ward, c G. Nettleton, b Smart	1
F. Siberry, c Garbutt, b Harrison	8
H. Goodall, c Smart, b G. Nettleton	21
J. Johnson, c Aldous, b G. Nettleton	2
R. Brownridge, b Harrison	0
Hitt. Siberry, Bow, b G. Nettleton	0
A. Hewitt, c Harrison, b G. Nettleton	0
J. Goodall, b Harrison	2
Harold Siberry, c Iredale, b Nettleton	18
J. Balmer, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	73

Tadcaster A.	
A. Aldous, b H. Goodall	18
R. Johnson, Bow, b Brownridge	0
C. Harrison, not out	33
J. W. Garbutt, b Goodall	3
H. Taylor, c Iredale, b Brownridge	3
E. Nettleton, c Ward, b Goodall	4
W. Iredale, c Hitt. Siberry, b Brownridge	2
A. Shearsmith, run out	0
G. Nettleton, b Goodall	5
J. Taylor, c V. Siberry, b Ward	0
A. Smart, not out	0
Extras	6
Total (for 9 wickets)	74

PRESENTATION OF THE SHIELD.

After the match the trophy was presented to Tadcaster by Mr. E. W. Herbert. He said that they would all agree the match had been a very good one, and whether the better team had won or not was a matter for the different partisans. Tadcaster had got the shield, although not no doubt thought they were the better side. So far as the match was concerned no one could grumble. It had been played in a good sporting spirit, and none of the decisions of the umpires had been complained of. He congratulated Tadcaster on their victory. It was an unique position for one to be asked to present the trophy to his own side, but he was pleased they had won. He must, however, sympathise with Garforth. Next year, if they joined the Competition, they would be in the Senior League, and would be playing against some of the best batting sides in the Division. He then presented the trophy to Mr Shearsmith, who was acting as captain in place of Mr. Rettlewell, who had received an injury and could not take part in the game.

Mr Shearsmith, in accepting the trophy on behalf of Tadcaster, said that it had been coveted very much by them. They had played in the final twice before, and the third time paid for it. Mr Johnson, the donor of the Shield, was a resident of Tadcaster, and he thought it would be appreciated on that account also. While he congratulated Garforth on their play, he thought they had not done themselves justice. He hoped they would have better luck next year.

Mr Fred Siberry, the Garforth captain, said that he was sorry they had not won, although they had played a good game. They had joined the Competition for next season, and would play in the Senior League. He thought that with a bit of luck they might have won the Shield. In order not to disappoint Tadcaster, he told them that they intended to lodge an objection to the result of the match.

On the call of Mr. Richardson (Saxton), a vote of thanks was passed to Berwick Club for the use of their ground.

The gate receipts amounted to £2 10s.

THE STORY OF SEDAN AND THE SIEGE OF PARIS.

WHAT FRANCE IS HOPING TO WIPE OUT.

To many of our readers, especially the young folks, the story of Sedan and the Siege of Paris will be interesting, in view of the present war. Forty-four years ago on September 1st, 1870, occurred the great battle practically decided the fate of the French Army in the Franco-Prussian War. The ostensible cause of the war had been the offer of the crown of Spain to Leopold of Hohenzollern, a prince belonging to the reigning house of Prussia. The claim was withdrawn, but France, who saw danger in a Prussian regime in Spain, insisted somewhat highhandedly on a formal renunciation of the claim from the King of Prussia himself. This was refused, and France declared war. It was obvious from the outset that Germany was much better prepared for war than was France, whose army was defective in everything. The German superiority was evident from the outset; the French army, which had its headquarters at Metz, was put at rest in the first week by the victory of the German third army under the Crown Prince. The northern army remained round Metz and the southern towards Nancy; and the former army, being overtaken by the Germans, was defeated at Courcelles, Marsa-la-Tour, and Gravelotte.

The events which ended in the defeat of Sedan arose primarily out of the investment of the northern army of Bazaine in the fortress of Metz. Bazaine's conduct in allowing himself to be invested has been much disputed. Treachery was rumoured, and after the war Bazaine was condemned by a court-martial, but it is agreed that no such charge could now be sustained. Bazaine had succeeded a few days before to the command of an army whose dislike of him was evident, and he had satisfied himself as to the inability of his corps commanders to handle their troops. He felt that a battle in the field would end only in disaster and that Metz would could inflict severe punishment on his opponents and hold a for superior force of the enemy in action for weeks. The investment began on the 19th, and out of the German troops 200,000 for it was formed a new German army, the army of the Meuse, which set off to discover the remainder of the French army commanded by Marshal Macmahon.

With one French army invested, the Government of the Empire grew anxious and sent instructions to Macmahon to advance with the other army to the relief of Metz. Had these instructions not been issued, it seems probable that, badly commanded though it was, the second army could have saved the investment of Paris. Macmahon, however, obeyed, and sent the Emperor Napoleon in the army, proceeded to march westwards. On August 27th the armies met, Macmahon's army of the army of the Meuse dispersing a body of French cavalry, and for some days subsequently fighting was general, the result being the French were driven North-Eastwards, while the Duke, right across the front of the third German army, which was coming rapidly up from the south. Thus Macmahon had eastwards had northwards the army of the Meuse, and, unfortunately for the army, but his line of retreat northwestward to Mezieres was still open. There was in addition an opportunity, had the French had a Napoleon, to hurl the army from the two divisions of the Germans, but Macmahon appears to have been too disheartened to attempt anything but a battle for the honour of the army, and accordingly he spent the last day of August in resting and refitting his troops.

On September 1st the fight began, and one of the first shells wounded the Field-Marshal. The next senior officer, Ducrot, who knew the country and had the confidence of the troops, took command.

It happened, however, that General Wimpffen, who had only joined the Army from Algiers on the 30th, held a secret commission to command the troops in the case of the death or injury of Macmahon. An act he did not avail himself of the commission, but when he found that Ducrot had issued orders for a retreat on Mezieres under protection of rear-guards, he countermanded the order, being convinced that the correct movement was towards Bazaine at Metz. The result of the double order was confusion, part of the Army being in retreat at the moment that part was advancing. In the battle that followed the French succeeded in uniting and quite day was well-nigh lost. A gallant fight, however, was offered by the French, amongst other notable events being the attack on the German artillery by a column of French infantry, who were almost wiped out, and the brilliant charges of the cavalry. These could not save the day, the French being hopelessly outnumbered and disheartened by repeated defeat. About three o'clock in the afternoon the great German advance began, to be met by another brilliant display of French bravery. Wimpffen rode back to the town to ask the Emperor to send out all available reinforcements, and on his way he saw the white flag appear on the church steeple. It was indeed a terrible day, but want up again, and Wimpffen, delayed by the appalling confusion, was too late to reach the Emperor. The soldiers, indeed, had not seen the flag and fought desperately, but the Emperor, who had fearlessly courted death during the fight, sent a parlementaire to the King of Prussia conveying his personal surrender, and it only remained for Wimpffen to make terms for his army.

These were passed thus:—Unconditional surrender of the French, 50 generals, 2,000 officers, 84,000 men, and an enormous quantity of stores. The French lost 17,000 killed and wounded, the Germans 9,000. The defeat sealed the fate of the Empire; there was an outburst of rage on the part of Parisians, and Gambetta declared the Republic—inevitable. Sedan remains the blackest day in the history of French arms, and to-day every Frenchman prays that this war may see the stain of it wiped from the escutcheon of the Republic.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

A GARFORTH W.R. MATCH.

DECISION TO CONTINUE FOOTBALL IN THE DISTRICT.

ALLERTON BYWATER, FRYSTON, AND ROTHWELL VIEWS.

A meeting of the Leeds Senior Association Football League was held in the Foresters' Rooms, Leeds, on Tuesday, and was presided over by Mr. R. Ellis, President of the League. The following clubs were represented:—Allerton Bywater Colliery, Rothwell Parish Church, Rothwell Rose, Fryston Colliery, Garforth Wes, Methley Colliery, Normanton, Methley, Harrogate, Cdderley, Clarence Iron and Steel Works, and Thornhill Lees Albion.

It was unanimously agreed that the League had sanctioned the postponement of the match Thornhill Lees Albion and Garforth White Rose, after hearing the explanation of the Thornhill Lees Club, who had acted on the advice of a representative of the County Association and warned all their players there would be no match.

The action was confirmed.

The Harrogate representative explained that owing to the majority of their players having joined the colours they would be unable to fulfil their fixtures.

Mr Joel said he thought Harrogate did not wish to withdraw from the League altogether, and ought to refuse them from all fixtures until they felt themselves able to continue.

It was resolved that Harrogate be permitted to withdraw until such time as they felt they could continue playing in the first week in September.

In informing the Harrogate representative of the meeting's decision, the Chairman said they were delighted to learn the reason for their withdrawal.

The question as to whether the League should continue its fixtures throughout the war was next considered. Mr Joel said with regard to the letter which had been received from the West Riding Association recommending that all Competitions—League or Cup—sanctioned by the Association be abandoned for the present, he did not think he should take it as an official intimation.

The Chairman asked for representatives' opinions as to whether they should be continued or not, and the reasons.

Mr W. Peacock (Clarence Iron and Steel Works) said the Methley Park Junior football would stop recruiting, as about seventy young men had gone from their works to enlist.

The Fryston Colliery representative said that formerly the employers had contributed a penny each week towards the club, but now the firm had taken that, and, with an additional twopence, the money was being given to a fund for the keeping of the dependents of those at the front. How were they to continue? He at least could guarantee the fulfilment of all the home matches, but he could not give one for away matches.

Mr Joel said he did not think the Fryston fixtures very formidable. He went on to say that as soon as the football season commenced they would people up and down the country drawing distinction as to who should be played and who should not. His only grievance was that if authorities responsible for the game did not give their consideration to the matter at the time they ought to have done. Many clubs were bound down to meet certain sums for the payment of grounds. If the recommendation of the County Association was carried out what was the County Association going to do for these clubs? He thought such clubs were entitled to some consideration, and seeing that football was the working-man's game, he took exception to the outcry against it for that reason. Taking it from a business point of view, there was something to be said for it and something to be said against it. However, he did not think they should rush into a game. He would like to think as the Government would. They had urged that all things of business should go on as far as possible. Many applications had been made for the game provided work for a number of people. They were, he thought, serving the interests of the country by keeping on as they ought to do than by rushing into public subscribing anything that tended to hit the mind. Mr A. Dixon (Allerton Bywater) said they were giving a penny each week to the War Fund. Fifty men had already gone to enlist. The men at the colliery were of the opinion that in playing football they were going against the call, but after a consultation with the agent they were playing men who were fit for the game, would enlist, as they were only working three days a week.

The Leeds representative said the feeling there was against football, but they felt they were doing something for the war by giving to the funds, and by not playing they were helping those who were fit for the game.

Mr Rollinson (Rothwell P.C.) said that at Rothwell they had two teams, and neither got support from colliery proprietors. They got about £4 to £5 every week, and the committee had to work for the money.

The Chairman said that what they wanted to know was if there was any reason why football should not be played.

Mr A. Dixon said they wanted some kind of a guarantee that clubs would be able to carry on.

Mr Joel suggested that when a club played a home match they should pay to the League a sufficient sum to guarantee a corresponding return match. In arranging the fixtures practically all clubs were down for home matches in the early part of the season, and away in the latter half.

Mr J. Bradley (Rothwell White Rose) moved that the League go on as arranged.

An amendment in the terms of Mr Joel's suggestion was moved by Mr Dixon, and on a vote being taken, five voted for the amendment and seven for the resolution.

Mr Dixon said that as a result he must ask the Chairman to accept his club's resignation. His club were fully prepared to go on, but they were not prepared to do so unless they had a guarantee that other clubs were.

The Chairman said it was quite evident that there were two or three clubs which were not prepared to give a guarantee to carry on, and the only honourable course was to withdraw.

Mr Joel suggested that as Allerton Bywater did not meet their first fixture until a week on Saturday Mr Dixon should see his committee and let him know the decision at a later date. This Mr Dixon agreed to do.

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

DECISION TO ABANDON COMPETITIONS

A special meeting of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Football Association was held at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, on Tuesday night to consider the question as to whether or not, in view of the war, the competitions in connection with the Association should be carried on this season.

Mr J. H. Clay, of Wetherby (President) was in the chair, and other members present were Messrs Harry Metcalfe, of Tadcaster (hon. sec.), Mr A. Flowith (Sherburn), Mr Inman (Aberford), and Mr Tankard (Barwick). Mr J. Conner, of Whitkirk (President of the West Riding Football Association) also attended.

It will be remembered that the West Riding Association decided to recommend that all competitions (both League and Cup) sanctioned by them or by any of the District Associations, should be abandoned for the present, and this was fully discussed.

The President spoke strongly in favour of the recommendation, and proposed that all the Barkston Ash Competitions be abandoned at present.

Mr Flowith seconded, and this was supported by Mr Conner and Mr Inman, and unanimously agreed to.

Mr G. E. Barker, the Selby representative, wrote stating that he had been called up to Lord Kitchener's Army.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A better show of new corn, and a fair demand. Prices firm. Wheat generally was in good condition, but the effect of the haldstorms has been to keep down some of the yield. Wheat 38s. to 41s., malting barley 29s. to 33s., oats 23s. to 25s., and rye 28s. to 29s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 9 or 10 for 1s.; butter 1s. 2d. and 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 3s. 6d. to 4s., and ducks 5s. to 5s. 6d. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Plenty of potatoes offering, and prices slightly lower, but there was a fair demand. Some disease is showing in places. King Edwards 45s. to 47s. 6d., British Queens, Eclipse, and Up-to-Dates 40s. to 42s. 6d. per ton; retail 2s. 2d. to 2s. 6d. per hamper.

CATTLE.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son offered at their fortnightly sale 48 newly calven and calving cows, 59 fat beasts, 87 sheep, 224 pigs, and 15 calves. A small entry of dairy cows, a few of which were selected, the best making up to £26 7s. 6d., secondary to £21 15s., present calvers to £20 12s. 6d., and October calvers to £18 10s. The best fat heifers and bullocks were of good trade, and made up to 8d., secondary ditto 7½d. to 7¾d., cows to 6½d. per lb. Sheep ruled dear; small shearlings to 7d., ewes to 6d., and tups to 11d. per lb. Pork pigs made to 7s. 9d., and bonivers to 8s. to 7s. per stone. Young pigs 14s. to 23s., stronger sorts to 35s. each, breeding calves made to 34s., and veal calves to £4 5s. each.

SELBY, Monday.—At this auction mart to-day Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 52 beasts, 22 sheep, and 31 pigs. There was only a small supply of stock, harvesting not yet being concluded. The beasts shown were only small in size, and badly graded but were very scarce. The prices all round were the same as last week; a nice trade for best calving heifers. Prices were as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £20 7s. 6d., fat heifers up to £20 5s., fat cows up to £19 15s., heifers in calf up to £20 17s. 6d., fat sheep up to £2 10s., fat lambs up to £1 11s., and pork pigs up to £6 each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—At this auction mart to-day Messrs Dibb and Preston had a fairly good show of well-finished beasts and sheep. The attendance of butchers was rather less than last mart, and trade ruled less than a fortnight ago. Best beef was very scarce, prices up to 9d. per stone, secondary quality from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone. Sheep met a good trade, making 9d. to 10d. per lb., and lambs made 8s. per head more money. Pigs made up to £20 10s. Numbers sold: 108 beasts, 291 sheep and lambs.

Mr R. Carr, of Wighill, had two well-finished bullocks, making £30 10s. and £28 7s. 6d.; Mr R. Shipley, Ilkley, sent four very weighty bullocks, making £28 17s. 6d., £27, £26 17s. 6d., and £26; Mr E. Liversidge, of Newsholme, had two fine bullocks, which made £24 15s., £24 10s., £23 15s., £23, £22 17s. 6d., and £22 17s. 6d. Mr R. Dutton, of Bilton, had two bullocks and a heifer, making £26 5s., £24 5s., and £23 5s.; Mr J. Bell, bullocks from Mr J. J. Thomlinson's Exors. made £22 17s. 6d., £22 12s. 6d., and £21 17s. 6d.; four bullocks from Mr T. Dawson, of Walshford, made £22 10s., £22 5s. 6d., £22, and £21 15s.; Mr R. O. Pick, of Bickerton, had four bullocks, making £22 2s. 6d., £19 10s., £20, and £19 12s. 6d.; Mr R. Shipley, jun.,

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

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CHAPTER XV.

When Marshall Stead left Phillipa Mannersley in the morning-room at the Castle, he left perhaps the unhappiest young woman in England behind him. For fully a quarter of an hour Phillipa remained where she stood by the table, drumming upon it ceaselessly with her fingers and staring at the vacant space where the clothier had stood. She could not realise what had happened. She had never liked Stead, but she had never actually disliked him. She knew that her father liked and trusted him, and that had been enough for her. But she had always had an unspoken feeling, an instinct, that there was something behind Stead's smooth and quiet manner; now that he had revealed himself to her, she knew him not only for a schemer, but for a villain. She felt the blood in her veins turn to ice and then to fire as she remembered what had just occurred—she—she was to be the prize on the man's bargain! She felt shamed and humiliated to the very core.

And she had given him her word to keep confidence! She was to go about with the shameful secret, live with it, be with it always—that he was bartering his knowledge against her. She was to give up her life, herself, her all to him in exchange for divulging a secret which, if he had chosen an honest way, would have been no secret, which she had given him her word—her word!

"Oh, if only I had known what to whom—I could speak!" she said to herself. "Someone to whom I could turn and tell everything! But——"

And then the dreadful truth forced itself upon her once more—there was no one in the world. And as a girl of Phillipa Mannersley's stamp, a girl who had been brought up with the strictest notions of honour and duty, who, moreover, had equally strict and natural notions of her own, the mere idea of breaking faith was as dreadful as the idea of any inhumanity would be to an ardent realist.

She knew little of what she did, and she would not breakfast next morning. The distant relative who was staying with her (she had no near relation except her cousin Clinton) was anxious and troubled about her, but thought that she was still fretting over her father's death, and, before she came down Phillipa had formed a resolution, and early in the forenoon she left the Castle to carry it out. She was going to ask advice on a question of conscience, and so she went across the road and through the churchyard to the Vicarage to find the old Vicar, who had known her ever since she was born, and had a great affection for her. He was then buried in his study poring over one of his treasured books, and she plunged at once into the matter which had brought her there.

"Mr. Smail," she said, when she had dropped into her favourite chair at the old parson's side, "is it ever right to break one's word?"

The Vicar pushed his spectacles high up on his forehead and looked at her as if he wanted to hear more.

"I mean under any circumstances," she said.

"It is generally held that one should never break one's word under any circumstances whatever, my dear," replied the old man. "But, he added, thoughtfully, "I must confess that it has often occurred to me that there might be circumstances which would justify one in doing so."

"Supposing," said Phillipa, "supposing you had given your word to somebody whom you subsequently found out to be a man of very wicked indeed, and that that somebody might never to have exacted your word from you—what then?"

The old Vicar took off his spectacles and polished them thoughtfully.

"You mean, I suppose, my dear, a case where one's word has been given under—compulsion?" he said.

"Yes, yes!" exclaimed Phillipa, with great eagerness. "Yes—that's it—under compulsion! Where one has given one's word, you know——"

"Under a threat of what might happen to yourself, or to some other person, to your or the other person's hurt?" asked the Vicar.

"Yes, yes!" replied the girl.

Mr. Smail put his spectacles on again with calm deliberation.

"There is a certain school of theologians," he said, with a sly smile which Phillipa did not understand, "which would tell you that a promise made under such conditions is no promise at all; that a promise or vow exacted by force, or compulsion, is not binding on the moral or religious obligation. And I am not sure that I do not agree with that school," he continued, with a quiet chuckle. "I am quite sure that if a man came in here and held a pistol to my head and demanded that I should promise to give him his sermon next Sunday I should certainly promise, I should feel very reluctant to keep my promise."

"Oh, thank you, thank you—you are at war!" exclaimed Phillipa, and darted out of the room as suddenly as she had entered it, leaving the old Vicar to wonder what was the matter with her. She ran across to the Castle and into the hall.

"Send the lounging fellow out of the door, Dauncey, please," she said. "Tell them to be quick."

Within a quarter of an hour the man who, lying down to the ordinary, quickly wriggled and active, she had determined to lose no time in doing what she had made up her mind to do. And in the interval of hearing the Vicarage and getting into the brougham she had decided to tell Quinton Blood all that had passed on the previous night between Stead and herself. She felt that Mr. Blood, the people about Quinton was most to be trusted.

But Phillipa was not the girl to take a mean advantage. She was going to break her word to Marshall Stead, but she was also going to tell Marshall Stead that she was about to do before she did it. She would not speak behind his back. And so, when the brougham drew up at the offices of the colliery, and Phillipa stepped out, she turned to the unassuming house, entered the clothier's deputy's room, asked to see the principal.

There was scarcely a clerk in the counting-house who could remember ever seeing Miss Mannersley there before, and the young proprietress of Mannersley Main was treated with all deference. And Mr. Marshall Stead himself came out all business, deference, and politeness, and bowed her into his private office, where Phillipa at one glance saw that they were alone.

"I do not wish to sit down," she said, ignoring the chair which he placed for her. "What I have to say will not take long. I will—I have come to tell you that I unreservedly take back that promise which I gave you—and, rather, which you exacted from me—last night. I intend to make known all you told me—and at once."

If a sudden expression in the workings for beneath them had happened at that moment Marshall Stead could scarcely have been more astonished than he was. His usual sang-froid left him; he turned red and white, and finally a sickly grey; his mouth opened, and he was dumbfounded.

"Did—did—your word of honour!" he stammered.

"You extorted my word from me in the wildest of fashions!" she said, with a flash in her eyes. "I am advised that I am under no obligation to you to keep it. I am not going to do so. There is one thing more I have to say to you. After last night I know what sort of man you are. I will no longer have you in my employ. Mr. Quinton will pay you a year's salary—two—three years' salary, if necessary, and you will go."

Stead had recovered himself by that time. He allowed a little of his true self to peep out.

"So you mean your cousin to be hanged!" he said, with the sneer of the man who had coolly finds that his game is up.

"I would rather see my cousin hanged drawn, and quartered than owe his life to a man like you!" she exclaimed. "But I am not—said, for now I do not believe your story!"

"We—ell now," he answered, quietly. "You do ill to turn me into an enemy."

Phillipa made no reply but with her hand on the door she turned and looked at him.

"Remember!" she said. "I am serious here. I will not have you in my employ one hour longer."

Then she swept out, feeling very dignified and much older, through the counting-house and round to the general offices, and there demanded to see Quinton. And while she waited during the moment which elapsed before Quinton came to her, she realised that all the weight of her responsibilities had dropped clean away from her.

If Mark Quinton was astonished to see Miss Mannersley at the offices so soon after her father's death, he was much more astonished to hear that she was to go about with him. It had seemed to her that she would never be able to tell it to a human soul, but her indignation against Stead had roused her to such a pitch that she told the manager everything without hesitation. And when she finished with his hands tightly clenched in his trousers pockets, heartily wishing that he could kick Stead all round the room, and then hand him over to the colliers, heard her out, and said nothing to interrupt her.

"I am sorry for one thing to do, Miss Mannersley," he said, when Phillipa had finished. "You must not do this. You must not tell Stead what has happened, it will not surprise me if Stead attempts to clear out. Now I have particular reasons why Stead should not clear out—at least not of Mannersley. The fact of the case is, between ourselves, that the books of the colliery that has been done for years, and I do not want to lose control of Mr. Stead.

"You don't mean——" began Phillipa.

"Never mind what I mean just now," said Quinton, with a smile and a reassuring fashion. "Just excuse me a moment while I step into the outer office—there's a small matter I must attend to."

Left alone, Phillipa, who had no mind to look at the illustrations in the books of the old hand-loom, reflected on the events of the last eighteen hours. She had been supported by Quinton's presence, and now, at his departure, she felt nervous and frightened. Should not clear out—at least not of Mannersley. The fact of the case is, between ourselves, that the books of the colliery that has been done for years, and I do not want to lose control of Mr. Stead.

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"Here's a new development, Miss Mannersley," he said, with a quick look at her. "You know Joel Hall, the manager of the Jubilee Pit? He has just brought one of the miners here—that big man, Moses Pogmore, whom they call Black Moses. He has a story to tell which bears a very significant relation to what you have just told me. Shall I bring him in?"

"Oh, do, Mr. Quinton!" exclaimed Phillipa. "Do! Do! Bring him in!"

Jim Britten and Black Moses had evidently been in close proximity to the door, for they entered in the instant the handle was turned, Phillipa shook hands with Jim, and then with Black Moses, who had evidently considered that the occasion was one of circumstance in which he had put on his best clothes and a bowler hat which, being two sizes too small for him, looked like an enlarged schoolboy.

"Sit down, Britten—sit down, Pogmore," said Quinton, handing them chairs close to his desk, near which Phillipa was sitting. "Now, Moses, you've been telling Miss Mannersley that you've something to tell, and also wants to hear it. So fire away!"

Black Moses, like all the miners, had an admiration for Phillipa which bordered almost on worship, and consequently he grew courage, and, after various preliminary groans and coughs, expressive of his sense of gratitude for being invited to address such a lovely divinity, began to hold forth.

"Well, ye see, missie, likewise mem, which I'm not so much used to the ladies as I were this way," he said. "Ye see, mum, I live, as Jim there knows, at that end o' the village by brickfield, and we'rally, as no one else lives thereabouts. I've come to look on that there brickfield as my own, and did what little I could to desert island—I disremember his name. And sometimes of an evening, there being nought to do, and me not fond of sitting in public house, I take a stroll round the old building's, as is now tumble-down—there's a fine bit o' ruining now in them brickfields, ready just now I can't get a dog, more's the pity—and sometimes I sits down and smokes a pipe there. And that's how this here happened, sir," he said, turning to Quinton. "Weren't it, Jim?"

"Yes, that's it," replied Jim. "Now then, go on, Moses. Tell 'em Miss Mannersley what you've seen."

"Yes, and please tell 'em just your own way, Moses," said Phillipa. "And if you want a dog to go after rats I shall be pleased to send you one."

Then emboldened and feeling more at his ease, Mr. Pogmore proceeded to tell how that on the previous evening, about dusk, he had observed two men in conversation on the two insepitable fellows, Steve Grandidge and Jack Moorsom, with respect to a transaction which only two were having with Mr. Marshall Stead, from which conversation it appeared that Grandidge and Moorsom were in return for the evidence of Ginger King, on fines supplied to them by Mr Stead; and that during the time of their trial they were to keep sober; and that when things were settled they were to receive so much cole at their own price from Mr. Stead, and would further pay their passages to Canada. Which, the further evidence overheard, overheard, one checking the other in the matter of times, and so on.

"An' that there is the gospelled truth, s'elp me!" concluded Black Moses. "And if so be as I ought come up for that there little job, mum——"

"Then I shall be sure to hear it," said the inspector. "Come, sir, as I am known to be rather eccentric in speech and manner. If you have aught to say to me, pray do. I shall be obliged to you."

"Well, inspector," said Stead, somewhat insolently this time, "it will be in your recollection that on the night of the murder I called at the Castle, and was told by the butler that I could not see, for purposes of my own, I did not tell all I might have done at the magisterial inquiry."

"Ah! indeed?" said Inspector Cortelyon.

"No. When I entered the library, contrary to custom, I particularly observed that one of the windows opening on the lawn was open. Also, I observed, as soon as I entered, that the window opening down to the ground. That on the right hand side was open, and the blind, which usually hangs down, was rolled up and closed it, and drew down the blind."

Inspector Cortelyon took out a note-book.

"You have observed all this—a remembrance of what you tell me?" he said. "It will, of course, be important."

"Oh, by no means!" replied Stead. "I intend, of course, to relate all this at the adjourned hearing, but I wished you to know now."

"Just so," said the detective, who had taken down the words quickly. Mr. Stead."

"Well," continued Stead, "in turning from the window I observed something lying on a chair. Something, you understand, unusual."

"Ah! Unusual in that place—the library? And what was it?" asked Inspector Cortelyon, busy with his pencil.

It was a deer-stalker hat."

Inspector Cortelyon continued to write for a moment or two without looking up or betraying any undue interest.

"A deer-stalker hat? Ah! probably one of Sir Robert's," he said.

"No," replied Stead, who scarcely understood the detective's manner. "It was certainly not one of Sir Robert's! It was an old, much-worn, rather greasy hat—not at all the sort of thing that Sir Robert would have worn. It had been a good hat—it bore the name of a good maker—Heath, of Oxford-street."

Inspector Cortelyon smiled. "You would have been a credit to my profession, Mr. Stead," he remarked. "You know how to notice little things. Pray proceed."

"Well," continued Stead, who drank in compliment of any with avidity, "after—after the discovery of the dreadful event——"

"You mean Sir Robert's murder?" interrupted the detective, shortly.

"Yes, after that—and, of course, when the natural flurry had subsided—I remembered the hat," said Stead, "and I went back to the library and put it in my pocket—I took it home."

"Mention it to anybody?" asked Inspector Cortelyon.

"No."

"Why not?"

"I have always made it a rule," answered Stead, "not to tell my business to anyone until the right moment arrives."

"A very excellent rule. Go on," said the inspector.

"I come to the next point of my story," continued Stead. "I do not know whether you are aware of the exact position of my residence—I shall be pleased to see you to the top of less there one of those days—but close by it is a quarry which has long been out of use. It is very deep, and in one part of it part the railings are broken down. There are no lights about there, and a stranger wandering about or having his way could easily fall over the edge. Now, on the night of Sir Robert's murder——"

"Murder!" corrected the detective, laconically.

"As I was returning home," Stead went on, ignoring the interruption, "I heard groans proceeding from the quarry. I went to the assistance in the quarry lies between my house and some old cottages which were to be pulled down when the colliery was laid out. I procured help from the cottages, and a lantern, and went down into the quarry. There I found a man lying at the foot of a steep wall of rock over which he had evidently fallen. He was groaning, but unconscious. I—I—I am sorry to say—recognised him."

Inspector Cortelyon looked up with quickened interest. "Ah! you recognised him?" he exclaimed. "As whom?"

"As a certain Jim Britten, a journalist, from London, who for many years had from time to time pestered Sir Robert with a scheme for nationalising the mines. Sir Robert had in the case of an explosion, and had given him a great deal of annoyance," answered Stead. "In fact, the man had formerly left Sir Robert alone; and though Sir Robert did not believe in the scheme, Mr. Britten's visits, that's letters became almost threatening. My own impression is that he is not quite sane."

"What, you found him in the quarry—what then?" asked the detective.

"I had him conveyed to the cottage of a woman who pays me nursing, and took a room to spare, Mrs. Hardacre," answered Stead. "I sent for Dr. Herbert Hall, the police doctor found that Steinthal had broken a leg and some ribs, and that there was some injury to the head, but as a matter of fact, he has lost his memory."

Inspector Cortelyon closed his pocket-book with a snap. "Is that all you have to tell-tage?" he said.

"Oh, yes, and is being well looked after," answered Stead. "He will get away."

"Now then, what is your theory?" asked the detective.

"I believe he killed Sir Robert," replied Stead, slowly. "He had to hat or cap when he found him, and he left it behind. He was over. I have seen him in it, for he has visited Mannersley several times. He knew the Castle well—was in that way familiar with admission through that open window, and left by it after he had committed the murder."

The detective, who had put on his hat and picked up his umbrella, nodded. "I'm very much obliged to you, Mr. Stead," he said. "You are helping considerably to clear matters up. Now, you won't object to walking down to the police station with me?—to tell this to Illingworth."

"Oh, not at all!" replied Stead. "I am glad to do all I can to help to clear Sir Clinton of this dreadful charge."

He accompanied Inspector Cortelyon to the latter looked at them in surprise—Inspector Cortelyon gave a little nod to Jim Britten, summoned the little man from Scotland Yard managed to get between Stead and the door. He suddenly looked very big and powerful and strangely different.

"Now, Mr. Stead," he said, "it's no use muttering matters. Quite apart from what you've told me this morning, all of which I can quickly verify with my colleagues here, and I were going to call on you a little later, as we wished to see you on an important matter, you're—you're—impertinent, and you needn't waste time. The fact is, Mr. Stead, we hold a warrant for your arrest."

Stead, who had been staring at the detective as if he were trying to make out the sudden change in his manner, suddenly started back. "A warrant—for my arrest?" he exclaimed.

Inspector Cortelyon stepped out to answer in one word. "Forgery!"

(To be continued.)

SALT IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

Besides being a necessary ingredient in most kinds of cookery, an appetising addition to many articles of rus food, and the best preservative for meat, salt has many uses. Iron dross pute a trifle of salt in her starch, adds it in larger quantity to the water in which she washes gingham and other coloured fabrics, rubs it well into the spots where oxalic acid has been applied to remove iron stain to neutralise the acid, and removes the flat iron by rubbing it upon salt sprinkled on a bit of paper.

The housewife adds a pinch to the water in her lamp-set-holder that the flowers may have a longer lease of life, and in the coffee stains from the cups with it; has a portion put in whitewash to make it adhere more closely, and in the water in which she washes eggshells and other coloured fabrics, rubs it well into the spots where oxalic acid has been applied to remove iron stain to neutralise the acid, and removes the flat iron by rubbing it upon salt sprinkled on a bit of paper.

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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Dr. Matthews, of Harewood, has gone to the war.

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Kippax and Wetherby led the way. They had recruiting meetings last week.

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One Rothwell Councillor seems particularly anxious to get the new cemetery "into order."

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Certain of the Garforth young men want a rifle range at the Cliff. Not a bad spot for the purpose.

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The value of the livings of Sherburn and Church Fenton in 1660 was respectively £135 and £145.

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Cowthorpe—a very small parish, celebrated for its Oak—has sent three gulneas to the National Relief Fund.

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How many from Allerton and Eppax? Up to last week-end about 300 men had enlisted at Castleford recruiting office.

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Tadcaster, as is well-known, has electric lighting, and it is proposed that Boston Spa should be illuminated in the same way.

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All the beds on the female side of Wetherby Infirmary are occupied. There are not fifty inmates in the workhouse altogether.

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Is it not a mistake to curtail or abandon Literary Society programmes? It is serious work for the most part, and not amusement.

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An old lady of Selby, who has seen nearly ninety years, is knitting socks for the troops. She no doubt says this is her "little bit."

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Rothwell's prospective neighbours. Lofthouse Park has been taken over by the Army authorities as a compound for German prisoners.

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Wetherby has not the sword, although it has done well. Of 50 males residing in Collins Terrace, Grassiold, Margport, 36 have enlisted.

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Who says Barwick is behind the times? For the past fortnight the village clock has been from seven to ten minutes in front of Greenwich time.

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An effort was made to get Lord Charles Beresford to address meetings in Wetherby district this week, but he was down to speak at larger places.

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The Rev. W. C. Poles (formerly of Selby), who is well-known in Sherburn, Hillard, and Monk Fryston, has been appointed Sheriff's chaplain at York.

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Lost we forget! It is stated that at Tockwith on the church bell is only daily at noon to remind people to offer a prayer for our fighting men in France.

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Holton folks, the other night, did not have sufficient enthusiasm to form a Town Guard. The majority did not know what the duties of such a force would be.

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It seems that because there is no distress in the district Rothwell Guardians refuse to give to the funds. Let them remember that other districts are not so happily placed.

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How many miners in the district will be found in the church parade daily at noon to-morrow? Have you not forgot what the Germans did to the underground workers in Belgium.

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Just now the magistrates are busier. At Wetherby a man, who had no fewer than forty convictions against him, was fined 40s. or a month with sleeping out, was told to "make himself scarce."

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Aberford, even as late as 1709, was reported to be "famous for nothing but the manufacture of pine." This is strange, seeing that coalmining has been carried on in the district for centuries.

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Missing! The body of Frederick William Campey (28), brickkayer, of Hunt Street, Castleford, had been recovered from the Canal at Brayton. Anyone who saw Campey going to his parents' house at Bolsdall.

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Well done! In regard to the cleaning of Seacroft Church the Vicar states that sixteen men did good service, and "fifteen of our lady friends gave up a whole day to the great dirt." Some of them are working for two whole days."

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Hunting men in the Bramham Moor and York and Ainsty countries deplore the death of Major Sweetenham, a gallant officer, who at one time resided at Colton Lodge, Tockwister. He, like another hero—Captain Ledgard, of Thorpe—fell in the fighting line.

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The church millstone! A feature of the recruiting meetings in the district has been the presence of clergymen and ministers, some of whom would greatly like to be at the Front. They have not, however, like a Vicar further north, started drilling recruits.

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Well done! In regard to the cleaning of Seacroft Church the Vicar states that sixteen men did good service, and "fifteen of our lady friends gave up a whole day to the great dirt." Some of them are working for two whole days." The church has since another appearance.

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"When rubbing opened at Colton While," says a fellower of the York and Ainsty, "little did one think that Major Sweetenham, who lived at Colton Lodge, had given up his life on the battle field. His death will be lamented by every follower in the York and Ainsty Hunt. A brilliant sportsman and a brave soldier has passed from us, and our sympathy is offered to his widow and family in the sad bereavement."

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In Tadcaster school district last month the attendance returns showed an average of 87.24 per cent., as against 81.09 in the corresponding month of last year. The figures for the several schools were—Holgate, 94.41; Healaugh 95.45; Newton Kyme 94.73. Tadcaster boys 91.84, girls 83.25, Infants 83.88, and the Roman Catholic school 83.09.

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How many local men will join the N.E.R. Battalion?

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Measles, which is one of the most dangerous of children's diseases, is prevalent at Garforth.

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Will a rifle club be started at Garforth? Why not start a company of Territorials?

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Selby has supplied 650 men, including Reservists, for the Army since the war began.

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In the Rothwell district the collieries are working fairly well, and there does not appear to be any distress.

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A Distress Fund has been opened for Barwick and Scholes, and the committee expect they will be well supported.

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Rothwell colliery-owners and men are working splendidly together in the present crisis, and both have been very generous.

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Food is wanted. While the wheat crops in Barkston Ash are good, it is stated that disease among potatoes is common.

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South Milford is doing its T'kittle bit." Twenty men have already joined the Army, and probably a few more will follow suit.

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A singular accident occurred at South Milford. A horse kicked a man and sent him into a pond. It was a "flying kick" and no mistake.

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In 1300 Sherburn had a considerable population of "spinners" instead of basket pins for wool-combing, and not the ladies' friend.

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A sum of £100 has been sent by "Anonymous," Roundhay, to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

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Whitkirk Rifle Club is now in full swing, and the enrolment have a chance of testing their skill. Will any of them undertake the "potting" of Germans?

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A vigorous recruiting campaign is to be undertaken in the district, and it is believed that a great many farm hands, after the crops are in, will join the colours.

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Good! At Oulton garments for the soldiers and their dependents are being made by workers who are paid for what they do. That is a good way to prevent distress.

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No Gee-Gees! The Bramham Moor Hounds met on Friday morning at Ingmanthorpe at five o'clock. There were very few people out, owing to the scarcity of horses.

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Barwick Council had an unique experience the other night. Owing to a misunderstanding only four members turned up at the meeting—two had gone away—and it had to be adjourned.

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The Lord Mayor, who has given such a splendid lead to Leeds in various ways, and the Lady Mayoress have decided to hold a war concert promoted by the Ceneagates Foresters.

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The Church Fenton case, in which a man said he did not know he was doing wrong by trespassing on the railway, should be a warning to others. The man appears to have had a narrow escape from death.

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Money values were, of course, different then, but at one time the rent of land in Sherburn was 6d. per acre, and a labourer's wages were a penny a day. A penny, however, could buy a fat hen or two dozen eggs.

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Tadcaster Guardians have not had a single application for relief from wives of men who have gone to the front. The people in the villages should see that soldiers' dependents do not in anywise suffer.

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Brand Garforth, Crossgates, Whitkirk, Holton, Colton, Sandhill, Seacroft, Roundway, Moor-Allerton, Collingham, Wetherby, East Keswick, Thorner, Oulton, Scarcroft, and Rothwell are represented in the Leeds City Battalion.

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The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, have revoked the Order under which cattle, sheep, goats, and swine brought from Ireland are required to be detained and isolated for fourteen days or to be slaughtered after removal from the landing-place.

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Woodhouse at the front! Mr F. Hopkinson, of Pontefract, and who has been conducting a sweets manufactory at Brussels, states that in the Germans' murder past his residence he found among the trophies a hurry painted Rothwell Valley Yorkshire Breweries."

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Stockbridge ward! Hunter Council's new reading officer—Mr Steel, of Rothwell—has stated that he has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Army, and that his place has been licensed. He made this statement so that the Guardians could reduce his allowance.

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In recent years Lofthouse Park, near Rothwell, has come to many purposes. Originally a gentleman's country seat, it was bought by the Leeds and Wakefield Tramways Company and converted, at considerable expense, into a place of public amusements. As such it failed to realise the hopes of the promoters, although successful sports meetings and flying exhibitions have been given there from time to time. There is a stone mansion and a large pavilion on the estate, which covers many acres.

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Lieut.-Col. Stansforth, in command of the Yorkshire Hussars, states that Mrs Stansforth will be glad to receive gifts of shirts, socks, mufflers, waistcoats with sleeves, socks, pocket handkerchiefs, sleeping caps, leather laces, tobacco, pipes, cigarettes, chocolate, and meat lozenges, for the Yorkshire Hussars who have volunteered for foreign service. All parcels should be sent to her at Kirk Hammerton Hall, York, or Hammerton Station, North-Eastern Railway, and marked "Yorkshire Hussars."

Middleton Distress Committee

PUBLIC MEETING.

A public meeting was held in the Middleton School last evening for the purpose of forming a Local Distress Committee in connection with the West Riding Committee, and opening a distress fund with the object of relieving any distress which may arise on the result of the war. Mr T. Thomas (Chairman of the Hunslet Rural District Council) presided, and he was supported by Mr W. B. Pindar (the Clerk to the Hunslet Rural District Council).

The Chairman said he had been in all kinds of meetings, but he had never been in one like the present. It had never been registered of the enquiry as one for a meeting of this description. He was really delighted to see the most important men of Middleton present on such an important occasion. He could not tell them how he felt in regard to the matter; it was a matter not only for Middleton, but for Leeds or Yorkshire, but it was a universal question. (Hear, hear.) He was not asking for help for some, but he was asking for them to do something against the great distress that was thought would exist upon them. If they did that the wind blues now from Middleton to the war they could do something to help those who were sending here. At Middleton they were not in the same position as some; they had no distress at their own door at present, but it was for them to help others.

Mr Pindar explained the objects of the meeting, and the lines on which a local Distress Committee should be formed, and then called upon Mr C. H. Merricks to propose the following resolution:—"That a local distress committee be formed to work in cooperation with the Rural District Distress Committee and the West Riding Distress Committee, and through them with the Government Committee administering the Prince of Wales' Fund, for the purpose of alleviating any distress which may arise in consequence of the war, and that a local Distress Fund be opened."

In proposing the resolution, Mr Merricks mentioned a query put by Mr Thomas, and one also with regard to the men employed at the pit, those working underground were employed four days a week, and the top men were practically working full time. However, they must not think that there was no distress elsewhere. He knew some pitmen where the pits were only fairly working about even days a week. With regard to the men who had joined the forces, the owners of the Middleton Colliery had agreed to follow on the lines of the City Council scheme, and an arrangement at the pitmen's club at Middleton who had joined the forces would be all right, but it was for them to see to those who were not so well placed.

The resolution was seconded by Mr Thompson, and carried.

Miss Maude, who was asked by the Chairman to address a few words, said that in her opinion Middleton wanted nothing for relief either for soldiers or sailors. She thought it ought to go to other places where money was needed.

The following were elected on the committee:—Miss Maude, Mrs Glover, Miss Nicholson, Mrs Johnson, the Rev. A. E. Glover, Mr T. Thomas, Mr A. Dixon, Mr H. Hemphrey, Mr A. Crossland, Mr M. Batty, Mr W. Gibb, Mr C. Whitaker, Mr W. Thompson, and Mr T. Butterfield.

It was decided to allocate 25 per cent of the Fund to the West Riding Fund.

Votes of thanks were given to the Chairman and Mr W. B. Pindar.

WHITKIRK RIFLE CLUB.

OPENING OF THE RANGE.

On Wednesday evening the formal opening of the Range at Whitkirk in connection with the recently-formed Rifle Club took place, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest enthusiasm. Mr Stuart White (the President) performed the opening ceremony.

The club has a membership of over a hundred, and it is chiefly composed of residents of Cross-gates, Halton, Whitkirk, Thorner, Scarcroft, Colton, etc., having joined only in the last few months. The organization is going to be a very strong one. Mr J. W. Price, of Crossgates, is the hon. secretary, Mr H. E. Hoyland assistant hon. secretary, and Mr. H. J. Philp, of Whitkirk, hon. treasurer.

A good range has been secured, and the members shoot a distance of 25 yards, which, it is understood, is equivalent to outside ranges. The rifle used is a service pattern, converted to the requirements of the range.

Already the club has been affiliated to the Society of Rifle Clubs, and over advantage of belonging to this institution is that two members can compete for two Cups which are offered in what are practically national competitions. Of course, the club will have its own matches and competitions, but undoubtedly the members will gain their keenest zest in steady practice at the range.

On Wednesday night a Whitkirk team, consisting of Messrs Stuart White, Farrell, Hoswell, Bruce, and Kirkby, had a match with representatives of the Lower Wortley Club and Leeds Trams-ways Club, and the local men gave a capital account of themselves. Each man had ten shots, and the three best cards were—Sharman (Leeds) 95, Roberts (Lower Wortley) 94, and White (Whitkirk) 93. Leeds scored 374 and Whitkirk and District 345.

Subsequently the Leeds men were entertained to supper at the "Bryan Cow" by the members of Whitkirk Club, and among those who took part in the musical programme afterwards was Mr Tom Childs (Mr. Yorkshire proper), Mr Browning, of Whitkirk, won the sermonpartie.

LEADING GERMAN SOCIALIST KILLED.

The death of Dr. Ludwig Franck in the fighting near Louveille will be a great blow to the Socialist party in the German Reichstag (says the "Manchester Guardian"). Dr. Franck was looked upon as the coming leader of the party when the present veteran leadership has passed away. The German Socialist party has eminent orators, but either they have consciously shadowed the talents of the coming generation or the coming generation are not their equals. Dr. Franck was the only man of outstanding ability among the younger members of the party. He was only forty, but he had not only shown promise, but had already made his position both as an exceedingly eloquent speaker and also as a great Parliamentarian. He was the leader of the revisionist section. Like many other leading Socialists in Germany, he was a Jew by race, and in features somewhat resembled the famous Lassalle.

A QUARREL AT HALTON.

ASSAULT CHARGE DISMISSED.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Robert Allinson, a drayman, of Halton, was summoned by George James Bulmer, a miner, of Halton, for assault.

It was stated by the prosecutor that about 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 29th, he came out of the Travellers' Inn, Halton, and saw two men, sons of Allinson, the defendant, talking together. He asked one of them for a knife to cut some tobacco. The defendant then said he would lend him his and cut his head almost off it. While prosecutor was cutting the tobacco defendant struck him a blow, knocking him down. When he picked himself up he defended himself until the arrival of P.C. Tasker. The defendant, he could give for the defendant's action was that a short while ago he gave evidence in the Leeds Police Court against his son.

Defendant said he was free of all attack by Bulmer.

P.C. Tasker, who gave evidence against both Allinson and Bulmer, who were also jointly charged with committing a breach of the peace, said that about 10.10 p.m. on Saturday, August 29th, he came across the two men fighting. Allinson was on the ground, with Bulmer on top. He separated them. Allinson got away, but he had a difficulty with Bulmer, who wanted to fight another man. There was a crowd of about fifty people.

The magistrates, after hearing the evidence of P.C. Tasker, dismissed the summons by Bulmer against Allinson, and fined each for the obstruction 5s. and costs.

ARKSTON ASH REVISION COURT.

GERMAN STRUCK OFF.

On Wednesday the Revising Barrister for Barkston Ash held a Court at Selby for the revision of the various lists in the townships of Barlow, Biggin, Birkin, Brayton, Burn, Burton Salmon, Burton-cum-Scilton, Camblesforth, Carlton, Cawood, Chapel Haddlesey, Drax, Ellerton Priory, Gateforth, Hambleton, Hemlington, Hillam, Hirst Courtney, Huddlestone-cum-Lumby, Monk Fryston, Newland, Ryther-cum-Ossendike, Selby, South Milford, Temple Hirst, Thorpe Willoughby, and Wistow.

The party agents—Mr Richard Lodge, for the Conservatives, and Mr W. J. Taylor for the Liberals—were in practice in agreement, having arranged, owing to the war, not to have any contentious cases.

Such lodger claims were allowed as follows:—Conservatives, 14; Liberals, 1.

One alien who was on the list, Mr Julius Koch, a German, residing in Selby, was struck off the register.

N.R. BATTALION TO BE RAISED.

THE COMPANY'S OFFER TO THE MEN.

The directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company have applied to Lord Kitchener for authority to enrol a North-Eastern Railway Battalion for his new Army. Already some 3,500 of the company's servants in various departments have enlisted in the Regulars or the Territorials, and men are still joining at the rate of 150 to 200 a day. For the new battalion, the proposal to which is made public to-day, it is the case of those who would prefer to enlist among men whom they know, about 1,100 men are wanted, and circulars have been issued to all the staff eligible, intimating that the scheme is now formulated, and inviting applications for the battalion. Whilst the company are most anxious to encourage recruiting, they recognise that they have important duties to perform both to the Government and to the public, and will have to retain enough men to efficiently work the line. Should, therefore, there be a rush of applications from one particular department those will only be enlisted who can be spared from it. Preliminary enquiries were made a few days ago as to the likely response to the proposal, which was found more than sufficient to justify the formation of the battalion.

The Company are prepared to undertake the following responsibilities in regard to such members of the permanent staff on enlist for the period of the war and their families or dependents —

(1). "Full salary or standard rate of pay will be paid to the end of the current pay period.

(2). Adequate provision will be made for wife and family during absence. For example, in the case of a married man serving abroad, the company will supplement the Government separation allowance and remittance of army pay by an amount which will make the family not less than four-fifths of the men's salary or standard rate of wage at the time he leaves work to join the colours.

(3). Special steps will be made for rendering assistance to the families of single men who are dependent upon them.

(4). Each man's position or another position equivalent in maximum salary or standard of wage will be kept open for him on his return, and as far as possible the period of absence with the colours will count as service with the company.

(5). Each man's contributions to superannuation and pension funds will be paid by the company.

(6). Families occupying company's houses will be allowed to remain in occupation wherever possible, and, if they have to be removed, the company will assist in finding a house and in removal, if necessary.

It is proposed that the battalion shall be attached as a service battalion to one of the five Territorial regiments in No. 2 District (York-shire, Durham, and Northumberland), Northern Command. The company will arrange for equipment, clothing, and outfit of the men, and will also provide for the maintenance of the battalion during training, and also a centre at which the training will be carried out.

GOOD USE FOR M.P.'S SALARIES.

There is some talk of wealthy M.P.'s who have no need for the official salary of £400 a year paid them by the State devoting this money to the Prince of Wales's Fund, states a gossip letter. M.P.'s who have been opposed to the system of paying members on purely party prejudice to a practical form. If fifty M.P.'s were to forgo their salaries in favour of the Prince of Wales's Fund it would mean the contribution of no less a sum than £20,000.

The Commonwealth of Australia Government have issued a proclamation prohibiting the exportation of wheat, meat, and flour to any place outside the United Kingdom without the authority of the Minister for Trade and Customs.



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RECRUITING IN BARKSTON ASH.

POLITICAL PARTIES' CAMPAIGN.

In consequence of a letter received from the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee, which is representative of the Conservative, Liberal, and Labour parties, a general recruiting campaign is to be undertaken in Barkston Ash by the Conservatives and Liberals. On Saturday Mr E. Foster, J.P. (Liberal candidate for the Division), Mr Harker (President), and Mr W. J. Taylor (agent) met representatives of the Conservative Party—Mr G. A. Bromet (hon. sec.), and Mr R. Lodge (agent)—and Selby, and they arranged to have joint meetings throughout the district, with a view to getting young men to enlist.

The following letter, signed by Ald. E. C. Bevelesbank, J.P. (Chairman of the Conservative Association), and Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Chairman of the Liberal Association) has been addressed to the Chairmen of Polling Districts in the Division:—"In the present crisis it is the duty of all men of every political party to come together. We therefore ask you to call at once a joint meeting of the Conservative and Liberal Associations in your polling district and arrange for a joint meeting (if no meeting has been held) for getting recruits for the Army, and also to arrange for a committee for each of the villages."

A Recruiting Committee thoroughly representative of both parties, could be made useful, it is believed, in a variety of ways, and one important duty that would devolve on them would be to look after the dependents of the men who have gone to serve with the Colours.

The campaign opens on Monday with three meetings in Selby—at the shipyard and in the market-place during the day, and in the Museum Hall in the evening, and the speakers will be Mr J. G. Butcher, K.C. M.P., and Sir Lisle White, M.P. On Tuesday a meeting will be addressed at Gateforth by Mr Rowland H. Barran, M.P., and Mr G. C. H. Wheler, M.P., and at Monk Fryston. On Thursday addresses will be delivered by Mr Middlebrook, M.P., and Mr Wheler, M.P.

POINTS FOR BARKSTON ASH FARMERS.

THE BEST USE OF LAND

A useful pamphlet has just been issued by the University of Leeds and the Yorkshire Council for Agricultural Education, containing suggestions to farmers in Yorkshire in the present emergency. The subjects dealt with are wheat, catch crops, winter oats, ploughing up grass land, farmyard manure, and live stock.

As to wheat, it is suggested that this might take the place of first year's "seeds," especially if the intention were to leave these down for two or more years. Further, wheat might be taken instead of barley, or several acres of wheat where it has been the practice to take two corn crops in succession. In this case, however, some manure should be given to the wheat. Catch crops will give an increased amount of sheep feed in the spring, and, besides enriching the soil, will lessen the need for using concentrated foods, such as linseed cake, which will most likely be very dear in the near future. The most important and reliable catch crops for Yorkshire are winter tick-beans and winter or black tares, the former mainly for those who keep sheep, and whose system of cropping and sheep farming leaves roots for economical consumption of the crops.

Several points are urged in favour of winter oats, and on the subject of potatoes it is stated that a great deal of land in Yorkshire, well suited for growing potatoes, is now covered with inferior herbage. It is desirable (by agreement with the landlord) that this pasture land should be ploughed in the early winter, so that the turf may decay, and be ready for the next year's cropping—potatoes or oats. As there is some uncertainty about the supply of artificial manures, more especially potash manures, for next year's spring, it appears desirable that all farmyard manure made in the coming winter should be applied to crops to be grown in 1915, and not held over the summer.

The pamphlet also contains points about the breeding of live stock, and its detailed information should certainly be of value to farmers. Copies can be had post free on application to Professor Scott, The University, Leeds.

RECRUITING.—Seven young men from Monk Fryston have responded to Lord Kitchener's appeal to join the Colours. The names are as follows:—Walter Finn, John Fleeman, Jack Jameson, Wm. Luford, H. Kendall, F. Reynolds, and Thos. Pearson.

LOYAL LASCARS.

A striking example of loyalty and love on the part of our allied sons of the British Empire beyond the seas occurred at Tilbury Docks when the Lascar crew of the Indian liner had been converted into an hospital ship, and it was necessary to paint her hull white and with the Red Cross. No ship's painters were available, but the Lascar crew carried out the work, and when offered the usual bonus declined payment, saying they had worked for the King. So loyal an act on their own initiative surely deserves to be recorded.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood, of Grimston, has sent £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

ACCIDENT.—While cycling in the direction of Beamshorn on Sunday John Jones collided with a trap and was seriously injured. He was medically examined and afterwards conveyed home.

FORMERLY OF SELBY.—Mr W. Hill, who is at present chief goods clerk on the North-Eastern Railway at Goole, has been selected from a number of applicants for the post of chief goods clerk at Tweedmouth. Mr Hill entered the service of the company at Gateforth in 1891. He was subsequently for a time at Selby, and has been at Goole since 1899.

TRAWLER LAUNCHED.—A steel screw trawler was launched on Monday from the yard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., Selby. The dimensions are 124 feet by 24 feet, by 13 feet 3 inches moulded. The vessel has been built to the order of Mr A. Bannister, of Grimsby, and will be fitted with powerful triple expansion engines by Messrs C. D. Holmes and Co., Ltd., of Hull. As the vessel left the ways she was named Oregeum by Mrs Mcbain, wife of the captain, and part owner of the vessel.

REVISION COURT.—On Tuesday at Leeds Town Hall, Barkston Ash Revision Court was held for the revision of the voters' lists for the township of Adlecame-Escrup, Abeendley, Austhorpe, Barwick, Scholes, Garforth, Crossgates, Roundhay, Scarcroft, Shadwell, Preston, Sturton Grange, Swillington, Templenewsam, and Thorpe Stapleton. Mr Arthur Rollett was the Revising Barrister. The Conservative interests were looked after by Mr R. Lodge, Conservative agent, Selby, and the Liberal interests by Mr W. J. Taylor, Liberal agent, Selby. The business was of a routine character.

GUARDIANS' MEETING.—At a meeting of the Selby Guardians on Monday—Mr R. L. Waller presiding—it was agreed that owing to the war contracts should be accepted only by local tradesmen, instead of half-yearly. Already several contracts accepted last year have had to be altered. A letter was read from the Soldiers' Union as to the use of able-bodied vagrants in their country's service was received. The Chairman said he was afraid those people would not be worth the cost of their keep. After a discussion a resolution was adopted that no action be taken.

SELBY DISTRICT COMMITTEE.—The Selby District Sub-Committee appointed in connection with the West Riding War Distress Committee have made arrangements for receiving the names of Selby applicants entitled to relief. The subscriptions already received include the following:—£50 each from Mr William Liversidge, Lieut.-Colonel Hunsker, Mrs J. Millard, and Messrs Messrs Cochrane and Sons; £30 from Mr Thomas Liversidge; and £25 from each of the following:—Mr J. Bagshaw, Mr J. H. Tesser, Mr R. B. Parker, and Messrs M. Scott and Co.

PARTRIDGE SHOOTING.—A commencement has been made with partridge-shooting in the Selby district. The season has been favourable to the young broods, with the result that partridges are fairly plentiful. There have been no prolonged periods of wet weather, such as in some seasons have thinned out the broods. With the exception of the severe spring frosts there has been little change in the weather from one extreme to the other. The summer, however, will be remembered for its thunderstorms. In the East Riding district of Selby, as well as in the West Riding, there is every promise of an excellent partridge season.

RIFLE CLUB.—A meeting, convened for the purpose of forming a Rifle Club for Monk Fryston and Hillam, was held at the Institute on Monday evening. There was an enthusiastic gathering, upwards of 45 being present. The Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., presided, and he was supported by Mr H. L. Lyon, Hillam Hall. The Chairman stated that he and Mr Lyon had chosen a suitable place for a range, and he was in favour of establishing a club for the purpose of teaching young men how to shoot. After further discussion it was decided to form a club, and over 30 members were enrolled. The Rev. B. Hemsworth was elected President, and Mr H. L. Lyon vice-president, Mr B. Walker was elected secretary, and Mr B. Walker treasurer. Mr J. H. Lang was elected range officer, and a committee of nine were appointed. The President and vice-president generously promised to bear the brunt of the expenses.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Rothwell Ash Division is making a fine called to work through parochial committees, response to the country's call. Hundreds of young men have gone to the Army from the district, and one more days are over the number more will be greatly increased. Recruiting meetings have already been held in many of the villages, and the response has been satisfactory, but the city has gone forth for many men, and the political parties have this week opened a recruiting campaign in the villages, appealing first to the rank and file, especially members of the Selby and Garforth. Every young man has a personal responsibility, and it is for each one to consider it.

In the Highlands, where there is still a small population in the glens—the deer have not completely ousted men yet—the season, I understand, are quite as enthusiastic as the men, and they have readily given both their husbands and sons to fight the country's battles. And let it be said, Rothwell Ash is not without its Spartan mothers, who would rather see their sons in the fighting line than skulking at home. Several families have given two and three members to the Army, and it would be interesting to know which family has the record for the district. One mother, who has not only one son fighting, acted as an eager recruiting agent in her own family circle, and every time her boy entered the house her query was "Well, have you done it?" Her son is of athletic, who has distinguished himself on more than one field of sport, and he has met the desire of the Spartan mother.

Another family, the six others of which are keen sportsmen—who will say that cricket and football do not count after their days done well. Two members have already joined the Colours, a third was greatly disappointed because he was rejected owing to defective eyesight, a fourth is an ambulance man, and I am probable that the fifth, if not the sixth, will enter the ranks of the second Army. And the father is working like a Trojan, helping recruits over difficulties, and looking after the dependents' men have left behind. All honour to them!

Many people overlook the fact that our Army are packed men—the best manhood of the nation, and not the scum of the country—and the raising of the height of recruits will make it still more select. Our men know that they are fighting for the civilisation of Europe, and they have to crush an enemy whose brutality and savagery have no parallel in civilised warfare. Think of this! An officer with our Army in the trenches with us, who came to us for promotion. One had no clothes on, having been outraged by the Germans. I have given him my shirt, and divided my rations amongst them.

Another poor girl has just come in, having had both her breasts cut off. Luckily, I caught the Uhlan officer in the act, and with a rifle at your service killed him. And now she is dead. Poor girl, I do not doubt she will die. She is very young, and only about 19, and has only her shirt on." And the horrors the Germans have perpetrated in Belgium have been even worse.

The miners in the district are doing well. From many of the collieries large numbers of men have gone in the Army—Garforth and its collieries, for instance, have sent out over a hundred men—and there is a shortage of the pits are working, despite the fact that the output is submitted to a voluntary levy of three-pence per week for the benefit of the Distress Fund. The Middleton men have, however, adopted a plan of their own, and if any employee is having gone to war, the Company have decided to give their wives 5s. each per week and 1s. per child, and the men are granting them 2s. per week. This means that a wife with two children will draw 10s. 7d., in addition to what the husband may give from his pay.

Barwick and Scholes are using their grip on the churches, which have been of such advantage to the parish in the past. When these churches were founded Crossgates was uncultivated, and, in issuing to a deacon as to the allocations of the annual income, I think that the Church Extension Committee ignored the claims of the whole of the district, which it may be safely assumed, never intended that Leeds should benefit by their benefactions. The Commissioners, however, have stated that they intend to take proper care of the value into consideration when making a new scheme, and that, of course, means that Crossgates, with its growing population and increasing rateable value, will get the larger share. That the residents who have paid for nothing will have their rates greatly increased.

Why are Kippax folks so suspicious of Tadcaster District Council? At a meeting held for the furtherance of a Distress Committee at Kippax one person remarked that he did not like the idea of Tadcaster's interference, but it is difficult to see where this comes in. Tadcaster District Council were asked by the West Riding County Council to form a Distress Committee, and having done so, they have apparently

Garth rth, which is an urban area, has its own Distress Committee, and there the people have decided to send all the money collected to the West Riding Relief Fund. Presumably some of the Kippax people think they should have been asked to work directly with the West Riding Committee, and not through the Tadcaster District Council, but they are in exactly the same position as other rural dwellers, and they cannot complain. One hopes that there will be no distress to relieve, but should there be any suffering arising from the dislocation of trade, or scarcity in different districts, the busiest calls on the Central Fund will be from the places that most need assistance.

Eighteen shillings a week for an able-bodied workman is not a magnificent wage, yet eleven members of Tadcaster District Council, for some reason or other, voted against this sum being given to certain roadmen. I wonder what the working-men ratepayers in the district think about it. Public bodies should be models of conscientiousness, and they should set private firms a good example, and every person who thinks that an able-bodied Englishman should be paid a decent wage will rejoice that Mr Midgley's proposal was carried. It was pointed out that a family of seven—two parents and five children—with an income of 17s. per week, could not be justice to themselves, and that if they got three meals a day the average cost of each meal would be 2 pence. How some people can bring up families on such miserable wages is a mystery.

In Tadcaster Union the rates for the half-year are up by twopence. Money is not spent with any lavish hand at Tadcaster, and neither Guardians nor District Council will be accused of extravagance, but owing to possible distress arising from the war they have had to make some provision, and a halfpenny rate extra has been put down for that. The other three half-pence is called for by the County Council. Again the war is largely responsible for it, as the school children will cost something, and the police expenditure has gone up. Usually when there is an advance in demand the Tadcaster Guardians have something to say about it, but on Monday they were silent.

Will Barwick village come into line with Aberford? It will all depend on the decision of the parish meeting, which alone has the power to adopt the Lighting Act, and even after it may withhold supplies, because every year it has to vote the money to be expended in that way. Ratepayers outside the proposed lighting area would not have to pay, and they need trouble themselves about the scheme; it is entirely a question for the people who reside in the village. The estimated cost is not prohibitive, but it is doubtful the Barwick people will be such easy persuaded.

In Scholes, Whinmoor, and Barwick the stiles and footbridges are falling into a dilapidated state, and the Colonel do not seem disposed to do anything in the matter. They "must" repair the stiles and bridges, but it is held that the proper persons to do the work are the owners or occupiers of lands, and some of the gentlemen have refused to carry out repairs. The stiles and bridges are a great convenience to people, and the Council should not allow the question of their repair to drift longer. If they do not which no special owners on them cannot they compel the people alleged to be responsible to do the work? Let a test case be brought.

Wetherby, like Rothwell, is troubled about its lighting arrangements. Sometimes when the Man in the Moon is supposed to be hidden from human view, and when the gas lamps are lighted, he makes a welcome appearance, and the folk think that it is very kind of him to give them an extra illumination on these occasions. They should, however, control the Man in the Moon, who sometimes is absent when he is billed to appear, and the streets are plunged into darkness. It is gratifying to have to play at hide and seek with him, but some people believe that by carefully watching the action of the Man in the Moon they could be so arranged that the lamps would not be burning when the other light is available. Let the wonderful ones, then, destroy their little tallies, and have a game with the luminary.

The percentage of attendance at Sutton School last month was 79.12 against 93.15 for the previous August, and for Barlston R.C. School 97.43 against 98.67.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mr J. Austick (vice-chairman), Mrs E. A. Dickinson, Mother T. Cash, Dr. E. Groves, Messrs J. Butterick, T. G. Campbell, W. Schofield, D. W. Hargreaves, J. Flanagan, H. I. Pulford, W. A. Appleyard, W. Snead, W. Hemingway, J. W. Avery, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

HOMES COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee it was resolved that the advisability of recommissioning the Board to allow their dressmaker to go into Yorkshire, shoemaker, while silence at the war be put on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

The minutes were passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the House Committee showed that there had been one death in the institution during the fortnight. The Clerk reported that he had conversed with Dr Buck regarding the desirability of further limiting visits to the institution during the prevalence of scarlet fever, and that he advised that visits by, as well as to children, should be stopped for the present. It was resolved that visits to the institution by children be also suspended for three months.

The committee had under consideration the adjourned matter of providing and the desirability of making arrangements to put the work in hand shortly to help to save the distress contingent on the outbreak of the European War. It was resolved that the Clerk be recommended to put such of the painter's work as is necessary in hand this autumn and to authorise the contractors to make the necessary arrangements. It was further resolved that a sub-committee consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman, and Mr Snead, with the Clerk, be appointed to consider and report to the committee at the next meeting as to the work carried out by the Board.

The Chairman drew attention to the possibility of offering to the War Office the use of three wards with wash-house beds on the first floor of the northern end of the Aged and Infirm Female Pavilion, which at slight expense can be made well-ventilated and available for the accommodation of wounded soldiers and sailors, provided the Local Government Board will raise no objection to the temporary alteration and that the medical officers and his partner are quite willing to give their services in the matter. It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to make an offer to the Secretary of State for War to set aside twenty beds in the said pavilion for the accommodation of wounded soldiers and sailors with or without an Army nurse in addition, and to give instructions that on the acceptance of the offer the necessary alterations be made so temporarily sever the rooms referred to and their conveniences from the rest of the pavilion at an estimated cost of about £10.

The minutes were approved.

VARIOUS

The Clerk reported to the Board that he had engaged Miss Hartley assistance in the relief department. Harry Dixon, Grove Road, Hunslet. It was reported that five persons in all who are unemployed owing to the war had received temporary relief during the period from September 9th to September 15th, out of a total of 100 persons who had been provided with work by the authorities at Leeds, twenty-three of whom were Hunslet men. The Clerk also announced grant to show their sympathy the staff attached to the Union had contributed a sum of £15 8s. 6d., which had been forwarded to the Lord Mayor of Leeds Fund.

A staff of £12 10s. has been sent to the West Riding War Fund, per Mrs Chapman.

Dudrick.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Fred Turner, labourer, of Burmack, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth. P.C. Jackson proved the case, and defendant was ordered to pay a fine of 5s. and costs.

Mr A. B. Bodouc, the Belgian Vice-Consul in Leeds, has received a letter from Mr William Hesketh, of the Lower Rooms, on behalf of the members of the Pontefract Lane Adult School, stating their readiness to give hospitality to an Belgian women and children of the school. They are prepared to find accommodation, board, and lodging. Mrs Rowland Barton will assist with food, clothing, and the use of motor cars.

MILITARY WEDDING NEAR SELBY.—The wedding took place, at Kellington Church, Whitley Bridge, on Saturday, of Lieut. Fenton, of the Selby Company, 4th Battalion West Yorkshire Regt of Territorials, son of Mr John Fenton, of Rosil Manor, Whitley Bridge, and Miss Poskitt, daughter of Mr Poskitt, farmer, of Kellington. A number of Territorials were on duty at Selby, formed a guard of honour at the station, and raised a rousing cheer as the newly married couple left for York. Lieut. Fenton's battalion began to be mobilised on the 4th inst., and the Selby Brigade—which has been accepted for foreign service.

N.E.R. RECRUITS.—All men in the North-Eastern Railway Company's service desiring to enlist must take with them to the recruiting office a certificate issued by the Company to the effect that their services can be spared. Any man joining the forces in the future who has not obtained such a certificate will be considered to have left the Company's service. Arrangements to keep his place open will not be made, and the allowance to dependents will not be granted. These stipulations have been rendered necessary by the War Office instructions to the recruiting officers that men in certain employment, such as ammunition factories, railways, etc., are not to be recruited unless the employer certifies that the individual can be spared without detriment to the public service in which he is engaged.

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Report of the Directors to the 30th June, 1914.

To be submitted to the Shareholders at the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, to be held at 36, Kingstreet, E.C., on Wednesday, 15th July, 1914.

The Directors report that the deposits on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £23,732,659 0s. 5d., as against £23,760,115 11s. 8d. on the 30th August, 1911, the date when the new Bank Buildings were opened, showing an increase in deposits of £1,150,586 0s. 6d. The cash in hand, at Bank of England, at short notice, and at Bankers' bills on the 30th June, 1913, amounted to £4,043,284, and on the 30th June, 1914, amounted to £4,965,284.

The percentage of cash in hand, at Bank of England, at short notice, and bankers' bills, to the deposits in December, 1911, was 13.8 per cent.; on the 30th June, 1913, 13.4 per cent.; on June, 1913, 20.4 per cent., and June, 1914, was 23.91 per cent. The total amount of Subscribed Capital, Reserve and Uncalled Capital on the 30th June, 1913, was £11,222,465 0s. 9d., and on the 30th June, 1914, was £11,672,561 10s. 9d. These securities are all written down to market value. The total amount of other accounts on the 30th June, 1913, was £4,813,909 11s. 6d., and on the 30th June, 1914, was £4,535,641 1s. 6d. All bad debts have been written off, and provision made for doubtful debts.

The Directors also report the Directors received the death of their general manager, Mr. H. R. Sellers, after a long illness, on the 30th March, 1914, who had been connected with the Bank for 28 years. They have appointed Mr. John Carrus, the assistant general manager, to be joint general manager with Mr. T. F. Pollock, the secretary, and Mr. H. J. Jackson, A. Pickard, the cashier, to be joint assistant general managers. The Directors have also appointed Mr. F. Nickerson, J. S. Taylor and G. E. Thornton to be district managers, whose services will be employed in the Bank. The Directors have much pleasure in stating that the business done by the Bank during the year has been very satisfactory, and they desire to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the officials of the Bank, which they trust will be continued during the period of the present year.

The auditors, Messrs. J. W. Clows and F. A. Hargreaves, chartered accountants, of Leeds, have retired, and offer themselves for re-election.

By order of the Board, ST. ALDWYN, Chairman.

Dr. Balance-Sheet, 30th June, 1914. Cr.

LIABILITIES	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
To Share Capital— £50,000 Shares of £5 each, £3 10s. Paid-up	1,750,000 0 0	By Cash in hand, at Bank of England, and at Head Office and Branches	4,965,284 1 1
Capital Paid-up	1,750,000 0 0	Bankers' Bills	4,965,284 1 1
Reserve Fund	1,500,000 0 0	Consols	873,760 0 0
Amount due to Depositors and other Accounts	20,720,889 0 1	Local Loans	16,000 0 0
Uncalled Capital, £500,000.		Stock	16,000 0 0
		Other Securities	10,781,711 10 8
			11,672,561 10 8
		Loans on Securities and other Accounts	4,535,641 1 6
		Bank Premises Account	450,000 0 0
		Bank Premises	446,421 9 8
			23,750,889 0 1
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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies (Consolidated) Act, 1908, we certify that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with, and we report that, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet, as at 30th June, 1914, is full and fair Balance Sheet, and is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank with the branches not visited by us. We have examined the Securities of the Bank, and compared the Balance Sheet with the Head Office and principal Branches. We have also attended the Bank at the annual audit, and have received from the Directors and Officers of the Bank all the information and explanations we have required.

J. W. CLOWS, } Chartered Accountants,
F. A. HARGREAVES, } Auditors.

Audit Office, Leeds, 11th August, 1914.

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OUR GARDENS.

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Amateur Gardeners, Allotment Holders, &c.

By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Flower beds and borders are now showing signs of the approach of autumn, and it will be quite a lot of care to prevent them assuming a shabby appearance. Decaying flowers and leaves, exhausted plants, weeds and other trash must be removed at least once a week, and with the object of maintaining neatness the lawns and grass edgings should be cut regularly. Autumn flowering plants should receive the necessary attention as regards staking and tying, and the application of liquid manure will assist the development of the flowers. This is specially important with tall, strong-growing subjects such as Michaelmas daisies, helianthus, etc. Gladioli should also receive liquid manure.

SEED SAVING.

Home saved seed is usually very fertile, and a little trouble in this direction will considerably reduce the following year's seed bill. Many kinds of plants seed freely, and although it is almost impossible to prevent cross-fertilisation where a number of shades of one subject have been grown together, there is no difficulty in obtaining some useful seed for popular plants for mixed borders. All the subjects that seed freely in the north are marigolds in variety, sweet Williams, Canterbury bells, antirrhinums, Shirley-sum, phlox pyppies in variety, clarkias, godetia, nasturtium, nemesia, candytuft, lobelia, alyssum, mignonette, pansies, and canary creeper. There are many others, and readers who try a few home-saved seeds will find the experiment very interesting. The pods should be gathered on a dry, sunny day, and on no account before they are approaching ripeness. They should be placed in thin paper bags, and suspended in a warm, dry room to ripen off. The bag mouth should be left open to hasten the drying process, a simple method of making this position being to pin the bags to a cord stretched across the room. When they are quite dry they should be taken out, cleaned, and placed in packets, each one containing a label. In the case of marigolds, antirrhinums, etc., good varieties should be marked by tying a piece of raffia to the stem whilst they are in flower. This is done for guidance when gathering the seed.

PESTIMONS.

Few plants have been improved more during recent years than the pestimon. Many of the new strains produce prolific flower spikes almost two feet long, and the flowers are large and packed closely on the stems. Strong plants will commence blooming in July, and continue until frost cuts them off in the autumn. Splendid effects may be obtained by planting them in large masses in beds or borders, and it is not necessary to mix other subjects with them except a few of dwarf habit to form an edging. They are easily raised from cuttings, and as they branch freely a large number of cuttings are available. They strike freely in a cool frame, and should be put in at once. Treat as recommended for violas.

LIFTING FADED "MUMS."

In many gardens early flowering chrysanthemums of the mosse and similar types are now commencing to bloom freely, and it is generally known that the plants may be lifted and potted up for flowering indoors. Where this is done the flowers are kept clean, and the plants may be used for house decoration if required. A few hours before being lifted the plants should receive a thorough soaking of water. This is very important, because if the soil is at all dry it will draw away from the roots and the plants will in consequence suffer severely. Pot moderately firm and shade from bright sun for a few days. A cool house they may be removed to a cool greenhouse.

VEGETABLES.

LATE PEAS.

Every autumn many complaints are made about late peas not filling their pods properly. The trouble could generally be traced to one or two causes. Either the soil is exhausted or it is too dry. In such case the remedy is obvious. If the former a thorough drenching with farmyard liquid manure will give the desired effect. Some writers recommend the use of artificial manure, but my remedy is counsel caution in this direction. Chemical manure usually contains a certain proportion of nitrates, and if a dull, damp spell of weather follows their use, the probability is that rank growth will ensue, and this at the expense of the pods. Continue to break up the surface of the soil at the sides of the rows, and when a few of pods are "set," pinch out the tops of the plants.

TWO USEFUL EARLY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

We have two useful early white chrysanthemums in the house, and can recommend them to our readers for future cultivation. White, Countess and Framfield Early White are the varieties in question. The former are very disappointing last year, but this was the fault of the treatment and not the variety. We grew it as a bush plant and reaished very little disbudding with the result that the flowers were small and badly formed. They were produced so freely, however, that we decided to give it another trial, and this year it has been disbudded to about a dozen flowers on each plant with excellent results. Framfield early white has received similar treatment and is equally good. Both have strong, gracefully curled petals.

RULES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERING.

No time should be lost in dealing with bulbs intended for flowering at Christmas. They should be potted or placed in bowls at once. The cultivation of bulbs for producing flowers for cuttings is a very simple matter if approached in a business-like manner. The old system of planting them in pots entails a lot of unnecessary labour, and should be discontinued in favour of the boxing system. Tulips, Roman hyacinths, daffodils, and narcissus may be grown as well in boxes as they can in pots. About an inch of rich soil should be placed loosely in the box bottom. On this the bulbs may be stood almost close together. More soil should then be scattered amongst them until the box is almost full. Very little pressure is needed, except what can be given by pressing the finger tips amongst them, afterwards adding a little more soil if there is room. The boxes should be of sufficient depth to allow the tip of the bulbs to be just below the surface. Unless the soil is very wet a soaking of water may be given, and a few boats later a few inches of ashes may be placed over them. If ashes are not available a covering of ordinary garden soil may be substituted. This may appear to be a rough and ready method, but we can assure our readers that we have for many years treated thousands of bulbs in this way, and the results have been in every way satisfactory. If the flowers are required for conservatory decoration pots should be used. In other respects the treatment may be practically the same. One of the most important points in bulb cultivation is to guard against the soil getting dry after growth has commenced. The quality of the bulb has a great deal to do with the ultimate result. No amount of good cultivation would cause poor bulbs to give good results. On the other hand, good bulbs are almost certain to give good results if our suggestions are carried out. Another danger, which must not be overlooked, is attempting to force growth before sufficient roots have been formed to warrant warm treatment. Where this is done many of the bulbs will fail to bloom. It is to be feared that many failures have been recorded in this connection through this particular fault in cultivation.

SEEDLING FERNS.

In almost every greenhouse where ferns are grown, numerous seedlings may be found at this time of the year. Many varieties are very suitable for house decoration, and during winter, when the flowers are comparatively few, such ferns are very acceptable for table decoration. They are also useful in the house for standing on the soil in chrysanthemum pots to hide the bare stems of the plants. The freedom with which they grow in the pots or charcoal used as a covering for the greenhouse staging implies that they enjoy an open potting media, and it is a good plan to mix either of the ingredients mentioned with the soil for the potting, along with sweet leaf-mould. Put the seedlings in small pots and give them a warm, moist, and partially shaded position until they are established in the pots.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SEDAL, Monday.—Prices slightly lower, with a less keen demand. Many of the second and secondary samples go, to 37s. per qr. of 336 pounds; malting barley, 30s. to 34s. per qr. of 32 stones; feeding 23s. to 24s. per qr. of 24 stones; and rye, 28s. to 29s. per qr. of 20 stones.

PROVISIONS.

SEDAL, Monday.—Butter, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. per lb.; eggs, 8.8 or 9 for 1s.

POTATOES.

SEDAL, Monday.—Little change in prices, with a middling trade. King Edwards 45s. to 50s.; Up-to-Dates, Bridges, and Reliables 40s. to 45s. per ton; rubbish, 25s. to 30s.

CATTLE.

SEDAL AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs. Richardson and Sons sold 85 beasts, 3 sheep, and 94 pigs. Most attention was given to the fat cattle. There was an improvement both in the numbers and quality. Prime beef made about 6s. per stone, and trade in some of the best lots equal to a shade above. Inferior beef was slow of sale. There was a good demand for medium and good quality sheep and pigs, and prices were firm. Sheep prices were not sufficient per head required—Best bullocks made up to £24 2s. 6d., heifers £24 5s., and cows £23 10s. Inferior bullocks sold at £19 to £21, heifers £19 5s., and cows £18 10s. Best bullocks in sail £19 to £21, cows in milk £20 to £23, sheep £3 15s. each pigs £2 5s. and small store pigs £1 10s. each.

TODCASTER, Monday.—Messrs. Thompson and Son had 1,000 head of cattle and calves, 600 sheep, and 200 pigs. The attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average, and trade was brisk for all classes of stock. Best beef made from 6s. to 6s. 4d. per stone, cows and heifers had from 5s. 6d. to 5s. 8d. Sheep again sold well, and made from 6d. to 1s. 1od. per lb. Pork and store pigs made much money. Bullocks from £20 to £24 5s., and sheep from £3 10s. to £4. Naturally, the best bullocks and sheep made £24 5s. and £4 each. Best bullocks from Mr J. W. Watson, Clifford, made £24 15s. and £24 5s.; Mr J. Dunnington, Bramham, £24 15s.; Mr J. Dunnington, Headingley, had four good bullocks making £24 15s. and £24 5

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SHERBURN, BARKSTON, ASLERTON, STUTTON, AND ULLESKELF AFFAIRS

WAGES OF ROADMEN INCREASED.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at Tadcaster on Monday—Mr Add E. C. Brook-bank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Other members present were the Rev. C. D. Ash (Sutton), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Bolton-on-Swale), Miss Rudkin (Newton Kyme), Messrs J. H. Schofield (Oxton), H. Green and B. Brabant (Garforth), J. H. Ingleby, J.P. (Tadcaster), R. Wright (Barwick), J. Harding and W. A. Dickenson (Kippax), W. T. Cass, Young (Aberford), J. Lashby (Kirkby Wharfe), F. Myers (Bilbrough), C. Ellis (Micklefield), M. H. Copley (Gipton), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), H. E. Lowe (Ryther), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), H. E. Lowe (Ryther), T. P. Fawcett (Austhorpe), H. E. Lowe (Gipton Preston), W. Wilson (Barkston-Ash), E. Parker (Ledsham), J. E. Cawthorne, J. J. Foster, and T. Hey (Sherburn), E. Midgley (Colton), T. H. Prater (Parlington), H. H. Sandy, F. Phillips, and Pearson (Allerton Bywater), A. Chippindale (Scholes), Walter Crosland, J.P. (South Milford), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), and J. Y. Shockley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr. G. A. Bennet), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £5,857 10s in hand.

SICK HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been five admissions to the workhouse and three discharges. The inmates numbered 88 in the house and 7 on the children's boarding-out system, as at the corresponding date of last year. The stamps received during the two weeks were 50 at 2½ against 51 and 54.

The House Committee had the sum of £10 10s for supplies to the workhouse, and the following were accepted:—Meat, Mr Schofield (Tadcaster); flour, Messrs Rishworth, Ingleby, and Leftwich; groceries, Mr Hall (Tadcaster); coal, Micklefield Coal Co.; drapery, Nettleton Bros. (Tadcaster); boots and shoes, Mr Crossley (Tadcaster); brushes, Leeds Blind School; bacon, cheese and butter, Mr Holliday (Tadcaster); coffins, Mr Gaycock (Tadcaster); drugs, Mr Hall (Tadcaster). Billcough Home—Meat, Mr Harrison Bros.; flour, Messrs Rishworth, Ingleby, and Leftbourn; clothing and drapery, Nettleton Bros.

Applications were received for the post of charge nurse, and a candidate is to be interviewed.

In connection with the Yorkshire vagrancy scheme, it was decided that Tadcaster workhouse should be a head station.

In regard to the alterations at the workhouse communications were received from the Local Government Board and Messrs Bramley and Thornton, and the matter was adjourned.

RATES UP.

Mr Prater, on behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the estimates for the half-year, and he stated they meant an increase in the rates of 2d. in the £—a ha'fpenny for Union purposes and 1½d. for county purposes. Provision had to be made for any increase that might occur, and the increase in the county charges were for the feeding of children, extra police, police pay, etc. The amount required would equal a rate of 1s. 6d. against 1s. 4d.

The Chairman said a liberal estimate had been made on account of the rise in the price of food stuffs and oatmeal, which they hoped would not be realised.

The estimates were adopted.

A number of parishes are in arrears, and they are to be dealt with if the money is not paid.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

It was reported that the District Council treasurer had in hand a sum of £7,592.

The minutes of the Highways Committee showed that the surveyor had submitted a list of works that could be carried out to meet unemployment, and a letter from the County Council stated that the Road Board would not make grants for this purpose. The suggestion of the surveyor to improve the York Road was approved.—The surveyor was instructed to interview the two owners of street land for a road improvement at Ulleskelf.—Applications to open roads at Aberford and Sherburn were granted.—A letter was read from Station Parish Council calling attention to the bad state of a footpath to Tadcaster, and asking that it should be improved. The matter was referred to the surveyor, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Parish Council that the matter was having attention.—With regard to surface drainage at Micklefield, the scheme was estimated to cost £210, and the Colliery Company are to be interviewed about the matter.

ROADMEN'S WAGES

The Highways Committee recommended that the wages of a number of men be raised from 2s 8d. to 2s. 10d. per day.

Mr Midgley stated that he thought they ought to deal with the whole question of roadmen's wages. A man at 2s. 10d. per day worked out at 17s. per week, and he proposed that every able-bodied man, under 50 years of age, employed on the roads, be paid at the rate of 18s. per week.

That, he said, was little enough. If they expected men to give a fair day's work they must give them a fair day's pay. He then take the case of a man and his wife and five children living on 17s. a week. It worked out at about a penny per meal if they had three meals a day. Was that sufficient to keep a man, his wife, and children upon? It was impossible, and if a man did a week's work he should be dependent on charity.

Mr Foster seconded.

The Chairman asked what sort of men the committee were dealing with. Were they old men?

Mr Phillips said some of them were 70 and some over.

Mr Wright: And some under 60.

Mr Midgley said that there were men under fifty getting 17s. a week.

The Chairman stated that the surveyor if there were men under 60 getting less than 2s. a day.

Mr Scott said there were a few. They had, however, men over 70 getting £1 a week.

Mr Midgley said he did not want to interfere with the men who had more, and his amendment stated not less than 18s.

On a division being taken, twelve voted for the amendment and eleven against, so the amendment was carried by one vote.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The Sanitary Committee had before them a scheme for dealing with the surface water at Micklefield, and it was referred to the Highways Committee.

A report on the housing conditions at Barkston was submitted, and notice was ordered to be served on various owners to remedy defects at their property. It was stated that the site for houses by the County Council was unsuitable.—Sewage dykes at Ryther are to be cleaned out.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking the position of Sherburn water supply scheme, and what they were doing in regard to other supplies. It was decided to reply stating Sherburn scheme had been referred to a special committee.—A letter was read from the Yorkshire Electric Power Co., who are promoting a bill for lighting powers, asking to be given the opportunity of discussing the matter. It was referred to the Law and Parliamentary Committee.—Aberford Parish Council wrote complaining of rubbish being tipped in a lane, and the question was referred to the inspector.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

Mr Prater, on behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the estimates for the half-year. They recommended a special ordinary rate of 2d. and a highways rate of 3½d.—agd. This is a total of 5½d., against 5d. The estimates were approved.

DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

A circular letter was read from the West Riding Distress Committee asking how people desired their subscriptions allocated—whether per money should be paid over to the National Fund, or that the matter should be left to the discretion of the West Riding Committee.

Mr Ingleby: How can we tell how the National Fund is to be distributed?

The Chairman: I don't think anyone knows.

Mr Wright said that at Barwick a Distress Committee had been formed, and there were to make a house-to-house collection. It was proposed to pay the money to the West Riding Fund.

The Chairman advised them to consider the amount they send.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES AFFAIRS

PROPOSED PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR BARWICK.

A meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council was held at the offices at Scholes on Monday night—Mr J. M. Rayner (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs R. Wright, A. Booth, J. Birch, and F. Lamb (Barwick), J. Pemberton, W. Wetherall, and F. Needham (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr H. R. Clarke).

Mr Booth brought forward the question of public lighting for a portion of Barwick. He stated that gas was being introduced to the village, and there was evidently a demand for it, otherwise the Garforth Gas Co. would not have laid the mains. He had been told they had got 80 per cent of promises. There was a possibility that people might be in favour of public lighting, too, and he had drawn up a suitable lighting area, comprising practically the village of Barwick, and he thought three 24 lamps would be sufficient to light the area specified. With regard to the cost, it would be borne by a rate, which, in the event of the Act being adopted, would be paid by the people living in the lighting area. At Aberford the Garforth Gas Co. provided the lamps, cleaned and lighted them for 6d. per lamp. The lamps were lighted every night until about eleven to six months. Twenty-four lamps would cost Barwick £48 per annum, and he had ascertained that in the area specified a penny rate would raise £38, so that a 1d. rate would be required. He proposed that a committee composed of the Barwick Estate Trustees be formed to consider whether the area as mapped by him was the best and approach the Gas Co. in regard to terms. When they had done that they would have information to submit to the parish meeting, which alone could adopt the Lighting Act.

Mr Birch said it was a matter for the rates payers.

Mr Wright said he did not know there was any feeling in the village on the matter.

Mr Birch said he had heard one or two people speak about it.

Mr Booth said that some people would like public lighting, but the question would rest entirely with the parish meeting. They were not committing themselves to anything.

Mr Birch said he could second the resolution in order that it might go before the ratepayers.

The resolution was adopted.

The Chairman drew attention to the dangerous state of the footbridge over the beck at the bottom of the brickworks lane, Scholes, on the footpath leading to Whinmoor.—Mr Booth suggested that they should bring the matter to the notice of the District Council.—Mr Wright said that if it was not on a highway they would not do anything.—Nothing was done in the matter.

Mr Pemberton stated that he had received complaint about an alleged encroachment on the road at Scholes, and it was a matter for the highways surveyor to investigate. He proposed that the Clerk write to the District Council about it. This was seconded, and agreed to.

The question of the Clerk's terms of appointment was brought forward, and the minute was read, stating that the terms should be considered by the Council during the ensuing twelve months.—Mr Pemberton proposed that a committee be appointed to deal with the matter.—The Chairman said he thought notice should be given, but he was willing to let it be discussed if the Council desired.—Mr Pemberton then said it could be put on the agenda for next meeting.

A TADCASTER WOMAN'S TRAGIC DEATH.

UNAVAILING EFFORT TO AVERT ACCIDENT

An inquest was held at the York County Hospital on Monday on the body of Jane Cornwell (77), of Tadcaster, who died in that institution on Friday night as the result of injuries received by being knocked down by a motor car in Tadcaster.

Sarah Ann Braham, Hillside, Tadcaster, said the deceased was her sister and was a widow. She resided with witness and left the house on Friday evening at six o'clock in order to visit some friends. Her hearing was bad, but her sight was good, and she was in very good health for her age. Her daughter and she had left the house a man and two witnesses that her sister had been knocked down by a motor car. Deceased was taken into the house of Mrs Walters, where witness saw her. Deceased told the doctor that the best course would be to convey her to the York County Hospital. Deceased was removed to York in the car by which she had been knocked down.

Elizabeth Sherlock, 7, Sandfield Terrace, Tadcaster, said she met the deceased on Friday night in Mr Crossley's shop in Commercial Street, about a quarter to seven o'clock. They chatted together and deceased left suddenly and made a dash across the road. She had almost reached the centre of the thoroughfare when she turned round apparently to look for her shop. A motor car came along and knocked her down. Commercial Street was on the York side of the bridge over the river Wharfe, and Crossley's shop was almost at the foot of the hill on the right hand side of the road coming towards York.

Continuing, witness said the car was travelling on the left hand side of the road at a moderate speed. Deceased had her face to the car when she was on the pavement. Witness thought the deceased had an idea that she could get across the road before the car came up, and she could have done so had she not turned round to come back again. Deceased seemed to have been caught by the front part of the car, knocked down, and rolled over. The driver of the car put on the brakes sharply and pulled up, and the occupants of the car rendered every assistance.

Clarence May Withers, Commercial Street, Tadcaster, said the driver of the car tried to avoid the deceased, being under the impression that she was going straight forward, but through the woman turning round she was knocked down.

George Victor Williamson, 120, Warwick Street, Eccleston Square, London, chauffeur, said he was driving a touring car belonging to the Dalmeny Garage, and was hired by the Automobile Association. He was travelling four passengers, and he had come from Leeds. He had just got over the bridge and was about to proceed at the rate of 12 miles an hour when the deceased suddenly stepped off the footpath on witness's off-side. When she got into the centre of the road she was about three yards in front of the car. She turned round to the off-side to avoid her. At the same time the woman hesitated and stepped back in the same direction as the car. When the car struck the deceased witness, who had been driving at 12 miles an hour did not sound his hooter, as the whole thing happened so suddenly that his time was taken up in trying to avoid the deceased and also in applying the brake.

Dr McCarter said the deceased was admitted to the County Hospital about 8 p.m. on Friday. She was suffering from a fractured skull, a fracture of the right wrist, a broken rib on the right side, while a bone in the leg was fractured. Death occurred the same night at 10.20.

The jury returned a verdict that death was due to the injuries received as the result of being knocked down by a motor car, and that it was due to an accident.

BYRAM

Sir John Ramsden, Deputy-Lieutenant for the West Riding, was, on Saturday, given a commission as second-lieutenant in the embodied Norfolk (King's Own Royal Regiment) Yeomanry, of which His Majesty is Colonel-in-Chief, and the King of Norway Honorary Colonel.

CROSSGATES AND BARWICK CHARITIES.

WHAT THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS SAY.

At a meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council on Monday evening—Mr J. M. Rayner (Chairman) presiding—the following letter was read from the Charity Commissioners concerning a proposed new scheme for administering the parochial charities:—

In reply to your letter of the 18th ult, I am to say that if the Parish Council are of opinion that it is necessary to send a deputation to this office, an interview can be had by appointment. It should be understood, however, that any question of apportionment between the urban and rural parts of the parish, whether as regards the portions of the Charity applicable to the rates or to the poor, must necessarily be settled on the basis of population, coupled perhaps with that of rateable value. The Parish Council must not suppose because the part of the parish under their jurisdiction retains the old name it has any superior rights in regard to the charity over the portion incorporated in Leeds. It should make a petition. It is proposed to fix for a term of years, as circumstances may alter, and in a few years the now rural portion may become as thickly populated as the urban part.

Mr Wright said that in view of that decision he did not think any good purpose would be served by sending a deputation, but he thought they should make a protest. Crossgates, as a matter of fact, would not receive any benefit, because the rates there were stationary for fifteen years, and its portion would go to the Leeds exchequer.

The Chairman: I think we should resent the attitude of the Commissioners.

Mr Wright: The result will be the same.

The Chairman suggested that they should ask the assistance of the County Council in this matter, and he had reason to believe that they would give it.

Mr Wright then proposed that a committee be appointed to write a letter of protest to the Commissioners and that a petition be sent to the County Council on the question.

Mr Birch seconded, and this was adopted.

Messrs Wright, Booth, Rayner, and Pemberton were appointed the committee.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

TWO CASES.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Mr C. B. Lamb (in the chair), and Mr J. H. Ingleby.

DID NOT APPEAR.

Henry Dawson, cooper, failed to appear in answer to a charge of drunkenness.

Sgt. Slack said the defendant was arrested, and he bailed him out to appear at last Court, but he had absconded.

The Chairman: Does he live here?

Sgt. Slack: He comes and goes and again.

P.C. Bennett said that on August 27th he was on the Wharfe Bridge at Tadcaster, and he there saw defendant, who was drunk, and he took him to the police station.

Fined 5s. and costs.

A GAS ATTACK WAS "QUITE EXCUSE."

Charles Nicholson, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Tadcaster on September 12th.

Defendant said he had been drinking.

Sgt. Slack: Do you plead guilty?

Defendant: Yes.

P.C. Bennett said he was on duty in Mill Lane, Tadcaster, on Saturday, he saw defendant, who was drunk. When he spoke to him he began using bad language.

Defendant: I don't recollect swearing at all. I came right away to the police station.

The Chairman: Yes, you did that.

Defendant said that he was "sharp fresh." (Laughter).

Sgt. Slack: That is another condition of drunkenness I don't know.

Defendant made a statement as to the effect of drink on him.

The Chairman: You should not drink anything if you cannot stand it.

Sgt. Slack: He made it a decided nuisance.

On Saturday he was brought to the police station at 5.30, and the language was abominable until to o'clock at night. He promised now to be sensible, and if that could be brought about it would be a very good thing.

Fined 5s. and costs.

M.P. FOR OSGOLDCROSS AND SOLDIERS' ALLOWANCES.

NEED FOR AN INCREASE.

It is well-known (writes Sir Joseph Compton Rickett, M.P. for Osgoldcross), that a very large number of the recruits who have so far responded to the call are quite young fellows. We anticipated that the younger men would arrive first filled with the adventurous ardour of youth, for they have fewer responsibilities. But now we have to draw upon men in the prime of manhood, often married, and well employed. Their patriotism is assured, but their personal sacrifice is great. For these men the present Army provision is not enough, and they object to fall back upon organised charity of any kind.

From contact with them, I am persuaded that the only hesitation which checks an instant response is the inadequacy of the allowance for their families, and the risk of disablement or of death. The nation is in a generous mood, prepared to support Parliament in any fuller provision. For at the most such provision will be a comparatively small increase to the liabilities at a long and costly war. It should be given as a right, and if promised at once will remove the scruples of a justifiable anxiety, and vastly quicken recruiting. Such a ready response may prove the truest economy by helping to shorten the war. It will also remove a sense of disproportion in sacrifice between the rich and the poor. The Government of the country, I am sure, is only waiting for an expression of public opinion to give shape to a policy which is certainly just as well as generous.

GARFORTH DISTRESS FUND.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID TO SEPTEMBER 10th.

The following amounts were received up to September 10th to the Garforth Distress Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Gascoigne, Ledsham Hall...	10	0	0
Mr. J. Rowbotham ...	5	0	0
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THE RHODES WAY.

Very characteristic of the Great Empire Builder whose life is described by Gordon Le Sueur in "Cecil Rhodes: The Man and His Work" (Murray), is the following extract:

"Cecil Rhodes would walk in late to a meeting of the Rhodes directors, and the minutes of the last meeting having hardly been read, he would start on the agenda and run through them, giving his own views something like this: 'Of course, what we have got to do here is so and so. I think we are all agreed about that. Just enter that in the minutes (to the secretary) as proposed and carried; and now about so and so,' and he came right down to the root. 'That's all the opinion I want, I think,' he would add, and walk out, leaving his colleagues thinking over resolutions and amendments they intended to bring forward.

"On another occasion he and the German Empire had been conversing for quite a long time, the Kaiser being much interested, when Rhodes glanced at a clock and got up, and, without any apology, left the Palace, as Court etiquette demanded, he held out his hand to the Emperor, to the latter's amusement, and said: 'Well, good-bye; I've got to go now, as I have some people coming to dinner.'"

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THE LADIES' COLUMN.

WATER AND A HEALTHY SKIN.

To ensure a clear, healthy skin, water should be taken freely between meals, not at meals. A glass of pure water taken upon rising and retiring, with six or eight glasses between meals, will, according to *Health*, wash the system of impurities and prevent wrinkles. Another beauty recipe is to eat two, instead of three, meals a day. Some authorities advocate going without breakfast, while others contend that the evening meal is unnecessary, but two plain meals a day have been found by many to relieve biliousness, biliousness, dyspepsia, and to reduce corpulency. If the stomach is rested, the overworked liver and other organs obtain a corresponding relief. Hot breads and many condiments will produce facial blemishes, which prove that a little care in eating is worth all the attention that can be given to it.

IN SWALLOWING ACCIDENTS.

The right treatment in the case of swallowing a foreign body, whether by a child or an adult, is to stuff the patient with a large amount of solid food, leaving a free passage; potatoes are the best. The foreign body becomes imbedded in the residue matter, and it generally passes through the intestines. A good adjuvant to the potatoes is slippery elm bark. Make the patient chew as much of it as possible; then let him or her swallow some ground elm bark. The mucilage of the elm protects the intestinal walls, and also renders the faces of the foreign body slippery, without increasing peristalsis.

EATING TOO MUCH.

"It is very doubtful whether the ordinary allowance of food is not too liberal in every case," says Dr Dalberg, in writing on "A Healthy Diet" in *Cassell's Magazine*. "Indigestion is not always due to errors in diet as regards quality, but it often is as regards quantity. Simple as this maxim appears, it is constantly being transgressed. There are very few people who indeed who do not eat more than they actually need. Every particle of food unconsumed in the corresponding amount of work on the part of the digestive organs, and it follows that excess of food means unnecessary waste, and of course with results more or less injurious. The guiding principle ought to be for everybody to reduce the amount of his daily food to the minimum on which health and vigour can be maintained, whilst in practice what we are trying to do is to eat as much as we dare without injuring our health."

WHEN NOT TO EAT.

A good dinner at night is necessary for those whose pleasure or work keeps them up very late, but for ordinary folk who dine at six or seven and go to bed about 10.30 only a light, wholesome repast should be taken, says the *Family Doctor*. The meal ended the day when muscles and nerves are more or less exhausted. A "tired stomach is a weak stomach" is a golden rule to remember. Yet how often one hears people say: "I've been rushing about all day and am tired to death; I must have a big meal to make up for it!" You may put the big meal into the stomach, but you cannot make the latter digest it. A belief lives strong in the hearts and minds of the majority of mankind, including persons of weak digestion, that a hearty steak will take place a meal gets up an appetite and helps the stomach to digest the food. But this is exactly what it does not do. Exercise spreads the blood through the body. For the proper digestion of food the blood is needed in the stomach.

PHYSICAL CULTURE OF CHILDREN.

All outdoor games that involve running and active movement of any kind are useful adjuncts in physical development. In no immense amount of exercise is taken under the guise of diversion. Battledore and shuttlecock was long a favourite amusement, is a capital indoor game where there is room to play it, and might be revived with advantage. Beanbags, or coloured bags filled with beans and aimed at a ring or other mark, and the form of quoits played on chipboard with rings of rope may be utilised to furnish exercise on rainy days. Especial attention should be paid to the exercise of those children are exercising indoors. The respiration is quickened, the lungs demand more air, and there should be a free supply of pure oxygen to meet it. Impure air poisons the delicate tissues of children more than the blood destroyed by passing through the lungs is unfit to be breathed again. If the impurities with which it is charged could be visible we would shrink from inhaling it, and wonder at our folly when by raising the window a fresh supply is at our command.

SODIUM CHLORATE IN DYSPEPSIA.

This drug has been very strongly recommended in dyspepsia, and especially in hyperchlorhydria and gastric ulcer. It should be given two or three times daily, diluted, and in warm solution, says the *Hospital*. The time should be midway between meals, so as to secure the action of the remedy on the mucous membrane. Not more than two drachms should be given in twenty-four hours. Large doses may cause methæmoglobinuria.

NICE DISHES.

OATMEAL SOUP.—Cut an oatcake into pieces at the joints, wash it all well, and put into a stewpan with two quarts of water, one carrot, one turnip, one onion, one dessertspoonful of celery salt, a bunch of herbs in a muslin bag, salt, and pepper. Bring to the boil gently, and simmer for three hours. Take out the meat, strain, and stand until next day. Then put into a stewpan, add one dessertspoonful of mixed curry powder, mixed smooth, and add a wineglassful of sherry. Stir until it boils, then put in a pound of meat, and, if liked, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley and one tablespoonful each of previously cooked carrot and turnip. Forcemeats, which can be bought for about eightpence each, are excellent for this soup.

ORANGES EN SURPRISE.—Cut off the tops of half a dozen tangerine oranges neatly, and scoop out the sections as carefully as possible, so as to avoid breaking the peel. Divide into pieces, and crush the contents of one of the oranges in a bowl, strain off the juice, and add to it a few drops of lemon juice and a very little maraschino and sugar to taste. Allow the rest of the orange sections in a manner in this for an hour, dividing them first in halves with a silver knife, and adding a banana, peeled and chopped finely. Make half a dozen preserved cherries, add these to the fruit, and pile in the orange skins. Cover with a spoonful of whipped cream sprinkled some chopped pistachio nut over the top and serve.

OYSTERS IN ASPERGE.—Two dozen oysters, two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cream, one tablespoonful of flour, loz. of butter, a little salt. Make a light batter as follows: Beat the yolks with flour, and add the strained liquor from the oysters and a pinch of salt. Dry the oysters carefully on a clean cloth, and then dip them into the batter, being careful to cover them completely. Put the batter into a frying-pan with a little butter and boiling put in the oysters and fry until brown.

OYSTER RAGOUT.—Simmer two dozen oysters in their own liquor for a few minutes, then drain them upon a sieve; add to this liquor two tablespoonfuls of sauce, and two minced and boned anchovies, give it one boil, then put in the oysters for ten minutes, but do not allow them to boil. Serve upon a dish, and garnish with sippits of toast and thinly-cut slices of lemon.

BAKED BEETROOT.—Cut some well boiled beetroot into slices. Butter a fireproof dish, and lay the slices of beetroot in layers. On each layer put some small pieces of butter, salt and pepper to taste, and a very little onion juice—only enough to be suspected—and a few drops of lemon juice. When the dish is full pour over all a little white sauce, cover with breadcrumbs, and bake for twenty minutes.

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In our last issue we expressed the opinion that one result of the war would be the granting of a greater measure of liberty to the peoples of Europe, and it would seem that many people share this view. Mr. Lloyd George has an appeal to American and neutral Jews to believe in England's cause." The assurance I have been privileged to obtain from Sir Edward Grey, that he will neglect no opportunity of encouraging the emancipation of the Russian Jews, marks a turning point in their history, replacing, as it does, windy Russian rumours by a solid political basis of hope. Mr. Lloyd George's utterance of a politician in a crisis. I am in a position to state that it represents the attitude of all that is best in English thought. It is with confidence, therefore, that I appeal to American and other "neutral" Jews not to let the shadow of Russia alienate their sympathies from the indomitable island which now, as not seldom before, is fighting for mankind, and which may yet civilise Germany. Germany that Winston Churchill concluded a speech he delivered at a non-political gathering in London with the words:—"I shall hope, and I do not think my hope is in vain, that the time will shortly come together in our land and throughout our Empire may continue to work together not only in the military struggle, but try to make our country a more equal, more happy, and more prosperous land, where social justice and free institutions are more firmly established than they have been in the past."

Although this country has gone to war with the avowed object of smashing the vicious system introduced by militarism in Germany, a section of our people profess to believe that one outcome of the crisis will be the adoption of Conscription by Great Britain, but it is evident that they have not given the question serious consideration. Before such a drastic step was taken by any Government, it would have to be conclusively proved that the voluntary system is a failure, and in view of the response which has been made to the country's call, but even that is no argument in favour of Conscription. It was stated by a well-known Cabinet Minister that it would be possible to raise 400,000 men without applying the whip of compulsion, but his judgment of the young men of the country was at fault, as he would no doubt candidly admit now that the call for many volunteers will be had for the asking. Some districts are richer in men than others, and it is asserted that, in some instances, a larger percentage has been sent to serve with the Colours than would be possible under the German system. That is no argument in favour of Conscription. For ten years Mr F. E. Smith, M.P., has advocated universal service, but now that we have entered upon war without adopting such a policy he "hopes and believes we shall go through this war securing whatever forces are required as a volunteer nation." Moreover, the quality and speed of the men are important factors in the efficiency of an army, and would anyone have the temerity to compare the products of the Prussian military system with our own? Reports from the front of the shock tactics of the British are infinitely superior to the German conscript, and a Methodist parson, at the Front, writes:—"Our men are splendid. I thought I knew them, but I take off my hat to 'Mr Thomas Atkins' as the bravest and most heroic soul in the world." And Sir John French's "moving despatch," and, in fact, all the stories from France, are a tribute to the high qualities of Britain's fighting men. Many of the Germans are brave men and excellent soldiers, but, on the other hand, there are many who have absolutely no heart in their work and are ready, whenever danger arises, to run their dirty hides, because they know that their lives will be spared by a merciful enemy. No one could convince of any unit of the British Army doing such a thing; they would be to sorry to be considered cowards. Conscripted, and the masterly retreat of our Army in France, when it was threatened with annihilation, forms one of the most glorious military achievements in our history. The German may be as patriotic as this Britisher—that question need not be entered into—but the war has furnished ample evidence that the systems of military training produces totally different results. Can anyone believe that our soldiers, however hardly pressed, would ever be guilty of such horrible barbarities as were perpetrated in Belgium by the enemy? Militarism propagates the doctrine that "might is right," and what this may lead to has been demonstrated fully enough already. Our system is based on different principles, and the spirit of it was conveyed in the message given to our men from Lord Kitchener when they embarked for the Continent. Of course, people may believe that Conscription would not work in precisely the same way here, but there is always the danger of men becoming the slaves of a system, and even of the nation itself having to bend to it. Britishers have always held their freedom and liberties as their most precious heritage, but if they allow Conscription to be adopted they will have to modify their views very considerably. Employers and employees have hitherto been hostile to the system, because of the interference it would have with industry, and a nation which depends for its existence on its foreign and colonial trade cannot afford to overlook this aspect of the question. And what of the expense of Conscription? For years Continental nations have been groaning under the burden of armaments and the maintenance of huge armies, and the withdrawal of men from their ordinary work must have had some effect on their industrial and commercial development, so that the cost could not be measured by the actual amount spent on armies and war material. If it is likely, when the national expenditure is increasing year by year, that any British Government would impose heavy taxes for the making of conscript soldiers? Let those people who advocate Conscription ask themselves what it would cost the country. When taxation is levied for ameliorative purposes there is no end of grumbling, and it is likely that the taxpayer would willingly shoulder an enormous new burden? It is probable, however, that the Army will cost more in the future. The men who fight the country's battles have a right to the nation's gratitude, and a share that so many veterans have had to pass their last days in workhouses—and it is not only proposed to make the Service more attractive, but to make provision for those who are incapacitated. No one will offer objection to any scheme for improving the position of our fighting men, and whatever additional monetary help they receive will be no more than the reward they are entitled to. In regard to the Territorial Forces, an extension of the system would be of immense benefit to the nation, and many people would not object to young men undergoing training between the ages of 18 and 21 years. Whether such a thing is practicable has not been discussed by the authorities, but it seems unfair, as we have frequently contended, that one section of young men should voluntarily undergo training, while another section can stand aside and scoff at their fellows as "fireside soldiers." The value of the Territorial Army is now being seen, and if a larger number of men been trained before this date, the equipment of the new Army could have been accomplished in a much shorter time. Such a training as is given to the Territorial's would be very beneficial physically to thousands of young men, and it would likewise be a guarantee that, if a crisis arose, they would not be in the helpless position in which so many are now.

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MARRIAGE.

WHITE—SIMPSON.—September 14th, at St. James's Church, Crossgates, by the Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Malleson, Alfred Ellis, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. R. White, Scarborough, late of Crossgates, to Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Simpson, Elmet Terrace, Crossgates. 2127

DEATHS.

COXWELL.—September 11th, at the York County Hospital (the result of a motor accident), age 77 years, Jane Coxwell, the eldest daughter of the late Thomas Bolland, of Tadcaster.

FILE.—William Albert, of Brandon Terrace, Shadwell, died Leeds Infirmary, 15th September.

LINDLEY.—September 12th, at St. Helen's, Adel, Emma Lindley, aged 80 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

WILSON.—In loving memory of our dear father, Jonah Wilson, of East Garforth, who fell asleep in Jesus, September 17th, 1913.

"Rest on, dear father, your labour is o'er,
Your willing hands will toil no more.
A sorrowful day, so sad to us,
When we laid one to rest that was loved by us all."

—Martha Annie and Charles Edward Stanley.

WILSON.—In loving memory of my dear father, Jonah Wilson, who passed peacefully away on September 17th, 1913.

"When days are long and friends are few,
Dear father how we long for you.
A sorrowful day, so sad to us,
When we laid one to rest that was loved by us all."

—From George and Ada Binns, Barwick.

WILSON.—In loving memory of Jonah Wilson, of East Garforth, who passed peacefully away on September 17th, 1913.

"If love and care could death prevent
Thy days would not so soon be spent;
Life was denied, for God could see,
Eternal rest was best for thee."

—From his wife and children.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

THE ROTHWELL TEMPERANCE ANGLING CLUB.—The annual match of this club took place at Low Dunsforth. The match was of 4 hours duration, and the winners were:—1, George Ward (3lb.); 2, R. Sidebottom (6¾oz.); 3, W. Wilson (7¾oz.); 4, W. Crossley; 5, C. Fox; 6, T. Beckwith; 7, J. Beckwith.

The Yorkshire Penny Bank, Ltd., has no connection in any way with the National Penny Bank, Ltd.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr J. W. Mockill (in the chair), and Mr F. M. Lupton.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—On Sunday the members of the Rothwell Church Lads' Brigade were joined in a route march round the district by the Brigade from Lofthouse, and a collection was taken on behalf of the Belgian Refugees. The march was by way of Rothwell Haigh, Lofthouse Town End, Oulchwell Green, Carlton, and Rothwell, and the amount collected by the lads was £1 3s.

LOCAL DISTRESS FUND.—Under this heading last week a paragraph appeared in the "Rothwell and District Herald" announcing that the Committee of the North and South Wards had accepted the offer of the management of the Cosy Picture Palace to give half the proceeds of their two houses to be held every alternate Tuesday night. The paragraph should have read every alternate Wednesday night. The first of these special efforts will take place next week.

Patent for complete Valve Gear.—E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application completed—J. W. Rhodes, Leeds, improvements in mattresses, etc. Acceptance—G. W. Ibbotson and T. Tolson, Dewsbury, safety guard for laundry wringing machines. Patent sealed—W. J. B. Leech and A. Edwards, Leeds, treatment of hair fibres. Notification of cost. Patent renewed—William Colgater, Bilstonshaw, destroying cotton, etc., in woollen rags.

A SALVATION ARMY FUNERAL.—On Saturday the funeral of Mrs Cook, the wife of Sergeant Major Cook, of the Salvation Army, took place. The deceased, who has been connected with the Salvation Army for over thirty years, was highly respected, and the cortège, which was headed by the members of the bands of the Rothwell, Ardsley, and Garforth Corps, was followed by a large number of people. Prior to the interment, a service was held in the Army Hall, and was conducted by Major Lewis, of Leeds. Another short service was held at the graveside, when, as at the hall, special hymns were sung. On Sunday a memorial service was held, and an address was given by Captain Oliver, a former officer in the Rothwell Corps, who was on a visit to the town and who made special reference to the life of the late Mrs Cook.

REVISION COURT.—The Revising Barrister for the Normanton Division, Mr Stephen Henry West, conducted a Revision Court for the townships of Methley (in Methley and Micklethwaite polling districts), Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and Rothwell-with-Rothwell Haigh and Royds Green (North, South, and Stourton Wards) at the Oulton Institute on Saturday. Mr Garvet, agent for the Liberal Association, was present, along with Mr J. Stead (Rothwell), who represented the Liberal Association. Several claims were made by both sides and allowed. Among others objections were the joined owners, viz., Mr Joe Harrison (Rothwell), Mr Sharpe (Oulton), and Mr Sharpe (Methley), as well as Mr Wood Higgins. At the conclusion Mr Garvet moved a vote of thanks to the Revising Barrister, and this was seconded by Mr J. Stead, and passed.

PROTECTING THE STACKYARDS.—Mr G. B. C. Yarborough called the attention of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee, at their meeting at Wakefield on Wednesday, to the fact that at the present time stackyards were full of corn, and suggested that it was advisable these should be systematically inspected by constables whilst threshing. Fires, he said, in ordinary times were brought about in many cases by spontaneous combustion, and in other instances by tramps and evil-doers; but now it was quite possible they might be caused by the King's enemies, who, he thought, would very much object to trade in the United Kingdom. These stacks were a national asset, not merely the property of the farmers, and not a single blade of corn ought to be wasted. The Acting Chief Constable said he would issue instructions that duty to have the matter attended to.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—Harvest festival services were held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday. The preacher in the morning and evening was the Rev. W. G. Sotheby, the resident minister. In the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Queen of the Harvest," was rendered by the choir. Mr Eli Ward presided over a large attendance, and the singing was conducted by Mr J. Southwood. Appropriate recitals were given by the children of the Sunday School, and the solo portion was taken by Miss Ivy Thurwell. Mr J. C. Harrison presided at the organ. On Monday evening the choir rendered three anthems. "Evening shadows," "While the earth remaineth," and "Lift up your hand." The solos in the latter were taken by Mrs L. Thurwell and Mr A. Kilburn. On Monday evening the fruit and vegetables, which had been generously given by the congregation, were sold by auction, which was held on Saturday, was largely attended.

DEATH OF COLONEL A. H. CHARLESWORTH.—Colonel Albany Hawke Charlesworth, who died, as has been said, at his residence, Brooklands, West Didsbury, Manchester, on Wednesday, represented Wakefield in Parliament, in the Conservative interest, from 1892 to 1895. He was one of a former Member—Mr J. C. D. Charlesworth, who, in 1857 was return unopposed, but was defeated two years later by the late Mr William Henry Leatham—Col. Charlesworth was returned by the Conservatives and Unionists as their champion, on the retirement of Sir Edward Green. He was opposed by Mr J. T. Stevenson, a London actuary, and chairman of the New Sharlston Collieries. The Home Rule problem was then waged with great acrimony, being almost the only issue at the election, and Col. Charlesworth had the support of not a few moderate-minded Liberals. From the time of his return onwards Col. Charlesworth was a strong Unionist until December, 1910, when the present Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr E. A. Brotherton), after having represented the city nearly nine years, was defeated by Mr. H. E. Kendall. Col. Charlesworth at that time resided at Chapel-thorpe Hall, near Wakefield, and was held in much esteem. He was associated with one of the principal Yorkshire industries being, until his death, one of the largest shareholders in the firm of J. and J. Charlesworth (Limited). Col. Charlesworth took a very active interest in the Volunteer movement, and was distinctly popular when he held command of the Wakefield Battalion. He enjoyed the implicit confidence of his friends. He was a keen all-round sportsman, being for many years a regular follower of hounds.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon Leek Lane footballers defeated Pontefract by five goals to two. Fryston Colliery beat Mirfield United by eight to one.

BOWERS ALLERTON

Bowers Allerton School had the highest attendance of all the schools in Kippax district last month, the percentage being 95.04.

On Saturday afternoon Bowers Allerton had a football match with Stourton United, and the latter were defeated by two goals to one.

CROSSGATES

Members of Crossgates Golf Club have sent £5 7s. 6d. to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

At St. James' Church, Manston, a collection for the Leeds Relief Fund realised £21 0s. 8d.

Miss Mary Dawson, of Crossgates, has given a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund, while Miss E. Allinson, of Crossgates, has sent 5s.

A sum of £5 has been sent to the Lady Mayoress's Fund from Manston Church and Crossgates Wesleyan Church.

The net proceeds of the cricket match and sports promoted by Crossgates Foresters and Crossgates Wesleyan C.C. amount to £10 10s., which will be paid to the local Medical Charities Committee.

MINISTER'S SUDDEN DEATH—The death occurred on Saturday of the Rev. G. Searle, superintendent minister of the Richmond Hill Wesleyan Circuit. Mr Searle only came to the circuit about a week ago, having for the past four years been superintendent minister of the Shorley Bridge Wesleyan Circuit, and stationed at Consett. Mr Searle, who was about 64 years of age, leaves a widow, one daughter, and two sons.

WEDDING AT MANSTON CHURCH—On Monday afternoon, at Manston Church, the marriage was solemnized of Mr Alfred Ellis White, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Waite, of Scarborough (formerly of the Orchards, Crossgates), and Miss Gertrude Simpson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Simpson, of 15, Manor Terrace, Crossgates. Both bride and bridegroom are earnest church workers, the former having been a Sunday School teacher for six years, while the latter is secretary of Manston Church Sunday school, and consequently considerable interest was evinced in the happy event, there being a large congregation. The Rev. H. H. Mellieson (vicar) was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a beautiful gown of white silk, and her veil was surmounted by orange blossom, while as an ornament she wore a gold bracelet (the gift of the bridegroom), and she carried a shoal of lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Jessie White (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Muriel Simpson (niece of the bride), and they were pale blue dresses and white felt hats, while their bouquets were composed of pink asters. Their gifts from the bridegroom were wristlet watches. The bride was also attended by three pages—Masters Joey and Reggie Sowden (nephews of the bride) and Master Harold White (nephew of the bridegroom), and they looked very neat and smart in white sailor suits. The best man was Mr Ernest Walker, of Barnby. After the wedding the guests, numbering about forty, were entertained at the Cafe, Crossgates, by Mr and Mrs Simpson, and later in the afternoon Mr and Mrs Ellis White left for London, en route for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of fawn cloth, and a black velvet hat with blue flower and feather, a number of handsome presents were received by the bride and bridegroom.

GARFORTH

Mrs E. Sissons, of Garforth, has given £2 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr Thomas William Percy, of Garforth, has given two guineas to the Leeds Relief Fund.

At the meeting at Garforth Parochial School on Tuesday night four recruits were secured.

IS THIS A LOCAL RECORD—Garforth has done well, and it is stated that about two hundred men have gone from the village and the collieries to the war. The record for Garforth is possibly held by the family of Mr Albert Rex, builder and contractor, who has three sons patriotic enough to have answered the country's call.

GARFORTH DISTRESS COMMITTEE—In another column a list of the donations received by the Garforth Distress Committee up to September 10th is inserted. Mr W. G. Bosher, hon. sec., has received the following amounts this week:—Mr R. Routledge, Colliery House, £5; underground workers, men and boys, Sisters and Isabella Pits (second contribution), £7 18s 4d.; Mrs H., Miss, and Mr Chas. Thompson, £2 2s.; Mr and Mrs Josiah Hewitt, £1; and Mr E. Gee, 2s. 6d.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE—The Tadcaster District Insurance Committee met at Garforth on Wednesday afternoon, and very few applications before it were present. Mr I. J. Dewhirst, C.C., presided. The question of remuneration for services rendered was considered, and a note from the Commissioners, which was read stated that the Act did not provide for any pay, not even travelling expenses. This was considered most unfair, and resignations are being submitted in consequence. Borough Committees, it was stated, are paid.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—Garforth Council (mixed) School had the best attendance of the nine schools in Garforth education district last month, the percentage being 94·41 against 87·41 for the previous August. The percentage for the district was 87·05 against 87·83, and the figures for the various Garforth schools were—Garforth Council (infants), 87·79 against 83·05; East Garforth, 86·41 against 88·01; Garforth Parochial (mixed), 87·27 and 85·89; Garforth Parochial (infants), 65·43 and 78·65; and Garforth R.C., 76·34 and 91·11. Measles interfered with the attendance at the two last named schools.

BOWLING CLUB—Garforth Working Men's Club, which has won the Barkston Ash Cup for the second time, played the first of a Barkston Ash League on Saturday. Rain in the afternoon put a stop to play, but after tea, when the weather cleared up, a game of a 21 up was decided. All clubs were represented with the exception of Crossgates and Garforth Conservative. Garforth W.M. won by 84 points to 33. Details (W.M. scores first)—J. Whitby 11 v. H. Thomas (Halton) 9, A. Cockrem 11 v. W. Green (Halton) 1, F. Cockerham 11 v. G. Nicol (Halton) 3, T. Simpson 11 v. F. Hutchinson (Thorner) 2, M. Mason 11 v. A. Collins (Garforth) 4, C. Baxter 11 v. T. Chapman (Halton Tadcaster) 3, J. Freeman 11 v. C. Walker (Tadcaster) 7, W. Yeandle 7 v. E. Walker (Garforth) 1. A smoking concert followed and a very pleasant evening was spent. Mr Hutchinson (President of the Association) was in the chair, and, in an appropriate speech, he presented the cup to the captain (Mr J. Whitley). Songs were given by Messrs H. Thomas, G. Nicol, J. Fisher, T. Simpson, C. Cooper, J. Smith, and C. Simpson, and Mr Freeman recited "Kissing Cup." The accompanist was Mr Kaye, of Halton. Mr Fisher proposed a vote of thanks to the club, and Mr Green seconded. Other speakers were Messrs A. Cockrem, W. Yeandle, T. Simpson, and J. Marshall. A collection was made by Mr Fisher and Mr Cowl for the Belgian Distress Fund, and £1 was collected, and will be sent from the Garforth Working Men's Club by Mr Yeandle. Mr A. Cockrem has been very successful this season as he has won both handicaps in connection with the club. After outing 19 points in the first one, he had to owe 17 points in the second in a game of 21 up. On Saturday morning the final game was played, and the result was—A. Cockrem (owes 17), 38; T. Simpson (owes 11), 25.

GREAT PRESTON

At Great Preston School last month the percentage of attendance was 85.63 against 91.66 for the previous August.

HALTON

Lady Dorothy Wood, of Templenewsam, has given £5 to the Leeds Lady Mayoress's Fund.

FOOTBALL.—The Halton School Rugby team are strenuously practising for the opening of another season. The feature of these practices is the splendid form shown by Kenney, Hayes, and Burman; in fact, all the last season's players have shown an improvement, and of this season's recruits, Simpson, Nicholson, and Dawson are specially worthy of special mention. Simpson is a big strong lad, and is only 13 years of age; he is possessed of speed, pluck, and is very smart. Nicholson and Dawson are very clever, but are built on the small side. The principal aim of the Halton team is to play clean and clever football. It is to be hoped that the people will support the team as well as they did last year, as it is intended to play exhibition matches in Hull and other large Rugby centres. The lads are robust and intelligent, and will no doubt prove a credit to the village.

MR MORRITT'S VIEWS—At a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee, on Wednesday, Mr T. H. Morris in the chair, Alderman the Rev. L. B. Morris asked for a general order to allow the payment of a 5 per cent. commission on amounts collected under the Affiliation Orders Act, 1914, of 5 per cent. Mr Morritt (Lord of Auldbrow Lodge, and Chairman of the Skyrack Bench), said he had been asked to ventilate the matter. Speaking from his own experience of the working of the Act, he said it was quite clear that a loss would accrue to any one who took on the work at a 5 per cent. commission. He did not know whether the chairman of Bowes or the clerks were the proper persons to make representations to the Government on the matter. It was an admirable Act, and he would be sorry to see it not carried into effect. Apparently it could not be made effective (until) something had been arranged with regard to out-of-pocket expenses. The Chairman suggested that that various West Riding Standing Joint Committee should make what arrangements they could to carry out the Act until they saw how it would work later. Authority was given for the making of the general order.

KIPPAX

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The Christian Endeavour meeting was held on Wednesday evening when the Rev. R. B. Forlow (circuit minister, Castleford), gave an address on "The Good Samaritan." The meeting was well attended.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—The percentage of attendance for the Public Schools in Kippax district last month was 90.82 against 90.38 in the previous August. The figures for Kippax Schools were:—Boys, 91.53 against 91.00; Girls, 91.79 against 87.38; and Infants, 89.09 against 86.18.

PARISH CHURCH.—The Sewing League in connection with this church have met in the school room regularly, and in good numbers, and have willingly given their services in the making of garments for our soldiers and sailors, while socks, etc., have been knitted by willing hands of wives at their homes. The Sunday School scholars have also worked with enthusiasm in the knitting of scarves for the men who are fighting the country's battles.

LEDSHAM

The percentage of attendance at Ledsham School last month was 80.38 against 90.10 for the previous August.

MICKLEFIELD

The percentage of attendance at Micklefield School (mixed) last month was 91.12 against 91.25 for August last year, and at the Infants' School 89.23 against 94.37.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr M. Rayner, of Moortown, has given a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs Helen Briggs, of Moor Allerton, has given £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund, and the staff at Moorfield House has sent 10s.

METHLEY

The Scholey Hill Women's Adult School, Methley, has sent 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

OULTON

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD WAR FUND.—Mr P. C. Higgins writes to us as follows:—"My attention has been called to a paragraph in your District Recivites relative to our workers. Several persons have given very generously to the fund. No person in connection with the fund is receiving any remuneration for his or her services, so no workers giving their help voluntarily."

MR AND MRS R. G. Thompson, of Roundhay, have sent £10 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Roundhay Congregational Sunday School has sent 10s. 4d. each to the staff at the Mansion, Roundhay, £1 6s. 6d., to Leeds Relief Fund.

RAISE.—The following contributions have been made by Roundhay residents to the Belgian Relief Fund:—Mr and Mrs. England £2, Mr and Mrs A. E. Speight £2 2s., Mrs W. Kitson £2, to Miss B. Kitson £5, Mrs Hawthorn Kitson £5, Mrs E. Lupton £2½, collected by Mr H. Byram £2 1s. 6d., Mr J. W. Sykes £2 1s., Victor and Rita Lewis £2 2s., Mrs Taylor £1, and Mrs G. Wilkinson, 10s.

VOTES ALLOWED.—The revision of the voting lists for North Leeds, including Roundhay, took place on Wednesday. A question was raised on claims made by Mr Lodge in regard to the votes of gardeners and others occupying cottages in Roundhay Park and the staff. It was stated that men were engaged by the City Corporation they were told they were not compelled to go into the cottages because there were other men in the village and the Association's wish was that all had the opportunity to live there. The question having been argued at some length, the votes were allowed.

SCHOLES

At Scholes School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.86 against 92.86 for August last year.

SEACROFT

WHISHOUSE FARMER IN TROUBLE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions John William Farrington Beck, a farmer, of Whishouse, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Whinmoor on Saturday, September 5th. P.C. Stimpson stated that about 7.15 p.m. on the night in question he found the defendant lying across the footpath on the York Road in a very drunken condition. He took him into custody, and all the way to the police station Beck used bad language. The officer said he had had several complaints about defendant's language. A fine of 20s. and costs was imposed.

MURPHY ASLEEP.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Murphy, a labourer, of Seacroft, was summoned for having been asleep while in charge of a horse and cart at Whinmoor on Saturday, September 5th. P.C. Stimpson stated that about 3 p.m. on the day in question he was on duty at Whinmoor when he saw a heavy cart coming along the road and apparently without a driver. He stopped the horse, and the defendant, who had been asleep at the footrest of the cart, woke up. The officer took his name and address, but the address proved to be fictitious. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Seacroft Cricket Club has sent £6 6s., including £5 5s. from Mr George Dennell, to the Relief Fund.

The female staff at Seacroft Hospital have sent £7 12s. 4d., and the Seacroft Hospital Nurses' Recreation Club £2 12s. 6d. to the Belgian Relief Fund, while £1 10s. has been collected by "Barely," Seacroft Hospital.

STOURTON

ALLOWED TO GO.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Mary Ann Dixon, milkhand, of Stourton, Polly Jackson, and Florence Rossington, of Stourton, were summoned for doing wilful damage to turnips belonging to Walter Goldthorpe, of Middleton. As the prosecutor did not turn up the three women were allowed to go.

SWILLINGTON

THE SCHOOLS.—At Swillington Parochial School last month the percentage of attendance was 84.44 against 94.05 in the previous August. At the Swillington Common School the figures were 93.00 and 94.25.

WHITKIRK

Colton Bible Class has sent £1 to the Belgium Relief Fund, per Mr T. K. Diggle.

The Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., of Templenewsam, has given £10 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS.—On Tuesday in the House of Commons Mr Edward Wood asked the Under Secretary of State for War if he was aware of the delay in notifying relatives of wounded officers and men of the nature of their wounds after they had been told they were wounded, and whether all possible efforts were being made to accelerate the press and so relieve the anxiety of relatives? Mr Tennant: The difficulty of supplying information is due in a large measure to the frequent shifting of the base, but inquiry will be made and every effort used to accelerate the work.

WOODLESFORD

Mrs E. Ripley, of Woodlesford, has sent £1 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

BEGGING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Harry Cook, described as a gun-smith, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Woodlesford on Sunday last. P.C. Hutchinson proved the case, and prisoner was sent to prison for seven days.

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

ABERFORD AND A NURSING SCHEME.

EVENING CLASSES A FAILURE AT GARFORTH.

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr John Wordsworth (chairman) presiding. Other members present were Mr J. W. Dobson (vice-chairman), County Councillor Dodgshun, Rev. B. Shepherd-Walwyn (Aberford), Messrs W. Y. K. Young (Letherton), E. Barker (Scholes), H. Cowsgrave, H. Chapple, J. Cowling and F. Richardson (Garforth), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

Mr Dewhirst asked if there had been any disorganization of schools by Boy Scouts being away.

The Clerk said there were no Boy Scouts in Garforth—the men must foll through.

Mr Dodgshun: I am rather surprised. It has always been the case at schools.

In regard to the combined nursing scheme, the Clerk stated that he had had a letter from Mr Dixon (Woodlesford) stating that nothing was being done in Garforth and Aberford. He replied that he was sorry to hear it, as referred to there did not appear to be any prospect of anything being done. He wrote to the Vicar of Garforth, and to Mr Sam Smith, Mr Lund, of Bowis Hall. He replied that it was intended to start a nursing association, but no meeting had been held yet. He suggested that a meeting should be held at which a nurse could be appointed, and that in connection with the application all parties.

The Rev. B. Shepherd-Walwyn said the proposed area would give a three miles radius.

The Clerk: The difficulty would be about £100, and the grant per thousand population was between £2 and £3, but he thought a proportional district would be allowed more.

Mr Dobson said that on the population basis Aberford would get £40.

The matter then dropped.

Reports were received on various teachers' courses, and on the Leeds Training College, the latter being increased according to grade.

The question of the feeding of school children was again discussed, and the Clerk asked the members if they knew of anything in any district which could be done in the matter of any distress.

The Clerk reported that the attendance at the evening classes at Garforth has been very unsatisfactory. At Garforth 7 attended the classes, and at East Garforth 11. The Garforth class had been discontinued, but it attended the classes at East Garforth.

It was stated that 24 men had promised to attend the mining class, and only five had put in an appearance.

The Rev. B. Shepherd-Walwyn said that, owing to the war, the people did not seem inclined to carry out their ordinary interests.

Mr Barker: The game seems worth the candle?

Mr Dobson said it was not.

Mr Barker: It is a great pity. The boys have also upset everything.

It was decided to close the mining and girls' classes and to amalgamate the boys' classes at Garforth and East Garforth if feasible.

A report was received on the dressmaking classes at Aberford. The attendance had been very good, and the results satisfactory. There was a balance in hand of £4 7s. 1d.

Ten guineas have been sent by Mrs E. O. Simpson, of Hazelwood Castle, to the Belgian Relief Fund.

At Aberford School last month the percentage of attendance was 80.30 against 89.93 in the previous August.

ACCIDENT.—A collision between a motor car driven by a motor-cycle occurred at the corner of Fields Street, Selby, on Tuesday. The motor cycle, which was ridden by Mr Willie Foster, tailor, of Milford, sustained damage, the front fork being badly twisted. Mr Foster himself was very lucky in escaping injury.

THEFT OF FOWLS.—On Wednesday at Selby Robt. Harrington O'Connor (40), labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing four fowls belonging to Mr Robert Adams, farmer, of Brayton. Accused was seen at Selby in possession of the fowls, and he ultimately admitted to the police that he had stolen them from Mr Adams' farm. Superintendent Stafford said that the accused had formerly been in the Army, but since he left the service he had been a source of great trouble to his mother and sister who lived in Warwickshire. The man was now tramping about the country, and there was a previous conviction against him for larceny. The magistrates committed accused to prison for three months.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NO DISTRESS REPORTED.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton Education Committee was held at the Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night, Mr G. M. Abbey (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs B. Wood Higgins, J. H. Tomlinson, J. P. Allison, H. E. Catton, and S. H. Young, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The attendance returns for August were considered satisfactory. The average attendance for the whole district was 83.75 as compared with 79.21 for the same period last year. The returns for the various schools were as follows:—Woodlesford Council (mixed), 91.34 as against 84.44 last year; Woodlesford Council (infants), 86.82 as against 77.21; Oulton St. John's Church (mixed) 84, Oulton St. John's (infants), 87.43; Halton Council School (mixed), 84.26 as against 76.76; Halton Council School (infants), 91.45 as against 72.80; and Colton Council School (mixed) 81.36 as against 72.3.

The attendance at the Woodlesford Infants' School was affected by chicken-pox, and that at Hilton Infants' by whooping-cough and measles.

Mr Higgins reported on his inspection of Mr Parkin's house at Woodlesford with regard to a suggested alteration, and it was decided to forward the recommendation to the West Riding County Council.

With regard to the feeding of the school children, the Clerk said he had sent out circulars to each of the headteachers at the schools in the district asking them to let him know when any hearing of any distress that might arise. So far he had heard of no cases of any distress.

A letter was read from Mr W. B. Pindar, the Clerk to the Hunslet Rural District Council, asking the committee to nominate two representatives as members of the Distress Committee which has been formed for the Hunslet Rural District, and Messrs G. M. Abbey and B. Wood Higgins were appointed.

FOOTBALLERS AND THE WAR.

Football in relation to the war was discussed at Tuesday night's meeting of the Council of the West Riding County Football Association. The President (Mr J. Conner) remarked that a large number of their players had already joined the colours. There were certain cases where all the players of a club had joined, and where clubs had had to be disbanded on this account.

It was proposed, continued the President, to institute a roll of honour for those players and officials who had enlisted, and this would be kept as a permanent record. The various associations must be prepared to lose something, but they knew that they were doing some good for the nation.

Mr C. H. J. Marsden (Bradford City) expressed the opinion that an injustice had been done to professional clubs by the new List that appeared in the Press. These clubs had great liabilities, and if it was decided to stop football they should be exempted from the new List first. He did not think it was the wish of the Government that football should stop, as they knew it would mean that numbers of men—who were not able to go to the front—were having football matches to go to, would have nothing to do but hang about the streets, and several their fame in public-houses, and would perhaps take more drink than they ought to.

It was decided to institute a roll of honour, on the lines mentioned by the President.

A proposal by Mr H. Dyson, that steps be taken to register the Association as a limited liability company, or in some other way to insure the members of the Council against any individual monetary liability, was deferred for a month.

A ROUNDHAY MAN WHO WAS REJECTED

A correspondent—F. H., of Roundhay—writes:—As a disappointed slacker, active, and in good health, who has been rejected for the Regular Army and who has been informed that it is useless his attempting to pass the "P.U." Medical, simply because he has artificial teeth, I beg to submit that is is high time that something was done to have this arbitrary restriction modified.

By doctor's say that if you break your plate or lose your teeth while on active service you are helpless. In fact, one doctor I was worrying upon the subject actually said that you might lose your teeth while suffering from mal de mer when crossing the Channel to the front.

Without dilating upon the obvious fact that a man who smashes the trigger finger and sprains his ankle is also helpless, I say that the doctors forget that a man who has false teeth is portion fully exempt with them, and can still fight with his fingers or on his ankles. Personally, if I had been fortunate enough to be chosen for active service, I should have had with me a metal box packed upon the top of my kit, and in case of needing I should have placed my teeth in this box, put it next my heart—thereby possibly stopping a bullet with the box—and only put the teeth back in the mouth when it came to "dog biscuit" time.

I know personally three likely chaps in like case to myself—and there must be thousands of the population of the country similarly placed, largely because of their false teeth. What is the objection to allowing a man with false teeth to join the Regular Army, and after Battle Training him, and if he shows promise of making a good soldier, equipping him with a reserve set of false teeth at cost price, and leaving it to his commonsense not to bite enough nor to bite or break them. As it is, there must be thousands of young chaps, healthier than those with defective teeth, positively wasted because they have had the misfortune to be born of a sadderly quality—for their health's sake, to go through the disagreeable ordeal of having defective teeth replaced by better ones.

The children attending Hambleton School have sent 15s. (first week's subscription), to the Belgian Relief Fund.

FOR THE SOLDIERS.—Garments have been sent from Aberford for the wounded soldiers. In response to an offer by Mrs Lund, of Beech Hall, that she would provide material if the women of the village would make the garments, 20 garments have been made—84 night shirts, 88 nightingales, and 28 day shirts. With each night shirt was a pocket handkerchief given by Mrs Shepherd-Walwyn.

SWIMMING GALA.—There was a large attendance at the Selby Public Baths at the annual swimming gala. The proceeds were devoted to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. The 50 yards handicap for members of Selby Amateur Swimming Club was won by Fred Firth (scratch), the second prize going to R. Watson (scratch), and the third to C. Stripe (six seconds start). The object diving competition was a good event, which created much interest. G. W. Greatorex proved the winner, while H. Everatt was second, and G. Pollard third. The comic event was won by J. Palmer. A polo match was played between Selby and Castleford, but it proved very one-sided, the home team being winners by 7 goals to 1.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the bill is headed by Edmund Gwenn and Hilda Trevelyan, who appear in J. M. Barrie's one-act play, "The Twelve-Pound Look." The acting of Miss Trevelyan as "Kate" proves much to the delight of the audience. It is, indeed, one of the cleverest performances that has been seen at this house for a long time. Kitty Godfrey is a dainty comedienne, her songs and dances proving highly popular. An amusing comedy duologue, "The Perfect Woman," is presented by Pip Powell and Kate Vere, and others appearing are Syd Walker, comedian; Wyott, the conversational juggler; Arthur Ferriss, in song studies; Alfred H. West, "patrol pianist"; and Woodhouse and Wells, comedians. The war pictures are, as usual, very attractive.

"Keep Smiling," direct from the Alhambra Theatre, London, has been secured by Mr Frank Allen for next week at the Empire Theatre, Leeds. The production, easily the biggest revue engr attempted twice nightly, will be presented by a magnificent company of London artistes and a small army of auxiliaries, the latter being mainly engaged in the intricate evolutions on the Great White Staircase, a feature which will probably become as popular on its introduction to Leeds as it did in London. Miss Daisy Dormer contributes a bright vocal number, supported by a male quartette; Miss Jenny Hartley sings and dances with attractive piquancy, whilst boisterous comedy is provided by the comedy tumblers, Niagara and Falls. The latest war news and pictures on the bioscope will complete the programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week David Dunant gives the principal turn, and his show occupies nearly an hour. One is bewildered with the rapidity with which illusion follows illusion. Two of his latest (and best) deserve mention. A German spy is found on a genuine motor-cycle, decoyed into a hut, and Mr Devant, with his "fluence," makes the motor-cycle, man, and noise disappear entirely. The other is very cleverly conceived postal illusion. Fred Barnes had to sing four songs on Monday night before the audience would let him go, including his famous one "The black sheep of the family." F. V. St. Clair, who is always topical, sings a rousing patriotic chorus song, "Follow the Drum," and sells copies of it for the local funds. Josie Delaine has a couple of good songs, and the others appearing are the Four Curtises, step dancers, and the De Wynne Brothers, "sang-frudl" athletes.

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal turns will be given by Florence Wray, in "A Lucky Miss," Heydn Wood and Co., Ferguson and Mack, and Du Calfon.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE

New Worthy Gas Works v. Waterloo Main	
Rothwell Parish Church v. Thornhill Lees Albion.	Mr. S. Fisher.
Mirfield United v. Allerton Bywater.	Mr W. Lofthouse.
Clarence I and S. Works. v. Rothwell W.R.	Mr. H. W. Ledger.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

Oulton St. John's v. East Ardsley G.N.R. Mr H. Fitzpatrick.	
Rothwell White Rose R. v. Allerton Bywater Inst.	Mr H. Milburn.
Kippax Woodville v. Bowers Allerton.	Mr. A. Blackburn.
Methley Perseverance R. v. East End Athletic	Mr R. H. Stead.
Swarcliffe United v. Holbeck White Rose.	Mr A. Holmes.

LEEDS CHURCH LEAGUE

Whitkirk St. Mary's v. St. Aidan's.	Mr J. Walker.

Mrs E. Oldham, of Barwick, has sent £1 to the Belgium Relief Fund.

A collection at Healaugh Church for the West Riding Distress Fund realised £12 2s. 10d.

Barwick School had the second best attendance in the schools in Garforth district last month with a percentage of 93.17 against 93.93 for the previous August.

HIS MISTAKE.—On Wednesday at Knaresborough John Cuthbert, ironmonger's assistant, Harrogate, was fined 2s. and costs, 8s. 6d., for fishing in the river Ure at Aldborough Park, without having previously obtained a license. It was stated that the defendant was seen fishing for trout with a rod and line. Defendant admitted he had no license, and said he had taken one out before.

LORD HAWKE AND A CRICKETERS' CORPS.—Lord Hawke has written:—The Yorkshire County Cricket Club has been asked to do all in its power to help the formation of a Cricketers' Corps, which has now received the sanction of Lord Kitchener. Drums, Ear Cornets or other mechanical or powerful appliances. Another advantage appertaining to this dispensary is its system of treatment by correspondence, by which sufferers at long distances, and in isolated positions can have the advantage of Mr ISON'S advice and remedies forwarded through the post. No case is undertaken unless there be a reasonable hope of cure or benefit to the patient.

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CATTLE STRAYING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Elizabeth Ann Barker, a farmer, living at Headingley, was summoned for allowing eighteen head of cattle to stray on the highway at Adel, and was fined 10s. and costs. P.C. Askham proved the case.

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RECRUITING IN BARKSTON ASH.

CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS HOLD JOINT MEETINGS.

GATHERINGS AT SELBY.

The recruiting campaign arranged by the Conservative and Liberal parties in Barkston Ash was opened at Selby on Monday, and the principal speakers were Sir Lake White, M.P. (Liberal), and Mr J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P. (Conservative).

In the afternoon there was a meeting of the workers at the shipyard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, where both Mr Butcher and Sir Lake White delivered rousing addresses. Mr A. Cochrane, jun., presided. From the shipyard over 700 employes, out of a total of 750, have joined the Forces since the commencement of the war. The Chairman announced that his own body-guard, and was startling for orders to be received to his regiment. The contributions which the shipyard employes make to the Prince of Wales's Fund amount to over £200 weekly.

In the afternoon a meeting was held in Selby Market Place—Col. Hawdon presiding—and addresses were delivered by Sir Lake White and Mr Butcher. Upon the proposition of Mr Martin Harvey (President of the Barkston Ash Liberal Association), seconded by Mr R. Lodge, (Conservative agent), a vote of thanks was awarded to the speakers, and the proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Major Broome, of the York War Office, who was present, took the names of a number of men who offered themselves for enlistment.

At the evening meeting there was a crowded audience in the Museum Hall, and Mr. Marc Sorn, J.P., presided. He was supported by Sir L. White, Mr Butcher, Mr E. H. Foster (Liberal candidate for the Division), Col. Hawdon, local clergy, and ministers, etc.

The Chairman said that in Selby they had not been idle in the matter of recruiting. The magistrates had formed themselves into a kind of committee of recruiting sergeants. In Selby over 200 recruits had been obtained, while in the neighbouring villages about 80 had come forward. That went for not much. (Applause). There was one point which he wished to mention, and that was the difficulty in which farmers found themselves. If they parted with their men, whom would they have to put in their place? They could not take any man from the streets to work the land.

Sir Lake White, M.P., who was warmly cheered, moved the following resolution:—

That this meeting of the people of Selby profoundly believing that we are fighting in a just cause for the vindication of the rights of small States and the public law of Europe, pledges itself unswervingly to support the Prime Ministers appeal to the nation, and all measures necessary for the prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion, whereby a long and lasting peace can be assured.

"We are all one upon this cause," remarked Sir Lake. "We are all one in the House of Commons. (Applause). We are all one in the nation itself, and at one all one in the Empire of which we form a part." The speaker proceeded to emphasise the efforts made to maintain the peace of Europe, declaring: "Sir Edward Grey did his utmost. Along with the King and the President he did all night and all day to avoid our taking part, if possible, in this war. They failed to prevent war, and they did right to decide as they did when it came to a question of giving way or not to Germany. If we had given way I do not think we could as a nation have looked forward to having the reputation which the nation has held up to the present time, and honour was at stake; our duty was at stake; and Sir Edward Grey and the whole of the Government and the House of Commons recognised that they were bound in honour to support the nation in withstanding the threats of Germany." The speaker paid a high tribute to Belgium, and referred to her suffering and sacrifices—the burning of her towns and villages, the killing of her old men, her women, and her children, and the destruction of her monuments, the glory of the Belgians and the admired of all the world. For these acts Germany would be held up to execration as a barbarous nation; she had done deeds at which barbarians even would have been shocked. (Applause). It would be a sorry day for this country, and for all the small States of Europe, if Germany should prove victorious, but the nation and the empire were united in one Gargantuan fight until Germany had been brought to her knees. (Renewed applause). He hoped the day was not far distant when the armies of the Allies would enter Berlin, and compel Germany to make full recompense for the lives she had destroyed, and for the villages and towns she had burned to ashes. The Allies must require Germany to recompense Belgium for the loss she had sustained, and, further, must insist that in that neither in regard to her navy nor her army should Germany occupy the same position as she did prior to the war. (Applause). Germany must cease to be a menace to Europe, and, moreover, Sir Lake impressed upon the meeting the necessity for raising the additional 500,000 men who were now asked for by Lord Kitchener. If, he pointed out, at the end of the war, at the most decisive moment comes, we have this new army, we shall be able to dictate better terms than if Belgium still held the bulk of troops. He appealed, therefore, to the young men to give their services to their country, and to everyone else to give their money and their sympathy. (Applause).

Mr J. G. Butcher seconded the resolution in an eloquent speech, in the course of which he explained why the Empire was at war. "We are fighting," he said, "for the most righteous cause which ever inspired the determination of a free people. We are fighting because we are true to our plighted word to Belgium. Had we broken our plighted word we should have degraded ourselves, we should have incurred the contempt of mankind, we should not have had a friend in the whole world. How does Germany regard this Treaty? She says it is a mere scrap of paper. Any poor, true, the Ten Commandments are a scrap of paper. To us it means our honour, to Belgium her independence, and to France and Russia the defence of the public law of Europe. We are fighting to see that barbarism does not triumph over civilisation, and that democratic rule is not subdued by military despotism. We are at war to see that honour and justice are not trampled in the dust by an overwhelming and unreasoning brutality. We are at war to maintain our national independence." (Applause). Had England given in to the demands of those who urged her to remain neutral we should have been hounded before the tribunal of the cowards and traitors, and have met the fate which justly befalls cowards and traitors. He was proud to be associated with Sir Lake White on that platform. (Applause). In regard to the war the House of Commons—Conservative, Liberal, and Labour—was united and unanimous in the resolve to see the business through. As at home, so with the Empire. No greater tribute was ever paid to British rule than the way in which the Indians—of different race, blood, and faith—had shown their determination to stand with the Motherland for justice and right in this present great struggle.

Germany, despite her "culture," her music, her art, and her literature, had degraded herself to the lowest depths into which any barbaric Power ever entered. (Loud applause). She had violated every law of God and man; she had outraged every practice of civilised warfare; she had murdered unarmed men, and ravished and pillaged; she had spared neither the shrines of God nor the homes of man in the ruthless attempt at domination and dominion. She had won the sea with deadly mines, with the result that neutral ships had been sunk; she had not hesitated to drop bombs from the air on the defenceless homes of the people. Her troops had gone on the field of battle and massacred the wounded soldiers. "Crimes such as these," exclaimed the speaker, "cry aloud to Heaven for vengeance!" (Loud applause).

The resolution was carried with great enthusiasm.

Mr E. H. Foster moved a vote of thanks to the speakers in an interesting address, and Mr H. Cornell seconded the resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm.

MEETING AT GARFORTH.

SPEECHES BY MR R. H. BARRAN, M.P., AND MR E. H. FOSTER.

ABOUT 200 RECRUITS FROM GARFORTH.

At the meeting at Garforth on Tuesday night the Parochial Sea of Garforth presided. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of the Garforth Urban Council) presided, and others present were Mr Rowland H. Barran, M.P. (Leeds), Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash), County Councillor Dewhirst (Whinmoor Lodge), Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), Mr F. W. Sutcliffe (Crossgates), Mr Richard Lodge (Conservative agent), Mr Sam Mr R. G. Meanwood (Leeds), etc. Mr J. Shannon, York (Liberal Unionist Association) was unable, owing to having missed his train, to be present.

The Chairman said that there was no political party in the country to-day; they were a united people. In this glorious work they had a recruiting meeting at Garforth, and twenty young men enlisted, and since then about 200 had gone forward. The miners of Garforth had done exceedingly well. About a hundred had gone from the colliery, and, in addition, a great many had gone from the district, and he might safely say that the total number who had gone was nearer two hundred than a thousand. (Applause). Britain, he said, must beat the Germans, and if it did not do so there would be trouble again in a few years. They had also their commerce to think of, and in Garforth they were suffering nothing in a line of business, local or otherwise, which they usually did trade were closed, and Germany had also captured a number of their customers, that being one reason why the pits had been working short time during the last few months.

Mr Rowland Barran, M.P., in proposing a resolution similar to that submitted at the Selby meeting, said that he wanted them to look at the war from the three standpoints—of honour, safety, and national prosperity. In regard to honour, they had had a reply from all parts of the Empire that the war had taken place, right, honourable course, and from all parts of the world expressions of admiration at the course adopted by England had come. (Applause). In regard to safety, the armament safety of nations they were fighting against cruel and brutal military despotism, and to understand the position they must look at what Germans had done in the past. Go back to the time of the France-Prussian War, when the victorious troops held Paris, and the King of Prussia was declared Emperor of Germany, the small German States came willingly or were forced to come into the German Federation. Since then they had been sold to German statesmen, diplomats, and soldiers that some of Germany's wife's dowry. The Germans had devastated Belgium. Why? Not only because they wanted to reach France, but because, if the war was successful, intended to crush Belgium, Holland, which they had diplomatically threatened. How would that affect England. After the had beaten France, and after Belgium, Austria had defeated Russia, they intended to annex Belgium and Holland, so that they could hold the whole of the coast line from Dunkirk to Calais. With the resources of the great ports at their disposal they would have built a fleet in a few years which might have equalled, or exceeded, that of Britain. What would have been the position of this country then? Germany had asked England to remain neutral, and they would only take the French coast-line. Why? It was evident that their next move would have been on England, and what had taken place in Belgium would have taken place here. England, however, struck when her honour was at stake, and it was necessary fight for their honour and self-preservation that they should have done so. (Applause). What did a military despotism mean? If there was one in England officials like the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Leeds would not be elected, but would be nominated by the Government, and the Government would be entirely ruled by military. They were out to smash that system of government in Europe. (Applause). The free institutions of this country were the inheritance of centuries that had been published at ports. They delegated over small details, and probably both parties attributed too much weight to these details, but the liberties of the people of England were the inheritance of both political parties and of all classes. (Applause). They spelt to them the safety, independence, and prosperity of the country, and when they put the question had an answer to Germany's challenge had been given. From Canada 25,000 men had sailed and had been landed in France or England, thousands of Australians were on their way from Australia, and Boers were engaged in driving the Germans out of West Africa. Then a great Army of Indian troops had come to fight, and what did they come? Because they knew that English rule had been just; they had given them freedom in religion, etc., and ability out even-handed justice, and the whole Empire came forward to fight for the Empire because they desired to remain under the British flag. That was a very striking answer from 50 parts of the Empire, and it was a great satisfaction that they had behind them the good will of the whole civilised world. The war could not be finished early and quickly for the reason that all the people in the nation had for many years felt there should be found some way of reducing the intolerable burden of armaments in Europe—as Russia, the other night, Lord Charles Beresford said that the size of the military must be put a stop to—and they must not stop the war until they were able, with their allies, to dictate their own terms, so that Britain, and other nations should be free from the great burden of the cost of armaments in order that the money might be applied to social advancement. In order to do that they wanted a large army for the next 12 months; they wanted a large army to march through the gates of Berlin. (Applause). He appealed to young men to join the Colours, and he said that his own sons had volunteered for the Front and were going. He urged those strong enough and courageous enough to bear arms to join the Forces and play a part in the campaign which must end in a glorious victory. (Loud applause).

Mr E. H. Foster, in seconding the resolution, said that they had shut down all political work for the present. He was glad to be present on the night of the war—the visitation of the neutrality of Belgium, etc.—and said that there was only one honourable course for the country to pursue. (Applause). He knew that Garforth had done well, but Lord Kitchener, upon whom they must rely in these matters, had advised that in order to bring the war to a victorious end it was necessary to have a second half-million of men. That meant a great call for sacrifice on the young of the country. Referring to rifle clubs, and the letter he wrote in last issue of the "Courier," he said he had had a letter from Garforth asking for information. If they did start a club he advised them to get service rifles. In regard to the response by the Indian Empire to the country's call, he said that they were not worthy to rule that great dependency if they did not show the same spirit. (Applause).

Mr Richard Lodge, in proposing a vote of thanks to the speakers, said that politics were banned, and their only object now was to do what they could to secure the integrity of the Empire and the world. He hoped that in the campaign they had undertaken there would not be a jarring note in connection with any of the meetings. (Hear, hear). Britain had shown the Germans that they meant what they said and they must support the Prime Minister and Lord Kitchener in the object they had in view. He hoped that the Garforth call and land on sea, to come forward and join the Colours.

Mr Dewhirst, in seconding, said that he thought the war was only just beginning. What they had to do was to go to it—fight to the end and keep cool. So far the people of England had remained calm, and he hoped they would do so to the finish.

The resolution was passed, and a similar compliment was paid the Chairman, the meeting terminating with the singing of the National Anthem.

ROUSING MEETING AT WETHERBY.

MR LANE FOX'S MESSAGE.

SPEECHES BY LORD HALIFAX AND MR MIDDLEBROOK, M.P.

Wetherby, which has sent a large number of young men to the front, had a rousing meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday night, people of all shades of political opinion taking part in it. Mr J. S. Charlesworth presided, and, in addition to Lord Halifax and Mr W. Middlebrook, M.P., who presented were the Hon. Mrs. G. R. Lane Fox, Mrs Duncombe, Miss Bower, Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., Mr J. M. Dawson, Mr W. B. Hedgcock, Mr A. Stirling, Mr J. Hall, Mr H. Ellis, Mr J. Pearson, Dr. Hargreaves, Mr W. E. Lowe, Mr S. Stoughton Harris, Mr H. Crossley, Mr J. T. Allan, Mr R. F. Meyrick, and Mr J. Lee.

A telegram was received from Mr G. R. Lane Fox, the Member for the Division (who is on military duty) in the following terms:—"Please convey my best wishes to Wetherby. Hope the meeting will unanimously support the campaign against German brutality, and for the freedom of the British, and will soon send her young men to fight for them and their country." (Cheers).

The Chairman, in opening, pointed out that the war was more or less thrust upon the people, and was delighted that all parties were now combining in showing a united front to the enemy. Germans had been preparing for this war for many years. We, said Mr Charlesworth, "fighting a righteous war, and we are not going to allow these small States, dependent as they are upon our honour, to be taken by Germany." (Applause). The British fleet had come in for the brunt of the battle, and had come out of it gloriously. (Cheers). Waterloo would, in history, be a mere flash in the pan compared with the battle that was fought in the North Sea. Chairman was quite prepared to go if wanted, and thus add another to the ten members of his family now serving.

Viscount Halifax, who was cordially received, said the great duty was imposed upon us of ascertaining who was responsible for the war, who had brought misery and suffering to the people of Europe and then of not shrinking from the issue, however painful the result might be. No one could read the correspondence published without feeling that Germany was responsible for the war to Servia, which was the beginning of the present trouble, was an ultimatum which Austria would not have presented to Servia to accept. It was an ultimatum which had been previously submitted to the authorities in Berlin, and of which the Ambassador at Vienna had appeared to be cognisant. Sir Edward Grey's offer of an ultimatum that Sir Edward Grey, whose efforts in the cause of peace had been unwearied—(cheers)—communicated with the European Powers, asking them to join with him in mediation which might avert the incalculable horrors of war. We had every reason to be grateful that Sir Edward Grey—and he (Lord Halifax) was proud to call him his friend—(cheers)—that he stood up for the honour of England, and did not do that which would have precipitated the country into war without any one to face again. It was a shameful history, and more shameful still that we had it on the witness of Germans themselves that this war had been long prepared for and thought, and that it had all along been inevitable—undertaken for Germany's own aggrandisement.

We had seen, said Lord Halifax, Germany counting upon Russia's difficulties, which she supposed would give her time to crush France. We saw her massing her troops on the French frontier and entering French territory before the public knew that the nation had been violating the neutrality of Belgium, to which she and Austria were as much pledged as England, with the expectation that our own difficulties in Ireland would compel us to keep silence. And what of the conduct of the war itself? He (Lord Halifax) had been unwilling to believe the stories of terrorism attributed to be could not bring himself to think that any nation could so behave. But what were we to say in face of the official documents issued by the English and French Governments, showing the shutting down of mines at Charleroi and the suffocation of miners to prevent them coming up to fight, the placing of Belgian women and children in the front of German troops, the sacking of Louvain, the burning of Dinant, and the desecration of other towns to cover mistakes made by the German soldiers?

This war, said Lord Halifax, had got to be fought out to the finish. We must not sheath the sword until Germany had been made to pay for her conduct, until the provinces torn from France had been restored; until Europe had been delivered from the menace and burden of aggression. (Cheers). The German Emperor might talk of "our contemptible little Army"—(laughter)—he might cast away his British uniforms; he might call his infamous Berlin regiment the Hon. E. L. Wood (Lord Halifax's son), but both volunteered for foreign service.

Votes of thanks to the speakers were proposed by Mr E. H. Foster (the prospective Liberal candidate for the Barkston Ash Division), seconded by Dr. Hargreaves, and passed.

LORD HAREWOOD AND THE GERMANS.

"WE MUST BEAT THEM BOTH ON LAND AND SEA."

HON. E. L. WOOD, M.P., AND NATIONAL SERVICE.

Addressing a meeting at Harrogate on Friday night the Earl of Harewood said that for some days he thought he had seen that not had set in among a portion of the German Army, and he hoped the rot would not extend that before the time came to fight a bitter pitched battle we should have less difficulty in making them retire than they had in making our forces retire. We must beat the Germans both on land and on sea. (A Voice: "They won't come out!") We must force them out. (Cheers.) We were fighting with our backs to the wall for all that we held dear, fighting for our very existence as a nation, and we were helping the French because they were in the same boat as ourselves. (Hear, hear) After the way in which they had treated the Belgians he did not hesitate to say that we were confronted by a nation of savages—(hear, hear) —armed with the most scientific appliances of modern warfare. His Lordship mentioned that he had received a letter from a brother in Dorsetshire who had seen a number of Belgian refugees—they were non-combatants—and there was hardly one of those who had not been cut and mutilated by German soldiers. (Cries of "Shame!") "That," added his Lordship, "is what we have to expect if we let them get over here." (We propose to keep them there, mire-laying in the open sea, he said he had never been able to understand why the Admiralty did not issue a notification that those who were within a mile-and-a-half of the towns would be treated as pirates and be strung up to the yard-arm or whatever stood in the place of it. (Cheers).

Touching for a moment on recruiting, Lord Harewood said: "I am glad to be able to tell you that the West Riding is doing very well, not perhaps quite as well as the South of England, but still very well." (Hear, hear). Leeds has been splendid, and other large towns in the West Riding are waking up to a sense of their danger and to the necessity of raising every man possible at this juncture, and of training them as best we can to go to the front as soon as possible. (Cheers).

In the position I hold (he said) I think it my duty to allude to the difficulties which exists in our midst. It is common knowledge that there is still a very large number of Germans among us (A voice: "Kick them out!"). In my humble opinion the time has arrived when the Government ought to do. (Hear, hear.) Germans and Austrians, man and woman, ought to have been turned out of this country the instant the war began, and those who were allowed to remain, and who service in their own country—a pretty wide margin in German—should have been interned or imprisoned. It is perhaps not my place to find fault with our rulers, but the Government ought to attend to this matter, but this I know, that when these undesirable aliens are arrested they are let out by the Home Secretary on certain terms within a month or two, and they are then free to go and do their dirty like men, they should present them with the "Order of the White Feather."—Yours, etc.,

PRO PATRIA.

Whitkirk, September 15th, 1914.

END OF THE AUSTRIAN EMPIRE.

WHAT RUSSIA WILL DO.

With its united strength Austria is, from a military point of view, a mere scarecrow (says a writer). The disaffection of the Austrian Slavs is simply appalling. Before we are out of possession of the actual facts, we strongly suspect that every Czech, Pole, Slovak, Slovene, and Croat now serving in Austria's hosts is ready to throw down his rifle at the first available opportunity. The extensive spreads to the Austrian navy, which is mostly manned by the further progress of the Russian Army in Austria to afford further confirmation in the same direction. Russian Poland will doubtless be filled with Galicia. If successful in the war Russia will certainly annex the whole of Galicia, and the Bukowina, thus all Austria behind the Carpathians. The Polish party, including the greater part of Galicia, would be incorporated in new Poland. The remainder, which is mostly inhabited by Ruthenians, would be joined to little Russia.

When I was in Galicia some years ago, feeling amongst the Poles was very bitter against Russia. One could well understand it from the social consciousness of the Polish people from the manner in which the Austrian Poles, themselves ruled by Austrians and Germans, had been treated by the Government, sympathised with the Poles in Prussia, the aid of a stick, and I scarcely dare put my foot who, like the latter, the Russian Pole has enjoyed neither.

There is going to be a vast upheaval there when this war is finished. Pressing, and all important for us just now, as is the issue in the western field of war, the alteration of political frontiers in the west will be but slight. In the east states are going to arise. Austria-Hungary is going to be forbidden. In pieces, and Galicia will be one of the problems that will be before the diplomatists who have to decide the matter. Galicia is mostly Polish, but in the south it is largely Ruthenian. Now, the Pole is a Slav, and a strong dislike exists between the Russian, he hates the Prussian, but even still more does he hate the Ruthenian; and the latter returns the sentiment with interest. The animosity between the Pole and Ruthenian, both of whom are Slavs, is the startling negation of the idea of Slavonic brotherhood.

The Slavic family is not a happy family to-day, though temporarily united at present in hostility to the Germans. Holy Russia may pulse the kind father to them all at the present moment, but it will certainly be with mixed feelings that the Austrian Pole will welcome the conquest of Galicia by the armies of the Tsar. One imagines that the Russian Army, and Bohemians (Czechs) and Poles, as ready to lay down their arms to-day. No other is possible, especially when one thinks of the collapse of the Austrian army. Their attitude arises from their strong anti-German feeling, a feeling deeper than ours, for it is racial and fundamental. Neither of them care for the Russians, but, on the other hand, there is in both Bohemia and Poland a strong sympathy for Russia and England, and this may largely affect their attitude.

TIME TABLE FOR SEPTEMBER.

LEEDS, CROSSGATES, GARFORTH, KIPPAX, & MICKLEFIELD.

	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m		a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m	a.m
Leeds	4 54	5 7	6 30	6 35	6 50	8	0	8 15	8 30	9 13	9 50	10 15	10 35	10 35
Marsh Lane		5 11	6 33	6 38	6 53	8	3	8 18	.....	9 16	9 53	10 18	10 38	10 38
Crossgates	e	5 20	6 42	6 46	7 1	8	11	8 26	.....	9 25	10 2	10 32	10 36	10 46
Garforth		5 27		6 53	7 8			8 33	8 43			10 38	10 43	10 52
Kippax					7 13			8 38						
Micklefield		5 38			7 22			8 49				10 45	10 49	

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Leeds	11 15	12 10	12 26	12 49	1	7	1 45	1 38	1 50	3 30	3 50	4	4 23	4 39
Marsh Lane	11 18	12 13	12 29	12 43	1	10	1 48	1 41	1 53	3 13	3 33	4	3 4 26	4 42
Crossgates	11 26	12 21	12 37	12 51	1	18	1 40	1 49	2	3 21	3 41	4	11 4 34	4 46
Garforth		12 28	12 44	12 59	1	25	.....	1 55	2	3 28	3 48	4	41 4 41	
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Leeds									3 54		4	47
Marsh Lane											4	50
Crossgates											4	58
Garforth											5	5
Kippax												
Micklefield												

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Leeds	5 0	5 30	5 43	6 8	6 35	7	2	7 15	7 35	8 0	8 30	9 30
Marsh Lane		5 33	5 46	6 11	6 38	7	5	7 18	7 38	8 3	8 33	9 33
Crossgates	5 8	5 42	5 54	6 19	6 46	7	13	7 27	7 46	8 11	8 32	8 45
Garforth	5 14		6 1	6 26	6 53	7	20			8 18		9 52
Kippax				6 33								
Micklefield	5 20		6	6 39		7	59			8 24		9 26

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Leeds	9 28	9 50	9 55	10 30	10 30	10 58	11 10
Marsh Lane	9 32	9 54	9 58	10 33	10 34	11 1	11 13
Crossgates	9 40	10 2	10 7	10 41	10 42	11 10	11 21
Garforth	9 48	10 8		10 48	10 50		11 28
Kippax	9 58				11 0		12 0
Micklefield	10 14			10 54			11 34

SUNDAYS.

	a.m	a.m	a.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m	p.m
Leeds	8	30	9	15	6	47	9	0	9	47	10	45
Marsh Lane	7	57	9	4	6	51	9	3	9	50	10	48
Crossgates	8	5	9	12	6	59	9	11	9	58	10	56
Garforth	8	12	9	19	7	6	9	18	10	5	11	3
Micklefield	8	18			7	15	9	25	10	12		

MICKLEFIELD, KIPPAX, GARFORTH, CROSSGATES, & LEEDS.

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Micklefield			6	7	8	16			8 50			
Kippax					7	50						
Garforth							8	10				
Crossgates	5	16	6	16	7	17		7	57		8	56
Marsh Lane	5	23	6	23	7	23	7	28	8	3	8	17
Leeds	5	33	6	32	7	32	7	37	8	14	8	26
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Micklefield			11	44	11	52			1	14	2	4
Kippax												
Garforth	11	3			11	52	11	58			1	20
Crossgates	11	11	11	35	11	59	12	06	12	27	1	27
Marsh Lane	11	16	11	44	12	13	12	14	1	5	1	36
Leeds	11	19	11	46	12	9	12	17	1	8	1	39

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Kippax							5	17			6	
Garforth	3	39	4	21		5	19	5	25		6	4
Crossgates	3	46	4	28	4	41		5	31	5	37	6
Marsh Lane	3	54	4	36	4	51		5	39	5	46	6
Leeds	3	57	4	39	4	54	5	34	5	42	5	49

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Leeds	10	53	11	10

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Garforth		9	2		9	44
Crossgates		9	10		9	50
Marsh Lane	8	50	9	18	9	47
Leeds	8	53	9	21	9	50

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Micklefield					11	
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Garforth					11	40
Crossgates					11	50
Marsh Lane					11	55
Leeds					11	58

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

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CHAPTER XVII.

The two police officials watched Marshall Stead carefully as the inspector Cortelyon uttered the word which signified so much, each, in his separate fashion, was wondering how the cashier would take the news. Illingworth, having had but a limited experience, and not being over imaginative, was full of curiosity. The man from Scotland Yard had seen too much of life, as it related to his own profession, to attach much importance to the first signs shown by a man suddenly charged with a serious crime, but on this occasion he watched the effect of his announcement with keen like eye. He was prepared to see anything.

But the two watchers did see was first a blank stare of utter astonishment and next a rapidly-increasing look of incredulous wonder which overspread Marshall Stead's face. He looked from one to the other, as if he could not comprehend the meaning of what Inspector Cortelyon had said; then he smiled, as if some joke or trick were being played upon him.

"You don't mean that!" he said.

Inspector Cortelyon regarded him steadily. "I said exactly what is meant, Mr. Stead," he replied. "We didn't deal with these things in a joking spirit."

"But this is nonsense! exclaimed the cashier. "Utter nonsense! I suppose you've got some definite charge against me?"

"I'll be utter nonsense if we hadn't," replied the detective. "We not only have a definite charge but a definite warrant—you'd better charge him," he continued, turning to Illingworth, who immediately produced a document from a drawer. "Sit down, Mr. Stead—there's no need to stand."

The inspector himself sat down, and, producing his cigar-case, began to smoke, apparently forgetting all others, seeming to do so, observed that the chair which his visitor dropped into was between the door and himself. And he knew that he was as safely trapped as if he were locked up in the big safe at the office.

Illingworth, solemn and stolid, gave the prisoner the usual warning, and read over the charge. It was not a lengthy one, and the terms were plain and simple—perhaps too much so to the man who listened to them. Set at large charged with forging a cheque for seven hundred and fifty pounds, purporting to be drawn by Sir Robert Mannerley, and with converting the proceeds to his own use. The date of the transaction was about ten days before the murder.

Inspector Cortelyon watched the accused man's face very closely while Illingworth's monotonous tones were heard. He saw a subtle, almost indefinable change come over it, and for one brief moment he caught a flash of genuine surprise in Stead's eyes. And the man from Scotland Yard said to himself: "He's surprised at the 'forging,' but he's not frightened, and, by Heaven, he's guilty!"

Stead coughed slightly as Illingworth came to an end. He had taken a cigar from Inspector Cortelyon's invitation, but he now rose and began slowly but with steady fingers, to button his light overcoat.

"Of course, that's all nonsense!" he said. "Well, I suppose I shall have to appear before the magistrates?"

"And without doubt before a judge," replied Inspector Cortelyon, dryly.

Stead pulled the last button into place, and moved a step towards the door. "Very well," he said, "I'll be there whenever you want me, then."

Inspector Cortelyon, without moving from his chair, smiled sardonically. "I don't know whether you think you're trying to bluff us or whether you're genuinely simple, Mr. Stead," he remarked. "Don't you understand that you're a prisoner?"

Stead looked from one to the other, and changed colour. "That I—that I am to be detained!" he asked.

"Certainly! You are going to be locked up, after you have been searched," answered the inspector.

"I intended to go to my lodgings," said Stead, slowly. "Can't I go if you, or both of you, accompany me?"

"No," answered Inspector Cortelyon. "I'm going there myself—I hold a search warrant."

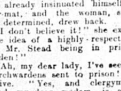
Then Stead showed the first sign of collapse. He dropped into the chair from which he had just risen and became silent. The detective nodded to Illingworth.

"Get through with the searching," he said, in a low voice. "I want to see what he has on him and then to get off."

And while Marshall Stead, Mannerley's confidential teacher and churchwarden, sat, like a statue, Illingworth—

"A bit queer, certainly," agreed Illingworth. "Would have looked to find a few notes, eh?" continued Inspector Cortelyon. "Well, that seems all. Hallo—here's something else! What's this?"

He drew out from an inner pocket a scrap of paper a few inches square, which had been folded up in the form of a triangular note. On opening this some curious hieroglyphics appeared, at which both officials gazed with considerable speculation, not seeing any reason in them. An oblong frame had been drawn on the paper and in its midst were three signs, thus:



"That refers to something or other," said Inspector Cortelyon. "Here, I'll make a sketch of that, Illingworth, and then you can lock all these things up. Ask master, in the betting figures suggest a good deal, and this diagram may yield something."

With his sketch of the diagram in his pocket, and his cigar in his mouth, Inspector Cortelyon went out into the street and set off in the direction of the police station where Stead lodged. And as he came to the outskirts of the tuning village he encountered Mark Quinton, who, having seen Phillips Mannersley safely into her carriage, was on his way to consult somebody. He knew whom, about the cashier. His face brightened at the sight of the little man with the keen face and quiet attire.

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He paused and, lighting another cigar, glanced up at the tall manager with a quizzical expression.

"I haven't the remotest idea," said Quinton.

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"And this clue," asked Quinton, eagerly—"what was it?"

"It was two clues, as a matter of fact—a sort of two corroborations of one undoubted fact," answered the detective. "I say we had examined everything—Illingworth, as you may be aware, is a bit new to such a job as this—and we had watched and we found nothing, and so I began an inspection of the contents of the waste-paper basket, which, as you know, are extra-sized ones."

"Just so—just so!" exclaimed Quinton, excitedly. "And there, no doubt, you found something which you put together?"

Inspector Cortelyon laughed. "No," he said. "And I'm glad I didn't—it takes a long time to piece scraps of paper together. No—I found two letters, enveloped and sealed; one of them was stamped for post, the other was not. The stamped envelope was addressed to the manager of the Stedford Banking Co., Limited, the other lay in Marshall Stead. That one was endorsed, 'To be handed to Mr. Stead on his arrival.'"

"Go on—go on!" said Quinton, eagerly.

"I took it upon myself to open those letters," continued Inspector Cortelyon. "The one to the bank was a brief letter of a few lines; that to Stead was a somewhat lengthy document, and it contained a bank-note for one hundred and fifty pounds. And in those two letters, Mr. Quinton, unless I am greatly mistaken, experience is at hand to learn what I believe to be the truth of all this strange mystery."

"And that is——" said Quinton.

"That Stead is a consummate scoundrel," answered Inspector Cortelyon, quietly, "and I shall do within the next three days, be pleased not to honour any cheque upon any private account bearing a date later than May 25th inst.—Yours faithfully, ROBERT MANNERSLEY."

"And this," he continued, "is the letter to Stead, from the same address and of the same date. It's a sad letter, in my opinion.

"Dear Marshall Stead,—Although I feel phoned to you requesting you to call here to night, I feel that I cannot see you, and I am therefore writing this note, which will be given to you. I have suddenly discovered by accident, but on the most indisputable evidence and without proof, that you have forged my name to a cheque for £750. There is no doubt of your guilt, and my discovery has come to a finish and a head so suddenly. I am not sure whether the hand which forged this cheque may not have been the same which forged that in respect of which my unfortunate nephew has suffered.

"For the sake of your dead father and mother, I cannot bring myself to prosecute you. But you must go. I enclose you a note, which, I doubt not, will be found sufficiently feathered your nest well. Go at once—go where—and do what you like, but you have been merciful. I left for you as a father, and I am trying to act as your own father would have acted—may God forgive you!—ROBERT MANNERSLEY."

Inspector Cortelyon folded up these letters amidst his own and his companion's silence. Each one of them, if he had listened to a whole month, would have told him no more than this brief note.

"If Miss Mannerley hears that letter," said Quinton, "she will almost break her heart."

"Aye, sir, but it will soon be mended," answered the detective. "Joy is stronger than sorrow, and love than grief. And now I must get on with my business. You'll see and hear more before the day's over."

Then he went forward on his mission, and Quinton turned back to the village.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The woman in whose house Stead lodged—an old-fashioned farmhouse standing on one of the few ancient rhodes left in the valley—looked askance at Inspector Cortelyon when he knocked at her front door. Mrs. Gamp's thin rusty tall hat, his unusually old-fashioned garments, his Mrs. Gamp-like umbrella, made her consider him a suspicious character, and she only opened the door to the extent of a very few inches as she inspected him.

"Good-morning, ma'am," said the detective blandly and genially. "It is a beautiful morning. Mr. Stead lodges here, I believe?"

"No, he isn't," answered the landlady. "Just so, ma'am," said the inspector. "I did not mean that he resided here. I'm here of a question, but as an assertion. Mr. Stead is not at home. The fact is—though I don't want to shock your nerves, and I am sure I shan't, as I see you are a sensible woman—the fact is, Mr. Stead is locked up."

The landlady looked her scorn and disbelief, and made as if she would shut the door in the direction of the person where Stead lodged. And as he came to the outskirts of the tuning village he encountered Mark Quinton, who, having seen Phillipa Mannersley safely into her carriage, was on his way to consult somebody. He knew whom, about the cashier. His face brightened at the sight of the little man with the keen face and quiet attire.

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The hon. sec. read a letter from Mr F. Silvery, hon. sec. of Garforth Wes., as follows:—I am instructed by my committee to object to the result of our match on Saturday, September 5th, against Tadcaster A. on the following grounds:—C. Harrison has not played in three League matches as per rule 10, also G. Nettleton on the same grounds, and J. W. Garbutt having played five matches with the first team, breaking rule 5.

Mr Pawson said his record was that Nettleton had played in the Junior League on June 13th, June 27th, and July 25th; Garbutt had played on May 9th and May 23rd in the Junior League, and June 13th, July 16th, and August 1st in the Senior League. As to Harrison he had no record at all except in the deciding match.

Mr Herbert said that if he had no record of Harrison playing it was probably on account of the score sheets not being sent in. He had played against South Milford, Halton W., and Cawood, but in the last match he did not bat. To him it was a question of the interpretation of the Senior and Junior League rules. In reference to the match in question, they were in a hole. The team was chosen at the beginning of the week and not until Friday was it found out that six of their men were unable to play, some owing to illness, and others owing to having enlisted. They had, therefore, to play men who had qualified in the first team or scratch the match. His contention was that any player who played in three League match under the jurisdiction of the committee was eligible to play.

Mr F. Silvery (Garforth Wes.) referred the meeting to rule 10.

Mr Pawson said that the rule, in his opinion, had been broken.

After discussion, the President said that with regard to Nettleton and Garbutt both were qualified, but, in his opinion, Harrison was not.

Mr Herbert: He has played in three League matches including the deciding match.

The Hon. Sec.: The deciding match counts.

The President: Then Harrison was qualified.

Mr Flowith: Has Harrison played in a Junior League match?

The Hon. Sec.: No.

Mr Flowith: Then both are eligible.

The Hon. Sec.: That is my point.

Mr Flowith said they had broken the rule, and, in his opinion, it was a very unsportsmanlike action to get a Senior League man to play in a Junior League final.

The President said it was not a question of sportsmanship. It was a question of a broken rule.

Mr. Popplewell proposed that the Committee were of opinion that the Junior League rules were most distinctly for the Junior League, and that rule 10 had been broken. In his opinion, Tadcaster had not broken the rule intentionally. They had been placed in a very awkward position.

The resolution was seconded and carried.

Garforth Wes. have, therefore, been awarded the match and have secured the Riley Smith Shield and the medals.

It was arranged to hold the annual meeting on October 27th.

Rule 10 of the Junior League states that "unless the consent of the committee be obtained before-hand, a player shall not be qualified to play in a final match who has not played in three League matches during the season. Any club breaking this rule shall forfeit the match to their opponents."

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Councillor Marsden has given £20 to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

The percentage of attendance at South Milford School last month was 92.04 against 92.78 for August last year.

In addition to the names given the following have to be added to Milford's roll of honour:—Jno. Albert Bourke, Jos. Hannan, and Bert Wice, these men having recently joined the colours.

Mr and Mrs John Wm. Bevan, Saskatoon, Canada, wish to convey their very best thanks to all kind friends who have been so good in their sad bereavement at home, and the kindness shown in sickness.—Advt.

N.E.R. TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS.—The North-Eastern Railway Company announce that the 11.5 p.m. train from Harrogate to Wetherby and the 11.45 p.m. train from Wetherby to Harrogate, which runs on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer months, will be continued until the end of October.

WETHERBY WOMAN KILLED.—At Saltaire Station on Wednesday morning Lena Miller (30), whose parents reside at Wetherby, attempted to enter the 6.26 train to Arnside whilst it was in motion. She fell between the platform and the footboard. The train was pulled up, and it was found that the young woman was dead, having sustained shocking injuries. She had been employed as a cook by Mrs Williamson, of Birk Leas, Shipley.

SELBY URBAN COUNCIL.—At a meeting of the Selby Urban District Council on Wednesday night a resolution was passed agreeing that 6d. per 1,000 gallons be charged for water supplied to the Territorials, who a short time ago were billeted in Selby. There was a large increase in the consumption of water while the troops, who numbered 6,000, were in the town. The Council decided to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to purchase, for £900, two and a half acres of land on the south side of Flaxley Road as a site for working class dwellings. With reference to the purchase for £1,600 of land in Gowthorpe Street for carrying a new road across that side of the town to Flaxley Road, the Local Government Board have intimated that they will arrange for an inquiry to be held. Three employes of the Council are serving with the Forces.

CORRESPONDENCE

ROTHWELL LIBERAL CLUB.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—In perusing the "Rothwell Courier and Times" of September 12th, I read the report of the meeting of Rothwell Distress Committee, and I failed to find among the list of subscribers the name of the Liberal Club and the amount paid over. This certainly rather surprised me, as I was aware that £5 5s. had been voted by the committee on August 29th, and paid over by our treasurer to the fund at the beginning.

The committee will feel greatly obliged if you will insert this communication, so as to put the general public in possession of the fact that Rothwell Liberals are always to the front in matters of this kind.—Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH STEAD, President.

AN APPEAL TO SPORTSMEN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The warm response to my appeal for field-glasses emboldens me—in this time of emergency—to suggest another way in which sportsmen can render practical assistance.

The supply of saddles is, for the moment, deficient, and the training of our reserve cavalry regiments is impeded and delayed. I appeal to owners of saddles to send them to the Chief Ordnance Officer, Woolwich Dockyard. The names and addresses of those who send saddles will be given to me and each generous donor will receive a personal letter of thanks from me.

Those who adopt this suggestion will be rendering a very real service to their country.

The War Office need gentlemen's hunting or colonial saddles in good repair with fair-sized seats complete, if possible, with girths and stirrups, also bridles and bits. Polo or pony saddles are not suitable.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERTS, F.M.

September 16th, 1914.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will allow me a little space in your next issue to publicly take exception to the misleading statements and insinuations which are from time to time sent you by the correspondent of the Sycamore Club at Church Fenton.

In your issue of Saturday last three appears in the report of the season's doings of his club these words:—"The members of the club are proud of the fact that with one or two exceptions the team are Fentonites." As everybody knows, this is meant to imply that the Church Fenton Club does not play Fentonians. I would point out that the opposite is the case.

The Church Fenton Club has week by week during the season played Church Fenton men. Take the match for example between the Church Fenton Club and the Sycamore, played on August 1st, the result of which your correspondent seems so much to smart under, the teams were constituted as follows:—Church Fenton, ten residents, and one non-resident (the non-resident player is near resident, and previously only lodged half-a-mile away from the parish boundary). Sycamore, nine residents, and two non-residents (one of the non-residents lives outside the Barkston Ash Division altogether, and the other lives in another parish, and both are still non-residents).

Now, one might ask what excuse can be found for your correspondent in making such an insinuation. Well, there is an excuse, and it is this:—Several of the Sycamore players are what might be termed "real Kirk Fenton natives," that is to say, their fathers, grandfathers, or grandmothers were born and lived in the village. Some of these do not belong to the Church Fenton Club; not one of them, I believe, was born in the village, and your correspondent appears to share in the opinion expressed by one of the members of his club, that all such are foreigners, and cannot be real Fentonites. If this is not so perhaps some other explanation may be forthcoming.—Yours, etc.,

A. B. HOLGREAVES, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Church Fenton Club.

15th Sept., 1914.

Mr Ednelby, of Sherburn, has given 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr J. S. Leggott, of Shodwell, has given £5 to the Leeds Relief Fund.

SHERBURN SEWAGE SCHEME.—For sewer connections to the new main, apply to Thompson's, contractors, for all branches in the building trade. Estimates and information free.—Advt.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance for the schools in Sherburn district last month was 90.03 against 92.90 in August last year. The figures for the local schools were:—Sherburn Endowed, 93.37 against 96.58; Sherburn Council (girls), 95.21 against 95.94; and Sherburn Council (infants), 80.79 against 84.61.

Colonel Francis Edward Wolfenstein, late King's Own Scottish Borderers, of Thorp Arch Hall, has been selected to command the 43th Brigade, 15th Division, now at Aldershot. The new Brigadier-General is well known in the Bramham Moor and York and Ainsty country, and formerly commanded the 1st York and Lancaster Regiment on active service in South Africa. Subsequently he was appointed to the King's Own Scottish Borderers. In 1905 he was appointed to command No. 6 District at Lichfield (Staffordshire, Notts, Derby, Staffordshire, Rutland, and Leicestershire), and retired from the Army in 1913.

ASKERTON CHORAL SOCIETY.—The third annual meeting of Askerton Choral Society was held in the Wesleyan schoolroom on Tuesday evening.—Mrs Lund, of Becca Hall, presiding. The balance sheet was read, and showed a balance in hand of £6 4s. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Mrs Lund; vice-presidents, Mr E. O. Simpson, Mrs Whitehouse, and the Rev. Shepheard Walwyn; treasurer, Mr Gill; secretary, Mr H. Whitehouse. Mrs Lund moved and it was carried, that the concert be postponed for the present, owing to the crisis. It was decided to commence classes on the 5th October at the Institute, in preparation for the York Festival, which will be held next April.

LORD HAREWOOD'S OPINION.—In answer to a Jewish correspondent who wrote to Lord Harewood pointing out that he had been quoted as having stated, in the course of a speech, that the alien population should have been expelled from England forty-eight hours after war was declared, and protesting against such a statement emanating from a person of his lordship's standing, Lord Harewood has written as follows:—"In answer to your letter, dated 14th, I did not say on Saturday last, or any other day, that the alien population of England should have been expelled within forty-eight hours of the outbreak of war,' and I was not, as far as I have seen, reported as having said so. The word I used was not 'alien,' but 'German,' and I intended to include Austrians as well. I am still of that opinion, and shall remain so.

MARRIAGE.—A wedding of much interest to Church Fenton cricketers took place at the Parish Church on Tuesday, when Mr William Dixon, the popular fast bowler of the Church Fenton Club, was married to Miss Elsie Blakey, youngest daughter of Mr G. H. Blakey, of Station Farm, Church Fenton. The Vicar officiated, and a goodly number of friends assembled to witness the ceremony.

A VOTE.—On Monday at Leeds Revision Court the vote of Mr Herbert Greenwood Teale, solicitor, residing at the Hotel Metropole (formerly of Boston Spa), was objected to by the Liberals on the ground that Mr Teale did not reside there, nor within the seven miles radius of the city as prescribed. The Revising Barrister held that the Hotel Metropole was a sufficient residence, Mr Teale for a long time having occupied rooms there. The objection was therefore not sustained.

MISSING OFFICER.—Captain K. J. Roy, of the Middlesex Regiment, who has been reported in our columns as missing, is the eldest son of the late Rev. James Roy, vicar of Appleton Roebuck, and rector of Stockton-on-Forest, and Mrs Roy, York Lodge, Beaconsfield, Bucks. It is interesting to note that four out of Mrs Roy's five sons are engaged in the war, either on land or sea. Captain Roy was educated at St. Peter's School, York, and was well known in the district. He entered the Army in June, 1901, was promoted Lieutenant in 1903, and captain in 1910. The missing officer was for some time stationed in West Africa (Northern Territories, Gold Coast). While there he saw some active service, accompanying the expedition which went into the Tiuasi country.

The Countess of Harewood has given £10 to the Queen's Employment of Women Fund.

Lord Harewood has sent to the Prince of Wales' Fund £250 15s. 2d. from his West Riding Fund.

A sum of £18 18s. has been sent from Ryther to the West Riding War Fund, per Rev. W. C. Carter.

MARRIAGE.—The marriage took place at Harewood on Wednesday of Mr Tom Mallorie, of Arthington, and Miss M. Myers, of Stubb House, Harewood. The bridegroom is a member of a well-known family, who have been tenants on the estate of Lord Harewood for many generations. The bride's family have also a long record as tenants on the estate. Mr Mallorie, who is a well-known follower of the Bramham Moor and Ainsty Hunts, has volunteered for service at the front.

ANGLING.—Sport has been extra good at Ryther, on the lower Wharfe, Mr A. G. Sykes, the honorary secretary of the Hopwell A.C., writes us (save a correspondent) that during the week-end Mr Jack Horner collected a small pile of over 20s., and Messrs W. Barker, A. Light, V. Barker, and himself were also well among them. Leeds and Castleford anglers will regret to hear of the decease of Mrs Marshall, of the Woodman Inn, at the age of ninety-one, who has catered for her fishing friends for upwards of half a century. The old place will not seem half like itself without her.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Why not bring one off-order before the Skyrack magistrates? At one of the Rothwell schools, near a recreation ground, damage has been done, and annoyance given, by a gang of youths who apparently think they have a right to make free with public property. The complaint is not a new one—it received the attention of the Education Committee some time ago—and as the young fellows have not taken warning from what was said then, and have set at naught what is exhibited on a notice board, it is evident that an example will have to be made of them if they are to be checked. Personally, I do not believe in taking youths into Court, if it can possibly be avoided, but if they are defiant, they should get what punishment they seek.

Garforth Wes. have the honour of taking the second cricket trophy to Garforth. From the first I thought their objection to the player who made the score for Tadcaster was sound, and the Executive had, in my opinion, no option to sustaining the objection, because the rule is explicit enough. Tadcaster were no doubt very awkwardly circumstanced, and when it was decided to play Harrison the qualification must have been overlooked, because it is difficult to believe they would have jeopardised their chances by knowingly including an ineligible man in the team.

Despite all the agitation, very few new nursing associations have been started in the district, and it is left to Aberford to set an example to more populous parishes in the neighbourhood. It is stated an association is to be formed to undertake work in Aberford, Saxton, and Towton, and in such a scattered district a nurse will have considerable distances to cover in carrying out her important duties. Had it been possible, Aberford and Barwick village would have been a more compact area, but the question of administration enters into consideration, and the Barwick folks did not seem very enthusiastic about it. Without doubt a nursing association is an extremely valuable institution, and some parishes, after several years' experience, would not now be without a district nurse.

In attempting to excel a stunt in music, a young Wetherby woman risked her life and lost it. Many of us who have seen the same foolish thing have been more fortunate, but the fate of the Wetherby woman should serve as a warning. It is very fascinating to see a train one intends to travel by going slowly out of the station, and the first impulse is to make a rush for a carriage and open the door and attempt to enter the compartment. It may be an impossible to handle bear the door the chances are that the effort will succeed, but it depends entirely on that. It is, however, taking a big risk, and a vigilant railway-man is about the only person likely to take.

In regard to conscience money Chancell's decision to pay ald-shaved workmen under sixty years of age a wage of not less than 25s. per week—a number of men have over that figure—the query is made as to who is to decide whether or not a man is fit and able-bodied. Usually such duty is left with the responsible official, and he should have no difficulty in choosing his men. Sometimes one hears complaints about how a roadmen fitter gets such a lot of while some of them may be well-shaved, it is not advisable to believe what every individual says. If there are "shirkers" among the men they should be known to those who have the supervision of them, and they should be dealt with according to their merits or demerits. Garforth Urban Council are now paying their roadmen better wages than those employed in other adjoining districts, and I suppose they are satisfied with the service they get, otherwise they would not have granted them increases. It is always advisable to pay a man for his work, and if he does not, on his part, fulfil his obligations the authority has its course to pursue.

Barkston Ash has thousands of poultry-keepers, and literature is being sent to Parish Councils with a view to interesting more people in poultry-raising, which may be profitable if carried out on the sound lines laid down by our expert. One Council had the subject under consideration the other night, but they appear to think that it is not worth of attention, or that it does not come within the scope of their duties to give information on the question, because they decided to take no action. Hens, cocks and hens bring a big income to cottagers who have facilities for keeping them.

Will members of Tadcaster District Insurance Committee strike? According to a correspondence sent members are to send in their resignations in consequence of their inability to obtain any allowance, or travelling expenses, in connection with meetings. The Commissioners state that there is no money available for such a purpose. Tadcaster is a very large area, and the meetings of the Committee, I believe, are held alternately at Tadcaster and Garforth, and working-men representatives are apparently disinclined, or unable to bear the expense following attendance at the meetings. In some places allowances have been made to members of Insurance Committees, and this knowledge does not tend apparently to the contentment of members of the Tadcaster Committee.

At the end of the present month Mr Robert Routledge will, I understand, retire from the management of Garforth Collieries, after thirty-three years' service, and he will be succeeded by his son, who is probably best-known for the part he has played in the formation and management of the Garforth Ambulance League. Mr Routledge, sen., has for many years been associated with the public life of the district, and at the present time he is a member of Tadcaster Board of Guardians and Garforth Urban Council. Garforth, when he came to it, was a small place, but with the development of the collieries, which now employ a very large number of men at the three pits, it has grown until its population now exceeds 4,000. Mr Routledge was for a good many years on the Tadcaster District Council, and he was a member of the defunct Parish Council of Garforth, so that he may fairly claim to have done his share of public work.

So great a success were the Gilchrist lectures at Garforth last year that the Committee, which is a representative one, have decided to provide a course of five lectures this winter. Owing to causes it is not necessary to mention, it is possible the attendances will not be so large as at the last course—the large central hall at the Council School was filled on every occasion—but the promoters expect the residents to rally to their support in hundreds. The lecturers will be Mr W. Parsons, Principal of the Leeds Training College; Mr Albert Gilligan, B.Sc., F.G.S.; Professor Kendall (Leeds), Professor Garstang (Oxon.), and the Rev. Thomas Gough, B.Sc., F.C.S., all of whom have a high reputation. Professor Kendall's lecture on the geology of Garforth should be especially interesting to a mining population.

At a recent meeting of Kippax Education Committee something was said about the advancing of teachers' salaries, and certain of the members seemed to wonder why this question came before them at all. At the last meeting of Garforth Committee reports on teachers' work were received from headmasters, and they were all satisfactory, increases of salary being recommended. If a report is unsatisfactory the committee can recommend the withholding of an advance for that year, but it is rarely that such a thing occurs. The West Riding Authority has a scale for teachers, and all appointments are made under it.

Provided the collieries can keep going there is not likely to be much distress in the district in spite of the outbreak of the war. In certain places, I understand, farmers are complaining of a scarcity of labour, and the withdrawal of farm hands in order to join the army may account for this, so much as to all appearances those dependent on agriculture will be fully employed. In Tadcaster, from which over a hundred men have gone, there is a sufficiency of work, and from the larger villages no complaints have yet come. The collieries, which are working short time, give employment to several thousands of men, and if trade is good enough to keep them going the men will probably manage to get over the war period.

If the Charity Commissioners have made up their minds concerning the division of the Barwick charities, it is little use getting the assistance of the County Council, but it is possible they were throwing out a "feeler," and it will be too late to give up fighting when the new scheme is completed. Few of Crossgates residents are interested in the question, but the Leeds authorities are moving, they are not magnanimous enough to leave Barwick with its charities—and it is not unlikely they have made representations to the Charity Commissioners. My contention is that Barwick, to which the charities were left before Crossgates was in existence, is entitled to the larger share, but if the Charity Commissioners carry out the intention the Act of Parliament—and the officials of Crossgates residents are interested in the question, but the Leeds authorities are moving, they are not magnanimous enough to leave Barwick with its charities—and it is not unlikely they have made representations to the Charity Commissioners. My contention is that Barwick, to which the charities were left before Crossgates was in existence, is entitled to the larger share, but if the Charity Commissioners carry out the intention the Act of Parliament—and the income will go into the Leeds exchequer. This, of course, applies to the charity the income of which is used in the reduction of the poor rate.

Does Schools want public lighting? The village, which has two churches, a school, a pub, and a railway station Barwick cannot boast of that—has to go, but I believe it possesses lamps, and at the last Council meeting reference was made to the question. It would not cost much to light the "haven of rest," as it has been termed, and if there is any desire on the part of the residents to make the rates bear the cost they have only to say so. The power is in their own hands.

Is the lion's cage? At Lofthouse Park is to be utilised as a home for German prisoners, it is suggested that the refractory ones might be placed in the lion's cage. Our authorities, however, are not likely to emulate the Germans. At Munich French prisoners are placed behind iron bars and a sum equivalent to twopence is charged the public who want to see them. It is evident that the "stocking" of the Fatherland is well-night empty when this plan is adopted to raise funds.

A Robin Hood miner, however, has what he considers a better method of dealing with German prisoners. "My opinion," he says, "is that German prisoners should work for their rations, and not to be sent to a pleasure island—Isle of Man. Send them into the pits to work, and for every one sent Kitchener will get a recruit providing his earnings goes into the Relief Fund." This is an interesting suggestion, but what would the Miners' Union say? At one colliery, I understand, a German was employed, and the miners were not satisfied until he was sacked. Would the Robin Hood miners work alongside Germans? Moreover, there is danger enough in connection with our collieries without introducing more.

At the recruiting meetings in the district a great deal has been heard about a "wrap of paper," and it is interesting to know how the German people view their obligations with respect to the neutrality of Belgium. I have seen a letter written by a German lady, and in the course of it she states:—"We had assured Belgium on our word of honour, which still holds with us, that we only wanted her country to pass through, and that we would pay for everything and replace everything damaged, and pay for everything we used. this Belgium declained and placed herself at enmity with us. How the Belgians behaved will for ever be a blot in the history of the world. Where does greater barbarity exist among the wild men of West Africa? Had one not experienced it, it could not have been believed." This precious communication clearly shows how the German people have been fed with false news. Fancy the brutal Germans accusing the brave little Belgians of barbarity!

Crossgates has its students of the Old Book, and on occasion they can use their knowledge with purpose. "Let Britain's reply to the Kaiser's so-called proposals for a 'draw' be found in the First Book of Samuel, chapter 15, verses 32 and 33." Thus writes F. W., of Crossgates. I consulted the Book, and this is what I found:—"Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag. The King of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal." The Allies must take note of this Crossgates suggestion.

Not only is the war upsetting business but it is seriously interfering with the education of our young men and women. In Garforth, where evening classes have been held for many winters, the attendances at the schools which were opened this month have been so disappointing that orders have been issued to stop certain classes, and, if possible, to amalgamate others. It is possible that a number of young men who intended to join the classes have joined the Army, but the girls have not gone to the Front as nurses, and they made a worse show than the men.

Owing to the number of youths joining the colours, Aberford motor-bike users unable to race a event on Saturday.

Fêtes.—The annual feast at Aberford took place last week-end, when the usual round-abouts, swings, etc., attracted a large number of people to the fair ground. Business was not quite so brisk as on previous years, although there was a good number of visitors.

Marriage.—The marriage took place in Leeds on Friday of Miss Ida Holmes, daughter of Mr Arthur Thomas Holmes, Aberford, Leeds, and Mr Lionel Holl Lawson, son of Mr Frederick William Lawson, of Adel. The bridegroom, who is a member of a family well-known in the district, is entering upon his career in the City, and Mr W. F. Snowdon was best man. The honeymoon is being spent at Scarborough.

Motor Smash at Adel.—Mr Wilfred Maude (39), joint partner in merchants' and Victoria Terrace, Hebden, died at Halifax on Wednesday night from injuries received earlier in the evening in a motor-car accident in Otley Road, Adel. The circumstances under which the accident occurred are not yet definitely known, but the accident happened shortly before 10 o'clock, at a dangerous point known as the Cross Roads, opposite the old Adel workhouse. Mr Maude, who was accompanied by three friends, was himself driving the car in the direction of Leeds when the mishap occurred. To what it was due is not yet clear, but it is suggested that one of the tyres burst, causing the car to overturn. By the side of the road there are wheel-marks on it is understood that for some distance the car had run on the grass, crossed a channel, and then recrossed the road, before finally overturning. All the occupants were pitched out, and when assistance came to hand, it was found that Mr Maude had been seriously injured, his head, chest, and feet being badly cut. He was carried to the surgery of Dr Henry Archbold Smith, of Holly Bank, in a semi-conscious state, and treated there, but refused to go to the Leeds Infirmary. Another motor was procured, and Mr Maude was driven to Halifax, but on the way home he expired.

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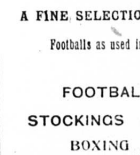
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OUR GARDENS.

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By ALBERT CLARKE, Birkenshaw.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The fast shortening days herald the approach of autumn weather, and with a few exceptions flowering plants are assuming a rather depressing appearance. Sentiment must not be allowed to interfere with the routine work of the flower garden, and there should be no hesitation about removing plants that have finished flowering. It is important that spring-flowering plants and bulbs should be planted in good time, whilst the soil is comparatively warm. Where this is done the roots commence to work almost immediately, with the result that the well-matured subjects re-establish themselves before winter sets in.

BULBS

Where beds or borders are filled with bulbs, an effort should be made to carpet the surface with some dwarf subject such as Arabis, London Pride, or Violas. If this is done the bulbs, even if late in flowering, will be kept cool and moist, and will flower all the better for the shade. It produces a quantity of charming little white flowers in spring, and may be used effectively with all kinds of bulbs and hyacinths except white ones. The dark green foliage of the London Pride forms an excellent background to white flowered bulbs, and it grows so freely that the surface of the soil must quickly be covered. Free use of these dwarf plants may be made to curtail expense in purchasing bulbs, as half the usual quantity of bulbs will give the desired effect.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

When late-sown vegetables are being grown an important duty, free use of the hoe, must be constantly attended to. The chances of success will be very small. Frequent showers cause the surface of the soil to get pasty, and it is only by constantly moving it that free aeration can be secured. Almost every gardener realises the importance of stirring the surface soil between growing crops during the summer months, but for some unexplained reason the work is discontinued when the days begin to shorten. We strongly advise our readers to persevere with the work as long as the soil remains in a workable condition.

Liquid manure plays an important part in the vegetable garden at this time of the year. Cauliflowers, late peas, scarlet runners, and other crops that take a long time to mature may be greatly assisted by a periodical application of this valuable food. Asparagus beds should also receive attention this month. Permanent crops of this description obviously require plenty of feeding. Horse-radish, mint, seakale, chibbols, and parsley will all repay for generous treatment. It is to be feared that the value of liquid manure is not generally recognised, but those who care to experiment with it will soon be persuaded of its value.

VEGETABLE MARROWS

Every one should be taken of this crop this week. The fruits remain useful for months if not cut and stored before they become over-ripe. The edible bearing qualities of the vegetable marrow results in many fruits being allowed to remain on the plant until the foliage commences to rot. In the face of a possible shortage of food supplies it would be sinful to allow a single fruit to run to waste. They should be cut while green, and stored in a cool, perfectly dry place until they turn hard. They may also be shredded from the end of a frost-proof room or shed until required for use.

STRAWBERRY BEDS

Strawberry beds should now receive a final clearing up. Remove all runners, weeds, straw, and the long-stalked old leaves. This will allow light and air to reach the crowns, and consequently assist them to get plump and ripe. A few of the strongest rooted runners may be planted on a rich piece of ground. They should be kept under observation when the foliage is in season next year, and any that fail to bloom should be pulled out. The remainder will prove excellent stock plants, and if all the runners are then wanted to provide plants for forcing it will be found advisable to remove the flower stems to divert the energy of the plant into the runners.

HERBS

Thyme, sage, marjoram, mint, parsley, etc., should be cut and dried at once if not already done. Care should be taken when cutting that the leaves are perfectly dry. Tie in small bundles and hang in a perfectly dry position until the leaves become crisp, then pass through a fine sieve and store in airtight boxes or bottles.

It is not too late to plant parsley in a cold frame for winter use. Strong young plants are best for the purpose, and they should be planted in fairly rich soil in a sunny situation. They need to be used until the end of October, and after that date free ventilation should be given on all favourable occasions.

PLANTS IN POTS.

BURMESE RHODODENDRONS.

The Burmese Rhododendrons are very popular amongst amateurs who take up the cultivation of orchids. "Amateur," writing from Cooper Bridge, says he has grown two plants of Dendrobium Nobile for some years, and has never been able to flower them. They grow freely, but instead of producing flowers, they develop aerial growths. The cause of this is not hard to find. This class of Dendrobe requires a season of rest. They should be grown during summer in a warm House, but as soon as growth is complete, that is, when no more young leaves are being made at the top of the young growths, they should be removed to a cool, airy house and kept dry for a few weeks. Water should be given if the stems commence to shrivel. Early in the new year the flower buds will commence to move, and the plants may then be returned to the warm house and watering may be recommenced. "Amateur" has evidently kept his plants in the warm house, and kept them continuously supplied with water. It treated as recommended above they are sure to make, and give a splendid show of flowers. An excellent companion plant to the above is Dendrobium Wardianum. It is not generally known that Dendrobiums thrive on ordinary House loam. The Wardianum does well, but it improves when its roots take a hold of the turf.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

Preparations must now be made for housing the plants. Under no circumstances should the large-flowered varieties be allowed to remain outdoor after the buds commence to unfold, or the petals will assuredly damp in wet weather if left open. The greenhouse should be washed down and made clean and sweet before the plants are brought in. A thorough washing with carbolic soap will do away with green fly, mealy bug, etc., but it will destroy countless insects also. Continue to feed with liquid manure twice a week, and persevere with the disbudding. Keep the shoots carefully tied. High winds may spring up at any moment at this time of the year.

GENERAL REMINDERS

There is still time to sow calceolarias, calceolarias, and primula malacoides. Sow in gentle heat, but remove the pan former to a cool house as soon as the seedlings appear.

Early batches of cinerarias and cal ceolarias may require repotting. This should be attended to at once. It is not advisable to repot them later than early October. Keep them well supplied with weak liquid manure twice a week, and persevere with the disbudding. Keep the shoots carefully tied. High winds may spring up at any moment at this time of the year.

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Schizanthus, in variety, Clarkia Elegans, Beauty of Nice Stocks, and Godetias, may now be sown for spring flowering. Grow them cool.

Midmission Carnation layers should be potted up if not already done. Keep them in the frame where they were layered, and at no time resort to excessive heat. Cool treatment gives the best results.

LOFTHOUSE PARK FOR WAR PRISONERS.

CONCERTS AND LION CAGES—A SUGGESTION.

Since the announcement made a fortnight ago, that if found necessary the War Office would convert Lofthouse Park into a compound for German prisoners of war considerable activity has been noticed at the park.

Men are busily employed clearing away the bushes in the gardens, and quantities of paling, wire, and other material have been taken to the spot.

The park, which is situated on the high road, near Rothwell, seems well adapted for the purpose of a compound. It is dry, with fine trees around, and it is already served with water and electricity, and is connected by telephone. It possesses its own private house, and the buildings in the centre of the park, which is a large public building includes a large dancing hall and a skating rink below, and the present extensive cooking arrangements can easily be supplemented.

There is excellent seating accommodation around the bandstand, and no doubt says a correspondent, concerts could be arranged—with military band—for the benefit of prisoners who behave themselves. Refractory prisoners, on the other hand, could be accommodated in the open-air lion cages.

Three British cruisers, the Aboukir, the Hogue, and the Cressy, have been sunk by submarines in the North Sea. The Aboukir was torpedoed, and while she lay disabled the Cressy and Hogue stood and were standing by to save the crew when they were also torpedoed. A considerable number were saved by H.M.S. Lowestoft and by a division of destroyers, trawlers, and boats.

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PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN,

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WAR CHAT—No. 6.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries has issued a leaflet, which appears to me to be most timely in respect to the matter of the utilisation of poultry keepers' local resources in the difficulties which have arisen owing to the war.

In this and many other leaflets I purpose to point out things in poultry culture that will enable poultry keepers who look to me for guidance.

"Where is abundance a danger at any time in the year," the leaflet reading continues in its general demand for other purposes, and are consequently high in price, that many poultry-keepers may be disposed to decrease the size of their flocks and devote their energies in this direction. Such a course would be against the best interests of both the individual and the nation, since the greater the amount of human food produced in the country the better will it be for all concerned.

"The increasing use of concrete floors has practically emptied the dust of feeding can be economised, and, moreover, the yield from each fowl will be increased to any appreciable extent.

"At the present time of year, with the new and early harvests over, there is no reason why any farmer in this district should keep and rear the land. Under such conditions the birds will be able to forage for a very large amount of the necessary food, food that would otherwise be wasted. With the poultry kept on the "free" system, instruction should be to distribute the birds over the land as far as possible. This can only be done as a general rule on medium-sized holdings and farms. The small plots allotted to small poultry-keepers are handicapped in this direction. Those who cultivate only a limited area of ground should make up their losses by growing as much food for their fowls as possible.

"Of the usual feeding stuffs a number are now high in price, and until the demand in other directions for poultry foods can be remitted from the list of poultry foods, or be used only to a limited extent.

"Our war is a war in which any of its products have forced upon it the basis of feeding, but, for some time to come it will be necessary to curtail the use of these foods. Even foods not required for human consumption, such as bran and middlings, are hopelessly out of the reach of many poultry-keepers. To a lesser extent they may also have to dispense with oats and barley. "There are, however, foods still to be obtained in the market. Though this is not an ideal poultry food, it will have to be used in larger proportions than heretofore. A number of smaller grains, such as flour, Manchurian millet, kaffir corn, buckwheat, and rice have not been seriously affected in price, and all are eminently suitable for poultry feeding."

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Horbury, near Wakefield, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for postmortem examination must enclose half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

The West Riding Horticultural Chamber of Trades has decided to ask the Government to pass an Act to be called "Marchurian millet, kaffir corn, buckwheat, and rice have not been seriously affected in price, and all are eminently suitable for poultry feeding."

The Duke of Devonshire has granted the use of Ire Hall, Bolton Abbey, where he has entertained the King, as a home for Belgian refugees.

A fire occurred on the show ground of the Royal Agricultural Society of Australia at Melbourne on Tuesday, and damage estimated at £100,000 was done.

A seaman, named Annie Morgan, was at York on Tuesday sent to gaol for six months for failing to notify that she had nurse children in her house with infectious fever. They were not her children, and it was all efforts to trace one child, which person received from Pontefract, had failed.

The new members of Parliament were elected on polling day for Ripon, Sir Waldo Rumbold, Bart. (Conservative), will fill the vacancy in the House of Lords caused by the death of Sir Stephen Richard Cassel, Bart. Mr. T. Todd (Labour) secured the seat for Mr. A. H. Gill, who represented Bolton.

Dr. Oliver has been asked by Lord Kitchener to equip a hospital for convalescent soldiers and an equal number of sooks, to be distributed at the front. Her Majesty has issued an appeal to the women of the Empire to assist her in making this offering to the troops, to be ready, if possible, early in November.

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A meeting of the Barwick and Scholes District Committee was held on Thursday night at the Church School, Barwick—Mr. J. M. Rayner in the chair. Others present were Messrs. J. W. Birch, A. Booth, R. Murray, J. Pemberton, W. Smith, A. Townsley, R. Wright, and H. K. Clarke (hon. sec.).

The committee proceeded to collecting books, and those of the district were made were as follows:—Collected by Messrs. A. Booth and R. Wright, £3 15s; collected by Messrs. H. Pemberton and A. Townsley, £7 0s 6d; collected by Messrs. J. W. Birch, A. Booth, R. Murray, J. Pemberton, W. Smith, A. Townsley, and H. K. Clarke (hon. sec.).

The committee will be at the Church School, Barwick, on Thursday, October 1st, and it is hoped on that day the fund is to be closed. The list of subscribers received is as follows:—

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Mrs. Dickson	0	10	0
Mr. A. Booth	0	10	0
Messrs. R. and M. Hoon	0	10	0
Mr. H. Townsend	0	5	0
Mr. F. Lindley	0	5	0
Miss North	0	5	0
Mr. Wright	0	5	0
Mr. J. Drake	0	5	0
Mr. T. Howson	0	5	0
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Miss L. Antcliffe	0	3	0
Mr. E. E. Taylor	0	2	6
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Mr. G. Armitage	0	2	6
Mrs. Wessley	0	2	6
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Mr. F. Swann	0	2	0
Mr. J. H. Walker	0	2	0
Mr. Geo. Hewitt	0	2	0
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Mrs. Dickenson	0	2	0
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Mrs. Brierley	0	5	0
Mr. H. Dixon	0	5	0
Mr. J. Thorpe	0	5	0
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Mr. W. Hartley	0	5	0
Mr. J. T. Bowman	0	5	0
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Mr. J. Balderson	0	2	0
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Mr. G. B. Rhodes	0	2	0
Mr. E. Whitehead	0	2	0
Mr. G. Tordoff	0	2	0
Mr. W. Armitage	0	2	0
Mrs. Crowson	0	1	6
Mrs. Wilkinson	0	1	0
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Mr. Howard	0	1	0
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Mrs. Garbutt	0	1	0
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Mr. T. Backhouse	0	1	0
Mr. S. J. Crowther	0	1	0
Mr. W. H. Poulter	0	1	0
Mr. T. Jowett	0	1	0
Mr. F. Jowett	0	0	6
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FOOTBALL NOTES.

TADCASTER DEFEATED—A STRENUOUS GAME.

Tadcaster had a York League match with another Leeds on the ground of the latter. The same lined up as follows:—Lowther United—Dodsworth, goal; Hanby and Dungate, backs; G. Frankel, S. Watford (captain), and E. Slater, half-backs; Fanthorpe, Mercer, H. Wackett, Shaw, and Sheppard, forwards. Tadcaster—Wilson, goal; G. Clayton and Wardley, backs; Hewitt, W. Clayton and Jolly, half-backs; Beaumont, Birdsall, E. Nettleton, Moss, and Ellerbeck, forwards. Lowther kicked off and made a brief attack. The visitors then got away, but offside play stopped them. Splendid passing between Sheppard and Shaw put the homesters in a good position, but Wackett shot outside. The same player a little later tried to rush the ball through, but Clayton cleared. The visiting centre forward was responsible for a clever movement, which he wound up by sending out to Ellerbeck, who shot wide. Soon after Ellerbeck gave the visitor's right winger, and a very speedy player, put his side in a very good position, but once more offside play spoiled a good movement. The homesters were not to be denied, however, for a rush through by Wackett ended in his scoring a clever goal. After Fanthorpe had tricked several opponents and kicked down the field, the visiting backs muffed and Wackett was very unlucky not to score. Fanthorpe sent in a beautiful shot, which the visiting custodian cleverly saved. Excellent passing by the homesters nearly resulted in a score. A capital centre by Beaumont was taken by Birdsall, but he shot wide when in a good position. Sheppard, after beating several opponents, sent into Shaw, who was given fine possession. The latter put in a shot which was very well saved by the custodian. Mercer went well down the field, and tested the visiting custodian, who saved, but before he had time to get back again Shaw had netted. Half-time:—Lowther United 2; Tadcaster, 0.

The visitors were the first to attack on the resumption, but the ball was eventually got away. Wackett raced down and looked a likely scorer, but he was well shot by the bar. Netherton went away finely, his shot being very cleverly stopped by the home custodian. Fanthorpe sent in a capital centre, which was received by Wackett, but the latter's shot was charged well out of his goal. Birdsall, Nettleton, and Moss broke away, but the home custodian effected a magnificent save. Ellerbeck went down again, and sent in a shot, which struck the upright. Beaumont received and centred well, for Moss to head in admirably. This roused the visitors, and they attacked with great determination from all over, but Hanby checked them. Lowther attacked, but the visiting custodian effected several clever saves. Shaw obtained possession and shot in very fine style, but a good shot. Netherton tried to break through, but Hanby held him. Fanthorpe took the ball down in promising fashion, but he ended with a weak shot. Wackett finished up a good movement by scoring the fourth goal. The visitors immediately went away, and after Beaumont had beaten Hanby he gave to Nettleton, who had nothing to do but shoot. A little later the same player had no one to beat but the custodian, but the latter effected a very clever save. Fanthorpe raced down and sent in a fine centre, which Shaw and Wackett then received and added the fifth goal. Tadcaster were defeated by five goals to two.

ROTHWELL W.R.'s WIN.

An interesting League game was played between the Rothwell White Rose team and Clarence Ironworks on the latter's ground at Hunslet. The sides were evenly matched, and the game was well contested. Clever forward play was met by a sturdy defence on both sides, though on a couple of occasions Sheard had the visitors' backs in a tangle, but he eventually shot wide of the goal. At half-time neither side had scored. The second half was equally well contested, but before long Appleby had worked Clarence's goal, and he made no mistake, giving the Rothwell team the lead, which they maintained until the end. Rothwell won by a goal to nil.

ROTHWELL P.C.—DRAWN GAME.

The match between Rothwell Parish Church and Thornhill Lees Albion, played on the former's ground, resulted in a draw of two goals each. The game commenced in a very promising style for the homesters, who netted the ball after a fine movement work. Hitchin was the scorer, and his achievement was due to a well timed pass from Morris. The visitors, nevertheless, played a fast game, and their efforts resulted in an equalising goal shortly before the interval came. The Rothwell forwards were a weak combination, and it was somewhat galling to their supporters to see so many splendid chances thrown away by bad shooting. After the equalising goal had been scored by Harley, the visitors displayed more keenness, and Bradley had his abilities well tried. His method of rushing out to save is often a little risky. Soon after the resumption the visitors gained the lead with an easy goal, and it looked for some time as though it would be of victory for Thornhill, but Stringer saved the situation about five minutes before the finish with a "beauty." The Thornhill custodian defended his charge well, and the skilful manner in which he sailed a slinging shot from Rodgers by throwing himself at the ball won hearty applause.

WATERLOO MAIN VICTORIOUS.

On Saturday afternoon, in the Leeds Senior League, New Worsley Gas Works were at home to the Waterloo Main Colliery. At the outset the homesters set up a keen attack, and by good dribbling forced their way to the Colliery goal, and the backs had to exert themselves to prevent a score. Still keeping up the pressure, the Gasworkers' forwards essayed several shots, but Haigh was safe in the Waterloo goal. Shortly afterwards, a good combined movement on the Worsley left wing gave Millard a chance, and he made no mistake with a good shot. The Waterloo men from their goal made desperate efforts to get on terms, but Glancy and Broughton played a fine game, and kept the New Worsley lead. Half-time: New Worsley Gas-works, 1 goal; Waterloo Main Colliery, nil. Waterloo played strongly on resuming, and quickly took the lead, Taylor and Barraclough scoring after fine individual efforts. Waterloo Main won by two goals to one.

LOCAL CLUBS AND F.A. CUP.

Next-week requires an early start in the qualifying stages of the F.A. Cup Competition, and Saturday will witness a number of interesting matches in the West Riding. In division 2 the following ties are decided:—Rothwell Parish Church v. Fryston Colliery; Glasshoughton Colliery v. Rothwell White Rose; Castleford Town v. Hollins Town; Woodhouse Britannia v. Lock Lane Woodville.

RUGBY NOTES

ROTHWELL DEFEATED BY NORMANTON.

On Saturday Rothwell journeyed to Rothwell, and they had an easy win. Walker kicked off downhill, and the visitors quickly attacked. Rodgers passed to Webster, who ran over and scored, Goodall's attempt failing short. Normanton were penalised, and Wilkinson failed at goal. Rothwell were compelled to act on the defensive, offside play spoiling a good chance to score. Rodgers found touch over and scored a try, Gorman failing to improve. Rothwell were penalised, and Gorman landed a goal. Rothwell gained a footing in the visitors' half, but had to retire early for the interval. Half-time:—Rothwell Normanton were leading at half-time by 11 points to nil, and they increased their lead substantially in the second, scoring and won by 3 goal, 8 tries (29 points) to nothing.

HALTON COUNCIL SCHOOL V. BURLEY NATIONAL.

Halton Council School met Burley National Schools' Rugby League with a match with Burley National. Kicking off against a strong wind, Jackson followed up and scored a brilliant try under the posts. Hayes' goal failed. Burley afterwards ran in and failed goals. Even play followed until Kenney picked up, and, passing several opponents, handed to Barman, who made a dash through, scoring under the posts, and Hayes converted. Burley afterwards showed improved form, and gave the homsters a warm time. Hayes, however, by good passing, showed his pace by leaving the opposition standing, scoring a capital try. Kenney continually proved a source of trouble to the opposing backs, his wonderful dodging tactics, added to his great strength, opening out play as only a class player can do. Wilson broke away from a scrum and scored a fine try. Further tries were scored by Barman and Hayes, the latter kicking one goal. Half-time:—Halton 4 goals, 7 tries (29 pts.). Burley, nil. On resuming Jackson scored a fine try, and Kenney, after breaking away, gave a wide pass to Hayes, who scored in the corner, the same player goaling. Immediately after the latter movement was repeated. Hayes fielded on his own line, and, beating several, gave Wilson opposition, scored; he also added the extra points. Jackson closed the scoring with a grand effort. Simpson was rather excited in the opening stages, but as the game progressed he settled down, and on several occasions was within an ace of scoring, and towards the close made an exceptionally fine effort. Wilson and Kelleby decided with their old time vigour. Much of the success of the Halton team was due to the forwards, who worked unfailingly throughout the game. Goals:—Halton 4, Burley, nil. Tries:—Halton, 7; Burley, nil. Score:—Halton, 7 goals, 12 tries (59 pts.); Burley National, nil.

FOOTBALL MATCHES AND REFEREES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE

Garforth White Rose v. Methley Pers. Mr G. C. Earnshaw.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.

East Ardsley G.N.R. v. Kippax Woodville. Mr G. Marsh.

East End Athletic v. Allerton Bywater Ins. Mr L. Jones.

Bowers Allerton v. Aberfs St. Mary's. Mr G. H. Griffin.

Glass Houghton Colliery v. Oulton St. John's. Mr F. Lawrer.

Holbeck White Rose v. Stourton United. Mr W. Thompson.

CHURCH LEAGUE

Markets District v. Whitkirk St. Mary's. Mr A. Beadnell.

The Public Prosecutor intimated to the Ramsgate magistrates on Tuesday that the confession recently made by Charles Eaton of the murder of a woman eleven years ago was patently untrue. He was detained as a lunatic.

OLDEST CLERGYMAN IN DARLINGTON ARCHDEACONRY.

DEATH OF THE VICAR OF WISTOW.

SERVED UNDER SIX ARCHBISHOPS.

We regret to announce the death of the Rev. Henry Greeves, the venerable Vicar of Wistow, which occurred at the vicarage early on Friday morning. The deceased, who was 85 years of age on August 5th last, had been on the ministry for the long period of 59 years. He was ordained a deacon in 1858, and priest in 1859.

The Rev. Henry Greeves came of a distinguished Norfolk family, being the son of the Rev. John Greeves, a Wesleyan minister, who was brother, the Rev. Frederick Greeves, D.C.L., was at one time president of the Wesleyan Conference. Incidentally it may be mentioned the deceased was appointed one of the curates of Selby Abbey, and remained there until 1860, leaving Selby he was appointed curate at Tow where he laboured until 1868. He then returned to Selby, where he was stationed until 1872, when he proceeded to Wistow. Two years later he was presented to the living of Wistow, and held it until his death.

Despite his great age the deceased was blessed hearty until quite recently, and his straight figure and supple walk hardly gave evidence the weight of years he carried. Until almost the end he was able to take an active part in the life of the township of Wistow, and was heavily involved in its political affairs. He was one of the committee who arranged the Coronation festivities, and was actively interested in the agricultural show from its inception, nearly 40 years ago. During the whole of this period he had filled the office of president. Not only was he president of the show, but he did all that lay in his power to promote the interests of the main industry of the people among whom he lived, and for whose good he laboured so long. Wistow was justly proud of its most distinguished inhabitant, and his leadership on all public occasions was looked for. During the long years of his vicariate he endeared himself to all.

The deceased was the oldest beneficed clergyman in the Diocese of York, and served under six Archbishops. He was ordained by the late Archbishop Musgrave, and the others under whom he served were Archbishop Longley, Thomson, Magee, Maclagan, and Lang. Two years ago, when the present Archbishop, in the course of his visitation of the Diocese, went to Wistow, he paid a graceful tribute to the Vicar's long services. His frame referred to the fact that the deceased for 40 years had laboured at Wistow in fulfilment of the great commission to his charge, ever-minister, with unceasing faithfulness, love, and care.

The deceased never wearied in the good work in which he was engaged, and during the time he was Vicar of the parish he succeeded in getting a Vicarage and parochial schools built, and the church restored. In 1908 he celebrated his jubilee as a clergyman, and the parishioners took the opportunity of showing the esteem in which they held their Vicar.

The funeral took place at Wistow Church on Monday. The Bishop of Beverley, who was accompanied by the Rural Dean (the Rev. R. G. Glennie, of Boston Spa), the Rev. Dr Sellowan (Selby Abbey), the Rev. T. Fawcett (Braxton), the Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingbrough), and other clergy, conducted the impressive funeral service.

The chief mourners were Mrs. Greeves (widow), the Rev. H. R. Greeves (son), Vicar of Dolsby Main; the three daughters, and a number of other relatives. Among others present were Colonel and Mrs. Hinaller, Mr. Thos. Liversidge, Dr. G. B. Todd, Miss Todd, Mr. Mark Scott, Dr. A. J. Somers, Mr. A. E. Burton, Mr. W. D. Foster, Mr. F. W. Sykes, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., Councillor W. E. Lee, Mr. Jos. Tate, Mr. W. Gerrard, and Mr. Jas Dodsworth. A large number of residents of the district and inhabitants of Wistow were present. Members of the Selby St Germain's Lodge of Freemasons, with which deceased had been prominently associated, and the Wistow Foresters walked in the procession.

The first part of the service was taken in church, the lessons being read by the Rural Dean. The hymn sung was "Jesu, lover of my soul." The organ accompaniments were played by Mrs. Greeves. The prayers at the graveside were said by the Bishop of Beverley. The grave in the churchyard was lined with flowers. The coffin, on which were placed a number of wreaths, was borne on an open bier. Floral tributes were sent by the late vicar's wife, and daughters, the Rev. F. Bentley Greeves (Cudworth Vicarage), the grandchildren at Rempston, Bedford, Colonel and Mrs. Hinder, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Liversidge, Mr. A. T. Burton, Mr. Bellerby, Boothom, York; Mr and Mrs. Cheesman, Mrs Atkinson, Hill Field, Selby; Mrs. W. A. Bickis, Sh-field; etc.

A COLLINGHAM LADY'S MARRIAGE.

A LITERARY WEDDING.

A wedding of unusual interest will be by the Rev. C. Stancliffe, at St. Hilda's Church, Whitby, on Saturday. The bridegroom was Corporal Sergeant S. W. Hodgson, of the 5th Battalion Prince of Wales's (West Yorkshire Regiment), eldest son of Mr James Hodgson, stationmaster, at Whitby, and Mrs. Bidlock, and late youngest daughter of the late Robert Barnard, of Cosling Hall, Ripon, and Whitby, and Mrs. Barnard, of Whitby.

The bride groom, who has for 13 years served in the Army, and in Territorial Forces, and who is an efficient model for long service and good conduct, is a son of Mr. Hodgson, who is also a native of Whitby, and has been connected with the railway service for 40 years. He has also two brothers, who have gone on active service with the Territorials since the commencement of the war. He wore his khaki uniform, and the best man, Corpl. Herbert Birkett, of the 5th Battalion Yeomanry, and Drummer Leonard Birkett, of the bridegroom's company, as well as a number of officers, warrant officers, staff-sergeants, and colour-sergeants of the 5th Battalion, who journeyed from Stressall to attend the ceremony, were active service dress.

The bride was married in her travelling costume of velvet coating, with velours hat to match. She wore a gold wristlet watch, and carried a bouquet of white heather, with red, white, and blue streamers, both the gifts of the bridegroom.

The only bridesmaid, the sister of the bride, wore an amethyst cloth costume, with fancy vest of Bulgarian trimming and black velours hat with shaded amethyst roses. She also wore a gold wristlet watch bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride's mother wore a mole-coloured velvet gown, with white crepe trimmings, and Mrs. Birkett, mother of the bridegroom, wore a gown of violet silk, with hat to match.

The organist, Mr. Ungill, played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," and the newly-married couple passed out of the church under an archway of crossed bayonets, formed by the bridegroom's comrades.

A reception was afterwards held at the Station Hotel, and the bride and bridegroom subsequently left for York.

UNKNOWN MAN DROWNED AT KIPPAX.

BODY FOUND IN A BECK.

At Hardy Crowther, a basket-maker, of Mount Pleasant, Kippax, was gathering elderberries by the side of a beck in Brigshaw Lane, Kippax, on Saturday afternoon, he saw the body of a man floating face downwards in the water. He informed the police, and the body was taken out. The man, who was stiffly built, 5ft. 4in. in height, was apparently about fifty-five years of age. He was partly bald, with grey hair and grey moustache. He was wearing a dark suit, two waistcoats, a grey cap, and a grey cotton shirt.

The inquest was held in the Co-operative Rooms, at Kippax, on Tuesday by Mr. P. P. Maitland (Coroner).

The first witness was Henry Crowther, collier's labourer, of Mount Pleasant, Kippax, who deposed to finding the deceased about 4-10 p.m. on Saturday, while he was gathering elderberries in Brigshaw Lane. The body was partly covered in the water, only the head and shoulders being exposed.

The Coroner: How deep is the water in the beck?

Witness: The water is in pools, and in some places is about five or six feet deep.

The body, said witness, was supported by weeds and roots. There was no bank or hedge on the side of the beck to indicate that he had fallen in. The body was fully clothed, and the cap, which was missing, was subsequently found on the opposite bank, which was rather steep, being a drop of about six feet.

The Coroner: Did you touch him?

Witness: Yes, I tried to move him but he was fast, and I went and informed the police.

The Coroner: Did you think he looked like a pitman?

Witness: No, I thought he looked like one of the tramping class.

P.C. Alborough, stationed at Kippax, said he was informed of the finding of the body by the last witness, about 4.30 p.m. He went straight to the beck, which is about 150 yards away from Brigshaw Lane. In order to reach the beck, the deceased would have to cross some fields.

The Coroner: Would he be trespassing?

Witness: Yes.

The beck, said witness, was a boundary dividing Kippax from Allerton Bywater. The deceased was apparently about 55 years of age. He was wearing a black cloth jacket and trousers, two grey-tex black waistcoats, a grey cotton shirt, a pair of grey pants, a pair of black fine boots, and a black cotton muffler was also worn round the neck. The clothing was in good condition, and on the body was found a couple of red hand-kerchiefs, a small pipe knife, a wooden pipe, and three pence in copper. On the cap, which was found by the bank, was found any marks whereby the deceased could be identified. He had been recently shaved.

The Coroner: I thought I knew him, but I don't suppose I do.

Dr. Crossley: He has a familiar face.

P.C. Alborough said he took charge of the body by carrying him from the water into the cart.

Dr. Crossley gave evidence as to a post-mortem having held, and said he did not think the deceased had been in the water long. His left hand was well nourished, and he was apparently a healthy man. There was no blood in the stomach. Death, he thought, was due to asphyxia from drowning. There was nothing that he thought the deceased had suffered in the morning of illness. His hands did not show signs of hard work.

In summing up, the Coroner said they had nothing to show how the deceased got into the water. He would advise them to return an open verdict, although there was a slight suspicion of suicide with the cap being found on the opposite bank.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

A SERIOUS OULTON CHARGE.

YOUNG MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions, a well-dressed young man named Joseph Metcalf, described as a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing 21s., the property of Sarah Ann Flockton, of Oulton.

Sarah Ann Flockton, of Bentley Square, Oulton, said that on Saturday, May 30th, prisoner came to lodge at her house. On the following Monday, June 1st, she placed 25s. in silver in a cupboard in the kitchen. In the course of the afternoon she was in the kitchen, and she thought there was no one in the house. She, however, heard some one moving about in a bedroom overhead, which was occupied by two lodgers named Mannion and Smith, who were at work. She at once went upstairs, and she saw prisoner with clothes belonging to other lodgers strapped up. She asked him what he was doing, and he replied, "Nowt wrong." She also asked what he was doing with clothes belonging to other lodgers, and she told him to go downstairs. He went, and she followed him downstairs to the kitchen, where there was another lodger, who had come in. The latter went upstairs to see what defendant had been doing and she followed them. Prisoner was left in the kitchen, and when she returned he had gone. Afterwards she went to the cupboard, and discovered that the money stated was missing.

Prisoner said he did not want to ask witness any questions.

P.C. Albert, of Woodlesford, said that when he charged the man with the offence he made no reply.

Metcalf was then charged with stealing a silver albert and a metal match box, which was valued at 2s., the property of James Mannion.

James Mannion, contractor, said he lodged with Mrs. Flockton. He left for work on the morning of June 1st, on which date he placed a silver albert and match box in a waistcoat pocket in his bedroom. The match box was the shape of a fiddle. He returned to his lodgings about eight o'clock, and he found his box and dressing case broken open, and the albert and matchbox were missing. He identified the matchbox produced as his property.

Detective Sergeant Wallis, who stated prisoner was serving a sentence at Manchester for another offence, said the defendant made a confession relating to the present case, which he took down in writing. The confession was produced.

P.C. Albert said that when he charged prisoner he replied: "It is right about the money, and I took the chain as well."

Prisoner was committed to take his trial on both charges at next Quarter Sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR W. ORMSBY GORE AND WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT

To the Editor.

Sir,—The measure which has characterised the Government's treatment of Welsh Churchmen throughout the whole reign of the Established Church Wales Bill was continued to a really intolerable climax, and the full "pound of flesh" demanded by the politicians is to be exacted from the already impoverished Church in Wales at the very moment of the conclusion of the war. We shall be, we believe, but soldiers a time of national rejoicing over the victories of our armies is for us to be a period of embarrassment and distress.

Disendowment, that is taking from the four Welsh dioceses the sum of £157,000 a year (nearly 4 millions sterling) is to take place upon the day of return of peace!

But fair play to the men the only blank row strikes us as. We Churchmen are credited by Lord Roseberry to make immediate preparations for an overwhelming defeat. We are to collect a church war chest, we are to call upon ladies, so as to be ready for disendowment, and the complete overthrow of our ancient constitution and organisation. Lastly, but not least, we are to give some time and attention to the problem—more by no means less difficult than the raising of the large sum of money required to carry measure prevented from taking part in the work by being called up for military duty. We can attend no conferences, and the work already in hand is now wasted. We are prevented by circumstances from helping our Church to weather the storm. Our senior bishop, the Bishop of St. Asaph, is serving as chaplain with one of the mounted brigades, many more from the Province of Wales. Many of the most trusted leaders of the Welsh Church are either on active service abroad, or with their regiments in English counties.

The Government called us to a political truce, and we trusted them—in vain. Under cover of a sham white flag they tried to wound our Church, and we are prevented from retaliating. Welsh Churchmen are as zealous as others in responding to the call of their country, and are prepared to sacrifice all for its cause, but they cannot help remembering that the Government took advantage of the national emergency to place upon the Statute Book a measure of most partizan vindictiveness against their National Church. They will remember it, and never forget it, and when Mr Asquith and his tail-train colleagues appeal for the sufferages of the people, the treatment of Welsh Churchmen must not and will not be forgotten.—Yours, etc.,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

September 19th, 1914.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The committee of the National Relief Fund is evidently anxious that no delay whatever should occur in the giving of such assistance as may be needed by the dependants of men at the front. As much misconception exists I should be very grateful if you would publish the following instructions:—

Those needing help should apply to the Local Representative of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, or if the address is not known they should apply to the Mayor, or Chairman of the Urban Council or Chairman of the County Council as the case may be, who will either himself give the necessary help or will refer them to the nearest Branch of the Association.

General enquiries should be addressed to the head office of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, 23, Queen Anne's Gate, London, S.W.—Yours, etc.,

WINGWOOD BESS,
Chairman, Executive Committee.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE

To the Editor.

Sir,—After working upwards of five thousand of its members to join the Colours, the office of the Church Lads' Brigade to raise and train a special C.L.B. Battalion of members and ex-members for the New Army is being exercised by the War Office. Details are now completed, and enlistment is taking place throughout the country. As the C.L.B. Battalion of the King's Royal Rifles it will form part of that distinguished regiment.

While the Church Lads' Brigade exists first of all for a religious object, its excellent military method is proving a national asset today, and the lessons of religion and patriotism, so unselfishly taught for twenty-three years by clergy and executive officers, are now bearing valuable fruit.

As Governor and Commandant of the Church Lads' Brigade, I would ask you to publish this letter in order that any ex-members not aware of the formation of this C.L.B. Battalion, may send their names without delay to the Secretary, Church Lads' Brigade headquarters, Aldwych House, Catherine Street, Strand, W.C.

At present over 1,600 applications to join this Battalion have been received at headquarters, and since it can only be 1,000 strong, the possibility of a second Battalion is being considered.—Yours, etc.,

GRANFELL, Field Marshal,
Governor and Commandant.

22nd September, 1914.

TADCASTER WESLEYAN CIRCUIT.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT WETHERBY.

At the September quarterly meeting of the Tadcaster Wesleyan Circuit, held at Wetherby, a very hearty welcome was accorded the Rev. J. Warren Midlwood, the newly-appointed superintendent minister, and Mr Charles Harrison, of Tadcaster, the newly-appointed lay agent.

A letter of condolence was directed to be sent to Mrs Cundall, of Appleton Roebuck, on the death of her husband. Tributes were paid to the high Christian character of the deceased, and to the splendid services which, in different ways, he had long rendered to the circuit.

The meeting heard with regret of the illness of Messrs H. Suter, W. Quarmby, and A. S. Allan. Messages of sympathy were sent to them.

The following gentlemen were thanked for their past services and re-appointed:—Education secretary, Mr S. Rowland; temperance secretary, Mr Wardman; class leaders' secretary, Mr A. S. Allen; Foreign Missions' treasurer, Mr. H. Suter; secretaries, Rev. J. Dingle Cocks and Mr. Arthur Kay; auditors, Messrs W. Quarmby and W. S. Padmore; and Aged Ministers' Fund treasurer, Mr H. Suter.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Tadcaster on Wednesday, December 16th.

A STOURTON MAN'S PLIGHT.

MAGISTRATES' MERCIFUL VIEW.

On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Arthur Claderay, miner, of Stourton, was charged with stealing 24lb of coal, value 3d., the property of Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth, at Stourton.

P.C. Boyes said that on Friday, the 18th, he was on duty near the coal staith of Messrs J. and J. Charlesworth, at Stourton, and he saw defendant there. He came down the coal staith with a bucket in his hand, and he filled it with coal, which was lying on the ground. He charged him with stealing the coal, and he made no reply.

Defendant said that he had been out of work, he had no coal in the house, and the children were cold, and he thought he would go and get a little bit. If was the first offence he had ever committed, and he did not know what made him do it.

The Chairman said he had done a very foolish thing, but the magistrates were inclined to deal leniently with him. If what he said was true there was a small excuse for him, but the coal was not his, and when he took it He that it was theft.

Defendant was bound over to come up for judgment in six months if called upon.

HOW TO SWEEP AN INVALID'S ROOM.

We all know how untidy a sick-room becomes, and how annoying the dust of the sweeping is to the patient. "To remedy this," said a trained and capable nurse recently, "I put a little ammonia in a pail of warm water, and with my mop wring dry as possible go all over the carpet first. This takes up all the dust, and much of the loose dirt. A broom will take what is too large to adhere to the mop, and raise no dust. With my dust-cloth well sprinkled I go over the furniture, and the room is fairly clean."

SHADWELL

On Saturday Shadwell boys had a match with St. Charles' team, and the latter were beaten by seven goals to two.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Wheat prices are not so high, owing to the shipments that have arrived at the ports. For the samples shown there was an average demand. Wheats 37s. to 39s., secondary 35s. to 36s.; malting barley 29s. to 32s.; oats 22s to 23s 6d.; rye 29s. to 30s. per quarter.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 8 and 9 for 1s., butter 1s 9d to 1s 4d per lb., chickens 4s to 5s per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A moderate demand for the large lot offered. Prices were:—Sowing kidneys 45s to 47s 6d; Snowdrops, 42s; Early Puritans, and Eclipse 40s to 42s 6d per ton; retail 2s. to 2s. 3d. per hamper.

CATTLE.

WHITSIDE AUCTION MART, Monday.—Larger supplies of stock, and a good attendance of farmers, butchers, and dealers. Some very good dairy cattle were shown, and trade ruled exceptionally brisk, the best making to £20 5s., and useful kinds £18 15s to £22. The 58 milk cows averaged £21 7s 6d each. Present calving cows, to £23 15s; November and January, to £21; sheep made little quotations; choice shortlegs, to 10d.; heavier kinds, 9d. to 9½d.; ewes, 7½d. to 8d.; and lambs, 10d. to 10½d. per lb.; cattle moved off quickly, choice heifers and bullocks making 8d.; good beef, 7½d. to 7¾d.; and cows, 6d. to 7d. per lb.; workers ruled a shade firmer, making 10s. per stone; store pigs were in large sella. Sow-sickled pigs making 70s. 6d., and stronger kinds to 73s. each; breeding calves made to 31s.; veal calves, to £2 9s. each. Numbers sold: 81 dairy and store cattle, 60 fat lambs, 123 sheep, 236 pigs, and 11 calves.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 68 beasts, 74 sheep, 32 pigs. Only a moderate supply of stock, with the usual attendance of buyers. Best beef made up to 9s. per stone, good beef 8s. 6d. Fair trade for good in-calving Heifers and cows, best small to mutton making 10d. per lb. Lambs to 10½d. A sharp trade for pork pigs at 8s. per stone. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks, up to £24 12s. 6d.; fat heifers, £18 2s. 6d.; fat cows, £21 12s. 6d.; store cattle, £12; cows in calf, £17 15s.; heifers in calf, £19 5s.; cows in milk, £21; fat sheep, £2 18s. 6d.; fat lambs, £2 6s.; bacon pigs, £8; pork pigs, £3 14s.; store pigs, £1 16s. 6d.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a splendid show of both prime beef and choice sheep. The attendance of buyers and dealers was considerably in excess of recent sales. Both beef and mutton met an improved demand and realised more money than last week, also better than a fortnight ago. The following prices realised will show the class of stock sold:—Best beef made from 9s. to 9s. 6d. per stone, medium sold 8s. 6d. to 8s. 9d. per stone; sheep and lambs met a good trade, prime sheep sold 10. to 10d. per lb. Numbers sold: 103 beasts and calves, and 293 sheep and lambs. Mr E. Liversidge, of Shawfield, sold 8 quality Malthy bullocks, making £209 17s. 6d, £26 12s. 6d, £25 7s. 6d, £25, £25, £24 7s 6d, £25, and £23 10s.; Mr R. Carr, of Wighill, sold a fine bullock at £26, and a heifer at £25 5s.; Mr. J. Cass, of Kirk Hammerton, sent five very good bullocks, which sold at £24 15s., £24 12s 6d, £24 2s 6d, £22 17s 6d, and £22 10s; Mr T. Dawson, of Walshford, sent two useful lots of mixed, making £23 12s 6d, £23 8s, £23, £22, and £21 15s; Mr L. Palfreman, of Goldsborough, sold four wealthy bullocks and three grand heifers at £24 12s 6d, £24, £23 5s, and £23 5s; Mr J. Helliers at £18 12s 6d, £17, and £16; Mr Richard Machin, junr., of Old Thornville, sent six fine wealthy bullocks, making £24 5s, £24, £23 15s, £23 15s, £24 2s 6d, £24 7s 6d, and £24 5s.; Mr T. J. Bell, of Wilsetop, supplied four very choice bullocks, which sold for £23 7s. 6d, £22 10s, £22, and £21 7s 6d; Mr J. W. Johnson, of Highfield, Ribston, four good bullocks, which made £23 12s 6d, £22 17s 6d, £22 12s 6d, and £22; Mr R. Dearlove, of Walton Lodge, two useful bullocks which made £21 10s and £21 15s; Mr J. Hoole, of Rickerton Grange, sold nine very choice quality bullocks, which evoked some very keen competition, making 9s 6d per stone, or £24 1s, £23 7s 6d, £23 12s, £22 15s, £22 8s, £20 17s 6d, £19 7s 6d, and £22 7s 6d; Mr W. Atkinson of Kirk Deighton House, sent two grand bullocks, realising £24 and £23 5s 6d; Mr R. Bielby, of Cattal, three prime fat beasts, which made £21 17s 6d, £19 10s, and £19 7s 6d; Mr J. Thomlinson's Exors., of Tockwith, three good bullocks, of 9s per stone, or £24 6s 6d and £24 5s; Mr Bennett, of Bilton, sent a useful bullock, which made £17 15s; Mr J. H. Elvidge, of Walton, sold five grand quality bullocks at £21, £20 7s 6d, £19 12s 6d, £19 10s, and £19 2s 6d; Mr E. Elwiss, of Ingmanthorpe House Farm, sold four black polled bullocks at £17, £16 12s 6d, £16 7s 6d, and £16; Mr W. Dunnington, of Marston Lodge, sent two nice quality bullocks, making £23 and £19 10s.; Mrs Kendall and Son, four good bullocks, which fetched £22 7s 6d, £22, £21 12s 6d, and £18 7s 6d.; two good bullocks from Easedike Farm, fed by the Auctioneers, made £26 2s. 6d., and £22 17s 6d. We had a capital lot of grand sheep and lambs. Thirty-five grand shearlings from Mr R. Machin, of Cattal Grange, made from 57s to 68s each; 25 good sheep from Mr F. Elwiss, of Ingmanthorpe, sold from 42s 6d for lambs, to 54s for ewes; 21 grand sheep from Mr J. W. Atkinson, of Highfield, sold up to 61s 6d each; Mr E. Liversidge's, of Shawfield Hall, 20 ewes and lambs, made up to 51s 6d each; Mr W. Walker, of North Deighton, to nice sheep made up to 63s 6d each; Mr E. Spink, of Kirk Deighton, to grand sheep, fetched up to 59s each; Mr Myers, of of Kingbeverley, five ewes made up to 42s each; Mr Walter Kendall, six sheep realised up to 70s 6d each; Mr T. Pawson, of Clifford, five sheep made up to 60s each; Mr J. Grainger, of Clifford, to sheep made up to 60s each; five ewes from Mr G. P. Wright realised up to 67s each, other good stock making satisfactory prices from the principal feeders in the neighbourhood.

NURSING IN OULTON AND WOODLESFORD.

CRITICISM OF A NEW PROPOSAL.

The following appears in Oulton Church magazine:—There is a movement, principally in Woodlesford, and worked now through the auxiliary of our Educational Committee, to replace our present nurses and our Nursing Association by paid trained nurses under a County Council Committee to give maternity and surgical help in the parishes of Oulton and Woodlesford. Now there are one or two considerations that must be satisfactorily settled before this should be carried out.

1.—Are our nurses not adequate to answer all the demands made?

2.—If there, or has there been any neglect of duty?

3.—Has any request for a nurse been made and not granted?

Now we all know very well how to answer these questions. We have had years of experience of the nurses, and though there are a few reasons for the increased efficiency of a trained nursing staff those reasons can be quite as answered in favour of our Association. It seems quite certain that no "trained paid nurse" under the County Council will undertake the household duties so ours do in maternity cases, and what can make up for this to a mother? Nurses in villages ought to be very much more than merely "efficient workers." The question of "cost" is also an important one, and actual figures ought to be put before us as to the probable outlay or increase of rates for it. Also it is useless to think, as most of us see, of keeping both a County Council district nurse and our nurses working at the same time in parishes such as ours, and if ours are adequate and sufficient, why change them?

CROSSGATES

A sum of £1 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund by J. F. Cowgate.

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Dated this 9th day of September, 1914.
ELSIE SMITH.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1914.

MR H. S. Clubb, of Barwick, has given £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

MR W. G. Jackson, of Boston Spa, has given £10 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The juniors at Bramham Park have given 8s. 6d. to the West Riding War Fund.

MR C. Huggins, of Foggathorpe, has been appointed stationmaster at Hambleton.

A sum of £1 16s. 2d., collected, at Bramham Church festival service, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

The Rev. Maurice G. Lascelles, of Harewood, has given £5 to the Queen's Employment of Women Fund.

A sum of £7 13s., proceeds of collection at harvest festival at Beeberton Church, has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

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MARRIAGE.

HARPER—HOWARTH.—On July 30th, 1914, at Kilapoi, Canterbury, New Zealand, by the Rev. W. Fairclough, Edward William, the only son of Humphrey and Ellen Harper, to Frances Ethel (Fanny), eldest daughter of James and Emma Howarth, late of Rothwell, Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

DEATHS.

BEDFORD.—September 21st, 1914, at Castleford, aged 72, William Henry, youngest son of the late Edward Bedford, of Moortown, Leeds, and brother of the late John Edward Bedford, of Chapel Allerton.

CRACKNELL.—September 23rd, at Crossgates, Ada, the beloved wife of Tom Cracknell.

IN MEMORIAM.

BROWNRIDGE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, who passed away on the 23rd September, 1913.
—From Walter and Grase.

WILKINSON.—In loving memory of Harry Wilkinson, who died Sept. 24th, 1907.
"Weary with sowing, in sorrow to reap.
Weary with labour, and weboming sleep."
—Wife.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

MR C. E. Charlesworth (Knaresborough), the Rothwell Colliery owner, has sent £10 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Thorpe Wesleyans were defeated by Rothwell W.R. A. by 9 goals to 2. Rothwell Haigh U. overcame North Rovers by two to nil.

A sum of £2 15s. 8d. has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund by the Midland Railway traffic department staff, Hunslet and Stourton sidings, being the second weekly contribution.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Skyrack Court on Tuesday held at Leeds Town Hall the magistrates present were: Mr J. W. Mewdell (Chairman), Mr. J. Hives, Mr J. W. Dobson, Mr J. R. Cross, and Mr Evans.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.—On Sunday the members of the Church Lads' Brigade, along with that of Lofthouse, had another march out and collection on pay day, the sum has been forwarded to the Belgian Consul in Leeds for the relief of refugees.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES.—The announcement by the Government of an increased scale of garnishee and allotment allowances for families dependent upon soldiers and sailors will involve a revision of the West Riding scale before October 1st, and the West Riding Authority is at present in communication with the Central Office on the subject of revising the financial arrangements.

RUGBY FINAL MATCH.—As a result of the Rugby cup match played at Rothwell a fortnight ago between Mr A. Clark's team and Rothwell and District in aid of the local relief fund, a sum of £3 os. 4d. will be handed over to the local treasurer. The gate realised £4 14s. 10d., and a grant of £1 from the Rothwell C.C. made a total income of £5 14s. 10d. The expenditure amounted to £2 14s. 6d.

A NEW song, "The horses they leave behind," should have a large sale, the proceeds being for the benefit of the National Relief Fund. Mr Walter Ruben's music is of a tuneful and catchy nature, and Mr Harry Lee's words should arouse ready sympathy. The song should be popular at entertainments. Seventy-five per cent of the profits of the song will go to the Relief Fund, and twenty-five per cent to the Variety Artistes' Benevolent Fund.

PATENT list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Leeds, 5 Park Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—W. Lumley and F. W. Charlesson, Leeds, improvements in cutting or trimming machines. Patents accepted—E. Stoop (Otis), suppo-mounts in golf tees; and J. M. Cobb, East Ardsley, improvements in screw pedestals. Patents renewed—John Shaw, Pontefract, tool washing apparatus; and John Shaw, Pontefract, excavating fire-clay, &c.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Salvation Army Hall, and were attended with great success. The services were conducted by Adjutant Horne, of Leeds, who gave appropriate addresses. In the afternoon an enjoyable musical service was given by the Lofthouse Wesleyan Quartette Party, under the leadership of Mr. Thompson. There was a fairly large display of fruit and vegetables, which were disposed of on Monday evening.

FOOTBALL.—Playing in the Leeds Amateur League, Rothwell Old Boys met a match with Botterill, Senior, and Co., at Hunslet, the result being a draw of one goal each. Losing the toss, Sidebottom kicked off for Rothwell, and their opponents were quick to attack and kept up a continual pressure throughout a greater part of the first half, which ended in Wilkinson scoring. Rothwell Smallwood in good secured by Sidebottom, owing to off-side play. In the second half the game was fairly well contested, but the Botterill full backs played a sturdy defensive game. However, only a few minutes before time Sidebottom kicked a goal with better luck. Taylor missed an easy chance.

WEDDING.—A pretty wedding took place at the Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr Dick Oglesby and Miss Lilian Kirkby, both officers of the General Institution, Rothwell Haigh. The bride was attired in a beautiful white silk gown, trimmed with point lace, and veil wreathed with orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and tuber roses. She was given away by Mr Frederick Solomon (master). The bridesmaid—Miss Gertrude Amanda Livesey, of Ashton-under-Lyne—was charmingly dressed in shell pink satin trimmed with old lace, and a lace mop cap, with large bouquet to match. The bridegroom was attended by Mr H. C. Huggins (assistant master), as best man. After the ceremony the wedding party returned to the institution where they were met by a great number of officers and friends, and partook of Eight refreshment. The master, on behalf of the staff, spoke in very eulogistic terms of the happy pair, and wished them every happiness through life. The bridegroom suitably responded. Subsequently the bride and bridegroom left for the West Coast, where they are spending their honeymoon.

ALLERTON BYWATER

DRINK.—Simeon Collinson, miner, of Allerton Bywater, was charged at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday with having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Holmes said that on Saturday, the 12th, he was on duty at Great Preston, and there he saw defendant, who was drunk and using bad language. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

POST DRIVER'S OFFENCE.—On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Harold Muscroft, post driver, Allerton Bywater, was summoned for using a motor-cycle without having an identification plate fixed to it on the 14th at Halton. P.C. Stothard gave evidence, and said that the defendant told him the plate broke off. Defendant said he lost it and had found it.—Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

BOWERS ALLERTON.

A sum of £15 has been sent by Great Preston and Bowers Allerton Infirmary Committee to Leeds Infirmary.

CARLTON

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Harvest festival services were held at the Primitive Methodist Church during the week-end. On Saturday a public tea, which was well attended, was held in the schoolroom, and this was followed by a cantata, entitled "The Lord is Beyond," given by the Bottomboat Choir. Mr R. Naylor, of Rothwell, presided, and the organist and conductor was Mr W. Simpson. On Sunday the morning and evening services were conducted by Mr Walter Thurwell, of Carlton. In the afternoon a musical service was given by the Robin Hood Free Church Choir. Mr Morris, of Outwood, presided.

CROSSGATES

Mr I. J. Dewhirst, of Whinmoor Lodge, has sent £25 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

CROSSGATES WORKING CLUB.—A match between teams chosen from members residing in Crossgates and Whitkirk was played on Saturday, and it resulted in a win for the Crossgates team by seven goals to nil. A collection made on behalf of the local Medical Charities Fund realised £2 5s. 6d.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Baptist Church, Whitkirk, and they were very successful, there being a good congregations. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, etc., and conspicuous among the decorations was a model boat, miniature corn, a sheaf in front of the pulpit. The preacher at both services was the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, the pastor, and he gave excellent discourses appropriate to the occasion. At the evening service the soloist was Miss Alwalk, a fine singer, and the organist was Mr Jackson.

CONCERTS FOR THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.—The Crossgates Foresters have undertaken the biggest task in the concert line ever attempted in the district, for they have arranged two concerts in the Wesleyan School and in the Recreation Hall for Friday night, October 2nd, and there is every indication that both halls will be crowded, so excellent has the response of the residents been to the call of the ticket-sellers. The Foresters are to pay all expenses connected with the concerts, so that all money taken for tickets will go to the Relief Fund. Excellent artistes, as our advert columns show, have been engaged, and the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have promised to be present.

FAIRBURN

Mr T. E. Makin, of Fairburn, won first prize in the horse leaping class at Nidderdale Show on Monday.

GARFORTH

Misses A. and S. Bottle, of Garforth, have given £2 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

SAID HE was LOST.—Dan Taylor, miner, of Garforth, was charged at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday with drunkenness. P.C. Stothard said that on Saturday, the 12th, he was on duty at Garforth and Halton, and he saw defendant, who was drunk, leaning against a lamp post. He said he was lost. Fined 5s. and costs.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The harvest festival services at the Garforth Wesleyan Chapel will take place on Sunday next, when the Rev A. Barritt will be the preacher at the morning and evening services. He will be remembered as having been at Garforth on a former occasion, when he preached two excellent sermons which were highly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. It is anticipated there will be large congregations on Sunday. A musical service will be given in the afternoon, particulars of which appear in our advert columns.

WORK FOR WOMEN.—In connection with the Work for Women Fund, for which H.M. Queen has issued an appeal, Mr J. W. Dobson, Chairman of Garforth Urban Council, asks for the support of the inhabitants of Garforth. "As Garforth distress has not been felt, but "in some of our large cities and towns many women and girls are thrown out of work, I know that Garforth people have the means of supporting other funds, but I hope I shall not make this appeal to you in vain." The object of the fund is to provide work for women and to prevent distress.

POOR RATE.—Summonses were issued by Garforth overseers against 125 residents for non-payment of rates, and on Tuesday thirty-three of them having failed to meet demands, had their cases dealt with by the Skyrack magistrates. Only four defendants appeared, three of which of the defendants, if appeared, had joined the Army, but they had not gone before the summonses were issued, and these cases were adjourned sine die. In all the other cases orders were made, being suspended for a fortnight in some cases and a month in others.

A GARFORTH MAN AT THE FRONT.—G. H. Lovett, of Garforth, who is with the Army at the Front, writes on September 16th as follows:—"The last mail I received was on the 23rd of August in which I stated that I was nearly everyone at Garforth was making enquiries after my welfare. I have many relations, besides friends, and I find it impossible to write to them, as writing paper is very scarce, and so is time, so I thought if I wrote to the "Courier" it would let everyone know that I was well. I am afraid I cannot give you any war news as it is all censored, but I can state that I have been in the thick of it from the start. The French people are very good to us, especially to our wounded. It is surprising how cheerful the troops are, especially when under fire, but when the battle is over one can read the thoughts that have been passing through their minds during the conflict. I have not met any other soldiers from Garforth. If there are any at the Front give my wife their addresses and she will forward them to me, and then I may be able to come across them. I don't know what I can write any more, but as soon as we are allowed to send news I will do so immediately through the columns of the "Courier." Good-bye for the present. I thank all kind enquirers. With relations please accept this as if I had written to them separately.

HALTON

Halton Wes. P.S.A. has sent 7s. to Leeds National Relief Fund.

Lady Dorothy Wood has given £10 to the Lady Mayoress's Fund.

MAINTENANCE ARREARS.—At the Skyrack Petty Sessions held at Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday Hannah Linley, of Halton, summoned her husband, George Arthur Linley, for not paying his wife's maintenance arrears, amounting to £2 7s. Defendant did not appear, and he was committed for a month.

THE EXCUSE.—John Waite, tobacconist, of Halton, was charged at the Skyrack Court at Leeds on Tuesday with failing to deliver up a spring movement licence. P.C. Taylor gave evidence, and said defendant removed two pigs to his premises at Halton, and he did not give up the licence. When he saw him about it he said that he thought the licence was available for six days, whereupon he told him he should have given it up as soon as the removal was completed. Fined 1s. for each pig and costs.

DRUNKENNESS.—On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Police Sessions Herbert Armitage, cutler, of Halton, was summoned for using abusive language to Mrs Kellett. The latter said that on the 5th inst. she went to defendant, who lived next door, and had language to her. She declared that she did not reply to him, and that all she said was "Thank you."—Defendant said he was not guilty.—The Chairman: You must pay that to us.—Samuel Kellett was called, but said he was not there when the offence was alleged, and he was told to stand down.—John Bell was called for the defence, and Armitage said he used no filthy language. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

KIPPAX

Miss Barton, of Kippax, has solicited and received 3,512 cigarettes as well as tobacco, and has forwarded them to Buckingham Gate for distribution to our soldiers.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.—The members of the Christian Endeavour held their weekly meeting on Wednesday evening in the schoolroom. The newly appointed circuit minister (the Rev. R. Clement) gave an excellent address, and it was much appreciated by a fairly large gathering.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—The harvest festival was celebrated at this church on Sunday, and the sacred edifice was beautifully adorned with fruit and flowers. The special preacher was the Rev. H. W. B. Chapman (circuit minister, Castleford). A special anthem, "Joseph and his brethren," was sung by the choir, under the leadership of Mr J. Radcliffe at the evening service. The solos were sung by Miss A. Goodall (contralto) and Mr J. Farrant (bass). In the afternoon the choir rendered the cantata "Ruth." The principal parts were sung by Miss Holliday and Miss E Smith (sopranos), Miss D. Radcliffe (contralto), Mr D. Smith (tenor), Mr J. Farrant and Mr H. Hollyhead (bass). Mr W. Halliday officiated at the organ. A concert was held on Monday evening and it attracted a good attendance. The Preston Wesley choir submitted the following programme:—Pianoforte duet, Miss D. Normanville and Mr Hogg; anthem, "Teach me, O Lord"; choir; recitation, Mr Hogg; glee, "Don't fret," choir; song, "Deathless army," Mr Finch; glee, "The chorister," choir; song, "The flight of ages," Mr Gill; glee, "Softly falls the shade," choir; recitation, Mr Hogg; glee, "Life and health," choir; song, "Roll on," Mr Finch; glee, "By the lonely vale of streams," choir; recitation, Mr Hogg; anthem, "I will by me down," choir; and the National Anthem by the choir and congregation, Mr G. Plows presided. The concert was preceded by a public tea, which was fairly well attended, and it was supervised by Mrs G. Goodall and Mrs S. Tillotson, assisted by young ladies connected with the church. Mr Farrant moved a vote of thanks to all who had rendered any service. Mr L. Plows seconded, and this was cordially passed.

PARISH CHURCH.—The members of the Sewing Guild who have met each Monday in the Church Schoolroom during the last four weeks for the making up of garments for our brave soldiers and sailors, have done exceedingly well, as also have the day-school girls, standard seven, supervised by the head teacher (Miss Webb), and the Sunday School class of girls, under the direction of Miss M. C. Plows and Mr E. Fleetman (teachers). The result of their labours and of those who have knitted socks at their homes was on view in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening. Neatly laid on a temporary platform were 54 shirts, 21 bed jackets, and 3 vests, whilst Dolphinholme were losing by pairs of socks, and midway between these was an elder down quilt made by the day-school girls. The 21 mufflers which the Sunday School girls had knitted completed the picture. The Vicar (Rev. E. B. Smith) expressed the feeling of gratitude that he and Mrs Smith had to all those who had so kindly responded to their invitation, and had come forward and worked so splendidly in the making up of the garments. Some of our brave soldiers and sailors doubtless would find comfort in the making of them, and consolation in the thought that while they were fighting our battles the people at home didn't forget them. He stated that the balance in hand would be spent in the purchasing of blankets, and of wool for the knitting of more socks. The balance sheet is as follows:—Subscriptions—Mr J. D. Bland £5; Medical Charities and Old Hall £4 12s. 9d., Mr G. G. Wheeler, M.P., £1 1s., Sir J. Compton Rickett, M.P., £2 2s., Mrs Hulland £2, Misses Nichols 10s., Mrs Prince 10s., Mr and Mrs Harold Green 10s., Mr Gough 10s., Mrs E. B. Smith 10s., A Sympathiser 10s., Mrs Wm. Lodge 10s., Mason at Garforth Hospital 10s., Mr and Mrs Lister 7s. 6d., Mr. Rhoades 5s., Mrs Medley 5s., Mrs Roberts 5s., Mrs Birkinshaw 5s., Mrs Cawood 5s., Mr. Goodall 5s., Miss Webb 5s., Mr G. Roberts 2s. 6d., Mr E. Bickerdike 2s. 6d., Mrs John Green 2s. 6d., Mr Oswald Hemsley 2s. 6d., Mrs Bickerdike 2s. 6d., Miss Handley 1s. 6d., Mrs. E. Bennett 1s.; total, £43 11s. 9d. Expenditure—Cost of material for shirts per order £10 5s. 6d., reels and pins 2s. 9d., carriage of goods 3s. 9d.—balance in hand, £26 4s. 4d.

MICKLEFIELD.

MICKLEFIELD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Wesleyan Church, and the Rev. C. E. Cook (the newly appointed minister) was the preacher morning and evening, and gave two excellent sermons. In the afternoon the choir rendered the service of song, entitled "Farmer Forest's thanksgiving." The connective readings were given by Mrs Cook, of South Milford, the conductor was Mr J. J. Wallis, and the organist was Mr W. H. Sutton. At the evening service Misses E and H Taylor were soloists, and "He shall feed His flock" and "Come unto Him" (C'Messiah") were sung most effectively. The services were continued on Tuesday, when a public tea was provided, after which a large number partook of a sumptuous repast. Afterwards there was a public meeting, presided over by Mr R. V. Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, and he made stirring reference to the great Nonconformity of the country and appealed to the young people for service in the church. The Rev. H. C. Bassett (the new superintendent minister) and Rev. C. E. Cook gave stirring addresses. Miss Smith, of Kippax, sang very effectively "The land beyond" and "The flight of ages." Collections were made at all the services in aid of Trust Funds.

As a result of the recruiting meeting at Micklefield, nineteen young men have joined the Army.

RECRUITING AT MICKLEFIELD.—A splendid recruiting meeting was held in the Working Men's Institute, Micklefield, on Thursday night. The speakers were Mr W. Middlebrook, M.P., and Mr J. S. Shannon (York). The chairman was Mr F. W. Sutcliffe. A hearty response was given at the close of the speeches. Several recruits came forward, and as each presented himself the audience cheered. A vote of thanks was accorded the speakers, on the motion of Mr Linnecker, seconded by Mr Ledge. Major Broome attended as recruiting officer.

METHLEY.

On Saturday afternoon Methley P. were defeated by Glasshoughton footballers by two goals to one.

OULTON

Mr J. E. Davenport, of Oulton, has given £50 to the Leeds National Relief Fund and £10 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Saturday afternoon Oulton St. John's defeated Barwick-in-Ardsley G.N. footballers by three goals to one.

On Saturday the Scouts of the Oulton St. John's Troop again collected for the Oulton and Woodlesford War Fund, the amount realised being £1.

HARVEST FESTIVALS.—At Oulton Wesleyan Church the harvest festival was held during the week-end, and it was attended with great success. A student from the Headingley College, Mr Inman, was the pre-cher. On Sunday a special musical programme was provided in the afternoon, when the choir rendered the service of song, "The wanderer," the connective readings being ably rendered by Miss Sidebottom, of Rothwell. Mr W Waddington was the organist and sang the solo portion. On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the church, Mr Hadcroft, of Swillington, presided, and an address was given by the Rev. J. Wilson (the new superintendent minister of the circuit).

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr Herbert Ratcliffe, of Moortown, has sent £1 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs Constable Hayes, of Moortown, has given £2 2s to the Belgian Relief Fund, while a sum of £5 5s has been given from Moortown Distress Fund.

ROUNDHAY

RELIEF FUND.—The following amounts have been sent by Roundhay residents to the Belgian Relief Fund:—Mr W. Jackson, £1 1s.

MRS R. H. BARKER, M.P., AND THE WAR.—Speaking at a meeting at Holbeck, on Tuesday evening, Mr Rowland Barran, M.P., said Britain was doing her duty and nothing but her duty in this fight for civilisation against barbarism. Germany's object was the annexation of Holland and Belgium and the French colonies, and if that end had been achieved the people of England would have been in imminent danger in a few years of having to fight in their own fields and towns as the Belgians were fighting today. (Hear, hear). The peoples of Austria and Germany had not the freedom and liberty of Englishmen and Frenchmen. The war on our side was to fight against a cruel and brutal military despotism. If by any chance we failed we delegated the glory, prosperity, and freedom of the country would be swept away for ever, but he believed the manhood of the country would rise and prevent the possibility of that disaster. He had no hesitation in calling upon mothers and fathers to let their sons go out. His own two sons had volunteered for active service. (Applause). There was no better cause to which to take upon themselves the burden or bring to all the dependents left behind. (Hear, hear).

SEACROFT

Mr J. M. Rayner, of Seacroft, has sent £1 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

From the parish of St. James', Seacroft, a sum of £3 has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

STOURTON

P.S.A.—On Sunday at the P.S.A. service held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel the address was given by Mr Haynes, of Kirkstall, Leeds.

A sum of £5 has been sent by the Yorkshire Copper Works (Ltd.) to the Belgian Relief Fund, and Mr Richard Fraser has given £1 1s.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Stourton United footballers and Farnley Amateurs played a drawn game of four goals each. Stourton—Rosevill and Hunsley Juniors scored three goals each.

NOON RAIL.—On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions a Stourton householder was summoned by the Rothwell overseers for not paying his poor rate. The original order was made, being suspended for six weeks.

A MISCALCULATION.—On Tuesday at Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Robert Bannister, beamer, of Leeds, was charged with using a bicycle on the road with no rear light on the Pontefract Road, Stourton. P.C. Bejes said that defendant was in charge of a horse and waggon on which there was no red rear light. Defendant, in his excuse said that he expected to be home before lighting-up time. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

WHITKIRK

Mrs P. S. Marsden, of Whitkirk, has sent £1 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Friday the Bishop of Knaresborough (as commissary for the Bishop of Ripon), licensed the Rev. Walter Hugo Littlewood, B.A., to the vicarage of Whitkirk.

WOODLESFORD.

MR A. E. Irvin, son of the Vicar of Woodlesford, has received his commission as temporary sublieutenant in the 8th Battalion of the Yorks and Lancashire Regiment, now in camp at Frensham.

STATIONMASTER'S NEW APPOINTMENT.—Mr W. H. Shaw, who for 15 years has stationmaster at Wetherby since November, 1899, is shortly removing to take up the responsible position of mineral inspector at Heathrope, Doncaster. During the time Mr Shaw has been at Wetherby the appearance of the station has been much improved, and each year a prize has been obtained in the stations' competition. The station has also been lighted by gas, the train service increased, and the staff increased, and many other little alterations have been effected which have been for the benefit of the public. Formerly Mr Shaw was a member of the York City Council, a director of the York Cooperative Society, a member of the Executive of the then Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants (now National Union of Railway men). He was selected on a special committee of the A.S.R.S. to settle the claim of the Taff Vale Railway Company against that society. He also served on the Signalmen's National and several N.E.R. committees. Frequently taking the chair at different gatherings, he was looked upon as one of the best advocates for the men's cause. The company showed their appreciation of his ability by appointing him to Ribblate station about 10 years ago. After a short stay there he moved to Wetherby.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ESTIMATES—TEMPLENEWSAM TOWN PLANNING.

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, yesterday afternoon, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mr P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), Mr D. W. Hargreaves, and Mr W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pinder), the medical officer of health (Dr J. Buck), the sanitary inspector (Mr W. Whitehead), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

The medical officer's report for the past four weeks showed that six births had been registered—two in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, and four in Templenewsam. The deaths numbered five—three in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, one in Templenewsam, and one in Middleton. During the period there were 14 cases of infectious disease—one of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria in Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, and one case of erysipelas in Templenewsam—all reported to be isolated.

A letter was read from the Rothwell Urban District Council asking the Council to elect a representative on the Joint Cemetery Board, and Mr Thomas was appointed.

The Yorkshire Electric Power Company wrote informing the Council that they are preparing another bill which they propose to bring before Parliament in the next session to enable them to supply electric light in the rural area, and they asked the Council for their support.

The Clerk said he thought it would be better to wait until they received a report from the District Councils' Association, and this was agreed to.

The Clerk presented his estimates of expenditure for the half-year. For general expenses the estimate was £2,000 as against £1,990 for the last half-year. The apportionment is as follows:—Oulton-cum-Woodlesford £812, Middleton £160, Templenewsam £570, and Thorp Stapleton £8.

With regard to the special expenses, the Clerk said it was necessary owing to the enlargement of the sewage works, to add £50 to the proposed call for Templenewsam. Last half-year it was £120, and now they were asking for £200. Middleton and Oulton-cum-Woodlesford were each asked £10 less. In the case of Middleton the call was £160 as against £170 and for Oulton-cum-Woodlesford £120 as against £160.

With regard to the Templenewsam town planning scheme, a letter was read from the Leeds Corporation, and some of the suggestions put forward by the Corporation were approved and will probably be included in the scheme. A meeting of owners of property is to be held at the Parochial Hall, Halton, on Wednesday at 10 a.m., when the views of owners of property in the district on the scheme will be heard.

Garforth War Distress Fund.

ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Mr W. G. Booker, hon. sec. and treas. of the Garforth Distress Fund, states that the following additional amounts have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Underground workmen and boys			
Sisters' and Isabella Pits			
(2nd collection)	7	0	6
Mr. C. Slater	2	2	0
Rev. Edward Rees	1	1	0
Mr J. Prime	2	2	0
Miss M. and Miss E. Bartle	1	1	0
Mr Walter Roberts	0	5	0
Miss Hammond	0	10	6
Miss Rudsdale	0	10	6
Mr. T. Morley	0	1	0
Mr E. W. Laycock	0	0	0
Messrs A. Smith and Son	1	1	0
Mr Walter Pease	0	10	0
Mr Wm. Handforth	1	1	0
Mr Albert Preston	0	5	0
Mr George Smith & Co.	2	2	6
Mr J. S. Wood	0	1	0
Mr H. C. Wood	0	1	0
Mr R. H. Long	0	1	0
Mr John Woods	0	2	6
Mr Telford	0	2	6
Mr Wm. Wilson	0	2	6
Mr Wilfred Lawrence	0	10	0
Mr W. G. Jackson	1	1	0
Dr. C. H. Sykes	2	2	0

Mr Oswald R. Lupton, of Stourton Park, Wetherby, has given £50 to the Scottish National Emergency Committee.

Mr Arthur Wade-Gery, Vicar of Barwick-in-Elmet, has given £5 to the Soldiers' Comforts Fund, Mrs Gaskell, of Helm's, Wetherby, £10, and Mr Pease in the cattle class and Mr J. C. Yorke's cup for bullock on sale.

Mr Thomas Ingle, solicitor, Leeds, Pro. R.S.C.A., writes:—"I am sure it requires no comment on our soldiers and sailors, and the needs. They are overflowing with enthusiasm, and they have to be supplied by us. Applications are coming in daily from the front and must be met. Applications for help from the wives and children have been very properly and promptly attended, and I feel that we must continue to apply to the generous Leeds public, and they never fail to have the rights of men at the Front had most for them

A ROTHWELL SOLDIER WHO ESCAPED FROM THE GERMANS.

MR WRIGHT STEADS SON'S THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

IN THE FIGHTING LINE AT MONS.

NINE DAYS IN A FOREST—A TRYING ORDEAL.

TREATED WELL BY GERMAN SOLDIERS.

Quite a number have recently crossed to Rothwell from the northern border, as Private Jos. Stead, son of Mr Wright Stead, of Churchfields, also is a member of Hunter's Barrel of Gourdelion, from the Front, whether after fighting at Mons he was able to walk into the hands of the German soldiers. He, however, received no wound, and, after many interesting experiences, is returned to England. He arrived at Rothwell on Sunday morning, and, although looking very much the worse for his trying experiences, although he is the height of the proverbial fine specimen of its hands of the British Tommy.

On Sunday night our representative had an interesting chat with Private Stead. He went out with his regiment, the Duke of Wellington's, to which he has been attached for ten years, to the Expeditionary Force. It received its papers calling upon one to report himself at the depot at Halifax on the morning of August 4th, and by the afternoon of the 5th, Halifax, we learn, were about ten all very well equipped and on their way to Dublin to join our Battalion.

We arrived in Dublin on the Saturday and remained there about a week, leaving for Cork by the Mail boat. We stayed outside the harbour at Haven, waiting for the pilot, we were some distance in an other troop-ship, evidently waiting for the pilot to come. After spent one night at Haven, which was being used as a rest camp, and the following day we continued on to Havre, where we remained for a few days prior to the frontier called Landrecies. From there we continued our march until we came within a few miles of Mons.

"It was on Sunday, August 23rd, that we came up with the united fighting. That night we were billeted in a village called Harmignies, Harmignies, which is about five miles from Mons, when the Germans commenced to shell the place. We were hurried out and marched down the street. At each corner, where a place is being entrenched, it is unwise to march in a body down the street, and we, and our platoon either side, to be one of the road of bursting shells. Half-a-dozen more our battalion was in the field of the trenches for about a couple of hours, only to go back again, and it was not until about ten o'clock on the Tuesday morning that we got our first fighting line.

"During the whole of the fighting German shells were bursting all around us, and we give the enemy the range. In the result of the battle our men were nearly all wiped out, and a total of twenty-four officers were also killed, a couple of officers and an adjutant was killed. We entered Mons with about 1,000 men, and we mustered only about 400 when we got to the other British troops.

"We retired through Mons on the Wednesday night, and we were billeted in the village of Jemappes, where we had the best night's rest we had had for a week. We were awakened at four o'clock in the morning by the order to fall in, and we were told to make for Bavay, which is on the French side, and about twenty miles away through the night until we came to a village, in which we were billeted, and where we had our first meal since the night before last. Two of the night were ahead to keep a look-out, as we had been told that the Germans were just in front. However, those two somehow got cut of and passed right through the enemy's lines, without knowing it, and subsequently came to Maubeuge. We did not get to Maubeuge owing to the firing, which could be heard only a short distance away, and we had to go round it, and we could see some fires, firing at anything we could by our hands on, such as blackberries etc.

"While in the forest, which was just on the border of a town about midway to Maubeuge, we had to remain there for nine days, and during that time we had no provisions, no equipment of any kind. Evidently we had been sent by some of the officers who had gone on in front, and who had not realised the necessity of us being provided with food. We were taken into the forest, where we had to remain for nine days, and the regular food we got during that time was a few biscuits and a little bully beef. We were also without water, and we had to get it from the streams in the forest

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "Ellery Clift," etc. [illegible] Song," "Dennis Quigley," etc.

CHAPTER XIX.

Mr. Marshall Stead, left to himself and his own thoughts in the comfortable solitude of a not too spacious or overcrowded cell, felt that the situation in which he now found his hitherto confident personality placed was one which had great disadvantages. Until that moment he had never known any circumstances wherein it was to his momentary fall of resource all his life yet, at any rate, since his schoolboard, he had not experienced every succeeding day to his very good. He was sure now that he should make something out of this, if only he could regain his liberty. But the walls of his cell were so thick, to those of the old Castle, and the apertures for the windows were so few and so small, and so full of iron bars, and the door looked so as if it would never open again, that he wondered if escape were possible. Obviously, Mr. Stead was in what is vulgarly called a tight place; but being philosophic, he set about making the best of it, and all that was provided he sat on—and meditated matters.

Mr. Stead was a man of many moods, with a capacity for extracting comfort from circumstances of the most untoward character. Had he been placed in an open field with a policeman on each side of the hedge with a gravestone at his knee. He was eating bread and cheese, with a clasp-knife, and every now and then applying his lips moistened to the flask of whisky. He was, in a poor, washed-out, downtrodden-looking creature, whose face bore more than one mark of battle, but he had been known to be a good deal of the worst of it; and he had closed the door himself and faced the conqueror of the contest.

Dogger Tandy, a big, beny red-haired, sharp-eyed, sharp-nosed man, with a thin beard and moustache of the same colour, was a prostrated ugly yellow lumps of toward up on the other side of the table with a gravestone at his knee. He was eating bread and cheese, with a clasp-knife, and every now and then applying his lips moistened to the flask of whisky. He was, in a poor, washed-out, downtrodden-looking creature, whose face bore more than one mark of battle, but he had been known to be a good deal of the worst of it; and he had closed the door himself and faced the conqueror of the contest.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week the revue "Keep Smiling" is the principal attraction. The show as a whole is one of the best of its kind on the road, and is chockful of novel staging devices and breezy numbers, while the humour of Gilbert Child is quaint and forceful. Lulu Valli, an old pantomime favourite in the West Riding, is never long off the stage, and to her pleasing presence and versatility the production owes much of its success. Susie Belmore, whose vocalisation might very well be set up as a model for music-hall comedienne, sings a lilting patriotic song, and the genuine pathos of Jenny Hartley's poem, no less than her stirring recital, touches the right chord.

To-morrow (Saturday) there will be a special matinee at the Empire Palace in aid of the Prince of Wales' War Fund, and the artistes not only at the Empire and Hippodrome will appear, but others performing at halls at Manchester, Bradford, Sheffield, etc. It should be a grand performance.

Little Tich heads the programme selected by Mr Frank Allen for next week at the Empire, Leeds. Another engagement of especial interest is that of Mlle. Adele Moraw, who imports into her entertainment the true atmosphere of the Parisian Cabaret. A change from the humours of the ubiquitous Lancashire comedian is provided by Adam Tomlinson, whose accent is racy of Tyneside, whilst the Rials, a boy and girl, who contribute a clever item with no more elaborate accessories than a pair of rings and a few old hats. The Carangeots, a pair of clever Continental artistes, excel alike in stately or in whirlwind dancing, and a strong bill is completed by the drolleries of Messrs Rich and Rich, the eccentric acrobatics of the Smarte Bros., and a new series of war pictures on the bioscope.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the outstanding feature of the bill is the clever turn of Du Calion, who keeps up a continuous flow of witticisms the while he balances at the end of a long ladder. Imitative rather than original are the musical efforts of Haydn Wood and Dorothy Court, but if the numbers are rather hackneyed they are tunefully rendered, and make a popular appeal. Much good material in "A Lucky Miss" is wasted through the "thinness" of the denouement and the weak dialogue. Harry Wynn is a Welsh comedian with a happy vein of humour.

Next week at the Hippodrome the great thing will be the revue "Come Inside," featuring Bessie Clifford. In addition a first-rate programme will be submitted, well-known artistes having been engaged.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

MILFORD, FENTON AND SHERBURN CASES

Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magisterial power were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Major Allenby, Mr Walter Crosland, Mr William Crosland, and Mr H. S. Childe.

The jury lists were presented by the overseers of the parishes in the Upper Barkston Ash Division and were passed.

Henry Scarlett, miner, of Sherburn, was charged with assaulting John Broan on the 13th inst at Sherburn. Mr C. Kemp prosecuted, and said his client had been seriously assaulted by defendant. The complainant stated he saw defendant in the "Wheat Sheaf." A friend left him near the Council School, and defending said he would "put him through it." He threw a three-down and seized him by the throat and nearly choked him. He then kicked him two or three times on the head. John Lowson stated he heard a scuffle, and when he got up Scarlett was on the top of Brown, and he pulled him off. He found Brown was badly cut on the face, and took him home. Mrs Cromack stated she saw Scarlett kicking Brown. P.C. Parkinson stated he saw Brown some time afterwards and he was badly marked on the face. Defendant said he had two brothers at the war, and said he would like to go himself, and Brown said "You ought all to be shot." This vexed him, and they had a fight. Fined £3, including costs.

Mary Harrison, married woman, of Church Fenton, was charged with an assault upon Jane Jackson on the 17th inst. Mr Kemp defended. The complainant stated that the defendant came up to her and struck her with a pail on the face. They both went to the tap together, and both wanted the water. William Binns corroborated. Mrs Harrison said the pail must have longed to her and Mrs. Jackson put her bucket under it, and she put it away. Witness put her bucket under, and Mrs Jackson kicked it away. She denied striking complainant. The case was dismissed.

Joseph Woodley, miner, of Fairburn, was charged with game trespass on the 1st inst. Jas. Pass, gamekeeper, stated the defendant had no right where he was. The defendant said it was quite an accident. The trigger caught a button, and it made the gun to go off. Fined 5s. and 12s. costs. The same defendant was charged with firing a gun within 50 feet of the highway on the 1st inst. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined 1s. and 4s. costs.

Frank Turley and Harry Lunn, miners, of South Milford, were charged with cruelty to a dog on the 19th ult. Mr Willey defended. John Copley, apprentice, said he had a dog, and whilst in Common Lane the defendants' two dogs set on his, and the defendants came up with sticks and thrashed his dog. When it was picked up it was blind and its tail was split. Cross-examined—He hit the dog with his cap. Percy R. Laighert stated he saw the dogs fighting, and then defendants "laid" Copley's dog out. Cross-examined—He did not interfere. He did not think it was necessary to fetch a policeman. (Laughter). Frank Turley, one of the defendants, stated Lunn and a man called Heseltine had a walk, and they met Copley, who had a roughish-lookin Irish terrier. They heard the dogs fighting when they got over the brow of the hill. He tried to part the dogs, and that had no intention of hurting Copley's dog. He heard Copley's dog was drowned afterwards. Wm. Thos. Hoseltine stated he saw the dogs fighting. He never saw a blow struck after the dogs finished fighting. The case was dismissed.

Francis Wyman, grocer's manager, of South Milford, was charged with embezzlement on the 19th inst. by Mr George Henry Moon, and Mr Arthur Willey prosecuted. Mr Claude Kemp defended. By Lawrence Moon, of East Keswick, deposed that prisoner had embezzled the sum of £1 7s. 6d. on the 19th inst. The prisoner was their manager at South Milford. On being formally charged the prisoner pleaded guilty. Mr Kemp made an impassioned speech for the defence, and said Wyman had a thirty years' excellent character. The defendant was bound over in the sum of £10 to come up for judgment if called upon in three months, and to pay the costs.

AN APPEAL TO TEMPLENEWSAM MINERS.

AN OFFICER'S STIRRING STORY OF THE WAR.

The owner of the Waterloo Main Collieries, Templenewsam—Mr Stringer—has received an interesting letter from his son, Lieut. Clifford H. Stringer, who is with the 5th Lancers at the Front. The officer also writes an appeal to the men at the collieries, and it has been reproduced —in handwriting being copied—on large cards and displayed at the collieries.

The appeal is as follows:—5th Lancers, 3rd Cavalry Brigade, Expeditionary Force, 15th Sept, 1914. "To the staff and employees at all our collieries. We are doing splendidly, but we want all of you. Every healthy, able man come along and help us to wipe out these Germans."

In his letter, which is dated Sept. 13th, Lieut. Stringer says:—The fighting is very hot in fact, every day we scrap. These last four days from daylight to dark, have been one incessant artillery duel. The casualties are mounting a great stand at ——— to cover their retirement, which commenced a week ago. All yesterday we had miraculous escapes from shell-fire, especially in one village where we were blocked. They poured shrapnel into it so quickly that in about seven minutes it was burned.

On Saturday this brigade (the 3rd cavalry brigade) had a very successful day hunting the Germans; killed about 100, including wounded, and bagged about another 100 prisoners. The regiment had a charge, but the German reply was a white flag.

The A squadron (mine) was cut off from the regiment for a fortnight owing to the enemy giving us a very hot time whilst we were doing a rearguard action. However, we fetched up about a week ago.

Whilst we were detached we had another most successful charge, and my troop rounded up 25 German infantry—we were 15. They fired at us, but were not two minutes before putting up the white flag!!

We have practically no horse-shoes, and our kit is getting very bad. We move so fast that it is useless to expect to see transport. I must say they get food to us pretty regularly, considering the difficulties. There is practically no food left for us in the villages, as the Germans have pillaged everything and left houses in a terrible state.

We shan't be long before we are back in Belgium. The cavalry, infantry, and artillery have done awfully well. The Germans are keeping their army in complete ignorance of the true situation, and their daily papers are lying to keep the end of the German action up. If they knew the truth they wouldn't fight on, I think.

The Germans seem to be very pleased when captured, they know they'll get plenty of food.

It is absolutely wicked to see the state they have left the country in; everything blown up, smashed and looted—photograph wires and poles cut down everywhere. Such a glorious country I never saw in my life.

Glad to hear the news from England, and that all are working so desperately hard for us.

I had only one man shot in the charge last Saturday. On several occasions it's the most marvellous thing in the world that we haven't all been annihilated in this regiment—A squadron in particular—time and time again by the German shell fire whilst we were doing our retirement from Belgium.

The men are grand and just love working these lances. The garrison gunners, with the "cow" guns yesterday had a very hard time, but managed to get their guns away from us right enough. I am sorry to say the weather has broken, we have had a lot of rain lately. Still, always merry and bright!

A great pal of mine in the Regiment was horribly shot the other day and he's only just married—Julie by name.

I am keeping wonderfully well. The fruit here saves our lives. To show how we've been on the move, only once during the month and a few days that we have been here have we been in the same place near it two nights running. That occasion was because the shells were too hot to enable us to move.

The general situation here is very favourable; but by no means does it follow that the war is nearly over, though it may be, one can never tell.

TEMPLENEWSAM WAR RELIEF FUND.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SEPT. 22nd.

The subscriptions received by the Templenewsam War Relief Committee to the 22nd September amount to £49 18s. 1d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Collected by Miss Peggie Pindar, Master M. Catton, and Master H. Catton	0	6	0
Collected by W. Verity	0	15	3
" J. Flanagan	2	1	3
" J. H. Pickles	1	4	3
" J. Armiveau	0	2	3
" W. Baker	2	3	7
" T. Rippon	0	18	0
" S. H. Young	0	3	6
" J. W. Parker	2	4	9
" P. S. Marsden	1	6	8
" C. E. Fitton	0	6	5
" Rev. J. M. Hamilton	0	10	0
" Rev. B. Guyer	6	12	9
" Mrs. Ashmore	0	14	10
" Mrs. Pindar	0	8	8
" Mrs. Wm. Green	0	8	8
" Miss Bell	0	3	0
" Mrs. W. G. Crossthwaite	0	18	10
" Mrs Dockray	0	12	6
" Mrs Strickland	0	11	3
" Nurse Harrop	0	18	0
G. L. Briggs and Sons and employés	1	5	6
Templenewsam Estate Employees	1	5	5
Woodman Inn Clubs	3	0	0
Subscribed by Staff at Office at their first meeting	0	19	0
	£49	18	1

W. B. PINDAR, Secretary.

As there seems to be some misunderstanding as to the allocation of the money, we cannot do better than give the explanation issued by the Templenewsam Committee in a circular:—The above committee has been formed to work in cooperation with the West Riding Distress Committee, and through them with the Government Committee administering the Prince of Wales' Fund, with the object of preventing and alleviating any distress which may arise in consequence of the war. The committee earnestly appeal for subscriptions to the local Relief Fund. This fund will be used in the first place to alleviate local cases of distress, both civil and military, but not less than 25 per cent. of the subscriptions will be forwarded to the Central Fund.

Mr Percival Scatchard, of Tadcaster, has given £10 and Mr H. P. Clinch £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.



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Barwick and Scholes Distress Fund.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In another column we give a list of the amounts received by the Barwick and Scholes Distress Committee from residents, and since receiving it an addition has come to hand. The total donations collected to date are:—

	£	s.	d.
Collected by Messrs Booth and Wright	14	11	0
" Messrs Birch and Murray	£6	17	0
" Mr H. S. Childe	15	9	6
" Messrs Puffett, Rayner and Townsley	79	14	0
Total	£116	11	6

The additional amounts received are:—

Collected by Messrs Booth and Wright:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr T. A. Robshaw	0	10	0
Mr H. S. Booth	0	1	0
Mr S. H. Towers	2	0	0
Mr. Lockwood	0	2	6
Mr. Adamson	0	0	6

Collected by Mr Childe:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr G. Schofield (junr.)	0	10	0

Collected by Messrs Birch and Murray —

	£	s.	d.
Mr F. Knutton	0	1	0
Mr R. M. Wood	0	1	0
Mr B. Robshaw	0	1	0
Mr C. Mauncy	0	1	0
Mr T. Braithwaite	0	0	6

Mr Henry Barran has given £10 to the Lady Mayoress's Fund.

A sum of £1 5s., second collection at "Red Cat," Shadwell, has been sent to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund.

The Rev. W. Nicholson, of Selby, has accepted the call to the Sunniland Congregational Church, near Hull.

Mr H. Raine, of Ferrybridge, has been appointed stationmaster at Monk Fryston, and Mr J. Whitelock, of Monk Fryston, has been appointed stationmaster as North Skelton.

CAPTAIN J. SCATCHARD—Captain J. Scatchard, son of Dr Scatchard, Bowden Spa, who has been killed in action, had nine years' service in the Royal Army Medical Corps, and reached his captaincy in January, 1909. He served at Agra, Dehradun, Dalhousie, and Ranikhet, for five years. He was at Aldershot before going to the front.

HOSPITALITY TO BELGIAN REFUGEES.—Through the invitation of the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A. (Chairman of the Parish Council), a meeting of the parishioners of Monk Fryston and Hillam was held at the National Schools on Saturday evening to discuss an enquiry from the Lord Mayor of York's Committee as to whether hospitality could be offered in Monk Fryston and Hillam for Belgian refugees. The Rev. B. C. Hemsworth presided over a large gathering, and by having explained the object, a discussion took place in which several people present expressed willingness to help, and take in one or two refugees. In the end it was decided that it would be desirable to keep all families together as far as possible. A committee was formed, with the Rev B. and Mrs Hemsworth as hon. secs. pro tem., and these are to try and obtain two empty cottages at Hillam, which the committee will furnish to accommodate two families of six each.

NEW VICAR OF MONK FRYSTON—The Rev. E. T. Hull, rector of Fransfield, Gloucestershire, has been appointed vicar of Monk Fryston in succession to the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke. The Rev. Edward Thomas Hull was ordained in 1892, and from that year until 1894 was curate of Seagrombe, Cheshire. In 1894 he became curate of Hampton, Worcestershire, which position he retained for three years. From 1898 to the following year he was rector of Warmington, and then until 1910 occupied a similar position at Burdland. Thence he went to Stonehouse, remaining there until 1910, when he was transferred to Framilode. He became a Licentiate of Theology at Durham University in 1908. The Rev. W. Murray Charles Clarke, Monk Fryston Vicarage, was ordained deacon in 1874 and priest the following year. From 1874 until 1879 he was incumbent of Alleston, Ontario. In the latter year he returned to England, and became curate of Ramsbury, Wilts. In 1882 he was appointed vicar of St. Michael's, Tenterden, and in 1900 was presented to the living of Monk Fryston.

ROTHWELL CRICKET LEAGUE.

Rothwell brought their fixtures to a close on Saturday, when they played Outwood Friends on the Rothwell ground. The game was interesting throughout, and after a keen struggle the visitors bredged off a win. Scores:—

Rothwell—A. Tiffany, run out, 4; J. Newton, c Whiteley, b White, 14; C. Tiffany, Rew, b Hodgkinson, 21; H. Hodgkinson, b Carr, 16; W. Fox, b Hoyland, 9; H. Hemsworth, b Carr, 15; W. Nelson, b Carr, 0; S. Falkiner, b Pickard, 7; E. Longley, b Pickard, 2; C. Bedford, c Whiteley, b Pickard, 4; H. Banks, not out, 1; extras, 7; total, 162.

Outwood Friends—R. Hoyland, c Hodgkinson, b Banks, 13; W. Pickard, b Banks, 5; J. Lunn, c Fox, b A. Tiffany, 13; D. White, b Bedford, 53; A. Hargreaves, run out, 5; M. Wheeler, c and b Hodgkinson, 14; P. Carr, c Fox, b Bedford, 16; J. Colley, run out, 0; H. Whiteley, b Banks, 8; Walker, not out, 1; W. Finnigan, not out, 0; extras, 26; total (for 9 wkts.), 163.

For Rothwell W. Bedford annexed a couple of wickets at a cost of eighty-seven runs, and H. Banks took three for fifty-two. Of the visitors' trundlers W. Pickard was most successful, taking three wickets for nineteen runs, while P. Carr had three for sixty.

Today (Saturday) the deciding match of the League will take place at Rothwell between Carlton and Outwood.

TRAGEDY AND MIRTH.

The York and Ainsty continues to have good sport amongst the cubs. On Saturday they were at Ripley Castle, and found a fair show. The Park Wood hole held nine hounds got some very good work before they killed. Clayton Ghyll gave a brace of old foxes, no hounds did not do much, for they were stopped from going into the open. On Monday, at Clapgrove, they found a very nice show. Hounds ran for some time, but the cubs got to ground. They went on to the warren, found, and had some hard work before killing a brace. Compstone had the honour to blood Lord Furness's daughter, the Hon. Averil Furness.

On Tuesday, at Askham White, Mr Walker-Fairbairn had a grand show. Hounds divided this strong litter about for two hours and got hold of a brace. They then went to the strip of plantation by the park, found, and soon killed, owing on to Mr R. Appleton's. At Askham Bank, hounds found, getting a scurry in the open before running to ground.

YORK AND AINSTY HUNT.

ARTFORD'S ROLL OF HONOUR.—The total number of young men belonging to Hartford who have responded to the country's call is 24. Their names are:—A. Bishop, A. Inman, H. Kirby, R. Heard, E. Durham, F. Thorpe, C. Pike, W. Locke, J. Inman, W. Rhodes, F. Scott, T. Clinton, F. Richardson, C. Slyfield, J. Davidson, A. Reed, R. Nutton, J. Nottingham, B. C. Scott, A. Langthorpe, J. Davis, and H. Kaygill.

TRAWLER LAUNCHED.—There was launched on Tuesday from the yard of Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., shipbuilders, Selby, a steel screw trawler, the principal dimensions being 145ft. by 27ft. 2in. by 14ft. 9in. moulded. The vessel has been built to the order of Mr H. L. Taylor, of Grimsby, and will be fitted with powerful triple expansion engines by Messrs Amos and Smith, Ltd., of Hull. As the vessel left the ways she was gracefully christened Taipo by Mrs H. L. Taylor, of Grimsby, after which the party adjourned to the directors' offices, where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

ANOTHER TRAGEDY AT CHALONER'S WHIN.—Still another fatality has occurred on the North Eastern Railway, the present occurrence at the spot known as Chaloner's Whin. The victim was Thomas Culham, of Sheffield, an engine driver in the service of the Midland Railway Company. The accident occurred shortly before 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning while the deceased was driving an engine bringing a Midland fruit train into York. The circumstances of the engine does not quite exactly how the accident happened, but it is surmised that the deceased fell from the engine when passing the Chaloner's Whin cabin. There is a sharp curve in the line at this point, and it is thought that whilst the driver was looking out for signals, he lost his footing, and fell on to the line. The right was exceptionally foggy. The train was stopped by the fireman, and the driver's body was picked up. Culham was found to be dead, and was conveyed to York on a ——engine.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

In the Crossgates, Garforth, Halton, Allerton and Bywater, Rothwell, Carlton, Scarcroft, and Tad caster districts there are many homing pigeon fanciers, who own valuable birds, and it is highly necessary, in order to protect their interests, that they should be up and doing. Sometime ago an order was formally made with regard to pigeons kept in restricted areas, but the order which is as follows, now extends to the whole of the United Kingdom:—

No person shall, in any area which may be prescribed by order of a Secretary of State, keep or have in his possession any carrier or homing pigeon unless he has obtained from the chief officer of police of the district a permit for the purpose (which permit may at any time be revoked), and the chief officer of police may, if he considers it necessary or expedient to do so, cause any pigeons kept in contravention to those regulations to be liberated.

It is time, then, that pigeon fanciers were consulting the local police.

The science lectures at Garforth, judging by the remarkably large audience at the first one, are evidently going to be as successful as the Gilchrist series delivered last winter. Owing to the war and the dull trade, I came rather hastily to the conclusion that the attendance would suffer, but the committee have done their work so admirably that I am bound to confess my fears were ill-founded—at any rate, the attendance on Monday evening was quite up to the standard of last season. The lectures have a high educational value, and it is not surprising to find people from the villages round about taking advantage of them. Thus Garforth is not only catering for itself but for its neighbours, too.

The lecturer—Mr. Parsons, Principal of the Leeds Training College, which is supposed to be the leading institution of its kind in the country—is an expert educationist, and he is a very able man, who has enhanced the value of his learning by his vivid experience. He gave the audience the benefit of his observations during a fortnight's visit to the Yellowstone National Park in America, and no doubt many heard the story of this wonderful region of the world for the first time. It was not the lecture he should have given, but interesting as "pot-holing" is, I believe the subject he chose the better of the two. There is, too, another way of looking at the matter. Mr Parsons' lecture on "The innermost recesses of Lakeland" will keep, and when another winter comes round the committee may persuade him to travel to Garforth and renew acquaintance with them.

People in this part of the world have a great admiration for Roundhay Park—and quite right, too, for is it not the finest park in the country—but what a party affair it appears when compared with the wonderful Yellow-stone National Park, which is between 3,000 and 4,000 square miles in extent. It is impossible for anyone to grasp the meaning of a pleasure park so large and containing so many natural features—hot springs, geysers, mountains, lakes, rivers, etc., and I have no doubt that a good many people who listened to Mr Parsons' description of this wonder land wished they had the time and the cash in order that they might make a trip to it and see the marvellous works of nature. Recently a Garforth gentleman told me that the lads of the place added a pond near his house, and secured all the fish in it—the fishes were microscopic in size—but in the lakes in the Yellowstone Park they would find sufficient fish to satisfy all their desire for slaughter. The water teems with fish, and they have only to be hauled out. Fishing in that part of the globe may not provide what is termed sport, but it has its advantages, and one is that you may catch a fish, and, without taking it from the line, cook it. Mr Parsons showed a slide of a fisherman, standing by a lake, and on his line was a fish, which he held above a hot spring, which does all the cooking that is required. It is possible that, as a result of the lecture, some folks who can afford it will make a trip to the Yellowstone National Park.

Barkston Ash has made an excellent response to the country's call, and I believe that sufficient men have joined either the Regulars or Territorials to have formed two battalions. One gratifying feature is that the great majority of the men who have enlisted did so before the recruiting meetings were held, and their realization of individual responsibility in the crisis is a manifestation of the patriotism of the recruits. Many others have not been convinced of the need for individual action, and the appeals made to them at the recruiting meetings are very necessary, because it is evident that they will not follow the fine example set by so many hundreds of lads unless they are persuaded.

The Templenewsam recruiting meeting was very disappointing, and one doubts that the ancient parish is doing its duty. It was stated by one speaker that twenty young men had joined the Colours, and five gave their names in at the meeting, but that is a poor record for a parish with a population of 3,500. Aberford, with less than a third of the population, has sent 23; Wetherby, with a thousand fewer inhabitants, has about 130 with the Forces; Eddingston, with about as many residents, has considerably over 100, and Garforth, with 4,000, claims to have sent about 200. What has come over the young men of Halton? Whitkirk has done fairly well, considering its small number of men eligible for service, and it is clear that if the parish is to stand as well as Garforth Halton must be up and doing. It is possible that twenty-five recruits may be an underestimate, but suppose the number were fifty it is small compared with the returns from some of the villages.

A number of young men from the districts—Crossgates, Whitkirk, Roundhay, Garforth, Rothwell, Shadwell, Collingham, etc.—are now in training at Colsterdale, and all honour is due to them. In some quarters there has been a tendency to scoff at them and call them all manner of silly names, but many of these men have made considerable sacrifices in order to serve their country, living the life of the ordinary soldier, and they are entitled to the gratitude of those who remain behind. They are a fine lot of men, and, after they have undergone their training, they should be fit for any work they are called on to tackle.

From Crossgates Wesleyan Institute sixteen promising lads have gone to work for their country, and one must admire the spirit manifested by them. All branches of the service have claimed tribute. One member has gone to the Navy as a wireless operator, some have joined the R.A.M.C., and the others have entered the Army or Territorials. The training received by some of the lads in the district in the Boy Scout movement—several "Silver Wolf" have undertaken service—will be of the utmost value to them now, and they will have opportunity of putting their knowledge to good use.

As the preacher saith, there is a time for everything. Owing to the crisis football in the greater part of the district has been stopped, and one wonders what the attitude of the public will be to the social functions which are usually held in rural districts in the winter time. A correspondent writes:—"I am no alarmist; neither am I one who objects to a certain amount of pleasure and play for young folk, so long as it is taken at a proper time. The present is anything but a proper time for dancing parties and balls. I regret that some of our young men are talking of holding dances, when they ought to be in training for taking their place in the ranks of those who are so nobly and bravely and patriotically defending their country and homes against the foe from the. If we should find the Germans knocking at our doors some day, where shall our pleasure and play be then? I call these gatherings an insult to the lads who are fighting so well in France, and the men who are responsible for these gatherings deserve to be debarred from any intercourse with their fellows."

Will Barkston Ash farmers follow suit? Agriculturists in the North and East Ridings have decided to offer gifts of corn, straw, potatoes, etc., to Lord Kitchener for the Army, and their example will no doubt be followed by farmers all over the country. One big-hearted son of the soil declared "that they would give to the point of sacrifice, because in the present crisis in the country's history, and in helping the nation they were helping one another." That is the proper spirit to show just now. Complaint has been made as to the giving of many wealthy people to the Relief Funds, but if the farmers carry out the scheme foreshadowed no one will be able to point the finger of scorn at them. In our own district every farmer may not, owing to limited resources, be in a position to contribute gifts, but I believe that in any movement organised in Barkston Ash, which is not a poor district, the agriculturists would be unrepresented. Will the farmers' organizations at Crossgates, Shadwell, Selby, Tadcaster, and Wetherby undertake the work of collecting gifts?

Many Garforth men are now with the fighting Forces, and some are already at the Front. One gallant soldier, who wrote to us last week, states that he is "in the thick of it," and he will do his duty. Time is precious, and paper is not plentiful, so this worthy son of Mars addressed his communications to "Home" through the columns of the "Courier," and he has promised, as soon as he is permitted, to let us have more of the fighting in France.

He has, it will be admitted, adopted an excellent way of communicating with his friends, and I hope that other men from the district, who are bravely upholding the honour of England, will follow a similar course. We all want to know what our Army is doing—and previous little news is allowed to filter through—but we would also like to have some information concerning our local lads, and if they send letters to the "Courier" I can promise they will be inserted. They might have the effect of inspiring dear friends of the writers' to lend a hand against the cruel Teuton.

More farmers have been prosecuted in recent years for failure to comply with the swine removal regulations than for any other class of offence, and I am inclined to put this down to carelessness or forgetfulness. Sometimes it is due to lack of knowledge—a Halton man, for instance, stated that he thought he was allowed six days in which to give up the licence after the completion of the removal—but comparatively few persons who buy or sell pigs are now ignorant concerning the regulations. It is the business of the police to see that the law is not violated, and if people forget to comply with it they usually find their neglect somewhat costly. It is hard lines when the fine and costs sweep away the profits of a pig deal on which the seller has been congratulating himself.

From Bowers Allerton Colliery, I understand, about forty men have joined the Army, a number having volunteered for service with the R.A.M.C. Generous provision has been made by the Colliery Company and their employees for the dependents of men who have gone to the Colours, joint action having been adopted as in the case at Middleton, and wives are given 10s., with 2s. for each child—the masters contribute half and the men half—which **the Company meet the rent and coal charges.** In the case of a woman, with five children, she receives 20s. per week, a supply of coal, and she sits rent free. In addition, she gets the separation allowance from the Government, so that she is amply provided for. The colliery is working well just now, and at Bowers Allerton they seem to be a very happy family.

The provision made for dependents by colliery owners and employees in the district is one of the pleasing features of what cannot be styled otherwise than a very bad business—the war. And it is well that it should be recognised. All parties have generously admitted personal responsibility at this time, and they have taken measures to meet it. The miner, accustomed to hard work and to facing danger, makes an excellent soldier, and the authorities are very anxious to secure his help to settle the Kaiser and his horde.

Three cases of three members of one family in the district having entered for Army Pay come to my notice. My George Wall, of Garforth, the well-known cricketer, who has fought for Micklefield in many friendly duels I remember, has three sons with the Colours, and the eldest, who is a non-commissioned officer, is at the Front. From the family of Mr Albert Rex, of Garforth, the Army has claimed similar tribute, and three sons of Mr Jack G. Beaumont, of Crossgates, who has himself done valuable work in connection with recruiting, have volunteered for active service and are now undergoing training. Many other families in the district have contributed two members to the fighting Forces, and others belong to all classes. May, they all come back safe and sound.

KINDNESS OF BRITISH SOLDIERS.

I have seen some sad sights out here (writes a Yorkshire R.A.M.C. man at the Front), but nothing sadder than the train loads of refugees fleeing down country. The people are simply terrified, and day after day during August the trains went by from the north conveying the women and children. Thousands travelled in open trucks, and it was tragic to watch the very old people, many of them invalids, and the young children. I have travelled with them in the trucks. Many of them bore up bravely, but the majority were broken. Husbands, fathers, brothers of the front—it was an awful ordeal for those women of Belgium and France. Truly war is the cruellest thing of all.

But there were bright spots amongst so much sorrow. The nights were cold, and several of my fellow-travellers by the same train they inexplicably took off their overcoats and wrapped them round the women and children and emptied their haversacks and drinking bottles. I have got out on trucks at the end of a journey, and each single man has had anything left to eat or drink. I only mention this by way of contrast. We deserve no credit for it—it is only how women and children have a right to be treated. The Germans put the women and children in front of their troops; they know well we won't fire on them.

Mr. W. H. Barker, of Collingham, has sent 100 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Saturday afternoon Shadwell Juveniles had a football match with Victoria boys in the Schools' League. There was no scoring.

The little village of Shillingstone, in Dorsetshire, with a total population of 573, has sent 70 men to the Colours. It would be interesting to know whether any other village of the same size has beaten this record.

Mr Goode, son of Mr C. N. Goode, of Bletsoe, Essex, and formerly Pickfield Lodge, South Milford, has joined the Yorkshire Hussars. Mr Goode went into partnership with Mr. Bates, Harlow Hall, Harrogate, in the purchase of the paper, "Poultry." Mr Goode has, however, relinquished his share in the paper and has gone back to his old hobby of breeding and exhibiting White Wyandottes.

HONORARY CANON WORTHY.—The Very Rev. Canon Worthy, priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Selby, is lying dangerously ill at St. Mary's Presbytery. He has not been in good health during the past two years, but the present severe illness follows upon a chill contracted a short time ago. His condition has become so serious as to afford little hope of recovery.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The severe gale experienced about the middle of September gave a decided check to almost all kinds of autumn-flowering plants, and many will not recover in time to be of any practical use this year. Those which do give promise of bloom should receive every encouragement. Careful staking and tying, feeding, and the destruction of insect pests are perhaps the three most important points to be observed at present. Comparatively tender-stemmed plants such as dahlias and sweet peas are in most cases damaged beyond repair, and should be cut down. The loss of the dahlias will cause a great gap in many gardens. There need be no haste in lifting the tubers as they are better in the ground at present. Michaelmas daisies and border chrysanthemums are flowering nicely. A few flowers of the latter may have been damaged by wind, but may be removed without making any appreciable difference to the display.

Gladioli brenchleyensis is a splendid autumn flower. It has become almost a general practice to stake the corms in pots during spring. This causes them to bloom earlier, but we are inclined to favour the simpler method of planting them direct into their flowering position in April. This causes them to bloom in late September and the following month, when flowers are becoming scarce. The stems may be cut when two or three flowers open. The remainder will open in water.

Hollyhocks have been exceptionally fine this year. We have a large number of last year's seedlings which have practically stated that hollyhocks require a stiff, heavy soil. Our own experience has not borne this out. Hollyhocks may be grown to perfection on a light, sandy soil, providing ample supplies of manure are given.

CABBAGE.

Young cabbage plants raised from seed sown in August should now be ready to plant out. We find it an advantage to plant them in rather deep drills, and firm just above the root ball only. The seed should be about 18 inches apart, and if plenty of plants are available they may be planted a foot apart in the rows. If this is done every alternate plant can be pulled up in spring, and used as early greens. If the autumn is mild the plants may grow rapidly, and in some instances become rather leggy. Where this occurs a little fresh soil should be drawn to the plants and pressed firm.

BRASSICI.

Beet should be lifted and shook before frost reaches the roots. Extreme care should be exercised in lifting, as a scratch on the skin is sufficient to cause bleeding, and subsequently they are rendered useless. They should be stored in a cool, but frost-proof shed. There are several satisfactory methods of storing, perhaps one of the best being to pack them in sand or leaf mould. The roots should not be allowed to be quite clear of each other. It is an advantage to keep the leaves on, and when only a few are to be stored the following plan should be adopted. Place a layer of leaf mould against the wall, then a row of the roots, leaves outwards. Cover with leaf mould and repeat the operation until all are in position. It is not necessary to cover the leaves, and when the heap is complete the leaves will form a curtain in front of the roots and help to preserve them from varying temperatures.

POTATOES.

Potatoes should be lifted as soon as the haulm turns yellow, weather permitting. They should be laid on the surface to dry, but must not be allowed to remain longer than is necessary. Store in a cool, dark position, where frost cannot reach them. Any that are required for seed must be kept clear of frost. Those that are left in the ground will soon be ready for use, and when only a few are to be stored the following plan should be adopted. Place a layer of leaf mould against the wall, then a row of the roots, leaves outwards. Cover with leaf mould and repeat the operation until all are in position. It is not necessary to cover the leaves, and when the heap is complete the leaves will form a curtain in front of the roots and help to preserve them from varying temperatures.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

The bulk of the plants will now be ready for removing to the greenhouse. Any exceptions are the late varieties, which should be kept outside as long as possible. Before housing the plants, the greenhouse should be thoroughly cleaned. This is done to clear out insects and obtain the maximum amount of light. Beginners are often in doubt as to the best treatment for their plants after they are housed. These doubts arise from the fact that many chrysanthemums, although apparently in good condition before housing, quickly deteriorate after they are taken indoors. This is caused in several ways, but if confined to one, it is that of overcrowding, and faulty watering being a few of the most fertile causes. Beginners should get firmly fixed in their mind the fact that after housing the chrysanthemums will require less water, especially similar treatment and conditions to those it enjoyed outdoors. The watchword may be thrown wide open, except during windy or very cold weather. Fire heat will not be required for a few weeks yet. Each plant should be given sufficient room for light and air to get all round it. Watering requires great care during the first fortnight after housing. Many of the plants will do without water for days. This need cause no uneasiness. They will return to normal conditions in course of time. If the greenhouse is crowded with other plants, and it is not convenient to clear them out at present, many of the chrysanthemums may be kept outside for a week or two longer. This is sailing near the wind, as there is always a danger of severe frost when September goes out. Any plants with buds showing colours should be housed at once. It would be entirely failure to leave these outside. The heavy night-dews, followed by bright sunshine in the early morning, almost invariably causes the petals to get speckled, especially the large-flowered varieties. The mischief is not noticed until a few days after the plants are housed. Plants that are to remain outside for one month of time should have protection in case of frost. This may be given by stretching wire across them to receive a canvas covering.

QUESTIONS.

GREENHOUSE.

What can I grow in this position? I have a little glasshouse about 10 feet long. Both ends, north and south, are brick walls. Across the north end runs a brick shelf for heating purposes. What can I grow on this shelf to-night? There is plenty of sun except at midday. Can I grow a rose or two, something single, as I am a perfect—NOVICE.

You must with confidence attempt the cultivation of roses in the position you describe. Mrs W. J. Grant (climbing) is a remarkably pretty variety, and will bloom from 5 to 9 months in the year. The supports for the stems should be about six inches away from the wall. At a warmer point they would get roasted by the sun. You may place the trees in pots or prepare a compost to feed them. In either case provide good drainage and a compost as follows: 3 parts rough fibrous loam, chopped to about the size of a hen's egg, 1 part each of decayed manure and leaf mould. To each barrow-load of the above add a spadeful of bone-meal, a sprinkling of charcoal, and sufficient sand to make the whole porous. You can purchase good plants in pots for about half-a-dozen stalls, or plants from the open ground at half the price. The pot-grown plants are well worth the increased price. Pot plants may be got in now. If you decide to purchase from the open, they will wait until the end of October. Other good varieties for your purpose are Gloire de Dijon, Rêves, Marie Henriette, Climbing Druschki, and Climbing C. Testout.

As an alternative you might plant a few Paul Crampel Geraniums. They would soon cover the wall and would bloom all the year round. We have a similar wall with red-tiled borders and were given a liberal supply of old manure and one-sawed potting soil. About 00 per cent. produced double flowers, and the colours were superb. We have repeatedly stated that hollyhocks require a stiff, heavy soil. Our own experience has not borne this out. Hollyhocks may be grown to perfection on a light, sandy soil, providing ample supplies of manure are given.

CABBAGE.

Young cabbage plants raised from seed sown in August should now be ready to plant out. We find it an advantage to plant them in rather deep drills, and firm just above the root ball only. The seed should be about 18 inches apart, and if plenty of plants are available they may be planted a foot apart in the rows. If this is done every alternate plant can be pulled up in spring, and used as early greens. If the autumn is mild the plants may grow rapidly, and in some instances become rather leggy. Where this occurs a little fresh soil should be drawn to the plants and pressed firm.

BRASSICI.

Beet should be lifted and shook before frost reaches the roots. Extreme care should be exercised in lifting, as a scratch on the skin is sufficient to cause bleeding, and subsequently they are rendered useless. They should be stored in a cool, but frost-proof shed. There are several satisfactory methods of storing, perhaps one of the best being to pack them in sand or leaf mould. The roots should not be allowed to be quite clear of each other. It is an advantage to keep the leaves on, and when only a few are to be stored the following plan should be adopted. Place a layer of leaf mould against the wall, then a row of the roots, leaves outwards. Cover with leaf mould and repeat the operation until all are in position. It is not necessary to cover the leaves, and when the heap is complete the leaves will form a curtain in front of the roots and help to preserve them from varying temperatures.

POTATOES.

Potatoes should be lifted as soon as the haulm turns yellow, weather permitting. They should be laid on the surface to dry, but must not be allowed to remain longer than is necessary. Store in a cool, dark position, where frost cannot reach them. Any that are required for seed must be kept clear of frost. Those that are left in the ground will soon be ready for use, and when only a few are to be stored the following plan should be adopted. Place a layer of leaf mould against the wall, then a row of the roots, leaves outwards. Cover with leaf mould and repeat the operation until all are in position. It is not necessary to cover the leaves, and when the heap is complete the leaves will form a curtain in front of the roots and help to preserve them from varying temperatures.

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ald. Booth said no one was pleased to make such a proposition, but the teachers should be ready to make the sacrifice if need be. Teachers would respond to the call, if it were made, but exceptional circumstances now existed.

Councillor Dugdale said it was not fair to expect people in business, in all kinds of professions, and the working classes, too, to make sacrifice at a time like the present, and not ask the teachers to be ready also. But they were desirous of saving money, and he would suggest a way in which they might bought they could save something like £10,000 a year out of the education rate. It was that in every place where there were two schools, and one could do the work reasonably well, one of them should be closed temporarily. There were many places, to his knowledge, where that could be done, with a consequent saving of probably £150 per year on the average at each place.

The Chairman suggested that the resolution should be amended so that it should not read that the teachers be given the preliminary notice of the possibility of increases being suspended. It might unsettle a great many of them, and cause them to look for other employment.

Alderman Booth said he could not accept that suggestion. The sub-committee had thoroughly discussed the matter, and had unanimously agreed to the resolution recommended.

The motion was carried as it appeared in the minutes.

SUPPLY OF SCHOOL MATERIALS.

The only other item in the minutes of the Elementary Sub-Committee which caused discussion was a recommendation that a 5 per cent. limit be allowed to persons bidding contracts for the supply of school materials in such cases where the supply which could not now be obtained had hitherto come from Germany.

Councillor Peel moved, briefly, and pointed out that where it was impossible to obtain the material contracted for substitutes must be obtained.

Councillor Dugdale seconded.

Alderman Hinchcliffe said the recommendation was not a business one. The contractors should be made to carry out their agreements. If it were the other way about they would not go to the committee and knock off so much of the money they agreed to accept.

Alderman Booth said that in some cases—in that of drawing materials, for instance—the increased cost was tremendous. Wherein they had been obtained from Germany they now had to be obtained from English firms whose price was 40 per cent. to 50 per cent. higher than those of German people.

Councillor Smith moved that the matter be referred back for further discussion, and this was agreed to.

SITE FOR NEW SCHOOL AT SELBY.

It was agreed to purchase as the site of a new school at Selby the land belonging to Lord Londesborough, the cost being 2s. 6d. per yard, working out at a total of £900.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 7.

In this article the Special Leaflet No. 2, issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, continued.

Skim milk is a necessary part of the diet, and there is considerable difficulty in making up a mixture without barley meal, middlings, or bran, since these are usually the chief ingredients. In place of these foods, however, a larger quantity of potatoes can be given, together with steamed hay and clover hay chaff. It is in this direction that crops grown by the small occupier can be utilised. Lucerne, cabbages, turnips, peas, beet, roots of every kind, with the exception of potatoes, can all be turned to good account. The last named, if available, must be cooked. Green food can be fed either raw or cooked, and under circumstances about one-half should be given in each form. If the supply of garden produce is limited such natural crops as nettles and grass may be substituted, but these should be used only when no need for about half-a-dozen and added to the soft mash.

Other substances that can be added to the ration are brewers' grains, boiled swills, spent hops and yeast. The two first may be given as one-third of the soft mash, the last mentioned as one-fifth. These substances are deficient in certain forms of nutriment, and foods must be mixed with them. The soft mash soaked while grains may be added, and a small quantity of middlings should be used to bind the whole together into a crumbling state.

Silage is not often used for fattening poultry, but it has been employed with excellent results and is worth the attention of large poultry farmers. In feeding silage to poultry it has been found best to add to it 20 per cent. of whole grains. For this purpose any of the grain foods mentioned above may be used. Silage can be fed in place of the soft mash, but when this is soaked while grains may be added, and a small quantity of middlings should be used to bind the whole together into a crumbling state.

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Animal food is required by the birds, and there is no better or cheaper way to feed this than by means of the fattening pullet's skim milk or butter milk. Wherever these can be obtained they should be fed liberally. They may profitably be mixed with the mash or may be given in a separate vessel in open fountains. In place of these, refuse from slaughter houses may also be employed, the blood and intestines being the most valuable.

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

At a meeting of the Hull Corporation Parks Committee it was stated that Mr Christopher Pickering had given 114 acres of land at Pickering Park for a bowling lake. The object is to provide work for the unemployed during the winter months. The minimum value of the land is £2,000 per acre. The Local Government Board have sanctioned £3,000 for the scheme.

Mr. Lloyd George, addressing a meeting at Bangor on Tuesday, to promote the formation of a Welsh Army Corps, said that they were not recruits locked in training would be balanced by a similar number of recruits who had been trained and mustered. They would be prepared for any emergency, and that this was not a war for justice and right. We were getting a superior class of men as recruits, and if they had not come forward quickly and voluntarily it would in the War Office being subscribed to with speed. Already in Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire 40,000 had enrolled. He warmly praised the feats of the British Army.

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RECTOR OF ADEL AND ART.

WHAT ARTISTS MIGHT DO.

The opening lecture of the session at the Leeds School of Art was given on Monday night by the Rev. W. H. Draper, rector of Adel. Mr. Draper said that in such an hour the faculties of art students could not but be with Yorkshiremen's hearts and minds could not but be very sensitive to the influences they saw at work. They could not but fear when they saw ruin not intelligent or scrupulous enough to turn aside from maiming or destroying some priceless masterpiece of passages they could not but feel hope as new nations asserting as from sleep, arrested in the pampered and amazing enjoyment of abundance of riches and compelled into the school of imagination to cease from wallowing in the mire and to think suddenly of issues of justice, of treasures, of ideals, of the underground, and of pouring out themselves and their possessions with the almost prodigality of sacrifice to maintain them. These students and artists and their friends unable to serve in the fighting ranks of soldiers and sailors might well be asked to keep watch and ward over the functions and opportunities of the arts of peace, and to help in the preparation of the forms and ideals which should be there when the fires of war were at last ready to be put out, and all its ardour and fury had cooled down.

Mr Draper dealt with the subject of "Art and Schools of Design," and commented upon the inauguration of a better epoch of matters, especially architecture, in Leeds. He thought the Leeds Training College was a sign of the beginning of better things, and expressed the opinion that some of the buildings put up two years ago would be considered an impossibility now.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Very small quantity of grain on sale. Prices of wheat were slightly easier. Wheats 37s. to 38s., secondary samples 35s. to 36s. Barley, barley grain, 40s. to 42s., oats 22s. to 24s., 23s. 29s. to 30s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 8 for 1s.; butter 1s. 2d. and 1s. 3d., per lb.; chickens 4s. to 5s. 6d., ducks 4s. 6d. to 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A smaller supply, with about an ordinary demand. Up-to-Dates and Up-to-Dates Eclipse 40s. to 45s., and King Edwards 42s. 6d. to 45s., warp King Edwards 30s. to 35s. per ton; small, 2s. 3d per bumper.

CATTLE

SELBY, Monday.—Fair supply and Scotch sent dispersed of 95 beasts, 48 sheep, and 50 pigs. A better supply of stock, and a good attendance of buyers. There was a fair trade at last week's prices, best beef making up to 10s per stone. Good calving heifers in demand. A rather slower trade for mutton. Pork in demand with a good demand. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £22 12s 6d, fat heifers to £20 7s 6d, fat cows to £18 15s 6d, calving cows and heifers to £21 0s 0d, forward cattle £7 0s 0d, cows in milk to £16, fat sheep to £16, Scotch sheep 7s 6d to 8s per stone, Scotch lambs, fat lambs 9s to 9s 6d, half-bred sheep-lings 8s to 8s 6d, Scotch sheep-lings 6s 6d to 7s, Scotch shearlings 6s to 6s 6d, Scotch shearlings 5s to 5s 6d, Norfolk pigs, 6d, to 6½d, and Scotch cows to 32s 6d. Calves £3 per made up to £5 each.

TUESDAY, Monday.—Messrs. Stephenson and Son held their usual sale of stock at the auction mart, when they had forward a large show of sheep and pigs, but only a moderate entry of cattle. Both sheep and pigs, butchers and dealers was well up to the average. The demand for all well-finished bullock and heifer beef was keen, and prices rule at last week's quotations compared very well with those of a fortnight ago, at from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone; secondary quality beasts and cows sold at about similar prices, and made 7s 6d to 8s per stone. Shearling sheep were penned in fair numbers, and met with a keen enquiry, and prices realised were about the last market were barely maintained at from 6d. to 1od per lb. Ewes were in good demand and made 7s 6d to 8s per stone. Fat lambs and Lambs were keenly sought after, and the prices realised were satisfactory and made to 10d. per lb. Pork in good demand, and the supply was small, and the prices given showed a decided improvement on a fortnight ago, and made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Fat bullocks made from £18 to £20 each, fat heifers £15 7s 6d to £16 17s 6d, and heifers in-calf from £34 2s 6d to £40 12s 6d each. The principal lots of fat cattle and sheep from Mr S. Elvidge, Hundley Hall, made to 63s 6d each; from Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, to 59s 6d; from Mr J. Wilson, Gipton, Kyme, to 59s; from Mr W. Hills, Barkston Ash, to 52s 6d.; from Messrs Ireland Bros., Catterton, to 52s 6d.; from Mr J. Watson, Bow Bridge, to 47s. Rams from Mr T. Carlton, Harlewood, made to 31s each; from Mr S. Elvidge, Headley Hall, to 30s each; from Mr J. Dearlove, Walton, to 44s each. Pigs from Mr Broom made to £5 14s 6d each; from Mr Percy Askham, to 72s 6d; from Mr. Wilkinson, Bramham, to 71s 6d; from Mr Buttery, to 70s; and from General Nicholls, to 55s 6d. each. Store pigs made from 12s. 6d. to 20s. each.

TUESDAY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had their usual sale of prime fat stock, but the attendance of butchers and dealers was rather less than at last mart. A similar trade to last week's was ruled throughout the sale, best bullocks making from 8s 6d to 9s 4d per stone; secondary quality hardly so good to sell. Sheep made from 7s 6d to 8s per stone money, or from 9d. to 10d. per lb. Fat pigs made 7s. to 7s. 6d. per stone. Store pigs made few moves, and were not much enquired for. Best made up to £22 7s 6d, and sheep to 72s 6d each. Numbers sold: 152 beasts, 2210 sheep and lambs, and 416 pigs. Bullocks from Mr E. Stephenson, Bank, Healaugh, made £32 7s 6d, and three others made £28 12s 6d, £27 15s, and £27; Mr R Cass, Catterton, from Mr J. Watson, Bow Bridge, £27 15s, £25 5s, and £25 15s; Mr R Cass, Catterton, had four good bullocks, making £27 7s 6d, £26 15s, £26 5s, and £25 15s; and other choice bullocks from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, made from £22 10s to £25 2s 6d; Mr F Jackson, Bilton Park, sold two prime bullocks, making £25. £24 17s 6d, £23 17s 6d, £23 7s 6d, and £23; four ripe bullocks from Mr W. Swales, made £24 5s, £24, £23 2s 6d, £22 7s 6d, and £21; two very good bullocks from Mr J T Dearlove, Walton, made £27 and £26 5s; Mr J. Jackson, Catterton, had four very good bullocks, making £24 12s 6d, £23 12s 6d, £22 12s 6d, and £22; Mr J. Wilson, Gipton, Kyme, made £28 2s 6d, £27 2s 6d, etc.; eight good heifers from Mr Weddell, Hornington, made £20 2s 6d, £19 17s 6d, and £19; Irish and Highland bullocks from Mr C Gypson, Grimston, made £23 15s, £23 15s, £22 15s, £20, etc.; two bullocks from Mr J. Watson, Bow Bridge, made £23 15s, £22 17s 6d, £21 17s 6d, £20 15s, etc.; two bullocks from Miss Ramsden, Oxton Hall, made £22 and £19 7s 6d; two bullocks from Mr W Rooke, Bramham, £23 7s 6d and £20 7s 6d; two bullocks from Mr Smithson, Bramham, £22 2s 6d and £18 7s 6d; Mr C. Hawkswell, Syningthwaite, sent three bullocks making £25 15s, £25 12s 6d, and £24 17s 6d; three heifers and three bullocks from Mr

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

GARFORTH DEFEATED BY MORLEY.

Garforth White Rose, who are trying their luck in the Leeds Senior League, entertained Morley (Perseverance), for the second of the spring plays in the back division. Although the homesters were playing uphill and against the wind they were the first to score. Pickersgill got the leather away on the left, and it was sent on to the centre and banged in. The cassolian cleared, but Tompkinson caught it on the rebound and netted. Methley, however, had nearly all the play, and after exerting pressure on the home defence for a considerable time, the centre forward, right inside, and left inside severed, the visitors leading at the interval by three goals to one. On the restart one of the Methley men sprinted, the backs did not attempt to hold him, and he scored a goal which should not have been registered. Immediately after Alcroma, the home forward, in his credit, put on the fifth goal. Garforth were not very enterprising, and threw away two fine chances of scoring. They were awarded a penalty, and although some of the players did not appear to be in the positions they could best fill. They were lacking in vigour and judgment, and the defensive lines were unreliable. Had the old team been available Methley would have been routed easily, but the combination is practically a new one, seeing that Gent, Howson, Gibson, Prime, and the Birches were out, some of them having joined the Army. Barr, Garforth centre forward, much progress the team will have to be strengthened, and the players will have to adopt more energetic tactics.

Arthur Wood, the popular captain and goalkeeper for the Wetherby Club, has been in a nursing home for some weeks, but has just left and is now convalescent. He will hardly be quite fit when his club gets into harness again.

F.A. CUP—LOCK LANE W. BEATEN.

Lock Lane Woodville and Woodhouse Britannia met in the preliminary round of the English Cup Competition at Bardsley Britannia started the game and the ball was at once rushed to the left, but Woodville easily only register a dead ball. Even play in midfield was followed by a free kick to Woodhouse, but the Woodville goalkeeper cleared in brilliant style and carried the ball to the centre, and after this, and forced a corner, but nothing came of it. A grand rush by the Woodhouse forwards was splendidly stopped by the Woodville goalkeeper, who saved well. Even play followed in midfield, neither side being able to claim any advantage. Woodville pressed after this, and a free shot by Stock hit the post. Afterwards Woodhouse pressed, and Brown saved in a beautiful goal, which gave the goalkeeper no chance. This was all the scene at half-time. Subsequently Britannia netted twice. Lock Lane, after showing was poor, were defeated by three goals to nil.

ROTHWELL W.R. V. GLASSHOUGHTON.

Rothwell White Rose went to Glasshoughton on Saturday last to play the homesters in the English Cup Competition, and they made a capital start, for Purfitt netted soon after the game began. Woodcock missed an open chance, resulted in Hodgson equalising with a fine shot. Subsequent play was contested chiefly in midfield, neither side showing any advantage. Woodcock pressed after this, and a free shot by Stock hit the post. Afterwards Woodhouse pressed, and Brown saved in a beautiful goal, which gave the goalkeeper no chance. This was all the scene at half-time. Subsequently Britannia netted twice. Lock Lane, after showing was poor, were defeated by three goals to nil.

ROTHWELL P.C. AND THE ENGLISH CUP.

Although they played a good game Rothwell Parish Church were beaten by Fryston Colliery in the first qualifying round of the English Cup Competition, the match was played at Robin-well before a fair number of spectators. The teams lined up as follows:—Rothwell P.C.—Good, Bradley backs, Doxford and Trommer; halfbacks, J. Gregory, Cook and Foster; forwards, Bolford, Morris, Hitchin, Stringer, and Scott. Fryston Colliery—Good, Stockdale; backs, Roker and Hebden; halfbacks, Frost, Jackson and Lister; forwards, Godley, Brandon, Burt, Dyer, and Shackleton. The game was started for Rothwell by Hitchin, who faced uphill. The visitors forced a corner, but defended in quick succession, but both of these were fruitless. For a spell the homesters attacked strongly, and a clever shot was put in by Stringer, but the ball just passed over the bar. Fryston played a fast game, and it was only the tenacity of the homesters' backs, Doxford and Trammer, that kept them out. Each time the Fryston forwards came rushing up the ball was smartly cleared from the danger zone by the backs. Once when the visitors were in a favourable position Shackleton made a mess of matters, Bradley sarling at the expense of a corner, from which Burt headed deftly into the net. Bradley had no chance to clear.

Rothwell afterwards pressed strongly, but once more the forwards proved themselves a disappointing combination. From a free kick Morris missed a grand chance with a practically clear field. Just before time the homesters had a vexatious experience. Bedford, who had entered grandly for Hitchin to score, was declared offside, and the goal was disallowed. Half-time came with the visitors leading by a goal to nil. On the restart the home supporters were confident of seeing their team straighten matters, but Fryston played a very keen game uphill, while Rothwell had to contend with the wind, which had veered round in such a fashion as to be a little awkward. However, the backs played strongly, and continually fed the forwards, who could, however, make little impression. Scott and Stringer worked well together in the front line, and the last named player kept feeding the left wing, and Scott after working his way well down the line put in some grand centres. Much exciting play was the outcome of these movements, but somehow Rothwell could not find the net. Towards the end Rothwell put on an extra spurt, but they could not equalise. Fryston won by a goal to nil.

RUGBY NOTES.

ROTHWELL AGAIN DEFEATED.

Rothwell had a Leeds and District League match at Stanningley on Saturday, and they were again beaten. Stanningley were the first to attack, and from a scrummage near the visitors' line Grattan scored an unconverted try. After this incident football in the first class was uninteresting, the passing of the Stanningley rum being exceedingly good. Rothwell tried hard to reduce the lead over them, but another good passing bout by Grattan, May, and F. Cundall ended in the latter getting over. Bailey in his attempt with the goal kick hit the upright, the ball rebounding into play. Just before half-time Swainson scored for Stanningley, and the homesters were leading by three tries at the interval. In the second moiety Stanningley doubled their score, adding three tries, while Rothwell had only a look-in. Stanningley won by six tries (18 points) to nothing.

Lofthouse Park is practically ready for the Alternative games as provided as they fondly hoped, but as privateers. Barbed wire fences, barriers, electric standards, etc., have been erected, and the trees and shrubberies in the centre of the park have been cut down. The accommodation provided will be for about 1,000 men.

The war is already exercising its influence in the world of fashion. Mechlin, Brussels, and Bruges lace is in great demand, and many makers and milliners are busily turning out Russian tunics and Cossack hats for the autumn season. Even those not escaped it, for the overcoats most in vogue are all cut in the style of the grey military great coat.

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A BARKSTON ASH SOLDIER'S STIRRING FIGHT.

HOW THREE BRITONS DISHED FIVE GERMANS.

A STOURTON WOMAN'S LETTER.

Private Matthew Ferguson, of the 20th Hussars, writing to his wife at Selby, says:—

"We don't get much time to ourselves, for we have got the Germans on the run and we won't let loop them at it, which I am sure we shall do, for I do not believe there is a soldier in the world to touch the British. They laugh when the shells are flying all around them. I suppose you have read about the Battle of Mons. It was out, and no mistake. We were at it for four days without rest, but what did we care? There were about five Germans to every one of us, and the best of it was that the battle started on Sunday and we had been fighting all day on Saturday and marched all night on Saturday.

"We got to our destination at half-past four on the Sunday morning and started fighting at ten o'clock on Sunday, just as we were getting a bit of hot dinner, and we never finished till Thursday.

"We did not care as long as we could beat the Germans. You can bet your life if it had been man to man we would have pushed them back into the North Sea. They don't like cold steel.

"I was on patrol duty the other day. I can't tell you the name of the place, but there was a chum of mine, an officer, and myself. We saw five German Uhlans going down the road. They were in front of us, so we got on the grass on the side of the road, and galloped right on top of them.

"They saw us when we were about eight yards away. They tried to get away from us, but we were too many for them. I got the first one with his sword, and as the German fell out of the saddle the officer's horse fell over him. That left me and my mate for the other four. Even then they would not face us. All the better for us. I got the next fellow. I put my sword right through him, and my mate did the same with another. Then we went after the other two. Both of us got up to one of them at the same time and he got both swords through him. He did try to defend himself for he got me on the lip with his lance and knocked two of my teeth out and took a piece out of my lip. It was not much, but he will not take any more pieces out for he got both our swords into him.

"While we were trying to draw our swords out, the last of the Uhlans got off his horse and tried to cut us in the woods.

"I fell off my horse in my haste trying to get up to shoot him. All the same I shot him through the head and he was as dead as a door nail when I got up to him. He was an officer.

"I have a few lot of officers. They don't ask you to go where they won't go themselves. That is where the Germans are let down. Their officers keep behind them and shove them on."

STOURTON WOMAN'S MOURNING TURNED TO JOY.

A Stourton woman who has been mourning her husband as being killed at the Front, since the end of August, was overjoyed on Tuesday to receive a letter from him asking to be remembered to all enquiring friends and relatives. He also asked her to send him out a newspaper.

It is stated that the day the woman received the letter she was about to draw insurance money.

A YORKSHIRE OFFICER'S LETTER.

A well-known Yorkshire cavalry officer who is prominent in hunting circles has sent an interesting letter written on 13th September, in the course of which he says:—

Now that the world's biggest battle has at last got going it seems we get a rest and retire behind the line to watch and wait results. We have been here two days, in a large and very complete chateau, with an excellent cellar and everything one could want. The rest is, I assure you, well earned. We got across the river at —— the day before yesterday, a bit before our time, and had to get back over a pontoon bridge somewhere else. Getter was pleasant, under a very unpleasant fire, too. At the head of the bridge was a gallant Engineer officer, repairing bits blown off and putting down straw so cool as a cucumber—the coolest thing I have ever seen. The poor fellow was killed just after my troop got across. No man ever earned a better V.C.

Luckily, though our casualties were not at all heavy under the circumstances, a good many fellows are to be seen sitting still holding their heads, which were almost split by the bursting. All the poor horses are looking quite cheerful after two days' rest, though they have been saddled up most of the time in case the line had to be reinforced quickly at any time. There is a ridge here, where they are picketed under the trees, and the men are catching fish; rather odd, as the long distance guns on both sides are hurling shells at each other over us, and the aeroplanes are buzzing over every minute.

The enormous battle is going well, as far as we can learn. It has been raging three days, but nothing decisive is likely to happen for another day or two. All successes and reverses become very local on the vast front a show like this takes place on. The Guards, who have done miracles throughout, were heavily attacked in mass three times last night, but beat them back and mowed them down by hundreds. They themselves were entrenched, and only 1st cloud fire. We have been in reserve for two days, a men and somewhat peaceful rule for the —— Brigade, ready to reinforce the fighting line and play the Soldier. We were reinforced badly by the —— Division, so are not likely to be wanted. There is not much room between opposing armies for cavalry when they insist on firing at each other at about 300 yards.

Thank you very much for the papers. The accounts are excellent, but I think a very wrong impression is given by the casualty reports. The "missing" look enormous, but I should think between 80 and 90 per cent. of these are merely detached, and fallen in with other brigades. If you lose touch with your own, it is more than likely you do not see it again for weeks, with these thousands of troops all on the move. Constantly I have half-a-dozen men attached to my small troop from various cavalry regiments of me, who have lost their units, and they often stay for days. The situation is intensely interesting to anyone here on the spot.

Make one in one in —— join the Army. This is a big show, and every man must be ready, I wonder, if every one realises at home how big it is. They say to-day the postal arrangements are right again.

P.S.—Just back from a conference of officers. All going splendidly. French reinforced to-day.

The French Canadians are sending a force of 5,000 to the front.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

SHERBURN, KIPPAX, BARKSTON, AND TADCASTER AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse, at Tadcaster.—Mr J. W. Blackburn (vice-chairman) presiding. Other members present were the Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Tathwell), Messrs T. H. Prater (Parlington), Carlton (Stutton), J. G. Limoker (Micklefield), W. Simpson (Lead), R. Wright (Barwick), J. Wilsworth and H. E. Lowe (both of Pinsley), Watson (Newton), H. P. Clinch, J. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), A. Chippendale (Scholes), F. Phillips, H. Saxby, Pickersgill, W. Robinson (Allerton Bywater), H. M. Stoker (Towton), T. F. Fawcett (Austhorpe), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton), W. Crosland, J.P., and A. Johnson (South Milford). W. P. Nicholson (Newton Kyme), A. Park (Tadcaster), J. Lidley (Kirkby Wharfe), G. Webster (Huddleston-cum-Lumby), and J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr. to. A. Hewett), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been five admissions to the workhouse and one death, and the inmates numbered 98 and 17 in the children's home—two against 105 at the corresponding date last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 36 and 41 against 26 and 18 for the same period last year.

The minutes of the House Committee showed that a letter had been received from the Local Government Board enclosing plans of suggested alterations at the house, and it was to be submitted to the architects.—A letter with respect to the freedom of casual paupers was received from the Local Government Board.—It was decided to give a gratuity of £5 to a female officer who was ill.—A letter was read from the Doncaster Union stating that their premises were to be utilised by the military authorities, and asking if the Tadcaster Board could take any of their poor into the workhouse. It was recommended that eight women (not imbeciles) be received in the infirmary, and six men and twelve women into the workhouse.

The common seal of the Board was fixed to the contracts for the supply of provisions, the tenders having been accepted at last meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council treasurer was reported to have a balance of £8,881 12s. 1d. in hand.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that the scheme for dealing with surface drainage at Micklefield had been submitted by the surveyor to the Colliery Co., and the matter was adjourned pending the decision of the Colliery Co.—An alleged road encroachment at Scholes Co. was reported, and it was agreed that the property-owner produce title to the land said to be enclosed, and, on failure to do so, that the enclosing wall be pulled down.—Complaint was made from Sherburn that the rails on the Bishop Dyke bank had not been painted, and it was decided that the work be carried out immediately.—An amended estimate for kerbing and channelling on a road at Swillington was approved. The surveyor was instructed to repair a footpath at Sherburn at a cost of £4.—The Clerk was instructed to write the Selby Urban Commissioners anent their men depositing mud on the road sides, and asking them to clear it away in future. A guide post at Church Fenton is to be painted.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee the question of the repair of the pump at Allerton sewage works was considered, and a tender was accepted for the work.—The inspector reported that he had taken the Clerk's advice, and it was impracticable to extend the sewers to certain property.—The water scheme had been completed at Ledsham and the houses connected, but nothing had been done at Newton, and Mr Bland is to be written to.—Messrs Bromeg and Thorman are to be instructed to prepare a sewage scheme for Barkston.—The question of Sherburn sewage scheme was adjourned.—Owners at Sherburn are to be written to so that they may connect their property with the sewers. For the building of a mun hole at Tadcaster prices are to be obtained.—Notice is to be served on a Kippax owner to abate a nuisance arising from a full pipe.—Complaint was received from South Milford about a water-course being polluted with sewage, and the inspector is to report.—It was decided to ask a property-owner who has erected property at Scholes to carry out the plan as passed.—A report on the bacteriological examination of South Milford water was adjourned.

VARIOUS.

The Local Government Board sent a letter with respect to re-rating.

The common seal of the Council was affixed to a closing order for a house at Barkston.

SCIENCE LECTURES AT GARFORTH

THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

In Garforth there is clearly a demand for good lectures. Last winter, it will be remembered, a representative committee was appointed and several first-class lectures in connection with the Goldcrest Trust were delivered by men of outstanding ability—sports in their own particular line—and the large audiences that assembled to hear them provided ample evidence of thorough appreciation. It was not possible to obtain another series of Goldcrest lectures for this year, but the committee were by no means idle over their work, and they have succeeded in securing the services in Mr W. Parsons, Principal of Leeds Training College; Mr Albert Gilligan, B.Sc., F.G.S., Leeds University; Professor Kendall, Leeds University; Professor Garstang, M.A., D.Sc. (Oxon.); and the Rev. Thomas Gough, B.Sc., F.C.S., so that five lectures form the programme of the season.

The first lecture was delivered by Mr Parsons on Monday evening, and there was a gratifying attendance, the large central hall of the Council School being crowded. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of Garforth Urban District Council) presided, in place of Colonel Gascoigne, who was unable to fulfil the engagement. He said that judging by the appearance of the hall he thought they might assume that the success they had with the lectures last winter would be repeated.

Mr Parsons was down on the programme to speak on "The Inanimate Scenery of Parkland," but he explained he was under the impression his lecture was to be given at a later date, and when the matter was brought to his notice he found he could not give the lecture advertised. He had long the slides to a friend who had gone on active service, and he could not get them back in time. Instead of speaking on the subject announced, he delivered a lecture on "The Yellowstone National Park" in America, and, illustrated as it was by fine slides, it proved very interesting, indeed. The park, he explained, is nearly the size of Yorkshire, and it is perhaps the most wonderful spot in the world. Previous to 1870 it was known to only a few gruvellers, and the yarns he talk with such wonderful stories about it that the government eventually sent out an expedition to survey the district, and the outcome was that they divided to set it aside for the benefit of the people forever. It is situated in three or four States, and is about 2,500 miles from New York. He briefly described the journey across the continent, in the course of which he had something humorous to say about Mirror Lake and St. Paul, and over the Prairie to the Rockies. Travellers pass below a large archway to the park, and go along a road by which great piles of volcanic rock are seen. Then he talked of Yellowstone, the headquarters of the military who patrol the large park, and the hotel, and the buildings were admirably depicted on the screen. The park contains the hottest springs, the most wonderful geysers in the world, and the most marvellously coloured canon, which is 1,500 feet deep and ten miles in length, high cataracts, and fish, which are easily caught, and he showed how it was possible to catch fish and immediately cook it in a hot water spring. Having dealt with the remains of the petrified forest, and the descriptions of the geysers—the most wonderful in the world—throwing up water to a great height and of the mud geysers, the heat, noise, and smell of which he understood, and then he exhibited several views of the grand canon, with its marvellous colouring. The park, he said, was also used for the preservation of animals, such as the buffalo, which the authorities have done their best to exterminate.

At the close Mr H. J. Denby proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Parsons for his delightful and interesting lecture, and also to the Chairman, and it was cordially passed. Mr Thornton was the lantern operator.

General Sir R. Baden-Powell delivered a telling speech in proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor of the City of London on Tuesday. There are two great principles at work in this war, he said—on one side we have a great cause of blood and iron, and on the other a small train of players playing the game of their side.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

TADCASTER MEN ON LAND AT HEALAUGH.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Mr F. Waldes Fairbairn (in the chair) and Mr J. H. Ingleby.

The jury lists were passed for the following parishes:—Angram, Oxton, Wighill, Catterton, Colton, Towton, Stutton-cum-Hazlewood, Tadcaster East, Tadcaster West, Newton Kyme, Stutton, Grimston, Kirkby Wharfe, and Ulleskelf.

A TADCASTER OFFENCE.

Walter Wilson, labourer, of Tadcaster, appeared in answer to a charge of indecent conduct on the Wheatley Bridge, Tadcaster, on the 16th. P.C. Bennett stated the case.

Supt. Shack said he had had repeated complaints about this sort of thing at Tadcaster.)

The Chairman said that cases of this kind had been up before.

Supt. Shack said that on the last occasion a warning was issued that the next offender would be more seriously dealt with. It was a most serious offence.

A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

HEALAUGH GAMEKEEPER AND TADCASTER MEN.

Samuel Wells and James Shannon, labourers, of Tadcaster, were charged with game trespass on land belonging to Sir E. Brodelemain, at Healaugh, on Sept. 22nd.

James Spink, the accused's game-keeper employed by Mr Brodelemain, gave evidence, and stated that about 5.30 on the 22nd, when he was passing a field adjoining the estate he saw the defendants come down a wood. They did not see him, and they came up to within ten paces of him. One of them had a bag and implements for taking rabbits, and he was setting one when the other defendant saw witness and warned his companion. They thereupon picked up the bag and went off.

The Chairman asked if there were snares in the bag.

Witness: Yes. He was in the act of setting one when the other defendant saw me.

Wells: I was not there.

Witness: I spoke to him before he got away, but I could not overtake him.

Shannon: What was Wells doing?

Witness said he was setting a snare.

Shannon said he did not see Wells that afternoon.

The Chairman: Have you known these men long?

Witness: Yes, for years.

Wells again declared that he was not on the land.

Shannon: I can honestly say I was not on the land at all. The old gentleman had made a mistake.

Witness: There is no mistake about it.

The Clerk: Have you any witnesses?

Shannon: No, we never dreamt of being up for such a thing.

Wells gave evidence on oath, and said he was in Tadcaster at the time Spink said he was at the wood side.

The Chairman: Where were you in Tadcaster?

Wells: I was at the market corner. I spoke to a policeman at 5.30.

The Clerk: Then, why did you not bring witnesses to prove you were somewhere else?

Wells said he did not think about it.

The Chairman said they would adjourn the case for a fortnight for them to call witnesses.

Shannon said that he had no witnesses.

P.C. Bennett, the policeman to whom Wells said he spoke, was called, and said it was on the 21st and not the 22nd that he spoke to Wells.

Supt. Shack, in answer to the Chairman, said that both men had been up before.

The Chairman said that they did not believe defendants' statement that they were not on the land, and they would be fined 2s. 6d. and costs each.

Arrangements are being made at Rhyl for billeting 1,100 of the North Wales "Pals" Brigade, who will go into training in the town.

The death has taken place of Miss Dorothy Fisher, one of the oldest inhabitants of Leeds. She was born at Tickhill, near Doncaster, on March 21, 1812, and had thus lived in the reigns of five British Sovereigns. Early in her life had been spent in Yorkshire, and she had many interesting stories to tell. At the age of twenty she was the unwilling heroine of a tragic duel in which she lost her soldier lover. Two cousins were rivals in love, and it was for her they fought. Miss Foster remembered the return of the British troops after the overthrow of Napoleon. For many years she was a governess in Leeds.

SWILLINGTON DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB

AN APPEAL TO THE MEN OF THE DISTRICT.

A rifle club has been formed for Swillington and District, but at present rifle practice is not intended to be the essential feature of the organisation, but rather to drill more than once a week in order to drill more than once a week in order to undergo the training. Everyone hopes, of course, that these men will never be needed, but the value of this training would be immense if England should ever be compelled to call up every able-bodied man to repel an invader.

It is surely the duty of those who are sending sons to fight the battles for them and for their homes to give up this afternoon in the week so that if the call does come we shall (say) at a cost apparently be found to have heeded Lord Roberts' warning, "Be prepared."

In addition to this a rifle range is being prepared in the stables at Swillington House, and the rifles have been ordered. It is decided that the initial drill should be practice once a week, either before or after the drill. It was thought unfair that those who were actually making a sacrifice already to attend the drills should pay a subscription, so funds are urged to be raised, and the smallest donation will be thankfully received by the club's treasurer, Mr Owbridge.

The committee of the club earnestly ask those men in the village or district who have not already joined to think the matter over, and sincerely hope they will come to the conclusion that to make this sacrifice, which is so infinitesimal as compared with the tremendous sacrifices being made for all by our men abroad, is a thing worth doing. Those who intend to join should give to the cricket ground, Swillington Park, any Saturday at 4 p.m.

The club has already joined the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. A Boy Scout contingent has also been formed.

THE ADEL MOTOR FATALITY.

"SHOT OUT LIKE A CATAPULT."

An inquest was held at Halifax on Friday on Mr Walter Maude (38), rubber merchant, 18, Victoria Terrace, Halifax, who died, as reported in our last issue, from injuries received in a motor-car accident in Otley Road, Adel, near Leeds.

Mr Archibald Lees, engineer's merchant, of Halifax, who was seated in the rear of the car, said they were travelling at about 20 miles an hour when a tyre exploded. Immediately before he heard a loud report, but what caused it he could not say.

Mr Maude was found pinned under the car—no hyphen Ford. He was taken to the surgery of a doctor at Headingley, who attended to his injuries. After being bandaged Mr Maude preferred to go home rather than to the Leeds Infirmary, and he was taken to Halifax in a taxi, but on arrival he was dead.

Mr Alfred Charnock, timber merchant, Halifax, who followed in the wake of the accident, examined the car, said the tyres were in good condition and none of them had been burst. Judging from the tracks of the wheels, it appeared as though Mr Maude had turned the car two or three yards towards the road leading to Adel, and had then turned sharply back towards the main road.

There was a gradual rise about 12 inches deep on the road upon which the car had to cross, and of the existence of which deceased was evidently unaware. When the wheels got into this gutter it was supposed that the jerk caused Mr Maude to lose control of the steering gear, the result being that the car turned completely round and overturned.

Dr. Robertson, who examined the deceased soon after his arrival at home, said Mr Maude's skull was fractured and several of his ribs were also fractured.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

At Dumfries Police Court on Monday afternoon Kate Hume, employed as a clerk in a Dumfries place of business, was charged with uttering a forged letter, the same purporting to have been written by Grace Hume, her sister, who is a nurse residing at Huddersfield. This was the letter which gave rise to what has come to be called the "Dumfries nurse hoax." Defendant, who is 17 years of age, seemed to feel her position keenly. Before she was asked to plead, the fiscal said the case could not be dealt with in that court, and she was remitted to the Sheriff.

THE ATTITUDE OF HOLLAND.

MR T. E. HARVEY'S INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS.

Mr T. E. Harvey, M.P., son of Mr William Harvey, of Roundhay—a well-known Barkston Ash Liberal—writes to the "Nation" as follows:—

Like most Englishmen, I had fancied Holland fortunate in her lot, at peace, and able to go about her business, whilst her bigger neighbours were doing their best to destroy each other. But even a few days had shown me how wrong I had been. From the train you could see little groups of soldiers bivouacking in the fields by the roadside; the immobile had been upset by mobilisation; even the hotel omnibus was commandeered for military uses. Placarded on the walls were the notices of the National Relief Committee, which offers help to those who have lost their work through the war—some 45,000 of these there are in Rotterdam alone—and in all the large towns there are branches of the Committee to meet the need.

In the Dutch linen and ladies goods, they say, are piled on the wharves, but cannot be shipped; the Dutch ships on the water are being turned into ships for French or English ports, and corn and coal, which is urgently needed in Holland itself, are held up for fear they should be sent on to Germany. The Dutch army has been mobilised since the outset of the war, and this involves a constant drain upon the national resources; while the financial confusion at first was so great that in Amsterdam and other large towns, paper money, available for a limited period, was issued in place of crowns and florins, and, in one instance, even to supply a temporary shortage in the small currency.

Holland has been stirred to its depths by the sufferings of its neighbours; thousands of Dutch homes have opened their doors to receive, sometimes a whole family, sometimes a woman or a child only. Even the Queen of Netherland Government itself is acting as host to a large number of the poorest Belgian refugees. Some 1,700 of these are now housed at Oldebrook, near Zeolle, on a heather-covered ridge, where, in peaceful times, the Dutch Army has its artillery training school. Hither refugees who cannot be at once received into private houses are sent from the frontier. It is not for nothing that the camp is so far from the frontier; the temptation to slip back across the border at night, in order to avenge themselves on the invaders, was too great for some of the men at Vlaie. It was necessary to safeguard the neutrality of Holland by removing this constant source of danger and irritation from the frontier.

Even as it is, the excitement on the borders of Belgium is so great that the troops have to be moved inland at frequent intervals and replaced by fresh detachments. These, in their turn, boil over with indignation at the stories they hear from fleeing refugees, and long to be fighting, too. And behind the burden of armed preparation for war, still a burden of wealth upon the whole people, there is the weight of dread lest, after all, they should be dragged in. "And the worst of it all is," as one said to me, "we do not even know when we may fight. Whichever side violates Dutch territory must bring us in against them, whichever happens to us."

They do not look forward cheerfully to the struggle, but calmly and doggedly they have been preparing for the worst. The outer defences are ready, and in three hours' time great belts of country around Amsterdam can be placed under water over which it is impossible for artillery. "If we have to fight we will drown friend and foe alike; we will let in the sea water, though the land be spoilt for a time." Such was the grim resolve of a lieutenant who said the words; he had been lamenting the horrors of the war, the burden and hardship to his own little business; he hated militarism and militarists, and just wanted his country to be left alone.

"We may be wiped out, but we shall fight," another quietly said. The response to the mobilisation orders showed the temper of the peaceful Dutch folk; out of 25,000 men in the Utrecht district all but five were at their place; in eight hours the whole mobilisation had been effected. They have no ambition but to live their own national life and independence, but no one can doubt how dearly they cherish that possession.

In some districts, especially round Utrecht, houses have been requisitioned to prepare for certain military exigencies. Here and there you can see fine trees cut down; they dare not wait to do it till it might be too late. In a long meeter ride of some eighty miles I noticed that practically all the cross bars of the signposts had been removed, the poles being left still standing. These were taken away, I was told, in a single night, as a precaution against sudden invasion.

FOOTBALL MATCHES AND REFEREES FOR SATURDAY.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE

Wath v. Main Colliery v. Garforth White Rose.

F. Tyas.

Rothwell White Rose v. N. Wortley Gas Works.

H. Milburn.

Fryston Colliery v. Rothwell Parish Church.

F. Lewers.

East Ardsley United v. Clarence Ironworks.

H. Ward.

Thornhill Lees Albion v. Methley Pers.

W. P. Rhodes.

LEEDS JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Alwoltn St. Mary's v. Rothwell White Rose.

G. Murray.

Glyes Houghton Colliery v. Methley Perseverance.

C. E. Oak.

Bowers Allerton v. East Ardsley G.N.R.

Pearl.

Stourton Unite'; v. Great Preston W. Rose.

A. Blackham

Kippax Wesleyville v. Oulton St. John's.

L. V. Quince.

LEEDS AMATEUR LEAGUE.

New Blackpool Am. v. Rothwell Haigh M.

J. T. Lowson.

Green Lane Old Boys v. Rothwell Old Boys.

A. Wilson.

Sir George Riddell has telegraphed to Edinburgh that five hundred footballs are urgently required by the Ninth Scottish Division, Lord Kitchener's First Army, now training at Pirbright. An Edinburgh newspaper has undertaken to see that the request is fulfilled.

Baroness Marie von Neuberg, of Great Russell Street, Bloomsbury, London, has been sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment in the second division at Marlborough Street for failing to register at an alien enemy registration office. A fine was imposed for neglecting to register her telephone. She admitted that her husband was a general commanding in the German Army Corps, and that her son was in the Officers' Training Corps at Westminster School.

The Prime Minister visited Dublin on Friday night to speak at a recruiting meeting. Mr Asquith said that it was unthinkable that one section of Irishmen was going to fight another; nor that Great Britain was going to fight either. He appealed to Ireland to supply an army corps. Old animosities were dead. We are a united nation, owning and paying to our Sovereign the allegiance of men who loved liberty. Mr John Redmond and Mr Birrell also spoke.

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A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE will be held on MONDAY NEXT, the 5th October, at the COUNCIL OFFICES, ROTHWELL, at 7 p.m.

All members are respectfully requested to attend as private notices will not be sent out.

By order of the Committee,
H. J. Beeler,
W. Dobson,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

ROTHWELL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTICE is hereby given that there will be an AUDIT and EXAMINATION of the ACCOUNTS of the Urban District Council for the year ending 31st March, 1914, on THURSDAY, the 29th day of OCTOBER, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the COUNCIL OFFICES, ROTHWELL, and that seven days previous to the said Audit all Books, Papers, Vouchers relating to such accounts will be open for inspection at the Clerk's Office, Rothwell, during Office Hours, on application to the undersigned. (Signed),

WALTER DODGSON,
Clerk to the said Council.

Dated, 2nd October, 1914.

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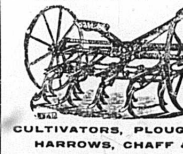
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Rothwell Courier & Times
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Disillusionment as coming to the German nation! News of the defeat of their so-called invincible army is filtering through, and it has come as a terrible shock to a nation nurtured in the simple faith that they were a chosen people, and the Kaiser a divine one, ordained through which "culture" might be conveyed to all the nations of the world for their healing. It is not difficult to imagine the women folks, and the grey-headed old men—the men who fought in '70 and created, not ignobly, a united Fatherland, and handed it to their sons—sitting in their homes to-day, waiting and hoping for the good news that never comes, and as they gaze upon the portraits of William I., Bismarck, and old Moltke, which adorn the walls of practically every German home, they cannot believe that their army, which to them is a splendid, unsurpassable thing, has met with a reverse. Britons believe in the destiny of the Empire—they have confidence in their own strength and the righteousness of their cause, but this German faith, simple as it is, is not founded upon that greatness which loves justice and hates oppression, but upon the handiwork of the military bully. One incident illustrates this. A German prisoner—a schoolmaster—in conversation with his captor, was asked how he thought the war would end. "We'll win," he answered promptly. "What makes you think so?" asked his captor. "The Kaiser says so, and he knows," was the German's reply. It is no use trying, by argument, to convince a people with such a faith in an individual; the only argument that will carry conviction is the sword. "We have a clear conscience," writes a German lady, who is not ill-disposed towards this country, "for before the war—which is not of our seeking—we have done no injury to anyone." And there must be thousands—if not millions—who think similarly. The mischievous teaching in the schools and universities is ignored; it is impossible for them to discern any harm in it. This, however, is young Germany's war. They have gloried in their army, whose invincibility they never doubted, and it had only to be set in motion to sweep the enemies of the Fatherland from off the face of the earth. An armed empire was their ideal, but there is a saying that those who live by the sword, perish by it, and the day of German's awakening is at hand. The young Prussians have the utmost contempt for the military resources of other nations, and they quote Bismarck, their hero, as saying that if an English army landed on the Continent he would send a policeman to arrest them. That is practically the mental attitude of young Germany. The bully, however, has proved to be not such a formidable one after all, and he is going to receive the punishment all bullies deserve—he is going to be soundly thrashed. However, the bully appears to have had enough already, for he magnanimously proclaims that he is willing to let the war stand as a "draw," as if it were a game of football, but he has got to take his thrashing, and, after that, of will be time to talk of peace. The Prussians have already discovered that their army is not invincible, that German-made plans for the British Empire are some what premature, and that the despised little English Army has thrown their whole military machine out of gear. Young Germany may well be anxious concerning the future. But what do that other section of the people—silent Germany—think about it? These millions of quiet and industrious men have been gathered from the factories and the field and sent into France and Belgium simply to be slaughtered. Everyone has read how they have been led up in close formation to the enemy's guns, only to be mown down, and people may well wonder how long these men will allow themselves to be used as cannon-fodder—a description applied to them by their own officers, who apply all sorts of opprobrious epithets to them. Were such treatment given to our fighting men by those who lead them we know very well what would happen. The suppression of the individuality by the machine in the German army makes the wonder how long can human beings stand it. And the amazing thing about it is that a great many of the men who are serving in the ranks to-day are far better educated and far more intelligent than those who command them. These those who command them. These men are not satisfied with the German empire. The class to which they belong is patriotic, and it is cultured, but it hates the officer caste and the high official caste, just as it distrusts the Socialist party. So that if disontent breaks out in the German army it will not be a case of the working-man alone. Cast-iron discipline will not as a check upon the discontent, but how long will the men manage to suppress the passion and hatred against militarism and all its works? If the Germans knew that the prime object of Great Britain is the smashing of militarism it cannot be doubted that three-quarters of them would either thrown down their arms or engage in a revolt against the tyrants who have caused so many of their compatriots to be blown to atoms on the battlefield. Before that can be done, however, a very heavy toll will have to be paid, and we may be sure that Great Britain's purpose is presented in no true light to the so-called German patriot, who, unlike the men who have rallied to the Colours in this country, only fights because he is forced. Wherever the German rulers look they see destruction staring them in the face: their army has been beaten; their trade has been destroyed; their population is starving, and sooner or later they will have a reduced territory to administer. They know the truth already, but they are keeping it from the nation, which is judiciously fed upon falsehoods and misleading statements, which have one and the same object. But the day of reckoning is coming. The Germans who hate militarism will have an opportunity of showing what sort of men they are—whether they are determined to shape their own destinies or allow a section, which has been the curse of the nation, to shape them for them. It will then be a humiliated Germany—not a noisy, pedantic, braggart Germany—and it may prove the turning point in the country's history. In the security of our island home—safe only by reason of the protection of our fleet and glorious Navy—we are witnessing the greatest European event since the French Revolution, and we can scarcely realize that a new age is upon us. Great results are coming. And Great Britain is playing a noble role. What would have happened had she stood aside? Germany, by means of her army and navy, would probably have had France subdued; and who could say what the fate of Belgium and Holland would have been? Militarism would have destroyed the freedom of Europe, and then our turn would have come. Britain is fighting the battle of civilization, and the Germans themselves will benefit equally with other nations as an outcome of the war.

THE COST OF THE WAR.

The revenue accounts issued on Wednesday give more idea of the cost of the war. The supply services to the end of September amount to £118,615,474, as compared with £73,486,911—roughly an increase of forty-five millions, which may be said to be the cost of the war to date. The balance in the Bank of England to-day is roughly a million more than it was this time last year. The accounts show that the Government have borrowed by means of Treasury bills and other advances about 63 millions.

A sum of 8s. has been sent to the Belgian Refugees' Fund by the children of Hambleton School.

A sum of £300, legacy of the late William Whiteley Holmes, of Ilyderg, Barwick, has been received by the treasurer of Leeds Infirmary.

Miss Isabella O. Ford, of Adel, has sent a parcel of clothing to the Belgian refugees. R.T., of Adel, has sent 10s. to the West Riding Distress Fund.

A sum of £218 4s. 6d., contributed by the bottom men at Nos. 1 and 2 Broom Pits, Middleton Colliery, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary, per Messrs W. Lunn and W. Lumb.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DEATHS.

DIVERS.—On Monday, September 28th, 1914, John Richard Divers, at Pitfields, Carlton, aged 65 years.

HARDWICK.—September 30th, at Roseville Terrace, Manston, Ploxy, beloved wife of Fred Hardwick.

MYERS.—On the 28th September (accidentally drowned), at Fleet Mills, Oulton, aged 28, John William Myers, the beloved husband of Blanche Myers, and son of George and Mary Myers.

IN MEMORIAM

WARD—In ever loving memory of John Ward, of Bowers Allerton (late of Crossgates), who died October 5th, 1910, in his 75th year.
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Mordill (Chairman), F. M. Lupton, E. Parkin, and W. Evans.

RATES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday a Rothwell man was summoned by the overseers for non-payment of Court costs in connection with a summons previously heard for not paying the poor rate. Mr J. Harrison, assistant overseer, proved the case, and an order for payment was made.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday evening a patriotic service was held at the Wesleyan Church, when there was a large congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson, and the hymns sung were in keeping with the occasion. During the evening Mr Nelson Varley sang "Why do the nations" from the "Messiah." A collection was taken on behalf of the local distress fund.

JURY LISTS.—On Tuesday at the Skyrack Petty Sessions the jury lists for the townships of Leeds, Kippax, Great and Little Preston, Aberford, Parlington, Sturton Grange, Swillington, Garforth, Temperley, Middleton, Osmondthorpe, Alwoodley, Oulton-cum-Woodlesford, Rothwell-with-Rothwell Haigh, Barwick-in-Elmet, Wike, Adel-cum-Eccup, Scarcroft, and Thorner were passed.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—F. H. Green, Leeds, improvements in spring bearings for the rear wheels of motor and other bicycles; and William Chapman, Wrenthorpe, improvements in colliery tub or corve controllers. Patent granted—Edward Court, Wakefield, impovements in postal letter boxes.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES TO BE WEEKLY.—An Army Order issued on Wednesday night states that from October 12th allowances to families will be made weekly. From the same date, issues will be made every quarter of thirteen weeks by means of a new form of postal draft in cheque book form, each book containing 13 drafts. The books will be issued quarterly, in advance, to postmasters at the post offices where the money orders for the period are made payable. A payee may change the post office at which payment is made, by giving notice to the postmaster.

"CANADA'S GIFT."—Canada is making a splendid gift of flour to the Mother Country. It has been decided that the sacks, when empty, should be sold as souvenirs at 5s. each. Two-thirds of the sum will be devoted to the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and one-third to the Belgian Refugees' Fund. The sacks are all marked "Canada's Gift." Applications for the sacks as souvenirs, accompanied by a remittance of 5s., should be sent to the Hon. Secretaries, National Relief Fund, Mansion House, St. James's Palace, London, S.W. Applications will be dealt with in strict rotation.

RECRUITING.—The work of signing on recruits for the West Yorkshire Miners' Battalion is proceeding apace at the Council Offices, Marsh Street, which is being used as a recruiting office for the district. During the fortnight that the office has been open for the purpose only 74 recruits have been registered. Of this number only about half-a-dozen are Rothwell men. A goodly number have come from Middleton. One man, who came from the Leeds Workhouse, is 6ft. 1in. Thursday was a day of fine physique, but unfortunately he is six years above the maximum age. The candidate was full of enthusiasm, and seemed greatly disappointed when he was informed that his age was the only obstacle. However, an effort is to be made to surmount this difficulty. The recruits are being paid 3s. per day until called up.

ALLERTON BYWATER

FOOTBALL CLUB.—At a meeting of the Leeds Senior League held at Leeds on Tuesday night, the representative of the Allerton Bywater Colliery A.F.C. was informed intimated that his club had decided to ask permission to withdraw from the League until the war is over. The permission was granted.

CONGRATULATIONS.—Castleford district has reason to congratulate itself on the result of its efforts to enlist recruits for the war. A recruiting station was secured for the town through the efforts of Mr W. A. S. Hewett, the Mayor, and over 1,000 recruits have already been accepted. Lord Kitchener having been informed of the fact has sent the following telegram to Mr Davies, headmaster of the Secondary School:—"Lord Kitchener congratulates Castleford on the patriotic response which it has made to the call for men to join the Army." With a population of a little over 43,000, but it has drawn recruits from all the villages in the district, including Allerton Bywater.

CARLTON

CRICKET.—The match between Carlton and Outwood, which is to decide the championship of the Rothwell and District Cricket League, is not yet finished. On Saturday the players met, the stumps being pitched at two o'clock. Carlton took their innings first and hoisted a score of 156. Outwood went in to bat shortly before half-past four, maintaining their stand until about half-past six, when the umpires decided to draw the stumps owing to the bad light—in fact, the moon was shining at the time. The board then showed seven wickets down for 93 runs. At first it was hoped to continue the match one night during the week, but some of the

players had a difficulty in getting off owing to their seats, and it was decided to resume the match next Saturday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday the Carlton Wesleyans celebrated their harvest festival, and the services were of an enjoyable character. The special preacher both in the morning and evening was Mr William Denton, of Rothwell, who gave appropriate discourses. In the afternoon the choir rendered the anthem "Singing of Joy," and other arrangements in keeping with the occasion. The singing during prayer by Mr. H. Nash, Mr. S. Pickersgill (Carlton) presided. The solo parts were effectively rendered by Misses H. Cross and Schaley, Ethel Schaley, Norah Brown, and Messrs Joseph Spooner and A. Broad. A short address was given by Miss H. Schaley and Mr. G. Dixon, and the Misses A. and M. Broad and Messrs W. Anderson and H. Wood joined in a quartette. At the evening service Mr G. Dixon, a member of the choir, sang "Babylon." The church was beautifully decorated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival on Monday there was a large company, the tables being presided over by Mrs Chesworth, Mrs Pickersgill, Mrs Firth, Mrs Marshall, Mr. Hiram Wood, Mrs Hepworth, and Mrs Wilkinson. Later in the evening the toasts were proposed and responded to in old English fashion. All the collections went to aid the Trust Funds.

CROSSGATES

A sum of £3 has been sent by W. G. Crossgates, to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

At a meeting held on Wednesday evening it was decided to begin the work of the Literary Society early next month.

In a mixed horseshoes competition at Crossgates Golf Links on Saturday afternoon the winners were Miss Johnson and Mr Cowling.

AMBULANCE CLASS.—The N.E.R. Ambulance Class at Crossgates has commenced work for the winter, and greatly increased interest is being shown in it. It has already a membership of about thirty, not half of whom are employees of the N.E.R. Co., and it is probable that a few more will join. The lectures are given by Dr. Hoggarth in a waiting-room at the station on Sunday evenings.

MISSION CHURCH.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Mission Church on Sunday. The Rev. H. H. Madeson (vicar) conducted the morning service, and the preacher in the evening, when there was a very large congregation, was Mr. one of the Leeds Parish Church clergy. Special hymns were sung, and the choir rendered the anthem "Four not, O lord." Mr J. Burnley, organist and choirmaster, presided at the organ.

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KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon a League match was played at Ewe Arkilow between the U.N. football team and Kippax Woodville. The latter won by four goals to one.

LADIES' SOCIETY.—The Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Arthur Clayton and John Arthur, both of Kippax, were summoned for using foul and obscene language at Kippax on Saturday, September 19th. P.C. Dawson said about 10 p.m. on the night in question he saw both defendants under the influence of drink at Mount Pleasant, Kippax. When spoken to about their conduct they used foul language, complained of. Clayton was fined 5s. including costs, and Brotton 2s. 6d. including costs.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The weekly meeting of the Band of Hope connected with this church was held on Monday evening, when a very interesting address was given by Mr B. Pierson on "The two opportunities gained by abstinence." The meeting was well attended, and Mr J. Goodall presided. On Tuesday evening the Goodall presided. On Tuesday evening the Wesley Guild commenced the winter session with a musical evening and coffee supper. The following programme was submitted:—Duet, "For ever with the Lord," Mr Parker and Miss Dewhirst sang; "Make new friends but keep the old," Miss Walford; recitation, Mrs Parker; "When the cords of death," Miss A. Parker; song, "The Ship that never returned," Mr Parker; "Angels of Angels," Miss Jackson. Mr W. R. Tebb presided over a good gathering.

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The Alberton Masonic Lodge, Roundhay, has contributed £5 5s. to the Lord Mayor's Fund, per which the chief at The Hall, Roundhay, have given £10 10s.

Mr H. K. Woodcock, of Roundhay, who was recommended by the National Rifle Association and the Leeds University as an instructor in musketry, is now attached to the 7th Seaforth Highlanders, with Brigade, Aide-de-camp Colour-Sergeant Musketry Instructor.

EXAMINATION CLOSED.—Below the Registrar (Mr F. W. Gillington), at the Leeds Bankruptcy Court, on Tuesday, the case of Pale-thorpe, solicitor, of 7, Greek Street, Leeds, and Cuckoo-stone, Lidgett Park Road, Roundhay, again came up for public examination as a debtor. Mr Thorpe, for the debtor, said an arrangement had been made by which it was hoped to pay the creditors in full. The examination was closed.

MISSING.—Mr E. A. Brotherton, of Roundhay (Lord Mayor of London's secretary and intimation has been received that Lieutenant R. L. Ratcliffe, of the Prince of Wales's Own (1st West Yorkshire Regiment)—is missing. Lieutenant Ratcliffe, who is the eldest son of Harris-cliffe, who is the eldest son of Harris-cliffe, of Roundhay, and is therefore a brother-in-law of the Lady Mayoress. Lieutenant Ratcliffe was gazetted to Lieutenant two years ago. He went to France with other members of the Expeditionary Force.

AN EXPLOSION.—In the Harrogate district on Wednesday afternoon an accident which resulted in injuries to a boy named William Cattersee, aged thirteen, occurred. At about 4 p.m. the lad, along with several other boys, was playing on a disused clay quarry at Bilton Banks, on which there is a hut which has been used for storing explosives for blasting purposes. In some manner or other the lads got into the hut, and found there two detonators. One of these they placed on the ground, and threw stones at it. The packet suddenly exploded, and the boy Cattersee was injured in the face. His nose was cut, and he bruised and cut his eye. He was taken home, and Dr Begg was called in, ordering the boy's removal to the Infirmary. He was suffering from burns to both eyes.

SLAICROFT

OFFENCES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Alton McLeod, a baker and pourer, of Leeds, was summoned for riding a bicycle along the York Road, Whinmoor, without a light, and was fined 1s. and costs.—Harry Lyth, a grocer's assistant, who was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at the same place on Sunday, September 20th, was also fined 1s. and costs.

STOURTON

The Midland Railway staff (Stourton and Hunslet sidings) have sent £2 2s. to the (third) weekly contribution to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Gaiety.—On Tuesday of the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Samuel Hurst, labourer, of Hunslet, Charles Attle, labourer, Godfrey Gibson, pilleter, Albert Harris, pit hand, and Gilbert Jeffrey, labourer, of Stourton, were summoned for gaming with coins at Stourton on Sunday, September 27th. All the defendants appeared, with the exception of Jeffrey, who was represented by P.C. Sunday and Sergt. Matthews. fined 2s. 6d. and costs. The other defendants were fined 1s. and costs.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival services in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church during the week-end were well attended with great success. On Sunday afternoon an excellent sermon was preached by Mr. Jos. Lister and Mrs. Bedford rendered "Sing unto the Lord" very sweetly in the choir. In the evening the services for the Harvest were rendered by the augmented choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Bedford, and were admirably played by Mr. Masterton. Mr. H. Collinson presided over a good congregation. On Monday evening the choir gave a most enjoyable concert, the following items being rendered:—"The Farmer's Faith," Mr. A. E. Barrett; solo had charge of the singing, and Mr. J. Waterhouse was the accompanist. Recitations and readings were given by Mr. H. J. Sellers and Mr. Wm. Hall, pianoforte, presided. During the evening the fruit and vegetables which had been used for decoration purposes were sold.

WHITKIRK

On Saturday afternoon a match between St. Mary's football match with Kirkgate Excelsior, and the former won by four goals to three.

NO CONTROL.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William Bottle, a young man, of Leeds, was charged for having in control of a horse by leaving it unattended. P.C. Taylor stated that about 3.40 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21st, he saw the pony and trap, which had been left unattended by the defendant, at Holly-shaw Lane, Whitkirk. He waited beside it for about fifteen minutes until the defendant came out of the Auction Mart. A fine of 10s., including costs was imposed.

WOODLESFORD

GAMING.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Albert Jacques, Thomas Hardwick, Joseph Aveyard, and George Nash, miners, of Woodlesford, were summoned for gaming with coins at Woodlesford. Albert stated that about 11.45 p.m. on Saturday, September 19th, he was in Station Lane, Woodlesford, when he saw the four defendants, playing a game of pitch and toss under a lamp. The cards were in separate lots on a newspaper which had been spread out on the footpath. Witness went towards them, and when he got near them the defendants scrambled right on him, and they ran away. He subsequently caught Jacques, who said when he was told that he would be reported, "I had just one lucky card." Aveyard when spoken to said "I had nowt to gamble with." Nash said "It is hard luck; it is the first time I have played." Each of the defendants was fined 1s. and costs.

SIR F. MILNER AND THE WAR.—At a meeting for the purpose of promoting recruiting for Lord Kitchener's Army, held in the Drill Hall, Ferdinand Street (formerly of Nun Appleton) said no one had a greater horror of war than he had. He was essentially a peace man, but at the same time he was of opinion that if we were to have peace we must always be prepared for war. History had ever shown them that diplomacy had succeeded best when it had behind it a powerful Navy and efficient Army. He could not help saying that if we had paid greater heed to the warnings of that great British soldier, Lord Roberts, Germany might not have entered into the present war. Germany and Germany alone was responsible for this terrible war, which she was carrying on with a ferocity and a brutality that had scandalised Christendom. Germany placed a life that would last to eternity on her executioner.

A CARLTON SOLDIER WOUNDED.

A YORKSHIRE REGIMENT'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

GERMANS WON'T FACE THE BAYONET.

A Carlton lad—Private T. Wilson, of the 2nd K.O.Y.L.I., who is now in Stockhill Hospital, Glasgow, has been wounded whilst fighting for his country in France. Wilson is a native of Carlton, where his parents, who have now removed to Wakefield, resided for many years.

In a letter addressed to the "Courier and Times," the gallant soldier states:—

"I dare say you will have read all about the battle at Mons where the British lost so heavily. It was an awful day for our regiment, the Yorkshire Light Infantry. We took up a position on Wednesday, August 26th, at what they term trenches, where we awaited the advance of the Germans. About 6 o'clock firing commenced by our artillery. Perhaps they had been at it about an hour when the shells began to fall over our heads, of our own artillery behind us.

"Witnesses began to get very hot for us round our trenches, but still we wouldn't retire. We had to stop there, within five yards of us. We were under the awful fire of machine guns and big guns for over eight hours, waiting for them to come, but not a sign. At last the officer in charge ordered us which we would maintain them or in the trenches and be slaughtered, or run out and retire to what seemed certain death. We all chose the latter. We had to retire, leaving behind us our trenches to our savage German enemies.

"We jumped out of the trenches and ran for our lives, and we ran for a good few that I have been for a soldier to experience.

"My lucky star was not that day. Bullets flew over my head and over under my arms, but I was not touched. I was one of the fortunates I was not lucky, because when the roll call was called there were 685 men, killed, wounded, and missing, and 17 officers killed, 3 wounded, and 2 missing. Such was the luck of a good old Yorkshire regiment at Mons.

"The Germans suffered terribly that day. Although we retired. There were 25,000 British picked against 250,000 Germans.

"I have through a few more engagements without scratch until the battle of The Marne, when we gave them a terrible thrashing, but I was struck down with a German shell and got in the way of my knee, and I am now out of action in Glasgow.

"In closing I will say this about the Germans. They will face the French women and children, but they won't face a good old British bayonet charge."

NAVY AND KAISER BILL.

"HE REFUSES TO BE ENTERTAINED."

Mr George Padgett, chief electrician of H.M.S. Achilles, who will be remembered in this district as one who superintended the laying of the tram lines between Leeds and Wakefield, relates of his experiences with the Fleet as follows:—

"I suppose you are anxiously waiting to hear what we are doing. At times I should like to know myself. The Kaiser's boast when Bill and his Navy don't intend having any truck with us. We have several times invited him out, but nothing doing; he refuses to be entertained. We have had plenty of sprits, and really having a good time. Instead of bedtime coming once in twenty-four hours and getting over a lump, it comes once a day and sometimes twice, and quite a night, once or two of all. Plenty of the best Queensland canned remounts and an occasional gorge of prime salt pork, which above would see the German Navy off.

"The majority of us would like three yards of cargo to pack our kits in. Uniforms, and our kits have more entrances than one, but we slide through it all. I don't think this is going to be a long war. Our fellows with the Army seem to be making a most offensive move and when once the Germans have to retreat they will do it at a great sacrifice.

"Whatever their sacrifice is it will never compensate gallant little Belgium, and if I have one spark of fire left you can reckon on a one-ers, each one of you.

"But in spite of my jokes I shall be glad when it is over, for it is really very trying times for us all. But duty must be done. It was done by our forefathers, the fruits of which we have enjoyed, and now we must do the same for our children, even at a great sacrifice. It's grand to read of the response of everybody in every part of the loyalty of our Dominions, and the readiness."

SUCCESS.—Master E. R. Foster, aged 12 years, pupil of the Kirk Fenton Parish School, has gained two scholarships at the Tadcaster Grammar School, and the prizes were held on the 5th and the 23rd September.

The following amounts have been sent from Collingham to the Belgian Relief Fund:—Boby Wilson, 1s.; Mavis Allison, 1s.; C. Allison, 1s.; Harold Allison, 1s.; Mabel Allison, 1s.; and Uncle Percy Christie, Collingham, 1s.

MINSTHORPE RIFLE CLUB.—The members of the Monk Fryston Miniature Rifle Club commenced operations on Saturday evening last, when opened in an old quarry belonging to the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A. The latter was present at the opening, and, in a short speech, expressed the hope that nothing should happen to cause annoyance to anyone in the district. Fifteen members were present, and during the afternoon 365 shots were fired.

MASTER AND SERVANT CASE.—On Saturday at the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York Hanby Taylor, farmer, of Scarcroft, was summoned by William Taylor, labourer, of York, under the Employers' and Workmen's Act, for the sum of £4. Mr A. E. Wilster appeared for the defendant. The complainant stated he worked for defendant for ten weeks without receiving any wages, but defendant had bought him a suit of clothes. On entering his service defendant said he would pay him 10s. per week. Cross-examined by Mr Wilster, witness said he did light and heavy work, and defendant provided him with lodgings, food, tobacco, and two pints of ale a day. He never received three pints of beer from defendant. He did not say he would work for his meals. William Henry Wiley said complainant told him that he was working for his meals.—The Chairman: The Bench think this man would have been properly and justly treated if he was given more than his legal rights.—Mr Wilster, after consulting his client, said defendant would, as a gift, allow the complainant 10s.—The Chairman: We will dismiss the case then.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

THE PRAYERS TAUGHT AT ROTHWELL.

SALART OF MASTER AND MATRON.

The fortnightly meeting of Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs J. Gawtin, Dr. E. Groves, Rev. T. Cody, J. Butterick, T. G. Conyers, W. Schofield, J. K. Chappell, D. W. Hargreaves, W. A. Appleyard, W. Verity, J. Bannister, E. B. Pickersgill, H. T. Pullan, W. A. Lunn, W. Stead, J. W. Verity, G. W. Peary, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Meek).

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

The signatures of the Children's Homes Committee showed that its committee had under further consideration the question of painting, &c., required to be done at the Homes, and it was resolved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders and that the Board be recommended to authorise the committee to open and consider same.

A letter was received from the Bishop of Ripon respecting the prayers taught in the Rothwell Church Sunday School, stating that he thought it a matter to be dealt with privately between Mr Rice and himself, and had acted accordingly. The reply was considered unsatisfactory, and it was resolved that the Bishop of Ripon be asked for a definite reply to the complaints made to him.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee the master reported that six deaths had occurred in the Union during the fortnight.

The Clerk reported that he had only received one reply to four enquiries for offers for the Union and straw for the ensuing year. It was resolved that it be referred to the Farm Sub-Committee to consider, and advise as to the most suitable crops to be grown next year in order to obtain double the amount of food supplies. Also to consider the advisability of planting something useful on the land situated in the several airing courts.

The Clerk reported that an interview with Miss Gernard on the fifth September, when she expressed herself as unequal to resuming lectures next month or taking up again any of the duties of superintendent nurse. She intimated her willingness to resign at once if she can feel assured of a superannuation allowance. It was resolved that the offer of Miss Gernard to send in her resignation to take effect forthwith be accepted, and that the Board be recommended to pay to her the superannuation allowance (about £40 per annum) to which she may be entitled.

It was resolved that facilities be afforded as hitherto for suitable concerts to be given at the institution during the six months ending 31st March next, such concerts not being more frequent than once a month inclusive of the special Christmas entertainment and given on a suitable Thursday evening.

The minutes were passed.

NURSE'S RESIGNATION.

A letter was read from Miss Gerrard, the superintendent nurse of the workhouse infirmary, tendering her resignation owing to general ill-health, and she assured the Board of its gratitude. The letter pointed out that she had held the position at the Workhouse since July 12th, 1901.

Mr Conyers, chairman of the House Committee, moved that the Board accept the resignation with regret. Personally, he said, he was very sorry. She was an old servant, and it was coming to advancing age that she had been obliged to take the step she had done. Mr Appleyard seconded, and the resolution was carried.

SALARY OF MASTER AND MATRON.

A letter was read from the master and matron asking for an increase of their respective salaries, on the grounds that several of the indoor officers had had their wages increased by the Board, and that he and his wife had served under the Board for about six years.

In answer to a question the Clerk said that the present salary of the master was £70 per year, and that of the matron £40.

Mr Lunn moved that the matter go to the House Committee.

Father Cody seconded and said he thought if only fair that consideration should be shown to the master and matron, seeing that other officers had had their salaries increased.

Mr J. Butterick, in moving an amendment that the letter be allowed to lie upon the table, said he thought it a most inopportune time to raise the salaries of permanent officials.

Mr Schofield seconded, and on a vote being taken the amendment was lost, the resolution that the matter be referred to the House Committee being carried.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAR.

With regard to the proposal of the Guardians to offer a number of beds in their institution to the War Office for the sick and wounded, a letter from the Local Government Board stating that they appreciated the good intentions, but they were not prepared to give their assent.

A letter was read from the War Office acknowledging the offer of the Guardians.

The Clerk also read a letter from the Doncaster Union asking if the Guardians could supply spare accommodation for any of their inmates, as it was proposed by the military authorities that the institution be set aside for military purposes. The Clerk said that, after conferring with the Chairman of the Board, and the chairman of the House Committee, he had made an offer to the Doncaster Union to take in a number of their inmates. Since then he had seen that the Doncaster Guardians were trying to persuade the military authorities not to press them. However, should the military authorities make the demand, he should wire to the Doncaster Guardians for them to send on the number according to the offer.

Mr Pickersgill urged that the Board press the Local Government Board for sanction to utilise their spare accommodation for any purpose, and this was agreed to.

PRINCE OF WALES AND SELBY SUPPORT.—A letter from Mr Walter Peacock, treasurer to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, received by the hon. sec. to the Selby District War Relief Fund. The letter states that his Royal Highness desires to express his gratification at the success attending the efforts of the committee, and wishes to convey to all the subscribers who are so generously responding to the appeal his warmest thanks for their kindness. His Royal Highness, the letter continues, is following as closely as possible the degrees of trade depression existing in the different parts of the country.

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TEMPLENEWSAM TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME

INTERESTING CONFERENCE AT HALTON.

PROPERTY OWNERS' QUESTIONS.

A special meeting for the purpose of hearing the views of owners of property affected by the Templenewsam Town-planning Scheme was held at the Parochial Hall, Halton, on Wednesday morning. Mr T. Thomas (Chairman of the Hunslet Rural District Council) presided, and he was supported by Messrs P. S. Marsden and W. Verity, along with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar). From the Leeds Corporation were Mr Pullan, representing the Town Clerk; and Messrs Longbottom and Lonsdale, Engineer's Department. Representing the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P., was Mr J. Farrar, J.P.; and others present were Mr J. W. Morkill, J.P., who owns property in the area, and Mr Godfrey.

The Chairman said—It is now just over 18 months since you were first invited to meet the Council to consider a proposal to make a town planning scheme for the area outlined on the map before you. The Council were much gratified on that occasion to receive your unanimous approval of the proposal, and they have spent a great deal of time and consideration in working out the details of the scheme which is now submitted, and on which they invite your views. May I take this opportunity of saying how much we are indebted, in preparing the scheme, to the assistance of Mr Farrer, who represents the principal landowner, and has taken a very active interest in the proceedings from the start. Also I should like to thank the Town Clerk of Leeds and the City Engineer for the very courteous manner in which they have at all times been ready to assist us, and for several practical suggestions they have made. If you will look at the map you will see that the scheme provides for the construction of 14 roads. The principal road is road No. 1, leading from Holbeck Hill by way of Primrose Lane to the Selby Road at Whitkirk. This roads practically bisects the area, and is intended to form an alternative route to the Selby Road for through traffic, and to assist in future development. It is proposed to make this road 55 feet wide. Road No. 2 is an arm branching off from road No. 1 at the top of Morrell Avenue, and leading to Crossgates Station. The need for an improved road to the station is generally admitted, and it is proposed to make this road 45 feet wide. Road No. 3 is also a road leading to the Railway Station from Whitkirk. This road will be 45 feet wide, and will be constructed with an even gradient throughout, enabling traffic to avoid the difficult and narrow road called Hollyshaw Lane. Road No. 4 is a continuation of road No. 2 to meet Cross Green Lane, 45 feet wide, and with the construction of this road it is proposed to do away with the very awkward turning in the existing highway. Road No. 5 is a continuation of Wilfred Avenue, 36 feet wide, to meet the Selby Road. No. 6 is a short branch, 36 feet wide, connecting Primrose Lane with road No. 1. Nos. 7, 8, 9, and 10 are extensions of existing streets at Whitkirk, all 36 feet wide, to meet road No. 3. Nos. 11 and 12 are 36 feet wide, and are intended to assist in developing the land in the south-east corner of the area. No. 13 is simply an extension of road No. 3 to meet the Selby Road. No. 14 is intended to link up the area with a new road through Osmondthorpe contemplated by the Leeds Corporation. The proposed width of this road is 60 feet. No. 15 is 36 feet wide, and is intended to form a means of communication between the area and the land on the south side thereof. Three other roads will be proposed by the Council, though they do not appear on the map. They are (1) A short extension of Hollyshaw Grove to meet road No. 3. (2) A road on the west of field No. 124 near the Cemetery, 55 feet wide, intended to communicate with the land on the south side of the area. (3) A road leading from the Selby Road in the direction of the Seacroft sewerage works.

In dividing the area into sites on which different classes of buildings may be erected, the Council had regard to the fact that the district is principally residential. In the area edged yellow it is proposed that the number of houses per acre shall not be more than eight, and in the area edged blue the number may be 14 per acre. Shops may be erected on the sites hatched yellow, and these are generally along the south of the main road. The land intended to be reserved for public open spaces is coloured green, and land reserved for allotments is coloured grey. Factories may be erected on the land hatched green, and public buildings on the land coloured purple. Any suggestions which the owners have to make with regard to the proposals will be most carefully considered by the Council before finally deciding on the scheme which they will submit to the Local Government Board, and a local inquiry will be held by the Board at which any person interested who feels himself in any way aggrieved by the Council's proposals will have the right to appear and urge his objections.

Mr J. W. Morkill remarked upon the reservation of certain portions for open spaces, and asked how the owner would stand in regard to them. Was it proposed to purchase the land from him, or was it proposed that he should give it?

The Clerk: If the owner is prepared to set apart the land as public open spaces he will obtain in return for that certain advantages in the scheme, and probably it will be a matter for bargaining between the Council and the owner for the purchase of the land.

Mr Farrer: Does any owner actually hind himself by the scheme to-day?

The Clerk: This meeting is more in the nature of a conference at which the Council desire to ascertain the views of the owners as to the scheme. This was not necessarily the final scheme to be presented to the Local Government Board, as if any suggestions which might be made were approved of by the Council, they would be embodied in the plan.

Mr Morkill: Suppose we don't assent to the proposals, are we bound to accept them when the final scheme comes before us?

The Clerk: We are not asking you to assent to the scheme to-day, only to discuss it.

Mr Morkill: With regard to the land for new roads, is that to be obtained from owners or is it for them to give it?

The Clerk: As a rule, the land required for a road would be given by the owner in return for the improvement which the construction would make for his estate.

Mr Morkill: If he gives the land who is to make the road?

The Clerk: The road up to an extent of 36 feet will be made at the cost of the owner, and the rest will be made by the Council. The Clerk added that the Road Board would not give a grant except for a main road.

Mr Morkill said he did not consider it fair, as it was no small matter for an owner to give the land and to pay for the construction of the road.

The Clerk: The owner would not have to pay for it all at once. If the road was constructed at once the owner would only be called upon to pay his share of the 36 feet width as buildings were erected and not before. He would only have to pay as the land was developed.

Mr Morkill said he would be prepared to sell the land for a more reasonable price for improvement than he would for the purpose of building.

Mr Farrar: Has the owner a right to give the land?

The Clerk: If the taking of the land injures the owner he is entitled to compensation.

Mr Morkill: A rate should be made to find everyone alike. The small owner might be in a difficult position in comparison to the large owner who could give the land.

Mr Farrar said he was not there to propose anything, as he would like some time to consider the scheme, although at present he was not opposed to it.

Mr Morkill: Like Mr Farrar, I am not opposed to it, yet I should like to consider it further.

The Clerk said probably owners would benefit to a great extent by avoiding back streets to the houses.

On behalf of Leeds Corporation Mr Pullan said the Corporation appreciated the way the Rural District Council had received their criticism in regard to the scheme, and assured them that in regard to the matter they had a friendly interest, and desired to carry out their scheme on a satisfactory basis. There would probably be three points on which the Corporation would like to meet the Council. The first was with regard to the main road. Another question was with regard to Hollyshaw Lane, and the third in connection with a road alongside the railway in connection with the scheme of the Corporation. The Corporation, he added, wished to adopt as friendly an attitude as possible.

The Clerk said that with regard to the points, the Council had very carefully considered them, and, with the exception of the proposed main road from the Selby Road, he thought his Council were pretty well in accord with the suggestions which the Corporation had made.

MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES AT STOURTON.

APPLICATION TO SKYRACK MAGISTRATES.

A REFUSAL—WILL THE WAR OFFICE INTERVENE?

A special sitting of justices for the Skyrack Division of the West Riding was held in Leeds on Monday to consider an application by Messrs Brotherton and Co., ammonia and tar distillers, for a licence to manufacture explosives at the Stourton Chemical Works, Rothwell Haigh. A similar application was made in July of last year, but no decision was then arrived at, the application being eventually withdrawn.

Mr Arthur Willey now appeared to renew the application, and he was opposed by Mr C. Scriven of the Yorkshire Copper Works, Limited, by Mr R. B. Hopkins (for the Aire and Calder Navigation Company), and by Mr Armitage, instructed by Mr Dodgson (for the Rothwell Urban Council).

Mr Willey said the applicants desired to manufacture picric acid. Since the case was last before the Court national circumstances had changed, and it was now absolutely necessary that large quantities of this explosive should be made somewhere, and made at once.

Mr Scriven: You will prove this?

Mr Willey: Oh, certainly. The War Office desire this material, and they must have it. A draft licence for this site has been issued by the Home Office, and if this application were refused the Home Office would hold an inquiry into whether the refusal was justified or not. I do not wish to minimise or challenge this Bench in any way, but if leave is not now given the War Office say they will make this picric acid at Stourton under the charge of one of their own officials. And, after all, the War Office can do pretty well as they like in the present emergency. Mr Brotherton, however, would like to proceed, if possible, with the full concurrence of the Bench of justices.

Mr Thomas Fairley, city analyst of Leeds, gave it as his opinion that the manufacture of picric acid could be carried out on the Stourton site without danger to the canal, copper works, or any other property in the area.

Cross-examined by Mr Scriven, the witness said a wall would divide the dry from the wet picric acid. It was possible that with an explosion of the dry acid the wet would go as well. Picric acid itself was an explosive, and the manufacture of picric acid in its wet state was already going on there. A year ago a sheet about two yards square was put down on the site, and a small shed. It remained there a week, and of the deposit under one per cent. consisted of copper.

Mr Hopkins, for the Aire and Calder Co., objected from Mr Fairley the admission that an explosion of five hundred pounds of picric acid would be like the bursting of fifty bombs.

Evidence was given by Mr H. Pickard, engineer, of the Aire and Calder Navigation, and Mr W. F. Reid, consulting chemist, of London. Mr Pickard urged that an explosion might cause the banks of the adjoining canal to break, thus liberating water for a stretch of two miles and three furlongs. It would take fully six months to repair such a breach, and in the meantime Leeds would be cut off from water traffic altogether.

Mr Reid considered that the proposed sheds were too near to other buildings, that the site was dangerous because of the close proximity of the copper works, that deposits of copper arising might form oxidising agents, and that, in fact, the limit within which the sheds would be built were very much charged with metallic oxides. There was also danger from the lime deposits on the site of the proposed sheds.

Mr Scriven emphasised the damage which would be wrought to the copper works in case of an explosion, and urged that the site was most unsuitable.

After a lengthy hearing, the Bench refused the application, on the ground that the site was dangerous.

It is stated that the Home Office will now be asked to grant a licence. Should they refuse to do so, it is possible for the manufacture of picric acid to be carried on at Stourton, or anywhere else, by the sanction of the War Office, and under the superintendence of one of their own officials. The acid is used in the making of lyddite shells, and large quantities are required by the British Government and our Allies.

STOURTON

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Stourton United were defeated by Rothwell W.R. by two goals to nil. Stourton Athletic and West Hunslet Amateurs played a drawn game of three goals each.

CORRESPONDENCH.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry your Sycamore correspondent has not told us what constitutes a Fentonite the Fentonian, nor does he tell us why he used the insinuating words complained of.

If, as I hold, "residency" is a sufficient qualification for the title, then the members of the Church Fenton Club may feel doubly proud (if it is a thing to be proud of), in that the club has up to the present played more such men than has the Sycamore. Now, if your correspondent will openly state that the members of the Church Fenton Club are as fully entitled to be termed Fentonites or Fentonians as are the members of the Sycamore Club then I am willingly withdraw the accusation made.—Yours, etc.,

A. B. HOLDERNESS.
Hon. Sec., Church Fenton Club.

A SUGGESTION TO FARMERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the question of unemployment may become acute during the coming winter, will you allow me a little of your valuable space to indicate a practical method of solving the problem, at least so far as the land is concerned.

In Great Britain alone there are over eleven million acres of arable land devoted to the production of cereals, root crops, cabbage crops, peas, beans, &c., and it may be safely said that practically the whole of the 11,000,000 acres are turned over with the plough. This is chiefly because agriculturists are under the impression that ploughing is the best and most economical method. As a matter of fact, ordinary ploughing is one of the most costly and most deceptive methods of cultivation. Would it not, therefore, be the height of wisdom—especially at this critical period in our national history—to substitute, in as possible, the superior method of cultivation by the spade?

Most people will probably consider this a mammoth task, and will be appalled at the idea of turning over more than absorb all the profits from the land. Such, however, is not the case.

The plough merely turns over roughly four or five inches of the crust at a cost of 15s. to 25s. per acre, while the spade or fork will not only break up the soil to a depth of about twelve inches, but will also bring about a much finer tilth, at a cost of 40s. to 55s. per acre.

The result (provided, of course, that crops have not been so crowded as to become suffocated later on), is that two, three, and often four times more produce can be secured from dug land than from ploughed land. This important extra 60 of labour would be more than met by the heavier and better crops; and there would be the advantage of having the soil in a deeper, better, and more fertile condition for the succeeding crops. In addition to this, dug land is always freer than ploughed land from insects, pests, and weeds, an important item not to be overlooked.

Assuming that one man can dig an acre of land in sixteen days (or, in other words, sixteen men can dig an acre in one day), it is not difficult to see that a vast army would be required during the winter months to dig the eleven million acres of arable land in Great Britain, and thus make them yield crops that can never be obtained by ordinary ploughing.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN WEATMAN.

Park View, Isleworth, W.

PREMATURE BURIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to a sudden death reported in your issue of the 18th Sept., may I say that of all existing organisations none, from a humane point of view, is more important than that for the prevention of burying people alive. To those who doubt the existence of the facts, and to others who are sceptical as to the existence of trance, catalepsy, or other death simulacra, sometimes known as human automatism, such a movement appears unnecessary, Utopian, and a waste of energy. On the other hand, those who have carefully examined the evidence brought together by numerous authorities, including medical men, hospital surgeons, and scientific observers, lose their scepticism in the amount of cumulative evidence which bests the path of their researches. Surveys ranging from Scandinavia, Germany, and Russia, to Spain, Portugal, Italy, Russia, and Turkey, where exposure and death is frequently followed by prompt burial than in these islands), the discoveries often being accidentally made during the preparations for the funeral. It may be reasonably inferred that in those cases that some, if not many, do not escape, and are buried whilst in a state of suspended animation. This catastrophe is most likely to occur on the battlefield, and it is much to be feared that many a soldier is buried alive.

Every session the Association for the Prevention of Premature Burial presents a Bill to Parliament to prevent these terrible tragedies by requiring the proper certification, unexpiring, and dangerous system of death examination and certification. Free literature on this momentous subject will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Thanking you in anticipation of your customary courtesy and kindness.—Yours, etc.,

JAS. R. WILLIAMSON.
100, Cheddington Road, Upper Edmonton, London, N., 24th Sept., 1914.

RAPHAEL'S MADONNA MODEL.

Raphael's model for his famous Madonna was a baker's daughter named Fornarina. The famous artist fell in love with La Fornarina, but her father objected to the girl posing, we are told by Dr. A. S. Rappoport, in "Famous Artists and Their Models" (Stanley Paul and Co.).

"Raphael understood, as soon as he had set eyes on the lovely daughter of the Fornarino, that he would have to win her, or else the necessary model would for ever be lost to the artist, more also than his mind to have her. Being unable to break the obstinacy of the Signor Fornarino, Raphael decided to address himself to Pope Leo X., and to ask the Holy Father to interfere on the artist's behalf, for the holy sake of art. The Pope knew too well what such a beautiful model would for the brush of Raphael and the world of art, Leo X., the noble Prince of Medici, the cultured, the refined, from the height of his infallibility the head of Christendom granted the request of the prince of artists. No Roman, no devout Catholic, would dare to disobey a wish expressed by the Holy Father, for, to the pious the Pope's wish was equal to a command. Leo X. sent a line to the Fornarino, and at once all the latter's scruples vanished. The Holy Father had spoken, and the girl was allowed to go to the atelier of Raphael."

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Over 27,000 men have been enrolled in Lord Kitchener's Army in Birmingham.

There are four brothers named Nisbeth in the Bavarian army, and all are royal Jews.

Lord Kitchener has accepted an invitation to become Rector of Edinburgh University.

Bishop Blyth, who since 1887 has been the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, has resigned.

The Queen has given two hundred yards of dress material to the wives of soldiers at Aldershot.

Nine postmen have joined the Army from Pontefract, and letters are being delivered by Boy Scouts.

A Dutch committee has been formed at the Hague for the purpose of restoring the library of Louvain.

James Johnson, a young man, was fined 40s. and costs at Barrow-in-Furness for being drunk in charge of a loaded motor-car.

Out of a scattered population of 200 the little village of Dove Holes, near Buxton, Derbyshire, has sent thirty to join the colours.

The number of applications for necessitous children at Hull has increased since the outbreak of the war from 1,000 to 10,000 per week.

The Russian Minister of the Interior has published the figures of the Russian harvest, which show a return of more than four thousand million poods.

The orders for military clothing which have been placed in Walsall are of so extensive a character that they will take, it is stated, more than six months to complete.

Fred Kears, a farmer, was at Grimsby, on Monday, charged with making a false declaration, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and hard labour.

It is definitely stated in northern shipping ports that alien enemies on our coasts are systematically making the German fleets acquainted with the movements of British shipping.

Michael Schwartz, of Oberauben, President of the Socialist Unions in Bavaria, has been given the Iron Cross for bravery. He is the first German Socialist to be decorated by the Kaiser.

Joseph White, a retired lieutenant of the Royal Navy, and his daughter Clara Cecilia were remanded at Chatham on a charge of housebreaking and theft from a neighbour at Chatham.

At the inquiry on Monday into the death of General Delarey, the constable who fired the fatal shot stated that he fired at the right wheel of the motor-car, with the intention of bursting the tyre.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Thorpe, of Weeland Cottages, Pontefract, have 5 family record, for of their eight sons seven are serving in the Army, the eighth, aged fifteen, being too young for enlistment.

A British private in Marseilles says we owe our efficiency in the field to our superior feeding. Our men go into battle as fit as possible. Every detail of commissariat is perfect, even down to the marmalade.

The Imperial Merchant Service Guild have raised £7,500 to be used for the relief of seamen and officers and their dependents in occasional circumstances arising out of service in merchant ships during the war.

A Territorial despatch rider named Lowell Jones was shot dead by a sentry at Little Crosby, near Liverpool, on Monday, probably through the noise of his motor-cycle, did not apparently hear the sentry's challenge.

A young Belgian woman while going through a trapeze performance at a Belgian hippodrome on Saturday evening fell and suffered injuries from which she died. Her companion escaped with slight injuries.

Councillor William Cartledge, the son of a farm labourer, and himself in early life a farm servant, has been selected by the Liberal members of the Blackburn Town Council as their nominee for the mayoralty.

Whilst two soldiers were examining a rifle on the Bisley ranges, on Surrey Day, one day, the weapon went off, and the bullet passed through the body of a mason named William Foster, who died in a few minutes.

A coastguard named MacLeod was fatally bayonetted by a sentry at a signal station near North Berwick, the soldier mistaking him on one enemy. The sentry is now undergoing a watch when the sentry ran him through.

Although no decision has, apparently, been arrived at, it is believed that the new Irish Parliament reassembles there will be no State ceremony. Should this prove correct the new session will be inaugurated by Lords Commissioners.

The coal contracts for the Danish State railways have been allotted between the Northumberland and Scottish mines. Contracts to the extent of 40,000 tons have been placed in Northumberland, and in Scotland to the extent of 60,000 tons.

The famous Austrian violinist, Fritz Kreisler, who is a lieutenant in the Landsturm, has been wounded in the right arm. The surgeons dare that a complete cure can be effected. Kreisler, who is suffering from neuritis, was fighting in Galicia.

Ruth Armitage, twenty-six, widow, of Wakefield Road, Almondbury, Huddersfield, was found by her son, on Monday, dead on the heathrug in front of the fire in her home at Fenay Bridge. About six weeks ago she had a seizure which had affected her left side.

A verdict of "Felo de se" was returned at an inquest held on Monday on John E. Pfeiffer, assistant-manager of the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. It was stated that the deceased spoke Russian, German, French, and Swedish fluently, and had never been known to smile.

Karl Gustav Ernst (42), hairdresser, has been remanded at Bow Street Police Court on the charge of obtaining and communicating the formation calculated to be useful to the enemy. Extraordinary allegations were made of an organised system of espionage.

A verdict of "Death from misadventure" was returned at an inquest in London on Giovanni Maria Palmi, the well-known business manager of the Gaiety Theatre, who died on the 18th from financially embarrassed by the war, and to induce sleep had taken an overdose of veronal.

Sir Edgar Gilbert, C.B., principal of the Ulster Unionist Council meeting on Monday, at Belfast, said that when the war was over he intended to raise a force of 100,000 men. Provisional Government, whose first act would be, if necessary, to repeal the Home Rule Act as regarded Ulster.

Despite his age, over 70 years, Sergeant Mawson, of Knaresborough, still maintains a fine soldierly bearing. He has enrolled about 100 men, and 30 of these have joined the Colours. A recruiting sergeant thousands of recruits passed through his hands in the chief West Riding towns, including no fewer than 1,000 in Leeds alone.

A little story from Brussels affords some comfort under the present circumstances. Before the Germans occupied Brussels, the Government, as is known, was transferred to Antwerp, and the Burgomaster of the capital, who stayed on to look after the interests of the inhabitants, wrote upon the door of one of the closed buildings:—"Belgium closed pending an extension of premises."

The seed crushing merchants of Hull have sent in a protest against the holding of the Hull Pleasure Fair this year, holding the view that Hull is in the danger zone and that the brilliant lights of the Fair might attract the airships of the enemy. The Corporation Committee reply that the military authorities have been consulted and no objection has been raised, and it has been decided to hold the Fair as usual.

Four brothers named Murfield, natives of Whitby, who were on H.M.S. Hogue, were saved.

Jane Clementson, aged seven, has been killed by a motor car in Clayton Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Mr. Bridlington Guardians on Saturday decided to supply the Workhouse inmates with war newspapers.

A patriotic concert organised by Madame Melba at Sydney, proved a brilliant success, realising over £1,800.

A soldier of the Scottish Rifles, Patrick Foley was run over and killed by a motor bus at Farnham on Saturday night.

Colonel Hughes, Minister of Militia at Quebec, has resigned office in order to go to the front with the Canadian contingent.

It is authoritatively stated that some nine hundred French Roman Catholic priests are serving as privates in the French army.

The Johannesburg Chamber of Mines has given a donation of £30,000 for the provision of a Union of South Africa hospital ship.

John Wilson (59) and Catherine Dignall or Wilson (47), his wife, were burnt to death in a fire at a tenement at Balgrayhark Street, Glasgow.

The grand stand and pavilion on the Clyde Football Club's ground at Glasgow were on Monday destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at £3,000.

Private George Cheetham, of Owlergrave Road, Darnall, Sheffield, on Friday very pluckily saved a child from drowning in the River Foss at York.

A Wombwell miner, Pat McGowan (23), was fatally injured by being knocked down by a motor bus, driven by J. W. Charlton, on Saturday night.

An Austrian named John Verdos was at Nottingham, on Monday, sentenced to two months' imprisonment for giving false information as to his place of residence.

By the sale of Union Jacks and flags of the Allies in the streets of Grimsby on Saturday, £1,000 was raised for the National Relief Fund. The effort was promoted by local journalists.

At Nottingham a Socialist orator named Arthur Lewis Cox was bound over to be of good behaviour for six months for using seditious language tending to create a breach of the peace.

George Newton Spencer, a shipping clerk employed by a Hamburg firm, was remanded at the Guildhall, London, on Monday, on a charge of unlawfully inciting a person to trade with the enemy.

The Government has placed with the chief firms of High Wycombe an order for 47,000 chairs and 4,000 stools, the total value of which is about £70,000. Another order is for two million seat pegs.

Mr Daniel Meyer, who for three years has been Mayor of Bexhill, has resigned office. He is a German by birth, and a naturalised British subject, but he thinks the town should have a Mayor who is British born.

The war census of Paris shows that the number of households is 701,000, as compared with 762,434 in 1911. The actual population numbers 4,867,944. Of the total population 940,087 are women and 272,471 children.

An open verdict was returned at an inquest at Ilford, on a young labourer named Arthur Stale, of Brook Street, Rastrick, whose body cut in two was found near a public level crossing at Waterhouse sidings, Ilford, on Sunday night.

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CARE OF POLISHED FURNITURE.

Polished furniture is best preserved by washing it occasionally with a little clear warm water and drying it with a linen cloth and never applying furniture polish until it has been thus treated. Of course, hot vessels and hot dishes should never be placed on polished wood surfaces. An unsightly white mark is the result of such carelessness. Prevention is better than cure, but the white mark can be cured by rubbing it with a rag damp with whisky, and as soon as the mark has disappeared, rubbing the part thoroughly with another rag soaked with linseed oil.

TO REMOVE THE SMELL OF ONIONS.

Nothing smells so disagreeable as the odour left on the hands after peeling onions. An effectual way to remove this is to rub the hands thoroughly with mustard, and then afterwards washing them with soap and hot water and rinsing well.

HARVEST DRINKS.

GINGER BEER.—Ten pounds of loaf sugar, six ounces of powdered ginger, six gallons of water, ten lemons, half a teacupful of yeast, two slices of toasted bread. Boil the sugar and ginger in water for one hour. When it is cold, add the juice and peel of lemons, also yeast on the toasted bread. Let it stand in a tub covered with a linen cloth for two or three days, then strain it through a thick cloth and bottle it. It will be ready to drink in four or five days after it is bottled.

BARLEY WATER.—Take four ounces of pearl barley and boil it in four quarts of water for several hours until the barley is quite soft, then strain it, and if too thick add boiling water until it looks like cream. Add sugar and lemon to taste. This is a very nourishing drink.

OATMEAL WATER.—In two quarts of cold water, put one pint of fine or coarse oatmeal and one pound of lump sugar. Boil for half an hour. Allow it to cool. Then, to the rind and juice of two lemons add one quart of boiling water; when cold, strain, and mix with the oatmeal previously boiled. This will be found a most refreshing and first-class drinking beverage. More cold water can be added if required.

LEMON DRINK.—One lemon, one pound of lump sugar, half an ounce of cream of tartar, quarter of an ounce of ginger, and a little tartaric acid. Pour one gallon of cold water on and let stand one night, then it is ready for straining. The above is a most refreshing drink and inexpensive.—*Mark Lane Express.*

CUSTARD.

A SUMMER PUDDING.—Over four tablespoonfuls of fine white breadcrumbs pour a pint of nearly boiling milk, and add a little butter and a good tablespoonful of sugar, or sweeten to taste. Leave it covered until cool, then mix in the yelks of two eggs, and a little more milk if too stiff to stir easily. Whip the whites to a firm froth and stir them lightly in. Add a little vanilla, turn it into a buttered pie-dish, and bake gently until it sets. Meanwhile, slowly stew either raspberries or red currants, or both, and serve them in a separate dish. Rice is also used as a good substitute for the rice or blancmange usually served with stewed fruit.

GRENADAINE.—Put in a piedish which very will no more than half fill mix together two tablespoonfuls of washed rice, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a little salt, and three teacupfuls (about one pint) of nearly boiling milk. Bake it in a slow oven for about three hours, stirring the rice which will be most swollen and the milk absorbed. Remove the skin, on the rice place a close double layer of ripe, stoned greengages sprinkled with sugar. Cover closely with a greased paper pressed down by a flat dish, and return to the oven for about twenty minutes, or until the fruit begins to soften. Meanwhile beat two eggs, add rather more than two teacupfuls of milk, and sugar to make it fairly sweet. Pour the custard over the fruit, and bake slowly until set. When the rice is not too rich, it is equally good as a cold sweet.

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "When Charles I. Was King," "Daniel Quayne," "The Firebird," &c.

CHAPTER XXI.

The inspector set off for the hall door, and the motor brougham which was awaiting him there, with such haste that he had already taken his seat when Quinton caught him up.

"May I come with you?" he asked. "I daresay I shan't be in the way, and, in any case, just are going in my direction."

"Come, by all means," answered Inspector Cortelyon. "I have hold the man where I want to go. You may come with me if you like."

"Yes," said Quinton. "Where is that?"

"I am going to Arnold Strand's lodgings," replied the detective. "And I hope I may find those diamonds there."

"You do?" exclaimed Quinton, slightly incredulously. "You really think to get them?"

"Certainly. I figure it out this way," said the inspector. "Robert Strand, I can see, was very much in the late Sir Robert Mainwaring's confidence. In fact, he would be likely to have treated him more like one of the family—almost like a son, in fact."

"I should say so," said Quinton. "What next?"

"What more likely, then, that the Baronet should take him into his confidence about those diamonds?" said Inspector Cortelyon. "It is extremely likely that he would do so. What is absolutely certain is that Strand provided himself with a duplicate key of the safe, so you have just seen. All this is only serving to elucidate a mystery which is apart from the mystery."

"You said just now that you knew where the diamonds were," said Quinton. "Does that mean—"

"Ah, I spoke rather heedlessly, interrupted the inspector. "I don't know here and that I have a very good idea where they will be found; as Strand was arrested and locked up so speedily, I don't think he will have had time to move them. I believe I shall find them in the orchard at his lodgings."

"What, planted?" said Quinton.

"Just so," replied Inspector Cortelyon. "And I believe that a certain diagram now in my pocket-book refers to that very spot. It's a very curious thing, but a lot of men like Strand, if they secrete something of value, cannot refrain from making a more or less elaborate diagram of its whereabouts, and preserving it instead of trusting to memory. Now, in this case—"

And he proceeded to tell Quinton about the diagram, and by the light of the carriage reading-lamp showed it to him.

"In the orchard," he said, "there is a dotted line, that circle and ellipse represents it. The orchard has a tumble-down wicket gate—these strokes evidently represent that. I believe the stuff find the diamonds hidden between the well and the wicket-gate."

Quinton made no answer to this; it seemed to him that Strand might have found a much more likely place wherein to bestow the stolen diamonds, and that he was more the sort of man to bury them in a hole than in a hole in the ground. But he reflected that Inspector Cortelyon was an astute man, who had good grounds for what he believed, and he looked forward with interest to the next stage of the matter.

The inspector had ordered the motor brougham to stop at some distance from Strand's lodgings; he wanted, he said, to approach the house quietly.

There ought to be a man of mine somewhere about," he said, as they drew near the gardenside front of the house. "I've had the place watched ever since I heard of Strand's escape, and whom I've put on to it that he might come here. And now that I know about the diamonds, I shouldn't wonder if he's hanging about."

A man's figure suddenly rose out of the darkness from behind a clump of laurel.

"Is that you, Perrett?" said Inspector Cortelyon. "Anything happened?"

"Not yet, sir," replied Perrett. "Nothing's happened."

"Well, I'll send someone to relieve you presently," said the inspector. "I must have an eye on this place all night. In the meantime, you can borrow a lantern from the house and bring it round to the orchard at the back—there's something I want to look at, examine. Come this way, Mr. Quinton—we needn't go in by the house people."

The inspector led the way round the house to the little orchard which lay in front of the windows of Strand's sitting-room.

"Now, here's the place," he said, laying his hand on the crazy wicket. "You'll see when Perrett brings that lantern that—the dotted line—"

He stopped, suddenly grasping Quinton's arm. In the darkness, tall and clinging, of the wicket-gate, a man was seen; two or three were just of the ground in the centre of the orchard and more actively away.

"Hi—stop—stop!" exclaimed the detective, rushing forward. "Come to him, Mr. Quinton—you're more active than I am. Hi, Perrett! Perrett!"

The figure in front crashed through the fence at the opposite side of the orchard and was seen, in the dim light, to fall. Inspector Inspector Cortelyon, had darted forward; strong, athletic, and in good trim, he meant to grab the fellow dead or alive. But the darkness he caught a foot in the hedgerow and fell heavily; when he rose, the sparse, judging by the sound of his footfalls on the road, was across the field behind the orchard. He ran on, the inspector and Perrett bolting in his rear.

They had rolled in a deep ditch at the far road which, as Quinton knew, lay the river. In being city the height of summer, the trees were in full leaf, and the darkness made exceedingly difficult to see anything. But the last cover even in broad daylight; at that hour of night, of course, nothing was to be seen. The three men paused at the edge of the wood and listened intently.

"He's got a good chance of getting him here," said the detective, peering about him in the darkness. "He can hide easily enough in these woods. Now, you just lower yourself in that fall, Mr. Quinton."

"I shouldn't be hard—I'd some skin off my face," answered Quinton. "I'll just climb it. I see what you're driving at—you mean that he'll have hidden for that night."

"Do you think it was Strand?" asked the detective, still hanging about the edge of the wood—as if he were afraid.

"No," answered the manager. "It was not Strand—I'm certain of that. It was a much smaller man than Strand, and very agile."

"Well, we might as well go back and see what he was after," said Inspector Cortelyon. "He won't be coming this way again, that's any good here. Hurry on, Perrett, and get that lantern."

When they reached the orchard Perrett had procured a lantern, and Inspector Cortelyon proceeded to examine the ground lying between the little wicket-gate and the old well.

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"Yes," answered the inspector. "Who's that?"

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"Where is Dr. Hibbert?" he asked the constable.

"Gone on to the cottage, sir. He begged you would join him there at once," replied the man.

"You don't know what he wants?" asked the detective.

"Well, sir, I heard something said about the man's being come to his senses, and something about a confession, but Mr. Illingworth spoke very low, and I couldn't quite think they're going to take his deposition, sir, because Mr. Chalmers, the magistrate, lives close there."

"All right," said Inspector Cortelyon. "You'll stay here, Perrett, and when Mr. Quilliam [it's only round the corner of the waste. Now, Perrett, you know what you have to do, and where you can find me if you want me."

He moved swiftly away in the darkness, and Quinton, after a second to the driver of the motor-brougham, whom they passed at the end of the lane, followed him. Inspector Cortelyon was obviously upset, but he spoke on coming within sight of the lights in the cottage window.

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When he was ten years old he could blow all the tails and ride Tip to water while leading two others, which was more than any recruit could do. When he was fifteen and had a decent education at the good schools, our dear old Captain (rest be to his soul) held a consultation with the Colonel and the adjutant, and Billy was called in at the end of it and asked if he would like to enlist.

It required a special order from the headquarters at Washington, but Billy got his heart's desire.

Well, we loved him as the best of buglers, but we loved him for more than that.

When I was down with the malarial fever at Fort S——, although I was reckoned a surly fellow enough little Billy brought me grapes, and he must have paid through the nose for them, the poor little angel! And I guess one fellow always had some sort of the same experience. He used to sing, too, and the boys would be cleaning up for Sunday morning inspection, and Billy would chirp up something jolly, and we'd yell a chorus, and then he'd sing quietly some homelike song and we'd forget the snow on the prairie and the trouble to get wood and the hall ration, and the boys wouldn't join in that chorus, but just keep on wiping the dust from the carbines, and some of them might be dropping something on the barrel that would turn to rust very soon.

Well, well! Custer was there, and that meant fun and fighting—more of the last than the former, and down we went in the chill of a late autumn afternoon, just our old group, under the Captain, to do something.

I don't recollect now what it was—maybe to break up a small village—maybe to bring in a chief. Anyhow, the captain didn't seem from his manner to think it was going to be very serious, but whatever it was, and Billy kept chirruping away as he rode behind the captain, as jolly as if we were going to break up the whole Sioux nation.

We took up a trot after getting out of the post, and made for the Canadian River, and we kept at a trot for a long time, saving when we halted every hour four or five minutes to tighten girths and breathe the horses—good practice.

Whether the guide blundered or the captain, as some may say, was obstinate and stuck to his opinion, it is needless to argue here—the "big chiefs" would attend to that afterward, but instead of keeping to the trail and going the ordinary way down to the ford, we branched off and struck right into a wandering line of bluffs.

The devils saw us before we knew they were any where near, and the first thing we knew we were greeted with a terrible yell and over a Comanche managed to make.

The old captain just realised the state of affairs. He devoted just 30 seconds to cursing the guide, and then began business.

We were near the river, and our immediate safety was to get across that. Forming us up—for we had already opened out—he put us on the Indians. The old man charged in one direction, feinted and, forcing in columns of fours, turned to the river, and, swimming and struggling, we reached the other bank.

There we formed as dismounted skirmishers, while the reserve held the horses behind the bluff and waited the coming of the Indians, but they either thought we were stronger than they, or, as is likely, remembered the Indian principle, "Never fight in the dark."

At any rate they did not come, and the roll of us in the grey of the morning was called in whispers.

We were pleased to find that only two of us had dropped from our saddles, and we hoped we had hit some of the enemy in the few minutes' fight, but before daylight it was whispered along the line "Billy's missing."

The poor little rascal! He had always had a fancy for riding Tip when he could, because the brute was the hardest-mouthed, unmanageable beast in the troop, and Billy—as they say—fancied himself on his riding, and Tip was no worse with us than others.

At last morning came, and we looked across the Canadian, and there was never a sign of a Comanche.

The captain was as grim as a judge, and spoke quite softly as he drew his sabre and faced the centre of the troop.

"Men," he said, "I was sent out here with you to scout for cattle thieves round the ranches here. Something has happened which is no fault of yours or mine, to make me break through my instructions. I don't know that I regret that I had that war ran into last night in the darkness, but one of you, the most cherished comrades is either dead among the bluffs over there or else a prisoner, and I am going to disobey my instructions, and find Billy."

All the afternoon and on into the evening till the sun sank we followed the bullet-holes in the west of us, and it grew chilly and dreary—all that after noon we rode quietly on.

A parting gleam of gold and crimson just tinged the horizon when the captain halted, and sounded with the scout.

To our delight Billy rode ring through the open library window. I entered his studio; he received me coldly, but on hearing that I was Strand's friend before. I was once mixed up in a case with him. He is a bit of a crank, and I should say not too well balanced, and, like all of a certain class of inventors, he could be awkward to deal with."

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Inspector Cortelyon followed the doctor upstairs to the sitting-chamber which he had previously visited. The sick man was lying in an attitude which suggested indifference as to all that was around him. He looked apathetically at the detective as he walked gravely up to the bed, and greeted him in an unconcerned voice.

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"But why such haste?" asked the inspector, answered the man. "You look incredulous; but I know what there is to do, and what I want you to do for me. Mand me that wash-book, if you please."

The detective handed him the garment he pointed out, and from one of the pockets he took a piece folded paper, from which he produced a pawnticket. This he passed over to Inspector Cortelyon.

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"My name is Julius Steinthal, and I hold several scientific degrees from German and English universities, dictated the patient. I have devoted my life to science, and at one time was well off. Lately I have been extremely poor, and having no friends, I have lived in the Bowton lodging-houses. I have no property.

"During the last year or two I have vainly endeavoured to perfect a motor-car battery propeller a new patent of immense value. I particularly brought this invention before the notice of Sir Robert Mainwaring, with whom I have, in better days, stayed as a guest. I considered that he treated me with neglect. Finally I parted money and came to Manwaring to make a personal appeal to him. I chanced to meet him near the Castle. He absolutely declined to entertain my offer, and was very haughty towards me. I wandered about the fields until nightfall, and then, being desperate, resolved to make a last appeal to him. I approached the Castle by the back way, and knowing the door entered by the open library window. I entered his study; he received me coldly, but on hearing that I was Steinthal that before. I was once mixed up in a case with him. He is a bit of a crank, and I should say not too well balanced, and, like all of a certain class of inventors, he could be awkward to deal with."

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Little Tich gives the leading turn, and his latest songs are typical of his inimitably comic style. He has had a great reception. Adolfo Moreaw, a "gay Parisienne," is exactly an artiste of parts, but her songs hardly seem to do her justice. The Rials are really clever in an unobtrusive way with a pair of rings and a few old hats. Smarte Bros., acrobatic eccentrics, are another couple with clever business. Others in the bill are The Carangeots, in an effective dance scena; Rich and Koch, and Adam Tomlinson, the Tyneside comedian.

George Formby will be top of the bill at the Leeds Empire next week. Another outstanding feature of the programme will be the beautiful art dances of La Pia, whose "Spirit of the Waves"—included in her selection for Leeds—was an extraordinary West-end success. Another item of especial interest is the turn presented by Tuckey, the singing violinist, who, in addition to fine violin playing, dances or sings impartially, and gives a very diverting impression of a musical lady in full action. Lily Long, who has a prominent position on the same bill, contributes some smart songs. Edith England is a contralto who uses a voice of rich quality with a depth of feeling and artistic expression, whilst Victor Travers, and Haig and Novel further strengthen the comedy side of a strong and varied programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week "Come Inside," a sparkling revue, full of good things, pays a welcome return visit. Miss Bessie Clifford, as Miss Astor Walderie, the American girl, who is doing a lightning hustle round the world, has had a great ovation, and Mr Horace Jones and Miss Winifred Hare also help materially. Miss Hare, attired as a Belgian Lifeguardsman, sings the soldier's song, "It's a long way to Tipperary," and the audience does not need asking to join in the rousing chorus. There are several good vaudeville artistes also appearing.

Next week at the Hippodrome the principal feature will be the Fun Show, "September Morn," in which a company of thirty artistes will appear. These will include Johnnie Fields, Sylvie Lynd, Leslie Mavis, Mabel Long, Kathleen O'Hanlon, Carl Revkin, and Peter McSweeney. Beautiful scenery, magnificent dresses, catchy tunes, and novel dances characterise the production. Others billed to appear are Naughton and Gold, "comedians"; Shaun Glenville, Irish comedian; and Mdlle. Golda, the charming Australian soprano.

A THORPARCH OFFICER WOUNDED.

HIT WHEN SAVING THE GUNS.

Lieutenant A. L. P. Griffith, of the Royal Artillery, the popular football player and Yorkshire County representative, who was also chosen thrice to play for England, but was unable to do so on account of knee trouble, has been wounded at the front, and is now in the English Base Hospital at Rouen.

Lieut. Griffith was orderly officer to Colonel Hull, commanding the 30th Brigade Royal Field Artillery. He was wounded by a rifle bullet in the forearm, but is progressing favourably. When wounded he was encountering for a position for the two guns of a detachment of which he was temporarily in command, and which was supporting the brigade of Guards.

The enemy were in full force, so that the British had to retire, the Guards passing through the artillery, who were nearly cut off. The shell and rifle fire during the retirement of the guns was appalling. One team of horses was swept away, but by leaving one waggon both guns were brought clean away under the command of a senior officer, who rejoined his section.

Lieut. Griffith is a son of the Vicar of Thorparch.

HEARTLESS FRAUDS—A WARNING.

The war has brought in its trail a new and peculiarly heartless kind of fraud—that of obtaining money by false pretences from anxious relatives of officers reported by the War Office to be "missing" on the plea of being able to get information from them.

One victim of such a fraud is the mother of a young officer who was reported as missing after the Battle of Mons. A man, who described himself as a valet, called upon her at her residence in London and informed her that he had seen the missing officer at Brussels. He added that he had to return to Brussels early next morning, and before starting would call at 6 o'clock and bring with him a letter from the officer. He apologised for being obliged to call so early, explaining that the boat train left at 8 o'clock. Before leaving he asked for some money, saying he had not suffered for the passage. The lady, believing his story—she was even moved to tears at having "news" of her son—gave the man some money. The family expected the stranger to call on the following morning, as he had promised, but he did not appear, and nothing has been heard of him since.

It may be pointed out that if fraud of this kind can be practised, it is equally easy for persons to call on relatives and pretend that they have been sent to take money over to the Continent, and relatives of missing soldiers, wounded officers, and warned to be on their guard.

Major J. W. Dent, of Ribston Hall, has sent £20 to the Belgian Refugees' Fund.

Several of the King's horses have been entered for the Wetherby Steeplechases on October 19th.

A sum of £92 2s. 1d., collected by Mr F. Lee in Wetherby and district has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £3 16s. 10d., collected at Thorner Wesleyan Church, has been sent to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

WISTOW GIRL SENT UNDER CONTROL.—On Monday at Selby Magistrates' Court, Wistow was summoned for not sending her daughter, aged 13, to school in compliance with an attendance order made by the Court. An attendance order made a week before had not been complied with, and the child had only been 12 times in school out of a possible 40 attendances. Evidence was given that the girl was not under proper control and that generally defective, and that her surroundings were not in her best interests. An application on the part of the education authority that the girl be sent to a certified industrial school was acceded to by the Bench.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GARFORTH FAMILY RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Seeing your note in last issue asking for records in regard to men responding to the country's call, I may state Mr Samuel Buckhouse, of Church Garforth, has only two sons, and both have left a happy and comfortable home to serve the country, and in addition a son-in-law has gone. No greater sacrifice can be asked for when one realises the fact that their services at home at such an age are most useful. This family name, like that of Mr A. Rex, is amongst the oldest in Garforth, and familiar to the whole village. The eldest son is a valuable worker in the Wesleyan Church, Garforth, and most highly esteemed.—Yours, etc.,

T. W. BRAHAM.

4, Hildertherpe Terrace, Garforth.

AN OULTON DROWNING MYSTERY.

THE INQUEST AND VERDICT.

An inquest was conducted at the Oulton Institute on Tuesday by the West Riding Coroner (Mr P. P. Maitland) on the body of John William Myers (58), of Fleet Mills, Oulton, whose body was recovered from the Aire and Calder Canal early on Tuesday morning.

Evidence was given by Blanche Myers, of Fleet Mills, Oulton, who stated the deceased was her husband. On Monday he accompanied her to the Methley Railway Station, where she left him about 6 p.m. to go to Castleford. He was then in good spirits, cheerful and affectionate. She heard the following day that he was dead. The deceased, she said, was a strong man and enjoyed good health. So far as she knew he had had no trouble of any kind.

Joseph Harry, landlord of the United Kingdom Hotel, Methley, stated that about 6 p.m. on Monday the deceased came to his house and had tea with him, remaining until 11 p.m. Witness then went with deceased and bade him "Good night," the deceased going away in the direction of the canal towing path, which was his nearest way home. He was quite sober when he left and seemed in good spirits.

James Derrick, boat hauler, living at Lemonroad Farm, Methley, said that about 11.25 p.m. on Monday he was sitting in his home, which is situated near to the Aire and Calder Canal, when he heard someone come along the towing path singing "Love me, and the world is mine." When the footsteps were about opposite his house witness heard a big splash. He at once ran out to the lock, which is about 100 yards away, and obtained a rope and a boat hook, and then proceeded to the towing path to where the sound had come from. He could see no sign of anyone in the water, and after searching with the boat hook and the drags, the body was recovered about 12.15 a.m. Myers was then quite dead.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that no one else was near at the time when he heard the splash.

A verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was returned.

LOFTHOUSE COMPOUND FOR GERMAN PRISONERS

The work of converting a portion of Lofthouse Park, near Rothwell, into a compound for German prisoners is proceeding as rapidly as possible. The section of the West Riding Royal Engineers who are engaged upon the task do not expect to get it finished for several days, and it is not likely that any prisoners will be taken to Lofthouse until towards the middle of the present month.

The premises are being extensively altered for the purpose of accommodating a thousand men, though the first batch of prisoners will probably not number more than 500.

The large ballroom, the skating rink, and eight detached pavilions formerly devoted to side shows are being adapted for use as dormitories, and two large rooms and the verandah are to be set apart for the serving of meals.

The prisoners will be allowed to roam about in a restricted area in the park, and the most formidable obstacle to any attempt on their part to escape will be provided by an encircling barbed wire fence, which is to be about 10 feet in width and of consolidated entanglement.

Tadcaster and District Licensed Victuallers' Association has sent £5 5s. to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster footballers were defeated by Leather United (York) by three goals to two.

The employees of John Smith's Tadcaster brewery at Boroughgate, Leeds, have sent a fifth weekly donation of £2 12s. 7d. to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

A WAR WEDDING.—Private Mark Franklin, who recently joined the 14th Batt. West Yorks. Regiment, at York, was granted special leave on Tuesday to be married. Private Franklin since his enlistment has served as a clerk in the recruiting office, Fulford Road, York, and has become very popular amongst his comrades. He is a native of Tadcaster, as also is his bride, Miss Mary Josephine Owen, who was a nurse at the Tadcaster Workhouse Infirmary. The couple were quietly married at Tadcaster in the presence of a few friends, the bridegroom wearing his uniform. On Wednesday he left for Leighton Buzzard, where his battalion is stationed.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DONCASTER POOR.—At a meeting of the Doncaster Board of Guardians on Saturday a letter was read from the West Riding Territorial Headquarters requesting the use of the main building at the Workhouse for the billeting of soldiers. It was stated that the accommodation would be required by October 2nd. The Clerk (Mr Marshall) said he had communicated with 26 other Unions with regard to obtaining the necessary accommodation for the Poor Law inmates, but whilst the response had been a generous one, the accommodation offered was not quite sufficient. The Visiting Committee considered that it would be risky with the winter coming on, to remove the old people to other workhouses, and they recommended that the military authorities be requested to find accommodation elsewhere. The Chairman (Mr Howden) disagreed with the recommendation of the Visiting Committee, and moved that a committee be formed to review the matter. The recommendation of the Visiting Committee was adopted by a large majority. At the meeting of Tadcaster Guardians a letter was received from Doncaster asking if any of their poor could be accommodated at Tadcaster workhouse, and it was decided to offer to take a number.

THE LATE MR W. B. WALKER.

WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC OFFICIAL DEAD.

For some four or five months Mr Walter Burgess Walker, 68 years, late of 12, Conference Road, Armley, Leeds, formerly inspector of Foods and Drugs to the Leeds City Corporation, had been ailing, and on September 18th he, together with his married daughter, Mrs Charlotte Austin, of Neville Hill Farm, Osmondthorpe, went to Cleethorpes for the benefit of his health. Here he was attended by Dr. W. C. McKane, for some time, until removed to the Grimsby Bargate Nursing Institution, to undergo an operation for cancer. Dr. Richardson, of Leeds, was summoned, and the operation commenced on Sunday, with either administered as an anaesthetic. Immediately the operation was commenced, Mr Walker's breathing began to toll and he died within half a minute.

Death was stated to be due to shock, the effect of the operation, at Tuesday's inquest conducted by the Grimsby Borough Coroner, and a verdict of death from misadventure was returned.

Dr. McKane said death was a blessing in disguise, as the deceased would have suffered terrible pain.

GARFORTH WAR DISTRESS FUND

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In connection with Garforth War Distress Fund the subscriptions already acknowledged total £94 14s. 2d. The following additional amounts have been received.

	£	s.	d.
Underground Workmen and Boys, Sisters and Isabella Pits (4th contribution)	6	17	5
W. P. Nicholson	3	3	0
A. E. Carr	3	0	0
Dr. C. H. Sykes	2	2	0
Wm. Tate	2	2	0
T. B. Smith	2	2	0
Wm. Geo. Jackson	1	1	0
R. Richardson	1	1	0
Alfred Smith and Son	1	1	0
Herbert Smith	1	1	0
Herbert Morley	1	0	6
E. W. Loyecka	1	0	0
Miss L. Abbott	0	10	6
T. B. Rhodes	0	10	0
Walter Pease	0	10	0
Wilfred Lawrence	0	10	0
H. C. Wilmot	0	10	0
Three Friends	0	8	0
A. E. Gisburn	0	5	0
Geo. Batty	0	5	0
J. W. Mayer	0	5	0
Geo. Copley	0	5	0
Mrs. H. Rex	0	5	0
Albert Preston	0	5	0
Richard Taylor	0	5	0
George Smith (Main Street)	0	2	6
Jno. Woods	0	2	6
J. G. Telford	0	2	6
Hy. Preston	0	2	6
J. H. Watson	0	2	6
Mrs. Stott	0	2	6
R. Ewen	0	2	0
Small Sums	0	2	0
Chas. Bennett	0	1	0
J. S. Fox	0	1	0
R. H. Long	0	1	0
Wm. Geo. Bastow, Hon. Sec. and Treas			

BARWICK AND SCHOLES DISTRESS FUND

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

In our last issue donations given to the Barwick and Scholes Distress Fund were acknowledged, the total being £110 11s. 6d. Since then the following amounts have been collected by Messrs J. Birth and R. Murray:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr F. F. Baxter	1	1	0
Mr F. Bevan	0	5	0
Mr W. Tomlinson	0	5	0
Mrs. Warrington	0	2	6
Mr G. Joynes	0	2	0
Mrs A. Faulkner	0	2	0
Mrs Milner	0	1	0
A Friend	0	1	0
Mrs A. White	0	0	9
Mrs. Day	0	0	6
Mrs. Baxter	0	0	6
	£2	1	0

GARFORTH AND THE QUEEN'S FUND.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST OPENED.

A meeting in connection with Queen Mary's "Work for Women" Fund was held in the Conservative Club, Garforth, on Monday afternoon. It was attended by about twenty ladies, and Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of the Urban District Council) presided.

The Chairman stated the object of the Fund, which, he explained, was to be used for providing work for women thrown out of employment owing to the war, it being felt that it was far better to prevent distress than to relieve it.

It was resolved that a subscription list be opened at once, and that the same be closed on October 12th. The ladies present promised to receive subscriptions, which will be handed over to Mr Dobson, who has undertaken the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer. The following subscriptions were promised at the meeting:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr J. W. Dobson	2	2	0
Mrs T. P. Fawcett	2	2	0
Mrs C. R. Baker	1	1	0
Mr and Mrs. Charleson	1	1	0
Mrs. Cauldwell	1	1	0
Mrs. Bedford	1	1	0
Mrs. Walter Simpson	1	1	0

REVISION COURT.—On Wednesday Mr J. Douglas Forster held a court at York for the purpose of revising the lists of voters in Acaster Malbis, Dringhouses, Hutton Wandsley, Long Marston, Rufforth, Tockwith, and other places in the Thirsk and Malton Division. The following were the additions and new claims allowed in local villages:—Acaster Malbis.—Conservatives: 1 occupier claim allowed. Dringhouses.—Conservatives: 2 lodger claims allowed. Liberals: 1 occupier claim allowed. Hutton Wandsley.—Conservatives: 2 occupier claims allowed. Long Marston.—Liberals: 1 occupier claim allowed. Rufforth.—Conservatives: 1 lodger claim allowed. Tockwith.—Conservatives: 2 occupier claims allowed. Liberals: 3 occupier claims allowed. The Conservatives had 38 and the Liberals 37 ownership claims allowed.

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WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Very successful harvest festival services were held on Sunday and Tuesday. The chapel interior was very tastefully decorated with corn, fruit, greenery, and flowers by willing workers, and able and appropriate sermons were preached to good congregations by Mr Searle, of Headingley College. On Monday, even for the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund, and realised £5 6s. 8d. Harvest hymns were heartily sung. Mr A. Hemingway presided at the organ. On Tuesday a visit was paid by the Rev. Geo. Allen, B.A. (superintendent of Place Mission), Leeds, and in the afternoon he preached an eloquent and stirring sermon to a good congregation. Then followed tea in the schoolroom, and a good number of friends attended. The ladies who presided at the tables were Mesdames Atkinson, Dixon, Walker, Coldwell, and Cundall. In the evening Mr J. W. Taylor, of Leeds, delivered an excellent lecture on "The Duke of Wellington," and a large gathering listened with rapt attention to his remarks. The Chairman was the Rev. C. E. Cook, of South Milford, and at the close he thanked Mr Taylor for his interesting lecture. Satisfactory collections were taken on behalf of the Trust Funds.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SELBY.—A Local Government Board inquiry was held by Mr W. O. Meade King at the Selby Town Hall, on Wednesday, with regard to the Selby Urban District Council's application for sanction to borrow £3,800 to purchase property for the purpose of making a new road from Gowthorpe Street to Flaxley Road. Councillor T. S. Ullathorne (Chairman of the Urban Council) and members of the Council were present in support of the application. There was no opposition. The inhabitants of the two districts proposed to be connected by a district road instead of the present circuitous one, attended in support of the proposal, and the local Trades and Labour Council also supported the scheme. Already in the Flaxley Road district they have constructed 42 dwellings, and in the Gowthorpe Street district 30 are in course of erection. Of the 3,474 square yards of land to be purchased 978 square yards will be required for the road, and other portions not required can be resold. On the site are three cottages and other buildings, including a cinematograph picture house. In the Flaxley Road district the West Riding County Council propose to build a new elementary school for 750 children, as already mentioned in our columns; and Councillor Mark Scott (chairman of the Education Sub-Committee) informed the inspector that provision was to be made so that the school could be attended by the immediate town children. The new road would be a great facility in relation to the new school. The inquiry was closed, and the inspector will report to the Local Government Board.

A collection at Wighill Church for Leeds Infirmary has realised £8 3s. 6d.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Like Templenewsam, Rothwell does not appear to figure well in the recruiting returns, it was complained that comparatively few of the able-bodied young men have answered the country's call, and that a miserably small number has had the pluck and enterprise to join the Miners' Battalion. What have the young men to say to that? A few erstwhile residents, including Private Stead, are serving with the regulars, and some have joined the Leeds City Battalion, but it is asserted that, all told, Rothwell has not fifty representatives in the Forces. One would like to know what the actual numbers really are, because it is unfair to criticize a place without the figures before one, but it is evident there is something amiss, as I have heard repeated complaints anent the reluctance of young men taking their places in the ranks. Garforth has sent out about 200 men—a splendid response to the country's call—but at no public meeting has the number from Rothwell been announced, so far as I know.

Without the venerable figure of Mr J. W. Blackburn, of Astley, in the vice-chair, the Board Room at Tadcaster will appear somewhat strange. He was, I believe, the oldest member of the Board—he had 74 years to his credit—although he was not senior so far as service was concerned, and, as he came up hale and hearty year after year, it looked, as if like Tennyson's brook, he would run on for ever. He was at the last meeting, and it was singular that on his last appearance among the members he should have been called upon to discharge the duties of the chair. On the way home he was in his usual good humour, and he told me about the men at the Colliery who had volunteered for service at the Front, and what provision had been made for them. Little did we think when we bade him goodbye at Garforth that that was the last we should see of him.

For many years Mr Blackburn represented Swillington on the District Council, and, if I mistake not, he was always returned unopposed. He was very peculiar deserved the confidence and respect of the people among whom he lived, and a few years ago an effort was made to get him appointed a magistrate as a reward for his public work. The petition was signed by practically every person in the on the district, but the honour which was his due went to a man who never did anything for the public and who, I believe, never troubled to associate himself with the Skirrack Bench. As a public man, he was a keen fighter, and a few years ago he was as well to the fore in the debates at the District Council and the Garforth Urban Committee, where many a words battle took place, but he was always on excellent terms with his colleagues, and this was demonstrated by the fact that year after year, since the retirement of Mr T. B. Smith, he was unanimously elected to the chairchair. In business, too, he trodden a great and enterprising, and his versatility was remarkable—he seemed to manage a big farm as well as he could a colliery, and he was as expert at buying or selling stock as he was at conducting a huge coal business. He was a man of parts, and the Tadcaster District Council is poorer for his passing.

Crossgates has distinguished itself. When it was suggested by the directors to promote two concerts for the National Relief Fund, I stated that they would get about £30, but my estimate was a long way out, inasmuch as the total is likely to be more than double that amount. The people gave a splendid backing to the promoters, and when two (were 300 and 400) turned out in support of the Fund, one had to admit that there was hope for Crossgates after all. It was a great night for the village, because it was the first time a Lord Mayor had condescended to visit it in an official capacity, and it is no secret that the folks were delighted with Mr Brotherton and the Lady Mayoress, who had such a reception as will make them always think kindly of Crossgates.

If there is any expense in connection with a town-planning scheme for Schools, which shows that not appear to have got very far as yet, it will have to be borne by the whole rural district, and it is possible some of the representatives of other townships may object to this. The object of a town-planning Scheme is to protect it against Leeds, the boundary of which has been extended to about Stanks Bridge, and if such a thing can prevent further encroachments by the city authorities it will pay the whole area, because every time a slice of the district is chopped off the rateable value drops. It may be many years ere Leeds makes a move in the direction of Schools, but it is well to be prepared, so that when the attack comes it may be resisted with some hope of success.

The proceedings at Barwick Council meeting the other night were somewhat amusing. One member proposed that a committee should be appointed to consider the terms of the Clerk's appointment, but no colleague could be found to second it, although the Chairman allowed ample opportunity for this to be done. Then appear to figure well in the recruiting returns, it was proposed that the question should be It is complained that comparatively few of the settled by the Council at once, but, no satisfied young men have answered the country's call, apparently are the majority of the members that and a miserably small number has had the the official is receiving no more than he is enenterprise and pluck to join the Miners' Battalion. titled to, that they defeated the resolution, and the Council could get no further with the question. Whether or not the majority adopted the best plan to give effect to their views, it is a fact that the Clerk, who should have had a substantial advance when Crossgates was part of the parish, is no better paid than some assistant overseers I know, and they follow other occupations.

Complaint is frequently made about women taking possession of smoking compartments on trains, and excluding the lords of creation from what they look upon as their own peculiar quarters, but the fair sex are difficult to convince that they are offending. Have they not been told over and over again that their presence graces a gathering, and if they are welcome at a social function, they may argue, why not in a railway carriage? A Crossgates man, on seeing a number of women in a smoking compartment, said to several others before they entered:—"Now, lads, smoke up!" And they did. But the ladies were accustomed to the fumes of tobacco, and they were not in anywise inconvenienced. This irritated the Crossgate man. Quite a different case was that of a lady, sitting in a position of splendid isolation among a number of smokers, who asked the men if they would kindly refrain from burning the weed. The men looked amazed. What impudence! And in a smoking compartment, too. The lady's attention was directed to a conspicuous label on the window, but she was not put out of countenance, for she calmly replied:—"Yes, I noticed that, but I thought you gentlemen would stop smoking when you know that I did not like it." Her appeal, however, fell on deaf ears, and for the remainder of the journey she was ignored.

The Garforth, Kippax, Ledstone, and Castleford trains carry the largest proportion of women who invade smoking compartments, and they may have a good reason for seeking what are regarded as the preserves—not exclusive—of the other sex. Not long ago I read an article on the work of clearing the interior of rail way carriages, and the writer stated that he had had it demonstrated to him that the "smoker" were the cleaner of the two classes of compartments. Tobacco acts as a disinfectant, and the fumes of the weed have apparently the same effect upon certain kinds of life that bees have upon burning—they keep within a given radius. If that is so, the ladies may only be safeguarding themselves, and not, as some foolish males may imagine, seeking the company and conversation of men. Of course, many women enter "smokers" without looking at the notices of compartments, and more than once I have seen them, as soon as they realized where they were, hastily remove themselves and their belongings to other quarters.

Men, as a rule, do not like to be discourteous to ladies, but they are sometimes sorely tried. The other day a really crowded smoking compartment, and the seat on one side had five occupants, while on the other were two men and a lady of very ample proportions, who had a pile of parcels alongside her. No one made a move, and the poor man looked helplessly about him. The lady was in possession of three places, and he could not have a seat, although it was a "smoker." Now, if is very tantalizing to be put in such a position, and how to get what one requires without ruffling the offender's equine tact. "Shall I put your parcels on the shelf?" suggested the amiable young man. "Won't it?" "Don't," declared the lady, and her powerful arm encircled her possessions, but, as a concession, she removed herself a few inches along the seat, and the new-comer was permitted to perch himself on the edge of the cushion.

South Milford fanciers, whose show is the largest promoted in the district, have decided, in view of the advice offered to poultry breeders by the Board of Agriculture, to have their exhibition on that it will be "Business as usual." The decision, in my opinion, is a sensible one, because the Society is engaged in important work, and it, by their efforts, the members can do anything to develop that country industry, by inducing more people to keep fowls, they will be doing good, because it will increase the food supply. Within recent years greater interest has been displayed in poultry-keeping, which, if conducted on sound lines, may be made a profitable hobby, but a great deal requires to be done before the country produces anything like the poultry it should. A feature of the South Milford show is the bread-making competition, and what is more desirable than that the women should be able to bake bread of first-class quality? A larger entry than ever should be obtained in this section.

In Tadcaster Union the paupers relieved in 1913 was 421, and in 1914, 385; the expenditure for the respective years being £1,235 and £3,076. The figures for Wetherby were 246 and 198, £1,770 and £1,651. Selby's figures were 277 and 232, and the expenditure £2,295 and £2,172. It will be noticed that there was a decrease in both the number of poor relieved and the expenditure in all three Unions for the year ending January 1st, 1914.

What a terrible plight, according to the Germans, the district is in. A newspaper—"Kolnische Zeitung"—states that we are all starving and we are even wasting the food we possess. "The British," it says, "tread not corn so fondly about the scarcity of foodstuff in Germany. Let them look at home, and they will behold a pretty picture of the havoc this criminal war is already causing in their country. We know for a fact that in Leeds, where quantities of Danish produce have arrived, the warehousing conditions are chaotic. Butter, melting for want of ice or refrigerating chambers, is running along floors and walls in sickly yellow streams. Mountains of eggs are rotting, poisoning the air around, and rats by the thousands are gnawing away at the bales of pork and lard bulk. Meanwhile British soldiers in the field are living on dry bread and putrid tinned meat, and John Bull at home finds his breakfast and dinner table costing him more daily. That is the 'practical' British management." Hoch!

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week the principal turn is given by George Formby, who is as entertaining as ever. Lily Lena, this not wholly piquante, has two or three songs that just suit her style and clothes one might say. Another song with a patriotic flavour and a rising chorus is sung by Edith England, who has a good contralto voice. Blanche Beard to advantage in attractive song. Miss Beard, set in artistic surroundings, are very effective, notably that which illustrates "The spirit of the ages"; Harry Atkinson with his mouth imitates the harp, the 'cello, and other stringed instruments with wonderful fidelity; Tuckett, a capable violinist-and eccentric fiddler, is a big favourite, and among the comedians and dancers are Hoig and Nocel, as well as Victor Travers.

Leeds theatregoers will have an opportunity next week of again welcoming their popular idol, Miss Vesta Tilley, who will be featuring at the Empire those stirring patriotic numbers which none but Vesta Tilley can present in quite so acceptable a manner, or with such inspiriting effect. Other features are the Two Tombays, the only ladies presenting the amusing trembling entertainment from across the world over as the "Humpoli-Bompoli" act. Barrett and Knowles, with their miniature piano, and Lona Wayne in a study of a shrewish wife greeting an errant husband in the small hours, the Artois Bros. in a comedy bar act, Bobbie and Beaty, a bright comedy duo, and Jack Warman, a comedian with some imitations, and an especially happy one of T. E. Dunville, will complete an excellent programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal feature is the Fun Show entitled "Spoopidar Mesh." It has many good points to commend it, and the music is a delightful feature. The lilting tunes are much above the average. There are thirty artistes, including Johnny Dobbs in the chief comedy part; Sylvia Landi, Mabel Long, Leslie Mavis, Peter McSweeney, and Kathleen O'Hanlon and Carl Rickie, who are covering all special mention. Gladys Dearing, Nagomi and Gold are well-known comedians, who gain a cordial reception, and Sharp Glenville has a couple of patriotic Irish songs, which breathe just the proper spirit. The Mortelles, French acrobatic experts, perform some daring feats on a ladder; and two good songs are sung by Millie Fields, the Australian soprano. Cowan and La Crollera, whip experts, give a clever show.

Next week at the Hippodrome the Two Bobs make a re-known return after a successful tour in Australia. "On the Devil's Table" is a novelty to be staged by Romain Noiset. Others on the bill are Les Andres, international dancers; the Three Lascelles, juvenile comedy act; J. P. Ling, comedian and mimic; Minnie Mace, comedienne; David Poole, ventriloquist, and Mignon Elise and Eddy Foy.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday the Harvest Festival was held at the Wesleyan Chapel, South Milford, and appropriate sermons were preached at both meetings and evening services by the Rev. H. C. Bassett. In the afternoon a service of sacred song, "Sharing the harvest," was well rendered by the choir. The conductor was Mr J. Russell, and his son Mr J. H. Russell presided at the organ. The consecutive readings were given by Mrs Cook, wife of the town resident Wesleyan minister, while Mr J. Benson presided. Good singing services marked all the services. There was not quite as much corn, fruit, flowers, and vegetables for decoration as in former years, the congregation refraining to do so owing to the chapel having been recently painted and decorated, this work having been well executed by Mr James Bissell, painter. The chapel had quite a bright appearance. What harvest decoration had been made was tastefully contrived. On Monday evening the festival was continued, when addresses were given by the Rev. C. E. Cook (South Milford) and Mr Richardson (Leeds). Mr Rd. Batty acted as chairman, and Mr Harry Batty presided at the organ. The collections at all the services were in aid of the Trust Funds.

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GARDENERS AND THE WAR.

For several years before the war broke out there was a decided scarcity of young gardeners in this country. Even old parts of the country we hear of young gardeners having enlisted in Kitchener's army. This means that in time to come the scarcity will be still more pronounced. For the time being gardening is under a cloud, and in many large private places the staff has been reduced as much as 50 per cent. Employers have a perfect right to economise if they wish to do so, but we could quote instances where men have been discharged and are now in poor circumstances, whilst their former employers are giving large sums of money to the distress funds. Surely this is a perverted idea of patriotism.

The writer of these notes has voluntarily vacated the position of head gardener at Ockroyd Hall. For the present we shall be able to devote considerably more time and attention to the compiling of these notes, and in the near future hope to commence a series of experimental gardening operations, the results of which will be brought to bear upon our Fernley efforts. We are now more at the call of our readers, and shall be pleased to answer all enquiries promptly. In extreme cases of gardening difficulties a personal interview could be arranged. We are anxious to be of the greatest possible service to our readers, and cordially invite them to write us at the office of this journal. The knowledge gained during 30 years' practical experience is at their command.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

ROSES.

The planting season is close upon us and it may be worth while to consider the preparation and improvement of the soil. Roses prefer a stiff will of a somewhat clayey nature. This kind of soil is very retentive of moisture, and organic manure is held by it for a long time. If the site intended for rose, has been freely manured for several years the addition of more manure may easily do more harm than good. Wood ashes, burnt earth, a little bone-meal may be given, and if a quantity of old garden rubbish is available this may be burnt and the ashes added also. Half a pound of basic slag to the square yard of ground may also be given. If the ground has not recently been manured a free dressing of stable manure and half-mould will prove beneficial. Light, gravelly soils are not suitable, for rose growing but may be much improved by the addition of powdered clay, cow, or pig dung, and the top-spit from an old pasture, where the soil is of a heavier nature. Tea and hybrid-tea roses are most suitable for this class of soil. Hybrid perpetuals must have a stiff loam. One of the most important points in connection with the cultivation of roses is to plant them on ground that has been deeply trenched. The subsoil must not be brought to the surface, but it should be thoroughly broken up. Roses invariably make rapid progress when planted upon a grave. This is because of the great depth of disturbed soil beneath them. November is the best month for planting roses, but the preperation of the ground should be commenced at once.

Established beds are usually mulched with manure at least once a year. This will give excellent results for a long time, but eventually the soil (especially if it is heavy) will turn sour. About every fourth year a dressing of lime should be forked in instead.

BULBS.

Bulb merchants are complaining bitterly about the slackness of trade. In almost every case their bulbs were ordered before the war broke out, and as bulbs cannot be kept over for another year those that are not sold will be a total loss. May we appeal to those who can afford it, to purchase their bulbs as usual? Generally speaking, bulb merchants are a deserving class of men, and are serving a very good purpose by helping to sustain interest in the grand old hobby of gardening. Dutch bulbs are exceptionally fine this year—in fact, we have never been better. Planting and potting may be attended to at any time from now until the end of November, but the sooner they are in the greater are the chances of success.

WINTER TOMATOES.

Tomato plants intended for winter fruiting should now be blossoming freely. The atmosphere should be warm and buoyant, or the fruit will not set freely. The pipes should be kept hot and the ventilators open day and night. In the daytime they may be opened wide, but in the evening only a small chink of air is needed. The day temperature may range from 60 to 70, and a 5 degrees fall is permissible at night. It will be readily understood that the fruit does not set as freely now as in the summer time, and fertilisation must be assisted by distributing the blossom with a camel's hair brush or a rabbit's tail. Feeding may be commenced as soon as a few fruits are set.

ORCHIDS—PLEIONES.

There are few prettier or more interesting orchids than the Pleiones or, as they are commonly called, the Indian Crocus. They have now finished their growth for the season, and the leaves are commencing to decay. This cessation of growth implies that little or no water is required by the roots at present. The plants may be removed to a cool house or pit, and in a short time the leaves will drop off. Towards the end of the year numerous flower buds will make their appearance, and when this occurs rather more warmth and moisture will be required. P. Maculata and P. Wallachiana are well-known and popular varieties. The flowers appear in the heart of the young growth, and if required for cut flowers should be plucked, not cut, or the young growth may get damaged.

AZALEA INDICA.

Indian azaleas are very subject to attack from thrip. Before being housed they should be dipped in some reliable insecticide. A position should be found for them where they will not come in direct contact with the heat from the pipes, or they will drop most of their leaves. Newly imported plants should be firmly potted in peat, and should be syringed every day to keep the foliage fresh. The bulk of these plants come from Holland and are grown in the fields. The change to the comparatively dry atmosphere of the ordinary greenhouse is not conducive to their welfare, but if syringing is carried out as recommended they will soon recover from the check of removal.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

Cinerarias should not be shaded after this date. Any that require repotting should be attended to at once.

Schizanthus seed may still be sown for producing plants to flower in spring. Earlier sown plants may require repotting into four-inch pots. Use a light, rich loam, and a generous sprinkling of old engine ashes and soot mould. See that the insides of the pots are perfectly clean before they are used. Stand the plants in a shallow cold frame.

Cyclamen may now be removed to a greenhouse shelf. Keep the foliage moist, and when the plants are growing freely, never let them want for water.

Gloxinias, achimenes, tydeas, gesneras, and caladiums should now be dried off prior to storing them away for the winter. Young gloxinias that have not bloomed may be kept growing on a warm house shelf.

HERBACEOUS PERENNIALS.

Many of these hardy border plants have now finished their season of growth and flowering, and may be cut down. It is a mistake to leave the old growth on after it gets shabby, as it acts as a protection for slugs and other pests. The herbaceous border ought to look bright for a few weeks yet. Michaelmas daisies, perennial sunflowers, late spikes of delphiniums, chrysanthemums, and such others are all blooming freely. Should if these are to be seen to the best advantage, the border must be kept clean and neat. A good watering with liquid manure will assist the plants to continue flowering.

ZONAL PELARGONIUMS.

Double and single zonals that have been flowering in the greenhouse all summer usually get rather leggy at this time of the year. If space is required, the plants may now be discarded after a sufficient number of cuttings have been taken. Select sturdy, short-jointed shoots for propagating purposes, and strike them in small pots filled with a light, sandy compost. Stand the pots on a greenhouse shelf and avoid direct draughts. If the old plants are wanted for future use, gradually reduce the supply of water, and remove the old leaves as they turn yellow. They may be stored in a light frost-proof shed.

FARMERS IN WAR TIME.

THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF WHEAT GROWING.

"Inferior grass land, and its utilisation in the present emergency," was the subject of a lecture delivered on Saturday to members of the Boroughbridge Agricultural Society by Mr. Potts, B.Sc., Assistant Lecturer on Agriculture in the University of Leeds.

This society is one of the oldest of its kind in the country, having been established in 1825, and is therefore able to consider up-to-date problems in the light of long experience. The meeting was held although the Public Hall at Boroughbridge had been requisitioned for the meeting, the farming community was not in a very responsive mood, questions at issue had led the promoters to expect. Mr. Albert Green presided, supported by Colonel Maude and others.

Drawing attention to the importance of keeping up our food supplies, and to the prospect of higher prices for wheat, Mr Potts pointed out that only one-fifth of the wheat consumed in this country is produced at home; and that one-half of the wheat and rye produced in the world is grown in Russia, Austria, Germany, and France, all of which countries have their able-bodied men in the war. He also discussed the advisability of increasing the crops of oats and potatoes. The use of inferior grass-land, we should regard, as (1) there is much of it, and (2) no class of land has been so much neglected. There are two million acres more grass-land in England than 30 years ago. Could one-fourth of this be brought back into cultivation, he added, it was not advisable to plough out really good grass-land, the best land for corn growing, though it might be for early potatoes in order to obtain short limited crops.

Dealing with the different kinds of inferior grass-land, he suggested that it was not the cold, strong land on the very poor heritage that should receive attention, but rather the kind which a farmer felt was capable of better things. There was, for instance, the land improved by basic slag; it was improved physically by the development of the clover roots, and chemically by the nitrogen scored up in it. Such land could be laid down again when necessary with a good mixture of grass and clovers, with the inclusion of white clover. As to grass land with a thick turf, which did not respond to artificial manures, this could be improved by time or compost, though the process was slow. Such land, he observed, would be greatly benefited by being ploughed out and put through a course of cropping. With regard to the great difficulty caused by an attack of wire-worm on this type of land, he advocated burning and burning the turf, but another method, he said, was to give a good application of lime, and put rape cake in the soil to attract the wire-worm. As to the reduced food available for live stock, he thought this difficulty might be overcome by improving the remaining grass land. Capital, however, would be the first item, and there would be less stock to buy, also there would be a better realisation of produce. He maintained that farmers were fortunate to gain and very little to lose by ploughing-out inferior grass-land—not to do it in wholesale manner, but to pick and choose according to circumstances. The farm had its reserves no less than the nations at war. There was a tremendous reserve of plant food stored up in the clovers and turf of inferior grass land, and he submitted that the time had come to make use of it in the interests of the nation and the farmer alike.

In the discussion that followed, Mr C. W. Clarke said he was of opinion that farmers would never thoughtfully and well until they had experimented with what should be kept up to 40s. a qr. With a glut of wheat from Canada down would go the price. He agreed that there were thousands of acres which might be improved by being ploughed out, but where was the labour to come from? He certainly hoped would have to look to Canada for wheat, and to that end the Navy must be kept up.

The Chairman commented on the loss that would accrue from having the land fallow for a year.

Col. Maude agreed with Mr Clarke that if the Government would grant a bonus or subsidy to give stability to prices, and see that wheat did not go below 40s to 45s. farmers then the farmers might make an effort to break up poor land. This, he considered, was a matter for capitalists, not farmers.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 8.

In this article the 8p old Leaflet No. 2, issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, and commenced in loose columns two issues back, is concluded.

Some Hollow scraps can be used successfully by adding them to the soil mash, but it must be remembered that they are generally composed of fattening substances. The supply is more or less limited, and therefore cod-livers should be made to procure a supply from hotels, institutions, &c. They can usually be obtained for a nominal sum.

Since ordinary meals must be largely dispensed with, the ration will be on the bulky side, and hence special precautions should be taken to overcome any bad effects. Exercise is essential, and is best ensured by burying corn or seed in the litter of the house, thus inducing the birds to scratch for it. The aim should be to keep the birds actively hungry all day, giving them the largest meal about an hour before they go to roost. By adopting a plan of this kind every ounce of food consumed will be utilised, and there will be no waste due to the birds shelling up an over-sea of fat.

"Feeding poultry will be rather more expensive than has been the case during recent years, and the greatest care should be taken to ensure that nothing is wasted. Food given should be supplemental to that which fowls can obtain by foraging.

"All mashes should be fed in troughs, and only sufficient be given to satisfy the birds. Grain, except when buried in the litter, should be given in the same way. All foods should be placed in receptacles from which rats or hawks, since these vermin cause great loss, not only consuming large quantities, but spoiling a great deal more than they eat.

"It is not possible to make any radical changes in the feeding of chickens, but a larger amount of green food may be employed, and the young birds should be given as much liberty as possible. Arable land is rather better for this purposes than pasture, since it usually provides much more natural food, which is excellent for the chickens and reduces the cost of feeding very considerably."

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Lieut. Wilson's nearest male relative is Mr. E. W. Wilson, formerly of the Leeds Inland Revenue, and well known at Roundhay. The officer was only 21 years of age.

Mr M. E. Sadler, made a speech at Batley on Monday evening on the cause of the war. He expressed the view that the Kaiser, who was a bloodthirsty man, and an attractive personality to some people, was one not accustomed to contradiction, had been persuaded to embark in a speculative adventure. Mr Sadler considered that this was an account for the inability of intellectual men in Germany to understand why England was taking part in the war.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

Saturday, Monday.—An average attendance with a moderate show of grain. Wheats 37s. to 38s., secondary 35s to 36s, barleys 29s to 32s, fine oats 23s 6d to 24s 6d, medium samples 22s to 23s, fine 28s to 29s per qr.

LEEDS, Tuesday.—At the markets to-day there was an average attendance of millers, merchants, and maltsters. American wheat, owing to heavy arrivals, was 6d. lower on the week. Indian steady, but late arrivals from the market are in demand at a shade easier level. Barley and oats steady.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 7 and 8 for 1s; butter 1s 2d to 1s 4d per lb.; chickens 3s 6d to 4s 6d per couple.

LEEDS, Tuesday.—Eggs, Yorkshire 18s. to 18s. 6d., Portadowns, 9d. to 17s. 3d., Irish (best) 15s to 16s, Hungarian (blues) 14s. to 14s 3d, do. (reds) 14s 9d. Butter: Danish 142s to 144s., Finnish 138s. to 139s.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Farmers are holding off for better prices. A modifiable demand experienced. Sand Dukes 40s. per ton, Snowdrops 45s, King Edwards 45s to 47s 6d, warp King Edwards 50s to 55s per ton. Retail, 2s. 3d. per hamper.

CATTLE.

LEEDS, Tuesday.—Smaller supplies of both cattle and sheep. Trade slow, cattle making less money, 10s to 20s per head off. Fat sheep 7d. to 9d., calves 8½d. to 9d. per lb. Pigs 7s. 3d. to 8s 3d per stone. Numbers at market:—Cattle 810, sheep 1,855, calves 84, pigs 36.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son had increased supplies of stock at the fortnightly sale, the duties consisting of 134 newly calvers, calving, and store cattle, 77 fat beasts, 159 fat sheep, and 150 pigs of bacon. Good attendance of farmers, butchers, and dealers. A good show of dairy cattle, and a steady trade. Best newly calvers cows sold for £26 to £28, useful kinds to £20 10s, secondary and medium sorts £14 to £17 5s, present calvers to £24. Newly calved heifers £20 17s 6d, 18 to 22 months' old store heifers and bullocks £8 to £11 each. A rather slower demand for fat cattle; best bullocks and heifers 7½d. to 7¾d. good beef 7¼d to 7¾d. cows 6d to 7d per lb.; bullocks to £23 7s 6d, heifers to £19 2s 6d, and cows to £18 5s. Sheep made from 6d to 7d per lb. Choice shearlings to 9½d, heavier kinds 9d to 9¼d, ewes 7d to 7½d per lb. A quick trade for pork pigs, which made up to 8s. per stone; young pigs 7s 6d to 8s, stronger kinds to 48s each. Breeding calves made £1 8s to £2 2s each.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 85 beasts, 40 sheep, and 50 pigs. A similar quantity of stock as last week, with the demand slow. Prices 10s to 20s lower. Sheep and pigs were practically at last week's rates. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £21 17s 6d, fat cows up to £18 10s, fat calves to £16 5s, store cattle to £13 10s, heifers in calf to £10 5s, cows in milk to £16 15s. Fat sheep to £1 2s each, weaned pigs to £8 2s 6d, pork pigs to £8 15s, gilts in pigs to £4 4s, and small store pigs to 14s 6d per head.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a splendid show of prime fat beasts, sheep, and pigs, with an attendance of butchers and dealers up to the auction mart. Best bullock and heifer beef met a good sharp trade in favour of the vendor, making 8s to 8s 6d, and a few extra choice sorts 8s to 8s 6d. Choice shearling sheep a fair trade, making to 10½d per lb.; heavy sheep and ewes 8½d to 9d. Store calves 14s to £2 5s, and yearlings and lambs, and 19 pigs. Mr E. Liversidge, Sicklkirk, Tockwith, sent eight well-finished bullocks, making £23 7s 6d, £23 5s, £23 2s 6d, £22 10s, £23 7s 6d, £23s, £24 2s 6d, and £24; Mr J. H. Hoole, Bickerton Grange, sent eight fine grand bullocks, making £23 5s 6d, £24 5s, £24 2s 6d, £23 17s 6d, £23 15s, £23 15s, £23 12s 6d, and £20 2s 6d; Mr J. Robinson sent two grand bullocks, making £23 and £23 5s; Mr J. W. Atkinson, Highfield, sent four wealthy bullocks, making £23 7s 6d, £23 2s 6d, £22 5s, and £18 12s 6d; Mr T. Jar. Wright, made £24 15s and £22 12s 6d; two well-finished bullocks, from Mr Cullingworth made £20 and £20 17s 6d; three bullocks from Mr T. J. Kinson, Kirk Deighton House, made £21; four grand bullocks from Mr T. Jackson, made up to £21; four very choice bullocks from Mr J. Burniston, realised up to £21; three grand quality bullocks from Mr T. Dawson made £23 5s, £22 10s, and £22; two fine heifers from Mr A. Kendall made to £20 5s; two very choice bullocks from Mr W. Rooke made £21 and £21 5s; two fine bullocks from Mr Jas. Rose to £20 5s; two very choice bullocks from Mr C. E. Cass made £22 7s 6d and £21 17s 6d; from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, four very choice bullocks made £23 5s, £23 2s 6d, £21 17s 6d, £21 15s, and £21 5s; three well-finished bullocks from Mr J. J. Thomlinson's farms made £23 2s 6d, £23 2s 6d, and £22 10s; four grand quality bullocks from Mr W. L. Kendall, made £22 17s 6d, £22, £18 10s, and £18 12s 6d; two bullocks from Mr T. J. Hall, Wilstrop, made up to £22 17s 6d; from Mr J. Bellbe, to £19 10s.; from Mr Dunnington, two grand bullocks made £23 and £22 10s, and £21 17s 6d; five wealthy bullocks from the auctioneers made £23s 12s 6d, £22 7s 6d, £22 5s 6d, £22, and £21 5s; Mr J. Pearson had a fine-ling sheep from Mr J. Spencelev made to 71s 6d each; Mr Machin, to 69s; Mr W. L. Kendall, to 69s; Mr Jas. Rose, to 59s 6d; Mr J. N Atkinson, to 51s; Mr B. Thomlinson, to 45s; Mr Stead, to 43s 6d; Mr R. Fearby, to 61s 6d; Mr Myers, to 54s; Mr Wm. Hobbs from Mr E. Liversidge to 49s each; Mr Barnitt, to 37s 6d; Mr T. Blaken, to 36s 6d; Mr Jas. Rose, to 35s 6d; Mr Wm. Hobbs, to 45s; Mr C. Maw, to 35s 6d; Mr W Dunnington, to 52s 6d; Mr W. R. Sturdy, to 48s 6d; Mr Myers, to 41s 6d. Store pigs made to 10s 6d.

ROTHWELL

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Sam Wilkinson, a collier of Rothwell, was summoned for having used obscene language. P.C. Womack stated that on Saturday, September 26th, about 8.30 p.m. he was in Windmill Yard, Rothwell Haigh, when he heard the defendant using the language complained of to a neighbour. On going to him he found him to be drunk. Defendant was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have made arrangements for the appointment in each county or groups of counties of a Farm Produce Sales Committee who will invite farmers to submit samples and quote prices of the various classes of farm produce which they wish to sell for the use of his Majesty's forces.

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FOOTBALL JOTTINGS

FOOTBALL IN BARKSTON ASH

Mr Harry Metcalfe, of Tadcaster, who is hon. sec. of Barkston Ash Association, has not had a long reign. He has joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, and he has left Tadcaster. For some time, I know, Mr Metcalfe has contemplated joining some unit of the Forces, and he interviewed the authorities at York a few weeks ago. He goes with my very best wishes, for he is not only an excellent sportsman but a thorough good fellow, and I know he will prove himself an efficient R.A.M.C. man. He will probably meet other Barkston Ash volunteers, who went to Strensall a fortnight ago.

It is intended, I understand, to circularise the clubs who intimated their intention of joining the Barkston Ash League with a view to finding out the possibility of starting the competition next month. When it was decided to stop the League's first football in the district I thought it was a mistaken policy, and the conditions have not changed. Many local clubs have joined the Colours a few weeks ago Aberford could not raise a team owing to players leaving—and it will probably be very difficult to start an efficient League now. However, it is a question for the players themselves. If the clubs rod up in sufficient numbers to form a competition there is no reason whatever why they should not go ahead.

LEEDS SENIOR LEAGUE—LOCAL RESULTS

On Saturday afternoon Garforth White Rose defeated Waterloo Main Colliery by four goals to one, Rothwell F.C. were beaten by Fry-ston by a similar score, Methley Perseverance and Thornhill Lees Albion played a drawn game of a good each; and Rothwell White Rose overcame New Wortley Gas Works by four to nil.

GARFORTH W.R. WIN

Garforth W.R. tackled the Waterloo Main team at Osmondthorpe, and success crowned their efforts. A strong up to the mark forwards the Waterloo end, and, after a smart but fruitless attack by the home team, play settled down in the home half, and the clever defence of Platts and Haigh that kept Garforth out for some time. A penalty was given against Platts, and Birch gave the visitors the lead. At this juncture Haigh, the home goalkeeper, was put out of action after a collision with an opponent. Some tricky work by Birch, Tomkinson, and A. Pickersgill close on half-time ended in Birch again scoring. Garforth were leading by two goals on all at half-time, and they subsequently improved their position by scoring twice, whilst the homesters had to be content with a single goal.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE

In this competition on Saturday afternoon Kippax Woodville beat Oulton St. John by a good to nil, Great Preston W.R. defeated United 4 goals to 2, Whitkirk St. Mary's overcame Athofts St. M. overcame Rothwell White Rose A. by 7 to nil, and Methley Church Lads accounted for Glasshoughton C. by four to two.

In the Wakefield League Methley M.M. defeated Pontefract by three goals to two, while in the Leeds Amateur League Rothwell O.B. beat Green Lane O.B. by two nil.

TADCASTER DEFEATED—TWO PENALTIES

Tadcaster had a match on Saturday afternoon with Bramley's team at York. The team lined up as follows: Rowntree—A Plant, goal; J. Chaplin and G. Dalby, backs; G. P. Scott, H. Hall, and W. Newby, half-backs; H. Rookledge, J. Rookledge, T. Holmes, L. Bell, and T. Johnson, forwards. Tadcaster—Lowery and Goodall; Husband and Goodman, backs; G. Clayton, W. Clayton, and Hewitt, half-backs; Ellerbeck, Moss, Nettleton, Gowland, and Beaumont, forwards. The homesters won the toss, but the captain elected to play from the pavilion end of the field. Play gave the visitors the advantage of the wind, and they also had the sun behind them. The opening exchanges were uneventful, but soon the home forwards gave ally was expected as an instant charge, but, as things turned out, it was evident the lion had not seen the men in front of him. Two lights of our men and horses on the sky-line, and when the bullet hit he must have ascribed it to them. At any rate he began to lash circle through the tangled vines in their direction.

"From their elevation they could follow his movements. Every time he showed a bit of terror and appeals for help. Some began frantically to run back and forth. Some of them had to run away; there was nowhere to go! The only thing that saved them was the thick and spiky character of the cover. The lion, instead of charging straight and fast, was picking an easy way.

"We were directly in front as we were able, leaping from rock to rock, and thrusting recklessly through the tangle. About half-way up I jumped to the top of a high, conical rock, and thence by good luck caught sight of the lion's great yellow head advancing steadily about eighty yards off. It looked as good a sight as I could and pulled trigger. The recoil knocked me clear off the boulder, but drive a snapshop. Clifford Hill and I knew that I had hit. At once Clifford Hill and I jumped up on the rock again; but the lion had vanished from sight. Clifford Hill, who was ten yards to my right, saw the fur fly, and we all heard the snarl as it was struck. Then we saw the carcass at an instant charge, but, as things turned out, it was evident the lion had not seen us at all. He was in the midst of a bush

DEATH OF MR J. W. BLACKBURN, OF ASTLEY

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF TADCASTER DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENERAL MANAGER OF BOWERS ALLERTON COLLIERY.

FUNERAL AT SWILLINGTON.

We regret to announce the death of Mr James W. Blackburn, of Astley House, Astley, the general manager of Bowers Allerton Collieries, at the age of 74 years. He was one of the best known men in the district, and his passing will be regretted by a very wide circle of friends and those who have been associated with him in public work. His death was somewhat sudden. He was at the meeting of the District Council at Tadcaster on the Monday, presiding in the absence of the Chairman, and on the Tuesday, the day on which he was taken ill, he was in Leeds, where he went every week on business for his firm. On his return home he complained of feeling unwell, and on Wednesday he became worse, and took to his bed. On the Friday, however, he seemed much better and made the remark to the doctor "I am pounds better." In the evening, when his son William was with him, he rambled continuously about his work, but about 2 a.m. on Saturday he never spoke, falling off into a gentle doze from which he never awoke, and passed away at 4.30 on Saturday afternoon. He leaves a widow, a daughter and three sons, the two eldest being connected with Bowers Allerton Colliery and the younger with Messrs Brotherton and Co.

The deceased gentleman commenced his career as an apprentice at Messrs Kitson's, the engineering firm in Hunslet, where he gained a knowledge of engineering that stood him in good stead in after life. From Messrs Kitson's he took up a position with Mr Joshua Bower who then owned the present colliery at Allerton. In the early seventies the colliery was sold to a company—the Bowers Allerton Company, which, however, had not a long existence; in fact, about five years after it had been taken over by the company, the present owners had bought it. Mr Blackburn was at the colliery when the first change was made, but about a year later (1874 or 1875) he left and settled down in Hull, as the representative of the Manston Colliery Company. In August of 1879 Messrs T. and R. W. Bower took over the colliery, and the deceased was appointed general manager to the firm, and he maintained the position until the time of his death.

Mr Blackburn, who was a very fluent speaker, was well-known throughout the district as a local preacher, being connected with the United Methodist Free Church, the members of which were in the early days called the "Reformers." For fully fifty years he was active in this sphere. He was very popular at Castleford, and it is said that he preached the one-thousandth sermon at the Whitwood Mere Chapel for over 20 years, while he was the recipient of an illuminated address from the members and members of that place of worship.

He took a great interest in the mission at Bowers Allerton, of which he was practically the founder, and where he attended on the Sunday previous to his demise.

The deceased gentleman was a prominent member of Tadcaster Board of Guardians and District Council for many years, and he was ever ready to take his full share of the work. He was a member of all the principal committees, and so highly were his services valued that several years ago his colleagues did him the honour to appoint him vice-chairman—a position to which he was repeatedly unanimously elected. He also presided at, and attended the long meeting of the Council at Tadcaster, and, in the absence of the Chairman, he conducted the business. He displayed a keen interest in education, and while being associated with the management of local schools, he took a leading part in the work of Kippax Education Committee, of which body he was vice-chairman. His activities, however, were seen in many directions. In all parochial work he was ever to the fore, and he acted as Chairman of the Great and Little Preston Parish Council, in addition to serving on Swillington Parish Council. In politics, he favoured the Unionists, frequently presiding at Conservative gatherings, and when the late Tom Mallalieu, the parliamentary honours he worked very hard in his behalf.

The remains were interred at Swillington churchyard on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of mourners and friends. A striking tribute of respect was paid to the deceased gentleman by the residents of Bowers Allerton—employees at the colliery—who, practically all turned out, and they walked in front of the hearse all the way to Swillington Church. The hearse was covered with wreaths, and, in addition, a carriage was laden with tributes of a similar character. Three o'clock—the hour fixed for the interment—struck, and a few minutes afterwards the tolling of the bell announced the approach of the mournful procession. The surpliced choir and clergy—the Rev. J. Gregory (curate of Great Preston), and the Rev. H. T. Pattinson, B.A. (curate of Oulton St. John's) walked to the church gate, and there they met the cortège. The first portion of the burial service was read by the Rev. J. Gregory, and as the coffin was carried into the church on the shoulders of members of the Whitwood Mere United Methodist Church, the organist played Chopin's "March Funebre." The 90th Psalm was sung by the choir, and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. B. Chapman, Castleford, after which the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was sung. As the procession was proceeding and left the church the organist played "O Rest in the Lord."

The grave had been lined with ivy and white chrysanth-mums, and, after the committal service had been read by the Rev. H. T. Pattinson, the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my Soul" was sung.

The chief mourners were Mr W. S. Blackburn (eldest son), Mrs Peck (daughter), Mr and Mrs Walter Blackburn (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Harry Blackburn (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Hubert Peck, Masters Clement and Norman Blackburn, Mr Percy Blackburn, and Miss Blackburn, Mr Peck, Miss Peck, Mr G. M. Gommersall, Harrogate), Miss Gommersall, Mr and Mrs H. Gommersall, Mr F. Maude, Mr Braithwaite, Mrs Tillotson, Mrs H. Jackson, Miss Lee, Miss Bulloch (maid), Mr R. W. Bower, Mr W. H. Atkinson (secretary of the colliery), Mr J. Mellors (H.M. Inspector of Mines), Mr and Mrs Butler (Burnley), Mr Woodbridge (colliery manager), Mr E. Schofield, Mr and Mrs Fisher, Mr and Mrs Robinson, Mr and Mrs Laing, Mr and Mrs Oxbridge, Mr and Mrs Colley, and Mr J. Holdsworth (formerly manager at Methley).

Others present were Mr and Mrs Curtis (Fryston), Mr J. Hargreaves (Moor Allerton), Mr J. P. Mountain (Leeds), Mr J. Redpath (Castleford), Mr W. Prince, and Mr J. Prince (Allerton), Mr R. Eaves (Garforth), Mr E. Phillips (Allerton), Mr Kemp (Shipley), Mr M. Waterhouse (Stanningley), the Rev. J. Davis (United Methodist Church, Castleford), Mr M. Waters (Castleford), Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar of Kippax), Mr J. Harding (Kippax), Mr R. Routledge, sen. (Garforth), Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman, Garforth Urban Council), Mr E. Parker, J.P. (Chairman of Kippax Education Committee), Mr J. Woodsworth (Chairman of Garforth Education Committee), Mr H. W. Powell (Clerk to Garforth and Kippax Education Committees), Mr G. A. Bennett (Clerk to Tadcaster District Council), Mr J. Farrant (Kippax), Mr J. T. Lygo (Woodlesford), Mr J. E. Davenport (Oulton), Mr Hessling (Leeds), Mr T. Scott Butler (Wigan), Mr W. R. Tebb (Kippax), Mr G. W. Drake (Castleford), Captain Madgin and Mr Colby (Castleford Salvation Army), Rev. W. G. Softley and Mr C. S. Handforth (representing Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church), Messrs M. Plows, G. Plows, C. H. Hilbery, Goodall, S. Hallsworth, and T. Collinson (Kippax United Methodist Church), Messrs C. H. Wilson, F. Wheatley, W. Wheatley, E. Butler (Wigan), Mr W. R. Tebb (Kippax Primitive Methodist Church), Mr G. Jennings (Castleford), Mr Thrippleton (Leeds), Mr A. Newsome (Leeds), Mr J. B. Beadman (Keighley), Mr F. Long (Leeds), Mr J. Wallis (Leeds), Mr A. Long (Leeds), Mrs A. Lowther (Little Preston Hall), Mr L. Webster (Kippax), Mr W. Askew, Mr M. Wilson (Methodist United Methodist with Bowers Allerton Colliery and the younger with Messrs Brotherton and Co.

The wreaths were numerous, a large number having been sent by the men at the pits.

The list was as follows:—From the widow, Mr W. S. Blackburn and family, Mr and Mrs Walter Blackburn and family, Mr and Mrs Harry Blackburn, Mrs Peck (daughter), Mr J. Ray and family (Great Preston), Mr and Mrs Walton and family, Mr and Mrs E. Schofield, Mr H. Dyer, Mr Thomas Bower, Sir Charles and Lady Lowther, Mr Hubert Peck, and Mr Leonard Peck, the Misses Mabel and Marjorie Peck (grandchildren), Mr J. Mellors and family, Mr R. W. Bower, Mr and Mrs Beain (Methley), Allerton Colliery underground officials, the office staff, Primrose Hill Colliery underground officials, underground officials of Victoria Pit, Shipping and Coal Company, Hull, under-ground workers Messrs Bower, surface workers of the Victoria, Albert, and Lowther Pits (two wreaths), surface workers of the Primrose Hill Colliery, the farm men and coal leaders of the firm, Messrs J. Dawson and Sons (Leeds), the teachers of the Bowers Allerton Mission Sunday School, the young men of the Friday night Bible Class (Bowers Allerton), James Morgan, Miss Bullock, the members and teachers of the United Methodist Church (Methley), Kippax United Methodist Church, Whitwood Mere United Methodist Church, Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church, Garforth United Methodist Church, Swillington and Great Preston Unionist Association, and the Swillington Parish Council.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS

KIPPAX MEN IN TROUBLE.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions on Thursday the magistrates present were the Rev. Holmes Smith (Chairman) and Mr Walter Crosland.

A poor rate for Newthorpe of 1s. 11d. and 11½d. in the pound was allowed.

Arthur Clayton and John Britton, miners, of Kippax, were charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 10th ult. in Main Street, Ledsham. P.C. Wickham stated he found defendants very drunk and disorderly. Britton threatened to kick him. Each defendant was fined 20s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Fred Foss and Fred Westerman, miners, of Brotherton, were charged with being drunk and disorderly on the 4th ult. in High Street, Brotherton. Each defendant was fined 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

Mr John Redmond, at Wexford, on Sunday, said the National Volunteers should be under the control of the Irish Government. To lift in the hands of a few mischief-makers. The volunteers might find themselves the tools of the enemies of Ireland.

The Coalbrookdale Ironworks, which held an exclusive patent for Great Britain for the manufacture of horseshoes by mechanical means, and did an immense business, have stopped two shifts in consequence of German competition. The works have been reopened this week with an order from France for one and a half million horseshoes.

WICK COUNCIL AND CLERK'S SALARY

MEMBERS REFUSE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION.

A meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council was held at the Council Room, Scholes, on Monday evening—Mr J. M. Rayner (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. Booth, J. Birch, R. Wright, A. Robshaw, and E. Lamb (Barwick), and Messrs W. Wetherell, J. Pemberton, and W. Needham (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr H. B. Cooke).

A letter was read from the Clerk to Tadcaster District Council in answer to a request that the Council should be represented on Scholes Town Planning Committee. It was stated that Scholes was ably represented by Mr Chippendale, and there was no necessity for a representative of the Parish Council being on the committee. Mr Wright said he raised the question at Tadcaster under the impression that if Scholes ward was town-planned the parish would have to meet the expense, but he was informed the cost would be spread over all the district. Consequently if everyone else paid he would be prepared to pay. He would have a representative from every parish.

Mr Dennison, secretary to Garforth Gas Company—Your letter of August 11th was brought before the directors at their meeting on Sept. 2nd, when they instructed me to express their regret at the misunderstanding which has arisen respecting the five fittings at Barwick. They desire me to point out that the course they adopted is identical to that adopted at Garforth and Aberford, and it is imperative that we should follow the recognised rule in this respect. —The Chairman: Is that satisfactory to Barwick representatives?—Mr Wright: It will have to be. (Laughter).

Mr Pemberton, in accordance with notice given, moved that a committee be appointed to go into the question of the Clerk's appointment. He suggested that five members should form the committee.—No one would second the proposal.—The Chairman said the position was not satisfactory from the standpoint of the Council or the Clerk. This matter came up from time to time, and it was not a very pleasant position to place the Clerk in, and he thought they should settle it once and for all.—Mr Robshaw: It has to come up during the twelve months.—Mr Pemberton said that was the reason for his proposal.—The Chairman said he should like the Council to deal with it forthwith.—Mr Pemberton said that ratepayers had mentioned the matter to him, and he thought it his duty to bring it forward, but if other members did not think it necessary while he took into it he stood alone.—The Chairman said that the Council might deal with it at once, and if Mr Pemberton had any facts or figures bearing on the question he was glad they would be placed before them.—Mr Wright said that unless the question was to be settled he should enter his protest against it. That was the third or fourth time it had been up, and he was about tired of discussing it.—The Chairman: If it is discussed to-night I take it that it will be closed.—Mr Pemberton said that he thought the figures before Crossgates was taken into Leeds and the figures for Scholes should be given so that the members would have some idea what they were discussing.—Mr Wright: Every member knows near enough to guide his conduct to-night.—Mr Birch said they could not alter the appointment until next annual meeting.—The Chairman: Whatever we decide cannot have any effect until the annual meeting.—Mr Booth: The annual meeting does not feel obliged to accept what is done to-night.—Mr Booth said the annual meeting would consist of the same people.—Mr Needham said he thought Mr Pemberton should give them the information. If he brought forward a proposition he should be ready with particulars.—Mr Pemberton said that was altogether wrong. He brought the matter forward because it was in the minutes that it should be dealt with during the year, and he proposed the appointment of a committee so that the figures could be got out. One half of the district had been taken away, and there could not be the same amount of work in connection with it. He did not think this should be a whole time job.—Mr Wright said the Clerk had not last half of his time. He admitted that in collecting the amount of money had dropped 47 per cent., but there was nearly the same area to go over.—Mr Pemberton said he guaranteed that two-thirds of the work had to be taken away because the collection of rates in Crossgates was house-to-house, and out there they got practically half the rateable value from the railway, and they were large farms. He guaranteed that the work in connection with the place did not take half-a-day a week.—Mr Wright: It is ridiculous.—Mr Pemberton: If a committee was formed they would find that not half but two-thirds of the work has been taken away.—The Chairman: Do you move a resolution?—Mr Pemberton said he had moved one already, and he would not move another.—Mr Robshaw said he thought the sooner this matter was settled the better, for it was putting the Clerk in a very funny position. He moved that they go into the question.—Mr Pemberton seconded.—This proposal, however, was defeated.—Mr Needham then put forward another resolution, but the Council having decided to discuss the matter, it is old not be accepted.—The Chairman: I think the Council should have fixed the question whether or not the Clerk is paid too much. I have made up my mind.—Mr Wright: So have I. I was satisfied with the appointment when made, and that is why I opposed the resolution.—The matter then dropped.

TEMPLENEWSAM COUNCIL.

FOOTPATHS—PUBLIC SLAUGHTER-HOUSE.

The Templenewsam Parish Council met on Monday evening at the Council School, Halton.—Mr J. H. Tomlinson (Chairman) presiding. The other Councillors present were Messrs W. Baker, G. D. Crosthwaite, J. A. Dixon, H. E. Catton, and C. E. Goodall, with the Clerk (Mr Vernon Greaves).

Correspondence was read from the Automobile Association, in which it was stated that two danger signals had been forwarded and required fixing in close proximity to the school.—After a short discussion it was decided to report the receipt of the same to the District Council, and ask them to undertake the fixing.

Mr Dixon reported, on behalf of the Footpaths Committee, that as a rule the footpaths had been inspected, and wanted attention. He also stated that there were plenty of ashes to be obtained, and now was the time to have the footpaths repaired.

A resolution, proposed by Mr Catton, and seconded by Mr Crosthwaite, was passed as follows:—That the Footpaths Committee be empowered to put the footpaths in a proper state of repair for the coming winter.

It was reported by Mr Goodall, on behalf of the Allotments Committee, that the water had been laid on to the field, but the stand pipe wanted a proper protection.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the up and stand pipe be wrapped with felt and lead in so as to protect it from the frost, and Mr Goodall was appointed to see to this being done.

There was some discussion about the need for a public slaughter-house in the village, but it was reported that this was a matter which the District Council had in hand.

Several accounts were passed for payment, and a precept was issued on the overseers for £25.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INTERESTING SWILLINGTON COMMON COMPETITION

To the Editor.

Sir,—During the month of May I gave my upper standard boys a potato to grow in their own gardens, or home, offering a prize for the best return.

The boys, as well as their parents, have taken a great interest in the competition, and on Tuesday, the 6th of October, the whole of each root was to be brought to school. There has been a great amount of talk among the scholars and also their parents, and I have often heard very glowing accounts of this special root of potatoes.

When the weighing-in time came everyone in school was very anxious to see the result, which was as follows:—

	No. of Weight.	Potatoes.	Value
	1st.	11b.	7½
1—Martin Green	53		
2—John Crossley	11lbs. 4½ozs.	36	28
3—James Parker	11lbs. 2ozs.	29	25

The potato grown was the Arran Chief.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN M. BOYES

Swillington Common, October 9th, 1914.

MONK FRYSTON'S ROLL OF HONOUR

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in last week's issue that a reader wants to know how many men Monk Fryston has sent to the Army. Since the war broke out the following have gone:—Lieut. Ferry, John Fleming, John Jamieson, W. Luford, H. Kendall, Thos. Pearson, C. Stoker, F. Simmons, and T. Baker.

The following, who are natives of the village and whose parents now reside at Monk Fryston, are serving with the colours:—Chaprnis, J. Berry, J. Lewis, G. Fery, J. Fern, and W. Jamieson—making a total of 15. South Milforthians are naturally proud of their number (25), and great credit is due to them for their young men responding so nobly to the call. At the last census the population of South Milford was returned at 1,022, and Monk Fryston 530, giving honour where honour is due, I think Monk Fryston has done as well as South Milford.—Yours, etc.,

UNION JACK.

DEATH OF CANON WORTHY, SELBY

AN ESTEEMED PRIEST.

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The following, who are natives of the village and whose parents now reside at Monk Fryston, are serving with the colours:—Chaprnis, J. Berry, J. Lewis, G. Fery, J. Fern, and W. Jamieson—making a total of 15. South Milforthians are naturally proud of their number (25), and great credit is due to them for their young men responding so nobly to the call. At the last census the population of South Milford was returned at 1,022, and Monk Fryston 530, giving honour where honour is due, I think Monk Fryston has done as well as South Milford.—Yours, etc.,

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The Rev. R. J. Dunford officiated at the graveside.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT DISTRESS COMMITTEE

REFUSAL TO MAKE A GRANT TO THE BELGIAN FUND.

A meeting of the Rothwell and District General Distress Committee was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night.—Mr G. W. Blakey presiding. Two Councillors present were Messrs S. R. Chadwick, T. P. Wade, W. Wade, W. Lunn, W. Robinson, W. Speak, R. McCullaugh, J. Horner, and others who attended included Miss Stumpy, the Rev. W. G. Softly (Rothwell), the Rev. W. C. Allen (Stourton), Mr J. Southwart, Mr F. F. Moore (house), Mr H. G. Martin, and Mr J. Butterick, with the hon. secretaries Messrs W. Dodgson, and H. J. Butler.

The following statement of accounts, made up from the reports of the ward committees, showing the amounts received, and the amounts paid out to dependents was read by Mr Dodgson:—Received into the Central Fund £48 13s. Received from the North and South Wards £30 19s. 7½d., Stourton Ward £24. Carlton £13 10s., Thorpe £14. 7s. 11½d.—a total income of £110 10s. 7d. The amounts paid out by the different committees are as follows:—North and South Ward £1 10s., Stourton Ward £13 8s. 6d., Carlton 14s. 8d., Lofthouse 15s., and Thorpe 19s. 6d.—a total of £16 7s. 8d. This, however, will be repaid by the Soldiers' and Sailors' and Families' Association.

The Chairman announced that the Rothwell Gas Company had decided to give £10 10s. to the fund.

The Clerk reported that the money paid out could not be claimed from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association unless a detailed list showing the names of the amounts paid to each person were forwarded, and a resolution calling upon the secretaries of the different wards to supply the necessary information was accordingly passed.

Mr J. Butterick said he had been asked by the Rev. N. W. Thompinson to make a suggestion that the committee make a grant out of their fund to the Belgian Refugee Fund. He himself thought it a very reasonable suggestion. They required houses and some furnishing and other things, and he suggested that a grant be made of about £10, and further that they should spend another £10 in providing them with bedding and things of that sort. As yet they had made no grant to the National Relief Fund.

Mr Martin said he was prepared to move a resolution that £10 be given to the Refugee Fund—the National Fund, and not to the fund in Leeds, as his contention was that Leeds was a wealthy city.

Mr Butterick, who said they should send the money where it was most needed, seconded the resolution.

The Rev. W. C. Allen asked if it was permissible as the money had not been raised for that object? Then, had they not better wait until they saw the amount of money they had.

Mr Blakey, who said he did not favour the suggestion, said they had plenty of time yet to consider the matter, although no one had more sympathy with the Belgians than himself, who had been driven from their homes than he had, and they were indebted to the Belgians, but, at the same time, the money they had received up to the present was not much.

Mr Butterick said the amounts read out did not represent the total amount in the hands of the treasurer. The money they had was not required for the present, and if any one needed any sympathy it was the Belgian people. It was an international question, and they should do their best for every single individual, never minding the nationality they belonged to. If they did not vote the money to the Belgian Fund they would vote a sum to the National Relief Fund, and in question of that sort they should surely be tied down by the rules and that they could not move. They wanted to do the best for the greatest number.

Mr Martin said if the money was granted to the Belgian Relief Fund it would go out and say they had put the money to a good purpose.

Mr Bowan said he thought the money they had should be held back for a short period. The time when the money was most needed would be when the war was over.

The Rev. W. G. Softley asked if they were in order to vote a grant for the purpose required. Personally he was not in favour of voting the money away.

Mr Lunn said the resolution passed at the last meeting with regard to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association admitted of the present resolution being in order. He thought money would be needed in the district. He also thought that such committees should force the government to provide for people who came back from the war unable to earn their living. Instead of the Government doing that they would leave the people nursing at the corridors of the workhouse or selling matches at the corner of Belgrave, Leeds.

On a vote being taken seven voted in favour of the resolution and nine against.

Mr Martin moved a resolution that the Government be urged to do all in their power to provide for dependents of soldiers who had gone out to the front from other places in connection with the war, and also for soldiers who had returned and were unable to gain their own living.

Mr Bowan seconded.

Mr Horner said that of Thorpe they had moved a resolution in the same terms but more drastic.

Mr Martin said he would withdraw his resolution in favour of Mr Horner's, and Mr Horner gave notice to bring up the motion at the next meeting.

Mr Butterick also gave notice to raise the question of granting a sum to the Belgian National Fund at the next meeting.

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THE Guardians of the Poor of the Hunslet Union invite Tenders for certain PAINTING WORKS required at their GENERAL INSTITUTION at Rothwell Haigh.
Forms of Tender, with a Specification of the work, may be obtained on application at my Office where sealed Tenders addressed to me, and endorsed "Painting, &c.," must be delivered by 10 o'clock a.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant.
The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By Order,
FRED W. MEE,
Clerk to the Guardians.
Union Offices, Hunslet, Leeds,
October 5th, 1914.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE above Council invite TENDERS for the various works required to be done in connection with the MAKING of STABLES in the basement of their premises at Garforth Mill, together with the erection of a wall leading from the corner of such basement to the boundary wall belonging to the North Eastern Railway Company.
Plans can be seen and applications for specifications and further particulars must be made to Mr Thomas Abbott, the Council's Surveyor, at the Council Offices, Garforth.
Sealed tenders to be forwarded to the Council Offices, on or before Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1914, endorsed "Tender for Stables," and addressed to
ALBERT EDWARD CARR,
Clerk to the Council.
Council Offices, Garforth,
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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1914.

In recent years, even in this country, the tendency to worship bigness as a sort of fetish has become very pronounced, and the larger a concern or a thing was the greater was its claim upon the admiration of the people, who too readily assume that quality and size are synonymous terms. The public are, however, not discriminating, and, although bigness means the concentrating of power at a centre, the evils that frequently arise from it are enormous. The destruction of initiative, the subjection of the individual for the aggrandisement of the powers that control the machine, and the consequent discontent among those closely affected are frequently the results of the craze for bigness, whilst another, cruel in its destructiveness, is the crushing and ruining of rivals who cannot withstand the economic pressure exerted on them. All this is sometimes asserted to be the outcome of the genius of organization, but that is a fallacy, inasmuch as organization may be more perfectly carried out in smaller concerns than in the larger—compare our small army with the huge German machine!—because human beings, however great, have their limitations, and they cannot be expected to control efficiently what they cannot master. It is the same in regard to administration. One of the principles upon which the State is established is that the people should govern themselves, and right from Parliament to the Parish Council we have numerous representative bodies charged with the work of administration. Each body has its own functions to perform, but each and all are, to a greater or lesser extent, subject to the influences of public opinion. That is why public work in this country has been so admirably carried out, how it has been so free from the abuses so rampant in other countries, and the honour of doing something for nothing is highly prized by every public-spirited community. During the past twenty years, however, the advocates of big things have had more of their way than has been good for the country, and the application of the principle of centralization to public affairs has been at variance with the policy hitherto pursued by the nation. Centralization removes from the public influence administration which should be directly under its control, and no doubt some people would gladly see foisted on the country a system of German control. It has already done incalculable harm by destroying the interest of the people in what directly concerns themselves, and it has been proved over and over again that centralization serves to still public spirit. It is often stated that a saving of money is effected thereby, and that greater efficiency is obtained, and while in some directions it is possible to prove that, it cannot always be substantiated, because it practically puts an end to a great deal of voluntary work, inasmuch as the representatives cannot master the details connected with huge concerns, and the power goes into the hands of officials.

Not very long ago the Prime Minister undertook the advocacy of the value of small communities when Morley was threatened with attack by the Leeds Corporation, and the other day at Cardiff he appeared as the champion of small nations. Between the two many people will profess to see no parallel, but the same principle operates, and a small community has just as much right to live as a small nation, doing its own work in its own way without interference from some powerful neighbour. The British Empire is composed of many nationalities, and in practically every English-speaking colony—Canada, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand—the home country, profiting by the blunders of British statesmanship over the United States, has the good sense to leave them to manage their own affairs. They have been thrown on their own resources, instead of being tied to the apron string of the mother land, and they have become strong and self-reliant members of an intensely patriotic family. And in these great dominions over the seas self-government is in operation, for every province reflects the opinion of its own people in the legislative bodies. The British Empire is an example as to how a free people should be governed—they govern themselves. And Mr Asquith speaks for the right of small nations to live. It is unthinkable in these days that the existence of small countries should be threatened, because of the over-powering ambition of one State, which would swamp whole nations in order to achieve its own ends. Great Britain was once a comparatively weak nation, but, owing to its geographical position, its great mineral resources, and the genius of its people, it has become the most powerful in the world. Holland and Spain have had their days of greatness, and, although their glory has departed, they are each doing their work in their own way. Belgium—the home of art treasures and fine cathedrals, and of one of the bravest races in the world —has been absolutely devastated by enemy simply because the Belgians demonstrated that, little people though they are, they have a code of honour unknown to the German bully, whose carefully-concealed object was really the annexation of the country. If once the principle for which the Prussians are contending were admitted, only the great and powerful, the rich and strong, would have a right to live; the poorer folks would simply have an existence as hewers of wood and drawers of water for the other section; and the Christianizing work of twenty centuries would be nullified. This shows how easily it is to work from nations to individuals, and there is a great deal more behind Mr Asquith's words than at first appears. No nation would be safe were Germany to succeed in its designs, and life would become intolerable. Happily, there is no indication that the Prussian armed hordes will manage to foist their "culture" upon the free peoples of Europe, but a tremendous effort will be required to overthrow the enemy, and, done and for all, put them in their proper place.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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DEATHS.

BEWITT—October 6th at 3, William Street, Fryston, aged 67 years, Henry, the beloved husband of Jane Bewitt.

BUNNETT.—On Oct. 6th, at Holywell House, Shadwell, Gaunt A. Burnett, builder, in his 66th year.

MATHERS.—Oct. 5th, at Moortown Lea, Martha, widow of William Mathers, aged 70.

RAWSON.—October 5th, aged 56, Bertha Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William and Annie Rawson, of Westfield, Osmondthorpe.

WALKER.—October 5th, at Prospect Villas Wetherby, aged 71, Mary Elizabeth Hodgson Walker.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Mr F. M. Lupton (in the chair), Mr C. Holliday, and Mr W. Evans.

Mr J. Baldwin, of the Bowling Green Hotel, and Mr J. Oakland, of the Black Bull Inn, Rothwell, have each given a guinea to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund. Mr Oakland has also contributed a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday the harvest festival services were held in the church. In the morning the preacher was the Rev. H. E. Wrenfee (curate), and in the evening the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Wynne) officiated. The pulpit, lectern, font, and altar were tastefully decorated with flowers. The collections for the day amounted to about £6.

PATENT LIST compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—John Haworth, Leeds, improvements in blankets, rugs, wraps, &c.; Joseph Rafferty, Doncaster, improvements in means for communicating on trains. Patent sealed—J. B. Froggatt, Harrogate, collapsible show pen for animals, &c.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—During the past few weeks great changes have been made in the interior of the Primitive Methodist Church in the way of re-decorating and alterations. The principal work, however, has been in connection with the new organ, which is to be opened on Saturday, when a special service will be held in the afternoon. The organ is to be opened by Mr J. R. Senior, J.P., and a sermon will be preached by the Rev. F. Winterburn, of Hull. In the evening a recital will be given on the new organ by Mr H. Nelson, of Durham, and the soloist will be Miss G. Keighley. For full particulars see our advt. columns.

DISTRESS FUND.—The North and South Wards Committee of the Rothwell and District War Fund have collected about £40. The half proceeds of the first two special performances at the Cosy Picture House realised £2 5s. 4d. The following is the list of subscribers of 5s. and upwards to the Committee's fund:—Rothwell Liberal Club £5; Rothwell W.M. Club (Marsh Villa) £5 5s., Dr. H. Stevenson £5, Rothwell Wesleyan Church (special collection) £5, Mr A. Barraclough £5, Mr A. W. Thomlinson £1, Mr J. Butterick 10s. 6d., Holt and Denton 10s., Mr S. Stainer 10s., Mr T. A. Idle 10s., Mr Dobson 10s., C. Ward and Son 10s., Mr Walter Copley 6d., Mr H. Wormald 7s. 6d., Mr A. W. Senior 5s., Mr T. W. Young 5s., Mr H. Asquith 5s., Mr Taylor 5s., Mr J. Southwart 5s., Mrs Jarvis Batty 5s., Mr G. Caygill 5s., Mr J. W. Hanks 5s., Mr J. T. Craven 5s., and Mr Richard Batty 5s.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Success attended the harvest thanksgiving services held at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday, as a result over £7 will be handed over to the choir and organ funds. Special sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr W. Denton, and to the afternoon the principal service "Service of Praise," The Rev. N. W. Thomlinson presided, and delivered a short and appropriate address. The musical items were as follows:—Violin solo, Mr C. Barthram; song, "Beyond," Miss M. Marshall; anthem, "Till the earth remaineth," choir; song, "Thanksgiving," Mrs Newton; recital, "Toby," Miss E. Marshall; song, "The Lord is my Shepherd," Miss E. Blackburn; violin solo, "Nearer my God to Thee," Mr C. Barthram; song, "Lead, Kindly Light," Mr T. Kale; anthem, "Ye shall dwell in the Land," choir; song, "Crossing the Bar," Miss M. Marshall; song, Mrs Newton; anthem, "Hark! hark! my soul," choir. Mr T. A. Idle accompanied the singing at the organ, and Mr J. Idle was the conductor.

THE ESTATE OF COL. A. H. CHARLESWORTH.—Colonel Albany Hanke Charlesworth, M.A., V.D., of Brookhurst, West Didsbury, Manchester, a director of the firm of Messrs. Charlesworth (Limited), colliery proprietors who died on 9th September last, left estate of the gross value of £530,250 6s. 3d., of which £401,440 10s. 1d. is set personalty. The duty on the property at this valuation, according to the new Budget rates, will amount to about £90,000. The testator left £1,000 to Lady Victoria Mexandrina Murray, £1,000 to Florence Counts Fowlie, £500 to his god-daughter, Jane Alexander, £500 to William Pitfield, £100 and an annuity of £52 to his butler, Alfred Rolls, he bequeathed £1,000 to his wife, Mrs Eleanore Charlotte Charlesworth, and he left to her also his furniture, motor-cars, etc., and directed that her annual income during widowhood shall be made up to £2,000. On the death of her on marriage, he left to her £4,000 a year during the remainder of her life. Other bequests are £500 to Kennett Champain Barkley, £50,000 upon trust for his son, Lieut. Albany Kennett Charlesworth, £50,000 upon trust for his daughter Mary, £34,000 upon trust for his daughter Eleanor (it being stated that she had already transferred to her shares in a limited company to the value of £16,000). The residue of his estate he left to his said son Albany.

ALLERTON BYWATER

Allerton Bywater Infirmary Committee have sent £15 to Leeds Infirmary, per Mr W. B. Brown.

MINERS SERVING THE COUNTRY.—Alluding to the fact that between 12,000 and 13,000 of their members were serving the country, Mr H. Smith, President of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, told the Executive at Barnsley that the Association, by exempting all these from payment of contributions whilst on service and by deciding to pay full death claims in respect of those killed in action, and of wives who died while their husbands were on war service, was incurring a heavy liability, but would bear it.

BARWICK

The treasurer of the West Riding Distress Fund acknowledges receipt of £60 from the Barwick-in-Elmet (War) Distress Committee, and £60 from the same place for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

TEACHERS AND THE RELIEF FUND.—At a meeting of the Backstool Ash Teachers' Association held on Saturday at Barwick, it was decided to ask all the head teachers in the schools in Barkston Ash to have a monthly collection among their school staffs, and forward the amounts to the treasurer of the Association, Mr H. E. Lowe, Spofforth National School, near Harrogate, who will send the same in bulk to Sir John Horsfall's West Riding Relief Fund.

DISTRESS FUND.—A meeting of the Barwick (War) Distress Committee was held on Thursday evening at the National Schoolroom, Barwick. Mr J. M. Rayner presided, and there were also present: Messrs. J. W. Birch, A. Booth, R. Murray, F. Puffett, W. Smith, A. Townsley, R. Wright, and H. R. Clarke, hon. secretary. The committee decided that a cheque for £120 be sent to Sir John Horsfall as the first quota equally between the Prince of Wales' Fund and the Sir John Horsfall West Riding Fund, and that a small balance in hand should be retained by the treasurer until a few outstanding subscriptions had been received. Mr A. Townsley was appointed hon. auditor.

FOR THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—A whist drive was held in the National School, Barwick, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. There were 18 tables occupied, and when the cards were pitched it was found that the winners were as follows:—Ladies—1, Miss Frances Hewitt (166), satchel; 2, Mrs W. Smith (178), purse; 3, Miss Marion Helm (169), inkstand. Gentlemen—1, Mr W. Smith (174), safety razor; 2, Mr Drake (172), cigarette-case; 3, Mr Hy Thorpe (168), match box. The consolation prizes went to Mr Norman Schofield (playing as a lady), scent bottle, and Mr Mark Hobson, ash tray. A hearty vote of thanks was passed at the suggestion of Mr A. Booth, seconded by Mr R. Wright, to the promoters of the drive. Those were Messrs Leighton Smith, Frank Pullan, Fred Wright, and Alfred Bramley. A sum approaching £3 5s. will be available for the Belgian Fund.

BROTHERTON

A sum of £30 has been sent to Leeds Infirmary by Brotherton Infirmary Committee.

CROSSGATES

Two free lectures on blouse, skirt, and coat-making are to be given in the Recreation Hall on Tuesday.—See advt.

WESLEY GUILD.—The opening meeting of the session of Crossgates Wesley Guild was held on Wednesday, when the Rev. E. Bell gave an address on the "Parables of Prayer."

We have received a guinea for the Belgian Relief Fund from Mr W. Bramley, The Woodlands, Crossgates, and we have forwarded it to Mr A. B. Balfour, the Vice-Consul for Belgium at Leeds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Primitive Methodist Chapel at Stanks, and they were well attended. The preacher for the day was Mr B. Warhurst. In the afternoon the choir rendered the cantata "Saviour of men" before a large congregation. The principals were Miss Stringer, Mrs Tattersall, Mr A. Withy, and Mr C. H. Walker, while the conductor was Mr Holdsworth, the organist Mr Harry Johnson. The chapel was tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit, etc.

LEAGUE OF YOUNG LIBERALS.—On Monday evening a meeting of the Crossgates branch of the League of Young Liberals was held at the residence of Mr Wood, of Tranquility. Mr J. Batty (President) was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members. Mr Wood read a very interesting paper on the growth of Germany and Austria, and a discussion followed. Refreshments were served to the members by Mrs Wood, and at the close of the meeting a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr and Mrs Wood.

GARFORTH

The ratepayers of Garforth will be pleased to know that the district rate for next half-year will be 9d. less than that of last half-year.

Mr J. Beevers, of the Miners' Arms, Garforth, has given 10s. 6d. to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund, and 10s. 6d. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Among the members of Leeds University who have joined the Army are two Garforth men—Messrs Dobson and Thompson, both of whom have been given commissions.

The Rev. J. W. Massey, who has been curate at Garforth for two-and-a-half years, has been appointed to a curacy in London. He is very popular with all classes in Garforth, and his going will be regretted.

CANADA'S GIFT.—We have been sent a first list of the purchasers of the sacks in which Canada's gift of flour to the mother country is being received, and the only local purchasers are Messrs. T. B. Stillitz and Son, of Garforth. The sacks, which are all marked "Canada's Gift," are interesting souvenirs, and they cost 5s. each. Two-thirds of the money received will go to the Prince of Wales' Fund, and the remainder to the Belgian Relief Fund. Applications should be addressed to Mr Hedley F. Le Bas, joint hon. sec., National Sack Fund, York House, St. James's Palace, London.

GARFORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The opening meeting of the session of the Wesley Guild to be place on Monday night—Mr W. Dibb presiding. The Garforth Orchestral Band contributed several selections, which were highly appreciated. Miss E. Calvert, of Halton, sang in fine style "There's a land" and "Where my caravan has rested." Miss Westerman, of Garforth, elocutionist, recited "The last token" and "The Rehearsal" very effectively. Light refreshments were partaken of. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the Orchestral Band rendering the French, Belgian, Russian, Japanese, and the English National Anthems.

GREAT PRESTON

Mr W. Dodsworth, of the New Inn, Great Preston, has given 10s. 6d. to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund and 10s. 6d. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

HALTON

A number of Belgian refugees have been housed in cottages at Templenewsam.

The employees of the Waterloo Main Colliery have contributed £10 11s. (first collection) to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

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MIDDLETON

The staff of Middleton Colliery Co. have sent £2 10s. 6d. to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mrs Mann, of the Chained Bull Hotel, Moor Allerton, has given 20s. to the Lord Mayor's Fund, and the Misses Mann have contributed a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEER'S AFFAIRS.—A meeting of the creditors of Lawrence Fawcett, automobile engineer, Harrogate Road, Chapeltown, was held at the Law Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday. The statement of affairs disclosed total liabilities of £1,410, and net assets £1,142, leaving a deficiency of £268. The debtor ascribed his failure to "bad trade," shortage of capital, with the consequent inability to take advantage of cash discounts, and the peculiar circumstances occasioned by the war. A resolution was passed appointing Mr Charles H. Baker, accountant, Albion Street, as trustee, with a committee of inspection.

OULTON

RATES.—The rates for the ensuing half-year are the same as last year—6s. 8d., and special expenses rate 6d., equivalent to a rate of 9s. 4d. in the £.

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ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES.—On Friday night the first party of Belgian refugees, five in number, arrived at Oulton, and were housed in their new quarters at the Hall. Some special provision has been made for them, through the kindness of Major Calverley. The party were brought from Leeds in a wagonette. On Sunday morning they attended the Catholic Chapel in Joseph Street, Hunslet. Through some misunderstanding a number of people gained admission to the Park on Sunday afternoon with the hope of seeing the refugees. However, a notice has been posted up at the entrance to the Park stating that it is closed.

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A special service for women was held in the Parish Church on Thursday afternoon, when an address on "Autumn" was given by the Vicar.

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WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday at the Wesleyan Church, and the preacher in the morning was the Rev. E. Bell, of Crossgates, and in the evening the Rev. J. E. Clegue. In the afternoon the choir gave the cantata "Garnered grain," under the leadership of Mr H. Gummerson. The organ accompaniments were played by Mr R. Sherburn, and the solos were sung by Mrs G. Schofield (soprano), Mrs. W. Varley (contralto), Mr C. E. Nicholson, Mr W. Sheperd, and Mr B. Tebb (basses), Mr T. Butterworth, and Mr E. Mosby (tenors). A special solo was given by Miss Dorothy Hewitt (soprano). Mr George Wilkinson presided. The anthem "Praise ye the Lord" was sung at the evening service, and a solo was contributed by Mr C. E. Nicholson. The decorations of fruit and flowers were tastefully arranged. The services were in aid of the Trust Fund.—The Band of Hope meeting was held on Monday evening, and Mr R. Bullock, of Bowers Allerton, gave the address. Mr J. Goodall presided over a good attendance.—The address at the Wesley Guild meeting was given by the Rev. Ed. Rees (foreign minister)—Mr W. R. Tebb presiding. The address, which was much appreciated, was on "Christian Courage." There was a good attendance.

MIDDLETON

The staff of Middleton Colliery Co. have sent £2 10s. 6d. to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mrs Mann, of the Chained Bull Hotel, Moor Allerton, has given 20s. to the Lord Mayor's Fund, and the Misses Mann have contributed a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEER'S AFFAIRS.—A meeting of the creditors of Lawrence Fawcett, automobile engineer, Harrogate Road, Chapeltown, was held at the Law Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday. The statement of affairs disclosed total liabilities of £1,410, and net assets £1,142, leaving a deficiency of £268. The debtor ascribed his failure to "bad trade," shortage of capital, with the consequent inability to take advantage of cash discounts, and the peculiar circumstances occasioned by the war. A resolution was passed appointing Mr Charles H. Baker, accountant, Albion Street, as trustee, with a committee of inspection.

OULTON

RATES.—The rates for the ensuing half-year are the same as last year—6s. 8d., and special expenses rate 6d., equivalent to a rate of 9s. 4d. in the £.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest thanksgiving services were held in the church on Sunday. The altar, pulpit, and lectern were tastefully decorated with flowers, etc. In the morning the sermon was preached by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure, M.A.), and in the evening the preacher was conducted by the Rev. R. H. Hall, rector of Barwick-in-Elmet. The collections, which were in aid of the Convalescent Homes, amounted to £1 10s. 6d. in the morning, and £1 16s. 6d. in the evening.

ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES.—On Friday night the first party of Belgian refugees, five in number, arrived at Oulton, and were housed in their new quarters at the Hall. Some special provision has been made for them, through the kindness of Major Calverley. The party were brought from Leeds in a wagonette. On Sunday morning they attended the Catholic Chapel in Joseph Street, Hunslet. Through some misunderstanding a number of people gained admission to the Park on Sunday afternoon with the hope of seeing the refugees. However, a notice has been posted up at the entrance to the Park stating that it is closed.

ROUNDHAY

Mr Peter Summerton, Wingfield, and Messrs W. H. Gilpin and Son, The Mansion, Roundhay, have given £5 5s. each to the Lord Mayor's Fund. Mr Summerton has also given £1 1s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

THE GRAND JURY.—On Wednesday at Leeds Quarter Sessions the Grand Jury included: Messrs C. J. Berry, hide and leather factor, Park Villas, Roundhay (Foreman); C. Birdsell, iron merchant, Park Avenue, Roundhay; G. W. Brown, clothier, North Park Avenue; F. W. Crowther, wholesale clothier, Street Lane; F. Fairbairn, restaurant proprietor, Park View Crescent; J. H. Gilligrass, jeweller, Park Villas; W. Heningway, meltster, Wetherby Road; W. H. Iredale, wholesale clothier, Devis Avenue; G. H. Lupton, manufacturing chemist, Park Crescent; D. Joynt, clothing manufacturer, North Lane; C. B. Reffitt, gentleman, Oakwood Grove; and W. P. Reed, tailor, Street Lane.

STOURTON

HELPING THE BELGIANS.—The members of the Stourton P.M. Chapel are each week contributing a sum of money, along with the other chapels in the circuit, towards the upkeep of a house for a family of Belgian refugees.

MISSION SERVICES.—A special mission, which has been held each night during the week up to Thursday (inclusive), was commenced at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday. The services were conducted by the Rev. W. S. Spencer (minister), and a good work has been done, especially among the young people. At the Sunday evening service the choir sang the anthem "Hark! hark! my soul." At the P.S.A. service held in the afternoon Mr Spencer gave the address.

A MEMBER'S DEATH.—The wife and relatives of Private Benjamin Ford, of the 2nd West Riding Regiment, have been informed in a note from Lord Kitchener that Ford has met his death at the front. He was killed by a bullet in the early hours of August 24th at the battle of Mons. He was called up on August 4th. At the time of going on active service he was employed at the Yorkshire Copper Works, Stourton, but he had been previously employed as barman at the Black Swan Hotel, in Vicar Lane, Leeds. His widow, who until the outbreak of the war resided in Bishop Virginia Street, Leeds, is left with two children.

SEACROFT

A FOOTPATH.—At a meeting of Leeds Corporation on Wednesday the Town Clerk reported the receipt of a complaint that a right-of-way over Corporation land leading from Foundry Lane to Killingbeck Hospital had been closed. The Town Clerk added that the Corporation had no intention of closing the footpath. The stile had been removed by the tenant, and now that attention had been drawn to the matter it was about to be restored.

WHITKIRK

One guinea (second contribution) has been sent by Colton Bible Class to the Belgian Relief Fund.

CARELESSNESS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Percy Otty, a contractor, of Leeds, was summoned for removing gates from the turnpike road, Whitkirk, without a licence. P.C. Taylor proved the offence, and a fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

WOODLESFORD

Mr H. Sheldon, of the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford, has given 10s. 6d. to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Fund, and 10s. 6d. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Ward, quarryman, of Woodlesford, was summoned for having used obscene language. P.C. Coldwell stated that on the 27th ult. he heard the defendant, who was in Alma Street, making use of the language complained of to the police. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Mr F. Lee, of Wetherby, has collected £2 10s., and sent it to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Saturday Aberford footballers defeated Barwick on the latter's field by 5 goals to 0.

A sum of 13s. 3d., collected at Ledsham Grammar School, has been sent to the West Riding Distress Fund.

The many friends of Mr H. S. Spark, late of the Old Hall, Church Fenton, and now of Wirksloe, Taunton, will be interested to know that his only son, Mr Durbin Spark, is cadet of the Cambridge University Contingent, O.T.C., senior division, was on September 10th gazetted as temporary second-lieutenant to the 3rd Battalion Prince Albert's Infantry, now stationed at Woking, Surrey. Mr Spark, junr., is to be congratulated on his appointment, and no doubt his many friends, and particularly the members of the Boys' Club, over which he so successfully formed at Church Fenton, will wish him success.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—A family of Belgian refugees, father, mother, and four young children arrived in Monk Fryston on Tuesday evening, and were heartily welcomed by the villagers. The Rev. B. and Mrs Hemsworth very kindly escorted them from York. They belong to the neighbourhood of Malines, and on their arrival here had only been in England 5 days. A cottage is being got ready for them at Hillam. In the meantime they are being housed in a small room adjoining the Concert Hall, where everything possible is being done to make them they seem very happy in their unfamiliar surroundings. They cannot speak English, but gratitude is expressed in their eyes and by gestures.

SINGING CONTEST.—The annual match for the Frol Child Trophy and other prizes promoted by the Leeds Jubilee Club, and open to members of clubs affiliated to the Leeds Amalgamated Society of Male Voice Choirs, was held at Ulleskelf on Sunday. The competition was divided into two sections, an individual contest and team contest. For the former there were 240 entries, and for the latter 10 teams entered. The weather was fine, and fair sport was enjoyed. The chief prize-winners were:—1, cup, gold medal, and £1 15s., Silver City, with 5lb. silver W. H. Smith Goribaldi, 4 lb. 8[oz.; 3, J. Pattison, Robin Hood, 4lb. 6oz.; 4, R. Smith, Keighley, 4lb. 13oz.; 5, Bradford No. 1, Bradford, 4lb. 3oz.; 6, H. Hopton, Castleford, 2lb. 2[oz.; 7, G. Bastiek, Bradford City, 1lb. 13oz.; 8, W. Austin, Beckett's Arms, 1lb. 12oz.; 9, T. Myers, Robin Hood, 1lb. 11[oz.; 10, G. Starkey, Star of the East, 1lb. 11[oz. 11, E. Atkinson, Beeston Hill Liberal, 1lb. 10z.; 12, J. Green, Granville, 1lb. 9oz. In the team competition the winners were:—Bradford City A team, 7lb. 10z.; 2, Keighley, 6lb. 7[oz.; 3, Leeds Robin Hood, 6lb. 11[oz.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD AFFAIRS

WEBSTER CHARITY SCHEME.

A special meeting of the Oulton and Woodlesford Parish Council to consider the Webster Charity Scheme, which is in operation in the district, was held at the Harold Hall, Oulton, on Tuesday night—Mr H. Parkin (Chairman) presiding.

Each member of the Parish Council had been supplied with a copy of the scheme, which has already been outlined in this journal.

Mr T. H. Myton asked who were the present co-opted trustees holding office.

The Chairman said that the trustees were Major Calverley, the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure (Vicar of Oulton), the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin (Vicar of Woodlesford), and Mr C. F. Badeley.

Mr Myton, in calling attention to the fact that every co-opted trustee be appointed for a term of five years, asked when the present trustees were elected.

The Chairman replied that at a meeting in January last Major Calverley was appointed in the place of Mr Selwyn Calverley, and Mr Badeley was elected in the place of the late Col. Hoyle.

Mr Parkin also announced that the money had been transferred from New Consols to New Zealand stock, which brought in three per cent., an increase of 1 per cent.

The discussion then dropped.

Other business was the appointment of a representative of the Parish Council on the West Riding Distress Sub-Committee, and Mr Smith was elected.

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

On Wednesday night the monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held at the offices at Garforth—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun. (vice-chairman), R. Routledge, sen., H. Bell, and W. Wall. A letter was read from the Local Government Board, stating that it had been allowed to have a water meter at the mill premises.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the tenders for pulling down the mill chimney were considered, and it was decided that nothing be done at present.

At a meeting of the Lighting Committee it was decided that the Gas Company's Gas Co. that there were recent cases where lamps have been neglected owing to there being no mantles, and that if they were not repaired the Council would not pay for them.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The medical officer reported that since last meeting there had been four cases of enteric fever, making a total of seven since the first case was notified. All the cases were mild, and, with the exception of one, they had been removed to the hospital. Some cases of measles and whooping cough had occurred, but the attendance as shown by the school registers was satisfactory.

Eight births—6 males and 2 females—and two deaths—both children—were reported during the month.

NEW PATH

The Chairman stated the Finance Committee had gone through the estimated expenditure for the half-year, and it was stated to be £1,305 against £1,163 for the previous half-year. A rate of 1s. 4d. was agreed to, 7d. for the last half-year, was recommended.

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

SANITARY AND OTHER MATTERS.

Mr Gascoigne asked the sanitary inspector to give a little more supervision to the cleaning of the middens. He thought if he followed the men round an improvement would be produced.

Mr Abbott said he did follow them round, and he pointed out that stenches were caused by people putting water into the ashpits, although they had no business to do so.

The list of persons excused from paying the district rate on the ground of poverty was gone through, and it was stated the amount excused was £17 14s. 10d.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for carrying out alterations at the mill premises.

IN OUR VILLAGE

A bright morning last week, the sun giving us of its best, telling of a summer slowly retreating before the wind and falling leaves of the coming of autumn. The church bell had just solemnly tolled its message to us of the departure to "Rest in Peace" of one of our long known villagers, who had died that morning, after a long illness, whose memory of a kindly life well lived and of work quietly done will remain with us.

From the "house of the dead" came out one of our mothers, well-known and respected by every one of us, who had been there to perform those last kindly and neighbourly offices so valued amongst us at such times.

I bade her "Good morning," and she stopped for a few minutes' chat in the warm sunshine. I enquired about her lads—she has eight children, seven sons and a daughter—and in a few minutes her flood of joy and sorrow flowed down in many tears.

It was a commonplace story of domestic heroism, of which our villages are so full, of struggle for bread and life's necessities when the children were young, with a husband always ailing—in this case blind as well as body—which reached a crisis when he was certified for an asylum, and one or two of the lads had to go out to work.

From then onwards her own earnings were supplemented by their wages, and as they grew up things were better. With all a hard-worked, self-sacrificing mother's pride, she told me how one lad, after a young man, had saved enough to take him to a training college for a year; her daughter was a pupil-teacher, and all the lads were doing well, and the home became almost home in the best sense.

Then came this war with its message to our young manhood, and the sound of it came to our village, and to the two men in this home. Of the eight there were only five left at home—four lads and a girl. One lad was just entering a college, two were earning the money to keep the home going, and the other was about 18 years of age. The father was again at home, feeble and still ailing, but safe enough, though he could do little or no work. All were to join the Army and had to be paid, and with all the little savings long since swallowed up, the prospect for th, winter was one of "enough but nothing to spare."

When the country's insistent call came two went off to volunteer, and the third only begins his career at college because his mother so earnestly begs of him to stay and "go on" with his life's work "for her sake!" We are proud of these two young men, and as on this bright morning so reminiscent of summer days blended with sombre sorrow by the brown leaves and the falling bell, one's feelings become unique in a mixture of sorrow, joy, and pride, the latter easily winning, as I meet the Vicar, who tells me that there are nearly 40 out of our village, whose names he has placed in the church porch, gone to answer the call of King and country.

It had been a great wrench to this mother to let her lads go—so much of her own life was invested in them, after many tears and many prayers such as a mother only will utter, had marked the way of her offering to the call of duty. It was probably deeper far to her than to the lads. She had known the mysteries of life and death for them, and had often fought the last grim enemy, but now seemingly there was a call stronger to her than all else, and how proud those lads are of their mother, and how straight they are going to be, and full of hope to be a credit to our village.

One or two of "our forty" have paid brief visits during intervals of hard training, and we have made them proud to belong to us, and sent them back to their work strong to do as Englishmen should. We in this village have not much to spare in our way, but now this call of our loved country has come we shall make her proud of her humble children, because we give much that is very dear to us.

HENRY WARREN.

A SELBY SOLDIER'S LETTER

"ENEMY ARE COWARDLY."

Writing to his father, Mr J. H. Haynes, at the George Hotel, Selby, George Haynes, who is with the 2nd Coldstream Guards, says:

"I am not allowed to let you know too much in fact, you will know pretty nearly as much as I do myself. We have had a time.

"Although the Germans are superior in numbers, we still continue to have slightly the better of them. The enemy are cowardly. They are cowardly. White flags are pretty frequently exhibited by them, only to be abused.

"We have kept in touch with them the whole time we have been here, so you can guess that things are pretty brisk. Our casualties were numerous, but the Germans' were tremendous. We have been in very tight places time after time. The only thing I really want is some cigarettes, as we have had none issued since we landed here. It is certain it cannot continue long at the pace it is going now."

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday Shadwell lads had a football match with Sheepscar school team at Moortown, and the villagers won by two goals to one. In the Samuel Cup Competition Shadwell have been drawn to meet Ivy Leaf.

AN OYSTER ACCEPTED.—The Belgian Consul in Leeds (Mr A. B. Balfour) has received an offer from Mr Tom Coates to furnish six cottage houses in the Kirkstall Road district, Leeds, with oysters for a year, with the exception of bedding, linen, and crockery. The offer has been accepted.

STONE-THROWING.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Charles Clough, a Leeds labourer, was summoned for alleged for throwing stones to the danger of the public. P.C. Whitehead spoke to cycling along the York Road, Barwick, when a stone which had been thrown by the defendant missed him. Defendant said he was in a field and was throwing a stone at a tree. He hit the trunk, and the stone went to the highway. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Aberford Church on Thursday and Sunday, when the Rev. W. W. Maclagan, of Castleford, officiated. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and there was a large congregation. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Freeborn, rendered in admirable style the anthem "The Lord is loving unto every man." The offerings, which were in aid of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society and Archbishop's Western Canada Fund, amounted to £3 4s. The services were continued on Sunday, when the Vicar officiated at the morning service, and the Rev. C. D. Farrar, of Micklefield, at evensong. The choir again rendered the anthem. There were good congregations. The offerings, which were on behalf of the Sunday Schools, amounted to £7. The Vicar proposes to forward one guinea for the assistance of the Church Army Association in connection with H.M. forces. Fruit sent for the decoration of the church was forwarded to Beckett's Hospital.

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CROSSGATES AND THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

FORESTERS' PROMOTE TWO CONCERTS —A RECORD EFFORT.

FIRST VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR TO CROSSGATES.

Crossgates residents made a splendid response to the appeal of the members of Court Crossgates, I.O.F., in behalf of the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund on Friday night, when excellent concerts were given in the Recreation Hall and the Wesleyan Schoolroom. Whatever the Foresters undertake they usually do well, but on this occasion they surpassed themselves, and they set up a record for the district which will probably stand for many years. Desirous that the district should contribute a substantial amount to the Relief Fund, the members of the Court a few weeks ago decided to promote two concerts, and the following were elected a committee to carry out the arrangements:—Messrs A. H. Whitfield (C.R.), A. K. Rhodes (Chairman), A. H. Cam, H. Mann, J. Dilworth, J. Berry, J. W. Powell, J. Fisher, J. Dobson, H. Oxnee, A. Withy, and H. Stott. A great amount of work was involved, but the committee did it so well that the concerts passed off without a hitch. The Foresters, always generous when the call comes to them, agreed that all the expenses should be paid by themselves, and they were given the use of the bills free and no charge was made by Messrs Barker and Co., of New Station Street, Leeds, for the two fine pianos, so that all the money realized from the sale of tickets will go to the Fund. And if the Foresters were generous, the residents were sympathetic, and the ticket-sellers—the members of the Court—received such gratifying support that their task was rendered a pleasant one. Over five hundred persons paid for admission at the Recreation Hall, and over three hundred at the Wesleyan Schoolroom, the accommodation in both rooms being taxed to the utmost. The concerts, too, were under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and no doubt their support was a factor in the success of the effort.

The committee were happy in the selection of artistes, and a very popular programme was submitted. The Artistes' Committee were Messrs H. Dixon, J. Johnson, and A. Withy, and the stewards were Messrs H. B. Lewis, C. Beckhouse, H. Fidgett, A. Beaumont, and members of the committee. The selling of the programmes was undertaken by Mrs J. Berry, Mrs A. K. Rhodes, and Mrs A. Withy (Wesleyan Schoolroom), and Mrs J. Dilworth, Mrs J. Johnson, and Mrs Cam (Recreation Hall). Both halls were profusely decorated with flags and bunting, the national colours predominating. At the Wesleyan Schoolroom the audience was very appreciative, although there was not probably quite as much enthusiasm as at the Recreation Hall. The Ladies' Contest Section of the Armley Choral Society, conducted by Mr H. H. Pickard, sang with fine taste "Distant Bells" (Mackenzie), the peal of the bells being admirably imitated, and they were equally successful with the part song "Three fishers went sailing," which was given with excellent expression. Miss Elsie Suddaby (soprano), who possesses a beautiful voice, and who is a great favourite at Crossgates, was unfortunately suffering from a retained throat, and she did not do herself full justice in the song "In a child's small hand" (Engelhardt). Instead of singing again, she gave a piano selection, and, being a brilliant pianist, she so delighted the audience that she had to respond to demands for more. Mr William Hayle, the principal bass in the Leeds Parish Church, was undoubtedly the most popular of the vocalists, and he used his fine voice to excellent purpose in the singing of "Drake goes west." He was encored, and replied with "Young Tom o' Devon." His second effort was "Sambre woods," which was loudly applauded. Mr Tom Harwood, the elocutionist, was very happy in his choice of "Marmion's" stirring tale "The last shot" roused the audience, and, of course, he was recalled, giving that delightfully humorous piece "The same old tie." "The ballad of John Nicholson" was rendered with equal dramatic power, and this was followed (in an encore) by a capital picture house sketch, which created roars of laughter.

The Clifton Prize Quartette (Messrs H. Dove, W. R. Holloway, G. H. Hoyle, and M. Chapman), who opened the second part of the programme with "Comrades in arms," were popular, and their rendering of Sullivan's "The long day closes" was very fine, indeed. They were recalled, and sang with great success "Here's life and health." Miss Ivy Easton (contralto), who was the only local singer in the programme, has a voice of remarkable strength and range for one so young, and for her interpretation of "Augus M'Donald" she was called back and gave "The land of heart's desire." Her second song was "Little grey home in the West." Mr G. W. Riley, principal tenor at Lewis Parish Church, made a successful appeal with "The soldier's grave," responding to an encore with "Let me like a soldier fall," and a similar compliment was paid for his singing of "For you there." The humorist was Mr G. O. Cattle, and he undoubtedly has a great reputation. Starting with a few funny stories, he caused much laughter with his song "Hurrah for England," and, of course, he had to return, his sketch relating the adventures of a sweep being equally good. Not less appreciated was his song "The ideal home," which, as well as "My beauty exquisite," aroused the greatest merriment. Mrs Tom Cooper and Mr E. W. Alvane Browning were the accompanists.

In the course of the evening Mr T. K. Diggle, on behalf of the Court, thanked the trustees for the free use of the schoolroom and the hall, Mr Barker for the use of the pianos, the artistes, and all who had in any way contributed to the success of the concerts, which, he said, would raise "over £50. Subsequently the Lord Mayor (Mr Broderick) and the Lady Mayoress (Mrs Ratcliffe) entered the room, and they had a very cordial reception. They were supported on the platform by Mr Diggle, Mr I. J. Dewhirst, C.C., Mr H. Ratcliffe, Mr Walter Thompson, and the Rev. B. Guyer (Whitkirk).

The Lord Mayor said that he desired to commend the generous manner in which Crossgates had contributed to the Patriotic Fund. It reflected great credit upon the residents, and he would say for the people of Leeds—and the whole country that never had there been such a generous and whole-hearted response to a fund. They all felt that they should do everything in their power to help the men fighting the country's battles and those dependent on them. It was their desire that the troops should be well looked after, and that their dependents should have the best care and attention. He was very proud of the way in which Leeds had responded on that great national occasion, he was proud that Crossgates belonged to Leeds, and he was proud to see the determination on their part to do their best in that great national emergency. He stated that that afternoon 130 Belgian refugees had been received in Leeds. These people were people they should love and think highly of. The Belgians' only desire had been to be left to conduct their own affairs in an honest way, but their wish was denied them. Owing to the terrible war and the terrible enemy these poor people had been disturbed in a manner disgraceful to civilization. (Applause). Their peaceful occupations had been thrown aside without consideration, and it was for them to see that everything that could be done should be done for these people. They would do everything they could to make their surroundings happy and comfortable. In Crossgates he supposed there were no suitable cottages available for the accommodation of these people, but if there were, any he would be glad if anyone would let him know. If he could find a row of houses in a colliery district, where the pits were working short time, that would be best. He desired that the Belgians should not be placed in detached houses, but all together, and if possible have a small colony. They heartily appreciated the work of the Court on behalf of the Prince of Wales' Fund, to which the whole of the proceeds from the sale of tickets would go, and he congratulated the members on their generosity in bearing the expense of the concerts, and the people on the splendid response they had made. (Applause).

On the call of Mr A. K. Rhodes, County Councillor Dewhirst proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress. He said they were delighted to see them, and he mentioned that it was the first time the Lord Mayor had visited Crossgates since it became part of the city. They were a loyal people in Crossgates, and they had forty ladies who met there three or four days a week to make garments. (Applause).

The Rev. B. Guyer, in seconding, said that they were very grateful to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and he remarked on the cordiality of their reception.

The resolution was passed, and cheers were given for the Lord and Lady Mayoress, and "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said he knew that Crossgates would do what was expected of it. In regard to the work of the women, he said it was highly appreciated, and the manner in which they had come forward was very kind. It had been a delight to him to be with them, and he was sure it had given the Lady Mayoress great pleasure. (Applause).

At the Recreation Hall the same programme was given, encores being frequent. During the interval the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress arrived, and were introduced by Mr A. H. Whitfield, Chief Ranger.

The Lord Mayor, in a brief address, said he was proud of the patriotism of Crossgates. He had been surprised and delighted with the eagerness and readiness of the response made to the public taking care that such hospitality was forthcoming. Owing to the conduct of our enemies, these worthy people had been rendered helpless and homeless, and it behoved all of us to palliate their unhappy lot so far as lay in our power. (Applause).

Cheers were heartily given for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, who afterwards left to visit the Wesleyan Schoolroom.

The programme in both halls was opened and closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

IN WETHERBY DISTRICT

The Brumham Moor hounds met on Friday morning at Thorparch, chiefly to account for the foxes on the Wetherby Racecourse. They found several foxes at Thorparch, and a couple and a half of hounds took a fox into Burnett's Wood, and out towards Wetherby. After drawing Horn Beck and Formby came up with his fox on a turnip field at Burnett's Wood, and killed him. In Burnett's Wood there was a brace, one going back into the cover, and hounds ran hard with the other over Wetherby Racecourse, past Boggart House, into Champagne Wood, and after several turns round the cover he was killed. Another fox went away, but Farrelly took hounds to the other side of the racecourse on to Banks Wood.

There was a fox in cover, but a fox went away to Ainsty Lodge, Wetherby, and hounds ran on nicely pointing to Ingmanthorpe Grange, but Farrelly stopped them. Hounds then went on the racecourse to try a drain, where a breed of foxes has been, and there was a fox at once with Farrelly. A marvellous little terrier was sent for from Thorparch, Mr Birkmyer's terrier being too big for drains.

As soon as Farrelly's terrier got in he gave tongue, and he was soon worrying at something, and after waiting some time a fox bolted, and hounds went away with a rare scent towards Wetherby, over the railway, to Burnett's Wood, and thence on to Horn Bank, where he got to ground. Another bolted, but went back into the drain, and Farrelly was sent for, and they soon had him out and killed. Trying another drain with the course where the fox had to gallop this little terrier said "Yes" once more. The fox was only about four yards in, and as Farrelly put him out to the mouth of the hole, and the huntsman pulled out the terrier holding on to the fox, and hounds soon killed the latter—a very fine old dog fox.

The mask and brush were presented to Miss Crossley, aged 23 years, who was present on her pony. Hounds accounted for two more, hounds then went on to draw Spring Wood, where they found a brace of old foxes, and one went to the racecourse to try and get out some foxes, but they did not succeed. Hounds did not return to kennels until eleven hours after leaving.

WHEN ROUNDHAY PARK LAKE WAS FORMED

COMPLETED IN THE YEAR OF WATERLOO.

Whilst the suggestion to undertake the construction of a lake on the lower side of Woodhouse Moor is being considered by the authorities, it may be recalled that it was a similar object—that of providing work for the unemployed—that the lake in the Roundhay Park was made a hundred years ago.

As the name of the lake—Waterloo—implies, the work was completed in the year of Waterloo, 1815. When Mr Thomas Nicholson, of Chapel Allerton, a London banker, bought the Roundhay estate in 1803 there was neither lake nor pond—nothing but a stream which meandered through the "Gorge" as it does to this day, and gradually made the disused workings of an old quarry. It was by doing further excavating in the neighbourhood of that quarry and by blocking up the valley, that the lake as it exists at present was created.

The work was begun towards the close of the Napoleonic wars at a time when distress in Leeds was acute; and by the time it had been completed, Mr Nicholson, who was owner of the estate, had paid out £15,000 in wages.

COMING OF AGE CELEBRATIONS.

GIFT FROM ACASTER SELBY.

Friday was the 21st birthday of William F. Victor Milner, only son of the Right Hon. Sir Frederick Milner, formerly of Nun Appleton, and godson of Queen Mary. Ald. Milner, of Leeds, who bought the Nun Appleton estate, was father of a succession of William Milners who lived to do good and who earned the love of their people by unostentatious kindness and true fellowship. The worthy Alderman of Leeds, who bought the estate and his son upset it, refused the baronetcy which was bestowed later on the said son for his public services.

The present William, the eighth from the Aldbrean whose forbears were William for many generations, spent his 21st birthday with his aunt, Miss Milner, at Heworth Moor House. His father and his sister, Mrs York, and his niece, Diana York, spent the afternoon at Heworth, but all festivities have been postponed in consequence of the war till happier times. Mr Milner is at present a graduate at Oxford. His chief recreation is gardening, a taste inherited from generations on both sides of the family. He has made a rock garden in his aunt's small grounds which is the admiration of all visitors, and he has given an old-world character to the place which delights all who care for traditions.

Amongst gifts already received none is more valued than a beautiful attache case given him by the scholars, past and present, of the tiny school at Acaster Selby, built and supported by his great-grandfather, Sir William Mordaunt Milner, and saved with great difficulty by his father, Sir Frederick Milner. The headmistress, Miss Goodrick, and her scholars have made the presentation through Miss Milner, who had hoped to receive them at Heworth Moor House to make it in person, but Government regulations made it impossible to reach York after the school closes in these shortening autumn days.

WHEAT TESTS AT GARFORTH.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

An official report dealing with the results of tests with different varieties of wheat, conducted at the Manor Farm, Garforth, states that the 1914 experiment was carried out on a field of medium loam soil. The previous crop was "seeds"—a mixture of rye grass and clover—which followed a crop of oats, after swedes. The "seeds" were grazed late into the spring of 1913, and mown in the middle of June. The second crop was grazed, and dung, at the rate of eight tons per acre, was applied during August. All the varieties were drilled, at the rate of three bushels per acre, on October 22nd, 1913, with the exception of Little Joss, which was not sown until November 5th. Previous to being drilled the seed was pickled with bluestone (sulphate of copper), half-a-pound of which, dissolved in a gallon of water, was used for each sack (four bushels) of grain.

The plots were each a quarter of an acre in extent, except those of iron and Grenadier III., which were each one-eighth of an acre. The yields per acre were as follows:—Little Joss 53¾ bushels, value per acre £14 12s. 2d.; Garton's Victor 52¼, value £13 18s. 0d.; Webb's standard red 50 bushels, value £13 13s. 1d.; Carter's standard master 49½ bushels, value £13 6s. 9d.; extra squarehead II., 49¼ bushels, value £13 1s. 1d.; iron, 49¼ bushels, value £13 1s. 3d.; squarehead master 49 bushels, value £13 2s. 4d.; sum 473 bushels, value £126 14s. 6d.; Grenadier III. 47¼ bushels, value £12 7s. 8d.; Berwick grey chaff 47 bushels, value £12 2s. 8d. There is no difference in value between standard red and Little Joss, squarehead master, **Berwick grey chaff and sum are** worth perhaps 6d. per quarter less than standard red. While Grenadier III. and extra squarehead II. are worth from 1s. to 1s. 6d. per quarter less than standard red. On the whole, the samples are very good. They are not quite so bold as last year's, and there is no thinner in the grain, and will give a slightly higher yield of flour. Following are the average yields per acre of the eight varieties which were tested in each of the three years:—1912 crop—Squarehead 44 40 bushels, Little Joss 47 bushels, Webb's standard red 44¾ bushels, squarehead master 44¾ bushels, squarehead II. 44 bushels, Berwick grey chaff 44 bushels, iron 42¾ bushels, Carter's white standup 43¾ bushels.

Staffordshire last week headed the list of the most successful recruiting counties in the Northern District.

The Birmingham Small Arms Factory is running day and night, so extensive is the Government demand for Army rifles.

Sergt. Alfred Hordon, 10th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, and a blind dog's delight, of Colchester, fell asleep in a chair at the sergeants' mess, and was found dead in the morning. At the inquest it was stated that he had felt the strain of high pressure work.

In Asiatic Turkey an earthquake has destroyed the towns of Isbarta and Burdur.

Mr Henry Gallwey Wyatt has expressed his willingness to stand for East Galway as a "pledge-bound member of the Irish Nationalist Party" to act in co-operation with Mr Redmond.

ECZEMA CURED—MORLEY CASE.

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A SPOFFORTH SOLDIER WOUNDED

HIT BY A SHELL.

Gunner H. Jenkinson, Royal Garrison Artillery, whose parents reside at Spofforth, writing from a hospital in France, says he was wounded on 26th September, a shell hitting their gun, killing three men and wounding five.

Jenkinson was wounded in the left foot, thigh, arm, and face, but he hopes to be well again soon. He pays a tribute to the kindness of the French sisters, and says he is well cared for.

A METHLEY POSTMAN'S ORDEAL

"ACCOUNTED FOR A FEW GERMANS."

Albert Ellwood, who was prior to the war a postman at Methley, and is a private recently in the 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, is now among the wounded in the 1st General Hospital at Brixton, London. He has written to his brother, Mr Walter Ellwood, of Carlton Street, Castleford:—

"I received your letter and 'fags,' but I could not manage to reply as we were in the thick of it at the time, and I thought the position shortly after. I have been knocked about a bit, but I can't grumble, it might have been worse.

"My left leg is fractured above the knee, my jaw is broken, and I have a bullet wound in the back on the left shoulder blade, so I suppose I shall be a few weeks before I am ready to go back.

"I think I accounted for a few Germans before I was put out of action. We are being well looked after in this hospital.

"I received the 'fags' I can tell you—the first English smoke for a week or two, so you can guess how I enjoyed 'em."

A WOODLESFORD CO.'S REPRESENTATIVE'S STORY.

BELGIANS BURIED ALIVE BY GERMANS.

Mr Leonard Lockwood, who for twelve years has lived in Brussels as the representative of Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries, Woodlesford, has returned to this country after an exciting dash from Brussels to Ghent.

On Friday morning last he left the Belgian capital armed only with an American passport—which, unfortunately for him, mentioned, most emphatically that he was a British subject—and an identification certificate from the Burgomaster's office. In a "growler," which was one of a procession of sixteen, Mr Lockwood, with several strangers, began the journey by road from Brussels to Gramont. Scarcely had the conveyance left the city when the party was stopped by the German patrol, which was watching the Charleroi Canal. Probably owing to the German sergeant's ignorance of French, and also to the imposing American consulate heading to Mr Lockwood's passport, difficulties here were overcome, but three times subsequently the carriage was stopped.

When nearing Ghent the luggage was searched, and then a Flle farther on the sergeant in charge of a bridge refused to allow the party to proceed. It was now that Mr Lockwood found it necessary to adopt some less transparent scheme. Passing as the father of a lady who was travelling in the same conveyance, and who said she was going to fetch her children from Ghent, he went back some distance and persuaded a refugee to lend him his passport. The journey to Ghent after that was comparatively simple, but of the sixteen coaches which set out from Brussels only four completed the thirty miles to Ghent.

Of his experiences in Brussels since the war began, Mr Lockwood is eloquent. He said that he is thoroughly convinced that the stories of Belgian atrocities are absolutely true. Thousands of refugees from the ruined villages have poured into Brussels during the last month, and he has talked with many of them. Some, he says, have had their hands cut off at the wrists. Others are glad to talk of the terrible happenings and to swear vengeance on the Germans.

"The worst case I know of," said Mr Lockwood, "occurred in Schaffen, near Diest. There the Germans formed the villagers up in a circle, took two of the men and buried them alive, just leaving their heads sticking out of the ground. Then the soldiers stood round and watched until the heads ceased twitching and the pobres failed."

In Aerschot, too, where the Germans fired on each other from different sides of the River Meuse, more German brutality was displayed. From every tenth house in the town the Germans took a hostage, and these were put in the Market Square. The men were placed on one side, and the women and children on the other. Then, before the eyes of their relatives, the men were shot.

Mr Lockwood is not at all sanguine about the fate of Brussels, since Burgomaster Max has been made **prisoner.** The Germans would be glad, he thinks, to purchase the peace of Brussels, but until recently the Burgomaster had kept the populace well under control. Now that he is a prisoner there is a different feeling already making itself felt.

"The people," said Mr Lockwood, "gather in the Grande Place, looking for Max, and they are getting more and more excited because he is missing. There are bands of demonstrators walking the streets, and when bad weather comes, and they feel the pinch, I am afraid they will act desperately."

HAREHILLS MAN'S INTERESTING LETTER

"We have just come out of the firing line in a wood which we have been in for eight days, wet through," writes Private A. Burrow, of the 1st King's Liverpool Regiment, to his parents, at 8, Compton Mount, Harehills, Leeds. "We lost heavily. The place was nothing but one long trap, the Germans shot at killing twelve at a time. The Germans are a cowardly lot. At one place where we attacked them, they waited till we got within 200 yards, went to capture them they opened fire on us, but we captured 100 and killed between 200 and 300."

Describing the long retreat from Mons, Private Burrow says:—"We marched back to within fifteen miles of Paris, and we had great take up a position between two hills about five miles apart. We were stuck in a wood, and our artillery were in the valley, the Brigade on our right and the French on our left.

"The Germans were advancing on our front, and we had to stick to this position and not retire on any account. The first day we lost heavily. The German artillery swept the wood with shells, and we were lying there and could do nothing. On the third day the German Infantry advanced, and we woke up one morning to find them in trenches 200 yards from us. We had to stick, and we fought for 48 hours, and then they retired, and we got relieved by the Scots Guards. We have been resting here for four days, all well earned. We have five recommended for the V.C."

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE.

CARLTON WIN THE CUP.

The deciding match for the championship of the Rothwell and District Cricket League was concluded at Rothwell on Saturday. The teams, Carlton and Outwood, had met on the previous Saturday, when the game had to be stopped at a most interesting stage owing to bad light. Carlton had knocked up 158, and when the wickets were drawn Outwood had 7 wickets down for a total of 93 runs. On Saturday the when the teams again met Colley and Thompson went on to resume their innings, the latter was bowled by Sykes for a "duck," a fate which met Hargreaves, who followed. Thompson's figures were 31, and he managed to get to a total of 106 runs. Of the trundlers Sykes had the best average, securing 7 wickets for 32 runs, W. Newton and Bingworth, for Carlton, had 2 for 17, and 1 for 38 respectively. For Outwood Lunn captured 3 wickets for 24 runs, Pickard 2 for 43, Carr 2 for 29, and White 1 for 32. Scores:—

Carlton.	
W. Newton, b Pickard	30
J. Illingworth, c Whiteley, b Pickard	0
L. Brown, c Walker, b Carr	1
E. Fozzard, b White	1
R. Butterworth, b Pickard	52
H. Cowling, b Carr	0
W. Sykes, b Pickard	12
G. Brown, c and b Lunn	30
J. Bingworth, c Hoyland, b Lunn	4
W. Brown, b Lunn	1
S. Lawrence, not out	15
Extras	12
Total	158

Outwood	
Dixon, c and b Sykes	10
Hoyland, c Fozzard, b Sykes	4
Lunn, b Sykes	0
White, c Cowling, b Sykes	23
Pickard, lbw, b Newton	14
Carr, c Butterworth, b Sykes	27
Walker, b Newton	0
Colley, b Illingworth	19
Thompson, b Sykes	0
Hargreaves, b Sykes	0
Whiteley, not out	2
Extras	7
Total	106

The Cup was presented to the winners by Mr E. Boothroyd, of Oulton, who was introduced by Mr Wilcock, of Carlton.

In handing the trophy to the captain, Mr Boothroyd said he stood in an unique position in regard to presenting cups. Two years ago he was asked to present the Rothwell Charity Cup, which took him about Saturdays to perform. On this occasion he had been two Saturdays. However, there was one thing he wanted to do, as an old cricketer, and one who took a great interest in local cricket—to draw attention to better fielding. They opened their daily papers and saw the reports of someone who had been scoring well or of some fine bowling, but they saw no account of the fielding, which was all important. Good fielding gave heart to the bowler and disheartened the batsmen. Referring to the teams, Mr Boothroyd said that at one an odd cricketer, and one who took a great interest in local cricket, to draw attention to better fielding. They opened their daily papers and saw the reports of someone who had been scoring well or of some fine bowling, but they saw no account of the fielding, which was all important. Good fielding gave heart to the bowler and disheartened the batsmen. Referring to the teams, Mr Boothroyd said that at one period Carlton never had been successful in winning the trophy, but their friends at Carlton never had won it, and he had great pleasure, on behalf of Mr Calverley, in presenting them with the Cup. He also paid a tribute to Mr G. Brown, Carlton's oldest cricketer, and related an incident how when playing in a team against Mr Brown, he (the speaker) just prevented him making 100 runs by catching him out when he had got 97.

The Cup was accepted by Mr Newton, on behalf of the Carlton team, who said that during the season his club had been first at the top and then at the bottom, but eventually they had come out on top. The whole team had done their share in winning the trophy, but he did not think they had won the cup by that match, and as all roads pointed to London all the matches had pointed to this one. He himself had been playing in League cricket for 21 years, and it had taken him all that time to win a cup. He had handled a shield and medals, but never a cup.

Mr Pickard also spoke for the Outwood team.

AN INTERESTING STORY OF K. OF K.

In his sermon at Southlands Chapel, York, on Sunday, the Rev. Stanley Parker told a good story of Lord Kitchener. It appears that when down for a total of 93 runs. On Saturday the Rev. F. H. Bateson, the Chaplain-General of the Methodist Forces in the Army, was in India, he asked from the Commander-in-Chief the favour of this bold chaplain to see if it were genuine and not merely the language of cant, and he was satisfied; and then he said, "Bateson, pray," and Mr Bateson knelt down with the Commander-in-Chief and his officers and prayed. And when they rose from their knees the Commander-in-Chief gave not half-an-hour but two hours to the careful consideration of the propositions that were made, and at last, as Mr Bateson was leaving the room, one of the aides-de-camp said to him: "Do you know, sir, what you have done?" He said "No." And then he said, "You have made the Commander-in-Chief your lifelong friend." "And we are glad," added Mr Parker, "that at the War Office today we have a man who admits the power and place of prayer."

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TO STORE FURS FOR THE SUMMER.

Shake the furs thoroughly, then wrap them in newspaper. Place them in a cardboard box lined with newspaper, fill the corner of the box and tie down. Then paste over with newspaper. Moths have a strong dislike to printers' ink.

ROUNDHAY

The scholars of Roundhay National School have sent 5s. to the Lord Mayor's Fund, and a sum of 10s. was collected at Leeds Golf Links by Phyllis and Alma Gilpin.

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "The Charles II. Coin Ring," "Daniel Quayne," "The Firebird," &c.

CHAPTER XXII.

Both Quinton and the detective were very quiet as they went back to the motor-brougham, and for some time neither man spoke. Then the manager said:

"I suppose you do not wish to go up to the Castle again to-night, and I don't think I shall. It's getting late, and there's no need to trouble Miss Mannersley with all these horrors before morning."

"Just so," agreed Inspector Cortelyon. "There isn't."

"Then we'll get the farmer to take us to my rooms, and you shall have a whisky-and-soda and a cigar," said Quinton. "You want-ired."

The detective made no secret of the fact that he was tired, and when they reached the manager's rooms he dropped into a chair as if glad to rest.

"I'm not only tired," he said, as he took the tumbler which Quinton had mixed for him. "I'm disappointed. I fully expected to hang Marshall Stead!"

"That's a remarkable remark, isn't it?" said Quinton, smiling.

"Not from a professional point," answered the inspector. "No, I had fully made up my mind that Stead was guilty."

"You quite believe Steinthal's confession, then?" asked Quinton.

Inspector Cortelyon nodded as he lighted a cigar. "Quite," he said. "Quite. It's the plain truth. And now, of course, putting a lot of things together, I begin to see how Stead worked it all so cleverly. Marshall Stead turned them to his advantage."

"You mean that you can reconstruct the crime and the surroundings of that evening?" asked the manager.

"I think so. Stead doubtless arrived in the village very soon after Steinthal had rushed from it," answered Inspector Cortelyon. "The open door of the chemist's shop gave him an idea that something was wrong. My own belief is that Steinthal left the shop door open, and that Stead saw what had happened and closed it. I also believe that it was during the next few minutes that two things took place. One was that it was then that the finger-prints were made on the secret staircase, into which he locked, to see if anybody was astonished there; the other, that it was then that he abstracted the diamonds from the safe in the library."

"Why?" After Sir Robert's death?" exclaimed Quinton.

"Certainly. It was a grand double chance for Stead. Sir Robert's murder relieved him of an always possible danger—the danger of detection as regards the forgery. I have no doubt, we shall find that he has been a most accomplished hand in that direction;—and it gave him the opportunity of accusing Steinthal, which Sir Robert had double-locked from him. I have no doubt whatever that Stead, in the character of his pitiful, Mr. Quinton, when he came into the study in response to your call for help. Ah! I wish I could get hands on him!"

"He surely can't be far away," said Quinton. "He can't have got off from the midst of the neighbouring villages, and if he's walked across country he's sure to be recognised."

"Ayes, if we could only have caught that fellow who was in the orchard to-night!" said the detective. "He rather, if we could have followed him. I'll swear anything he'd have had on straight to Stead. Stead's lying hid somewhere about."

"Until he can get off, I suppose," said Quinton. "Of course, I don't know anything about such things, but it seems to me that it is quite easy for a man to wait until night-fall and then to get quietly away from a place."

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CORRESPONDENCE.

PRINCE OF WALES AND THE NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

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Sir,—On the 6th August I appealed to the nation to assist me in founding a National Fund to prevent and alleviate military and civil distress arising in consequence of the war. To-day, after the lapse of exactly two months, I am happy to say that the Fund has reached the splendid total of £2,900,000 sterling. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking once more the many thousands of generous subscribers who have helped me to achieve this grand result.

I have delegated the responsibility of administering the Fund to the Executive Committee which I have appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister, and I count upon the committee to see that assistance in emergency shall be adequate and given with the least delay in circumstances permit.

I trust that the portion of the Fund which is to be applied to relief of civil distress may be as large as possible, flow into productive channels, such as enabling schemes for trade and female employment and assistance to industrial training, for it is as repugnant to me as it must be to the recipients that assistance should be distributed only in the form of doles. What men want is work and what the young people need is training.

The sum which has already been raised is stupendous, and I am confident that the generous British public will continue to do their utmost to alleviate the distress which war inevitably brings in its train.—Yours, etc.,

EDWARD.

Buckingham Palace, October 5th, 1914.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was hoping the last had been written on the above, but as the Fenton Club's correspondent has appeared on the scene again, one or two assertions he made against me I feel it my duty to reply. I am, however, sorry he still thinks the word "resolution" was used to imply that the members of the Fenton Club were not entitled to the name. I must again say most emphatically the word was never intended to be used against the Fenton Club. There was a reason, I admit, but it had no connection with the club. I cannot explain this at present publicly, or I would most willingly do so.

As to the members of the Fenton Club being a fourth entitled to the name of Fenonians or members of the Swinnow Club, I never denied nor disputed this. They are certainly Fentonians.

If you, however, will allow me, I should like to see now a report of a match played some seventy ago, when no fewer than 7 of the opposing men were subscribers, and therefore, both clubs may now feel proud of the fact that two more consulting entirely of Fentonians can be turned out each week. Trusting this may be to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Fenton Club, and therefore end the controversy.—Yours, etc.,

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Hon. Sec., Church Fenton Swinnow C.C.

October 7th, 1914.

GARFORTH WAR DISTRESS FUND

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In connection with the Garforth War Distress Fund the subscriptions already acknowledged total £146 os. 6d. The following additional amounts have been received:—

	£ s. d.
Collected in box per Miss Barber, assisted from last week's list	0 14 0
Underground Workmen and Boys at Indoors and Sisters	1 0 0
Pits (5th contribution)	0 19 0
Mr J. Clapham Bottle	10 0 0
Garforth Picture House (1st Benefit)	2 0 0
Mr Jon. Carr Simpson	0 0 0
Mr George Barber	0 5 0
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Further subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged.

Information about Maintenance allowance by the War Office to the wives and families of soldiers and sailors serving with the Colours may be obtained from

W. G. BOSOMS,
Clerk to the Sub-Committee, Council Offices, Garforth.

KIPPAX DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THE LATE MR J. W. BLACKBURN.

The monthly meeting of the Kippax District Education Committee was held in Kippax on Wednesday—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Mr J. Cowell, Mr Wm. Hall, Mr W. Mellor, Mr A. Atack, Mr J. Farrar, and Mr I. Robinson, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr J. W. Blackburn, the vice-chairman. He said his connection with the committee extended over a period of 20 years, and during that time he had attended the meetings remarkably well. They should all feel the loss sustained by his death very much. He was a man who took a keen interest in religious life and in commercial life, and he gave liberally to deserving causes. He was a very considerate man, and struck one right, so far as he understood them, he would always defend. The many people who attended the funeral on Tuesday was a splendid illustration of the esteem and respect in which he was held.

A vote of condolence with the widow and family was passed by the Chairman.

Mr James Robinson, in seconding, referred to Mr Blackburn as a most valuable influence was forthcoming, and one who took a deep interest in religious work. He had helped on many occasions, and in him and others his advice was sought he was always willing to give it.

Mr Atack, in supporting the resolution, spoke of knowing Blackburn for 40 years. He was a man who undoubtedly possessed fine qualities, and he would be missed in many quarters.

Mr J. Harding also supported, and the resolution was passed.

The Clerk stated that the second-hand volumes of "The Pathfinder" had been purchased for the use of Mr Howell's class of boys.

Miss Dale has received the position as teacher in the Kippax Council School on account of ill-health. Miss Dalton and Mrs. Richardson were appointed temporary teachers.

Mr R. W. Veitch and Mr Stovell are serving the country in the military spheres.

A request was for the head teacher (Mr. Veitch) as to a rearrangement of the Christmas holidays was granted. The schools are to break up on the 24th of December until the 11th of January.

The Clerk emphasised the importance of helping on to entire any case or cases of disease there might be in the district among school children.

The members thought that there was not any distress at present, employment being fairly good.

The Clerk stated that the schools in the district were on the top in attendance, the percentage being 94.05.

Mr Atack: Do they give us anything for being on the top?

The Clerk: Yes, tea and do likewise.

The evening classes at Ness Allerton are being better attended as a result of a public meeting held recently.

At the evening classes at Kippax Council School the attendance is fairly well maintained.

OULTON AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE.

DECISION TO GO ON WITH THE COMPETITION.

The annual meeting of the Oulton and District Billiard League was held in the Rothwell Institute on Tuesday night—Mr. F. T. Wheeler in the chair. The statement of accounts was read, showing a deficit on the two years' working of £3 13s. 9d.

The question of continuing the League was discussed, and it was at length agreed that the League should be gone on with, and that the entrance fees be raised as follows—Senior League, from 5s. to 7s. 6d.; and Junior League, 2s. 6d. to 3s.

At present the following clubs constitute the Senior League:—Rothwell Institute, Oulton Institute, Hopetown, and Carlton. The Junior League was gained by Rothwell Institute, Oulton Institute, Rothwell Working Man's Club, Rothwell Temperance Hall, and Hopetown.

It was decided to invite Rothwell Working Men's Club and Methley to join the League.

Each club promised to appoint its own officers and to see to the gathering in of subscriptions.

Major Calverley was re-elected President, Messrs A. Shaw and G. Wilkinson were appointed hon. secretaries, and Mr J. A. Batty treasurer, and Mr J. J. Veitch (Kippax) auditor.

The prizes are to be as usual—Senior League 10s., and 5s. for the runners-up; Junior League 5s. and 2s. 6d. for the runners-up. There will also be four special prizes.

A BOGUS COLLECTOR AT MIDDLETON.

ANOTHER WARNING.

At the meeting of the Rothwell and District Distress Committee on Monday night, Mr W. Lunn said he had been told of a man who had been going from house to house in Middleton, collecting for the Belgian refugees. At each house he said he had returned from the Front and was collecting funds for the refugees. But he was given three pence he put down a bit in a pocket book which he carried with him, and if he received 6d. he put down 2s. 6d. Any idea of collecting for a friend, saying that he was only collecting money. The clothing he asked to be sent to the Hall. This man, said Mr Lunn, was not collecting for refugees, neither had he been to the Front or anywhere else where they had been any fighting. He (Mr Lunn) asked people to be very careful when such people came round.

SEACROFT CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL GATHERING.

The annual smoking concert in connection with Seacroft Cricket Club was held on Wednesday night at the Lion and Swan Inn, Seacroft, and about 50 members and friends were present. The gathering was presided over by Mr F. Hollis, in the absence of the President (Mr. D. B. Wilson), with Mr C. R. Berry as vice-chairman.

The Chairman, in a bright, little speech, paid a tribute to the splendid work done by the committee and other officials of the club, and in the admirable manner in which their efforts had been backed up by the players.

The hon. secretary's report showed that the season had been highly successful both from a playing and social standpoint. The first team had secured won the championship of Parish Church Sub Section League, and the second team were the runners-up in the Junior League.

The prizes were given as follows—Field prizes—Batting, G. Stead, 2; D. Burton, 1; bowling—G. Stead, 2; D. Burton, Second team—Batting—Lindley, 2; R. Grant—Bowling—Lindley, 2; Linley, 2; W. Linley. The fielding prizes were won by H. Atack for the first team, and J. Hall for the second team.

Mr F. Taylor, the hon. treas., in presenting the financial statement, revealed a very healthy exchequer. The receipts showed an increase, and the balance which had been carried on to the next season's book had realised a profit of over £6.

Mr F. Ackroyd (vice-president), in proposing the toast of "The Seacroft Cricket Club," paid a tribute to the captaincy of the first team, and the general all-round play of the eleven.

Mr D. Burton (captain), in responding, expressed the opinion that if the players stuck together there was no reason why next season should not see both cups at Seacroft.

Mr. Ackroyd, part of the entertainment was ably sustained by Messrs A. Withy, W. Stead, E. Robinson, and L. Shaw, whilst Mr J. Walker was the accompanist.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artists, the Chairman, vice-chairman, and others who had contributed to an enjoyable evening.

The club is drawing to a close with tickets sold for the smoking concert to the National Relief Fund, and it is expected that many quarters will be disposed of, and much more the result of the effort.

FLOWERS OF THE ARCTIC

Most people believe that the Arctic region is bare and lifeless. That is a mistake. Mr. Ashley Fullerton in Chambers's Journal tells, among other things, that flowers are plentiful. The view of the topmost country, as seen while coasting along the Arctic shore in July and August, is normally a view of long grassy slopes profusely adorned with many quarters. In a midwinter thaw-period in a spot of rest blossoms, and a little white heather, where shrubs make serviceable fuel, is quite common. There are even blueberries seventy miles up the Coppermine. On Herschel Island, off the north coast of the Yukon Territory, there is a floral popularity every summer. It includes the wild rose, which grows nowhere else but in the north. Blue and white daisies, forget-me-nots, bluebells, the dainty nemoile and many quarters, all of them small and wonderfully delicate, and huddled in moss, spring abundantly from the otherwise barren soil. Their beauty is short-lived, but cheering to the numbered sailors and whalers who come around from Behring Sea to Mitchell every year.

Mr B. Greaves, North View, Shadwell, has given £5 5s. to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

A sum of £22, part proceeds of Newthorpe Charity Sports, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary by Mr W. Bromley.

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A BROTHER'S PATHETIC STORY.

A BRAVE LEEDS MAN.

Writing to his mother, Lance-Corporal Matthews, of the 9th Lancers, had a pathetic story to tell of the death of his brother, Private Matthews. He states:—

I suppose you will have heard before this of poor Harold's death. He was killed in action last Sunday, September 20th, by a shrapnel shell. It happened we were digging a trench so as to get cover from the German fire, when a shell burst overhead and killed Harold and wounded a lance-corporal. I joined the regiment here Monday, September 21st, and the first thing I heard was of his death. He had not the slightest pain, but was killed outright. We could not get his body until Tuesday morning, as the German fire was so terrific on the part where he lay. We managed to get at him by 9.30 on Tuesday morning, and buried him in Passey Churchyard. At 10 a.m. my squadron leader read part of the burial service over him and put his name in a bottle and placed it among the stones. The firing is so terrific that no one knows who is going down next. We always have plenty to eat and drink, so we are all right that way.

Private G. Sampson, who is serving with the 18th Hussars, writes to his sister, Mrs G. Whiting, 20, Middlecroft Road, Maltor, as follows:—It is rather hard for us when we are working so long and cannot send good news away, as you will know that it puts new life in us to hear of our good day's work we have done. Never mind, better days in store I hope. As Lord Kitchener says, "Do your duty; love God, honour the King," which I can do with a good heart. So far the battlefield is like a playground to me. I cannot help but smile to see their fancy shots plough the ground up. And our officers call us up. Our general is one of the finest leaders you could wish to have; a perfect man. The colonel is a very heart-feeling man, and it is a pity to see good men suffering such hardships as they are doing. For myself it just suits, if my health keeps all right.

"I have never had my clothes off since I left England six weeks ago," writes Private J. C. Hird, of the Cameron Highlanders, to his sister at Maltor. "As you can tell how I look—it is so cold at night. We are in the thick of it, you don't know as much on you do, and yet we are in the middle of it."

"I am proud to write on behalf of a Leeds man who saved my life," writes Colour-Sergeant Clark, of the Scots Greys. "We were at Mons, where, after fighting four days, we got the order to retire. I had my horse shot under me, and was taken prisoner. The Leeds man was taken prisoner also. He was real company for me. We, numbered nine altogether. Three of us were English, four were French, and two were Belgians. The Leeds man, who spoke French, asked if anyone had a knife. It was a good job there was one. The Leeds man took the knife and stuck a German guard in the back with it. Then he gave the word to escape, and stopped behind until we were out of danger, when he made his escape himself. I think this was a very brave act. My name is Clark, with the Belgian Army at Marche, and were supplied by them with rifles and ammunition. Afterwards I got wounded in the leg, and was taken to hospital at Rouen, where I got my Leeds friend shot-after. When I got back to England I found the name of the Leeds man among the missing. But do we two right a soldier who behaved me the photograph of the man which he had sent to me. I received as if the King had given me a V.C., or as if the world were mine. But I was sorry when to hear of what happened to him. I thought my heart would break. I was told he had been taken prisoner stripped of his clothes, and tied to a pole to be shot. But just as it happened the Belgians came on the scene at that moment, and in the thick smoke of the shells he managed to convey a message to a man on a motor-bike for General French, who sent us well-over sports. Another letter that was from Leeds to Robert Barnes, who is at present in hospital at Dinant suffering from fever.

"I had a narrow escape," says a soldier in a letter to a Fulford friend. "For I was struck by a bullet on the buckle of my belt. It glanced off, otherwise I should not have had much of a chance. I have cut off the buckle, as a curio. The night I got wounded my company made an attack on the German trenches. We numbered 200, and they shook four. We shifted them out with the bayonet, and they scattered for their lives. We had very heavily. We returned to our trenches, but just before we reached them the German artillery opened fire on us with shrapnel. I can remember falling on a bank, but this is all I do know, until I found myself in the hospital train for the boat at Havre. I was unconscious for about two days. I believe we killed 30 and 40 wounded so far as I can find out. I am not sorry to get this bit of a rest, as we have had a terrible time of it during September, especially during the battle around Soissons. It is on now for the fourth week. The Germans have sent all their best troops against the English to try and break through, but they will not succeed now, although they are about four times our numbers. One day alone they made 22 counter-attacks on us.

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SOUTH MILFORD AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY.—At a meeting of this Society at the White Swan Hotel, South Milford—Mr G. H. Ambler, of Church Fenton, presiding—the question of pet animals was under consideration. In view of the appeal from the Board of Agriculture to poultry keepers to make special efforts to increase the supply of eggs and poultry, it was decided to hold the above of poultry, pigeons, and rabbits this year. The society will also offer three prizes for white bread. Notwithstanding the war the committee trust that the public will extend their support to them as in past years.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

When the women of Barkston Ash read the speech delivered by Mr Lane Fox, M.P., at Boston Spa, they will have an opportunity of passing judgment on themselves. Mr Lane Fox, who is going on active service with his regiment, said:—"Those misguided mothers, who, very often with the best possible intentions, did so much to induce their sons not to join the Army, were really, in the end, doing the most selfish thing they could. After all, if they thought of it, life was only a short thing, and what was the use of prolonging it by a few shameful days if they realised that at the back of it there was a shameful moment when their country called for them and they would not go."

All mothers in Barkston Ash, to their honour be it said, have not attempted to hinder their sons joining the colours, and, in one case at least, one woman—she is not a working-man's wife—actually urged the only son she had at home to enlist. Even now I can almost imagine hearing her query—"Well, have you done it?"—every time her boy, who is now undergoing training, entered the house. Other women I know have two or three sons in the Army, and very proud they are of their lads who have so nobly answered the country's call. They have their anxieties, but they have joys which the "misguided mothers" Mr Lane Fox spoke of can never possess. This is a matter for individual decision—one man cannot discharge another man's duty, but there is one thing that should not be forgotten. If conscription were in force in this free land every eligible male, whether he liked it or not, or whether his mother liked it or not, would have to bear arms, whereas now every man who joins the Army is a volunteer inspired by the highest patriotism.

Between South Milford and Monk Fryston there is, for the reason I suppose that they are neighbours, keen rivalry, and Milfordians, naturally proud that they have sent a good number of men to the Army, are inclined to discount the alleged value of the efforts of Monk Fryston. This roused a Fryston correspondent, and he accordingly put the thing in black and white. If his figures are correct, honours, I think, are easy, because the percentage is nearly the same. Readers can work the figures out for themselves. Milford, with a population of 1022, has given 28 of her sons, and Monk Fryston, with 530 inhabitants, has sent 15.

It is stated that within a radius of a mile of Crossgates fifty young men have joined the Army and Navy, and this may appear very satisfactory, but it all depends upon what population is included. If Crossgates, Temperance-farm, and Seacroft are comprised in the area the proportion is not a large one, because the population is about 7,000, and it would be very interesting were the exact figures for the three places given. At a public meeting at Halton recently it was distinctly stated Templenewsam had not done its duty.

The members of Crossgates Wesleyan Institute, which imposes no religious test upon those who join it, are an extremely happy family, and this was demonstrated at the annual meeting the other night. The membership is ten down on the year, but in a place with a large "flooting population" this is no surprise; it may be up twenty next year if the members care to issue invitations to their friends. No doubt the outstanding feature of the year was the offering of thirteen lady members to the country's service, and very proud is everyone connected with the Institute of these young fellows, whose photos are to be framed and put in the place of honour in the billiard room. A fine feeling existed among the members and so busy are the times no one need doubt the success of the Institute.

Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association, like other institutions, is finding business quiet. There was practically nothing to do at the last meeting, and from this one would judge that local affairs are so admirably managed that there is no room for complaint. It seems that a little oneness exists about the entrance to the district's recreation ground at Whitkirk, and if it persists the Selby Road, it is evident that full advantage will not be taken of the squire's generosity. However, it is too early for anyone to form an opinion on the usefulness of the field, and the Association very wisely postponed further consideration of the question.

Garforth and Kippax have a large number of residents who will not pay their rates until they are compelled, and they are bringing odium on the villages. The overseers are personally responsible for the calls made upon them by Tadcaster Guardians, and if the money is not forthcoming by a given date they are liable to prosecution; in fact, several years ago the Garforth overseers had the mortification of finding themselves before the magistrates at Tadcaster, and they are determined not to go there again. It is, therefore, clear that if ratepayers do not meet legitimate demands promptly the overseers will be in "Queer Street," and to avoid entering that road they are compelled to summons dilatory ratepayers. Of course, these people are very foolish, because they have to pay the money, and if they allow themselves to be prosecuted, they have to meet the costs of the summons as well. I am convinced, from what I have seen, that the great bulk of the people who are summoned could promptly meet the demands made upon them if they were to show a little foresight and care.

Tadcaster Guardians are being asked to support a movement which has for its purpose the urging on the Government the necessity of making adequate provision for maimed soldiers and sailors and the dependents of men who lose their lives in their country's service. Mr Chippindale, of Scholes, stated at the meeting he saw no reason why any difference should be made between the case of a man killed in a factory and a man killed in the war, and that is a just view. If an employer is liable for compensation why should not the Government be equally liable in the case of the men they employ? Pensions are given to men permanently disabled, but they certainly are not adequate, and greater provision is needed. There is nowadays a greater recognition of the responsibility of the State to the individual, and it will be an eternal disgrace if, after the war, the country allows her disabled soldiers to gain a livelihood by begging or howling base laces from door to door. A committee will report to the Tadcaster Board on the question. Hunslet Guardians are supporting the movement.

Why should it not be done in every town and village? In Tadcaster a roll of the men who are now serving in the Navy and Army has been prepared, and the people of ancient Calcaria have every reason to be gratified at the manner in which the young men have come forward at this national crisis. The names of the men have been printed in a little pamphlet of eight pages, the last of which bears the prayers, one of which is for the protection and guidance of the men, and I find that sixteen are now serving in the Navy, and about 150 in the Army and Auxiliary Forces. This is a way of showing the countrymen that they have brought honour on themselves and on the place to which they belong, and it likewise is a proof that their action is highly appreciated by those among whom they live. Every parish has a committee who could undertake the compilation of such a list, and it should be published so that all may know the names of the men who have come to the country's aid in her hour of trial. Lists have already been inserted in this journal, and we shall be pleased to publish lists from parishes if they are sent to us.

The appreciation of the late Mr J. W. Blackburn, general manager of Bowers Allerton Collieries, given by Ald. E. C. Brookshank, at the meeting of the Tadcaster Board of Guardians on Monday, was a remarkably good one. He described very faithfully some of the prominent characteristics of the late gentleman—his business ability, his geniality, and his sense of humour—and, although it was an occasion for solemnity, one could not help smiling at Mr Brookshank's statement that, in meeting the vice-chairman at York Market, he was as a child compared to him at cattle dealing. Without in the least exaggerating, Mr Blackburn was a wonderful man, and he did not always get credit for his remarkable natural ability. He was trained as a mechanical engineer, yet he mastered the intricacies of a great industrial concern like the Bowers Allerton Collieries, which he managed with great success, and he could give points to many farmers, having at one time the management of one of the largest farms in the county. Had he not been possessed of great ability he would not have died a rich man. He was very fond of a joke, and his hearty laugh, invariably followed by an "Aye, dear," reverberated several times, will be long remembered by those who were associated with him.

Members of the District Council are wondering who Mr Blackburn's successor will be. It has been understood for a good many years—since the resignation of the late Mr John White, of Appleton Roebuck—that while Mr Brookshank had the chairmanship, the second position should go to a member on the other side of the Union. If this unwritten rule is adhered to, good sense and stability are the chief considerations, as they ought to be, the list of gentlemen eligible could soon be whittled down. Mr Walter Crosland, J.P. (South Milford) and Mr T. Hey (Sherburn) are two of the oldest members of the Board of Guardians, and Mr E. Parker (Ledsham), Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), Mr J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), Mr T. H. Prater (Parlington), Mr A. Chippindale (Scholes), and Mr R. Wright (Hillam) have many years of service to their credit. Some of these, gentlemen, I know, care not anxious for promotion, but a good vice-chairman can easily be selected from the list I have given. If, on the other hand, it was decided not to adhere to the unwritten rule, outstanding men on the other side are Canon Greenwood, Mr Sykes, and Mr Ingleby, J.P. (Tadcaster). The appointment will be made at next meeting.

In some parts of the district, owing to the long drought, there is a great scarcity of water, and this is bringing home to farmers and others the desirability of having a public supply. For several years Tadcaster District Council have had this business under consideration, and it was thought at one time that the Kiddal scheme would be carried through, but there has been an unreasoning prejudice against it, and seemingly it has been abandoned, although the resources of the well and the quality of the water are well-known. It appears now that the Council have decided to test water on a site near Scholes Station—it has long been known there was plenty of water at the spot—and if the test is satisfactory a scheme to supply Scholes, Barwick, Aberford, Sherburn, Micklefield, Church Fenton, Saxton, and other places will be prepared. If satisfactory the Council are making a move.

It is easy now to judge what the consumption of water in any district will be, provided it has been mentioned how much water per day can be got at Scholes, no one can tell the yield of the springs, until pumping operations have been completed. With plenty of water in the district, it would surely be unwise to go to Leeds for a supply, and it is to be hoped that the Council will not play with the Scholes scheme as they have done with that at Kiddal.

RECTOR OF BILBROUGH SUED.

REPAIRS TO A TRAP.

Walker Pratt, Fossbridge, York, coachbuilder, sued the Rev. Basil Rowland, of Bilbrough, at York County Court on Tuesday, for £4 15s., due to him for repairs done to a trap.

Mr Norman Crombie appeared for plaintiff and Mr A. Wood for defendant, who was not present in court.

Walker Pratt stated that Mrs Rowland first went to his shop in the early part of the year, and said that she and her husband had been recommended to take their trap to plaintiff's shop for repairs. Mr and Mrs Rowland took the trap down the next day, and Mr Rowland explained what he wanted done to it. Plaintiff told him that as near as he could estimate the cost would be £4, and that amount replied that that was all right. Plaintiff beg defendant a trap of his own to use until defendant's was ready. There had never been any suggestion that the trap belonged to Mrs Rowland. Mr Rowland and his daughter had been down once to see how the work was progressing, and the former gave the man who was painting the trap sixpence with which to get a drink.

Mr Wood said that the trap belonged to Mrs Rowland and not to her husband. Unfortunately Mr Rowland had got into difficulties and had been obliged to file his petition in bankruptcy. His wife mortgaged all the furniture and other things, including the trap. She had subsequently sold Pratt that the trap belonged to her, and that she was to be charged with it.

Mr Crombie produced a postcard written by the defendant to plaintiff in which he stated that he would pay half the debt then, if the balance were allowed to stand over until November.

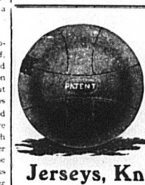
His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff, saying that defendant's actions all pointed to the trap being his, and ordered £4 2s. 6d. and the costs to be paid by defendant to plaintiff within a fortnight, and the balance within three months.

A SHADWELL BOY'S FATE.—A letter has been received by Mr. Percy Dixey, superintendent of the Shadwell Industrial School, from Rainham W. Murgatroyd, one of his old boys, who is now in the front. He mentions that another old Shadwell boy, named Rosedale, has been killed in action.

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—The harvest festival was held at Selby Abbey on Friday night. The choir, robed in white, and the clergy, in their surplices, filed in to the strains of the anthem "Fear not O land" (C. Harford Lloyd). The National Anthem was sung at the close, of the service.

WEDDING.—A wedding of great local interest took place at Selby Abbey on Wednesday afternoon, the bridegroom being Mr Andrew H. Blakey, of Bentherpe Hall, near Howden, a well known East Riding agriculturist, and the bride, Miss G. W. Tyson, only daughter of the late Mr J. O. Tyson, of Park Street, Selby, founder of the well known agricultural engineering firm of Messrs Tyson and Son, Selby. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr Jack Tyson, and the best man was Mr J. Gooder. The newly-married couple left later for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. The Rev. Dr. Solloway (vicar) officiated. The bride was attired in a grey costume, with hat to match, trimmed with ostrich feather, and carried a choice bouquet. There was one bridesmaid, Miss Edith Blakey. A reception was held at the home of the bride, Park Street.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

At the moment of writing the soil is very dry and quite unsuitable for the reception of plants, bulbs, and shrubs. As soon as the spell of fine weather breaks the work of planting wallflowers, bulbs, and other bedding subjects should be proceeded with as quickly as possible. The soil is very warm at this time of the year and this is very conducive to the production of new roots. Early planting is important from the fact of it ensuring the establishment of the plants, etc., before severe frosts occur, and thus the danger of heavy losses is minimised.

BORDER CARNATIONS

Rooted layers of border carnations should receive attention as soon as the soil is in workable condition. They require a deeply cultivated bed, but animal manure may be dispensed with. If the soil is poor, it may be improved by the addition of some fresh loam. This should be worked in at the digging proceeds. Charcoal dust, wood ashes and even burnt earth may be lightly forked in after the main digging is completed. Carnations stand the winter well on light soils, but on heavy ground many die off during severe weather. It is a good plan to raise the beds a few inches above the ground level where the soil is heavy. This helps to drain off the surplus moisture. Many growers go to the expense of putting the layers into 3 or 4-inch pots and wintering them in a cold frame. The pots are plunged to the rim in ashes. A suitable compost for potting them into is made up as follows:—Three parts fibrous loam, one part decayed leaves, and a sprinkling of sand and charcoal dust. The roots will run freely in this provided care is exercised in watering the compost getting to wet. It must be remembered that carnations are hardy plants and every opportunity should be taken to give them free ventilation. A little shade may be required on sunny days for a week or two after potting, but this should not be overdone, and the lights may be entirely removed from the frame every evening until severe frosts threaten. A little frost will not hurt them, but a few hours heavy rain would, and the lights should be drawn over them during wet weather. By giving plenty of air on all favourable occasions the soil will be kept hard and sturdy, and may be planted in their flowering quarters early in the spring. Firm planting or potting is very important.

ROSES

Where new plantations are to be made, the preparatory work should now be pushed forward. If possible the trees should be planted before the ground gets wet and pasty. Selecting a site for rose beds the necessity of protection from severe winds should be taken into consideration. A south aspect, with protection from east, north, and north-west winds, is the most desirable position. If such a position is not available one nearly approaching it should be selected. Where such protection is not present it may be obtained by erecting rustic fencing and planting bramble roses in quantity. They are nearly all robust growers and will soon produce sufficient growth to provide adequate shelter for the more tender varieties planted in the beds in front. A screen of this description not only acts as a protection, but it greatly improves the general effect. As a matter of fact we should strongly recommend the introduction of arches and pergolas even where extra protection is not really necessary. A rose garden planted solely with dwarf trees looks flat and formal. The introduction of arches or pergolas should be carefully thought out before operations are commenced. During recent years there has been a decided leaning towards overdoing it, and the result has been far from satisfactory. Some of the pergolas we have seen are really hideous things. The wood used is far too heavy, and is placed too close together. A fence or pergola is not expected to be a thing of beauty of itself. It is intended as a framework or support for the plants with which it is to be covered. We have already dealt with the preparation of the soil. Summed up in a few words this amounts to deep digging, heavy manuring, efficient draining, and if the soil is naturally light, the addition of sufficient clay or heavy loam to make the beds solid and retentive of moisture. Exceptionally heavy soils may be improved by the addition of powdered mortar rubble, wood ashes, leaf mould, sand, and road scrapings. Bold digging and bone meal are also essential. Newly arrived bundles of rose trees should be opened out immediately. If the roots are dry they should be soaked in water for an hour or two before planting. When planting a little fibrous loam should be placed under and over the roots. This is done to prevent them coming in direct contact with the manure. As soon as new root action commences the manure will be available, and they soon find their way into it. Firm planting is another important point. Treading around the trees will give about the right degree of firmness.

DAHLIAS

As soon as dahlias are cut down by frost they should be lifted carefully with a fork, preserving as many roots as possible. Named varieties should have their labels fixed securely to them. This will save much annoyance later on. Pick the soil out from between the tubers, and store in a cool, frost-proof shed.

LAWNS

Continue to mow the lawn until growth ceases. It is a great mistake to allow the grass to grow long in the autumn and keep it on until spring. When this is done the blades are very tough during winter and is difficult to cut when spring comes round. The roller should also be freely used when the lawn is in suitable condition.

PLANTS IN POTS.

All kinds of plants of a more or less tender nature should now be given a position where they can be protected according to their requirements. During the summer months the cold frames are used for the accommodation of cinerarias, calceolarias, primulas, cyclamen, schizanthus, perpetual-flowering carnations, and many other subjects too numerous to mention. Most of these plants will now require the protection of a greenhouse, where a little fire heat can be given if frost threatens. Primulas should have a light position, and should not be subjected to cold draughts. In a miscellaneous house they should be given the warmest corner. Cyclamen also should be placed as near the light as possible. These are charming plants when well grown. Any that are showing flower buds should be treated to weak liquid manure about once a week. A light dressing with ebonised manure will also be of assistance to them. On bright days they relish a light spraying overhead with clear water.

American carnations that have been grown with out fire heat should have a little given them in the evening. Just enough to take the chill off the house is sufficient. Overheating invariably leads to an attack of insect pests, and consequently, weak, drawn plants. Such plants can never give satisfactory flowers.

QUESTIONS

"Amateur," one of our readers, inquires how to treat bulbs f r pot culture. The ordinary daffodil, tulip, etc., may be potted in the following compost:—two parts loam or old potting soil, passed through a half-inch riddle, 1 part leaf mould, 1 part rotten manure, and a liberal sprinkling of sand. Place the bulbs fairly close together in the pots, and press moderately firm. The tips of the bulbs should show above the soil when potted. Stand the pots close together either in a cold frame, or outdoor, and give a good watering. A few hours later, cover them with fine ashes to the depth of three or four inches. They should stay in the ashes until they have made an inch or two of growth. Then take them out and pot them in a cool position for about a fortnight. They may then be placed in a heated greenhouse to force. Never allow them to suffer from want of water, and give liquid manure once a week after the flower buds appear.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 9.

Though only a month has elapsed since I drew attention in these columns to my recent publication—"The Poultry Keepers' Account Book"—thousands of copies have been sent out, and hundreds of letters of appreciation have been received.

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"I used to make my accounts up weekly," writes a third, "only, too frequently, items escaped me memory, and I carry your book in my pocket and enter not only my eggs daily but also all money I receive or pay at the moment. My accounts will, therefore, in the future be true ones, although not nearly the bother they have been in the past."

There must be thousands of readers of this column who are in a similar position to the last correspondent. Anxious to keep accounts, their good intentions are frustrated by cumbersome and tedious, consequently it becomes neglected. In the future this need not be; all that is necessary is to address to me a postcard, asking for a free copy of the "Poultry Keepers' Account Book," and it will be sent you promptly by return; what is more, the booklet will also be sent free of charge to your poultry-keeping friends as well.

Some thousands have written, have already been despatched; do not let that statement prevent YOU writing for a copy. The first impression was 75,000 copies. Huge as the edition was, another will be prepared should the demand warrant it. It is not policy when you have a good thing to benefit the poultry industry, particularly gratuitously, to limit its circulation in any way.

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

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CROSSGATES INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING.

SEVENTEEN MEMBERS ANSWER THE COUNTRY'S CALL.

The annual meeting of the Crossgates Wesleyan Institute took place in the billiard room at the Institute on Saturday night, and there was a good attendance of members. Mr J. E. Broadbent (President) was in the chair.

In his report, the hon. sec. (Mr. B. Kemp) stated that that was the sixth year of the Institute's existence, and the membership had been well maintained. The chess section had made marked progress, but unfortunately they had lost some of their best players, who had gone to the Army. Seventeen members of the Institute had answered the country's call, and that number represented 20 per cent. of the membership.

Mr J. H. Walker, the hon. treas., stated that the Institute had 47 adult members, against 52 for the previous year, and 23 junior members against 34, while they had four members for the half-year against one. The subscriptions for the year totalled £14 17s. 6d.; the receipts from the large billiard table were £6 10s. 4d. against £7 7s. 4d. in the previous year; the amount from the small table was £12 7s. 10d. against £12 18s. 8d.; and the total for both tables was £18 18s. 2d., as compared with £20 6s. 0d. The total revenue for the year was £36 15s. against £38 0s. 10d. for the previous year. Owing to the cleaning and decorating of the rooms, the expenditure had increased, the work mentioned having cost £3 15s. 1d. They made a grant of £10 to the trustees of the church, and then had depreciated their property by £7 7s., so that they had a net loss on their year of £4 0s. 8d. If, however, they deducted the sum for depreciation, there was a profit of between £3 and £4. He stated that the billiard tables were in good repair, one having cost £6 6s. 0d., and they sold some of the equipment for £3 1s. 0d., so that the actual amount spent in this way was £9 7s. 0d. The present value of the tables, &c., was £30 10s. 0d., showing that they had depreciated them to the extent of £33 1s. 4d.

The report was adopted.

The President said that they were all very proud of the Institute, and when they brought friends to see it they said they envied them in the possession of such premises. They regretted that the proposed sale of the church had done, and to be allowed to meet in these premises was a privilege they all valued. A few weeks ago when the country's call came to the young fellows of Bridgeford Ash, he was sorry to see in the "Courier" a letter from someone who complained of the young men of the district not coming forward to serve their country. They appeared to have had very much got his facts clear, because, on making enquiries he (Mr Broadbent) found that within a mile of Crossgates upwards of 50 young men had gone and were doing their "bit" for their country.

The Rev. E. Bell said that they were delighted to have such premises where the young men could meet, and he wished to congratulate every member who had contributed them on the reports that had been presented, and he was pleased they were going on so well. He would do anything he could to help the Institute. (Applause).

Mr Broadbent moved that a grant of two guineas be made to the Belgian Relief Fund.—Mr Nowell seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr E. J. Walker proposed the appointment of Mr J. H. Walker, A.R.C.O., as President, paying a high tribute to the work he had already done as hon. treas.—Mr R. Kemp seconded, Messrs Withy and Long supported, and the election was unanimously passed.

Mr Walker, in reply, said the Institute had been doing good work, and he thought the influence of it had been felt outside. They had a good many young men who had gone to serve the country. He was sorry he had to report a decrease of ten members, and he desired to see an advance during the coming year. The Institute was an excellent institution—they had members who belonged to the Church of England and other denominations, and they would gladly welcome the young men of the district into their midst. (Applause).

Other officers appointed were:—Ex-president, Mr J. E. Broadbent; vice-president, Mr S. H. Young; hon. treas., Mr J. H. Walker; hon. sec., Mr B. Kemp; hon. auditors, Messrs F. R. Carleton and H. Johnson; committee—Messrs. A. Morgan, J. Selman, A. Wilks, J. M. Armistead, C. Nowell, T. Rogers, W. Bugmann, E. C. White, A. Umpleby, W. Thompson, F. W. Jubb, E. Holliday, and H. Fidgett.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and committee were accorded, and then followed a concert, which was for members and afterwards a billiard match between married and single members was played.

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

RECREATION GROUND—TOWN PLANNING—DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

On Friday evening a meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held at the "Brown Cow," Whitkirk.—Mr J. M. Armistead (President) in the chair. There was very little business to transact.

A discussion ensued on the children's recreation ground at Whitkirk, and the President said that he and the hon. sec. had been round it. There was no complaint about the quality of the field, but there was a good deal of dissatisfaction in respect to a way into it. The field did not seem to have been much used by the children in the neighbourhood, and the inaccessibility of the ground was to blame for that. In accordance with the town planning scheme, there was a through road which would run across the field.—The Hon. Sec.: Two roads will cut through it.—Mr J. A. Rhodes: Then, we shall have to get another playing field.—The President: The town planning scheme has not come into force for two or three years.—The Hon. Sec. said that when they got the field the nights were drawing in, and they had probably another season when the children did not use it.—The President said it would be unfortunate were the recreation ground to prove of no use owing to the children not going into it.—Mr Young said they would have to do something and not keep shuffling until spring before passing any judgment. Mr Coultas asked if many went to the field on Saturdays.—The President: Not many at present. In reply to a question, he said he was going the Selby Road to it.—Mr Rhodes said that the Parish Council intended to erect a board with rules and regulations at the field, and they suggested that the hedge of it should be cut back grassed on the side of the Selby Road.—The discussion was taken part in by Mr Martin, Mr McLeod, and others, and it was eventually decided to keep the matter over.

The President: Has any gentleman anything to say about the plague of rats at Whitkirk?—The Hon. Sec.: I think the rats have disappeared.

In regard to the town-planning scheme for Templenewsam, Mr Rhodes suggested that they should ask Mr Pindar to attend the next meeting, and explain the scheme to them.—The President said he would be pleased to give Mr Pindar the invitation.—Mr Rhodes: I believe Mr Pindar will be pleased to show us the plans.—It was agreed to invite Mr Pindar to attend next meeting.

The President said that the Association had four members on the Templenewsam Distress Committee, and they had got to work. The district had been carefully mapped out, with a view to getting subscriptions, and a sub-committee had been formed, who met once a week and investigated cases of distress as they arose. In regard to dependents of men now serving the country, he said he thought they were in touch with every case in the district, and he believed they had an income that was more than their requirements.—Mr Martin: What about cases arising from unemployment?—The President: We shall deal with those, too.—Mr Young said they were doing it. He did not think there would be any overlapping in the parish.

ORGAN OPENING AT ROTHWELL.

A PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH EFFORT.

MR SEANOR'S REMINISCENCES—MR HIRST AND DELIGHTFUL RECITAL.

The trustees and members of the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church were able to rejoice over the result of two years' hard work on Saturday, when the new organ was opened. A specialist recital was greatly enjoyed, and, though it was a much talked of subject, it was not until the present minister (the Rev. W. G. Softley) took up his duties in the circuit that a start was made. That was a little over two years ago, but everyone set to work with a will. Various efforts were arranged, while others, apart from the Organ Committee, who were responsible for the organ, exercised, and exerted themselves in the ingathering of the necessary funds. The bazaar of last Easter exceeded all anticipations, and, in addition to what was raised then, a sum of £100 was received from the Carnegie Trust Fund.

The opening of the new organ also marked the reopening of the chapel, after having been redecorated, and to those who had not attended the place since the work began it was a cheerful surprise. Unfortunately, the builders had found it a race with time owing to some of their material being delayed in consequence of the war, and so the organ was not really completed, although it permitted of its being used. The service opened with a hymn and a dedicatory prayer by the Rev. W. G. Softley.

The organ was declared open by Mr J. R. Seanor, J.P., who was introduced by the Rev. W. G. Softley. The latter referred to the incompleteness of the organ, saying and asked those present to reserve their judgment until a later stage. They had received a grant from the Carnegie Trust Fund, and, with other promises, they would open the organ free from debt. (Applause). That was not to say that they did not want money. Those who were acquainted with the church knew that it had been redecorated, the cost of which had to be met, and they were pleased that they hoped to receive a large sum. They had, he was pleased to say, a worthy helper in Mr Seanor, who had kindly consented to open the organ. He felt sure that Mr Seanor had given nothing to do with the stone-laying and the opening of the chapel about forty years ago. Since then he had considered them, and he were proud to see him there that day. (Applause).

In declaring the organ open, Mr Seanor gave an interesting speech, in which he said that he remembered very well the stone-laying of Primitive Church at Rothwell being opened, and he could remember the stone, with the words "Primitive Methodist Chapel," being put up. His father had come over from Leeds to lay the stone, and he remembered his father saying that they had ambitions to get away from heifer, or where heifer matches were made, and his father gave them £500 for the old place as a warehouse. The £500, he believed, was a great egg to them for the present place. So time had gone by, and their lives were going on, and their record was being written, and he trusted that Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists would help, respect, and be real friends to each other. The only competition they had was of saving souls and lifting up Rothwell to its proper place among the villages in this part of Yorkshire. He hoped they would have a successful time. He must compliment them on having a model chapel; may they be a model people, and fulfil the responsibilities which God had placed upon them.

On behalf of himself and his father, Mr A. W. Seanor presented the chapel with a new hymnal for the organist.

In accepting the gift, the Rev. W. G. Softley said: "I thank you very much for this memento of this historical occasion. I hope it will be in use for many, many years to come."

Mr Seanor then gave an interesting address, under the conductorship of Mr J. Southwart, rendered the anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord."

Mr Softley then asked the Rev. F. Winterburn, of Hull, and a native of Methley, who was to preach the sermon, to accept a new hymnal and Bible for public use in the church, in memory of the late Mrs Taylor, some years ago, and worked in connection with the church—Mr Joseph Bradley and Mr Isaac Taylor.

The gifts were acknowledged by Mr Winterburn, who read for the lesson, Acts of the Apostles 16, 19, and took for this text, Job 35, 10 and 11. The service closed with a hymn and the benediction.

Tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, and in the evening an organ recital was given by Mr H. Nelson, of Durham, the son of the builder.

Mr J. Hirst presided, and, in his address, he congratulated the trustees upon such magnificent three-manual organ. He was pleased to join with him that they had good taste. He also congratulated them upon having such a fine organ. Referring to the war, he said it was bad for the German Emperor that he did not have any in the people of France and Belgium homeless, but they ought not to make them so that they could not go and offer prayer. If those methods were German culture then he did not want any (instruction. (Applause). That day Major Colverley, his son, and another gentlemen went to Oulton Hall to see the refugees, and as they approached the Hall a little girl of about 12 ran out and kissed each of them. He had never, said Mr Hirst, seen such gratitude shown. If that was the gratitude of the Belgians to this country let them have some more. In conclusion, Mr Hirst congratulated the choir on having Mr Southwart as choirmaster.

During the evening the Rev. W. G. Softley read out the financial statement and paid a tribute of praise to all who had helped in the work of raising money. By small efforts before the bazaar, £35 was raised. At the bazaar they had hoped to raise £200, but the result was £254 4s. 9d. The expenses amounted to £53 12s. 8d., leaving a net profit of £200 13s. 4d. Out of this £100 was taken for the organ, which with the £35, made £135. Then they had a grant of £100 from the Carnegie Fund, which, along with a further £10 5s., made a total of over £245. About £150 was now wanted for the decorating and alterations. The collection they afternoon realised £3 2s. 2d., and the tickets sold in connection with the tea and recital brought in £10; 11s. 3d. had been taken in cash, which made a total in that direction of £13 13s. 5d. Subscriptions accounted another £2 8s. 6d.

Mr Nelson played the following pieces:—"Pastorale all-gretto" (Kuhlak), "Toccata" (Dubois), "Offertoire" (Batiste), "Romance" (Schumann), "Andantino" (Lemare), selections (Clegg), "Berceuse" (Guilmant), variations on hymn tunes (Hayes added the major points. Simpson and Wade, the respective wings, showed great speed in serving a try each, Hayes converting one. Burton subsequently scored himself by scoring two brilliant tries, and Hayes goaled once. Half-time:—Halton Council 6 goals, 8 tries (56 points), to Holbeck 1 try (3 points).

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On the resumption Halton routed the opposition. Hayes scored six tries, Kenney 2, A. Kilberby 2, Lister 1, Wilson 1, Jackson 1, and Speight 1. Hayes added the major points to 13. A. Kilberby and Speight, two of last season's players, were brought in to lend additional weight to the pack, and they played brilliantly throughout. W. Silkby, the heavy little custodian, was rarely called upon. Halton won by 23 goals, 24 tries (218 points) to nil.

Halton lads want to know if Hayes' performance of kicking 23 goals out of 24 attempts is a record, and also if his scoring 82 points in one game is a record.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

PENS OF GREAT PRICE.

The pen which was used by Charles Dickens just before his death was sold some time ago for about £21, but this must yield the palm of costliness to the well-worn gold pen also used by Dickens for many years, which found a purchaser at over £40.

A quill pen used by Wellington when writing to Queen Victoria in 1844 brought nearly £30 the other day. Walter Scott's pens, selected by Lord Dalhousie in 1829 from Scott's writing-table at Abbotsford, realised nearly £60 at Sotheby's.

Among the most valuable pens in the world is one carved from a portion of George Washington's coffin, and used by Abraham Lincoln when President, and the quill of a golden eagle's wing, the property of Mr. Impress Bigelow, with which the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1856.

ANIMALS THAT NEVER DRINK.

It would seem that water is so indispensable to life that no animals could exist without drinking. Nevertheless, Dr. Blanford asserts that the antelopes which live in the sand desert between the salt lake Chilka and the sea never drink. This has been doubted by physiologists, who deny that existence is possible in such conditions, but confirmatory evidence is adduced by Dr. Drake-Brockman. It appears that since 1910 a troupe of gazelles have lived in the small island Sadaddin on the side of Somaliland, where there is no source of water, and where the annual rainfall is less than three inches, so that these gazelles cannot obtain water except after very rare showers. The vegetation is very poor, but it is concluded that certainly the lack of water during the dry season by consuming roots and bulbous plants rich in liquid

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BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

The first team played 24 matches, won 18, lost 4, and 2 were drawn. The runs scored were 2,650 for 168 wickets, average, 15·77, and for opponents 1,861 for 233 wickets, average 7·98.

BATTING.

	Times Most in Inn.	not out.	an Inn.	Total Av.	
J. Linley	5	1	82	110	27·50
G. Stead	20	5	73	406	27·06
D. Burton	19	5	65	430	30·71
G. Thompson	22	4	60	308	17·11
E. Johnson	12	2	47	161	16·10
T. Tott	19	2	37	272	15·11
W. Fryer	8	3	31	99	12·85
F. Taylor	28	2	63	176	12·57
E. Hunter	3	1	10	23	11·50
H. Atack	13	2	36	126	11·45
J. W. Pickersgill	13	2	28	129	10·75
C. Johnson	16	2	32	152	10·71
H. Tott	16	4	26	100	8·33
J. W. Smith	1	0	5	5	5·00
S. Simpson	7	2	10	17	3·40
J. Hepworth	1	0	2	2	2·00
E. Guest	2	0	2	3	1·50

BOWLING

	Maiden Overs.	Overs.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
J. Linley	31·2	10	97	9	5·22
G. Stead	131·5	39	241	43	5·60
D. Burton	174·5	45	359	63	5·69
T. Tott	52	8	131	18	7·27
C. Johnson	111·4	38	212	29	7·31
E. Johnson	27·3	9	70	8	8·75
J. W. Pickersgill	103·2	22	250	27	9·25
G. Thompson	13	3	39	3	10·00
S. Simpson	31	7	65	5	13·00
F. Taylor	37·1	7	113	7	16·14
W. Fryer	36	6	111	6	18·50
E. Hunter	1	0	6	1	6·00

The second eleven played 19 matches, won 13, lost 3, and one was drawn. The runs scored were 1,068 for 147 wickets, average 11·34; opponents 1,130 for 169 wickets, average, 6·76.

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	Times Most in Inn.	not out.	an Inn.	Total Av.	
J. Linley	16	4	84	379	31·58
E. Guest	9	1	83	143	17·87
J. W. Smith	14	3	29	142	12·90
J. Dennell	3	1	21	25	12·50
E. Hunter	15	1	30	102	11·57
T. Linley	4	1	20	34	11·33
F. Taylor	8	0	22	85	10·62
J. W. Smith	16	3	24	127	9·76
E. Linley	4	1	16	27	9·00
B. Johnson	9	0	34	80	8·88
S. Ball	14	2	19	106	8·83
J. Hepworth	10	1	13	55	6·11
J. Hardy	16	2	10	76	5·42
W. Brooke	2	1	5	5	5·00
C. Avison	5	0	11	34	4·25
A. Bateman	8	1	14	29	4·14
C. Avison	5	0	11	17	3·40
W. Allen	3	1	5	5	2·50
A. Benson	7	1	13	13	1·86
A. Johnson	1	0	7	7	7·00
E. Clough	1	0	2	2	2·00
H. Atack	1	0	2	2	2·00
G. Parkinson	1	0	1	1	1·00

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J. Linley	161	43	321	60	4·50
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A. Bateman	4	1	11	2	5·50
W. Linley	106·2	23	246	43	5·72
J. Hepworth	9	1	24	4	6·00
H. Atack	3	0	14	2	7·00
F. Derwick	35·1	6	93	12	7·75
S. Ball	38·4	7	94	10	9·40
B. Johnson	5	1	12	1	12·00
E. Hunter	23	2	75	6	12·50
T. Linley	21	6	40	2	20·00
J. Hardy	7	0	28	1	28·00
G. Parkinson	1	0	1	1	1·00
P. Taylor	4	1	16	0	00·00
W. Brooke	2	0	3	0	00·00
C. Avison	7	1	26	0	00·00

A sum of £2 5s., collected at Newton Kyme Church, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

Halton Council School Football Team.

PLAYER PUTS UP A RECORD SCORE.

Halton Council School lads had a Rugby League match with Holbeck Trades School at Halton, and the homesters won easily, Holbeck kicked off, and Hayes, gathered and opened the homesides' score, and converted. Jackson quickly followed with another try, Hayes placing the goal. Wilson secured from a scrum, and passed out quickly to Kenney, who, in turn, gave to Hayes, and, after a fine sprint, put Simpson in possession, and he scored his first try. Hayes goaling. Holbeck afterwards assumed the aggressive, and Hewison gathered and opened the opponents, ran in a grand try. Kenney picking up in the loose, showed his skill by drawing the opposition on him, and then giving to Jackson, who completed the effort with a grand try. Hayes added the major points. Simpson and Wade, the respective wings, showed great speed in serving a try each, Hayes converting one. Burnan subsequently scored himself by scoring two brilliant tries, and Hayes goaled once. Half-time:—Halton Council 6 goals, 8 tries (56 points), to Holbeck 1 try (3 points).

From the kick-off Halton took the game in possession, and he scored wide out, Hayes goaling. From a penalty Hewison kicked a great goal for Holbeck, and the same player immediately ran in a try. After this Halton seemed to have things all their own way, their fine passing bewildering their opponents. Further tries were added by Hayes, Burnan, Kenney, Wilson, and Jackson, all of which Hayes converted. In the first places the credit of this great victory was largely due to the magnificent scrumming abilities of their forwards—Lister, Burnan, Collis, and Jackson working like Trojans, but Mosby was much too easy going. All the backs played a grand game, their passing being of the best. Result:—Halton 12 goals, 14 tries (66 points), to Holbeck 1 try (3 points).

Halton kids had an ordinary match with Holbeck Old Boys at Halton. The Old Boys kicked off, and, although they were much the bigger team, Halton soon showed great superiority. Hayes ran in two good tries and converted both. Kenney soon got to work, and, delighted the spectators by his methods of stifling the opposition, in addition to which his combined efforts with Hayes and Wilde brought forth rounds of applause. Wilson, scrum half, constantly piled his backs with passes, and Simpson showed rare speed and dish on the wing. Tries were scored by Hayes (4), A. Kilberby (2), Kenney and Lister. Hayes converted the lot. Half-time were:—Halton 10 goals, 10 tries (90 points), to Holbeck Old Boys, nil.

On the resumption Halton routed the opposition. Hayes scored six tries, Kenney 2, A. Kilberby 2, Lister 1, Wilson 1, Jackson 1, and Speight 1. Hayes added the major points to 13. A. Kilberby and Speight, two of last season's players, were brought in to lend additional weight to the pack, and they played brilliantly throughout. W. Silkby, the heavy little custodian, was rarely called upon. Halton won by 23 goals, 24 tries (218 points) to nil.

Halton lads want to know if Hayes' performance of kicking 23 goals out of 24 attempts is a record, and also if his scoring 82 points in one game is a record.

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

PENS OF GREAT PRICE.

The pen which was used by Charles Dickens just before his death was sold some time ago for about £21, but this must yield the palm of costliness to the well-worn gold pen also used by Dickens for many years, which found a purchaser at over £40.

A quill pen used by Wellington when writing to Queen Victoria in 1844 brought nearly £30 the other day. Walter Scott's pens, selected by Lord Dalhousie in 1829 from Scott's writing-table at Abbotsford, realised nearly £60 at Sotheby's.

Among the most valuable pens in the world is one carved from a portion of George Washington's coffin, and used by Abraham Lincoln when President, and the quill of a golden eagle's wing, the property of Mr. Impress Bigelow, with which the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1856.

ANIMALS THAT NEVER DRINK.

It would seem that water is so indispensable to life that no animals could exist without drinking. Nevertheless, Dr. Blanford asserts that the antelopes which live in the sand desert between the salt lake Chilka and the sea never drink. This has been doubted by physiologists, who deny that existence is possible in such conditions, but confirmatory evidence is adduced by Dr. Drake-Brockman. It appears that since 1910 a troupe of gazelles have lived in the small island Sadaddin on the side of Somaliland, where there is no source of water, and where the annual rainfall is less than three inches, so that these gazelles cannot obtain water except after very rare showers. The vegetation is very poor, but it is concluded that certainly the lack of water during the dry season by consuming roots and bulbous plants rich in liquid

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Members of Garforth U.M. Church will learn with interest that the Rev. W. Howarth Kay, of Beckwithshaw, has accepted an invitation to succeed the late Rev. C. T. Wakefield, as superintendent minister of the Lady Lane United Methodist Circuit, Leeds.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE LATE MR BLACKBURN—AN APPRECIATION.

A WATER SCHEME—SCHOOLS TOWN-PLASSINGS.

SHERBURN, BARWICK, BARKSTON, AND KIPPAX AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster—Mr. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), J.P., presiding. The other members present were Miss British (Acaster Selby), the Rev. Canon Lawson-Wood (Barkston), Mrs. C. D. Ash (Sutton), Messrs. W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), W. Simpson (Lotsh), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), W. White (Richmond), W. P. Nicholson (Sherburn Grange), Carlton (Stutton), F. Myers (Bilbrough), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), B. Brabban, H. Green, and J. Prince (Barkston), J. Y. Whiteley (Appleton), A. Spencer (Scholes), Mr. Wade (Thorner), J. H. Schofield (Drlton), R. Wright (Barwick), J. H. Ingleby, J.P., W. Sykes, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), E. Parker (Lotsham), J. Lodge, Kirkby Wharfe), and E. Cawthorne, J. J. Foster, and T. Hey (Sherburn), E. Parkin, J.P. (Kippax), T. P. Fawcett (Bramhope), A. Johnson (South Milford), C. Ellis (Micklefield), J. Wardman, and S. H. Lister (Aberford Petitions), H. Smith, W. Pearson, and W. R. Nixon (Allerton Bywater), with the Clerk (Mr. C. A. Bennett), the surveyor (Mr. Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs. Dunn and Wand).

THE LATE MR BLACKBURN.

The Chairman said that before they began the business there was a matter they had to perform. It was to remind those that they had lost their vice-chairman. It was a very great shock to him and many others present to know of the death of Mr. Blackburn. He had been for many years a member of the Board, and, as his (Mr Brooksbank's) absence), he presided at long meetings, and now he was no longer with them. He (the speaker) had been associated with him in public work for many years, and, although he had not always seen eye to eye with him, he had always found him absolutely straightforward and fair, and trying to do the best for the community in which he lived. His death would be an enormous loss to them. Wherever Mr Blackburn went he did, whether they agreed with him or not, he had a splendid sense of humour which frequently eased the situation. He could always see a joke and was fond of having a laugh with him. In the district in which he lived he would be very much missed. Mr Blackburn was a wonderful man. He looked upon him as having the details of a tremendous undertaking at his finger ends, and his knowledge of the work of the Board was very great. He (Mr Brooksbank) had met him in York market, and had shown to him what a child he (Mr Brooksbank) was in the matter of cattle dealing. He was a very astute man, and he could do a lot of things with extreme cleverness. He proposed that they pass a resolution stating how extremely sorry they were at the loss they had sustained, and that they convey their condolences to Mrs Blackburn and family.

The resolution was passed, the members standing.

The Chairman said that it would be more fitting were the question of the appointment of a successor to Mr Blackburn not brought up until next meeting.

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been three admissions to the house, five discharges, and one death. The inmates numbered 89 in the house and 17 in the children's home—both against 93 at the corresponding date of last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 43 and 26 against 18 and 28.

It was decided that Nurse Glyde be appointed head nurse in the infirmary.

Mrs Routledge (Garforth) wrote stating that she was leaving the district and wished to resign as a member of the Building-Out Committee. It was agreed that Mrs Wordsworth be appointed in Mrs Routledge's place.

SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENTS.

A letter was read from the Pontefract Union asking the Board to urge upon the Government to make adequate provision for all persons injured while doing service for the country in the war, and in case of death for their dependents, and recommending that the money required for the purpose be raised by a special tax on all incomes exceeding £160 a week.

The Chairman stated that as a matter of fact the Garforth Guardians had dealt with persons injured, and there were various societies who looked after dependents.

Mr Chippendale said he thought the matter should be referred to a committee. He did not see why the dependents of a soldier killed in battle should suffer any more than the dependents of a man killed in a factory.

The Chairman said he thought the Finance Committee would be the best committee to refer it to.

Mr Chippendale then proposed that the question be referred to the Finance Committee, and this was seconded and agreed to.

The Clerk read a return of pauperism, and it showed that the numbers for the Union had been reduced by 36 and the expenditure by £136.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council treasurer was reported to have a balance of £8,392 18 hand.

The Highways Committee had the surveyor's report in regard to an alleged encroachment at Scholes before them, and a deputation was appointed to meet the Scholes Council. It was reported in regard to a road improvement at Ulleskelf. Mrs Fielden and Lady Rosse would give the land, and it was agreed to accept their terms. A letter was read from a farmer at South Milford stating the dyke from which he got a water supply had been encroached with water from the highway. It was decided to refer the matter to Tenpe Surveyor. Mr Ellis said he was pressing the dangerous corner at road at Ryther-cum-Cawood, but the price was too high, and it was agreed to ask for a reduction.

The minutes were adopted.

SANITARY AND HOUSING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans were received from Sherburn churchwardens for a village hall, and they were approved subject to a suggestion being put in—A case of overcrowding at Kippax was reported, and if it is not abated further proceedings will be taken—In the case of certain houses at Kippax condemned as being unfit for human habitation, the Clerk was instructed to write the owners and tell why closing orders should not be made, the matter to come up again at a future meeting—The salary of the attendant at Burkinshaw cottages was increased from £7 10s. to £8—In respect to certain cottages at Barkston, a letter was received asking that the matter should be allowed to stand over so that the trustees could decide whether the houses are to be repaired or pulled down. It was agreed that the question should stand over for three months—In regard to Newton water supply, Mr Forbes wrote stating that they were awaiting the signing of an agreement by the Pontefract Rural District Council—A letter was received from the Local Government Board stating enquiries as to the lowering condition at Tadcaster, and the medical officer's report thereon. The Clerk was instructed to reply.

The minutes were adopted.

CONDEMNED WATER SUPPLIES.

It was reported that the special Water Committee had met several times, and the places included in the scheme were Scholes, Berwick-Aberford, Micklefield, Sherburn, Barkston, Saxton, Church Fenton, Little Fenton, South Milford and Newthorpe. The committee had had a scheme under consideration, and they recommended that if they were satisfied the supply was ample the engineer be instructed to prepare plans and application be made for a loan of £8,000 to carry out the work. The source of supply was land near Scholes Station, and the water was believed to be satisfactory both as regarded quality and quantity.

The Clerk, in reply to a question, said that it would be a bigger thing buying water from Leeds.

Mr Sykes asked if it would be a gravitating scheme.

The Clerk: Mostly so.

Mr Ellis asked if it would supply all the villages he had mentioned.

The Clerk: A good deal more.

Mr Ellis said they had no water at Old Micklefield and they were in sore straits.

Mr Johnson: What is to be the outcome of our scheme at South Milford. We have already spent between £300 and £400, and it has been working satisfactorily for five years.

The Chairman said it was not necessary for a parish with a good supply to join the scheme.

Mr Johnson: We have never had a shortage of water, and we don't want another scheme.

Mr Ellis: Is there no way for us being connected with Garforth?

The Chairman: Garforth is taking its water from Leeds.

Mr Ellis: That is what I mean.

The Chairman said that if they took water from that source they would make a good mistake.

Mr Wright said that Mr Ellis need not be afraid of an inadequate water supply, because if the scheme under consideration was not so strong as they anticipated they could link on Kiddal, and then they had an inexhaustible supply.

Mr Ellis: I think we have had enough of Kiddal.

Mr Wright: We have had none yet.

The Chairman said he thought they should make it clear that any township which had an adequate supply should not be roped in.

After further discussion, the recommendation was agreed to.

SCHOLES TOWN-PLASSINGS.

The committee, appointed to deal with the town-plassings of Scholes and Austhorpe had had a scheme outlined to them, and they had asked an engineer what his fee would be for carrying out a scheme, and he gave it at £450. The area comprised in the scheme was 2,370 acres, and it was suggested that it might be reduced, the expert being asked to go over the area. A letter was read from him, and he was offered to do the work on the same footing, and it was agreed to proceed with it.

By the death of Mr Blackburn, a vacancy has been created on the representation of Stillingfleet, and the Clerk was instructed to take steps for the election of a new member.

NEW VICAR OF WISTOW.

VICAR OF MEXBOROUGH APPOINTED.

Canon W. H. F. Bateman, Rural Dean of Wirth, and vicar of Mexborough, has accepted the living of Wistow, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. H. S. Gresham. The transfer will probably take place at the end of November.

The vicar and Mr Richard H. Bateman, merchant, was born at Manchester on November 27th, 1853. His earlier education was taken at Cheriton High School, from where he proceeded to Christ's College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. in 1880, and his M.A. in 1883. His ordination was as follows:—1881, to Deac., assistant curate, St. Lower-ate's Church, York; 1882 to 1884, curate of Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York; 1885 to 1894, vicar of Mexborough. In the years 1894 and 1895 he was elected to the York School Board, and in 1897 was appointed Rural Dean of Wath. His first vicar was Dr. Crosthwaite, the present Bishop of Beverley.

THE QUEEN'S "WORK FOR WOMEN" FUND.

SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS IN GARFORTH.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs Sandy	1	1	0
Mrs Best	1	1	0
Rev. T. R. Willford	0	10	0
The Misses Hesse	0	10	0
Mr W. Simpson	0	10	0
Mr T. H. Simpson	0	10	0
Mr J. Kirk	0	10	0
Mr Wm. Smith	0	5	0
Mrs W. Field	0	2	6
Senior Members of Garforth Golf Club	1	7	0
Mrs Dent	0	2	6
Miss Ash	0	2	6
Mrs Routledge	0	2	6
Mrs Ellis	0	2	6
Collected by Miss Barber	0	10	0
Small Amounts	0	6	0
	£9	15	0

James W. Dobson, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

A GARFORTH SOLDIER AT THE FRONT.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT—MISTAKEN FOR A GERMAN.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Private G. H. Linnet, of Garforth, who is with his regiment at the Front, writes to an Oct. 6th, the address given being "In the Trenches," as follows:—

It gives me great pleasure to be able once again to let you know that I am all right as regards health, and it also gives me the opportunity to thank those who have sent their best wishes and respects. Well, friends, I know you'll be very surprised at these lines from the front, but my news will be very limited, as we cannot state what is going on, so I shall have to be very careful what I put or my letter may not pass the censor.

First of all, I have been told that my last letter was found and that it had not come from the Front. Well, to try and convince them I will state this: that I have not been out of the sound of Germans rifle fire since the Battle of Mons on the 23rd August. I dare say you have all read about that great battle and the large number that were against us. It was a very hot time, I can tell you.

They started shelling about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and shells and shrapnel were repeating your Sunday tea we were quietly saying our prayers. This was continued by every gun they could get at us. It is true, and if any more of us had been under fire, and it is most remarkable how cheerful the men have such a time, and outside of that men are falling all sides, but still one cannot get away from the fact that there is no trouble as well as at stake. I used to think it provided a little high-flavoured when I read in the evening papers about how the men sang and passed jokes when going into action. It is true, and if any one heard them they would think it was a show fight instead of live bullets.

One would think that those who have been used to every home comfort, plenty to eat, etc., would take poorly to this sort of work, but, no, everyone seems cheerful and happy. We are not faring so badly, but still, when I am eating my bully beef I cannot help thinking that a nice pie and Yorkshire pudding and other sorts of meat and potatoes would go down better. We make our own tea, so it is our own fault if we get tea without sugar.

Of course, there are other things to put up with. For instance, I have not had a shave for a month, a bath but a week, and my boots have not been off for six weeks. My shirt has been changed once since I have been at the front, and my head and clothes off all the two months I have been out. Of course, one cannot expect anything else when one is fighting for one's own country. It is true, and if any withdrew us out of the line for a refresher.

That reminds me of a joke, and that occurred three weeks back. We had captured a number of Germans, whom we had the escort in a post to be sent to England. It was the next train three weeks back. We boarded a little light Red Cross Sisters came along by the side of the train, giving cigarettes, coffee, and chocolate to our English troops. In each Red Cross Sisters came along by the side of the train, giving cigarettes, coffee, and compartment was placed one of our men. When the Sister came to my compartment and I quietly put out our hands and rings to receive the goods, and, to my astonishment, she gave my mate some, but refused me. Well, I thought, I was a German. I wanted to have nothing to say then shaving, and I had not had a wash for a good many days. Well, I had a good laugh talking I got the refreshments. I must have looked a sight when they took me for a German.

We are not faring so badly as regards tobacco, but it is pipe tobacco, and so does not go down so well with the cigarette smokers. Woodbines are valued as much as gold. I gave 1 franc (9d.) for a packet, and one has even gone a franc. I expect we shall have to put up with it, but if I have all I fancy to eat and drink and smoke when I come home I shall have a job for a bit-sure.

At the time I am writing this the German shells are making not good neighbours all the time, especially one, and we have named him "Coal Box," "some name that," Jack Johnson." It is a terrible shell, but I expect you have put in terrible to them. Well, friends, I don't know that I can tell you any more, except that I have managed up to now with the exception of a slight wound on the forehead. It is very slight and nothing to worry about, for which I have congratulated myself upon. I received it on the 2nd of October.

We are not allowed to put our address in letters, but if anyone wishes to have mine my wife will give it to them.

CHARGE AGAINST GARFORTH MEN.

THE STORY OF A GARDEN FORK.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions James Charles Eamonds and Herbert William Bond, miners, of Garforth, were summoned for receiving a spade, garden fork, the property of John Henry Jones, knowing it to have been stolen.

It was stated by Supt. Symonds that the defendants and Jacob lived in the same row of houses. Jacob, after digging his garden with the fork, left it outside his house and subsequently missed it. The fork, it appeared, was taken into the house of one of the defendants, and afterwards sold to a man called Middleton.

Evidence was given by Jacob, who said that on Thursday, September 24th, after digging his garden, he went into the house leaving the fork outside. On the fork were four dots, and two crosses, and on Saturday, October 3rd, witness received the fork back again from Middleton, the initials "J. E." had been traced upon it. He valued the fork at 2s. 6d.

Asked if he had anything to say, Emmett said the fork had been carried into his house by his little girl.

Bond said he was in the house when the fork was brought in.

George Todd, a boy of 12, and stepson of the defendant Bond, said that on the Sunday he was in the house with the two men when he was given the fork, and he told Jake it was Middleton, as Emmett was hard up, and wanted us for it. He took it to the man Middleton, who gave him two shillings, which he changed into two separate shillings and gave to Bond. The latter gave one to Emmett.

John Middleton stated that on Sunday, Sept. 27th, he had a conversation with Bond, who told him that Emmett had a fork to sell. Later in the day Bond's stepson brought the fork, for which he gave two shillings.

P.C. Beeson said he received information about the fork, and charged the men on the 3rd of October. In their respective cautions they said they found the fork in the house of Bond, who said "I know what you have come about. Emmett brought the fork down here last Sunday night, and I put his initials upon it, and sent my lad with it to Middleton to sell it for me." Later witness saw Emmett, who said, "Yes, my little girl brought it in. Bond was in bed. I was going to put it outside when he said 'Put it away and say it anyone owns it.—If not, I know someone who wants one.' We then said it."

When given the summons Bond said, "I am sorry I have been such a fool." Emmett said, "It's a bad job for me."

Asked if he had anything to say, Bond said he believed that the fork had come from Emmett's brother.

Emmett said that Bond thought nothing of the sort.

In fining each of the defendants 10s. and costs, the Chairman described the action as most dishonourable.

VICAR OF WETHERBY AND "RULERS' SINS."

"THAT GOD-DISHONOURING ACT."

The Rev. Charles A. Durant, of Wetherby Vicarage, has written the following letter to the "Post":—

"It is very noticeable, since that God-dishonouring Act of robbing the Church in Wales of its tithe has been passed, how we have not gone forward, and we have sustained a sad moral disaster.

"No doubt it has been permitted for some wise and just reason, and nations have to suffer for their rulers' sins, as was the case when David numbered the people; and, may be, this is how our calamity is to be brought about for our many sins.

"We evidently need to humble ourselves before God and acknowledge His power and over-ruling Providence more than we do.

"I would suggest that in every Deanery throughout the kingdom a resolution be passed at its or next particular chapter to this effect, viz.:—'That the spoliation of the Church in Wales was not only an outrage on the religious convictions of Churchmen, as well as on very many others, but that it was directly recurring to God; and that we republicate it with all our heart; and will endeavour to get it repealed as soon as possible.' And that such a resolution be sent to the Prime Minister from each Deanery, with a request that it may be forwarded to the King."

A THORNER OFFICER WOUNDED.

CAPTAIN LEDGARD IN THE GERMANS' HANDS.

There is happily reason to believe that a considerable number of officers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, who were reported to have been killed in the battle of Le Cateau, during the retreat from Mons, are alive, and in the hands of the Germans either as wounded or prisoners.

Mr Armitage Ledgard, of the Manor House, Thorner, has had a postcard which has been received by the regimental agents which shows that his son, Captain R. S. Ledgard, who was included in the list of killed, was alive on receipt on the 24th September, though he is without information as to his whereabouts. Captain Ledgard held a commission in the 1st Battalion Alexandra Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment, but he was at home on leave from India when the war broke out, and was attached to 3rd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, with which unit he proceeded to the front in the British Expeditionary Force. The Yorkshire Light Infantry were in the thick of fighting which preceded the German advance to the Marne, and Captain Ledgard was believed to have been killed by a German shell which burst among the men, and killed several, including Colonel Bond.

It now appears that Captain Ledgard was not killed, but that he was severely wounded, and picked up by the Germans and taken to hospital. Information has reached Mr Ledgard through the agents of the regiment, that Captain Ledgard has drawn a cheque payable to the credit of the Treasurer of the Red Cross Society, Berlin. The communication which enclosed the cheque contained a request that the transaction should be made known to his father, and the letter, which is dated September 24, Mr Ledgard recognises as his son's handwriting. The address from which the letter was written is, however, torn away, so that Mr Ledgard has no information as to where his son now is.

WHAT OCCURRED AT STOURTON.

SERIOUS CHARGE—CASE DISMISSED.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Herbert Newsome, carter, of Hunslet, was summoned by Joseph Gill for stealing four coates of oats, bran, and chopped hay, and Squire Jackson, hawk'r, of Hunslet, and George Benson, blacksmith, of Hunslet, were summoned for receiving the same.

P.C. Wright stated that about six on Saturday night he was with Sergeant Matthews on the Wakefield Road, Stourton, when he saw the two defendants, Jackson and Benson, together. Knowing them to be suspicious characters he followed them, and saw the men go to a wall opposite the Queen's Hotel. Behind the wall was a sack of corn. Jackson said to Benson, "That's the last load of it." Witness then seized Jackson and Sergeant Matthews got Benson. Both defendants denied any knowledge of the sack, but later they made a statement that a man named "Big Herbert" had sent them for it. The men were taken to the Park Street Police Station, and later in the evening Newsome was arrested.

Joseph Gill, carting agent, of Hunslet, said that Newsome was employed by him to drive two horses and two carts. On the week days it was customary for him to take sufficient food for his horses.

Richard Massey, refreshment house keeper, stated that on Saturday about 9 a.m. Newsome came for some breakfast and said he was going to leave the corn until he returned.

Newsome told the bench that he had forgotten about the corn and later in the afternoon he sent round Benson and Jackson to ask Massey to put the corn under cover until Monday.

The magistrates, after retiring, said they had a doubt as to the intention of the men in regard to the sack, and that being the case, they would give them the benefit of the doubt.

The men were accordingly discharged.

ANGRAM FARMER AND HIS SERVANT.

ALLEGED BEATING WITH A SHEPHERD'S CROOK.

TADCASTER MAGISTRATES DISMISS SERIOUS CHARGE.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday—before Alt. E. C. Brooksbank (Chairman), J.P. other magistrates—James Stalford Fletcher, farmer, of Angram, was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on James Henry Mason, farm labourer, of Angram. Mr A. E. Walster, of York, prosecuted, and Mr Arthur Willey, of Leeds, defended.

Mr Walster said that Mason was a yearly servant in the employ of defendant, and on September 29th, at 9 o'clock in the morning his client was engaged in loading clover, and he said "I am sick on this job. I will go and 'list.'" He went into the house, got his coat, and set off. He was followed down the road by defendant, who had a shepherd's crook in his hand. Defendant said to his client, "What are you going off for?" and Mason replied, "I am tired of the job and am going to 'list.'" Thereupon—and this was the cruel part of the case—defendant set about Mason with the shepherd's crook, and struck him on the arms, shoulders, and back, reducing him to such a state that he was very ill. Defendant drove Mason back to his work, but he was going on ill that he could not go on with his work, and he went and saw Dr Barton, of York. Mason was now under the doctor's care and would be for some time. The case was a serious one, because, there was a great principle involved. Defendant was the man's employer, and he had abused his position. It was surely going back to the age of barbarism if a man in the position of a master could take the law into his own hands and beat his servant. Mason had been in the employ of defendant or his mother for four years, and that proved he had been a very good servant, and it made the action of the defendant the worse, and had on one occasion asked Mason to stop the case, but, of course, that was impossible. He asked if the magistrates found the case proved to inflict a severe penalty.

Mr Willey: The magistrates cannot deal with the case.

Mr Walster: Don't interrupt.

Mr Willey: If you mislead the magistrates—

Mr Walster: I am not misleading the magistrates.

Mason then gave evidence, bearing out Mr Walster's statement. He stated that since he was assaulted he had had use of his arms in a sling. On October 7th, he saw Fletcher at Askham Richard, and defendant said he came to try and get him to withdraw the summons.

In answer to Mr Willey, witness said that defendant offered no bribe to him. He admitted that he had called defendant a "shitter"—went to see Mrs Fletcher on Thursday for the purpose of seeing if they could come to terms. He had not told Mr Webster that. He had put his terms by, but he would not have been there that day. They said they would not pay a penny and that they had engaged a solicitor to defend the case. He did not say how much he wanted. He denied that he had come on the night before the affair, but he was the worse for beer.

Mr Willey: Did you bring beer in a jug—not in your anatomy?—Mason: No. One of the men brought home half-a-gallon.

Did you drink that half-gallon?—We drank most of it that night.

How much beer had you before 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning?—I should not have had more than two glasses.

Who had the rest of the half-gallon?—The other man.

Were you worse for beer that morning?—No.

After leading a load of clover you had a spasm of patriotism and wanted to enlist?—No.

Mason further stated that he did not swear at Fletcher, but he told him to go and look for Jack. He denied that he let out at defendant with his fist. He admitted that he had a fall from a hay cart, but he did not hurt himself. He was drunk then. He denied that he fell against the horse end. Mrs Fletcher had forgiven him frequently for being drunk.

Mr Walster: What happened on October 7th, when Mrs Fletcher and defendant were there?—Mrs Fletcher came to see if I would withdraw the summons and she said she would pay my wages.

Mr Willey: Yes, we will pay them to-day.

The Chairman: Did you ever tell Mr Fletcher that you wanted to enlist?.

Mason: Yes. I told him a week or two back. Dr. Barton saw me the day after. I came to him on the afternoon of September 29th, and he examined him. He described the weals and bruises on his arms, shoulders, and back, and said there were distinct bruises. The man was not drunk when he saw him.

In answer to the Chairman, he said that the injuries were consistent with having been caused a few hours before.

Mr Willey addressed the magistrates at some length, and argued that as it was an indictable offence, before they could commit the defendant for trial they must be satisfied the injuries were so serious as to injure his health and they had also to say that there was a strong and reasonable presumption of the guilt of the accused. Had the case been reduced to common assault he still would have had something to say.

Mr Walster said that it was open for him to make an application to have the charge reduced.

Mr Willey said the magistrates could not reduce the charge. It would have to be withdrawn or dismissed.

The Chairman said there was not sufficient evidence to prove a charge of grievous bodily harm, and the case was dismissed. They considered that the case had been brought under an entirely wrong charge.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1914.

For the first time in the history of the nation something like adequate provision is being made for the dependents of the men who are now serving in the Army and Navy, and the Lord Chancellor, speaking at Newcastle on Saturday, stated that the country would soon be paying 21 millions per annum in this way. The increased allowances, which are now granted weekly through the medium of the Post Office, have relieved the anxiety of many of our fighting men, and they now have the knowledge that their families will not suffer privations nor be dependent upon the charity of neighbours. Frequently when the charitably-inclined are about, the undeserving get what was intended for the more worthy and the more needy. The system of doles cannot now be contemplated with any degree of patience, and every lover of his country must rejoice that the Government have placed the women and children of our brave soldiers and sailors in a position that makes them independent of charity. Times have changed, and opinions have changed in Old England, and if we are to have a free people they must be placed above the seducing influences of the dole. Many well-meaning people, perhaps somewhat superior in their way, have been anxious to share the good things of life with those not so well off, but some of them have shown such an utter lack of discretion and tact that they have deeply wounded soldiers' wives by the questions questions they have asked. It must be remembered that nowadays the soldier's wife is not always ignorant and lacking in refinement, and when a person, with half-a-crown to give away, goes into a home and asks questions with a view to finding out whether the person concerned is worthy of his or her bounty, that person is committing an unpardonable offence. Unfortunately, it has been done, and there was no compensation for the pain and suffering imposed. The Prince of Wales, in his letter in our last issue, shows the view he and his advisers take of charity. Referring to the relief of civil distress, he stated that "it is as repugnant to me as it must be to the recipients that assistance should be distributed only in the form of doles," conclusively proving that he has a higher opinion of the British democracy than the people whom we have already mentioned. It may very well be asked how people, then, are to view the Lord Mayor's Fund. It is a gift from the nation—largely from the people who cannot serve with the Colours to the dependents of the men who are serving—and it cannot very well be looked upon as charity, because if one person contributes money the other gives service, which is of infinitely more value to the country. As a Member of Parliament, speaking recently in the Division, put it, "there is no living wage for soldiers; you cannot pay them for their services," and if any section of the community deserves to be treated with honour, respect, and generosity, it is that ever-growing section represented by the wives and little ones of the men who have so nobly answered the country's call.

Sympathy, which is being evoked in another direction will, we hope, take really practical shape. Wounded soldiers, arriving almost daily from the battle line, are bringing home to us the tragic side of war, and something will have to be done for them. People are knitting socks and making garments, and sending gifts of fruit and tobacco to the soldiers, and while we do not wish to depreciate the value of all this, the outcome of genuine goodheartedness and the desire of all classes to do a "little bit," a much greater responsibility rests upon the nation individually and collectively. Sacrifices, we have been repeatedly told, must be made, Britain is to emerge successfully from this tremendous struggle with militarism, and many homes will have the truth of this forced ruthlessly upon them ere the conflict is over. The greatest sacrifice a person can make—and it must be recognized until it is recognized—is the sacrifice of himself or herself, and if a soldier lays his life down upon the battlefield he not only makes the supreme sacrifice, but he, as it were, compels his friends to make a sacrifice almost equally great. Compensation can never adequately be made for such a sacrifice, but as it was made for the sake of the nation is it not the duty of the nation to assume the duty of husband and father to the bereaved? A great many of the wounded are doomed to complete, or partial, disablement for life. Some will want an arm, some a leg, some both legs, some may still keep their limbs, but they are crippled and maimed; some have had their jaws shattered, some have lost the sight of one eye, some have lost the sight of both eyes and are totally blind. Others again have had injuries to their body which will not actually cripple them, but will leave them weakened and enfeebled for life. And in addition to the victims of bullet and shrapnel, there are victims of exposure and of disease, the gaunt spectre that stalks by night. They, too, will return to this country to drag out a weakened existence for the rest of their days. In the past our treatment of discharged and disabled soldiers has been a disgrace. How the people cheered those gallant fellows as they marched away to fight the country's battles, and then when they returned shattered and maimed they were cast off with a beggarly pittance. Was it fair or honest? Such shameful treatment must never again be meted out to our soldiers. We must increase the allowances to women and children who lose their breadwinners, and adequate provision must be made for men who come home disabled for life. And speedy action must be taken. In the hospitals are men who left home hale and hearty not two months ago for France, and if they are disabled they may be worried and anxious about the future. How are they going to earn a living if they are crippled? To our soldiers the assurance must be given—and we believe it will be given—that they suffer for the nation's sake the nation will be just and provide for their future.

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MORRILL—WILKINSON.—On September 23rd, at Holy Trinity Church, Heywood, Wilts., by the Rev. J. G. B. Hollins, Ronald Falshaw Morkill, lieutenant 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morkill, of Newfield Hall, Yorkshire, to Ellen Mary (Nellie), youngest daughter of the late T. L. Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson, of Neasham Abbey, Darlington.

DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—October 7th (suddenly), at Scholey Hill House, Methley, Elizabeth, widow of the late Arthur Atkinson.

DINSELL.—October 8th, 1914, at 13, Lawson Terrace, Durham, aged 75 years, Catherine, the dearly beloved wife of Mr. John Dennell. Was interred at St. Margaret's Cemetery, Monday, October 12th.

SAUNDERS.—October 8th, 1914, at Providence House, Clifford, aged 69 years, Henry Saunders.

IN MEMORIAM

WINTER.—In loving memory of George Winter, of Garforth, who fell asleep Oct. 17th, 1903.
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Rothwell Working Men's Club, Marsh Villa, has sent £1 6s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

In an Amateur League match on Saturday afternoon Rothwell Old Boys defeated Victoria Athletic (Leeds) by nine goals to one.

Reports of the quarter-century opening at Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church and of the meeting of the Urban Council will be found on the inside pages.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday the magistrates were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), E. Parkin, J. Hirst, W. Evans, and Ald. Braithwaite.

CHILDREN HELP.—The infants at Rothwell Church School have given the wife of one of the Mayor's Belgian Refugees a Fund, and the scholars of the mixed department of Rothwell Council School have sent £1 6s. and the teachers £1 10s. 6d.

SALVATION ARMY.—At the Salvation Army Hall on Sunday special services were conducted by Envoy Bristow, of Doncaster, father of Ensign Bristow, who is the officer in charge of the Rothwell Corps. In the afternoon there was a good attendance to hear the Envoy relate his experience of 28 years railway life, which proved very interesting.

VACCINATIONS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions four Hunslet women were summoned by the Hunslet Poor Law Authorities for neglecting to have their children vaccinated. Miss H. Cowpers laid the information, and in reply to a question, put by the Clerk, said that the fathers of the children had not been summoned as they were at the Front. Two of the women said that the children had only been vaccinated, and the magistrates allowed the women to go. The other two defendants were allowed a week for the children to be vaccinated.

WESLEY GUILD.—Through the efforts of the young people of the Wesleyan Church, the Wesley Guild has been revived, and a successful session is being anticipated. An interesting syllabus of lectures has been arranged for. On Monday a social was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom as a send off, and a very pleasant evening was spent by a good number. Mr W. Ellis officiated as Master of Ceremonies, and in reply to a question, put by the Clerk, said that the fathers of the children had not been summoned as they were at the Front. Two of the women said that the children had only been vaccinated, and the magistrates allowed the women to go. The other two defendants were allowed a week for the children to be vaccinated.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell White Rose came out of the second qualifying round of the English Cup Competition with flying colours on Saturday, when they entertained Frickley Athletic, and won by three goals to nothing. The visitors opened well, and set a good pace, but their keenness soon rubbed off. Cuthbert kicked wide when an excellent opportunity presented itself. The homesters were penalised, but Nunns defended his charge in gallant style, and saved. An unsuccessful corner followed. Rothwell then had a look in, and Hughes netted. Frickley were disappointed when, after clever work by their forwards, Nunns saved. However, they missed an easy chance just before the interval. M'Kenny was the player at fault. In the second half the homesters attack well together, and Appleby and Parfitt netted.

AUSTHORPE.

MARRIAGE OF LIEUT. R. F. MORKILL.—Owing to the war, the marriage took place quietly on the 23rd of September, by licence, at Holy Trinity Church, Heywood, Wilts., between Ronald Falshaw Morkill, lieutenant 4th West Yorkshire Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs J. W. Morkill, of Newfield Hall, Yorkshire, and formerly of Austhorpe Lodge, Austhorpe, and Ellen Mary (Nellie), youngest daughter of the late T. L. Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson, of Neasham Abbey, Darlington. The Rev. J. G. B. Hollins performed the ceremony. The bridegroom left immediately after the marriage to rejoin his regiment, and the bride is at present staying with her sister, Mrs H. Brodrick, The Parsonage, Heywood Park, Westbury, Wilts

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon Allerton Bywater Church Institute football team had a League match with Castleford, and it was drawn—two goals each.

BOWERS ALLERTON.

Bowers Allerton footballers were defeated by Lock Lane Church Institute on Saturday afternoon by four goals to nil.

CARLTON

HARVEST FESTIVAL.—On Sunday the harvest festival was held at the Temperance Hall when a service of song was given in the evening by the Wesleyan choir from Quarkwell Green. The piece was entitled "The little gleaners," and was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. Mr S. Pickersgill presided over a large gathering. On Monday the fruit, vegetables, and flowers, which had formed the decorations in the hall, were disposed of under the direction of Mr Wright.

ALLOWED TO GO.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Sam Bates, a miner, of Carlton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell, on Saturday, October 3rd. P.C. Womack stated that about 9.20 p.m. on the night in question he came across the defendant in Butcher Lane, where he was making use of the language complained of. Defendant was the worse for drink, and denied the offence, saying he had just come from the enlisting office at the Council Offices, where he had pass'd the doctor. In answer to the Chairman, Bates said he expected being called up on Thursday morning. He was allowed to go.

CROSSGATES

The members of Crossgates Bowling Club have sent £3 10s. to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

A concert in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund is to be given at Crossgates Baptist Church Hall on Tuesday night, October 27th. Seats 6d.

WESLEYAN.—At a meeting of the Wesley Guild on Wednesday evening a lecture on a "Historical view of the war" was delivered by Mr F. R. Pearson, B.A. The lecture was very interesting and instructive, and it was highly appreciated by the members.

GOLF.—On Friday a match was played between Crossgates Ladies and Garforth Ladies, and the former won by 3½ to 2½. Details (Crossgates names first):—Mrs E. Dawson 1 v. Miss Denby 0, Miss M. Johnson ½ v. Mrs Sandy ½, Miss Johnson 0 v. Mrs Tate 1, Mrs Wade 0 v. Miss D. Denby 1, Miss Rhodes 1 v. Mrs Kopped 0, Mrs H. Rhodes 1 v. Mrs Dobson 0.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASSES.—A university tutorial class has been started at Crossgates, and it has a membership of about twenty-eight, including several prominent residents of Crossgates and Whitkirk. Literature is the subject chosen for the session, and the lecturer is Professor Moorman, of Leeds University. The meetings are held on Thursday evenings at the Co-operative Rooms, Crossgates.

MR F. W. SUTCLIFFE "OUTDOES."—Twice Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, of Manston, Crossgates (Chairman of Barkston Ash Liberal Association) has written to the War Office offering himself for service at the Front. Mr Sutcliffe, who is one of the best known chemists in Yorkshire, (Calgee) says that he could render valuable help in connection with the R.A.M.C., but the authorities evidently prefer younger men. On Wednesday morning Mr Sutcliffe, who is greatly disappointed that his services have not been accepted, received a letter from the War Office, stating that "there is no suitable appointment in the Royal Army Medical Corps which could be offered to you."

FORESTERS' CONCERTS.—A balance sheet in connection with the Foresters' concerts at Crossgates has been issued, it having been audited by Mr W. R. Bell, incorporated accountant, Halton and Leeds. As already stated, the members of the Court paid all the expenses connected with the effort, and the use of the halls, etc., was given free. The balance sheet shows that the gross receipts realised £56 2s., subscriptions amounted to £11 8s. 3d., programmes brought in £3 16s. 9d., and money taken at the doors totalled £41 6s. There was a balance of 9d. from the guarantee fund, and the total income was £72 13s. 3d., which has been paid over to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

GARFORTH

A large crowd of people gathered at the railway station on Tuesday night in anticipation of the arrival of Belgian refugees.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Wednesday evening a whist drive promoted by the Grange Tennis Club was held in the Council School. There were twenty-nine tables, and the gathering proved a very enjoyable one. The proceeds were for the War Distress Fund.

DRUNK ON SUNDAY.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions, Walter Wigglesworth, Main Heath, Bramham, both of whom were charged with having been drunk and disorderly. They were fighting at Garforth Bridge on Sunday, and both were fined 5s. including costs.

A VISITOR'S VOCABULARY.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Goughan, labourer, of Leeds, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth at 9.30 p.m. on Friday. P.C. Brown said he found the prisoner in the Station Road, Garforth, making use of bad language about having been ejected from the Railway Station. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—The Catholics of Garforth and Aberford have taken a Belgian family of 7 (father, mother, and 5 children) to provide for until the war ends. They will be conveyed from Leeds to Aberford in motor-cars. The Belgians were eye-witnesses of inhuman conduct by the Germans, and they now appear very thankful to live in peace withing Engd. On behalf of the committee, Miss D. Wordsworth (hon. sec.) and Miss Richardson (hon. treas.) thank all who have so kindly assisted in making the Belgians comfortable.

ACCIDENT.—A serious motor accident occurred on the York Road, near Tadcaster, on Sunday night. Harold Moore, a cycle dealer, of Garforth, was riding a motor-cycle in the direction of Tadcaster, when he collided with a motor-car belonging to Mr George H. Barton, of Falegates, Linton-on-Ouse, and driven by his chauffeur. The car was thrown broadside on to the machine, and was conveyed to Tadcaster, where it was found he had sustained a fractured thigh and a broken jaw. He was subsequently removed to the Leeds Infirmary.

TRESWH PIT.—The underground workmen employed at the Trench colliery held a pit-gate meeting on Monday afternoon to consider the question of subscribing to the West Riding Distress Fund. It was stated that as a result of the pit working so badly the men had not been in a position to contribute to the District Fund soonest, and would not be able to do so should the pit work less than four days a week. The following resolution was submitted to the meeting:—"That each man contribute 3d. per week and each boy 1½d. to the fund when the pit works four days or more, and if the pit works less than four days no contribution is to be made." This was carried.

RAILS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday two Garforthians were summoned by the Garforth overseers for non-payment of the poor rate, and orders were made. Ten others were summoned by the Garforth Urban District Council for non-payment of the water rate, and a further thirty-two were summoned for the non-payment of the general district rate. Orders were made against them.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon, at Oldfield Lane, Wortley, Leeds Senior League mates was played between Garforth and New Wortley Gasworks. The game was strenuously contested from the outset, the visitors making repeated attacks, which, Glancy did well to repel. Whitehead, the home right back, frequently broke up the combination of the two Pickersgills. Birch, and Tomlinson, and good shots from Ballance and Tomlinson were admirably dealt with by J. Glancy. At the other end, however, Backhouse was seldom called upon, the attacks of the homeforwards, mainly initiated by Millard and Broughton, rarely getting past Balmer and Stead. Near half-time Stead scored from a penalty, and this was the only goal of the match. Garforth won by one to nil.

GREAT PRESTON

A sum of £3 1s. has been sent to Leeds Infirmary from Great Preston Church.

HALTON

Mr William Fryer, of Gravelthorpe, Halton, left £6,038.

A sum of 10s., from ten little pupils, per Miss G. Fryer, Halton, has been sent to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

B.W.T.A.—The opening meeting of the season was held on Monday evening in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, and Mrs A. J. Wright presided. There was an excellent attendance. Miss Atkinson, of Leeds, gave an interesting address, in the course of which she had a straight talk to the girls present on having high ideals, and showing at this time that they too can be brave and courageous and thus be an encouragement and help to the young men volunteering for service. Miss Gilbert, of Manston, who was accompanied by Mrs F. Atkinson, sang beautifully, and was warmly encored for her second song "The link divine." A dialogue, "Jennie's Lesson," given by Mrs Twaddle, Wetherill, A. Taylor, G. Taylor, Heathcote, Westerman, and Master George Calvert, was much appreciated. Six new members were enrolled, and, after singing "God save the King," refreshments were served. The meeting was a very successful and enjoyable one.

KIPPAX

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The Band of Hope in connection with this church held its meeting on Wednesday evening—Mr J. Goodall presiding. The meeting was well attended, and was addressed by Mr Thomas Coggan.

ELECTION.—Two candidates have been nominated for the vacancy in the representation of Kippax on the District Council, caused by the death of Mr Hewitt. The candidates are Mr George Carter (Liberal), Commercial Hotel, and Mr Alfred Townend, miner, Hopewell Terrace, Kippax.

WESLEY GUILD.—The Wesley Guild held its meeting on Wednesday evening when the new minister (the Rev. J. Ernest Rattey, B.Litgae) gave an excellent address on "Prospect and preparation." There were about 30 members present, and Mr W. H. Willkinson presided. A vote of thanks was accorded the speaker on the motion of Mr J. Goodall, seconded by Mr T. Butterworth.

MISCHIEVOUS LADS.—In the Children's Court at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Stevenson (13), errand lad; Baden Powell Shackleton (14), James Rhodes (13), William Firth (13), Thomas Steel (13), Fenton Rhodes (12), John Varley (13), screeners, of Kippax Coal Company, Oxley Owen (13), pony driver; George Firth (14), Arthur Thompson (14), and Thomas Henry Carter (13), screeners, of Allerton Bywater, were summoned for having done malicious damage to a tree in Kippax Park, John Plaxton Bower, of Kippax, was fined 10 15s. and on September 28th he saw the last four boys on the North Drive throwing stones at the chestnut trees. Subsequently he caught them, and drove them to the police. The summonses were dismissed on payment of costs.

FIGHTING THE GERMANS.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Walter Collinson, a miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly in High Street, Kippax, on Saturday, October 3rd, about 11.30 p.m. P.C. Gough proved the case, and said that when in the company of P. Milborough he heard the defendant shouting and making use of bad language. On going up to him defendant said, "I was only showing how to do for the Germans." He was a big man: Why don't you go to the Front and fight the Germans. Defendant: Me? No. I won't go to the Front, but I'll fight them when they come to Belgium. The Chairman: You would do more service fighting for your country. Defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

LEDSTONE

A sum of three guineas, collected at the harvest festival at the private chapel of Ledston Hall, has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

MIDDLETON

A sum of £2, workmen's fines at Middleton Colliery, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

METHLEY

The Methley Infirmary and Friendly Societies' Committee have given £10 to Leeds Infirmary.

On Saturday afternoon Methley had a Senior Football League match with Thornhill Lees Albion, who were defeated by four goals to nil.

MICKLEFIELD

All the teachers of the mixed department of the Micklefield Church Day School have decided to contribute 2½ per cent. of their salaries towards the Prince of Wales' Fund each month as long as the war lasts. One guinea has been sent for last month's collection. The treasurer of the Barkston Ash Teachers' Association.

MOOR ALLERTON

The staff at Moorfield House, Moortown, have sent 11s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Four servants at The Garth, Moor Allerton, have sent 10s. to the Belgian Refugee Fund.

GOLF CLUB.—Excellent progress is being made with the new club house which is being erected for the Moor Allerton Golf Club. The architecture occupies quite a prominent position just off the Harrogate Road, not far from the Moorolley headquarters, though on the other side of the highway to the north. It will have a good approach for vehicular traffic in marked contrast to the conditions which prevail in connection with the existing club house. It will be found, too, that though the new building is at the extreme end of the course, it is no further from the Moortown tram service than the present structure.

OULTON

Oulton St. John's had a League match with Rothwell Wilfs. Rose A. on Saturday, and Oulton won by four goals to one.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—Five Belgian refugees arrived at Oulton in the early hours of Tuesday morning, and were escorted to the Hall, where five were already in residence. The Oulton and ... Far Fund Committee have granted ... the use of the refugees for any incidental expenses.

ROBIN HOOD.

A sum of 10s. has been realised for the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund by the sale of flags painted by the scholars of Thorpe Council School.

STOURTON

A MENDICANT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Nichols, labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging on the Wakefield Road, Stourton, on Sunday. P.C. Sowray proved the case, and Nichols was sent to prison for one month.

ROTHWELL AND DISTRICT DISTRESS FUND.

CARLTON WARD SUBSCRIBERS.

The following contributions have been made to the Rothwell and District Distress Fund, through the Carlton Ward Committee:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr Squire Dobson	2	2	0
Mr John Dobson	2	2	0
Mr Walter Keighley	2	2	0
Mrs. A. Young	1	1	0
Mr. George Armitage	1	1	0
Mr. Ed. Lunn	1	1	0
Messrs. Walker Hammill, Ltd.	1	0	0
Mr W. Denton	0	10	0
Miss Hammill	0	10	0
Mr T. Stevens	0	10	0
Mr John Keighley	0	5	0
Mr Clarkson	0	5	0
Mr Arnfield	0	5	0
Mr John Lunn	0	5	0
Mr R Marshall (Quzlewell Gr'n)	0	2	6
Mr P. Smithson	0	2	6
Mr C. Stainer	0	2	6
Mr Walter Scholey	0	2	6
Mr Morley Hopton	0	2	6
Mr Tom Lake	0	2	6
Mr Richard Marshall	0	2	6
Mr E. Hudson	0	1	6
Mr A. Breed	0	1	0
Mr Moore	0	1	0
Mr John Ward	0	1	0
Mr. John Haigh	0	1	0
Miss Martha Ward (weekly)	0	0	6
Miss Ann Ward (weekly)	0	0	6
Mr W. O. Shimmield (weekly)	0	2	6

GARFORTH WAR DISTRESS FUND

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In connection with Garforth War Distress Fund the subscriptions already acknowledged amount to £146 17s. 0d. The following additional amounts have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Underground workmen and boys, Sisters and Isabella Pits (6th contribution)	0	17	3
Garforth Council School teachers (1st contribution).			
per Mr B. Chadwick	2	0	0
Mr H. M. Driver	1	10	0
Mr J. H. Breed	1	1	0
Mrs Breed	0	10	0
Councillor W. W. Hartley	0	10	0
Collection in box (per Mr Scrutchley)	2	0	
Wm. Geo Bourne, Hon. Sec. and Treas.			

BARWICK AND SCHOLES WAR DISTRESS FUND.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Collected by Messrs Birch and Murray (additional)

	£	s.	d.
Rev. R. H. Harvey	5	0	0
Mr. H. Grange	0	2	0
	£5	2	0

Collected by Mr Wm. Smith (Lotherick) —

Mr. J. R. Kirkham	0	10	0
Mr Wm. Smith	0	5	0
Mr H. Kirkham	0	2	6
Mr H. Trueman	0	2	6
M. J. K.	0	2	6
Anonymous	0	2	6
Mrs Robson	0	2	6
Mr C. Noble	0	1	0
Mr J. Harker	0	1	0
Mrs Acomb	0	1	0
Mr R. Bowe	0	1	0
Nip	0	0	6
Mrs Wilson	0	0	4
	£1	11	10

Mrs Wainwright, of Sherburn, has sent £1 to the Leeds Belgian Relief Fund.

Another young man from South Milford, Joseph Hill, has joined Kitchener's Army this week.

RENT AUDIT.—On Wednesday the half-yearly rent audit of the farm tenants upon the estates of Messrs. Walter Crosland, J.P. (Milford House), Wm. Crosland, J.P. (The Limes, South Milford), and Benjamin Crosland (London) was held at the White Swan Hotel, South Milford. The dinner was served by the host and hostess (Mr and Mrs Alfred Johnson) in their usual good style. The rest of the afternoon was spent in convivial manner.

WAR FUNDS.—On Tuesday evening a pie supper was provided in the Old Schoolroom, South Milford, the proceeds being in aid of the War Fund. It was rather a novel idea of someone, and the event proved to be a very successful one. People in the village gave presents of large meat pies, fruit pies, etc., and a charge of one shilling per bowl was made, and 77 folks did justice to the good things provided. Excellent coffee and tea were also provided, and a band of ladies attended well to the wants of the guests. Afterwards a concert was held, and the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A. (rector) presided, and proposed a vote of thanks to all who had given the pies and other things. Dr A. H. Radcliffe seconded, and it was carried. Mrs Barry gave a recitation, and the Rev. Sandy Rountree (rector of Sherburn) contributed a reading and played selections in good style on the auto-harp. Miss Rhodes (Milford) played delightfully, and Miss Marie Bortott (South Milford) played selections on the pianoforte in excellent style. Messrs J. Wice (tenor) and P. Porter (bass), of South Milford, also gave their services during the evening's proceedings admirably. All the artistes were encored. Mr Harold Hill (the church organist) presided at the piano, and accompanied the songs in his usual skilful style. Mr R. Farrar Hill (Croft House) brought his gramophone, and it greatly helped in the amusement of the evening. Mr H. Hill played the English, Russian, French, and Belgian national anthems at the beginning of the concert, and they were greatly enjoyed.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

SOLDIERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Guardians' Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were, Messrs J. Gavins (vice-chairman), J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, J. R. Chappell, W. E. Appleyard, E. B. Pickersgill, J. Bannister, H. L. Pulford, W. Lamb, W. Stead, G. W. Peace, H. Hemingway, J. W. Verity, Dr. E. Groves, Rev. T. Cody, and Mrs E. A. Dickinson, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

CHILDREN'S HOMES

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the Clerk submitted tenders for painting required to be done at the Homes, and it was resolved that the tender of Mr George Hemingway, of Rothwell, at £44 13s. 0d. be recommended for acceptance, and for sealing by the Board.

The Committee resolved that the Guardians be recommended to pay John Williams, shoemaker, at the rate of £10 per annum during his leave of absence for Army service at the war, and to resolved their former resolution to the contrary.

A letter was received from the Local Government Board in reply to the Guardians' enquiry, stating that they will be prepared in the course to consider favourably the question of authorising a grant in respect of the salary of the temporary industrial trainer in shoemaking.

The minutes were passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the House Committee the report of the Farm Sub-Committee, with reference to the food supply to be grown next year, was submitted, in which it was recommended that 53 acres be planted with potatoes and 4 acres with cabbages, half the potatoes being planted on cabbage ground and vice versa.

It was resolved that the report and recommendations of the Farm Sub-Committee be approved and adopted.

The Committee had under consideration the application of the master and matron for an increase of salary on a reference from the Board, and it was resolved that the matter be deferred until the last meeting of the present committee.

The Committee had under consideration the Casual Paupers Order, 1914, on a reference from the Board, and it was resolved that margarine and shell cocoa be selected from the alternative supper and breakfast diets for vagrants over 12 years old.

It was resolved that the Yorkshire Vagrancy Committee be asked to make arrangements for all dinner meals to be provided at the bread stations. It was further resolved that the Clerk be instructed to write to the Boards of Guardians in the county urging them to support the request to the Vagrancy Committee.

The minutes were passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Finance Committee the Clerk reported a balance in hand of £4,317 4s. 3d. The Clerk also reported that the superannuation allowances due to Miss Scarrott, late superintendent nurse at the General Institution, was £40 5s. 0d. per annum, and it was resolved that the amount be granted.

Four candidates appeared before the Board for the post of superintendent nurse, and after each had been interviewed by the Guardians, Miss Dora Williams, the superintendent nurse at the Huddersfield Infirmary, was appointed.

SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENTS

A letter was read from the Pontefract Union asking for the Guardians' support of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board calling upon the Government to provide adequate support for dependents of soldiers and such as may be incapacitated in the war suggesting that a special tax be levied on all incomes of over 300.

Mr Lunn moved that the Board support the recommendation, and Mr Schofield seconded, and this was carried.

RECTOR OF ADEL AND RECRUITING.

The Rev. W. H. Draper, rector of Adel, writes:—It was whispered the other day that recruiting was hardly going so fast in Leeds as might have been expected. But it is a mistake to think that the men of the North can be scolded or nagged into becoming recruits.

An observant mind will see that they are moved differently. If he might use a homely illustration, they are something like what coke is in relation to coal. A coal fire is lit more easily and quickly and keeps alight longer, and is better for getting a great body of heat and one which will last coke is a fuel which it is hard to heat, if you have plenty of draught to start it and mix it with a little coal.

There is a chance for the poet to serve his country; let him fill the soil, let him blow a strong blast into the furnace. If he can do it well, his study of the psychology of man may prove to have been of use.

Miss Edith Elizabeth Tennant, of Cowthorn, Hilgett Lane, Oldthorn, left £1,078.

Mr Land, of Beech Hill, Aberford, has fitted up his Harrington residence, Aberford, as a hospital at his own expense. It is stated that wounded Belgian soldiers will be sent there.

Private William Thompson, 2nd King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, was killed in action in France on September 14th. Thompson, who was 21 and had been in the Army two years, was formerly an under-keeper for Major G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., of Bramham Park.

Two cottages at Bolton Percy have been lent by Mr C. F. Ryder for the housing of the Belgian refugees who have arrived in the village. The cottages, which are new ones, have every convenience provided for the type of tenants who have been furnished by the parishioners under the leadership of Mrs Crosthwaite, the wife of the Bishop of Beverley.

Colonel Gascoigne, Lotherton Hall, has lent his steam yacht Ulna, R.Y.S., to the St. John Ambulance and Red Cross Associations for the purpose of conveying stores of all descriptions to the military hospitals now established in France. On the return voyage to Southampton Colonel Gascoigne will bring back sick and wounded men to Netley Hospital.

RECTOR AND THE WAR.—The Rev. W. H. Draper, rector of Adel, says:—Perhaps the first and most impressive thing which war produces and reveals is the deep organic unity of a whole nation, race, or Empire. It is like a silent chord, being suddenly struck and made to sound. Till it sounds it is almost forgotten, its existence hardly suspected, like that of some underground wire connecting, let us say, London and Leeds. When war strikes it, it reverberates with one and the same note all over the living frame.

A BURGLARY AT ROTHWELL.

WELL-KNOWN TEACHER'S HOUSE ENTERED.

A GOOD HAUL—BOY'S DISCOVERY IN A FIELD.

A burglary was committed at Rothwell on Saturday night at the residence of Mr J. W. Daft, a well-known teacher at the Rothwell National School. The house, which is Mr Daft's own property, has just been erected, and stands in Churchfields, with the East and West Yorkshire Union Railway in the background, and some gardens in the front. The nearest occupied house is separated by two others in the course of construction.

The house was locked up about twenty minutes past four on Saturday afternoon by Mr Daft, who is a little later returned for his overcoat. At the same time, he mended both the fires in the sitting room and the kitchen, and everything then appeared to be as usual. Shortly after nine o'clock Mrs Daft returned home, accompanied by her father and her two children—a little girl and boy. As was usual, they went round to the back of the house, but the door was found to be bolted on the inside. However, they got into the house by the front door, which proved to be open. Inside the house everything was in confusion. All the rooms, save the drawing room, had been ransacked. Upstairs, all the drawers and cupboards had been emptied of their contents, while even the beds had been turned over in the hope of discovering some hidden treasure. The little boy's cot had not even escaped attention.

On a search being made, it was found that the burglar had made off with a quantity of jewellery, including gold rings, a gold watch, gold bangles and brooches, hat-pins, studs, etc., three five pound notes and a silver christening spoon, and a small metal "home-safe" belonging to the Rothwell Building Society and which the little girl had in her possession was also missing. A missionary box belonging to the church had been broken open and the contents taken. The thief had gone about his work in a systematic way. In order to gain an entrance he had first of all tried to raise the sash of the sitting room window, but this was fastened, and the catch would not yield. The small window of the kitchen had next been tried, but, as in the case of the sitting room window, the catch had held firm. Undaunted, he had gone to the coal house in search of some implement and there he found a hammer with which he smashed the window just below the catch, in such a manner as to be able to slip his hand in and put back the catch. The hammer was found upon the window sill, along with a small piece of wood which the house-breaker had used as a fulcrum for his chisel or knife in his effort to force the window. To clamber through the open window was but an easy task, and once inside the thief had gone straight to business.

As Mrs Daft and her father were approaching the house, the little girl, who was in front, said she thought she could see a light in the front room window, but no importance was attached to this at the time by Mrs Daft or her father, as it was thought the child had seen a reflection of the light from the street lamp at the corner, and which is but a few yards away. However, it is not unlikely that the child was not mistaken, the light being probably that of an electric torch, while another thing which renders it all the more likely is that this room was the only one that had not been ransacked. Evidently the thief had been surprised in his work, and was compelled to make a hasty retreat, which accounts for the front door being unlocked. Of course, the police were informed, and on Sunday a visit was paid to the premises by the Sykrack Police, and Detective Sergeant Dunn. So far no arrest has been made.

On Tuesday night two boys, who were playing in a field near by, found a bloodstained handkerchief and a box containing gold brooch, the latter being identified by Mrs Daft as some of the property which is missing.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were Mrs. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr. Walter Crosland, and Mr William Crosland.

The following rates were passed:—Fairburn, poor rate, 2s. 4d. and 1s. 2d., and special expenses, 4d.; Ledsham, poor rate, 1s. 8d. and 10d.; and Micklefield, poor rate, 1s. 11d. and 11½d.

Harriett Pennington applied for a temporary transfer of the license of the Anchor Inn, Barkston Ash, to Joseph Woolley.

Joseph Woolley, miner, Fairburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 3rd inst in Main Street, Fairburn. P.C. Holmes stated the case. Defendant pleaded not guilty and said his son, Joseph William Woolley, who stated the defendant was at their house at 11.30. He was with him from 9 to 11.30 p.m. By Supt. Stafford—He could not say how the conduct was outside the street at 11.30 o'clock. By the Bench—Where they lived in a row of houses they were not in the street. By the Chairman—He did not seem drunk to him. Fined 1s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

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RECRUITING MEETING AT BOSTON SPA.

SPEECHES BY MR. G. R. LANE FOX, M.P., AND MR. E. H. FOSTER.

ADVICE TO MISGUIDED MOTHERS.

In the Trustees' Hall, Boston Spa, on Friday night, a very successful recruiting meeting was held for the purpose of swelling the ranks of the company going from the Boston district to do duty with the forces of the country. The meeting was one of a series arranged in the district by the Barkston Ash Conservative and Liberal Associations. In the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Colonel E. A. Brotherton) the chair was taken by Mr R. H. Ramsden, and amongst those present were Major G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., the Hon. Mrs Lane Fox, Mr E. H. Foster, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash), Major E. C. Meysey-Thompson, M.P., Mr Geo. Foster, Mr Geoffrey Jackson, Mr Sellers, Mr R. H. Oulton, Mr F. O. Simpson, Dr. Brigham, Rev. W. B. Bashy, Father Gosse, the Rev. R. G. Glennie, Mr R. H. Bayley, Mr I. J. Dewhirst, Mr F. W. Sutcliffe, Mr W. Day Metcalfe, Mr A. Deighton, Mr R. Lodge, Trooper F. Wilson, Leeds (of the Lancers, who was wounded in the battle of Mons), and others.

The Chairman said that when the war was commenced there was a great rally, but lately there had been a fall in the number of recruits coming forward, and the purpose of the meeting was to bring about a return to the previous state of affairs. Major Lane Fox had volunteered to serve at the front in Lord Helmsley's force, but had managed to snatch a short time from training in order to address that meeting.

Major G. R. Lane Fox, who was very cordially received, said he had come to say a few words to that hall to speak on various topics, generally political, but he was glad to think that at the present time they had entirely done away with politics. For the moment they were united in the opinion that all private interests should be subordinate to the paramount desire that the country should be defended and protected, and should come out on top in the hideous war which had been thrust upon them. The only politics that existed today was for or against the country. He wished it was in his power to ask some of the stalwart men of Boston Spa to join the squadron which he commanded; but he was sorry to say he could not, because they were packed to overflowing, and had had to turn away hundreds who wished to join. But he would say this—that if all the recruits were as capable as the splendid lot he had to deal with they would be a formidable force when they went abroad to serve their country. (Applause). But it was in his power to remind any of them of the proper age who felt at the bottom of their hearts that they ought to join, that a good many more were wanted, and that though the time was short there was still time for them to take advantage of a great opportunity which might never come to them again. There were many who could not go, and there were others who ought not to go, but apart from and beyond all that, there were still many who knew well that they ought to come forward. It was in the hope that some of those would be influenced that he was only too anxious to come there and speak to them as neighbour to neighbour and friend to friend. It was in the hope that those young men who might otherwise be ashamed they had not taken the opportunity would be saved from that shame that he made that appeal. Emphatically also could do a great deal by way of informing the young men that their employment would be kept for them, and by assisting any dependents who were left behind.

If the war was an ordinary war the claim of the country would be strong, but when it came to be a war such as this—to protect the freedom and the rights of every individual in this country; to protect the sanctity and inviolable character of treaty rights; to protect weak States against the strong; to defeat the brutal methods of the Germans which they thought had been dead and buried since the days of the Huns—it was surely still more the duty of every man who possibly could to lend a hand in the struggle. For years Germany had made every other nation submit to an enormous expenditure on armaments, and such a possibility as that must now be finally done away with. Germany had plunged Europe into a war with a brutality and a cynicism which would go down to posterity, and no one could think about that without realising that they had a magnificent cause to rally to, and a splendid cause to fight for. (Applause). The "contemptible little army" had set a magnificent example. (Applause). The pity was there were no more of them, and that was what they wanted now. They must never allow the possibility of such a crime being committed again. But it would require a gigantic effort on the part of the country. Major Lane Fox proceeded to advise the mothers not to be so misguided as to advise their sons not to join, because, probably with the best intention, they were doing the most selfish thing possible. After all, life was only a short thing, and what was the use of prolonging that life by a few shameful days, during which, at the back of all, would be the thought that there had been a shameful moment when the country called for them and they would not go. (Applause). Major Lane Fox concluded by moving the following resolution:—

This meeting, profoundly believing we are fighting for the vindication of rights of small States and the public law of Europe, pledges itself unswervingly to support into the last measures necessary to the prosecution of the war to victorious conclusion, whereby a long and lasting peace shall be secured.

Mr E. H. Foster, who had a cordial reception, seconded the resolution, and said he was glad to see that the idea was abroad that this war was going to be a very easy thing. They had not an easy thing on. They were in for a long and costly war, and they must not, for a moment, even contemplate the possibility of failure. But they would be contemplating the possibility of failure, or, at all events, such a contingency would be tantamount to failure, if they did not secure such forces as to be able to put in the field or send abroad something like a million men. But though they looked forward to a long and exhausting war, there were some important features which were very satisfactory from the point of view they had, for more than they could reasonably have expected, he thought, retained the command of the sea. (Applause). Another most encouraging feature was the wonderful pluck and endurance of the troops in the short time in which they had been engaged. (Applause). It was the wonderful spirit of putting up with anything that made the British soldier what he was. (Applause). In conclusion, Mr Foster referred to the remarkable support which had been given by the Colonies and India.

Trooper Wilson, who is a native of Malton, and was serving as a car conductor in Leeds when called up, in a brief, but pointed speech, appealed for recruits, and said they would be needed before the end of the war.

The resolution was also supported by Major Meysey-Thompson, and unanimously carried.

A large number of recruits were obtained.

Upwards of 35,000 British railway men, of whom 5000 belong to the North Eastern Railway, are serving with the colours.

Wm. Wade, a porter at Selby Station, was struck by a light engine and knocked down on the metals. He sustained a nasty cut on the side of the head, the injury necessitating medical treatment.

A scene occurred in York Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the rollicking conduct of some young officers, who threw coppers on the stage, was openly resented by members of the "Merry and Bright" Company.

TADCASTER'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

MEN WHO ARE SERVING THE COUNTRY.

A roll of the Tadcaster men who are now serving the King and country in the Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces has been drawn up, and, although it is not complete, it shows what a splendid response has been made by the young men of the old town. The names of the men are:—

NAVY.

Bromet, Flight Lieutenant Geoffrey Rhodes, Westgate House; Lamb, Lieutenant Francis James Ongley, Inholmes; Atkinson, George A.B., Rosemary Row; Atkinson, John Henry, A.B., Rosemary Row; Bankes, Edward, stoker; Laycock, George, stoker, York Road Street; Cumberland, George, Lady Pits; Cumberland, Thomas, Lady Pits; Dolton, Stoker-Sergeant-Major Instructor William, Chapel Street; Dolton, Sergeant Henry, Chapel Street; Fowler, George; Gowthrop, F., Station Grove; Gill, Robert, Maltkiln Square; Hardy, Richard; Holland, E., Spring Hill; Hussey, Herbert, Hill Side; Hick, Percy, St. Joseph Street; Hodgson, Chesterby Road; Jackson, Horace, Westgate; Latham, Leslie, Bridge Street; Laycock, David, Hill Side; Rhodes, Claude; Shilton, Farrier Sergeant-Major, Hill Side; Spencer, George, Station; Weaver, Thomas, Bridge Street; and Weather, George, Whyte Terrace.

Reserve and Special Service—Appleby, H., 2, Reserve Square; Atkinson, Reuben, New Street; Banks, Charles, High Street; Bateson, Charles, Hill Side; Bailey, Henry, Hodgson Terrace; Chapman, J. J., The Banks; Crabtree, Herbert, St. Joseph Street; Crook, Frederick, Station Grove; Firth, Matthew, Lady Pits; Jennings, Corporal James, Lady Pits; Lowe, J. H., Station Grove; Lowe, J. F., Station Grove; Shoesmith, S., Rosemary Row; Swift, Luke E., St. Joseph Street; Taylor, H., Westfield Terrace; Waddington, E., The Cross; Weaver, John William; Wilson, William, Rosemary Row; and Wyatt, E.

Yorkshire Hussars—Riley-Smith, Lieutenant W., Toulston; Bleasdell, Fred, Hodgson's Terrace; Colley, Frank, Egerton Lodge; Hebden, John, Willow Farm; Hulley, Frank, Westfield Terrace; and Tirrell, Richard.

Territorials and Lord Kitchener's—Abrahams, W. W., Hill Top; Ambler, John Henry, Station Grove; Ambler, Thomas Edward, Station Grove; Atkinson, Arthur, Station; Atkinson, E., Station Street; Atkinson, H., Chapel Street; Atkinson, J., Chapel Street; Banton, J. H., Hill Side; Bean, George H., 12, Chapel Street; Benn-Bennett, Herbert, Chapel Street; Benson, George, and William, Chapel Street; Benson, George, Wighill Lane; Berwick, William, Sandfield Terrace; Bilton, Frank, Rosemary Row; Birdsall, Stanley, Westfield Terrace; Herbert, St. Joseph Street; Bownton, Fred, Chapel Street; Bradley, Horace, F., Station Road; Bradley, Harold, Station Road; Beasley, Walter, Station Road; Brown, Arthur, Westfield Terrace; Carr, Lionel Goodwin, Kirkgate; Cumberland, Charles David, Chapel Street; Cumberland, George, Chapel Street; Dennison, Fred, Hampole Villas; Dixon, T. R., Station Road; Evans, T., Westfield Terrace; Fairclifle, H., Church Fenton; Firth, Edward John, Railway Cottages; Foulkes, Henry, Headlough Manor; Franklin, Alfred, Commercial Street; Fraser, Hugh, Wighill Lane; Freer, John Henry, Chapel Street; Garbutt, Henry, York Road; Gerbutt, John W., Spring Hill; Gill, R., Hill Top; Gordon, Edgar Henry, High Street; Graham, Frank, Westgate; Haines, William, Spring Hill; Harland, John; Harrison, Victor, Wighill Lane; Hartley, George, Ivy Cottage, York Road; Hartley, T. H., Chapel Street; Hemsoken, John, St. Joseph Street; Hepworth, John Stones, Westgate; Hewitt, Arthur, Ouston Road; Hill, Charles, Toulston; Hill, G. W.; Hoeny, Arthur Frederick, Station Grove; Holford, Edgar, The Crescent; Iredale, E., Hodgson's Terrace; Jackson, Norman, High Street; Jakeman, William, St. Joseph Street; Jolly, Herbert E., Grimston Street; Kilson, Corporal John, Chapel Street; Kilson, William, Kirkgate; Laycock, Edwin, York Road Terrace; Liddley, Maurice, Hodgson's Terrace; Lofthouse, Alfred, Kirkgate; Lofthouse, Herbert, Station Grove; Lofthouse, Alfred Edmund, Station Grove; Lowe, Reuben W., Station Grove; Mapplebeck, Harry, Hodgson's Terrace; Marshall, H., The Banks; Mason, Fred, Spring Hill; Mellor, H. H., Chapel Street; Metcalfe, John, Sandfield Terrace; Morton, Tom, Hill Top; Mulrooney, H., Golden Lion Yard; Parkinson, E. F., Kirkgate; Peach, William, Commercial Street; Pickering, Sergeant H. E., York Terrace; Pickering, J., all Kirkgate; Pitts, J., Chapel Street; Powell, James, Lady Pits; Pratt, James, Westfield Terrace; Rhodes, Claude, Tower House; Ruckingham, G., Islington; Sagar, L., Commercial Street; Simpson, Hovell Guy, Ouston Lane; Simpson, E., Simpson, William, Rosemary Row; Smith, Percy, Westfield Terrace; Stead, J., Leeds Road; Stoddard, Staff-Sergeant J. W., Dawson's Yard; Swann, Charles R., Chapel Street; Taylor, Francis James, Station Road; Taylor, Fred, The Banks; Thompson, Harold, York Road; Ward, Robert, Ged; Linton Farm; West, H., Chapel Street; Wilson, E., York Road; Wilson, H., Wighill Lane; and Yendon, J., Golden Lion Yard.

BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALLERS WITH THE COLOURS.

Among the players and members of the various clubs in the Barkston Ash Division who have gone serving their country are the following:—

Barkston—H. Metcalfe (secretary), Barkston Ash Association), and E. Griffiths and E. Hubbard, R.A.M.C.; T. Evans (hon. sec. Wesleyden Valley), and A. Worrs, 9th Lancers; J. Weaver and H. Corcoran, Naval Reserve; E. Hill and J. W. Garbutt, Leeds Pals' Battalion; A. Cliffe, Leeds Rifles; and Hussars; J. Atkinson, 4th West Yorkshire Territorials; J. Nettleton and F. Mason, Kitchener's Army; H. Jackson, A.S.C.; E. Jolly, Army Medical Corps; and J. Whitkirk.—H. L. Firth (hon. sec.), W. Cuttle, G. Coultas, C. Brook, Leeds City Battalion; C. Coultas, Royal Field Artillery; F. Wright, C. Carroll, G. Gascoigne, G. Barraclough, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Aberford.—A. Inman, C. Scott, F. Richardson, F. Scott, J. Inman, A. Reid, Territorials; W. Rock, Yorkshire Hussars.

Church Fenton.—Ernest Holt, Fred Eden, Wilfred Fawcett, John Fawcett, William Andrews, 5th West Yorkshire; Joe Pilling, Yorkshire Hussars.

Wetherby.—Corinthians.—W. Wiggins, Northumberland Fusiliers; G. Miller and G. Tomlinson, 4th Lincolns; A. Hodgson, G. Kitchen, C. Winterburn, J. Adkin, E. Telford, and F. Atkinson, 5th West Yorkshire; G. Brown, H. Wiseman, W. Hill, T. Beasley, H. Grayson, J. Nowins, and F. Byrom, Kitchener's Army.

Walton.—E. Gaythorpe, Yorkshire Hussars; S. C. Mellor, and W. Mellor, National Reserve; and Harold Johnson.

A BARKSTON ASH SOLDIER KILLED.

SELBY MAN'S WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

Mr A. R. Swift, of Selby, and formerly of Halton, has received the sad news that one of his sons, Driver Ernest Swift, of the 112th Battery, Royal Field Artillery, serving at the front, has been killed in action.

A communication from the War Office states that he was killed on the 14th September. Driver Swift had served his full term in the Army and reserve. He leaves a wife and three children.

Mr A. R. Swift has two other sons serving in the Forces. The youngest son, who is only 18 years of age, is aboard with the 1st Lincolns, and another son, Sergeant Thomas Wm. Swift, is in the Selby Company of Territorials at Strensall Camp.

The first wounded Selby soldier to reach home from the Front is Private William Bulmer, a Reservist, of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment. He was wounded during the Battle of the Marne, a bullet entering the left side of his neck and emerging on the right side. He had a truly marvellous escape from death. For some time he was paralysed in both arms, but is regaining the use of the left arm.

The wounds healed nicely in hospital, and he has been sent home to recuperate. He is one of three sons of a well known Selby family serving in the Army. One is in the Army Service Corps, and the third in the East Yorkshire Regiment. The latter is the youngest of the present time at the front and is only 19 years of age.

Private W. Bulmer stated that his own battalion was hotly engaged, and made three gallant charges in the neighbourhood of Soissons.

On each occasion the Germans turned tail without awaiting the British. A turned tail without awaiting the British. A German battalion was captured through sympathy in their ranks for the wounded. It was the enemy's abuse of the white flag. The regiment suffered many casualties owing to the French on the right giving ground. This allowed the Germans to direct a cross fire upon them, but towards night the enemy was driven back.

YORKSHIRE LAND VALUERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Land and Tenant Right Valuers' Association was held at the Royal Station Hotel, York, Mr John Jefferson Butler, Harforth, presiding.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr J. W. Dacre (Oxley); vice-presidents, Mr M. English, Otley; vice-presidents, Mr G. Scarborough, Elland; committee, Mr Wm. Wood, East Lilling; Mr J. W. Bentley, Knottingley, and Mr R. S. Bilton, Dewsbury; auditor, Mr J. W. Bentley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr J. C. Bartle.

A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of the late Mr Robert Barton, Pannal, who was a vice-president of the association.

A grant of 25 guineas from the funds of the association was voted for distribution as follows: to guineas Belgian Relief Fund, to guineas to the "Times" Fund for Motor Ambulances, and 5 guineas to the Prince's Relief Fund.

The secretary was instructed to forward a resolution to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries in the following terms:—

Pensions under the Board to act as single arbitrators under the Agricultural Holdings Act, 1908, must be members of the County Tenant Right Valuers' Association.

Various other subjects of interest to the profession were discussed, and the members subsequently dined together under the presidency of Mr Barkle, the guests present being Aldermen Arthur Hawley (Castleford) and Mr P. S. Marsden (Whitkirk).

On Saturday afternoon Stourton United were defeated by Glasshoughton by four goals to one.

Sprink Farm stock in auction mart to-day Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 61 beasts, 10 sheep, and 76 pigs. A smaller supply of cattle in the yard buyers were present, but trade was slow and dragging throughout, good beef making 8s. 9d. to 9s. per stone, and woody trade fee pigs at fully per stone. The sheep shown were not sufficient for local requirements. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £22 10s. per head; fat cows up to £21 10s.; store cattle up to £13 15s.; heifers in calf up to £18, heifers in milk up to £20; fat sheep 8s. 6d., bacon pigs up to £8 7s. 6d., pork pigs up to £6 2s. 6d., small store pigs up to 12s. 6d. each.

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GERMAN PRISONERS FOR LOFTHOUSE PARK.

ROTHWELL COUNCIL AND A WATER SUPPLY.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE TYPHOID CASES.

GERMANS FROM TOGOLAND.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Urban District Council was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night—Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. Other members were Messrs G. W. Blakey (vice-chairman), T. P. Wade, J. Armitage, S. R. Chadwick, H. Gordon, H. Kirkby, J. Ellis, R. McCullagh, W. Wade, W. Lamb, W. Speak, W. Robinson, S. Dobson, with the Clerk (Mr W. Dodgson), the medical officer of health (Dr. H. Stevenson), the surveyor (Mr J. Southward), and the sanitary inspector (Mr E. F. Moorhouse).

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that the work in connection with Stye Bank Lane be proceeded with, the cost not to be met out of revenue, and that arrangements be made with Mr Farrer as to the purchase of land. It was also resolved that the surveyor prepare a plan showing the amount of land required on three sides of Whitehall Field, for the widening of Oulton Lane, Gilbert Lane, and Bridge, and Woodlesford Road, to a minimum width of 45 feet, and send same to Mr Farrer as requested.

At a further meeting of the committee Mr Scholey attended the committee with evidence that a boundary wall standing in front of his property at Carlton, and it was resolved that Messrs Hueper and Kirkby, with the surveyor, meet Mr Scholey to settle the question. The surveyor reported that the area of land in the Whitehall improvement, including that of the existing buildings, was 1 rood 3 perches. It was resolved that the surveyor write Mr John Dobson that the Council are prepared to deal with the proposed improvement at the terms that the Council make use of the existing materials, he to take away only such material after the job is finished as the Council elect it away. A letter was read from Mr Dobson asking for the paving of High Park Terrace. The Clerk was instructed to inform him that this could be included in an improvement which had been submitted to the County Council. The surveyor reported that the county surveyor had reported that the Leeds and Bramsdale paving at Stourton, Johnsonh wages to be paid to the men employed on the same as before, and Counack to report that he had Johnson. The surveyor reported that he had inspected the footpath through the Long Pastures with Mr Hirst, and that the terms offered by Mr Dale appeared satisfied that it forms part of Major Calverley's estate. It was resolved that in pursuance of Section 18 of the Public Health Act, 1892, amended specifications, plan, estimate, and provisional apportionment be prepared for the making of a footpath, flagged footpath, and kerbing the same to the frontagers of the property to be benefited, the question amended apportionment, and the necessary steps to be brought up at the next meeting. Letters were received from the Tramway Co. promising to consider the question at the next meeting.

Mr Armitage asked for the cost of the improvement of Stye Bank, and whether the work was to be done by day work or by contract.

Mr Lunn replied that the cost would be £240. The scheme left out Whitehall Field, and the question of how the work should be done had not been considered.

The minutes were passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr T. P. Wade moved the minutes of the Finance Committee, which showed that it was resolved that a suitable vacuum cleaner be got for the offices, and that tenders be obtained for a new typewriter. The Council was asked to make a return showing what steps they had taken to ascertain if any of the new clause was contained in any of their contractors (a) in contracts dated with the Council, and (b) in contracts with other persons.

The minutes were passed.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Sanitary Committee showed that complaints were made of scarcity of water at Langley and Lofthouse, and the developments at Lofthouse Park. It was resolved that the Water Committee be recommended to apply at once to the Stanley Urban District Council for a supply of water. It was also resolved that in view of the offer of the County Council to increase the grant from £50 to £100 per annum, the agreement for this Council to pay Miss Sunley £100 a year for the combined work of public health and relief of the poor be confirmed. The medical officer reported that at the request of the Local Government Board an arrangement had been made whereby all cases of infectious disease arising at Lofthouse Park would be immediately notified to the Rothwell area would be notified to the authorities at Lofthouse Park. It was resolved that a fee of 2s. 6d. be paid to Dr. Stevenson for his services. It was decided to leave the matter over for another month. It was resolved that notices to quit had been served on the tenants of the Whitehall's houses in Carlton, where closing orders had been made, to quit the premises. The agent of Mr Steadl's houses at Carlton to attend the next meeting. It was resolved that £30 be voted for the distribution of disinfectants. It was also resolved that a ventilating shaft be put at the top of Copley Lane and the bottom of Bridge Lane, and a manhole at the top of Leadwell Lane be fixed. The committee decided to adopt the proposals of Mr Dobson to erect privies for prisoners in Lofthouse Park, and offer to pay part of the cost if water closets are substituted.

The minutes were moved by Mr Chadwick.

GERMANS AT LOFTHOUSE PARK.

With regard to the question of prisoners at Lofthouse Park, the Chairman read a letter from the military authorities dated October 9th, asking for information as to whether the Rothwell Urban District Council would be in order for the weekend, as the prisoners were expected to arrive on Saturday next. Monday would be a guard would arrive on Friday, while it had been decided to make water laid on to the camp on Saturday next. The letter and Mr Hirst said he had had an interview with the medical officer of the guard to meet the Council that evening.

A letter was read from the Royal Engineers' Office at Sheffield stating that when a visit was paid to the engineers stationed at the Park on October 8th, the officers complained of a shortage of water, making it impossible for them to wash. The men themselves had had no breakfast, as making tea was out of the question.

The surveyor, in stating the position in regard to the supply, said that at present the main was being scraped, and it would not be until a week on Wednesday that the work would be finished. The shortage referred to in the last Council meeting had not ended.

Mr Chadwick asked why they could not Mr Chadwick asked why they could not arrange with Stanley to connect a main with Lofthouse Park, and so give them a separate supply. If the Council undertook to supply the Park from the present main, Lofthouse would have no water.

Mr Armitage said he had no objection to the Council trying to arrange terms with Stanley providing they were reasonable.

Mr Kirkby drew attention to a paragraph in the minutes relative to the hospital, and said he was glad that they were going to see to her ordinary wants. He did not think it necessary to continue duties if she was to undertake the visiting of schools.

The Chairman said that the health visitor had a set of clear instructions as to her duties, which he did not think would interfere with her ordinary work.

Mr Kirkby said that his point was that on the previous week the visitor went to the Robin Hood School and examined each child.

Mr Chadwick asked what was the good of spending money in the erection of a hospital if the nurse was to do this. Often they had cases of people who were sent to the hospital as scarlet fever cases when they had not the infection, and on the other hand cases where people mixed day after day with others when they had the fever.

Mr Lunn remarked that there were only two cases of fever in the district, as there was room for them.

At this stage Dr. Lowe, representing the military authorities, attended the meeting. His first question was as to whether the Rothwell Council could assure them of being able to take care of typhoid and typhoid into their isolation hospital should the necessity arise.

Dr. Stevenson said he had conferred with the Urban Council, and they were quite prepared to take in as many cases as they could.

Dr. Lowe said the question of the water supply had arisen from the German Colonies—German Togoland. Each prisoner would be medically examined upon arrival, and if found necessary to the supply of water to the Park, Dr. Lowe was informed of the effort to get Stanley to fix up a main, and it was decided to ask the Council's surveyor meet the doctor on the following day and inform him of the result.

The Chairman moved the doctor of the Council's desire to do their best for the military authorities.

Dr. Lowe expressed his appreciation and thanks on behalf of the authorities.

HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT.

The medical officer presented his report for the month, and it showed that there had been 21 cases of scarlet fever, 11 cases of typhoid, seven cases of diphtheria, and two cases of erysipelas. Of those fourteen patients had been removed to the hospital, while during the month eighteen had been discharged, leaving twenty-three Rothwell cases still in the institution. During the same period the births numbered twenty-nine (fifteen males and fourteen females). The deaths totalled twenty-six.

Mr Lunn asked if there was any explanation of the statement of Mr Chadwick, and that the Council should be informed of the cause.

Dr. Stevenson replied that they came across very many cases of scarlet fever from earlier fever cases, about for about three weeks before they were discovered.

WATER COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Water Committee showed that the average daily consumption of water in the district was as follows:—Rothwell 171,000 gallons, Carlton 34,000 against 46,000, 50,000, Stourton 54,000 against 46,000, 50,000. The report of Mr Brooke on the water supply to the district from Leeds and Ardsley were considered. It was resolved that the 4 inch main in the Leeds and Wakefield Road from the cricket field to the end of the main beyond Lofthouse Park Farm, and the 5 inch Lofthouse Park Farm, and the 5 inch Lofthouse Park to the Thorpe reservoir to Mrs Gould's be scraped and lined with cement, and that a quote be obtained. The main in Haigh immediately and adjacent to the Rothwell Workhouse be scraped, and Mr Brooke's suggestion to turn the Ardsley water from Haigh to Carlton and on to Lofthouse, shutting off 6 inch and 4 inch on the main to Carlton, and the main at Cooper's farm is to be adopted. The Clerk was instructed to inform the War Office that the main to Lofthouse Park was being scraped at once, and to suggest that they should put a larger service direct in the Leeds City boxes. It was decided to ask the Leeds City Council to consent to a meter being placed on the 8 inch main at Thwaite Gate, which would allow the Council to be used. It was resolved that the application of the Yorkshire Electrical Power Co. for an overhead cable across the fields on the west side of the Leeds and Wakefield Road opposite Lofthouse Park, and to continue the cable under the Leeds and Wakefield Road to Lofthouse Park be sanctioned. It was decided that the provision of meters be deferred to next meeting, and that before the proposed alterations to the Thwaite John O'Gaunt's be approved. It was also resolved that the fire appliances at Stourton be tested by the firemen.

Letters were read from Mr Summers, of Lofthouse, and Mr J. D. Lees, in regard to shortage at Lofthouse and Langley.

The minutes were passed.

LIGHTING.

At a meeting of the Lamps and Gas Committee the meter readings were considered, the monthly consumption being Rothwell gas 294,000 cubic feet, and Leeds gas 54,000. An application was made by the Thorpe Ratepayers' Association for 3 lamps at the end of Ashfield Terrace, Belmont Terrace, and Lofthouse Lane. Mr Armitage undertook to view and report. Mr McCullough reported that the deputation had met the Rothwell Gas Committee, who foreshadowed a reduction in the price of gas all through the district in the near future. They offered, if the committee would adopt all-night lighting in November, December, and January, to reduce the price of gas 2d. per 1,000 feet during those months. It was resolved that all-night lighting be adopted for three months.—Mr McCullough said that the Gas Company had said they would when the war was over consider a general reduction not only for the three months but throughout.

The minutes were passed.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—More corn on offer, and a better attendance of dealers, with an improved demand. Wheat 34s. to 38s., secondary demand. Wheat 34s. to 38s., secondary demand. Oats 35s., malting barley 29s. to 32s., oats 21s. to 23s. 6d., rye 29s. to 30s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 6 and 7 for 18.; butter 1s. 3d. per lb.; chickens 3s. 6d. to 4s.; ducks 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Little offering, due to the small prices, and a dull trade. Farmers are generally taking up crops while the fine weather lasts in readiness for Martinmas. Up-to-dates and, Eclipse 40s. to 42s. 6d., sand Kings 35s. to 37s. 6d., sharps 50s. to 55s. per ton, retail 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per hamper.

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GARFORTH AUCTION MART, Monday.—Mr W. Ash had a short supply of fat cattle, and a good show of sheep. An average attendance of butchers was present, and a brisk trade engaged taking up crops while the fine weather lasts in readiness for Martinmas. Up-to-dates and, Eclipse 40s. to 42s. 6d., sand Kings 35s. to 37s. 6d., sharps 50s. to 55s. per ton, retail 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per hamper.

TADCASTER, Monday.—At this auction mart to-day Messrs Thornton and Sad had forward a fairly good show of well-finished stock; the attendance of butchers and dealers was not up to the average, and trade ruled about late up to the average, and trade ruled about late and slow, most making from 8s. 6d. to 9s. per stone, very choice making to 9s. 3d. per stone, very choice making to 9s. 3d. per stone. Sheep met a good demand, making 9½d. to 10d. per lb. Pork pigs good to sell, making from per lb. Pork pigs good to sell, making from 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Bullocks made 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Bullocks made 8s. £31 10s., £31 15s., and £32; seven good bullocks from Mr C. Gypson, of Grimston, made £23 15s., £24 5s., £21 15s., £21 5s., £22 £23 15s., £24 5s., £21 15s., £21 5s., £22 £23 15s., £24 5s., £21 15s., £21 5s., £22 and £19 7s. 6d.; four good bullocks from Mr J. Swalley, of Heslington, made £22 17s. 6d., £22 5s., £22 7s. 6d.; two bullocks from Misses Ismay, of Escrick, made £22 10s. each; two bullocks from Mr R. Ramsden, of Oxton Hall, made £23 2s. 6d. and £21 15s.; three bullocks from Mr J. Dunnington, of Heslington, made £21 15s., £21 15s., and £21; seven good bullocks from Mr C. Gypson, of Grimston, made £23 15s., £24 5s., £21 15s., £21 5s., £22 £23 15s., £24 5s., £21 15s., £21 5s., £22 and £19 7s. 6d.; four good bullocks from Mr J. Swalley, of Heslington, made £22 17s

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THE DOUBLE CHANCE.

By J. S. FLETCHER

Author of "The Threshing Floor," "Wi... Charles I. Was King," "Daniel Quayle," "The Pindell."

CHAPTER XXIV.

From the feeling of half-wild and primitive joy which impelled the Mannerseley folk to give their favourite the heartiest of demonstrations on his release, their entire community was suddenly brought face to face with the conviction of awful tragedy and sorrow. Those men who a moment before had been shouting and yelling at the top of their voices, grew strangely silent, and turned to look at each other with white faces; the women on the fringe of the crowd who had been laughing and waving their hands at the two convicts on the court house steps began to scream and weep, and in the case of those whose men had gone down with the *Lusitania*, to develop hysterics. For a full two minutes everything around the court, which, as the principal building in the mining village, stood in the open space in the centre of the main street, was a scene of confusion, of women's cries, of men's hoarse voices, of excited questionings. And then, as with a common impulse, everybody there, high and low, old and young, set off, a motley mass of humanity, —pushing, struggling, exclaiming—for the pithead, over which still hung the great sun-coloured cloud of smoke, out of which the telltale flame and flash of the explosion had died away as suddenly as it had occurred.

If anyone there had had time to think he would have noticed the horrible contrast between the calm pitilessness of Nature and the terror-striking aspects of the situation. It was a glorious summer morning—a morning which had made Phillips' heart, naturally light and buoyant, dance, in spite of all her recent troubles, so full was it of life and the gladness of the blue sky above the old Phillips which surrounded the ancient Castle the rooks were circling and eddying in a cloudless sky of June; on the south side of the valley birds were singing and insects humming in an abandon of delight at the warmth and brightness of summer. The long and formal rows of miners' cottages, stretching down from the main street to the river, seemed to take some shadow of new colouring from the sun; in them such children as were not at school were playing merrily. Everything looked bright that morning—the majority of the men had evidently meant to make holiday, and had donned their best clothes and their brightest neckerchiefs; the women had laughed and chatted at their doors. But now, with that awful pillar of slowly-drifting smoke hanging over the giant shafting of the colliery, the brightness and gaiety had gone, and in their place was nothing but fear and desolation, and the mind-tearing horror of uncertainty.

Phillips's motor-car was standing near the court-house, and before she fully realised what was happening she found herself in it, with Clinton at her side, and Inspector Cortelyou on the opposite side, speeding away in the direction of the pit-yard. On all sides men, women, and children were hastening in the same direction.

It was with difficulty that Phillips refrained from bursting into tears as the motor swung round into the pit-yard. The folk who lived nearest to the colliery had naturally streamed towards it at the first alarm, and had made for the shaft, from which point their own sense of order and fear of impeding rescue measures now kept them off. They stood in crowded ranks, which were momentarily added to as fresh contingents came hurrying in, and over them had fallen a silence that seemed worse than loud outcries of grief. They gazed at the motor and its occupants with eyes which seemed to see nothing as the driver made his way to the engine-house—at any other time they would have greeted Phillips and her cousin with a rousing cheer. And as the motor stopped and its occupants got out, some of the women rushed forward and seized the young mistress's arms as they could lay hold of her—by her hands, her sleeve, her gown.

"Oh, Miss Phillips, my man's down—and he only wed a month, Miss!" Oh, Miss Phillips, get 'em to do something!"

"Oh, miss, there's my husband and the three lads all down—all! Have in the world!"

Quinton firmly but kindly pushed the women aside, and hurried Phillips towards the door of the engine-house.

"Now, my good souls, let Miss Mannersley through," he said. "We'll do everything we can to get the men up—don't interfere with us —let us get to work."

Clinton sprang back on the car which they had just left, and, taking off his cap, faced the people, who at sight of him became as quiet as a flock of sheep.

"Now, lads and lassies!" he said, his voice ringing far out across the pit-yard. "There's one thing for you to do—keep your hearts up! We'll have a rescue-party down in no time, and Mr. Quinton and I are going down with it. We'll not be the first men to go down and lad out safe and sound; and if we can't—well, then Heaven's will be done. Show yourselves brave men and women!"

Then he turned and ran for the engine-house, where Quinton had already joined Phillips, and was busily talking to an anxious and white-faced knot of officials, who were pouring in upon him disjointed scraps of information.

"There'll be about five hundred down—maybe a few less, sir!

"It must have been in one of the far workings—the shaft's clearing now."

"The running-gear's all right—we can get down."

Quinton gathered up every scrap of news as it fell, and sent one man here, another there. The entire staff began to bustle about, and Quinton turned to Phillips and the young Baronet.

"We'll be able to get down soon," he said. "I'll pick out the most likely men as volunteers—every man in the yard would go, given the chance."

"I'm going," said Clinton.

The manager looked at him with a keen glance, and then at Phillips. Her eyes telegraphed her answer back to him.

"Yes!"

Quinton, as in a flash, knew what she was thinking. This was the right thing to do—this act of heroism would wipe out all Clinton's shortcomings, his youthful escapades. He knew, then that Phillips loved Clinton, and that his own cause was hopeless, and he admired her all the more because she was courageous enough to let the man she cared for go, in certain danger of possible death.

"All right," he said. "I'll see about things."

And he hurried on, leaving Phillips and Clinton alone. The officials in the engine house were busied in various ways—the cousins stood apart in a corner looking on upon the anxious, patient crowd outside. And suddenly they turned and looked at each other.

"Phillips," said Clinton, "you never doubled me!"

"Never for one moment, Clinton," she answered.

"I knew it would come right," he said. "It's been like an awful dream, these last three years. But—it will be right now?"

"Yes," she said. "It's over—now."

Then she suddenly had a vision of the black depths far below, of what had gone on there so few, few minutes before, of what might be going on there now; of men, dying, horses lying dead or dying in the poisonous, curling vapours; and she suddenly sank down into the nearest chair and turned very white.

"Oh, Clinton!" she gasped. "I—I don't want you to go!"

Clinton turned a set face to her—there was a stern look on it that she had never seen there before.

"Hush, Phillipa!" he said. "None of that, now. This is where I pay old scores off, don't you see. I'm going—and I'm not coming up until I've done all I can. I've done plenty of work things in my time—now I'm going to do something strong. You be strong too. We'll have time enough to think about ourselves when that's done."

"Supposing you're killed?" she whispered.

"I told you—none of that," he said, sternly. "If I am—well, I shall be trying to do something decent, any way. This is going to be the start of a new life, Phillipa, whether it's short or long."

Phillipa regained her self-possession with a great effort, and, rising to her feet, took Clinton's hand and pressed it.

"Yes, you're right, dear," she said. "Forgive me—after all, I'm only a girl."

Clinton pondered through the window. Outside in the yard Quinton and his undermanager were being joined by men anxious to join the rescue-party. Amongst them towered the big form of Black Moses Pogmore. Quinton turned to him, and motioned him to the engine-house; then to another, and another, until a dozen men had passed inside, of whom one was Jim Britten. Phillips and Clinton approached him.

"You going down, Jim?" said Clinton. "Remember, we all your mother's got."

"I shouldn't dare to face her, sir, if I didn't go down," said Jim, standing in spite of the concern on his face. "She'd tell me her mind pretty hot and strong, I can tell you."

Quinton came up, followed by the district inspector, who had just arrived. Both ran their eyes over the men whom the manager had picked for the rescue-party.

"It's fortunate that we've got everything that's modern in the way of appliances," said Quinton, hurriedly. "There's no need to send for anything. You, Britten, and you, Pogmore, get out the things, and see that every one is properly fitted and understands how the appliances work. Sir Clinton, you help Britten and Pogmore—Britten'll explain how the working of the oxygen tubes to you if you don't know. Miss Mannersley, if you want to do something, go to the yard and walk down below before the people and talk to them, especially to the women. Keep them cool and hopeful—that's the thing."

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She had reached the further end of the yard when she met Inspector Cortelyou, who seemed to be engaged on a similar mission to her own. Together they turned and made up the other side of the yard; and suddenly a woman—a colourless, thin, half-starved looking woman, ragged, scarred and grey—rushed her way out of the small house like the half-ruin from that marked the deadly whirl. And now he could see plainly the grim crag that kept watch over that ghastly abyss—and now he almost touched the outermost eddy-end of the boat, dragged into it and began to spin dizzily round in lessening circles nearer and nearer to his doom.

And all this while the gathering ripples sparkled around him, the sun shone gloriously in a cloudless sky, the white-winged sea-birds soared rejoicingly overhead, and seemed to mock him with their festival of life.

It was hard to die amid all this brightness and beauty; but die he must, for there was no way of escape. Even in this last moment of misery, with the boat whirling and leaping around him, the brave boy did not lose his presence of mind. One faint chance was still left to him, and he seized it.

As the boat made its first circuit round the central crag before plunging down into the depths below, he sprang into the gunwale, and, exerting all his wonderful agility, made a prodigious leap, that landed him on the lowest ledge of the rock, bruised, bleeding, dizzy, but saved for the moment. In another instant the deserted boat had vanished for ever into the gaping whirlpool.

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It was a long task, but he completed it at last with the greatest exactness, and then took heart, hoping that the sight of his figure standing out against the sky might attract the notice of some passing fisherman.

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Drawn into the Whirlpool.

SHORT STORY

Under the lee of a small island on the north-west coast of Norway a young fisher had lay sleeping in the boat in which he had been out all night, unconscious of the grim face and cruel eye that watched him from the tiki above with a look that looked him no good. Then there, two men came pulling sound the point behind which his boat was moored, and one of them said to the other, loud enough to be heard by the hidden watcher overhead, though not to wake the sleeper:

"There's a rich Englishman come into Langenes, in his yacht, and he's offered a big reward to any man that'll find out what those letters are that are carved on the Sea King's Grave."

"Why don't he offer a reward for the moon?" laughed the other. "Does he think any money can tempt men to go right into a whirlpool that would swallow the stoutest boat in these seas like a biscuit?"

"But they say that at the flood-tide you may go through it without harm, if you start just at the right moment."

"Ay! if you do. But who would be fool enough to risk it?"

Then they passed on, and their voices were lost in the distance.

The moment their boat was out of sight, behind the rocks, a wild face peered through the matted boughs overhead, and a bulky figure rose stealthily from the bushes and crept downward towards the sleeping boy, with a long knife in its hand. One quick slash cut the mooring-rope, and the boat slowly drifted seaward with its slumbering occupant.

"The current sets straight for the whirlpool," muttered the ruffian, with a cruel laugh, "and, cool and hopeful—that's the only thing."

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Mingling with the shout came the splash of Wade's plunge into the water. Exerting all his strength, the active boy leaped far beyond the treacherous eddy that would have sucked him down among the sunken rocks, and in another moment he was safe in the boat, which turned and shot away from the perilous spot as lightly as the sea-birds overhead.

A few days later the boy-hero received the reward that he had so strangely won; and thus the would-be murderer, instead of destroying his victim, actually helped him to earn more money than he had ever made in his life. But the wicked villain got wholly unpunished, for the end of the cut rope having been found, and suspicion directed towards him, he had to sneak away by night, and never dared to show his face on that coast again.

HINTS FOR THE HOME

STAINS ON BONE KNIFE-HANDLES.

These are often only on the surface, and can be removed by cleaning them with a flannel and dampened knife. Wipe them in clean water, then polish with a piece of dry chamois.

Stubborn stains should be treated with a little salt of lemon, which three days, however, be quickly washed off. Well rinse, afterwards.

HINTS FOR AMATEUR PAINTERS.

Rinse all brushes in turpentine after using, then grease with a mixture of vaseline and oil to prevent the bristles getting hard. To remove paint spots from wood, cover with a thick paste of lime and soda and leave for twenty-four hours; then wash off with warm water. To remove paint from windows, dissolve strong soda in boiling water, and when cool wash the windows with it, using a sponge or soft flannel. Fresh paint spots may be removed from clothes by first wiping off as much as paint as possible, then rubbing with a flannel dipped in spirits of wine. Do not work near a bare light, as the spirits are highly inflammable. To remove the smell of fresh paint from a newly-painted room, place near the wainscot one or two tubs of cold water. In two or three days the coolness of the tubs will have absorbed the smell of the paint.

EXERCISE FOR BRAIN WORKERS.

Should a tired man tire himself out further with muscular exercise? asks a writer in the *Family Doctor*. To make a business man to leave his desk to play tennis? Agreement seems good on either side. Those who say "yes" say that tennis will improve his digestion, and quiet him perspire, and thus improve his digestion; and quiet him perspire, and thus improve his digestion; and quiet him perspire, and thus improve his digestion;

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LIGHTS OF OULTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should like through the columns of your paper to draw attention to the extraordinary brilliance of the lights at Oulton. The effect of this brilliance has been that in many houses candles are being used, the people being afraid of their eyesight. I have only just come to Oulton, which makes me notice the effect so clearly. I also hear that the gas is only 3s. 2d. per 1,000 ft., which I make out means that however the Gas Co. can afford to be so liberal with the quality and quantity of the supply, this in spite of the fact that the dividend is only 10 per cent., plus a bonus.—Yours, etc.,

GLOW-WORM.

Oulton, nr. Leeds, October 8th, 1914.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I can quite understand your Sycamore correspondent hoping for the last of this correspondence.

He makes a statement which all the clubs in our division may equally take exception to, and then when challenged for an explanation, he says—"I cannot explain the reason publicly or I would most willingly do so."

But, sir, therein lies my accusation! He makes a statement and then cannot, or will not, verify it.

Surely if a correspondent makes a public statement to which exception is taken, he should be in a position to at least make a public explanation.

The very fact of having, as he says, a reason for making use of the words complained of, proves to the hilt that there must be something underlying his remarks, and which I should call an insinuation. I have, therefore, nothing to withdraw. Seeing that he has not the courage to publicly explain, maybe he will give me a private explanation.—Yours, etc.,

A. B. HOLGREAVES,
Hon. Sec., Church Fenton C.C.

13th October, 1914.

KIPPAX COUNCIL AND TRACKLESS TRAMS.

SCARCITY OF WATER—LIGHTING.

A meeting of Kippax Parish Council was held at Kippax on Monday evening—Mr S. R. Silverwood (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. Cripavil, W. Mellor, D. Mackintosh, G. Cooper, and W. Firth (who is the successor of the late Mr James Hewitt), with the Clerk (Mr W. Cripavil).

A letter had been sent by property-owners in Leeds Hill requesting the Council to take steps as to the putting up of a gas lamp in the back street, which not being lighted, was an inconvenience to all concerned. The Chairman stated that the recommendations of the parish meeting had been exceeded, and no fewer than three additional lamps had been erected. Mr Cripavill: It is impossible to supply lamps to every place. I think that we, as a Council, have done very well.—The Clerk explained that the sum allowed for lighting purposes would not permit of any more lamps being put down. It was agreed to advise those who wanted additional lamps to make application to the parish meeting.

Mr Mackintosh complained that two lamps in Well Lane needed attention. The lights were very bad, and he moved that the gas manager be written to respecting them. This was seconded, and agreed to.

Mr Mellor stated that the residents in New Street were badly served in regard to a water supply. They were without water several days in the week. Could nothing be done to remedy this grievance? Mr Cripwell: I think the remedy is quite simple, and I will move that the Water Committee's attention be called to this matter.—This was seconded by Mr Mellor, and carried.

Leakages from two closets in New Street were complained of, and it was agreed to write to Mr Driver, sanitary inspector, about this nuisance.

The Chairman introduced the question of trackless trams, and the making of application to the tramways manager at Leeds for a service to be run to Kippax.—Mr Cripwell: The last interview we had with the tramways manager, he informed us that it was too late to do anything in it. I think it very probable that when opportunity offers our application will be favourably considered.—Mr Cooper: We are seriously handicapped here in Kippax for want of a tram service. I was decidedly in favour of making application to the tramways manager in Leeds as to trackless trams being run to Kippax.

The Clerk stated that on Saturday afternoon the Kippax Old Bind went round the village and members of the Distress Committee and members of the Ambulance Brigade had solicited subscriptions en route for the National Relief Fund, and the collection had realised the sum of £6. Six guineas had been received from the Co-operative Society for this fund, and the society had also contributed three guineas to the Belgian Relief Fund. With a view to further augmenting the Distress Fund the Vicar (Rev. E. B. Smith) had kindly promised to provide a room and a magic-lantern and lecture on "How Germany makes war," etc.

AN OULTON MAN'S WEDDING.

The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, at St. Peter's Church, Piccadilly, of Mr Stanley Davenport, elder son of Mr and Mrs. J. E. Davenport, of Oulton, and Miss Gladys E. Holdsworth, only daughter of Mr J. A. Holdsworth and Mrs. Holdsworth, of Leinster Gardens, Lancaster Gate.

The bride was attended by three bridesmaids, and the bridegroom by his brother, Mr Harold Davenport of the West Yorkshire Regiment, as best man.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom left for their South Coast.

Application is to be made by the County Council to the Local Government Board to restrict the speed of motor cars to 10 miles an hour in the town of Tadcaster.

WHO BUYS?—Among those who have bought socks in which Canada's gift of flour to this country is being received is Mr T. K. Fielden, of Grimston Park. The socks cost 9s. each, and two-thirds of the proceeds go to the Prince of Wales' Fund and the remainder to the Belgian Relief Fund. Applications should be addressed to Mr H. F. Le Bas, joint hon. sec., National Relief Fund, York House, St. James's Palace, London. Each sock is stamped "Canada's gift."

WOODLESFORD HOMING SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday the annual meeting of Woodlesford and District Homing Society was held, and the prizes for the year were distributed. Mr E. Pritchard presided.

The secretary (Mr T. W. Nettleton) presented his report as follows:—As you are aware the racing season was brought to a close on account of the war, in which, as you all know, the society is represented by one of its members. From a financial point of view the season has been a fairly good one, the income being £22 os. 2½d., and the expenditure £14 15s. 6d., leaving a balance of £7 4s. 8½d. to be distributed in prizemoney. As regards racing, the club has sent 504 birds to race points, and Mr J. Newbould tops the club's list with 2 firsts and 1 second, also winning the old bird average. Mr R. Carter wins the young bird average. Messrs Hall and Pritchard win the old and young bird average combined. The club has done well out of the Yorkshire Combine. Messrs Hall and Pritchard won the section prize for Rennes race; and Mr H. Dickinson and Mr W. Mountford secured prizes in the Guernsey race.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing season:—President, Mr S. Bayliss; secretary, Mr T. W. Nettleton; treasurer, Mr J. Bayliss; auditors, Messrs P. C. Higgins and W. Mountford.

PROMINENT SELBY MAN HONOURED.

MR COCHRANE AND THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN MAN.

At the Grosvenor Hotel, Hull, on Tuesday night, the Presbytery of Yorkshire entertained Mr and Mrs Andrew Cochrane, of Selby, to a complimentary dinner on the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding. Mr and Mrs Cochrane are well known in Yorkshire, and particularly in Hull and Selby districts. Mr Cochrane is one of the foremost trawler builders and owners on the East Coast, and is a prominent example of the self-made man.

The Rev. P. Duncan, who spoke to the Presbytery, said that the Presbytery, at its last meeting, learned with great joy that Mr and Mrs Cochrane had attained the celebration of their golden wedding. They all rejoiced with them at that time, and they all desired to wish them happiness as Mr Cochrane had given them happiness and cheer in their work. Many a church in the Presbytery had taken heart and gone forward through Mr Cochrane. (Hear, hear). His many gifts towards church extension had made such a thing practicable in the Presbytery of Yorkshire. They had all had ambition in that direction, but they were never any more than ambitious until recently, and it was his hope that the new base at Carcroft, near Doncaster, would go down as to Cochrane memorial. (Hear, hear). It was the desire of every member of the Presbytery that Mr and Mrs Cochrane should have a very happy "gloaming," to use a good old Scotch word. (Applause).

Mr Duncan handed the album to Mrs Cochrane, saying: "I have great pleasure in handing this album to you as the better half, in the name of the Presbytery, and in expressing to you our sincere congratulations and earnest hopes that you will be long spared to us and to each other." (Applause).

The toast of the health of Mr and Mrs Cochrane was drunk with great enthusiasm, accompanied by the singing of "They, are jolly good fellows."

Mr Cochrane was very heartily received on rising to reply on behalf of his wife and himself. He had so many thoughts that he did not know how to extricate them and say just what he wanted to say. There was no doubt they had had a good time during the last 50 years. Mr Duncan was quite right when he said Mrs Cochrane was the better half; there was no doubt about that. From the bottom of his heart he thanked them for all the kind words, and for the beautiful souvenir they had presented to Mrs Cochrane and himself. They had referred to what he had been able to do for the Church, but he had only done his duty. He believed it was the duty of every Christian man, if God prospered him, to do what he could to help the improvement of his fellow men, whether morally, socially, or religiously. He looked back now to the days when his ambition was to be his own employer. There was no such thing as being independent. He had been. He would rather have it read "For the great privilege of doing good with it." That was the greatest privilege any man could have. It was all very well for them to congratulate him for what he had done, but he believed that after all he got the most joy out of it. (Applause).

SOUTH MILFORD FANCIERS' SOCIETY.

It has been decided to give the net proceeds of the forthcoming poultry show of the South Milford and District Fanciers' Society to the War Fund.

COMFORTS FOR SOLDIERS.—The following articles have been sent by the Wetherby branch of the St. John Ambulance Association for the use of the soldiers during the war—206 blankets, 15 pairs of socks, 129 white shirts, 277 grey suits, 49 pyjama suits, 97 bed jackets, 70 nightingales, 168 pillow cases, 10 pairs of sleeves, 8 unbleached night shirts, 2 belts, 66 hospital bed covers, 2 pairs bandages, 14 natural night shirts, 49 aprons, 30 vests, 64 pairs of sheets, 18 helpless shirts, 12 helmets, 7 mufflers, 69 cushions, 1 pair of mittens, 24 slings, 3 old sheets, and several rolls of old linen for hospital use.

TADCASTER COUNCIL SCHOOL.—The scholars attending all the departments of the above school recently made contributions for buying wool, which the girls knitted into socks, etc. Last week a parcel made up of 22 pairs socks, 3 belts, 25 pairs mittens, 5 pairs cuffs, and 9 helmets, was forwarded to Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London. The following reply has been received:—"Gifts to the troops at the front, from the Queen and the women of the Empire. Devonshire House, Piccadilly.—The lady-in-waiting is commanded by the Queen to thank the scholars of the West Riding County School for their kind gift of socks and other comforts.—October 12th."

THE LATE MR R. B. ATKINSON, YORK.—The death has taken place at his residence, 43, Cromer Street, York, of Mr Richard Baillie Atkinson, late N.E.R. Permanent Way Inspector at Pontefract. Deceased, who was 83 years of age, had served 45 years on the N.E.R., and had been in retirement many years. Previous to being an inspector at Pontefract he held a similar position at Howden, Hull, etc. He began first as a plate-layer, attached to a Malton gang. The late Mr Atkinson was born at Tadcaster, and lived for a long time at Appleton Roebuck. He was twice married, his second wife dying about 24 years ago. He leaves a family of three daughters and one son.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace, this week Vesta Tilley proves that it is not necessary for a patriotic song, in order to rouse enthusiasm, to be shouted in stentorian tones. Her serious contribution to topical vocalism is sung in the quiet style that is so characteristic of this refined artiste, though at times she is rather inclined to overstrain her voice. Equally popular, though in a lighter vein, is the soldier song in which she shows "Tommy" in his swaggering mood, and in both she is, of course, immaculately uniformed. These are only two of the songs with which she delights the audience. The Two Tomboys are rightly described. Their performance is said to be "the only lady humpsti-bumpsti act in vaudeville," and they certainly are extremely clever knockabouts, as well as very amusing. The Artois Brothers are also funny and agile on the horizontal bar. Barrett and Knowles are an entertaining couple, and Lona Wayne does two monologues effectively.

Gertie Gitana, the favourite dancer and character delineator, is the principal attraction at the Empire on Monday next. Another strong turn on the programme is provided by George Carney, "The Fool of the Force," who has had a rude reminder of the truth in the statement that "a policeman's lot is not a happy one." There is no telling quite how awkward a fetish might have proved to his capture by the Germans and detention as a prisoner of war, had not the advent of the British cruiser "Highflyer" set him at liberty. As a victim of many troubles who, unable to afford Sanatogen prescribed by the doctor, has pinned her faith to gin of the ordinary variety, and as a harassed Dundry proprietress, Harriett Edgar contributes an excellent turn. A turn of unusual character is that of Zikaree Ermakow. For sheer ordinary stature, this bearded Russian gives a display with a repoussé ringing from the modern rifle to the bow and arrow. Novelty may be fairly claimed for the entertainment presented by May Erne and Chester, with whose bright conception Empire audiences will renew a pleasurable acquaintance. A clever pair of simultaneous dancers are Devon and Earle, and Millie Payne is presenting her latest successes. The Rex Pantomime Company will leave the British and Colonial troops in France are shown as received from the Moss' Empires special photographers with the forces.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week the Two Bobs are at the head of affairs. They come with a budget of new rag-time numbers, which are rendered with that zest and humour which first made them popular here. The performance of Romain Noiset, "sur la table du Diable," is peculiarly daring; Mignon Elise and Eddy Foy present a pleasing pot-pourri of clever dancing, instrumental selections, and animal impersonation; J. P. Ling, is a comedian and mimic of more than average merit; Les Andres are capable exponents of "the dances of the nations," and David Poole's ventriloquial sketch is interesting. Bessie Benson, comedienne, and the Three Lascelles also contribute to the programme. Next week at the Hippodrome Fred Karno's Company will appear in the screaming production "Perkins, M.P.," with Tom Nelson in the title role, and Viviana and Co., including Mark Lupino, will present the comedy "The Toy Shop." Others announced to contribute to the programme are Kay and Gee, society entertainers; Horace Wheatley, the genial Irishman; Bella and Jules Terry, with Bessie, the extra bit, at the piano; the Heweys, who will present an artistic combination of voice, flute, 'cello, and piano; George Ross, the "topsy-turvy" pianist and versatile entertainer; and Syd May, mimic of star artistes.

DESTRUCTIVE FARM FIRE AT CAWOOD.

On Tuesday night a destructive fire occurred at Scalm Park Farm, the premises of Mr Ireland, in the Cawood district. Six 40 seven bay and straw stacks were involved. On the Selby fire brigade reaching the farm they found that a haystack was nearly destroyed. The nearest supply of water was about three-quarters of a mile away, and the brigade had to send back to Selby for additional hose piping.

The efforts of the Selby Brigade, together with the help of willing workers, succeeded in keeping the fire within bounds. Serious damage was, however, done. A large stack of oats, threshed oats and barley, and a quantity of hay were destroyed. Other stacks and buildings, adjacent to the burning corn, were saved.

The damage amounted to £200. The brigade only reached home at seven o'clock on Wednesday night. They were hampered by the supply of water being a mile away, and after the fire was subdued they could not leave as the smouldering remains of the stacks presented a danger. The continuous exertions of the brigade and willing helpers saved the remaining stacks, and the adjoining buildings, which were undamaged.

Mr J. T. Houlden, of Tadcaster, has given £1 ios. to the West Riding Distress Fund.

On Saturday Shadwell boys were defeated in a football match by Isles Lane School by a goal to nil.

On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster had a football match with York St. Clement's, and it was drawn—one goal each.

A sum of 17s. 6d., collected at the Wellington Inn, Shadwell, has been sent to the Leeds National Relief Fund by Mrs G. Shepherd.

The magistrates at Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday were Alf. E. C. Brook-Kirk (Chairman), Mr E. M. Lawson Smith, and Mr J. H. Ingleby.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.—The County Council have decided to accept the offer of the Earl of Londesborough to give the site of an old pinfold for the purpose of widening the Leeds and Selby main road at its junction with the road leading to South Milford at Monk Fryston, and to expend the sum of £25 in erecting a fence wall and carrying out road works.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—Eleven more Belgian refugees arrived in the village on Wednesday night. This makes a total of 17 now in Monk Fryston and Hillam. They are all mostly of the peasant class, and are being well provided for by the local committee, who are receiving generous offers of help from the villagers. The last contingent are from the neighbourhood of Namur.

PATENTS.—Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application (Complete Specification Left).—Charles McCarthy, Stamford, improvements in pencil holders. Patents accepted—Albrecht and Albrecht, Ltd., and W. H. Albrecht, Leeds, improvements in suit boxes. J. Bevan, F. Thurman, and H. C. Wood, Tadcaster, centrifugal separators for sewage, etc. (patent of addition).

ROTHWELL COLLIERY OWNERS AT LAW.

CASE SETTLED.

The case of Charlesworth v. Charlesworth, in which all the parties are either shareholders or directors of J. and J. Charlesworth and Co., colliery proprietors, of Rothwell, was before Mr Justice Joyce in the Chancery Division on Thursday.

Mr Tomlin, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said the parties had come to an arrangement which would save the necessity of a trial. The subject affecting the honour and motives of the directors of the company should be withdrawn, and that the plaintiffs desired to do in the fullest possible way. Counsel thought himself justified in saying that neither on the motion nor now had he ever intended to say anything affecting the honour of these gentlemen.

Mr Upjohn (for the defendants): Speaking for myself, I did not read the pleadings as containing any imputations against their honour.

His Lordship: If the directors were wrong they did not intend to go wrong; they were wrongly advised, that is all.

An order was accordingly made to rectify the register, and stay all proceedings, on the agreed terms.

A CURIOUS SUPERSTITION.

Many Greeks firmly believe to this day in a curious heathen notion, which holds that the fate of every child is decided by a council of three mysterious spirits, who are spoken of collectively as the "Moral." These three "Fates" are supposed to be invisible women who come on a visit of inspection shortly after the birth of each child. They always come after sundown, says the explanation, and the Greek, placing a ready-burning lamp in a lattice, which is usually in the house and a visit from the Moral is expected, carefully leave one door open and lay a feast and money-offerings all ready for the Fates when they should arrive.

In many parts of England there still lingers a belief that every child, when first he leaves his mother's room, should be carried upstairs before he is taken down, as this will ensure his progress in the world and make him successful. If the baby happens to be born in the topmost room of the house, then the nurse, holding him in her arms, steps up on to a chair placed on the threshold of the room. If this is done, they say, then the child will set out in life with every chance of success.

A CREAM FOR THE HANDS.

Buy some spermaceti wax from the chemist, and an ounce of oil of almonds. Cut up the wax into a small jar, and stand the jar in a boiling water until the wax has run to a liquid. Then measure out two teaspoonfuls of wax, and add to the oil of almonds, which must be warmed. Beaten well, it should cool like a very smooth cream. When it is nearly cold, add fourteen drops of essence of lemon. Pour into a small pot. This whitens the hands if rubbed in at night.

Harewood school children and friends have sent £1 3s. to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

Five guineas have been sent to the Belgian Refugee Fund by Mr J. B. Blatherwick, Roundhay.

The children of Seacroft National School have sent £1 4s. to the Leeds Lord Mayor's Belgian Refugee Fund.

After evensong at St. John's Church, Roundhay, on Sunday night, at an organ recital by Mr H. Pickard, a collection for Belgian refugees in Leeds realised £7.

MONK FRYSTON.—The harvest festival was held at the Parish Church on Thursday evening last. The church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and there was an abundance of plants, corn, flowers, and fruit. The church service was choral, more pleasingly decorated, the work of adornment having been carried out by Mr R. Foster (head gardener to the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A.), and his assistants. The preacher was the Rev. W. A. Hewett, M.A. (rector of Castleford), and he preached an excellent and appropriate sermon to a large congregation. A special feature of the service was the special singing by the choir, who rendered an anthem and harvest hymns very pleasingly, under the direction of Mr D. G. Morris (organist). The collection in aid of the Leeds Infirmary and York Hospital. Services were held on Sunday. The Rev. W. M. C. Clarke (vicar) preached in the morning, and in the evening the Rev. F. A. Gumbley (vicar of Castleford) occupied the pulpit. There was a large congregation. The choir again rendered the anthem "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem." The collections were in aid of the School Fund and Choir Fund.

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In common with every part of the country, Berkshire has to bound to suffer in the cruel war which the Kaiser has forced upon Europe. Already men from Holmes, Sells, Tadcaster, Aberford, and Cawood have laid down their lives for their country, and, although I regret the many sacrifices of a similar character will be demanded from the districts, I am unpardonable that a much heavier toll will be exacted ere the war is over. Like the mother, the soldier is always face to face with danger, and he never knows when the call may come for action. Of one thing, however, we are certain—that our men fight and die like heroes. Since the War, I think the Brit-ish fighting man hitherto so often despised will be treated with that respect which is due to him.

From the district many officers have gone to the Army, and the following is list the services of at least one evangelical. Lieut. A. L. P. Griffith, son of the Vicar of Thorpe-le-th, has been recommended for special mention in Sir John French's last despatch published this week. Mr. Griffith will suffer in Cawood Hall. Lieut. Cunningham, son of Mr. Cunningham, Field Surgeon, has been attached for staff duty. Lieut. Cunningham is in the Intelligence Department, and is parish meeting, until a recent visit to Belgium. Where he was wounded. Lieut. Griffith is still remembering a passage he made from Belgium to Ostend, a distance of which

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Author of "The Threshing Floor," "When Charles I. Was King," "Daniel Quayle," "The Pinfold," &c.

CHAPTER XXV.

Ever since he had set eyes on them Dogger Tandy had been sorely exercised in mind about the diamonds which he had found Mar shall Stead gloating over. Like most people who do not know much about such matters, and who have heard stories about them which bordered on the miraculous, he began to attach an enormous value to them. He had read about diamonds in the newspapers, he had dim and vague ideas that he had heard it said that the King or the Queen, he was not sure which, had diamonds which were worth millions. The more he thought of those which he had seen Stead handling, the more valuable they seemed to become. Certainly, he said to himself, he would have his share out of them, and a handsome share too. He would give up all work, of course. He would go away from Mannersley and his ill-favoured wife. He would buy himself a nice house somewhere outside a big town, and he would keep a dogcart and a good horse, and have greyhounds; he would smoke large cigars and drink whisky all day long, and be a gentleman. He had as much right to, at any rate, half the diamonds as Stead had. Yes, of course he was only right that he should have his proper and lawful share.

While he thus argued within himself there suddenly came into Dogger Tandy's mind a new idea, which made him first feel very hot and then very cold. It was not a new idea at all. He faced that idea boldly, and took a fresh quid of tobacco wherein to ruminate over it. It seemed such a grand idea.

Why should he not have the diamonds for himself? Not a quarter nor half of them, but all of them?

When the newness of this idea, its unaccustomedness, had worn off, Dogger Tandy began to become so enamoured of it, so familiar with it, that he wondered he had not thought of it before—thought of it as soon as he knew the diamonds were as good as his own already! It he chose to put out his hand for them, who was going to stop him from taking them? Certainly not Stead. He laughed at the thought. He could break Stead in two with one hand. Besides, what right had Stead to such rich property which wasn't his? Dogger Tandy's ideas were simple and well-known ones, and revered was a simple and well-known one, and his very familiar to a lot of people, supposedly his superiors in station, education, and ability. It was simply that

"Those should take who have the power, And they should keep who can."

Dogger Tandy knew himself in the position to take, if Stead could manage to keep, let him. But he wasn't. Dogger Tandy laughed to himself. Stead was as safe as a rat in a trap. He could not get out of the hole into the ground without his (Tandy's) aid. Therefore, Stead did not count. He was in the position of the small boy who has a sense and its defenceless before the big boy who means to have that sixpence.

Of course, he had no intention of murdering Stead for the sake of the diamonds. Not, but, equally, of course, Stead would not have had any power to have hindered him. He might have to hurt him—well, that would be his own fault. Dogger Tandy was not by any means a sentimentalist, and had no intention of sticking at trifles.

And so, as Stead, haggle-stricken with fear because he knew that Tandy knew, and nerved shakenby his days and nights twelve hundred feet beneath the surface, was creeping along the galleries to evade Tandy—Tandy was advancing to meet him. When they met the struggle was short and sharp. The miner nearly shook the life out of the escaping fugitive, and, dragging him back by the collar of his jacket, threw him, bruised and breathless, on his bed of sacking, and administered a sound kick to his, which made him groan with fear as much as with pain.

"So that's how you would treat me, you white-livered cur, you!" said Tandy, gloatingly, as he gazed on his captive with lifted fist, "would you? Out-paying up, would you? We'll see about that, my lad! Right over those shiners, d'ye hear, else I'll make you as you'll never see daylight again! Quick now!"

"I promised you should have your share," answered Stead, sobbing with rage and pain. "They're no use to either of us until I'm out of this; you can't do anything with them."

"Can't I?" said Tandy. "Happen I don't know of a clogh as'ud, neither! Oh, no! Hand 'em over, I say!"

"They'd have you as soon as ever you tried to deal with them!" cried Stead. "It's Inspector Coniston's out—it was in all those papers you left."

Tandy's sole reply to this was a savage kick, which landed in Stead's ribs and knocked the breath out of him for the moment. He rolled over, groaning and moaning, and the miner, clutching him by the collar and lifting him as easily as if he had been an infant, dumped him in the chair with one hand, and made the table with the other.

"Out with 'em!" he said, with a terrible oath. "Hark 'em—those, every man jack of 'em! Keep a single one back, and I'll smash every bone in your body!"

Terror dead alive—terror from fright and agony Stead drew a canvas bag from some secret receptacle in his clothing, and laid it on the table. Watching him closely, the miner shortly untied the string which fastened the bag, and shook the glittering contents out on the table. Then, remembering how he himself had been searched by the police on more than one occasion, he lifted Stead's shirt with his own hand and went through him with the other in quite professional style, discovering nothing, however, but another bag of diamonds round his neck. This, too, he threw on the table beside the diamonds. After which, with another kick, he flung Stead down on the sacking again and shook his fist at him.

"What's the use of golden sovereigns and diamonds to you down here?" he snarled. "You can't buy whiskey with 'em, nor yet a drop of liquor, nor a bit of baccy! Where's the use of 'em to you for your bite and sup, you ungrateful dog? Who's keepin' of you alive but me? I'll be generous, though! I'll learn you to treat me unkind. You shall have a spell o' starvation and darkness, my beauty, till you know your place! And then I expect I'll do something for you, d'ye see!"

He had restored the diamonds to their bag as he spoke, and, after arranging both bags to his pocket, he picked up the lamp, and with a fierce second look at shaken and fist, turned to leave Stead alone in darkness.

It was at this point that Stead's sanity gave way. With a howl which was more like that of a desperate beast than a man he made one hoard at the miner, and, fastening on his throat with tearing and grasping fingers, bore him to the ground, and, screaming in his madness, strove to wrench the life out of him.

Tandy, surprised by this unexpected and fierce attack, fell against the wall; the safety lamp slipped out of his hand, and rolling away on the floor was instantly extinguished. He recognised, with a curious alertness of mind, that he was engaged in a death-like struggle with a madman, who despite great fear had endowed with superhuman strength, and that he would need all his wits and strength and energy to combat it. Already he felt the blood bursting in the veins in his head from the fierceness of Stead's grip on his throat; already he felt his breath coming in shorter gasps. The grip was like that of a giant; in a short time it would—ah!

Dogger Tandy was quick to think in ways of violence. He had long, powerful, muscular arms, and hands as strong as an ape's. Finding he could not tear Stead's grip away from his throat, he got one hand at the back of his opponent's head, the other hand under his chin. Then he braced himself for its effort, and with the force of a machine jerked the other man's head upwards and backwards until he heard the spine crack and felt a convulsive tremor run through the body, the grip on his own throat relax and become as feeble as a child's. He shook the body off, and rose, trembling, to his feet, in the darkness.

"He would have it, curse him!" he muttered to himself. "I wouldn't ha' finished him if he hadn't been the one to hold back and—I'm most strangled as it is. Curse that lamp—I shall have to find my way out now in the darkness."

Feeling for the table, he leant against it for a minute or two to recover his breath. Then he began to feel about in the dark for discovering the tin bottle in which he had brought drink to Stead during his captivity. He found it at last and shook it eagerly; there was nothing in it.

Dogger Tandy threw the empty bottle away with another oath, and sank himself to rest further. He stumbled forward a step or two, and bending down felt for Stead's body. Then he began to feel the clothing, placed his hand on the heart.

"He's a goner," he muttered, rising up. "A goner right enough. Well, serve him right—he shouldn't ha' tried to throttle me, curse him! Now I'll have a nice lamps out."

Mechanically, he thrust his hand into the pocket of his rough jacket to feel if his prize was safe. Another curse broke from him—the diamonds were gone.

"Can't be far away," he said. "Must ha' slipped out when I fell. Yes, of course, me

WHITKIRK RURIDECANAL COUNCIL.

"CHRISTIANITY AND THE WAR."

INTERESTING DISCUSSION—DEANERY AND RECRUITING.

At a meeting of the Whitkirk Ruridecanal Council in the Church Institute, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night an interesting address on "Christianity and War" was given by the Rev W. A. Hewett (rector of Castleford).

The Rev. A. J. E. Irvin (Rural Dean and vicar of Woodhouse) presided. Others present were the Rev. T. E. R. Wilford (rector of Garforth), Rev. H. H. Malleson (vicar of Manston), Rev. W. R. Capel Cure (vicar of Oulton), Rev. E. B. Smith (vicar of Seacroft), Rev A. L. Curry (vicar of Allerton Bywater), Rev. J. P. Whitworth (vicar of Thorner), and the following laymen: Messrs J. Roberts and G. Wragby (Seacroft), J. Watson (Whitkirk), J. L. Howe (Eastbourne), H. Simpson (Manston), and A. B. Jaques (Barwick), hon. sec. to the Council.

In introducing the speaker, the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin referred to the falling off in recruiting in Leeds, and said that if Leeds got a good example the surrounding towns and villages would soon follow. In his own parish about 90 men had come forward and joined their services, and in the parishes of Manston and Garforth others had done the same. He had read in the "Courier" that the editor would be glad to publish lists of such men, and he thought that the idea, which was a good one, would stimulate other parishes. He believed his deanery had done its duty in another way, by entertaining Belgian refugees—both at Templenewsam and through the kindness of Mr Wood) and at Oulton Hall, by Major Calverley.

The Rev. W. A. Hewitt said that they might say that in the Old Testament they found a background of war, but in Isaiah they got a glimpse of light, which showed that war would be no more, while in the same book they had the vision of the coming of the Prince of Peace. It would appear, he said, that there were two ways in which Christian faith might succeed in bringing real peace on earth. The first way would be by universal brotherhood, and the other way would be the carrying of the faith to the nations and providing the real heaven for peace, by inoculating them with Christian principles. Brotherhood having failed, the principle of nationalism now ruled. This fight for nationalism was compatible with Christian professions, and, indeed, became a supreme duty. War was brought about by nations believing that their true interests were at stake, and it was an easy task for one nation to become obsessed with an idea, which seemed right to the majority of its citizens, but which, to the outsider appeared to be wrong. He himself had served as a chaplain to the Forces in the South African War. He would be sorry to say that that war did not come under the category of true interests. Germany had allowed herself to become obsessed with the idea that war was good. Germany had made a god of war and as many as 7000 books had been published every year—partly technical books dealing with the science of war, while in England perhaps only twenty were published, and these were not read outside military circles. He thought the South African War he was surprised to find the officers show a great indifference to war, and some refused to talk what one might call "shop." Then there many had a Navy League, but the membership was over a million, while that of England was but a few thousands, and unless there was a real "scare" they would be unable to get a meeting of more than about thirty or forty. Germany was obsessed with the idea that war was necessary. She thought that she and England standing across her path. She had been planning, and thought she saw a good investment. The Christian people of Germany fully believed that they were fighting for the nation, and with God's blessing. When it came to peace it must be peace in terms of discernment, not alone for the present sacrifice. The outcome must be fruitful and the only fruitfulness would be one lifting from the nations of Europe, or in some measure the whole of the world, the burden under which they had been groaning for many years. Sooner or later the time would come when our people would weaken and begin to cry peace. Then they would be a real need to have our shoulders to the wheel, and, at whatever sacrifice, to go on; for to stop then would mean that the war would be untruthful and the evil demon of militarism would have to be fought over again and in ten or twelve years later it would be inconceivable, as to what science would produce for war.

A vote of thanks was moved to the speaker by the Chairman.

In seconding the vote Mr J. Watson (Whitkirk) said he entirely concurred with what the speaker had said. He, indeed if another idea of Germany was not that she was divinely appointed for the spreading of culture.

The Rev W. A. Hewett replied that it was so, and they believed that it could only be done by war.

Mr Watson said he had heard of a young lady who had recently returned to England after a course of training at a German University. The professors, she said, gave them such sentences to translate, as "Germany is going to war with England very soon, and England will be removed from the path of Germany." The party of English students at last held council and decided on the next occasion to demonstrate their protest. When they did so the professor said, "Facts are facts that admit of no modification whatever."

The Rev. H. H. Malleson said the only thing that would stop war would be the establishment of Lord Robert's system.

The resolution was cordially passed.

HOUSE ON FIRE AT BURN.

A CAT GIVES THE ALARM.

A fire broke out at the dwelling-house of Thomas Romans, blacksmith, of Burn, near Selby.

Romans, who was asleep in the house, had retired to bed, but was awakened by his cat rushing into the bedroom from the kitchen below in a state of fright. He detected a smell of burning, and found that the kitchen was on fire. He made his escape through the bedroom window, and raised an alarm.

The Selby Fire Brigade were called, and they succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Damage to the furniture, etc., was done, to the amount of close upon £100.

The fire was, it is thought, caused by the overheating of the wooden mantelpiece.

The occupant's wife was staying at her mother's house in Selby, Romans had it not fortunate that she was not in bed, as he could not have got her out of the house.

Foot-and-mouth disease has made its appearance on farms at Ollingharv, Northamptonshire, and Deal, in Kent.

FALSE PRETENCES AND THEFT AT SCARCROFT.

THREE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

A strange story was told at the West Riding Quarter Sessions at Wakefield on Monday, when Herbert Thornton, aged twenty-five, moulder, was indicted for having obtained £4 by false pretences from Lady Mary Saville, Scarcroft; with attempting to obtain £4 from Emily Brown, a cook in the employ of Lady Saville; and with having stolen a bicycle.

On August 11th Thornton visited Lady Saville, and representing that he was a Leeds detective, he told her ladyship that he understood she had a banknote in her safe, and he would require £4 as surety, owing to the coin being a forgigner. Lady Saville paid him the money, and having obtained this he insisted on interviewing the cook.

The cook, however, proved too clever for the "detective," and being convinced that he was a fraud when he demanded £2 "for her good conduct," she said she had a £5 note, which he would give to him if he would give her the £4. He at once gave her the £5, but she did not part with the £4 note.

Thornton was obviously annoyed, and said he would have her arrested. He went to the telephone as if to communicate with the police authorities, but instead of doing so he went out of the house, and in order to get off more quickly he stole a bicycle on the way. He was arrested through asking for a lamp.

Counsel pointed out that the form produced by the prisoner bore the head: "Leeds City Police (Detective Department)."

The prisoner, who pleaded guilty, said that he had served in a Volunteer regiment, and asked to be allowed to join the forces "and make a man of himself."

He had a bad record, and was sent to penal servitude for three years.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

PARENTS AND LABOUR CERTIFICATES.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton District Education Sub-Committee was held at the V.M.C.A. Buildings, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night—Mr G. M. Abbey (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mr J H Tomlinson (vice-chairman), Mr B. Wood Higgins, Mr S H Young, Mr H E Catton, Mr T H Myton, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The attendance returns showed that the percentage for the whole of the district for September was 90.74 as against 89.24 for the corresponding month of last year. Oulton St. John's mixed department topped the district with 93.33 as compared with 88.98. The infants' department of that school had a percentage of 89.17 as compared with 84.69 last year; Oulton Council, infants, 89.76 as against 89.16; Colton Council, mixed, 89.57, as against 88.96.

Mr Higgins raised the question when a number of certificates came up for the committee to sign enabling certain boys over thirteen years of age to leave school, as to whether there were not some boys under 13 of their time. He had heard that certain boys, or rather their parents, had got it into their minds that the Lads could leave school when they liked.

The Clerk said that if boys left before they were thirteen no one could employ them. A few weeks ago a number of birdbills were printed and circulated in the district setting forth the regulations. It was a fact that had had to be drilled into people.

HOW A LOFTHOUSE MINER ENLISTED.

PIT-BOY CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.

In the big camp in Bucks, where, a section of Kitchener's Army is settled, the men all hail from the North—Lancashire, Durham, Northumberland, and Yorkshire. Here is Corporal Harry Littlewood, ost pit-boy champion of England, whose home is at Lofthouse.

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This is how he came to enlist. Young Aburrow was to have been on exhibition at the local music-hall, and Littlewood was engaged to spar with him. His trainer and backer, however, who happens to be his own brother, shouted on the ground that war time was no time for boxing. The pit-boy champion, disappointed of his fight, therefore decided that he had better fight for his country, and so he went straight away and enlisted.

A CONVICTION AT TADCASTER.

APPLETON MAN'S APPEAL.

At the West Riding Quarter Sessions at Wakefield, on Tuesday, before Mr G. B. C. Yarborough, and other magistrates, Joseph Maynard, retired coachman, Appleton Roebuck, appealed against a conviction for poaching in pursuit of game, the respondent being Robert Jackson Carr, farmer, Villa Farm, Appleton Roebuck.

Mr Acton Wragge and Mr W. Stewart appeared for the appellant, and Mr A. H. Marshall, M.P., and Mr E. Beverley for the respondent.

Mr Marsh-Ii stated that on August 31st, at the Tadcaster Court, Maynard was fined 5s. and costs for trespassing in pursuit of game on land occupied by Carr, who farms about 140 acres, the place where Maynard was alleged to have been trespassing being kept by respondent as a rabbit warren. About 4.30 p.m. on August 25th Carr was walking along the road when he noticed a black mare in a gate, and he recognised it as belonging to Maynard. He, therefore stopped to see what was happening, and after waiting a moment of two he heard the sound of a shot. Carr then walked through the gateway leading into Mrs Coleman's field, and he saw nobody there, but on walking half-way across this field he saw the appellant getting over the hedge from his (Carr's) field. Maynard was carrying a gun, and he had a rabbit in his possession.

Carr corroborated this statement.

Cross-examined by Mr Wragge, Carr said it was not true that Maynard said to him, "I have just shot a rabbit which was in the hedge, and I went over to get it."

Maynard said he shot the rabbit in Mrs Coleman's field, and it ran through the hedge into the next field. He denied firing a shot in Carr's field.

Mr Wragge described the case as a trivial one, and one that ought never to have been brought into court. He contended that it was a vindictive prosecution.

The appeal was dismissed with costs.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

AMBULANCE CLASSES—LARGE ATTENDANCE.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Education Committee was held at the Carlton Lane School, Rothwell, on Friday night—Mr J Butterick (Charm-n) presiding. Others present were Mrs. Stoner, Messrs S. R. Cherbwick, J. Hare, R. McGlaughlin, T. Ellis, W. Lunn, with the Clerk (Mr S. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr H. Brown).

The attendance returns, which were voted satisfactory, showed the circumstances, showed a percentage for the whole district of 89.12 as compared with 86.36 for July. The returns for the various schools were as follows:—Rothwell Higher

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DEATHS.

CROSSLAND.—October 16th, at Kippax, aged 58, Arthur Crosland.

WILSON.—October 13th, at Clifford, aged 61, Edward Wilson, of Leeds.

WORDSWORTH.—October 17th, at the New Inn, Barwick-in-Elmet (suddenly), in her 58th year, Sarah, the beloved wife of Charles Wrigglesworth.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of my dear son, Henry Johnson, who died October 21st, 1905, at South Milford.
—Mother.

LIMBERT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Rachel Limbert, who died Oct. 24th, 1913.
"A day of remembrance sad to recall."
—From her daughter.

LEADLEY.—In loving memory of Jack Leadley, who died Oct. 25th, 1913.
"Missed most by those who love him still."
"But the Master came and called for him."
—Aunt and Uncle, Rothwell.

LEADLEY.—In loving remembrance of our dear grandson and nephew, Jack Leadley, who departed this life 25th, 1913.
"One year hath past and still we miss him.
Never will his memory fade;
Loving thoughts shall ever linger
Around the grave where he is laid."
—From his grandad and grandma, and uncle Leonard.

SIMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear father, Thomas Simpson, Station Road, Kippax, who died October 23rd, 1913.
"And still our dear mother, Annis Simpson, who died October 13th, 1910.
"God's will be done."
—From sons and daughters.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th.

A sum of £5, from the Scarcroft Mission has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

The scholars of Brandsby Church School have sent £1 10s. to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

The Barkston Ash teachers have contributed £5 17s. 6d. to Sir John Hoesfall's West Riding Relief Fund.

A Board of Trade statement shows a decrease in unemployment in both insured and uninsured trades.

A sum of £1 from Aberford Church collecting boxes has been sent to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

At Aberford School last month the percentage of attendance was 90.55 against 92.50 in the previous September.

A sum of £7, collected at Kirkby Wharfe Church, per Rev. G. H. Metcalfe, has been sent to York County Hospital.

Saxton School, with sixty-nine scholars on its registers, had an attendance for September of 94.2 as compared with 91.66 last year.

The attendance at Barkston Ash Roman Catholic School was not quite so good last month as for September last year. The figures were 89.83 against 90.66.

The Hon. E. C. Lascelles, son of the Earl of Harewood, has been selected for service on the Staff. He has been a subaltern in the Rifle Brigade—the 4th Battalion—for six years.

In addition to the Barkston Ash footballers mentioned last week, the following members of the Barwick Rising Sun club are now serving their country:—W. Lees (Yorkshire Regiment), and J. Wilson. All are in the 10th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment.

Miss Wheatley, daughter of Mr J. Y. Wheatley, of Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy, who went on a visit to France before the outbreak of war, is still in that country, and unable to get away. She is enjoying good health, but is naturally anxious to return home.

Two of the Belgian refugees at Bolton Percy visited the York County Hospital on Tuesday to see their wounded countrymen. Mr Housemen, who accompanied them, said that the villagers were delighted with their new guests, and that the children were going to school in the village and apparently enjoying their tuition.

Mr Lund, of Beeza Hall, Aberford, has turned his residence at Harewgate into a hospital, and on Friday morning 16 wounded Belgian soldiers were given there. The men were mostly engaged in the defence of Antwerp. One, a bugler, who fell in the trenches, has clung to his bugle all through, and it stands on a table by the bedside.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

A sum of £1 1s. has been contributed by Rothwell Church School (mixed department) to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

The employees of the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways Co. (Rothwell) have sent £1 to the Leeds National Relief Fund and £1 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Ladies West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates committed defendant for two months, but suspended the sentence for a month to give him an opportunity of paying

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and 25, Crossley Street, Halifax. Applications—B. Bailey, Leeds, improvements in overcoats and like garments; T. B. Tutill, Pickering, improvements in wristlets; J. H. Micklethwaite, Dewsbury, improved winding motion for self-acting spinning mules. Application completed—Henry Parker, Barnsley, improvements in hand-barrows. Patent applied—Flower, Beedley, and Wichman, Leeds, internal-combustion of steam turbines (patent of addition).

Primitive Methodist Church.—On Sunday, in furtherance of the special services to celebrate the opening of the new organ at the Primitive Methodist Church sermons were preached in the morning and evening by Mr W. S. Blackburn, of Ripley. After the evening service, when the organist at these services, while in the afternoon the choir on the Joseph Street Primitive Methodist Church, Hunslet, rendered a musical programme, Mr Whitehead and the singing and Miss F. Bellerby was the reader. Mr R. Cole officiated at the organ, and Mr J. Linley presided.

Acting.—In the Leeds County Court on Friday Robert Henry Winfield, a Rothwell miner, sued Joseph Kaye and Sons (Limited), bock manufacturers, of Leeds, for damages for personal injuries through the alleged negligent driving of a motor car by one of their servants. The plaintiff and two other men on cycles were emerging from the Calverley Road, near Oulton Lodge, on May 27th, when the motor car came into collision with the plaintiff's cycle, throwing him off. It was stated that the driver of the car was quite inexperienced, and had with him another chauffeur who was giving him lessons. His Honour awarded £50 damages.

W.T.A.C.—The ladies of the Rothwell branch of the Women's Total Abstinence Union held the first meeting of the season on Thursday week, when there was a very good company present. An enjoyable musical programme, arranged by Mrs Barthram, was gone through. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo, pleasingly rendered by Miss Idle. Songs were given by Miss Lily Blackburn, and a trio was given by three "Gipsies" (Mrs Southwart, Mrs. L. Ireson, and Mrs. Idle). Humorous monologues were contributed by the Misses Baines and Smith, and recitations were given by Mr H. Baines. Refreshments were afterwards served, and short addresses were delivered by Mrs. Young (Secretary), Mrs. Southwart (vice-president), and Mrs Barthram. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the artistes and speakers being moved by Mrs Scholey, and seconded by Mrs Wilson.

Germans at Lofthouse Park.—Lofthouse Park received its first batch of fifty German prisoners on Thursday. The camp where the Germans are to be interned is in the park which in recent years has been made more or less famous as an aviation centre. Originally Lofthouse Park was laid out as an extensive pleasure ground, and within the spacious enclosure are numerous hotly wooden buildings, one of which a huge dancing hall, is admirably adapted for the new purpose. There are in addition, numerous refreshment rooms which are connected with elaborate and modern kitchens, all ready for the extensive cooking necessary for the prisoners. The fifty Germans who arrived on Thursday are only a fifth of the advance party of a considerable body, and accommodation has been made for 1,000 men. In addition to the permanent structures already in the park, a large number of huts have been built and on Monday morning contractors' men were putting finishing touches to a canteen. In the centre of the park, the military authorities have prepared an extensive compound, in which the prisoners will be able to take their recreation, and it is securely fenced by barbed wire. When the prisoners arrived at Wakefield station at 2.45 on the platform a crowd of curious spectators awaited them, including some of the Belgian refugees who are being housed in Wakefield. The prisoners, who were in charge of a contingent of London County Territorials, were at once marshalled, and carried their effects in large paper bundles. They were lined up in double file, and were marched straight to the waiting tramcars for conveyance to Lofthouse Park. The tramcars carrying the prisoners were guarded fore and aft by soldiers with fixed bayonets. The unusual sight aroused considerable interest, and the cars quickly passed from Wakefield to Lofthouse, without provoking the slightest demonstration. Nor was there any demonstration from the crowd awaiting the prisoners' arrival at the gates of Lofthouse Park. The prisoners, who were a motley-looking lot of civilians, who are understood to have been rounded up in London, were eyed with curiosity by the crowd of people who congregated round the guard at the entrance to the park. During a short wait outside the park they glanced furtively at the portals of their new home, and then, on the word of command from the officer of the escort, marched briskly into the compound, where, for an indefinite period, they will be kept in custody. The custody of the prisoners is efficient enough to ensure the provision of a five electric wire, which is entwined round the fencing of the park. Colonel Gordon Cumming is in command of the guard.

Allerton Bywater.

Language.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday James Henry Charles, miner, of Allerton Bywater, was fined 5s. and costs for having used obscene language at about 9.27 p.m. on Sunday, October 11th, at Kippax. P.C. Davies proved the case.

CROSSGATES

Mission.—A mission on "The claims of God" has been held at the Crossgates Baptist Church this week. It was opened on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, the pastor, who is conducting the mission, was the preacher. Services for both adults and children have been held, and a feature has been the solos of Miss Hilda Palmer, who has vocal gifts of a high order.

Golf.—A golf match was played at Garforth between Crossgates Ladies and Garforth Ladies, and the latter were defeated by 3½ to 2½. Details (Garforth names first):—Miss Denby ½ v. Mrs E. Dawson ½, Mrs Sandy 1 v. Miss M. Johnson 0, Miss Smith 0 v. Miss Johnson 1, Miss D. Denby 0 v. Mrs Wade 1, Mrs Koppell 0 v. Miss Rhodes 1, Mrs Dobson ½ v. Mrs H. Rhodes 0.

Rifle Club.—A rifle club has been formed for the district, and already it has a membership of 40. The membership is restricted (1) to married men, (2) single men over 35, and (3) single men not eligible to join the Army or Navy. A range is to be prepared in Mansion Quarry, and it will be partly covered in. If the club is successful it is proposed to completely cover in the range before the winter comes.

Wesley Guild.—On Wednesday evening the Christian service section of the Wesley Guild reviewed the various departments of church life under the subject of "My work," with an introduction by Mr A. W. Dyson, after which Mr W. T. Thompson spoke for the workers, Mr A. Beaumont for the Wesley Guild, Mr A. E. Broome for the Methodist local preachers, Mr F. R. Dodson for the Band of Hope, Mr H. Cunningham for the Bible Class, Mr J. E. Bowden for the Sunday School, and Miss Smith for the class leaders.

Crossgates Scouts and the War.—The quickness of the Scout movement in this and other districts has (says a correspondent) been remarked upon frequently, but it must not be thought that it has lost ground. It may not be recruiting fast, but its members are filling numerous posts in the public service, and are quietly justifying their training, and are receiving well-earned commendation on every side. The local troop—"The 13th"—have given of their best, and the record is one to be proud of. Their hut Scoutmaster is with the Army Service Corps, one of the assistant scoutmasters has taken a commission in the 7th B.W.R. Regt., another one is on the Transport of the 8th Battalion, while the fourth officer's attempts to serve have been futile on account of his employment for the present on Government work of an urgent character. The junior officers have all taken service. Fred Walton, Jos. Hampshire, and Reg. Beaumont are with the 1st Pals, Francis Danby, Geo. Elliott, and E. Whitehead are in Kendall with the 8th Battalion W.Y. Regt.; Guthrie Stott and Bert Broadbent are with the 1st W.R.R.A.M.C. at Strensall; Horace Wynne is on the wireless staff on board a destroyer; and Gilbert Dilworth is on the University Ambulance. The six Silver Wolfs are included in the above names. While all the officers have gone into the service, and left the new Scoutmaster single-handed, it is hoped that the elder scouts left will make good use of their excellent camp and ambulance outfit. The 13th can at any time supply five tents, ambulance carts and stretchers if called upon.

GARFORTH

Rates.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday three Garforthians were summoned by the Garforth overseers for non-payment of the poor rate. The usual orders were made.

Dogsy Case.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Richard Edward Crossland, yeast dealer, of Garforth, was summoned for not keeping his dog under proper control on October 10th. P.C. Hogg proved the case, and a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Drink.—James Sharpe, miner, of Garforth, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Friday, October 9th. P.C. Bewer stated that about 10.30 p.m. on that day he saw the defendant in Main Street, Garforth, in a very drunken condition, and colliding with people. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

Rifle Club.—A movement is on foot to start a rifle club for Garforth district, and there appears to be a demand for it, for it is said that over fifty men have stated their willingness to join and make themselves efficient marksmen. A range, however, has not been secured yet, and unless the promoters manage to obtain that the project will fall through. The range must be under cover, and service rifles would be used.

Footballers Who Have Enlisted.—A dozen members of Garforth White Rose Football Club have joined the Army, their names being as follows:—F. W. Gent (R.F.A.), C. W. Slater (Yorkshire Hussars), T. Maskill and G. Birch (Leeds Rifles), A. Bowers (R.F.A.), T. Quigley and H. Maskill (Durham Light Infantry), F. W. Wilson, J. Quigley, and A. Gould (K.O.Y.L.I.), and S. Thompson and A. Dickinson (R.A.M.C.).

School Attendance.—The attendance at the schools in Garforth district was not so good last month as in the previous September, the percentage being 88.36 against 90.68. Garforth Council School, mixed, had a percentage of 93.29 against 90.20; and the infants' school 88.03 against 88.09; while at East Garforth School the figures were 81.46 against 93.59. Measles affected the attendance in the two last-mentioned cases. At Garforth Council School the percentage was 92.54 against 89.93, and at the infants' school, where mumps affected the attendance, 86.52 against 85.55. The figures for Garforth R.C. were 92.11 against 93.33.

Garforth Picture House.—The management are to be congratulated on their enterprise in securing the splendid picture "Chained to the Enemy" for the first part of this week. The story is in every way excellent, and part of the scenes are laid at the Battle of Mons. Here we have pictures with remarkable realism, the hideous and gallant stand made by the British troops against terrible odds. It is a picture to make every Briton thrill with pride. On Monday next another special war picture—"O.H.M.S." "Our Helpless Millions Saved, or How Lieut. Moran Saved London"—is to be exhibited. German spies conceive the daring plan of blowing up the London reservoirs, but after a series of thrilling adventures, pulsating with tremendous excitement, Lieutenant Moran saves London. The management have also made special arrangements for war pictures, photogr phed in France and Belgium, by the famous camera-man, Mr Cherry Kearton, and the first of these will be shown on Monday next. For Tuesday the great feature film "Facing Eternity" will be the attraction. This subject is in four parts, and the story is one of intense interest. Miss Henny Porten, the well-known actress, plays the leading part as the heroic French woman, who sacrifices all for her country.

GREAT PRESTON

A collection at St. Aidan's Church, Great Preston, realised £1 12s for the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

The Schools.—At Great Preston School last month the percentage of attendance was 91.06 against 90.55 for September last year, and at Bowers Allerton School, 93.39 against 93.46

Great Preston and District War Fund.—In connection with the War Fund a well attended meeting was held in the Infants' Schoolroom, Great Preston, on Tuesday evening. The movement commenced about seven weeks ago, when a ladies' committee was formed, with Mrs. Lowther at the head. Materials were bought, cutting out was done, and the following garments have been made by the women of the district, viz., 28 men's shirts, 12 unfinished, 39 articles

...ur district's subscribing, 14 pinafores, 14 dresses, 6 nightdresses, etc., besides a number of articles of underclothing, etc. Collections have been going round not only in the streets in outside districts, Allerton, and Hollinbottom districts, and the following amounts have been collected to date:—Proceeds of concert in connection with Mess's Bible Class, £7 1 1; J. W. Blackburn, £4 1; Bowers Great Preston, £2 5 10s. 10½d.; Mr. Smith, £1 1; for materials, £1 1; balance in hand, £2 17 3d. A resolution was passed at the meeting to send £3 5s to the Belgium Relief Fund.

...Bramley.—The annual harvest in connection with St. Aidan's Church was held in the Institute Schoolroom, Town Street, Pudsey, on Monday afternoon, and Mrs Smith, wife of the Vicar of St. Aidan's, presided. The meeting, in the Institute, proved one of the largest gatherings of the kind ever held in connection with Mrs Lund, Bentor Hall, who took two classes in the Institute Hall. Mrs. Smith expressed her pleasure in being present, and referred to the large place held by the Church, Church and Day Schools in the life of the district and the Vicar and himself. They had every reason to be grateful that they had every success in the opening meeting in the district, and they ought to help and uphold them in every possible way. The ministers, Mr Milner and Mr. N. Firth, also spoke. The Rev. Mr Milner also, worked judiciously for the Church. Mr. Smith also referred to the long period of nearly 20 years that he had known of the very good services rendered by Mrs Lowther in the Church, and referred to the presentation of other workers, who had passed no other opinion of work within the Church, instancing the Rev. J. H. Woodhouse, formerly curate for seven years, then vicar in the parish church. There were others, too, of 18 years' necessary, Drummond Jessie Rawson, Edward Langhorne, Wilfrid Sallis, and Mrs Hutchinson, all of whom had worked splendidly for the Church, and who had come out from their labours in the Church Expectant. There were some who could not be with them that day, because of sickness in the homes of their people, which added to them the sorrowful friends from a distance who had come to support their work in Great Preston. They were all saddened by the terrible war, and all the anxiety and suffering it had brought in its wake, and the shortness of work and bad trade, but they must not give God that He would restore peace in His own good time. His words were, "Be not afraid, only believe," and that there were no fewer attendances to hear and see the children, who had been splendidly trained by Miss Corner and her staff of teachers, and expressed their thanks to the staff for so ably supplying them in the good manner for which they were holding the sale of work, and which she had pleasure in declaring open. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Smith on the proposition of Mr. Dodgson, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and carried with acclamation.

HALTON

DANGER ON THE ROAD.—On Tuesday in the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions, John Ward, carting agent, of Hunslet, was summoned for having no name on his horse and cart. P.C. Robinson stated that about 8.45 p.m. on October 13th he saw a cart belonging to the defendant standing outside the Woodman Hotel, Halton, without a light showing it for any one, unattended. Defendant said he had left the cart in charge of the driver to go home and get the defendant's cabs. The defendant denied that he had been inside the inn for any length of time. Superintendent Sagar said that at this point the road was very narrow, and the cart formed an obstruction. A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

KILLED IN ACTION.—Word has been received in Halton from Private F. Boyington, of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment, who killed in action on September 20th. Boyington was married and...
...Jumpers, and was 28 years of age. He was employed at the waterworks before the war for the...
...Aire and Calder Navigation Company. During...
...sporting news has since been to travel regarding the fate of Pte. G. Boyington, a brother of the late Pte. G. Boyington, who belonged to the 1st West Riding Regiment, and has been missing since September 22nd. He, too, was a reservist, and was employed as a carter by Messrs. Hepper, Ltd., Leeds. Boyington's wife resides in Cannon Street. Mr. J. Boyington, residing in Cannon Grange, Harehills.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Wesleyville, playing in the Leeds and District Junior Football League, defeated Methley Perseverance A by two goals to nil.

Mr. J. C. Cockshott, of Fairburn, delivered an excellent address on "Some Results from the War" to the members of the Young Men's Guild on Wednesday evening. Mr A. Howson presided.

Colonel Francis Duncan Blaud, of Oak Mount, who at one time commanded the 3rd Battalion West York and the Leeds Rifles, died on Tuesday. His wife is cousin of Mr Blaud, of Kippax Park.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The members of the Christian Endeavour in connection with this church held a meeting on Tuesday evening, and Mr. T. Bown gave a paper on "The Iniquity of Selfish Ambition."

BAND OF HOPE.—The members of the Band of Hope had a very good meeting on Monday evening, and Mr R. Dyson, of Bowers Buildings, presided. There the band is good attendance, and Mr B. Plows presided.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance for Kippax Central last month was 92.39 against 94.39 for September, 1913; Kippax Council Boys' School, 94.80 against 93.50; Girls' School, 93.51 against 94.01; Infants' School, 89.51 against 88.19.

ELECTION.—The election of a District Councillor in the place of Mr. Jas. Hall, Jnr., took place on Saturday. There were two candidates nominated—Mr George Carter Cawood, ironfounder, and Mr Alfred Townend, joiner. The polling was as follows:—Townend 172, Cawood 159.

LODGE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Thomas Dixon, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language at Kippax on Sunday, October 11th. P.C. Murtagh stated that while on duty on the Leeds Hill, Kippax, about 12.20 on the night in question, he came across the defendant, who was under the influence of drink, using obscene language. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

DISTRESS COMMITTEE.—On Wednesday evening the members of this committee met in the provisional meeting of a lecture on Belgium before and after the war. The Vicar gave the lecture, while Mr W. Lister manipulated the lantern. Mr E. Parkin, J.P., introduced the lecturer, and spoke of the need for which the lecture was being given. He expressed his regret that the room was not crowded. Everyone should render what assistance they could at this critical period in the history of our country, and much must be made. The many ways in which to do this was well-known to all. Two songs "Boys of the King" and "Our England Home" were contributed by Mr G. Priest, the pianists being Mrs Prince and Mr H. Gummerson. A vote of thanks was moved by the Vicar, Mr Lister, and the artistes for their services by Mr E. Parkin, seconded by Mr S. K. Sherwood, and it was carried.

LEEDSHAM

At Ledsham School last month the percentage of attendance was 93.22 against 95.70 for September last year.

MICKLEFIELD

THE SCHOOLS.—At the Micklefield Church School the annual department had a better attendance for September than in the previous year, the percentage being 93.29 as compared with 92.39 last year. The highest possible point drawn, with a percentage of 97.22 against 89.93.

AN OBSTACLE DRAMA.—It is with regret that we have to announce the death in action on the 13th inst. of Major Herbert L. Cliff, of the 2nd Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. Major Cliff was the youngest son of Mr William Cliff, of Maysmead, Towcester, London. He had a large number of friends in this district, by whom he was highly respected. He was a prominent member of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club, and was a well-known follower of the Bramham Moor, York and Ainsty, and Middleton Woodhouse hounds. Major Cliff served in the South African War, and also in the Mediterranean, and was wounded in the leg during the Boer War. He had just completed three years' term of Major of the 2nd Battalion, and was the youngest son of Mr William Cliff, of Maysmead, Towcester, London. He had a large number of friends, by whom he was highly respected. He was a prominent member of the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club, and was a well-known follower of the Bramham Moor, York and Ainsty, and Middleton Woodhouse hounds. Major Cliff served in the South African War, and also in the Mediterranean, and was wounded in the leg during the Boer War. He had just completed three years' term of Major of the 2nd Battalion, and had endeared himself to his men by his unfailing kindness and welfare. He was 37 years of age, and leaves a widow and infant son.

MOOR ALLERTON

Miss Emma Liddell, The Hollies, King Lane, Moor Allerton, left £677

OULTON

On Saturday afternoon Oulton St. John's met a League football match with Stourton United, and the latter were defeated by a goal to nothing.

On Monday at the West Riding Quarter Sessions, Joseph Hodgson Magee (43), described as a gentleman, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for the theft of money and silver articles at Oulton.

SERVICE FOR MEN.—On Sunday the first of a series of services for men was held at the St. John's Church, Oulton, when there was a encouraging attendance. The address was given by the Rev. A. L. Curry, vicar of Oulton, and the Rev. W. T. Gibson, vicar of Woodlesford. Mr. Walter Dodgson presided at the organ. Hymns 42, 80, 81. Bradley, 84, 201, 81. Thomas Bowles, 97, 10, 81. Annual Meeting—Mrs. Davenport, 98, 22, 78. Club's Rose Bowl Competition (open to members only)—Mrs. Bodley, Captain—(Mr J. E. Davenport) Prize Competition—Quadling Round (38 holes medal play)—Mrs. Bowers, 98, 20, 78; R. K. Swales, 100, 22, 78; Mrs. W. Wrigley, 102, 22, 80; Mrs. Swales, 97, 16, 81; Thomas Swales, 97, 16, 81; A. P. Bedford, 92, 9, 83; N. D. Laing, 103, bedford, 92, 9, 83; Mrs. Davenport, 98, 20, 78; Mrs. Bodley, 98, 22, 78; Mrs. Swales, 97, 16, 81; A. P. Bedford, 92, 9, 83; N. D. Laing, 103, 22, 81; Mrs. W. Wrigley, Mrs. Davenport v. A. P. Bedford, R. K. Swales v. Mrs Bedley, C. F. Bedley v. Thomas Swales.

OSMONDTHORPE

POLICE COURT STORY.—Frederick Lodge Yeoman (23), stoking at Kessler's Foundry, Osmondthorpe, pleaded guilty at Leeds on Wednesday to a charge of stealing four fans the property of the Great Northern Railway Company, and was fined £1 and costs, or fourteen days' imprisonment, and that the most serious part of the offence was that the prisoner was a constable in the employ of the company, and had only completed the Goods Station. A quarrel was raised, his residence at Knostrop was searched, and articles valued at £12 were found. Prisoner had given the fans to the woman he lodged with. Mr W. T. Scholes, for the defence, said prisoner had taken the goods not for personal gain but to satisfy his wife's request for personal gain but to satisfy his wife's request. The Superintendent Magistrate passed a sentence of three months' imprisonment in the second division.

ROBIN HOOD

On Saturday afternoon Thorpe Wesleyans had a football match with Morris St. M., who won by eight goals to nil.

ROUNDHAY

Mr. H. Darwin, of Roundhay, has given £10 to the Belgian Relief Refugee Fund.

PERSONAL.—Second-Lieut. B. L. Ratcliffe who has only had thirteen months' service in the West Yorkshire Regiment, was on Tuesday promoted to the full rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Ratcliffe, Sandhurst, is the eldest son of the Lord Lieut. Ratcliffe was wounded during the battle of the Aisne last month.

SEACROFT

The committee of the Seacroft Cricket Club have this week forwarded the following account to the Lord Mayor of Leeds for the National Relief Fund.

CONGRATULATE B.W.T.A.—WORK IN SEACROFT.—Under the auspices of the Leeds Temperance and Disciplined Band of the British Women's Temperance Association, a house-to-house visitation has recently been made in the district by Miss Ernestine Robson, County Lecturer, assisted by Miss Whiteley, when the members of the local committee and various meetings were also held, and others addressed by arrangement at different centres. The progressive work of the Leeds Temperance Committee, another's meeting at the Seacroft Vicarage, and evening, special meeting in the Seacroft Wesleyan Church; Tuesday evening, special Band of Hope meeting at Thorner's, Seacroft; Wednesday afternoon, Relief Workers' meeting at Seacroft, and evening, church meeting, arranged by the Rev. C. H. Pugh, in the Seacroft Council School; Friday evening, cottage meeting at Mrs Dawson's, Whinmoor. All the meetings were well attended, and Miss Embleton's addresses embraced many aspects of Temperance work, more especially in connection with women. Her subjects included "Vital reasons for women engaging in temperance work," "The ruinous effects of alcohol on the home and children," and "Legislation and the Liquor Traffic." At the Monday evening meeting, in the Seacroft Wesleyan Church, Mrs. R. Hastie Carr, of Halton, presided, and, in addition to Miss Embleton, the Rev. Thomas Whitmore, Lodge, addressed the meeting. At the meeting in the Seacroft Church School the vicar (the Rev. C. H. Platt) presided, and spoke of the need for creating a better public opinion in favour of the ravages of drink, and Mrs R. Hastie Carr, of Halton, also spoke. During the week there were enrolled sixteen members, eight little White Ribboners, and one associate. The fifteen members have good reason to feel gratified by the results of their very successful campaign in the district, and they much appreciate

Oulton and Woodlesford Men With the Colours.

LETTER FROM AN OULTON MAN

WOODLESFORD'S ROLL OF HONOUR

The Rev. W. R. Capel Cure (vicar of Oulton) and Mrs. Capel Cure have interested themselves greatly in the welfare of the young men of Oulton who are in any way serving their country. A few weeks ago we published an our columns the names of those young men copied from a framed list which has been placed in the church.—To each the vicar has communicated, and from the majority replies have been received.

The other day a letter was received from Pte. A. Tomlinson, who went out with the R.A.M.C. attached to the Expeditionary Force. The letter, which is dated Oct. 6th, has been written from the General Hospital with the Forces, and parts of it were intended to give an idea as to the number of wounded and the condition in which they arrive. Pte. Tomlinson's letter, written in blue pencil, is as follows:—The letter addressed to the Rev. W. R. Capel Cure, and is as follows:—

"I received your kind letter and was very pleased to hear from you. We are out in the firing line at present but at may be at any time. We have had three the cruiser has made an (several) wounded to deal with, and some of the poor chaps are worse than others. I have used his pencil. We are having a little rest just now, which we have earned. We are expecting to move nearer the fighting line in time. I am pleased to hear that our young men are doing their share for their country, and I should like very much to know some of their names. I hope you are enjoying better health than we were and that Mrs Capel Cure is quite well. It is a long time now since I was on her class at Oulton School, but I still look back upon the good times we used to have. I was stationed at Tidworth, in Wiltshire, before we came out here. I will now conclude with the hope that I shall soon be back in Oulton again."

The following is a list of those on active service from the parish of Woodlesford:—

Army—James Abbey, Frank Bowers, Ben Beaumont, Arthur Benson, Herbert Barkin, William Blacker, Walter Carrington, Jas. Cawthorne, William Harland, Joseph Higgins, Edward Irvin, John Jackson, Harry Jewett, William Jowett, James Hughes, Sam Hudson, John Kirby, William Lodge, Wilfred Mitchell, Robert McCraw, Henry Mackeman, Robert Methodist Morris, Metcalfe, Colin Nicholson, William Nicholson, William Palmer, Joseph Pennington, Clifford Simpson, Thos. Stokes, Percy Sykes, Robert Tansom, Arthur Tomlinson, Arthur Woodhall, Herbert Woodhall, Fred Woodhall, Ernest Webster, and William Whiteley.

Navy—William Ellis, Arthur Jowett, and Rolf Taylor.

A SELBY MINISTER AND DANGEROUS ALIENS.

WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE TOWN.

The Rev. John Dale, Unitarian minister at Selby, has notified the police that he has addressed a letter to the Clerk to the Selby Urban District Council on the subject of the detention of aliens in custody.

Mr Dale has given a copy of the letter to the Press, and it is as says—

As an Englishman deeply interested in the well-being of my country, I have been, and am now, in sympathy with the efforts which have for their object the curtailing of our country of undesirable or thing evils, albeit, but I certainly wish that in securing this end there should be no undue partiality as to the social distinctions into which aliens may be divided. What is measured out to one class should be measured out to all. This line of conduct has been notoriously departed from in the town of Selby.

The letter proceeds to refer to an instance which it is held bears out the assertion just made, and concludes—

In my judgment a grave wrong is being done to the local community and the safety of the State is thereby jeopardised. Against a portfolio so utterly unfounded and dangerous I protest with the strongest protest, and trust those in authority will take the earliest opportunity of removing it.

It may be added that the question of the detention of enemy aliens excites a good deal of discussion privately among the inhabitants of Selby.

It is understood that a representative man in the district has communicated with the War Office, placing the whole of the local circumstances before them.

GARFORTH DISTRESS FUND.

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

In connection with the Garforth War Distress Fund the subscriptions already acknowledged amount to £130 os. 3d. The following additional sums have been received:—

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Undenominational workmen and boys.			
Sisters and Indefin Pits (per			
Mr C. H. Hebden) (5th collection)	0	10	5
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whist drive), per Mr H.			
Morley, hon. sec.	3	14	0
Mr J. Best	3	3	0
Mr E. A. Crossther	2	2	0
Underground workmen and boys			
(Fourth Pit), per Mr E. W.			
Ogden	2	0	3
Mr James C. Thompson	1	0	0
Mr J. W. Westermann	1	0	0
Mr Geo. Barber (first donation)	0	5	0
Collection in box (per Mr			
Nowakski)	0	2	8
Mr Ernest Cope	0	1	0
Mr. Geo. Bowers, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer			

The members of Sherburn-in-Elmet Agricultural Society have voted £5 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

A sum of £20, proceeds from Newthorpe sports, has been sent by Mr W. Bramley to the Belgian Relief Fund.

At the South Milford School last month the percentage of attendances was 93.63 as compared with 91.88 for the same month of last year.

WHIST DRIVE.—On Tuesday evening a whist drive was held at Milford Hall, and about 80 people attended. Tickets were sold for the function, and the prize-rolls were in aid of the War Fund. Prizes were presented by Mrs R. P. Parker to the following who were successful in winning them:—Ladies—1, Mrs. Gibson Bortall (South Milford); 2, Miss Wood (Sherburn). Gentlemen—1, Mr Smith; 2, Mr Reynolds. Refreshments (non-intoxicants) were provided and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LIGHTING AT TEMPLENEWSAM AND OULTON

SPIDERS GET INTO HALTON LAMPS.

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, yesterday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs D. W. Haigh (vice), W. Verity, and J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the sanitary inspector (Mr W. Whitehead), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

The medical officer was not present and there was no report as to the health of the district.

The water inspector reported that the supply of Oulton and Woodlesford was satisfactory.

Middleton, however, the supply had not been quite so satisfactory, the reason being a falling off between September 25th and October 9th. Since the latter date the supply had improved. It was also reported that the cottages in Thorpe Lane were urgently in need of overhauling, and the inspector suggested that a man from the makers be asked to come down and make the repairs.

With regard to the street lighting at Oulton and Woodlesford, it was reported that the lamps, although somewhat better, were still causing trouble. Considerable time had to be spent each day in seeing to the burners, while, in addition, a number of mantles had been broken owing to the necessary removal when the burners were inspected. The inspector also reported that on Sunday, October 11th, a lamp on the Leeds Road had been knocked over by a motor car.

The Clerk said that after the last meeting of the Council he went to the Gas Company at Rothwell informing them of the complaints as to the gas at Oulton and Woodlesford, and he had received a reply stating that the matter was being attended to. Subsequently, later, Mr Steele had had an interview with the manager on the question, and that they trusted that the Council would have no further cause for complaint.

The Clerk said only the day before he received a letter from the Parish Council of Templenewsam asking for the lamps at Penny Hill, Colton, to be removed to the opposite side of the road.

The Clerk said that the lamp had been put in its present position at the request of private persons, but they had found out their mistake.

It was decided to move the lamp.

The lamp at the head of Halton Hill is also to be removed to the other side of the road as it is liable to be broken by hay carries sweeping past when the corn are running to Halton.

The city engineer at Leeds wrote stating that the shortage of water at Newsam Green was owing to the large demand for the sewage works at Knostrop, and to meet this demand a temporary main was put over the Corporation a large sum. He advised the Council to erect a large tank which could be filled during the night.

The Clerk said the Council would be able to advise the people at Newsam Green to get their water a little earlier.

It was reported by the Clerk that he had caught a steam locomotive driver and his assistant filling the boiler of an engine from a hydrant at Halton. The driver had in his possession a special key for hydrants, and, after making enquiries for (the Clerk) the driver's name and the firm by whom he was employed at Garston, near Liverpool.

The matter was left in the Clerk's hands to deal with as he thinks proper.

MISSING.—Amongst those reported missing after the battle on the Aisne is Sergeant E. Adkin, a native of Wetherby. He was for a time postman at Otley, and at the time of mobilisation was working on sewing clerk and telegraphist at the Beckfoot Post Office.

OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT.—Lieutenant F. J. O. Montagu, a former High School of Oulton, and who was with the 4th Battalion Duke-Camp on the Personal Staff. He joined the York and Lancaster Militia nearly 20 years ago, and passed into the Coldstream Guards in 1899. He took part in the Boer war, and was mentioned in despatches.

AS OFFICER A PRISONER OF WAR.—Mr A. Lodgard, of Manor House, Thornier, has received the following telegram from the War Office:—"Beg to inform you that in a communication received by the Foreign Office through the United States Embassies in Berlin and London it is stated that Captain R. S. Lodgard, Yorkshire Regiment, is a prisoner of war at Torgau." Captain Lodgard was first reported killed. Later, he was unofficially reported to be a prisoner of war. This telegram gives official confirmation of the report.

THORNER AND SCARCROFT B.W.T.A.—On Monday and two very successful meetings were held in the Wesleyan Sunday School, Mrs Redward, of Leeds, presided in the afternoon, and Miss Embleton gave a very interesting address. Tea was provided by the committee after the meeting. In the evening Mr Richardson, of Cobbinghorn, presided, and Miss Embleton again addressed the meeting. Mrs Haste Carr, of Halton, gave a word of cheer at both meetings. Miss Elwood, of Leeds, charmed the audience both afternoon and evening with her singing. About sixty members attended each meeting, and seven new pledges were taken.

ANGLING.—The competition for the Krause Shield, presented to the Bedford Association No. 1, a few weeks took place on Sunday in the River Wharfe at Ulleskelf. The river was in poor condition, and sport was disappointing. The shield and gold medal were won by W. Hird, with 4 oz.; J. W. Hainsworth secured the third prize with 3½ oz.; and the following also fished:—Smith (7 oz.), the prize for the largest fish (a dace of 7 oz.) was awarded to W. Evans, and that for the smallest fish to A. Williams. The visitors' prize was won by L. Hartley, with 11½ oz.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORK.—At a special general meeting of the members of the approved society of the Tockwith Working Men's Club held at the Club House, Boot and Shoe Inn, Mr F. J. Parsey presided over a good attendance. An address was delivered by Mr Denton Woodhead on the history of the Yorkshire Rural Friendly Society, of which he is secretary, and at the close a resolution was proposed by Mr P. Bochelor, and seconded by Mr John Bootkind, that the society should amalgamate with the Yorkshire Rural Friendly Society. Many questions were asked by the members, and answered by Mr Woodhead. The resolution was carried unanimously. The local officials will still carry on the work of the society under the direction of the parent society. The transfer will take place on January 3rd next.

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WETHERBY STEEPLE CHASES.

GOOD SPORT—SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE.

The Wetherby autumn meeting on Monday proved to be quite an enjoyable affair. The weather was delightfully fine, the sport was interesting, and the attendance was satisfactory, though slightly below the average. The long continued drought had its effect on the course, as though it had been well and regularly watered it still remained on the hard side. It was, however, pleasing to record that there was no mishap during the afternoon, and only one horse suffered by the jarring state of the track. The committee are to be congratulated on the efforts they made to bring the meeting off and to make it a success.

Sport commenced with the Hall Orchards Selling Handicap, which, however, only furnished three runners, Long Melford being a pronounced favourite from the outset. In the hands of Mr J. C. Storfo, he justified his market status, and won rather easily by three lengths from Footlights. But for bad jumping Fast Life would have made a race of it, but he nearly unshipped Mr Cashbourne at the first hurdle, and was thus put out of it.

Captain Farrell and Patches both represented previous winning form over the course, and odds were laid on the former to win the Marston Moor Steeplechase. Patches was very fit, and no doubt his superior condition served him admirably, as when pressure was put on he showed better speed than his rival, and beat him by a length after a good finish.

The principal event, the Cowthorpe Handicap Hurdle Race, was expected to fall an easy prey to Knowing Bird, Mr Whitworth's horse being backed against the field. A long way from home it was palpable that the race was reduced to a match between him and Caledonian. The Malton people, were afraid the latter would not be suited by the going, but he stayed on resolutely, and up the straight just had the better of the tussle with the favourite, and this enabled him to win by a length and a half. Bit o' Rye was last all the way, and on returning to the paddock it was noticed that he had broken down.

In the Thorparch Steeplechase Throbald's Park was allowed a walk-over. Then came the Juvenile Hurdle Race, for which Tirpitian was favourite. This colt was bred and for the Brocklesby last year, and at Windsor was second to Green Cap in a big nursery. He was sold at the Newmarket July Sales to his present owner for 350gs., and he sent him to Mr Renwick at Malton to be trained. He ran fairly well, but never looked like winning, the issue being fought out by Cutler and Tittleby. The latter belongs to Mr Gee, Gunter, of Wetherby, and though not quoted in the market he looks doubtless profited by his success, he beating Cutler in the run home by a length and a half. S. Jones rode Lady Jane Grey for Sir Walter Whipp, but Bloodworth had meg with a slight injury in the Cowthorpe Handicap.

The programme was wound up with the Ribston Steeplechase, which went to the favourite, Treaty, Chessington, the second, having, according to the conditions of the race, which did not except selling platers, to concede Mr Whitworth's horse 4lbs. Details:—

Hall Orchards Selling Handicap Hurdle Race Plate of 50 sovs.—1, Long Melford (Mr J. C. Storie); 2, Footlights (G. Goswell); 3, Fast Life (Mr O. J. Cawthorne). Winner trained privately. Betting: 5 to 4 on Long Melford, 9 to 4 aget Fast Life, 5 to 1 Footlights. Won by three lengths; five lengths.

Marston Moor Steeplechase Plate of 50 sovs.—1, Patches (J. Fiddler); 2, Captain Farrell (J. Reardon); 3, Skylarker (W. Cooper). Winner trained by G. Miller, Hambleton. Betting: 7 to 4 on Captain Farrell, 5 to 1 against Patches, 6 to 1 Skylarker. Won by a length; a bad third.

Cowthorpe Handicap Hurdle Race Plate—1, Caledonian (E. Raine); 2, Knowing Bird (Mr O. J. Cawthorne); 3, Lilford (T. Farrell). Also ran—Oppidan (Mr C. J. Bloodworth), Bit o' Rye (Goswell), Prince (Threlfell), Kindly Light (T. O. Murray). Winner trained by D. Peebles, Cowthorpe. Betting: Even Knowing Bird, 5 to 1 each against Caledonian and Prance, 8 to 1 others. Won by a length and a half; five lengths.

Thorparch Handicap Steeplechase Plate of 60 sovs.—Threlfell Park (Mr O. J. Cawthorne) walked over. Winner trained by R. Danil, Unmouth.

Juvenile Hurdle Race Plate, of 50 sovs.—1, Tittleby (W. Cooper); 2, Cutler (Threlfell); 3, Tirolian (F. Cole). Also ran—Brigadier (Goswell), Erotic (Raine), Lady Jane Grey (S. Jones), Pomposity (Mr O. J. Cawthorne). Winner trained by G. Gunter, Wetherby. Betting: 6 to 4 aget Tirolian, 3 to 1 Erotis, 5 to 1 Cutler, 8 to 1 others. Won by a length and a half; three lengths.

Ribston Steeplechase of 50 sovs.—1, Treaty (Mr O. J. Cawthorne); 2, Chessington (T. Threlfell). Also ran—Northern Diver (J. Farrell). Winner trained by Maher, Wathon-Dinnett. Betting: 6 to 4 on Treaty, 3 to 1 aget Chessington, 6 to 2 Northern Diver. Won by a length and a half. Northern Diver did not finish.

YORKSHIRE MINERS IN TRAINING.

The battalion to which I am attached (writes a sergeant) is composed almost entirely of Yorkshire colliers—a fine body of men, rough perhaps, but remarkably keen. I have never in all my experience met such keenness. They are eager to learn all that a soldier has to learn, and that quickly. They rise at 5.30 and commence drill at six, and are at it all day, with necessary breaks for meals until five o'clock, when to see them marching home, tired and dirty, is quite an inspiration. They sing, and sing heartily.

Some of those men have told me that when at work in the mines they are earning varying from £2 to £4 a week, and as I have seen them now roughing it with one or two blankets a man on a hard floor, and remember what they have given up—the comfortable homes and good wages—in order to have the honour and glory of fighting for their country, I cannot help thinking those men are heroes all. We are getting so accustomed to it that one is apt to lose sight of their many splendid spirits and brave hearts that inspire them.

My work, of course, is the physical training of this battalion, and as I am writing and as they all pass through my hands during the day you can imagine that I have plenty to do. I shall have time before I retire to bed to write a letter to my fiancée, however, before the use of the bayonet, the weapon which we have already discovered to be dreaded by our friends the "Germaines." It is a fine sight to see these men drilling.

We do it all in the open air, and the men, 90 per cent. of whom have been spending so much of their lives underground and in a more or less crouching attitude, simply delight in this kind of life—the open air, the magnificent country, and the change of occupation. To see them at physical drill, stretching their arms and their bodies, marching with sharp, quick step, daily becoming more active, more quick, and more alert, is a treat. It is a pleasure to drill them, although I may say I am glad when Sunday comes round to give my voice a rest, for this constant shouting to such large companies is very trying.

I had the honour a few days ago of a conversation with the General commanding this division, who, seeing me drilling a large company, called me, and asked how they were getting on. I replied, "Splendidly. I have never seen anything like it. I wish I could always have got my recruits to work as well." "It is the same everywhere," he said. "and at Aldershot the officers all remark on the keenness of their men."

A TADCASTER MAN WITH THE R.A.M.C.

IN TRAINING AT DONCASTER.

LETTER FROM BARKSTON ASH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HON. SEC.

Mr Harry Metcalfe, of Tadcaster, who was hon. sec. of Barkston Ash Football Association, recently volunteered for active service with the R.A.M.C., and he is now in training at the camp at Doncaster. He writes to us as follows:

We are only a small camp, some 200 or so in number, and consequently heavily the equipment, such as mess rooms, writing tents, etc., of larger camps. I am writing this by candle light. I have been in this corps for three weeks now, and in camp a fortnight. The first week we were at Leeds having preliminary squad and Swedish drill, and a daily march of 5 or 6 miles. Although medical work is the chief feature of this section we have a certain amount of physical drill and exercise, which, you will readily see, are necessary, as it is essential we should be fit and in condition. Personally, I am extremely fit and well, and have not suffered in any way, unless it's in appetite, since I came here.

The chief work, that of first-aid treatment of fractures, lectures on the anatomy, in fact all necessary in connection with the medical work of the Army, I find very interesting. The officers in whose charge we are and who give us the lectures, are very painstaking and lucid, and although it must be very trying to them teaching and demonstrating the same things day after day, they are wonderfully patient and anxious for us to make the best possible progress. The recruits, in the main part, are a good class and seem to be making good progress. Of course, it is a great change for all of us, yet most of the men put their best into it and try to become, as efficient as possible. We have been particularly favoured with such fine weather, which has enabled us to have all our lectures, etc., in the open, which is, of course, more convenient as well as pleasant.

Our day commences at 5.30, when we have coffee served out. We appear on parade at 6, and a few minutes later go out for a march of 5 or 6 miles, and arrive back in camp for breakfast at 7.15 to 7.30. We are then dismissed until 9, during which time we take bedding out, clean tents and fold up, etc., which, in addition to having breakfast, as you will see we are kept fairly busy. One misses the usual morning paper, the headlines being about the amount one has time to absorb. After parading again at 9, we go out for our first-aid lessons, stretcher drill, lectures, etc., and return to camp for dinner about 1.30. We have about an hour allowed for dinner, and parade again. We then have further lectures on bandaging, and dismiss for the day at 3.30 to 4 o'clock. We then wash, clean up, put beds ready again, and have tea at about 5. After that we are at liberty until 9, when we have to parade again for inspection.

The discipline is necessarily severe, and any drunks would be severely dealt with. Lights out is sounded at 9.30, and all talk must cease. Fast is a fair description of the ordinary day's work. The food and sleeping accommodation are also good.

The food, while being plain, is wholesome and good, and there is generally an ample sufficiency. For breakfast we get bacon or cheese and butter, bread and tea; for dinner roast beef or mutton and potatoes, and sometimes soup, and for tea jam or marmalade, bread and tea. We each have an enamel bowl and plate, and wash our own utensils. To grease it is rather a problem at first with them clean, but a deal of water, and splendidly as a scourer. In the town there are ample arrangements for the comfort and welfare of the troops. There are many troops here, including Scottish Horse, W.R. Artillery, W.R. Army Service, and several thousand more are expected.

I expect that we shall be moving somewhere to winter quarters soon, but it is not definitely settled yet where. It is, of course, getting cold at night and early morning, and we cannot hope for a long continuance of the present beautiful weather. I was interested to note there were so many of our local footballers trying to serve their country, and hope they are all as comfortable as we are at this particular camp.

AN AUSTRIAN WHO LIVED IN SELBY.

DIES IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP.

At the York Military Hospital the Coroner held an inquiry into the circumstances of the death of August Burkert, an Austrian prisoner, who had been confined to the concentration camp, Leeman Road, York.

Sergeant Thomas Tarrant, Prisoner of War Department, said he was on duty at the Leeman Road detention camp, and the deceased was a prisoner there. He was aged 39, and his residence was 15, Church Lane, Selby. He was an engineer, and was of Austrian nationality. Deceased was interned on September 4th last. He was a registered alien, and was detained because he was likely to become dangerous. He had been in the detention camp since his arrest.

Corporal Matthew Joyce, R.A.M.C., residing at the Detention Camp, said the deceased had required medical attention while he was in the camp, and had been attended by the medical officer, Lieut. Hogg, and a

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Irises are very popular, especially the bulbous-rooted varieties. The Spanish and English varieties thrive in this country under normal conditions, but on heavy soils it is advisable to prepare a bed for them by digging in sand or road scrapings, leaf mould, and old potting soil. The ground should be well tilled, and the addition of rotten manure is conducive to success. The bulbs may be planted close together. They make very little foliage, therefore cannot crowd each other. They are very effective when massed in separate colours in the mixed border, and are often planted in large beds, carpeted with a suitable shade of violas. They do not force readily, but may be had in flower before Christmas time by the use of cold frames.

SWEET PEAS.

Mr Usher, the well-known sweet pea specialist, has recently published a list of useful novelties. Constance Hinton is specially mentioned as an improved white variety. The individual flowers are of gigantic proportions. Ethel May Improved is another white, and is classed as an improvement on the well-known Etta Dyke. May Unwin receives special mention. It is described as a glorified Thomas Stevenson, with the same stem produces four flowers. New Marquis, Mrs McChrrick, King Manve, and Phyllis are also commended. Mrs Wormwald and Helen Longcroft are mentioned as useful early attractive varieties. May we remind our readers that October is the best time to sow the seed for early flowering in pots. A well-ventilated cold frame is an ideal spot for them.

LIFTING GLADIOLI.

A very common error when lifting Gladioli is cutting off the growth. They should be lifted intact, and the leaves should be allowed to decay naturally. They may be tied in bundles of a dozen or so, and hung in a dry, frost-proof shed. When the growth decays clear it off and store the corms in paper bags until required for replanting. They may be lifted immediately they finish flowering. The old Brenchleyensis type is still very popular, but every Gladioli lover should try a few of the Gandavensis and Childsi hybrids. America is a splendid named variety. We have seen some fine examples of it this year, and it always commands admiration. The individual flowers are very large, and do not carry that stiff appearance so noticeable in the old type.

PREPARING FOR SPRING

As soon as the flower beds have been cleared of summer-flowering plants a start should be made with autumn bedding. At the moment of writing the soil is very dry, and unless rain falls on the beds will require watering a few hours before planting is attempted. The plants that are to be used should also receive a thorough soaking before they are disturbed. This entails rather more labour, but the benefit to the plants will more than repay for this. The old system of planting beds with subjects all about the same height is quite out of date, and has largely given way to the more graceful style of carpeting with drawf subjects, with a few taller plants amongst them to remove the stiffness and formality of the appearance. By expressing a little forethought, a succession of bloom may be obtained, especially where bulbs are used. Winter aconites, snowdrops, and crocuses are amongst the first to bloom, and these may be followed by hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils, with the May-flowering tulips following later still. For carpeting purposes arabis, aubretia, daisies, polyanthus, primroses are very useful, and of course wallflowers usually form the bulk of the plants used. May we once more emphasise the necessity for firm planting. This is very important, and often makes all the difference between success and failure. Wallflowers never stand the winter well unless they are planted quite firmly, and on light land it is advisable to tread around the plants with the feet.

VEGETABLES

Vegetables are in need of rain, and to enable them to resolve full benefit from it when it does come the hoe should now be used freely to stir the surface soil. Autumn sown onions should be watered to prevent them drooping. There is still time to sow rows of parsley for cold frame treatment. Give the plants a good watering a few hours previously, and lift them with a ball of soil, if possible. Plant in the frame, and may be made up of old potting soil mixed with ordinary garden soil. Plant firmly, and syringe daily until new growth commences. The frame lights should be removed on all favourable occasions.

PLANTS IN POTS.

Chrysanthemums usually produce a number of lateral growths immediately after they are housed. In the case of low or rare varieties the shoots may be inserted as cuttings. They make nice stock plants for future propagating purposes, but not required as cuttings. The shoots should be removed to enable the plants to concentrate their energies upon the building up of the flowers. This is one of the little points that help to secure success. If the shoots are left they soon spoil the pot's symmetry, and are useless for propagating purposes. Very little water is required for a few days after housing the plants, and great care should be exercised in this direction. Overwatering would lead to sourness of the soil, and materially interfere with the production of good flowers. Keep a sharp look out for aphides and fumigate at once if they appear. In town gardens the roof glass soon gets dirty on the outside, and should be repeatedly washed to allow the plants to get the full benefit of the light. When potting should be done in the morning, and those and so-ging should be mopped over shortly afterwards. A moisture charged atmosphere is very bad for expanding blooms, especially those of the large and incurved varieties. Very dark varieties should be shaded from bright sunshine. Decorative varieties should be disbudded according to the taste of the cultivator. Well-grown bushy plants pay for disbudding to one flower on each stem. This class of flower is in great demand in the market, and commands a better price than the natural bloom flowers. Plants that have been grown in the open ground should now be lifted and placed under cover. If required for conservatory decoration they should be potted up, whilst those intended for the production of cut flowers may be packed fairly close together in the greenhouse, with some ordinary soil about the roots. Give a thorough watering before lifting, and again after they are potted or planted. If this is done, very little, drooping will be noticed, but if any plants do droop, they should be shaded during sunny weather until they recover. A light spray over with clear water will often help them to recover from drooping. Lifted plants should not be watered with liquid manure for a few weeks after they are housed.

PRIMULA MALACOIDES

This remarkably pretty little plant has one serious failing. During the autumn and winter months its leaves often damp off wholesale. As a preventive-in, this it should be stood in a light, airy position, and water should be given only when it is approaching dryness. A shelf near the roof glass is an excellent position for it, and immediately decaying leaves are observed they should be removed. If many others will be affected. The flowers are very pretty for table decoration. They give the best effect when used in small vases, mixed with maidenhair fern. If the plants are used for house decoration they should be frequently changed. Remove the flower shoots as they fail, and the flowering season will be considerably extended.

HERBACEOUS PLANTS FOR FORCING

Many kinds of herbaceous perennials may now be lifted and potted up for flowering under glass in the winter. They grow in suitable sized pots, and stand outdoor for the present. During November they may be removed to a cold frame and when spring arrives and new growth commences a cool place in the greenhouse should be found for them. Doronicums, iris, pyrethrums, and similar early-flowering subjects may be used for this purpose and are very useful for providing cut flowers. In gardens where the usual expenditure on bulbs has been curtailed, these plants will be found very acceptable in spring.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—The demand was good for absent and outs, but slow for barley. The display of samples was not so large as that of last week. Wheat 38s. to 39s., malting barley 29s. to 32s, grinding barley 27s to 28s; oats, 23s to 24s 6d per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 6 and 7 for 1s.; butter is 9d to 1s 4d per lb.; chickens 4s to 4s 6d per couple; celery 8d to 1s per dozen.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday—In the potato market prices were firmer. Sond Up-to-Dates 40s to 45s, sand King Edwards 45s to 50s, warp King Edwards 50s to 55s per ton; retail, 2s 3d to 2s 6d per hamper.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 60 beasts, 20 sheep, and 53 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers. Only a short supply of fat beasts, with an improved trade, best beef making fully 9s per stone. Stores were of about late rates. A small show of sheep, which moved off at late rates. No change in pork or store pigs. Prices as follow: Fat bullocks up to £22 2s per head, fat heifers to £22 2s 6d, fat cows to £17 17s 6d, store cattle to £14 12s 6d, heifers in calf to £18 7s 6d, heifers in milk to £16 7s 6d, fat shorklings to £2 14s, fat ewes to £3 10s, fat weaner pigs to £8 10s, porkpigs to £5 10s, and small store pigs to £1 1s 6d.

WHITSIDE AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son offered 95 newly calven, calving, and store beasts, 45 fat cattle, 102 sheep, 264 pigs, and 10 calves. A large show of dairy cattle, and trade ruled firm, the best newly calven cows making up to £26 5s., useful cows to £22 2s 6d, and secondary sorts to £16. Best calvers to £24 10s, and two-year-old store beasts £13 10s to £14. A good demand for laying-off cows, December and January calvers realising £22 5s to £23 5s. Fat cattle realising 7½d per lb., good beef to 7¾d, cows 6d to 7d per lb., heifers to £16 12s 6d, cows to £23, bulls to £21 15s. Choice shearling sheep made to 60s, heavier sorts 54s to 56s, and lambs 7d to 7½d per lb. Large supplies of pigs, porkers to 8s, bacon pigs to 7s 3d, per stone, young store pigs to 12s 6d, stronger kinds to £2 11s each, breeding sows and gilts to £5 5s each, and calves to £4 14s each.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a good show of sheep and rather a less show of beasts. The attendance of butchers and dealers was in excess of last mart. A firm trade was realised throughout, best beef making more than last mart, and sheep good to sell. Beef may be quoted from 8s 6d to 9s 3d per stone; cows and heavy best 8s to 8s 6d. Sheep met a good trade, making 4d to 6d per lb. Pigs 7s 3d to 9s per stone. Beasts made, up to £28 15s, and sheep to 94s each. Numbers sold: 86 beasts, 243 sheep, and 13 pigs. Mr E. Liversidge, Ardsley, had eight good fat bullocks, which made £28 15s, £26 2s 6d, £24, £25 7s 6d, £25, £23 2s 6d, £24 10s, and £23 7s 6d; Mr J. W. Atkinson, Walshford, had four good bullocks, which made £25 2s 6d, £24 15s, £23 15s; a prime bullock from Mr Watson, Linton Springs, made £23 15s; two bullocks from Mr R. Bielby, Cattal, made £23 7s 6d and £22 7s 6d; two very fine bullocks from Mr T. Holmes, of Linton, made £23 12s 6d, and £22 17s 6d; four very grand heifers from Mr Alfred Plompton Hall, made £23 5s, £20 15s, £19, and £19 10s; two grand heifers from Mr J. Thwaites's Exors, made £21 15s, £20 15s, and £20 10s; two grand bullocks from Mrs Kendall, Bickerton, £24 15s, and £24 5s; four grand bullocks from Mr Dobson, Dunsforth, Wadsphead, made £24 2s 6d, £24 12s 6d, and £21 17s 6d; a grand heifer from Mr J. Jackson, Burnsinger, made £21 17s 6d; four bullocks from Mr L. Simpson, Newton Kyme, made £24 7s 6d and £23; two bullocks from Mr A. Kendall, Bickerton, made £20 17s 6d and £20; seven bullocks from Mr Bickerton Grange, made £23 5s, £21, £22 15s, £21 10s, £21, £20, £22 15s, and £19 5s; three bullocks from Mr Elwess, Ingmanthorpe, made £22 2s 6d, £18 10s, and £18; two bullocks from Mr W. Dunnington, Marston Lodge, made £23 17s 6d and £18 2s 6d; four prime heifers from Mr W. Burniston, Wheeton Lodge, made £20 5s 6d, £19 6d, £19 12s 6d, etc.; a bullock from Mr G. Douthwaite, Ruddings Farm, made £23 5s; three heifers from Mr G. Lax, made £21, £20 6d, and £19 6d; and a row bullocks from Mr T. Jackson, Cattal, made £23 15s and £19 2s 6d; two bullocks from Kendale, made £24 10s and £22 17s 6d, a pen of sheep shown from Mr G. Lax, Conchepe, first prize winners at Wetherby and Tadcaster Shows, made 94s each; three, pens from Mr R. Bielby made to 76s; from Mr R. Mawhin, to Gt. Lax, made 74s; from Mr W. Hall, to 69s.; Mr W. Burniston, to 70s 6d; Mr J. N. Atkinson, to 56s 6d; Mr Holmes, to 70s 6d; Mr E. Spink, to 68s; Mr Elwess (fat lambs), to 90s 6d. Fat pigs to 58s. each; etc.

The Irish Creameries are about to offer to the War Office a quantity of butter for the wounded soldiers in hospitals.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT—No. 10.

More than once has, I mentioned that the "contented hen is the paying hen." Now contentment implies good feeding, sanitary accommodation and kindness. Kindness never produces fright; fright is known to lessen eggproduction.

Today I purpose responding to a letter written by a well-known American poultry-keeper, Mr Archie E. Vanderveer, which emphasises this aspect of poultry management. It his advice is followed it must tend to lessen nervous sorrows. Some of the large egg farms charge admission to their plants to discourage visitors. Strangers frighten their hens and cause a falling off in the egg yield. Then, the egg producing breeds are more nervous and easier frightened than the larger breeds, and seem more afraid and suspicious of strangers. I had not thought very much of this matter until one day a few years ago we had a reunion at our farm. The large noisy crowd scared the usually gentle, Orpingtons so bad that the eggs fell to extreme corners by the farm, and I remember I found but very few eggs when I came to gather them. Since then I have observed that if my hens become scared at strangers they will fall off in the egg yield very much.

I take great pains to make friends with the poultry, and succeed even with Leghorns, but even more than this is the point of introducing strangers to come nearer than a respectable distance. The little brooder chicks will allow strangers to fondl, them, but as they grow older they become more cautious.

However, they know and do not fear the hand that cares for them. I am very careful never to alarm or ill-treat them in any way. Uniform kindness and gentleness is everything. Anything likely to cause commotion in the poultry yard, is the way to keep the poultry on the farm bored. It is an item of value to the able to catch a fowl easily when wanted for table or other use. A quiet, gentle hen that will permit her owner to handle her while on the nest, is worth three times as much as the wild hen that endangers her eggs by leaving the nest in a hurry when her master comes near. An ungovernable hen will make, her off-spring the same.

The largest breeders of cattle, sheep and swine, attach much importance to making their stock gentle and manageable by simple means, and well know the quiet contented animals fatten and thrive much better. Thy, some principle applies to poultry, and more to the than much to do with the profits. And, besides, it's a good deal of satisfaction to have our feathered friends so time they will come running quickly at the call without signs of distrust.

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns, free, but those requiring a postal answer thereto, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

The Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, Captain Mitchell-Innes, was out shooting game on Saturday with a number of friends. A gun of one of the party was accidentally discharged, and Captain Mitchell-Innes was hit in the face. The right eye was injured.

During Hull Fair four monkeys escaped from a menagerie. They escaped whilst the attendant was putting fresh water in the monkey-house. One was recaptured, but the other three made rapid progress down the slope in the neighbourhood of the fair ground.

The calendar at the Micklemas Quarter Sessions at Leeds, for which 200 cases were opened on Monday at Wakefield, contained the names of 46 prisoners, as compared with 66 in the corresponding period last year. Only four of the prisoners were concerned in a charge of rioting at Keighley.

M. Leroy-Beaulieu, in a paper read at the Paris Academie des Sciences Morales et Politiques, estimates that from 45 to 50 milliards of francs (about £2,000,000,000) would be required to make good the losses from individual losses suffered. The estimate is based on the assumption that the war lasts seven months.

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Mrs A. Robinson	0	5	0
Mrs Reed	0	10	6

The total amount collected is £45 7s., which has been forwarded in full, all the expenses having been paid by Mr Dobson. The committee thank all those who have assisted in any way in obtaining this handsome result of the effort.

JAMES W. DOBSON, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
The Elms, Garforth, Oct. 17th, 1914.

A SELBY ABBEY ANNIVERSARY.

SIN OF MAN THAT MADE WAR.

In connection with the dedication anniversary celebration at Selby Abbey a choral service was held on Tuesday evening, the preacher being Canon Bell, vicar of St. Olave's-with-St Giles', York.

Canon Bell delivered an inspiring discourse on the passage "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former." He said it was always difficult to see the working out of God's purpose in great and destructive calamities. The minds of the congregation went back eight years to the disaster that took place in Selby. Some of them, as they saw the flames shooting up in the darkness of the night, perhaps asked, "Can it ever rise again?" Yes, it was the will of God. But the mercy was forthcoming. Not only the people of Selby, but of Yorkshire and England rose to do all they could, and the church was renewed with generosity and liberality. It was the sin of man that made war, just as it was the sin of man that made the captivity. It was God who was able to take this evil thing, and out of it bring the working of His purpose. Before the war the dominant note in this country was self-pleasing; everyone wanted his plan working out, and said if he did not get his way people should suffer for it. Then came this crushing blow, and people dropped all that nonsense. Each week now saw more clearly the folly of it all. We saw more clearly than we had a tremendous lesson in what the sin of selfishness was. They looked across at Belgium they saw men who had positively laid down their lives as an act of self-sacrifice. They had been cast out of their country, and suffered the horrible afflictions and tortures. Perhaps some might ask why God had allowed this? Were they such bad people? God knew that the very careless and forgetful must suffer. It was because the people of Belgium had learnt at the foot of the Cross some of the great lessons of self-sacrifice, that they had been called to suffer, that they had been glorified in suffering.

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CARE OF A POLISHED TABLE.

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Two Territorials, mistaken for enemies, have been shot by comrades, and another Territorial has been killed while on sentry duty by a shot fired by some unknown hand.

William Waite, weighing 20 stones, enlisted as an artilleryman at Cardiff. He was formerly in the Army. He is now eager deal and dumb applicants were rejected.

The Exchequer returns from April 1st to October 17th show that the expenditure was £100,951,000 against £57,778,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

The Court of Appeal has decided that the moonshine does not apply to a series of small debts, each amounting to 19s. 11d., the total debts amounted to more than that sum.

A farmer named Waterworth was on Monday committed for trial on the charge of shooting at William Turner, a youth, who was running with harriers across the defendant's land.

Harold Snowdon, a native of Silsden, was knocked down and run over by the motor car performing Territorial patrol duty on the Great Western Railway between Sunderland and Dolcoat.

Alice Allison, aged five years, of 2, Gound Field, Barnsley, died from the effects of burns. Her clothing caught fire through the child and another youngster playing with "fools fire" in the house. The latter escaped.

Gustav Baumann, proprietor of the Biltmore Hotel, New York, fell from the roof, which is 22 storeys high, and was killed in front of the entrance of the establishment. It is believed that the fall was accidental.

The decoration of the Royal Red Cross has been bestowed by the Queen upon Mdlle. Eugenie Antoine for her courageous and devoted services to the British wounded in hospital at Vally-sur-Aisne while that village was under fire on Sept. 14th.

A voluntary contribution made by the officers and employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway by the Canadian Patriotic Fund of all the daily deductions amounted to upwards of £28,000. This is exclusive of other sums given by the company.

Princess Mary has issued an appeal for £100,000 with which to provide a Christmas present to every sailor afloat and every soldier at the front. The gift will take the form of an embossed brass tobacco or cigarette box, pipe, and tinder lighter. In the case of Indian troops, sweets will be supplied instead of tobacco or cigarettes.

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THE SITUATION.

"It's only a £700 place," said Crocus Graham, with flushed cheek and glittering eyes. "And when my car fares are paid, and my dress provided for, there isn't so much left after all. I'm sure nobody need covet it."

Mrs. Graham looked at her daughter with folded hands and a troubled expression of countenance.

"Yes, I know, Crocus," said she, in that soft, tremulous falsetto of hers. "But £100 is £100, and, after all, these public offices are a deal more genteel than school-teaching or dressmaking, or any other way by which a friendless woman may earn a living. And this little place has many powerful political friends, and they tell me that a place must be found for her at all hazards."

And so, "cried the indignant Crocus, "I am to be flung—and you with me, mamma—helpless upon the world!"

"Not helpless, Crocus, dear!"

"Mamma, how can it be otherwise?" said Crocus, looking pitifully down on her little white hands, pink as to the nails and dimpled as to the joints. "He said it was always difficult to see the working out of God's purpose in great and destructive calamities. The minds of the congregation went back eight years to the disaster that took place in Selby. Some of them, as they saw the flames shooting up in the darkness of the night, perhaps asked, "Can it ever rise again?" Yes, it was the will of God. But the mercy was forthcoming. Not only the people of Selby, but of Yorkshire and England rose to do all they could, and the church was renewed with generosity and liberality. It was the sin of man that made war, just as it was the sin of man that made the captivity. It was God who was able to take this evil thing, and out of it bring the working of His purpose. Before the war the dominant note in this country was self-pleasing; everyone wanted his plan working out, and said if he did not get his way people should suffer for it. Then came this crushing blow, and people dropped all that nonsense. Each week now saw more clearly the folly of it all. We saw more clearly than we had a tremendous lesson in what the sin of selfishness was. They looked across at Belgium they saw men who had positively laid down their lives as an act of self-sacrifice. They had been cast out of their country, and suffered the horrible afflictions and tortures. Perhaps some might ask why God had allowed this? Were they such bad people? God knew that the very careless and forgetful must suffer. It was because the people of Belgium had learnt at the foot of the Cross some of the great lessons of self-sacrifice, that they had been called to suffer, that they had been glorified in suffering.

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"Mamma, you must be provided for, don't you see?" said the Senator. "And they tell me that your department is the pleasantest place in the Treasury building, with its wide halls, its fireproof treasury building, with roses in her bosom and the odour of youth and health in her clear eyes.

Her dead father had been good to him as a young man and he had never forgotten it.

Crocus's heart sank piteously as he looked down at her with serious, observant eyes.

"He is thinking how he will break it to me," she thought to herself. "Oh, dear! oh, dear I wish it were all over and I was on the Dakota farm, with mamma and the beehives."

He spoke at last, after what seemed an interminable pause—spoke in a low, earnest voice.

"Miss Graham," he said, "did you ever think of leaving the department?"

"Of giving up my office?" uttered Crocus, quickly.

"Yes," he said. "I suppose, of course, it would amount to that."

Crocus rose and stood playing with the tassel on her fan in a nervous sort of way.

"It is very kind of you to lead up to the subject so carefully, Mr. Harrington," said she; "but—but I know all about it already.

He looked at her with puzzled, intent eyes.

"I do not see how that can be possible, Miss Gra ame," said he.

"Oh, I'm quicker-sighted than you think!" Crocus answered, with a forced laugh. "I have seen it coming for some time. It is scarcely necessary, I suppose, to ask my opinion."

"But it is necessary—very necessary, indeed!" said the auditor. "I am some years your senior, Miss Graham; but I believe I could make you happy. At least that is the conclusion at which I have arrived after many days and nights of reflection on the subject. And if you will decide to look favourably upon my suit—"

"But," cried Crocus, with burning cheeks, "I was talking about my office in the department!"

"And I," said Mr. Harrington, "am talking about you."

If the winged god Mercury had come down from his marble pedestal among the catalpa trees, if the magnificent statue of the "Pioneer" had descended from the portico and asked Crocus to be his bride, Crocus Graham could not have been more taken by surprise.

"I'm afraid I'm very stupid, Mr. Harrington," she said, "but—but did you mean to ask me if—

"If you would marry me—yes," said the twenty-fifth auditor, composedly.

"It doesn't seem possible," said Crocus.

And then, in her bewilderment of happiness, she began to cry.

So Mrs. Altamont got the £100 office, and Senator Stalkup was satisfied. And the farm project remained a myth.

And sometimes, when Crocus comes to her husband's private office in the department, a sweetfaced young matron in silk and lace, who looks strikingly at her ease with Mrs. Altamont in their midst, and wonders if it were possible that she was once one of them.

"It seems so long ago," says Mrs. Harrington—"oh, so very long ago!"

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BOWERS ALLERTON AND DISTRICT BAND OF HOPE UNION.

ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS AT KIPPAX.

On Saturday the fourth anniversary of the Bowers Allerton and District Band of Hope Union was celebrated, and meetings were held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom at Kippax.

In the afternoon a conference took place, and it was well attended by workers from various societies composing the Union. A paper was read by Mr. A. Lockwood, of Leeds on "Stick to the subject," and he gave many good hints to speakers desiring to interest the boys and girls attending band of hope meetings. The president of the Union (Mr Herbert Firth, Methley) presided. Subsequently a good tea was partaken of by a fair company.

Afterwards the annual business meeting took place, and a report of the year's work was given by the hon. sec. (Mr Ismay Robinson), and then the election of officers took place. Mr Firth was re-elected president, Mr Ismay Robinson hon. secretary, Mr Thomas Booth (Kippax) vice-president, Mr Samuel Stockwell (Bowers Allerton) treasurer, and Mr Jas. Goodall was re-elected representative to the County Union.

In the evening considerable interest was manifested in a public meeting and entertainment, over which Mr T. Booth (the newly-elected vice-president) presided. There was a large audience. Mr A. Lockwood, of Leeds, delivered an instructive address and gave a recitation, and songs were rendered by Miss Annie Smith (Kippax), Misses E. Davidson and W. Ward (Bowers Allerton), and Mr Clifford Farrer. Recitations were contributed by Miss Waller (Kippax) and Miss Olive Robinson (Bowers Allerton), while cornet solos and duets were given by Masters Ratcliffe and Hall (Kippax). Mrs Pelnce, of Kippax, was the efficient accompanist.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes and the trustees of the Wesleyan Church for the use of the schoolroom.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I was surprised in this week's issue of your paper to find another letter from the correspondent of the Fenton Club, and particularly in face of the one in your issue of the 2nd inst. In this he says if I will openly state that the members of the Fenton Club are as fully entitled to be termed Fentonians as those of the Sycamore team he then most willingly withdraws his accusation. Although I had never disputed the fact that members of both clubs were equally Fentonians I went to the trouble of publicly admitting this, fully expecting this would end the correspondence. Now he states he has nothing to withdraw, and further states I made a statement which I cannot verify and also one which all the clubs in the division may equally take exception to.

I may say I have made no statement which I cannot both verify and substantiate. I haven't said a word against either individual or club. I would remind the correspondent of the Fenton Club that the correspondence arose out of the word Fentonians being used in a report of the doings of the Sycamore Club, not for any remark or statement against anyone. Now I am told every club in the Division may take exception to this. I fail to see what this has to do with other clubs in the Division. Exception might have been taken both by the Fenton club and other clubs had the report stated that the members of the Sycamore Club were proud of the fact that, unlike many clubs in the Division, they were qualified by birth and not by residence. I might further have said we were proud of the fact that our team consisted practically of the members of one family—that family which may perhaps have done more for cricket than any family in the Division. That would, like the preceding one, have been an assertion to which exception might have been taken. Take the Crossgates clubs, for instance. If one or other of the clubs in their annual report were to say they were proud of the fact of being either all Wesleyans or all Crossgatesites, why should the other club take exception, and, moreover, why should they be asked to publicly state why the word or words were used. There is always a reason for everything that appears in print, but because a certain reader takes exception to this why should the writer be called to state why the word was used unless it was an assertion. In this case there had been no assertion, and, therefore, nothing to substantiate. I publicly stated that the word was not intended to apply to the members of the Fenton Club or anyone connected with it, and further than this I am prepared to support this on oath.

The correspondent of the Fenton Club said he publicly washed to take exception to the misleading statements which were from time to time sent by the correspondent of the Sycamore Club. This is my name and only privacy, and it was only in fairness to myself I asked the Fenton correspondent to tell me when these statements appeared. When he does so I will either publicly or privately state why the word he objects to was used. So far as I am concerned nothing has been said by me which was intended to offend anyone, and unless necessity compels me I have said my last on the matter.—Yours, etc.,

G. H. Austin, Hon. Sec., Church Fenton Sycamore, C.C.

SELBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the monthly meeting of the Selby Urban District Council on Wednesday night it was notified that the surveyor had applied to the Road Board for a grant towards the repair of the part of Ousegate leading from the Railway Station to the Toll Bridge, which thoroughfare the military authorities regarded as a military road.

The Local Government Board have sanctioned a loan of £350 for the purchase from the Lord of the Manor (the Earl of Londesborough) of the reversionary interest in the Museum Hall property, the gift to the town under the will of the late Sir Jonathan Hutchinson.

Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, advances of wages to workmen were granted.

Mr Mark Scott referred to the appeal being made for funds for the purchase from the Lord of Belgian refugees, and said he thought the Council might adopt the plan of furnishing an empty residence at Selby. This country was under a deep debt of gratitude to the Belgian people in the present crisis.

Mr G. Ainley and others expressed an earnest desire to do something to help the refugees.

The Clerk (Mr J. H. Bantoft) said that a difficulty would arise in incurring expense, and eventually the question was referred to the Selby War Distress Sub-Committee.

It was decided unanimously that the post of the Medical Officer (Dr. Bertram Hill) should be kept open for him until his return from military service.

The Schools.—The Horwich Schools had splendid attendance, records last month. Scholes was at the top of the Garforth district with a percentage of 94.44 against 92.50 for September last year, while Barwick had a percentage of 93.21 against 92.66.

WHITKIRK AND DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB.

A HEALTHY INSTITUTION

Whitkirk and District Rifle Club continues to do good work in the way in which it was formed to do, viz., to teacher the important art of rifle shooting. The club numbers among its members a few very good shots, and all the members show weekly improvement.

A system of weekly averages is carried out, and on each Monday the list of averages is posted up in the range, showing the total number of rounds shot during the foregoing week by each member, together with his total score and average. Needless to say, Monday is an important day, and there is a rush to the notice board as soon as the list is posted up.

A competition of some kind is held every Saturday night. For these competitions an entrance fee of one penny is charged, all of which goes to swell the local Distress Fund, the prizes being provided out of club funds, or given by members.

Since we last reported the club's doings the following members have won prizes at the competitions:—First prizes—Messrs Bagley, Smithson, and E. McKay, jun. Second prizes—Messrs Beaumont, Pendlebury, and Farrell.

On Saturday two silver spoons from the S.M.R.C. were presented to Messrs J. S. White and S. H. Kirkby for having made "possibles."

The club still continues to enrol new members, and is altogether in a flourishing and healthy condition.

A CROSSGATES MAN SUES A SEACROFT FARMER.

JUDGE'S AMUSING COMMENTS.

At Leeds County Court on Wednesday—before Judge Greenbaum—an action was heard in which Eric Vernon Wimpenny architect, of Manston Gardens, Crossgates, claimed £50 damages for personal injuries, etc., alleged to have been caused by a horse belonging to Eliza Umpleby, farmer of Seacroft. The action arose out of an accident which happened to plaintiff in July as he was riding his motor-cycle late at night down the Coal Road, Seacroft. Two horses dashed across the road in front of the machine. The first only got over safely, but the second collided with the cycle, throwing the Wimpenny to the ground. He alighted on his head, suffered from concussion of the brain for a little while, and was kept away from his work for four weeks.

Mr F. Blackstone appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Armitage, barrister, defended.

In opening the case Mr Blackstone stated that the claim was for personal injuries sustained by plaintiff on July 21st through the negligence of defendant in allowing horses to stray on the public highway. About 10.45 on that night plaintiff was driving a motor-cycle and side-car along the Coal Road, Seacroft, when two horses ran across the road from some buildings owned by defendant. The night was extremely dark, and plaintiff had no time to avoid the horses. One of the animals passed quite safely, and then the other dashed across.

His Honour: This seems to have been a sort of cavalry engagement. (Laughter).

Mr Blackstone: Yes, sir, a charge of the Light Brigade.

Counsel said that the second animal received the identification plate full in the stomach.

His Honour: Like a torpedo. (Laughter).

It was stated that the impact of the collision caused the rider to turn a somersault in the air.

The Judge: Looping the loop. (Laughter).

It was said that as the result of the accident the plaintiff a great shock, from the effects of which he was still suffering. The bulk of the claim (£31) was for loss of business during his absence from the office.

At Mr Armitage's request, the plaintiff produced his ledger and showed the money received by him for the corresponding month of 1913.

His Honour: You make our mouths water.

It was also put forward that Mr Wimpenny had lost considerably in weight since the occurrence, whereat His Honour said that he thought most people tried to keep their weight down. "Still," he reflected, "I never had much to lose."

For the defence, Mr Armitage raised an important point of law, the substance of which was that the mere presence of the horses on the road was not sufficient evidence of negligence on the part of the owner. It must be shown that the defendant had been guilty of some breach of positive duty towards the plaintiff. Mr Armitage quoted in support the case of Coxe v. Burbidge (13, Common Bench, new series, p. 429), in which a child was kicked by a horse on the highway; and also the case of Ellis v. Banyard (Court of Appeal, 1912), in which a farmer's cows strayed upon the highway and threw a lady off her bicycle. In both cases it was held that there was no proof of the owners having been guilty of negligence.

His Honour said he should have thought that in this case the horses were a nuisance in that they were straying on the road, and that it was the farmer's duty to keep them within his own boundaries. But the point appeared to be such that straying of itself was not sufficient evidence of negligence.

Mr Blackstone, in reply to the Judge, said he could call evidence of positive neglect, but Mr Armitage objected to the case being re-opened.

It was explained that an amount of £17 10s. 6d. had already been paid into Court by the defendant, and His Honour urged the parties to come to a settlement.

The plaintiff was at first disposed to go on and take the case further, if necessary, but His Honour said he would like to give a word of warning,as the law seemed to be strong on the side of the defendant.

Mr Blackstone then again consulted again with his client, as a result of which he said the plaintiff would agree to take the money that had been paid into Court.

His Honour said he was pleased. "You would," he said to Mr Blackstone, "have had a thorny path to follow."

Accident.—Arthur Dawson, aged 41, an employee at the Selby Olympia Oil and Cake Mills, has met with a serious accident while working at the cake machinery. His right hand was caught by the machinery, and completely severed from the wrist. He was conveyed to the Selby Cottage Hospital, where he is progressing favourably. He is a married man belonging to Leeds, and has worked only a few weeks at Selby.

Organ Recital at the Abbey.—The anniversary of the dedication of the year 1907, and the choir in 1909, is being observed at Selby Abbey this week. On Monday night Mr C. H. Moody, organist of Ripon Cathedral, gave a recital at the Abbey in the presence of a large congregation. English, French, Russian, and Belgian compositions were played with the organist's well-known skill. The collection was devoted to the Belgian Refugee Fund.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week are George Carney and Co., fresh from their South African tour, in "The Fool of the Force." On the way back they fell in with the Kaiser der Grosse and got captured—almost a piece of good luck for the company, which includes ably to precede its turn with a very interesting series of cinematograph pictures showing the enemy ship approaching, her officers assembling on the deck of the Galician, and the ship's boats apparatus being dismantled. The pictures were obviously taken under difficulties, but there is least serve to illuminate a very exciting episode of the war. The company's turn here is highly diverting, and the "Fool" plays up to his part in great style. Gertie Gitana is very popular with her pretty, talking songs, and has the gift of pleasing her audience developed to a remarkable degree. Ermolow, a Russian Cossack, gives an interesting display of skill with ancient and modern war weapons; and Marriett Edgar, in the dual role of the Genial Duchess and the washerwoman, is immensely funny.

At the Empire Palace next week the chief turn will be given by Syd Rowson, in humorous Scottish character studies, and a notable engagement is that of Trumpeter Henri Gevve, of the Belgian Cavalry, the hero of Liege, Louvain, Malines, etc. He was wounded, and was decorated for bravery by the Belgian Government. Gevve, who will sound various trumpet calls, will have his thrilling experiences in the fighting described at each performance. Others billed to appear are Beansby Williams, with a fresh programme every night; Helen Charles, entertainer at the piano; the Poppesco Troupe, marvellous gymnasts; Comtesse di Rubadi, Italian court violinist; Jennie and Joe, comedy duo; and Geo. Rapley, comedian.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal feature is Fred Karno's sketch "Perkins, M.P.," with the locally born comedian, Tom Nelson, as the hero. The piece is by no means new to local music-hall patrons, but it meets with a very cordial reception, and Tom Nelson, as the impossible Perkins, has lost none of his potency as a mirth-provoker. Apart from the sketch, the bill is a strong one. Viviana and Co.'s scena "The Toyshop" is as vigorous and as funny as ever, and Mark Lupino is a comedian of exceptional ability. Syd May presents several clever impersonations of popular artistes; Horace Wheatley, an old favourite, renders one or two quaint Irish numbers; and Bella and Jules Terry and "Beauty" in their singing and dancing act, give an acceptable item. Others here are, Ray and Gee, entertainers; The Hesseys; and George Rosa, pianist and entertainer.

Next week at the Hippodrome Joe Peterman will present the inimitable comedian, Jimmy Learmouth as Colonel Cobb of the Red Hussars, supported by a full company of thirty artistes. Others who will appear are the Two Ventas, vocalists and dancers; Harry Habey, in his original study, "Curtains"; the Four Kasracs, and Vera Wootton, comedienne.

BARKSTON ASH MEN AT ANTWERP.

MR WINSTON CHURCHILL IN THE TRENCHES.

Private William Henry Sharp, one of the Royal Marines, who was at Antwerp when the city capitulated, has arrived home on furlough for a week.

He reached Selby on Tuesday, and was cordially welcomed by his friends. He is thirty years of age, is married, and has a family of four, and lives in Wren Lane.

He says he saw the trenches at Lierre, and after dark they had to retire. His comrade, Private Walter Watts, another Selby lad, had disappeared, and he hoped he was a prisoner in Holland.

Asked how it was that so many of them were taken prisoners, he replied that they were cut off during the darkness. They were in the trenches for four days and nights, and those were blown up by the accuracy of the large guns.

"If anybody said they prayers, we did," said Sharp. He added that there were only two men in his section saved, the others being killed or taken prisoners; one of the men near him had his head blown off.

Referring to the visit of Mr. Winston Churchill, Sharp said he was with them and passed him twice in the trenches. He was useful, and knocked about, going to Antwerp and coming back next day.

If it had not been for their presence, added Sharp, Antwerp would have fallen three days earlier than it did.

Trawlers Launched.—Two steel screw trawlers were launched on Wednesday at Messrs Cochrane and Sons's shipyard, Selby, for a Grimsby firm. The trawlers were respectfully christened Acantha and Bona Dea by Mrs Oldbrook, of Grimsby, and Mrs M. Goldham, of Birmingham. After the ceremony the visitors adjourned to the builders' offices, where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

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More men are required. From certain parts of the district—notably Wide Lanthorn, Tail of the district—notably Wide Lanthorn, Tail Moor, and Wrenthorpe—the young men have responded splendidly to the country's call, but there are still numbers who, the patriotic spirit should be as much stronger in these places than in other townships. Cross-gates has done very well, but compared to Rothwell with that of Wortley, which has a population of 5,000 more, Rothwell has a larger population of young men, but there is a difference of seventy-one names.

Tadcaster, which has a considerably larger population than Wetherby, has contributed over two score to the Army and Navy, and I see by the issue of Thursday last that Wetherby has only one more than Rothwell, although the former has a considerably larger number of inhabitants. Wetherby, which is the second largest centre in the Barkston Ash Division, claims to have sent just over fifty to the colours, and the village has I know, such a complete roll of honour that I have seen it, that Rothwell could, I think, be completed. It would be an interesting document, and would show to coming generations that Garforth young men in very large numbers of them, if not more, did not like the manners in her house of Lords. Unlike the Kippax one, there are no names of those who have gone to foreign and colonial lands to be recruited as Prussians or Russians are landing in the country.

In the district a good deal depends upon the local committees of correspondents residing in every township, and the success of the scheme will be largely governed by the way in which they carry out their duties. A very large number of these advertisements, I am told, are being issued from these agencies, but I have heard much fault on the part of the public with the way in which the forms are filled up. Some of the forms have been sent out with the names of the persons to whom they are addressed already filled in, and in many cases the wrong name has been given. Correspondents will note, I hope, that much trouble in the matter of delay will be saved if the forms are filled up correctly. There is no compulsory military training in force at present. I have commented on the unfairness of causing men to do something about which others were arriving with the Territorials, whom they went to join. Prior to this unfairness called for among young men, and particularly those of athletic sport who, perhaps, from the question of national preparedness, would be very beneficial to thousands of young men, and personally I see no objection to their being compelled to serve with the Territorials for a certain number of years.

It is publicly announced that the person who put the engine of the Rothwell Parish Church will apply in the proper quarter for the sum that has been lost. Now the question is, Where has it gone? Has it been pinched? The churchwardens would probably prefer that purpose before the burglars, the barbers and publishing firms in Church parish, as opposed to the persons who cause applause. The whole saga of a sermon of something higher than a silver button.

The reason why it is to be that concerted in Rothwell Church is a good many years ago, when a young man was born into the parish of Rothwell, and was baptised in the Rothwell Parish Church, he was given the name of Rothwell. The young man who belonged to one of the prominent families in the district made himself rather unpopular in church by his conduct, and having professed himself to be a large number of times, he made everybody sick by the reflection that he was born in Rothwell, and that the other men were not. He repeated these statements at several services, and then the Vicar publicly stated that if the person who had contributed the birthplace would call at the vestry he could get the certificate of baptism, which he has been unable to find. The vestry got the information, and the young man left the village and was never heard of again.

The Rothwell Cricket Club was entertained on the occasion of the annual meeting by Councillor Mark Peacock, and Councillor Sheffield, Mark Peacock, and Wetherby, Garforth and the two Aberfords, to follow suit, but there was then cricket and no one big a cottage, which must be entered in its remembrance with Swillington and Wetherby Clubs, which are now in existence. Before then, there must have to undergo a certain amount of military training, not to fulfil the highest aim, it is desirable that this phase of the movement should not be ignored. Whether in the strongest club in the district, and the members seem to be very enthusiastic, but it will have a large field to contend in the Aberford club, whose membership is restricted to married men and unmarried men in-habitants to serve with the Forces. It may be possible, he said here, to start a company of Territorials in Swillington district.

Temperance has had an unfortunate effect previous recently. In one part of the district a few months ago a plague of rats, which in-lodged pastries and made merry with the house-wives' good things, was reported, and some of the residents were in serious fear the invaders should take complete possession of the place. However, the rats were either out-flanked or starved out, for they retreated, and eventually disappeared. A plague of spiders followed, and, making night attacks on the district, they were to have gone in the way of the sweet sorrow, and then choked the gas burners. The residents are now wondering what the next plague will be.

Kippax did not evince much interest in the District Council by-elections, less than 300 votes being recorded in public at the close of the time he was on the Council, but he must have been very active in the committee meetings, where the most important questions to deal with.

By electing Mr Walter Crookford, J.P., of South Milford, to the vice-chairmanship, the Tadcaster Board of Guardians honoured a colleague who has a record of services unequalled by few public men in the district. Mr Crookford, who is a very quiet gentleman, has not perhaps taken such a prominent part in the debates at the meetings as several months who could be named, but he has about 30 years' service on the Board of Guardians to his credit, and the record deserved by such a one representative as Mr William Jackson, of Aberford, Selby, who is the "father" of the Board. Mr Crookford, who is popular with the members, is not an ambitious man, and he has been content to do his public work in an unobtrusive manner, but he has rendered valuable service on committees, and at the present time he is chairman of the Sanitary Committee. In South Milford district Mr Crookford is very popular, and the residents will congratulate him on the honour his colleagues have conferred on him.

Mid Mr J. W. Dobson, of Garforth, is not at the meeting he acted president than on Mr. Crookford very well, for the position but it is doubtful that he would have allowed his name to have been forward, as he is Chairman of Garforth Urban Council, and as ever have been more upon whom public honours have fallen than and to the utmost, and he is not the first to be a victim of Mr Crookford's modesty when there is any question of his own merits. Mr Dobson is excellent man in the chair, and he is a capable man of business, and considerable influence on the Council. Mr Walsh is an excellent man in the vice-chair, and he is a capable man of business, and considerable influence on the Council. Mr Walsh is an excellent man in the vice-chair, and he is a capable man of business, and considerable influence on the Council.

Although there have been many public meetings in the district lately, I do not remember to have attended one which was so unsatisfactory as that held in the Kippax Institute on Monday night. The object was to hear an address by Professor Lewis, University, who announced to speak on "Belgium." The Social Science, which was presided over in his usual manner by Father Lord, who is a good speaker, but he is much of a good thing. Mr Gilligan is a better speaker than Father Lord, and the latter was an excellent host, but he is not sufficient to have become on the same subject following on closely on each other.

In a note, Mr Gilligan was unfortunate in having to follow Father Lord, who has a high reputation among entertainers. The chairman announced what he was to remember, but he did not do so. He was introduced to the audience by Father Lord, who had a demonstration of their own. Lewis had but a very few slides to show, and the biggest telescope in the world, and no one who saw the depiction of the spiral nebulæ—the worlds in process of formation—will readily forget it. In this way Father Lord had a great advantage. Although the lecturer did not follow precisely the same lines, much of the information given was the same, and the manner in which Mr Gilligan dealt with the subject so pleased the audience that I doubt not he will be given a hearty welcome should he favour the Garforth folks with another lecture.

Back-row Ash politicians—and at present the district is resounding with politics, and no doubt a contest notice is found in the camp. It is wonderful what effect the war has had on all matters. Mr Lone Fox, M.P., is an officer in the Yorkshire Hussars, and he has volunteered for active service. Mr E. H. Foster, who will probably be his opponent at next election, is not a military man, but he, too, has determined to serve his country, and he has been given a position in connection with the War Office. Leading politicians on both sides have followed the examples of their chiefs, and it can assuredly be said that, speaking generally, the patriotic spirit is very strong throughout Barkston Ash Division.

Quite the most interesting story of Germany and the war related in the district was told by Dr Ambrose Pope, of Bradford, at Swillington, and it appears in another column. Dr Pope, who was a prisoner in Germany for two months, has by his experience been turned from a preacher of the gospel of peace into what may be styled a recruiting agent, and he should prove a very effective one. He offered his services to the Government in any capacity, and he was told that he could do most good in going round the district and describing his experiences among the Germans, and he is doing it. Not the least interesting part of his story deals with the numerous lies which were published in German newspapers in order to gull the poor Teuton.

Barkston Ash Cricket Competition—the oldest and most successful sports organisation in the district—is steadily maintaining its position, and it is probable that had the war not broken out the League would have been stronger than ever. Several clubs have been stripped owing to members having joined the Army, and before next cricket season comes round the membership of the clubs may be depleted. The local cricketers are doing their "little bit," and it would be a fit and proper recognition of the patronage of the young men were the Executive to compile a roll of all the cricketers connected with the Competition who have gone to win honour on a field of greater importance than that of cricket field.

The annual meeting decided that next season the League should be split into two divisions, and it does turn out that the Silver programmes entailed will prove too much for some clubs. Still, much can be said for the decision of the meeting, and I hope that it will be justified by results. Mr W. R. Pinder, who has provided the most popular Cup Competition has ever had, continues at his post, and Mr E. D. Pawson, who is an ideal hon. sec., again undertakes duty. It is satisfactory to find such an excellent feeling among the clubs of the Competition, and its success need never be feared so long as the fine old sporting spirit prevails.

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Has driven us to her before
Because her arms are round us
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We hear no sound of battle,
No tumult of the war,
But over us, in heaven,
Deep shines a quiet star.

It shines above the search-lights
That sweep the Channel foam,
It glitters on the trenches
A hundred leagues from home;
And there, as round the cannon
The tides of battle crown,
It sees the older children
Who die for England's fame.

And silent dreadful tapes,
On many a torn-up plain,
Look up and see it burning
And hear deeper their pain,
For what their hope is burning,
It quite in their hearts,
And dying, we regretted,
They have it through their tears.

The day that we forget it,
That lamp of faith shall wane,
The night that we remember,
It shines in heaven again,
Look up, for it may teach us,
One day, earth's a tide
It is the soul of England,
That lives in [illegible]

ALFRED NOYES.

MINERS AND WAR RELIEF.

In conference of the Miners' Federation concluded in London on Wednesday, when resolutions offering the relief of dependents during the war were passed. It was agreed that all relief funds be merged together and taken over and administered by the Federation, and that there should be a general or uniform scale of relief. Modifications or exceptions should be made to suit particular districts, and the national organisation be made responsible for raising the necessary funds. The conference demanded that the following should be the minimum scale of relief:—One adult, 12s. 6d.; two adults 17s. 6d.; one adult and one child, 15s.; two adults and one child, 20s.; two adults and two children, 22s. 6d.; 2s. 6d. for each child, and an additional 5s. 6d. for adoption in London boroughs.

The conference resolved to press on the War Office that an allowance of £1 per week should be paid to the wives of soldiers and sailors now serving without army pay deductions, and to widows or other dependents of soldiers, lost in the war; also £1 weekly to those disabled for life or partially disabled until fully recovered; also 5s. 6d. weekly to each child under working age.

On Saturday afternoon a League football match was played at Tadcaster between the home team and Heworth. Tadcaster were defeated by three goals to one.

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CHAPTER I.

"Ten million more for the Navy this year," said Colonel Esdaile, planting his feet firmly on the hearthrug, and facing his audience of three in an smoking-room, "and there was an increase of two million last year. I say that the nation can't stand it, that no nation can stand it. How sort of thing drains the vitality, sucks the blood of a country."

He spoke with vigour, his face reddening as he angrily blurted out the words. He felt himself injured by the increased expenditure on naval armaments, which so much money was required to set a-gazetteer on its legs again. His white moustache bristled, and there was an aggressive look about his round, bull-dog face. Like most small-built men, he was capable of a good show of wrath.

"That's all very well, Colonel," answered Coredale, a tall, well-proportioned young man, who was sitting in a chair on the left of the fireplace, "but we've got to keep pace with Germany."

"Go twice as fast, you mean;" snapped out the master of the house. "Two-Power standard! All out! One'd think we hadn't got an army in England."

"We haven't much of an army, you know, Endermine," said Westray, a clean-shaven, smart-looking man of fifty. "Even on paper it isn't much."

"It's a deuced fine army, sir," shouted the Colonel, "and if the enemy landed here we'd soon show 'em that the Navy isn't the only thing we've got. As for this burden on the nation, we're groaning under it."

"France and Germany are also groaning under the same burden," replied Westray. "That is some consolation, at all."

"It's no consolation at all, sir. If I've broken my leg, it doesn't do me any good to hear that my cousin, whom I hate, has broken his leg as well. Besides, we've got to spend twice as much as either of them, and I tell you the nation can't stand it. It's ruinous. It won't stand it an hour longer than they can help."

"What do you suggest, Colonel?" asked Coredale.

"Suggest? That we wipe out every other fleet in the world, and have a little peace."

Westray laughed, and turned to the fourth member of the party, who had so far not contributed to the discussion.

"What do you think, Lowick?" he asked.

The man thus addressed smiled and knocked off his cigar ash into a small silver tray. He was a remarkable-looking young man, thin, tall, and with a pale, ocean-shaven face that contrasted strangely with his black hair and locks, which were worn in the fashion pearance it was difficult to decide whether he were a student or a man of action. The square jaw and the hard lines about the mouth were not in keeping with the somewhat dreamy look in the eyes and the scholarly stoop of the shoulders.

"I think," he said, slowly, after a pause, "that the only salvation of the world, from a financial point of view, lies in the abolition of war."

"Pshaw!" ejaculated the Colonel, angrily. "You must be practical, Ralph—practical. You don't think the Peace Congress is likely to do any good, do you?"

"None at all. Mankind cannot be persuaded to abandon war. They are animals, and their nature is to fight. But they can be forced to give up war."

"Absurd! How can you force them?"

"By making war so terrible that no nation will dare to embark upon it."

"Bunkum, my dear boy! As the power of guns increases the armour thickens. And so it goes on, and always will go on, unless, as I say, we wipe out every fleet on the two hemispheres."

"Science has a good deal up her sleeve," said Lowick, after a pause. "Your father, for instance, firmly believes that one of these days it will be possible to annihilate an army by the pressure of a button. If that ever comes to pass, war will cease."

"Your father, eh?" said Coredale, eyeing Lowick narrowly. "Well, he ought to know what he's talking about."

"Certainly," added Westray. "I look upon Sir John Lowick as the foremost scientist of this age. Yet I wouldn't care to be the man who discovered a weapon of such magnitude."

"Why not?" asked Coredale. "He'd be a millionaire in six months."

"He might be dead in six days," Westray answered, "if he refused to part with his secret."

"Not if his secret died with him," Lowick interposed. "Therein would lie his safety."

"I don't think so," Westray replied. "A nation would rather lose all hope of gaining the secret of this terrible weapon than let it fall into another nation's hands."

"That would be a pretty problem," said Lowick, quietly, and, leaning forward, he flung his cigar-end into the grate.

"Let us join the ladies," said Colonel Endermine, abruptly. "All I know is that the agricultural districts—the mainstay of the country—want money, and that is the last word on the subject."

They filed out of the smoking-room, and made their way to the drawing-room.

I gave her a month's notice at once," said the clear, hard voice of Mrs. Westray as the door was opened. They laughed, and here in the drawing-room there was talk of war—the perpetual war waged between servants and their employers.

Four women were seated near the fire—Mrs. Endermine, the hostess, her daughter, Joan Endermine; Westray's wife, and Coredale's mother. They opened out their ranks as the men approached, and Joan Endermine looked smilingly at Lowick. She was a tall, good-looking girl of twenty-four, with light golden hair and grey eyes. Lowick seated himself by her side, where he had every right to be, for he was engaged to be married to her. Possibly that is why he was sitting on a sofa, and the other three women were in chairs.

The conversation, which had been purely domestic up to the entrance of the men, now wandered into various channels. Then Mrs. Coredale, a dull, handsome, foreign-looking woman, with grey hair and a magnificent figure, played a piece of remarkable difficulty on the piano. Joan Endermine followed with a song, and for the first time that evening Lowick's stern mouth softened, and he looked as though he were really capable of playing the part of an ardent lover. Another face also grew kindlier in expression, and that was the face of John Coredale. Westray was bored, and kept his eyes fixed on the carpet. The Colonel was deliously proud, and looked approvingly at his wife. Certainly the girl sang very well, and her voice was of singular power and sweetness.

More conversation followed, and in the shifting of places which had taken place after the music, Miss Endermine found herself next to Coredale, while the young man's mother seated herself on the sofa next to Ralph.

"Are you fond of music?" asked Mrs. Coredale.

"Some music," he answered. "I thought your playing was delightful."

"Nonsense, my dear boy, I can't play a bit. Now, Miss Endermine's singing—she ought never to marry; she ought to devote herself to her art. How is your father?"

"Very well, thank you," Lowick answered, a little stiffly. He remembered that his father disliked the Coredales, and had once said that Mrs. Coredale was a dangerous woman.

"One never sees him about now," she continued, "and people say he has quite given up amusements of all kinds."

"Yes, he is very hard at work."

"Still, I think a man ought to have some recreation, don't you? Years ago I used to know your father very well. He didn't work so hard then."

"Perhaps not. But he is very busy now."

"I think I shall call and see him one of these days. I used to call when your mother was alive."

"I'm afraid he wouldn't see you," Lowick replied; "he won't see any visitors."

"What is it?" the woman asked, blandly.

"I'm afraid I can't tell you that," Lowick answered with a smile. "As a matter of fact, I haven't quite allowed myself. My father is a man who never talks about what he is doing till he has done it."

"And you are a dutiful son" she laughed. Then she turned the conversation into another channel.

At ten o'clock the Westrays left, for dinner parties in the country break up early. A few minutes after the departure of the guests Mrs. Endermine and his wife left the room on some pretext or another, and Lowick found himself alone with his fiancée for the first time that evening. He made the most of his opportunity and kissed her. There was a fierce, blood-hungry look in his dark, stern eyes.

"My dearest," he said, in a low voice "I've wanted to do that all the evening. How beautiful you look in that dress!"

She laughed, and freed herself from his embrace. "You thought you hadn't seen me properly, you mean. How do you like the Coredales?"

"Not much. I've never been a pal on your mother," the girl said, sweetly. Then she lowered her voice to a whisper. "How are the experiments going?" she asked. "Is your father near success?"

"Very near," Lowick replied. "It is possible the experiment may be made to-morrow."

"To-morrow, Ralph! Oh, how splendid! Can I be there?"

"Yes, dear; that is to say, if my father doesn't mind."

"Oh, he wouldn't mind, Ralph. You and I are to be married so soon; it is just as if were the same as you."

"I'll ask him to-night," said Lowick, quietly. "Of course, I don't know if every thing is going to happen, but when I tell him at half-past six he was very near to success."

"How will you let me know?" she excitedly, eagerly.

"I'll send you round a note asking you to come to tea. If anything is done at all, it will take place before that hour."

"Where?"

"On Cranwen Island. We shall cross the creek at dead low water, taking the thing in a cart."

"How shall I get back?"

"Oh, I'll ferry you across in the boat, and see you home. We shall have to wait till the tide is low again."

"I'll early morning!"

"Yes, we'll have to put up with that."

"Will anyone else be there?"

"No one. My father will invent some story to satisfy the servants."

The entrance of Colonel Endermine put an end to the conversation, and shortly after Westray and Coredale left the house. His way home was only two miles away, and as the night was fine, he had not troubled to make use of his friend's motor car. He made his way down the drive in the moonlight, a cigarette between his lips, and a look on his face which was not like that usually to be found on a young man who has been dining with the parents of his betrothed.

As a matter of fact he was not thinking of the woman he loved, but of his father, who was equally dear to him. He was about to letter day in the history of his father's life perhaps in the history of the world.

For three years Sir John Lowick had been working at an invention whereby he hoped to control and direct the magnetic currents in the air. Endermine, the latter's friend, before he had passed his teacher and had progressed from stage to stage, till at last victory was in sight. Ralph was bound by a previous agreement, had left the house at half-past six, and then the issue had trembled in the balance. He wondered what news would await him on his return. His father had been near success before, but never quite as this. Still, it is not always the first step that counts most, it is often the last. And this is especially true in the case of scientific work.

When he reached the gates of Colonel Endermine's small domain, he turned to the right, and walked down the long straight road fringed on either side by trees and undulating fields. Then the trees came to an end, and the road descended down into a low, marshy tract of marshland, intersected with creeks and gullies that glittered in the moonlight. On the edge of the marshland there was the sheen of the sea, and against it was silhouetted a dark mass of woods, among which rose the towers and battlements of Cransea Hall. Ralph knew that, just hidden from view, was the small island of Cranwen, only separated from the mainland by a tract of sand at dead low water.

Ralph Lowick walked briskly, and in less than half an hour he had crossed the marsh land, and passed through the lodge gates. The drive was narrow and overhung with trees, and the sudden change from light to darkness almost darkness made him walk more slowly. Well as he knew every inch of the path, he blundered more than once into the bushes on either side.

When he reached the house, which stood in an open space of lawns and gardens, he made his way round to the side door, and rang the bell with a fatch-key. His father was not in the smoking-room, and the servants seemed to have gone to bed, for no one answered the bell when he rang it. On a small table close by the door were two glasses, a Tantalus, and a syphon of soda. An Irish terrier lay on the hearthrug, and this was a sign that Sir John Lowick had been at work for the night, for the dog always slept in his bedroom.

"The gardener's still working," thought the young man, as he looked at the glasses. But if was nearly half-past eleven—long after the time when the scientist usually ceased from work. As a rule he read and smoked for an hour before going upstairs to bed. Certainly something unusual had happened.

Lowick lit a cigarette, and, leaving the house, made his way to the laboratory and workshop, which was situated on the eastern most boundary of the garden, and was only fifty yards distant from the sea. It was a long, low building of stone, and the windows were so closely shuttered that it was impossible to tell whether the interior was lighted up or in darkness. He tried the door, which was locked, and then hammered at it with his fists.

"Who is that?" asked a voice from within.

"It is I—Ralph."

"Are you alone?"

"Yes, of course."

Bolts were drawn back, the door opened, and a blaze of light streamed out into the dark mass. Against it was silhouetted the figure of a tall, old man.

"Come in, my boy, and look sharp," said Sir John.

Lowick entered, and the door was closed and bolted again. He looked keenly at his father's face, but could see no clue. The two men were singularly alike, save that one was young and the other was old.

"You are late," said Lowick. "I looked for you in the smoking-room. Have you finished work?"

"Yes," Sir John answered. "I have finished—quite finished," and as he spoke a gleam of triumph came into his dark eyes; but his face did not even smile.

"Success?" queried Lowick, in a low voice.

"Yes—at last. There it is—complete. We'll try it to-morrow."

He pointed to a brown box which stood on a massive oaken table in the centre of the room. It was about two feet square and one foot in depth. There were three holes in it, and through one of these Lowick could see the gleaming of a thin bar of light. He walked up to it and laid his fingers on a small aluminium handle that projected from one of the sides.

"May I try it?" he asked.

"Not to-night," Sir Donald Sir John, and for a moment the colour left his face.

"Dangerous, eh?"

"Yes, dear, I told you it is complete."

"But you must have tried it, or you couldn't tell it it would work."

"I shall not try it till to-morrow, but I know that it will work."

"How do you know it will work?"

Sir John shrugged his shoulders. "How does the designer of a battleship know that it will float?" he asked. "Please come away from the machine. It is only a model, but it is dangerous. Very nice that handle painted red. Mind it to the right as far as it will go."

Lowick obeyed. "What does that do?" he asked.

"Renders the thing harmless," was the quiet reply. "I'll explain it all to you to-morrow."

The young man gazed for a few seconds at the box. Then he crossed the room to his father, and held out his hand.

"You're wonderful!" he exclaimed. "simply wonderful!"

Sir John took his son's hand and gripped it hard. "I am afraid of what I have done," he answered. "I have half a mind to smash the thing up and forget all about it."

(To be continued).

SHORT STORY.

THE END THEREOF.

I.

The woman stretched out her hand, and the man looked into her eyes.

They had met again after many years.

"Come away from all this crowd," said the man. "I want to talk to you."

They left the ballroom and went into a conservatory, where the sweet strains of a dreamy waltz floated to them on the scented air.

Then the man spoke.

"Clair," he said, softly, "it is good to be at home It is good to see you again."

"I have thought much about you," she said, trembling slightly because his hand touched hers. "It is nearly five years since you went away."

"Five years since that happened," said Gregory Bosanquet, his face clouding suddenly. "You know the whole story, and you—"

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"Yes, of course."

Bolts were drawn back, the door opened, and a blaze of light streamed out into the dark mass. Against it was silhouetted the figure of a tall, old man.

"Come in, my boy, and look sharp," said Sir John.

Lowick entered, and the door was closed and bolted again. He looked keenly at his father's face, but could see no clue. The two men were singularly alike, save that one was young and the other was old.

"You are late," said Lowick. "I looked for you in the smoking-room. Have you finished work?"

"Yes," Sir John answered. "I have finished—quite finished," and as he spoke a gleam of triumph came into his dark eyes; but his face did not even smile.

"Success?" queried Lowick, in a low voice.

"Yes—at last. There it is—complete. We'll try it to-morrow."

He pointed to a brown box which stood on a massive oaken table in the centre of the room. It was about two feet square and one foot in depth. There were three holes in it, and through one of these Lowick could see the gleaming of a thin bar of light. He walked up to it and laid his fingers on a small aluminium handle that projected from one of the sides.

"May I try it?" he asked.

"Not to-night," Sir Donald Sir John, and for a moment the colour left his face.

"Dangerous, eh?"

"Yes, dear, I told you it is complete."

"But you must have tried it, or you couldn't tell it it would work."

"I shall not try it till to-morrow, but I know that it will work."

"How do you know it will work?"

Sir John shrugged his shoulders. "How does the designer of a battleship know that it will float?" he asked. "Please come away from the machine. It is only a model, but it is dangerous. Very nice that handle painted red. Mind it to the right as far as it will go."

Lowick obeyed. "What does that do?" he asked.

"Renders the thing harmless," was the quiet reply. "I'll explain it all to you to-morrow."

The young man gazed for a few seconds at the box. Then he crossed the room to his father, and held out his hand.

"You're wonderful!" he exclaimed. "simply wonderful!"

Sir John took his son's hand and gripped it hard. "I am afraid of what I have done," he answered. "I have half a mind to smash the thing up and forget all about it."

(To be continued).

SHORT STORY.

THE END THEREOF.

I.

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They had met again after many years.

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Clair entertained Gregory with an account of their adventure that evening, and the next day she went to see the woman. She was surprised to find what a pretty, girlish-looking creature she was, despite her bandages.

"I do hope you are better," said Clair, sitting down at the bedside. "When you tell me your name then I will write to your friends—they must be anxious?"

"Thank you," said the girl—she could not be more than twenty-three. "I am Eunice Bosanquet."

"Who?" gasped Clair.

A sudden wave of red covered the patient's white face.

"No, no; what have I said?" she cried. "It is a mistake. My name is Foster—Esther Foster."

Clair breathed hard.

"Why—did—you—say—that—name?" she almost whispered.

"I will tell you," said the girl, suddenly talking Clair's hand. "You look so good—so kind."

"Yes, tell me," said Clair, feeling she was to hear her doom.

"I am married, although I do not wear a wedding ring," began the girl. "Then she went on to tell Clair the story which she had heard from Gregory's lips only a few weeks before.

"When I left him," went on Eunice, for such indeed she was, "I went to live with an old governess of mine, and became known as Esther Foster. I called myself by another name, and tried to bury the past. Once I gave some old clothes to a poor woman, and she I saw by the picture in that she was Eunice drowned, and that she was believed to be me, I did nothing to contradict the report. I wished to be dead to the world and to my husband, to whom, despite my love, I had brought only trouble. Then after that promise that you will never reveal it. Next week I shall go back to my only friend, and you will never see me again. Why, what are you faint?"

"No, no," said Clair, sharply. Then gently: "I must not let you fatigue yourself talking. But tell me, before I go, do you not think it was wrong of you to deceive your husband as you have done? Your husband married again?"

A convulsive tremour passed across the girl's face.

"I have thought of that. But if someone else should love him better than I shall never cross his path again. I love him too well."

After that the nurse went to tell Clair that it was time for the visitors to go. She turned away with out speaking.

III.

Should she marry the man she loved or must she put him from her for ever?

That was the battle Clair fought out through the long, terrible night. It was almost impossible that Eunice would ever cross her path again. What if Clair bought her happiness at the price of her soul, so long as she bought it? But the wrong to him—to Eunice!

"Ah, help me, God!" she moaned.

The man and the woman faced each other.

"Gregory, listen, I have something to tell you!" She stretched out her hands with the old, tender gesture, then suddenly withdrew them. "I have found your wife—Eunice!"

"Clair! My God! Eunice!"

The world had much to say on the subject of the abrupt termination of Clair's engagement and Gregory's strange marriage to his wife. But through it all Clair was as serene, and sweet, and lovable as ever. Nobody ever knew that the end of her love-dream was bitterer than death.

MARIAN WYNDHAM.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHURCH FENTON CRICKET CLUBS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent has admitted that when he said "the members of his club were proud of being Fentonites" he did not imply that the members of the Church Fenton Club would not equally lay claim to the title. I thank him for the admission.

He does not deny that Tadcaster, South Milford, Saxton, and Cawood (the other clubs in the district) may, too, be proud of playing residential members. Another admission to be grateful for!

It really is puzzling why he should then have used the expression. He says he has a reason, but he dare not divulge it. I suppose I must therefore rest satisfied with these admissions, but on the face of them, it seems ridiculous to ask me to withdraw anything I have said. I have no desire to follow him in his extraneous remarks.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR B. HOLGERSATES,
Hon. Sec. Church Fenton C.C.

Church Fenton, Oct. 27th, 1914.

This discussion is now closed.—Ed., "S.C."

LORD ROBERTS' APPEAL FOR FIELD GLASSES.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—As you kindly allowed me to appeal through your columns to owners of field glasses to give the use of their glasses for our non-commissioned officers, I hope you will perhaps you will allow me to inform your readers of the result of my appeal.

Up to the present I have received over 11,000 pairs of field glasses and stalking glasses. The glasses have been examined and classified by an expert, and they have been issued steadily to our gallant soldiers.

I am informed by Field-Marshal Sir John French to say that stalking glasses as well as field glasses are found to be most useful. Many people who did not own field glasses kindly sent me cheques instead, and the money these subscribed has been spent in buying the most suitable glasses procurable.

I have sent a personal letter of thanks to all the contributors of glasses or subscribers, and I shall be very pleased to continue to acknowledge with gratitude any further donations of money or glasses which may be sent to me.

It should perhaps be emphasise the real practical help which those who support my appeal are rendering to their gallant countrymen at the front.

All glasses are marked with an index number, and the names and addresses of the owners are carefully recorded at the offices of the National Service League, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W., to which address all glasses and cheques should be sent.

The soldiers to whom glasses are issued are asked, if possible, to return them after the war.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERTS, F.M.

Englemere, Ascot, Bucks., 22nd Oct., 1914.

WHAT A MAN EATS.

A scientist with a passion for statistics, says *Science Siftings*, has been computing the amount of food that the average man eats in a lifetime. He asserts that in the process of attaining his three score years and ten he takes about fifty-four tons of solid food and fifty-three tons of liquid. He will have eaten 12,000 eggs, 400lb. of cheese, about four tons of fish, and, could it have been all baked at once, a loaf of bread equal in size to an ordinary family hotel. But think of the vegetables devoured! Our scientist says a train three miles long would be required to bring a life's supply to the average man.

DISTRICT BREVITIES.

Have you read the opening chapters of our new serial story?

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Oulton, which has been grumbling a lot, has been promised better lighting.

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Spofforth has contributed nearly 30 men to the Army and Kirk Deighton one.

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Tadcaster magistrates were quite busy on Monday. They had ten cases to deal with.

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An open-air school, to accommodate 100 children, is to be provided on a site at Roundhay Park.

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Already several of the followers of the Bramham Moor Hunt have laid down their lives on the battle-field.

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It is stated that the house-to-house inspection in Tadcaster rural district has not so far revealed a shortage of houses.

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The Church Institute at Fenton has been furnished by the residents, and it is now the home of a Belgian family.

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A former curate of Kirkby Overblow—Rev. Walter Hall—who was vicar of Stainburn, has died at Grange-over-Sands.

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Going for the century! An Oulton man made his 58th appearance before the magistrates at the Skyrack Court on Tuesday.

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Homes have been found for Belgian refugees at Aberford, Clifford, Templenewsam, Church Fenton, Bolton Percy, Oulton, and Garforth.

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Up to now it has not been necessary to put the powers for the feeding of school children into force in any part of the district.

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A clod of earth! That is the remedy for greedy dishes, according to a Tadcaster soldier. Housewives have something to learn.

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The next science lecture at Garforth is on the geology of the place, by Professor Kendoff, who is the leading geologist in the North.

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Why not? The roadmen employed by the Wetherby Rural District Council are petitioning for a holiday on Saturday afternoons.

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Is it so? A recruiting meeting was held at Barkston—the heart of the Division—but it is said that not a single recruit was got.

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Is it so? Complaint was made at the meetings of both Oulton and Garforth Education Committees that labour certificates were being abused.

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Cool! A locomotive driver was caught at Halton taking water for the engine boiler. The District Council should take drastic measures to stop this practice.

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It is proposed to place a large photo of the late Mr. J. W. Blackburn, vice-chairman of the Board, on the walls of the Board Room of the Tadcaster Guardians.

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Tar-spraying is supposed to improve the road surface and mitigate the dust nuisance, but it is bad for horses. Several accidents have occurred on a tarred road near Wetherby.

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Church Fenton has done well! It has a population of only 535, and already it has sent 29 men to serve their King and country. This works out at one in every 18 of the population.

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They will be better treated than thousands of Belgian refugees at Lofthouse Park will have good rations, with fresh meat every day. Our under-fed school children may well envy them.

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It was stated at Tadcaster that a man charged with having been "tl. and d." usually kept all right for a year. He gradually became more until he landed in Court. This might be styled "calendaring."

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Complaint is made that Sherburn is not doing its duty to the country. The young men who have joined the Forces are few in number. Is it any good sending a recruiting sergeant to the ancient village?

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The magistrates at Selby Petty Sessions on Monday were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Colonel Hanslop, Major Allenby, Mr. W. Hoap, Mr H. Anson, Dr. A. J. Somers, and Mr T. S. Ullathorne.

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Captain Lane Fox, M.P., and Captain E. York have been appointed majors temporarily, and Major Helmsley, M.P., Lieutenant-colonel (temporary) in the Yorkshire Hussars, while Mr E. Lane Fox has been appointed lieutenant.

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Sgt. E. Adkin, a native of Wetherby, who, as stated in our last issue, is reported as missing, served in the Somaliland and South African campaigns. He is married, and has one child. It is probable that he is in the Germans' hands.

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Recently it was stated that the Carnegie Trust would make no more contributions to organ funds. Notwithstanding, Primitive Methodists will probably be the last body in the district to get assistance from that source. Halton could not get a farthing.

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Cheeky! An Aberford farmer discovered two men in his stable, and he asked them to leave. Believing that possession was nine-tenths of the law, they refused, and the man who has the care of law and order in the village had to be sent for. This is a new terror for farmers.

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As the Germans were being got out of the tram-cars at Lofthouse Park and lined up in fours for the march in, one or two men in the crowd got in the way. "Hook alive," said an officer, "or you'll be mistaken for them." A charge of shrapnel bursting at the intruders' feet could not have had a more instantaneous effect. Leaping aside with wonderful alacrity, and causing as much amusement to the Germans as to the rest, one of the Tykes yelled out: "No fear, and we don't want to be, nawther."

Woodlesford has between forty and fifty men serving in the Army and Navy.

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Thorough! The Crossgates B.W.T.A. has started a house-to-house crusade.

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Melmoff again! A defendant at Wetherby was fined 5s. and costs for swearing about the Kaiser.

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The curate of Kirk Deighton (Rev. H. P. Mathews) has been given charge of Emmanuel Church, Leeds.

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Progress! After a lapse of a quarter of a century, the Wesleyans have had a missionary meeting at Wighill.

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The staff of Middleton Colliery Co. have sent a second donation of £2 6s. 6d. to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

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It seems that Tadcaster District Council have determined to carry out the proposed road improvement at Shirburn Cross.

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In a short time shooting matches will be as common as billiard matches in the district. The rifle club movement is growing.

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Among the gallant naval men who took part in the defence of Antwerp were ex-public residents of Methley and Selby.

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An artilleryman at the front, writing to his wife at Selby, says he is living like a fighting cock and "don't you forget it."

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The Tadcaster magistrates refused to convict in a case on the uncorroborated testimony of a constable. This is something new.

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Well done! Swillington Common had the best attendance of all the schools in Garforth district last month, the percentage being 97.39.

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Did the Gartforthians think the Germans were at hand? Several lads were charged at the Skyrack Court with "bomb"' throwing in the streets.

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A Wetherby man who had made his home in Canada has volunteered for active service with the Canadian Army, and he is now in the mother country again.

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The R.A.M.C. seems to be popular with local men, seeing so many many gone to it from Garforth, Bowers Allerton, Rothwell, Crossgates, and Tadcaster.

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Mr Thomas Liversidge has offered to the Selby Wesleyan Committee, which has been formed to aid the Belgian refugees, a cottage rent free, and a donation of 5s. per week.

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In a case at Tadcaster a constable said he is hated a man—" Good afternoon, Charlie," and the man retorted "My name is not Charlie. It's mister to you." That was telling the man in blue off.

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Two or three landlords in the district who have seen three score years have offered their services to the War Office. Their enthusiasm, however, was not sufficient to cause their services to be accepted.

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Who are the raiders? Nothing is safe nowadays from sacrilegious hands. Flowers and ribbons from wreaths have mysteriously disappeared from Wetherby Cemetery lately. It is no use blaming the Germans.

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Crossgates has the record for the district! Mr and Mrs Gill, Crossgates, have sent seven highly-esteemed residents, have four sons serving in the Army. All honour to them. May their example not be lost on the young men in the district.

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A big brawny Irishman appeared before the Tadcaster magistrates, and Superintendent Slack said that he ought to be in the Army. There was a laugh, when the Irishman replied "I wish I were there this morning, sorr."

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Four recruits were obtained on Monday night at Swillington Common, but not a recruit was got at Swillington Parochial School, although, as usual, Mr Gill was there recruiting sergeant, pleaded like an evangelist for converts. Swillington must do better.

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The Insurance Commissioners have notified the parties concerned that they do not intend to proceed with their appeal against the decision of the Selby magistrates in dismissing the recent case against a farmer for stamping the insurance card of a potato picker.

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What would have happened in Germany? Some of the prisoners, on arrival at Lofthouse, seemed rather frightened as if they were expecting a rough greeting from the crowd that had gathered, but if so they were agreeably surprised, for not a note of resentment was heard.

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Second-Lieut. Neville W. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, of the Yorkshire Hussers, who is gazetted temporary lieutenant, is the only son of Mr W. F. Wailes-Fairbairn, J.P., of Askham Grange, Askham Bryan, and he was educated at Eton and at Harrow, and joined his regiment in 1911 as second-lieutenant. Last year he attained his majority.

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Taking care of them. Prominent Germans have been arrested at Selby. One was Julius Koch, a manager at the Selby Olympia Oil and Cake Mills, and the other Paul Schneider, chief engineer at the Olympia Mills. Julius Koch was arrested by the military at the commencement of the war, but after being taken under escort to York, was released. He returned to Selby and has continued to occupy his position at the Olympia Mills. Jacob Mittler, a German, who has been employed as a fitter at the Shaft Freezing Company's depot since it established Selby, is also being taken care of.

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TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

A CONTEST—MR WALTER CROSLAND ELECTED.

SHERBURN, TADCASTER, BARKSTON, AND ALLERTON AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at Tadcaster —Adl. E. G. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. Others members present were Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Rev. C. D. Ash (Saxton), Col. Gascoigne (Hutherlow), Miss Bethell (Newton Kyme), Messrs. R. Wright (Barwick), A. Chippindale (Scholes), F. Myers (Bilbrough), W. B. Gray (Church Fenton), E. Parker (Ledsham), T. H. Prater (Parlington), E. Midgley (Kelfield), W. Sykes, C.C., H. Ingleby, J.P., H. P. Scott, and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), E. Parkin, J.P., J. Harding, and A. Townend (Kippax), J. G. Linnicker (Micklefield), W. Simpson (Ledsham), R. Hey and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), Walter Stutton), H. Sandy, F. Phillips, W. Robinson, and W. Pearson (Allerton Bywater), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), J. Wordsworth, and H. E. Lowe (Great Preston), J. H. Schofield (Oxton), J. Ladley (Kirkby Wharfe), Walter Crosland, J.P. (South Milford), G. Webster (Haddlesey-cum-Lumby), W. P. Birkinshaw (Ledsham), W. P. Newsholme (Stutton Grange), and W. White (Barkston), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bennett), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Mr Nettleton (Tadcaster) proposed the appointment of Mr William Sykes, C.C. (Tadcaster) as vice-chairman. He said that the members know his fitness for the position. He had been on the Board for a good many years, he was a member of the Assessment Committee, and he had served on apprentice ship as chairman of the Parish Council. That Mr Sykes had the confidence of a large number of the residents of the Union was strikingly shown eighteen months ago, when he was elected a member of the Tadcaster Council by a large majority, and his position on that body would be of service to the Board. Perhaps it might be urged against his appointment that Mr Sykes did not live on the other side of the district, but a man's residence should be no barrier to him obtaining any position on the Board. Mr Sykes lived in Tadcaster, and he was dealing with his claims and qualifications for the position. He would worthily represent to commercial and farming interests. They all agreed how well Mr Brooksbank represented the landed interests, but he submitted that the agricultural interests would be safe in the hands of Mr Sykes. He had a good knowledge of debate and procedure, he had a keen sense of fairness and justice, and he was a well-balanced mind, and he would be an honour to the Board if they elected him vice-chairman.

Mr White (Barkston) seconded.

Mr Parkin (Kippax) said that he would have been delighted to have supported Mr Sykes had he lived on the other side of the Union. He proposed that Mr Walter Crosland, J.P. (South Milford) be appointed vice-chairman. He was a very old member of the Board—perhaps the oldest—and his record of service spoke for itself.

Mr G. Webster seconded.

The Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston) said that he had the greatest admiration for Mr Sykes' work, but he thought the their understanding that the chairmanship should come from the south-west side of the Union should be adhered to. In view of that he had pleasure in submitting the name of Mr J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe) for the position. He had had no communication with Mr Dobson, but he believed that he would discharge the duties ably, and by appointing him it would be some recognition of the industrial part of the Union.

Mr J. Wordsworth (Great Preston) seconded.

The first vote resulted as follows:—Mr Crosland 16, Mr Sykes 9, and Mr Dobson 6.

On a second vote Mr Crosland received 20 and Mr Sykes 9.

Mr Crosland was congratulated by the Chairman on his election, and was similarly hearty applause. he took his position in the vice-chair. He thanked the members for the honour they had done him, and said he would endeavour to discharge the duties to the best of his ability. He stated that he had been a member for 29 years, and there was only one of the present members who was on the Board when he joined it.

Mr Wordsworth said it had been suggested by some friends that it would be pleasing to have a photo of the late Mr Blackburn on the walls of the room, and he asked for the Board's support.

The Chairman said he thought they agreed with the suggestion, and he proposed that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Wordsworth.—This course was adopted.

A successor to Mr Blackburn on the Assessment Committee is required, and the appointment will be made at next meeting.

On the motion of Mr Parkin, Mr Townend (Kippax) was elected a member of the House Committee in place of the late Mr Hewitt.

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £1,089 in hand.

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been four admissions to the house and four discharges, and there were 89 inmates in the workhouse and 18 in the children's home.

The House Committee reported that Miss Denby had been appointed assistant nurse at the institution.—A letter was read from the Yorkshire Vagrancy Committee as to bread stations. —Doncaster Union wrote stating that if they could not agree to accept their milestone it would upset their arrangements. It was decided not to take it.—The thanks of the Board were given to Allerton W.M. Club for a gift of books to the inmates.

ULLESKELF.

A report by the Law and Parliamentary Committee showed that in connection with the city extension scheme, Leeds was prepared to offer £2,000 in respect of the claim for the loss of Cross gates, less £36 due from Tadcaster Union.

The Finance Committee had before them the letter from the Pontefract Union asking the Board to urge upon the Government to make adequate provision for all persons injured while doing service for the country in the war, and in case of death for their dependents, and recommending that the money required for the purpose be raised by a special tax on all incomes exceeding 500, a week. It was agreed to support the Pontefract resolution.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

It was reported that the District Council treasurer had in hand a balance of £7,196.

Mr. Parkin proposed the election of Mr Crosland as vice-chairman of the Council, Mr Sykes seconded, and this was adopted.

The Highways Committee had before them a report of a subcommittee ment on an alleged road encroachment at Scholes, and the question was referred to Mr Prater to inquire and report.—A culvert at Barkston is to be improved at a cost of £6.—Permission was given to open roads at Tadcaster and Aberford.—A letter was read from the County Council stating that they were to make application to the Local Government Board to issue an order restricting the speed of motor-cars through Tadcaster to ten miles an hour.—In regard to a road improvement at Ryther, it was resolved to offer 1s. per yard for the land required for the purpose. The County Council wrote sanctioning an improvement on the Wakefield and Aberford Road at Swillington at a cost of £153, and also the kerbing of a footpath at Allerton Bywater.—In respect to the proposed road improvement at Sherburn, it was decided to ask the owner of the land required for forms by a certain date.

The minutes were adopted.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans were submitted for the erection of a house in Robinson Lane, Kippax, and they were adjourned.—It was stated that a sewer was blocked at Acaster, and a manhole is to be made. The inspector was instructed to get prices.—It was reported that gipsies were camping on land at Lock Lane, and the matter was referred to the Clerk.—In regard to drain connections at Sherburn, the prices by Messrs Thompson were submitted and approved.—Notice was ordered to be served on owners of certain farms at Askham Bryan to provide them with water.—A letter was read from Mr Forbes with respect to Newton water scheme. He said that he had received the draft agreement from Pontefract Rural Council, and the work would be carried out as early as possible.—A letter was read from the Local Government Board asking what number of cases of enteric they could take into their hospital should any occur among soldiers. It was referred to the Hospital Committee. A letter as to the billeting of soldiers was referred to the medical officer and inspectors.—In regarding to the housing conditions at Tadcaster, the engineers were instructed to complete the deepening of Bilbrough well, and thereafter the serving of notices on owners to convert privies into w.c's will be considered. Notices were ordered to be served on certain owners to provide their property with water, and closing orders were made in respect of several houses.

The Chairman asked if it was proposed to make any provision for the people whose houses would be closed.

The Clerk said that John Smith's, Co. were erecting a number of houses, which would be available.

The minutes were adopted.

VARIOUS.

A letter was read from a farmer complaining of a scarcity of water for his cattle, and the Chairman directed attention to the question of supplying outlying farms with water.—Mr Wright said that in Barwick district there were several farms without water, and in the past they had helped to pay other people's water expenses. It was another treatment.

A long letter was received from Dr. Hill, the medical officer of health, who is on military duty. He stated that he might be ordered abroad, and he desired to know if his post would remain open for him.

The Chairman moved that the post remain open for Dr. Hill.

This was seconded and agreed to.

Canon Greenwood asked who was carrying out the medical officer's duties at present.

The Chairman said that Dr. Radcliffe was doing so.

MISSING FISH AT GARFORTH

THE MINER AND THE COD.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Samuel Turnbull, a miner, of Leeds, was charged with stealing 4 lbs. of fish of the value of 1s. 6d., belonging to George Wall, fish dealer, of Beiggate, Garforth.

George Wall stated that about 8.30 p.m. on Friday night the prisoner came into his shop and was supplied with some fish and potatoes. He received a complaint from someone in the shop, and shortly after he received a second complaint relating to the same thing. As a result he followed the prisoner, whom he overtook and charged with stealing fish from a barrel in his shop

Thomas Robertshaw said he was in Mr Wall's shop about 8.30 on Friday night, when prisoner came into the shop and sat down. He then commenced taking fish from a barrel and putting it into his pocket. Witness told Mr Wall what he had seen, and, after buying some fish and potatoes, prisoner went out. Later he came back and took more fish away.

John Sherry, miner, said he saw the prisoner in the shop twice. The second time he saw him take the fish from the barrel. He charged him with it, and prisoner said he would pay for it, but he walked out without doing so. Witness informed Mr Wall.

P.C. Jackson spoke to arresting the prisoner at the station, when he had a cod in his pocket. Some more fish were found in the roadway. The man was sober.

Prisoner said he had been drinking after receiving his wage.

Nothing was said to be known of the prisoner, who was fined 5s. and costs.

TADCASTER CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE

OPPOSITION TO FARM HANDS' DEMANDS.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION—"WOULD KILL AGRICULTURE."

A meeting of the Tadcaster and District Chamber of Agriculture was held in the Lamb-and-Flag Hotel, Tadcaster, on Tuesday. The President (Mr C. B. Lamb) presided, and there were also present Messrs Frank Myers, Arkwright, J. Ladley, J. Bailey, W. H. Holliday, T. B. Watson (hon. secretary), S. Elvidge, etc.

The arrangements in connection with the annual competition for sheaves were made.

The Hon. Secretary intimated that the Potato Syndicate had withdrawn their offer of prizes for potatoes on account of the war. There had not been many entries received so far.

Mr A. Kendall and Mr A. Kay were appointed judges, with Mr J. Sharp reserve judge and steward, and Mr Fowler steward.

WORKERS AND THEIR WAGES

Some discussion took place on the programme, drawn up by the Agricultural Workers' Union, and submitted by the Yorkshire Union of Clubs for consideration.

The programme was prefaced by the remarks that the minimum demand as a weekly wage had been reduced to 22s., not because the Union thought that was sufficient, but because they thought that low minimum would be an improvement on what was paid at present. The programme required the concession of the following for agricultural workers:—

1. A minimum wage of 22s. per week.
2. A week's work to consist of 60 hours, and on Saturday work to cease at 1 p.m.
3. All overtime above the normal day's work to be paid for at the rate of 9d. per hour.
4. Casual labour to be paid for as follows: —Men, 4s. 6d. per day; women, 2s. 6d.
5. Three months' notice to be given when a labourer is required to remove from his cottage.
6. Garden improvements to be valued and paid for a week before the out-going tenant's notice expires.

Mr Myers: The man is not an agriculturist who is throwing that programme up.

Mr Elvidge: Then why should he?

Mr Ladley: I do not think any reasonable farmer could give those things.

The Chairman: I don't suppose they will expect to get them. I thought they will expect to get something. But I think most of these agitations have been stopped for the time being.

Mr Kendall: I think I saw that the minimum wage demand was dropped in the meantime.

Mr Elvidge: I have a letter in my pocket, the organizing secretary of this union had the labourers in the East Riding in a position to strike had it not been for the war.

"WOULD KILL AGRICULTURE"

Mr Myers: I don't think I ever heard a more unreasonable thing in my life than that programme.

At the present time, continued Mr Myers, he had been pushing forward with his threshing, so as to get quantities delivered. He would like to know where the money was to come from for that under the proposed arrangement.

The Chairman: Those programmes only decrease the output, and labour, because farmers get more machinery.

Mr Elvidge: They get more machinery, but they don't work less men.

The Chairman: You ought to see the small number of men they require in Canada and America.

Mr Slater: They may work the American land with less men, but they can't work this land.

The Chairman: This is a programme that will kill agriculture altogether.

Mr Myers: It will ruin a good many people who could do without farming go out of it, and the country will be the sufferer.

The Chairman: But I don't think you need fear that the Union will force what they have put in their programme.

Mr Myers: It always tends to agitate the workers.

The Chairman: And most of those who do the agitating do well out of it.

Mr Kendall proposed "that in existing conditions the programme was needless and unworkable in the district."

Mr Kendall seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS

General agreement was expressed with a number of motions submitted for support from a young man, was charged by George Robinson with stealing a handcart. Mr Claud Kemp, auctioneer, deposed.

Supt. Slack said that the parties came to see him on Saturday with the object of withdrawing the charge.

Complainant: We were both agreeable to that.

Robinson's story was that a week on Saturday he saw defendant and another man, and McNamara asked how much he would take for the old cart, saying he would give him a dollar for it. He told him he did not want to sell it. On the Monday he went to York, and on Tuesday, when he went into the yard, he found his cart had gone. He afterwards saw McNamara and asked him where the cart was, and he said that he had bought and sold it. He told him he had not bought it because he did not wish to sell it. Asked as to its value, he said he wanted 10s., if he sold the cart.

In answer to Mr Kemp, Robinson said that defendant had sold him a horse for £4 ios, and he never been any charge against him. The charge, to succeed, must show felonious intent, and he asked the magistrates to dismiss the case and make Robinson pay the costs of the prosecution.

Caroline Cardles, of Milligate, Selby, said that a week the previous Wednesday he was present when Robinson sold the cart to defendant. Defendant had a donkey and harness, and he wanted a cart to go with it, and he heard McNamara buy the cart for 5s. He saw the donkey and cart on the following Monday, and he had paid £2 10s. for the turn-out.

McNamara put in a cheque to prove this.

The Chairman said the case was a very frivolous one, and should never have been brought to Court. The cost would be dismissed, and the parties must pay their own costs.

SCIENCE LECTURE AT GARFORTH

THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

"The Solar System" was the title of an excellent lecture given at the Council School, Garforth, on Monday night by Mr Albert Gilligan, B.Sc., F.G.S., of Leeds University. Mr H. J. Denby, who presided over a large audience, apologised for the absence of Mr E. H. Foster, who should have acted as chairman, and stated that he had been detained in London. He had accepted some position in connection with the War Office, and he had written wishing them a successful lecture. Mr Gilligan was to picture on "The Solar System," and they would remember that last year they had a lecture on a somewhat similar subject, which was so intensely interesting that he had no doubt they would all be delighted to hear what Mr Gilligan had to say (Applause).

Mr Gilligan said that one could lecture about the earth for years—in fact, some of them did so, and it had for long been a subject of observation and discussion. The early observers were convinced that the earth was the most important body in the universe, and they thought that all the other planets went round it. This theory was established by the Egyptians, and it was held down to the eighteenth century. It was left to a Polish clergyman, living on the banks of the Vistula, to do away with this complicated theory, and to show that the earth and other planets revolved round the sun. No one, however, was willing to accept his theory, and he was persecuted. An Italian named Galileo made a small telescope, and, from the observations he came to the same conclusions as the Polish clergyman, but he, too, was disbelieved and persecuted. Other astronomers afterwards came along and confirmed Galileo's views. Then came the questions as to how the earth and sun, etc., originated, but there was no absolute agreement as to that. He dealt with the nebular hypothesis, and spiral nebulæ, and stated that they did not know how the clouds of gases originated. Some good views of the moon were shown, and the marks on the surface were stated to be due to volcanoes and to the action of water. There was no atmosphere on the moon and that there was no life on it. He explained as to what sun spots were due, and how they affected the Northern lights, and all the magnetic needles. Excellent photos or drawings of the planets were exhibited, their size and relation to each other explained, and the story of the discovery of Neptune told in an interesting manner. Astronomers could tell what the sun and planets were made of, and this was done by analysing the light. The uses of the spectroscope were explained, and the spectra of the sun and stars shown, and what the lines denoted was made clear. All the bodies were composed of the same substances, and certain substances were discovered in the sun before they were found in the earth, radium being given as an example. Much of the information given by the lecturer was similar to that conveyed by Father Corti in his lecture last year, but Mr Gilligan, who has a racy style, kept the interest of the audience for an hour and a half as he expiated the triumphs of astronomical science, and at the close he was accorded a very cordial vote of thanks, which was proposed by Mr Thornton.

The lecture was admirably illustrated by means of a large number of slides, and the latern was operated by Mr Thornton.

SINGULAR CASE AT TADCASTER

CHARGE CONDEMNED AS FRIVOLOUS.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday Patrick McNamara, hawker, of Tadcaster, a young man, was charged by George Robinson with stealing a handcart. Mr Claud Kemp, auctioneer, deposed.

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DISCHARGING "BOMBS" AT GARFORTH

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENTS.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions four Garforth youths—Willie Malkin, Reginald Lincoln (pit hands), Thomas Birch (shop assistant), and Sydney Oxtoby (clerk)—were summoned for discharging fireworks on the highway at Garforth on Thursday, October 15th.

P.C. Jackson stated that about 9.30 on the night in question he was in Main Street, Garforth, when he received a complaint, as a result of which he went to Birch Grove Terrace, where he saw Malkin with a lighted bomb in his hand and which he threw down, the firework "going off" with a loud report. The other three also had bombs, but, on seeing the officer, they ran off, and "let off" the fireworks elsewhere. The officer subsequently followed the four defendants home.

Mr J. R. Cross commented that it sounded very destructive. What was meant by "bombs?"

The officer replied that the bombs were a new kind of firework brought out this year.

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The Bishop of London, speaking on Tuesday, said he envied the men who were privileged to fight in this new Waterloo, and he regarded fifty-six as the prime of manhood.

Dr. Charles Sarolea, the Belgian Consul at Edinburgh, spoke at the York Festival Concert Rooms on Tuesday night on the devastation of Belgium and the scenes he witnessed there. An overflow meeting had to be held in the Guildhall. Dr. Sarolea said that in one month the Germans committed more vandalism and cruelty in Belgium than all the European nations who fought there during 500 years. Belgium was threatened with the most ghastly famine of modern times. Starvation was beginning now, and unless the British and American Governments took steps to provide a remedy they would be faced by a still greater catastrophe.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrate's present were Adl. E. G. Brooksbank (Chairman), Col. Gascoigne, Messrs E. M. Lawson-Smith, J. H. Ingleby, C. B. Lamb, and F. Wallis Fairbairn.

The following poor rates were passed:—Tadcaster West, 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d.; Grimston, 1s. 9d. and 2s. 8d.; Ulleskelf, 1s. and 2s.; Oxton, 1s. and 2s.; Healaugh, 11d. and 1s. 10d.; Stutton, 11d. and 1s. 10d.; Appleton Roebuck, 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d.; Tadcaster East, 1s. 2d. and 2s. 4d.; Bilbrough, 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d.; Colton, 1s. 1d. and 1s. 7½d.; Long Marston, 1s. 2d. and 2s. 4d.; and Wighill, 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d.

DISMISSED.

Charles Swales, hawker, of Tadcaster, was charged with using indecent language at Tadcaster on October 20th.—Mr Kemp defended.—P.C. Bennett stated the case.—Mr Kemp asked who defendant annoyed.—Witness: Passers-by.—Mr Kemp: Are they here?—Witness: Yes.—Mr Kemp said he had no case to answer, and he read the law on the subject.—The charge was dismissed.

A MENDICANT AT TADCASTER.

Thomas Ryan, labourer, a respectable-looking man, was charged with begging at Tadcaster on October 29th.—P.C. Bennett said he was in High Street, Tadcaster, and he saw defendant accost two men, and he afterwards ascertained he had been begging.—Supt. Slack said the man was not a tramp. His home was there, and he was a workeer.—Defendant was imprisoned until the rising of the Court.

DRUNK AT TADCASTER.

John E. Wilson, described as a bricklayer, of no fixed abode, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Tadcaster on October 17th.—Asked what defendant said: "Guilty, I am sorry to say."—P.C. Bennett said that on the 17th he was in the Market Place, and there he saw defendant, who was very drunk and shouting and swearing promiscuously. He would not go away, and he took him into custody. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

John William Gill, drover, of Tadcaster, a welldressed man, pleaded guilty to a similar charge.—P.C. Bennett said that on the 20th he was in Bridge Street, Tadcaster, and there he saw defendant, who was drunk, shouting, and behaving in a disorderly manner. Supt. Slack said that defendant was all right for twelve months and then he came there.—A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

James Towey and Michael Dignan, labourers, of no fixed abode, were similarly charged.—P.C. Kilwood said that on October 24th he saw defendants in St. Joseph's Street, Tadcaster, and they were drunk and using obscene language.—Supt. Slack said that Towey was a powerful man and ought to be in the Army.—Towey: I wish I was there this morning, sir.—Supt. Slack said that he had been only one officer there, he might have been seriously assaulted.—Fined 2s. 6d. and costs each.

MOTOR CYCLISTS AT TADCASTER.

George Hollings, mechanic, of York, was charged with driving a motor cycle which had no red rear light on October 20th. P.C. Steel said that he was on duty in Bridge Street and saw a motor cycle and side car without a red rear light. He called on defendant to stop, but he did not pull up until he got to Bridge Street. He told defendant that the red rear lamp must have gone out. On telling him he would be reported, he asked if he could look over it.—A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

George Edward Whitworth, mechanic, Leeds, was charged with a similar offence. Defendant pleaded guilty.—P.C. Kilwood said that on the 22nd October he was on Wheelie Bridge, and defendant drove past on a motor cycle, in which there was no red rear light. He shouted to him, and told him there was no rear light, and he shouted "All right," and rode on. He followed him on his bicycle, and as he did so a light went out defendant had to pull up, and he caught him.—Defendant now said he did not know a constable had shouted to him.—The Chairman said that it was quite as serious than the other, as defendant evidently tried to evade the police.—A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed.

A TADCASTER CHILD'S CONDITION.

George Bowman, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with not sending his daughter regularly to school. Mrs Bowman appeared. Mr Frank Shaler, on behalf of Tadcaster Education Committee, prosecuted. He said the child was eleven years of age and was in standard 3, whereas she should have been in standard 5 had she attended regularly. Since last June the child was examined in school by the school medical officer, and as she was found to be suffering from verminous head, she was excluded for a week. Instructions were given by the parents as to the means whereby this condition could be remedied, and they were not followed. Instead of the child being absent one week she was absent 8 or 9 weeks.—Mr Kaye, the attendance officer, gave evidence bearing out this statement, and he said that when he went to the house he found the child in charge on several occasions.—The Chairman asked if there were any instructions for getting rid of vermin.—Mr Kaye said there was, and he put in a form which he had given the parents.—Further evidence was given, and the medical officer said the child at home for pneumonia and rheumatic fever.—The Chairman asked when the child suffered from pneumonia.—The mother said it was two years ago. —A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

GERMANS AT LOFTHOUSE PARK.

The community of alien enemies at Lofthouse Park is increasing in size with considerable rapidity. The first batch of 50 which arrived from London on Thursday afternoon was followed later in the day by 27 from Hull, 43 from Nottingham, and 14 from Cambridge, and on Friday morning about eight arrived at Wakefield from Boston. The largest party so far reached Wakefield on Wharfedale Station on Friday evening. It was composed of 220 Germans, Austrians, and Hungarians, from Manchester, and, like those preceding them, all were civilians. They were a mixed company. Among them were several business and professional men, who carried substantial, even ornate, suit cases; others had to be content with modest hand-bags. It was stated that the prisoners included a pastor and a physician. Special tramcars conveyed the men and their escort to Lofthouse Park, where they were interned.

It was interesting to note the composition of the escort. As far as one could see, there was one a single military officer present at the station; the rest were members of the Manchester City Police Force in uniform, and a number of well-dressed special constables. All carried carbines, and wore bandoliers. This suggested an advanced state of organisation in respect of special constables in Manchester, and the large crowd which gathered quietly to watch the prisoners were obviously impressed by the quality of the escort.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

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For so many years has the nation been accustomed to peaceful relations with European neighbours that the war is proving a very trying experience to thousands of people, and it is hardly to be wondered at. This, however, is the time of testing, and the nation must exercise self-control and patience, placing absolute confidence in the men who are now upholding the country's honour on the battlefield or on the sea. The pessimist is ever with us, but his croakings should not be allowed to disturb the equanimity of people. In every little reverse he sees disaster, and in every success achieved by the enemy he discerns ultimate triumph. He no doubt wishes his country well—he has no desire to see German domination of the world, but he is disheartened and his courage is weak, and he cannot see things in their true perspective. Reverses have come, and in all probability this country and the Allies will suffer disasters—it is the fortune of war—but the nation loving freedom hating militarism as typified by Prussia, and with a boundless faith in the righteousness of the cause she has espoused, will go forward determinedly to the end. When the war began the men at the head of affairs, knowing the resources of Germany, predicted that it would be a long and costly one, but many people are quite angry because the authorities have not put an end to it by this time. They are ignorant of military and naval questions, and don't know no more than the man in the street what the Allies' plan of campaign is; it is possible they think the Allies have none, yet they presume to criticise what they are doing. Of course, all this will not make any difference to the conduct of the war, nor will it affect the policy of the nation as a whole, but it is essential for their own peace of mind, that those people should learn to trust the men who are directing our Army and Naval Forces, and encourage others to do likewise. To many people the war has brought heavy loss—to some, unfortunately, ruin, and it is difficult to withhold sympathy from them. They, however, cannot blame the nation for their position; it would have been easy for England to have stood aside and allowed Germany to wreak vengeance on France in precisely the same way as she has done on unhappy Belgium; but it would have been our turn next. With Germany in possession of an extended seaboard the safety of this country would have been threatened, and the Huns would, indeed, have been at the gates. What would temporizing measures have availed then? Instead of mourning over our losses, people must try to adopt the national, instead of the individual point of view, and be thankful that our rulers have had the foresight and courage to stop the progress of the enemy before the danger became greater. Viewing industry as it is at the present time, this country has, in the circumstances, little to complain of. Little Belgium lies torn and bleeding at the feet of the cruel invador, with its commerce and industry ruined, and its people driven from their homes. France has had a large portion of her territory devastated by the Prussians, and, owing to the withdrawal of so many men for military duty, her trade is practically at a standstill, while in Germany, owing to similar causes, a similar state of affairs prevails. Germany has the finest military machine ever created in the history of the world, and it is being used solely for a cruel and ghastly purpose. It must be smashed, and England has a leading role to play in the work of destroying it. This is no time for lamentation or criticism; it is the time for preparation and for work, and can anyone doubt the ultimate issue of the conflict? Many people are talking about a German invasion of this country, as if it were a thing to be easily accomplished as the over-running of Belgium, but they do not pause to think. A few airships might pay us a brief visit, but the damage they could do would be infinitesimal. Apart from this injury, the Germans would have to land thousands of soldiers on these shores, and how are they to get them across? The North Sea is patrolled by our Navy—let us be thankful for its existence—and for its strength—and so long as our brave sailors are about the nation need not fear any attempt on the part of the Prussians to reach our island home. Yet thousands of people are living in dread of a German invasion. Now, how do we stand? The enemy was to have been in Paris long ere this time, but, thanks to the "contemptible little" British Army, his plans were completely upset, and, after losing the first of his troops, he is now being slowly but steadily driven back to the Frontier. For the Germans it is vital that they should strike quickly to achieve success in their operations, and for that purpose they have called practically their full strength to the Colours. They have struck and failed, and their tactics must now be more or less of a defensive character. Russia, pressing from the East, has an inexhaustible supply of men, and England is in a position to continue hostilities year after year. The resources of the Empire are enormous. In addition to the Army in France, we have about one-and-a-half million men in training at home, ready when the hour comes to play their part against the Germans. But that is not all. Already various parts of the Empire have sent 100,000 men to help the mother country, and they are preparing to send more. An Empire of 400 millions population can never lack men, and if, therefore, it can be assumed that Great Britain has just begun to show the world what she can do.

A sum of £1 7s. collected at Barkston Church, has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The masons and bricklayers at Bramham Park have made a second contribution of £2 9s. 6d. to Lord Harewood's Fund.

Private Herbert Johnson, of Wetherby, of the 1st West Yorkshire, writing to his home at Wetherby from Southampton, says he has sustained a bullet wound in the left hand. Otherwise he is well.

Mr E. H. Foster (prospective Liberal candidate for Barkston Ash) has been invited to assist in the organisation and duties of the Office, and has already taken up his duties there.

REFUGEES.—A family of Belgian refugees, consisting of father, mother, and four children, are at present enjoying the hospitality of Church Fenton people. They are housed in the Church Institute, which has been fitted up and furnished for the purpose, and the villagers are providing for the wants of their guests.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr E. Lane Fox, J.P., who is in the "London Gazette" on Friday night was gazetted as lieutenant of the Yorkshire Hussars, he is a brother of Capt. G. R. Lane Fox, M.P., and is Deputy Master of the Bramham Moor Foxhounds. He has previously held a lieutenancy in the regiment he has now rejoined, and prior to that was in the P.W.O. West Yorkshire Regiment.

SUNDAY'S CRICKET.—At Wetherby Petty Sessions Mrs F. A. Simpson, Collingham, was granted a separation order against her husband, and the custody of their only child, a boy, was ordered to pay 10s. a week for maintenance, and the costs of the case. Defendant had for two years lived on his wife's income, having no means of his own. He was a drunk and illtreater, and finally turned her out of the house, which she had bought, but allowed to remain in his name.

DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.—William Brown and Albert White, labourers, of no fixed abode, were charged at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday with lodging out. P.C. Beever stated that about 2 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21st, in consequence of a complaint, he went to the Black Horse Farm at Aberford, where he found the two defendants asleep in one of the stalls of the stable. There was a stooping tray of tobacco, the value of which contained a quantity of hay and straw. In front of the two men the farmer, Mr Jenkinson, said he had requested the men to go away, but they had refused.—Mr Walter Jenkinson, farmer, Black Horse Farm, Aberford, spoke to asking the men to leave the premises about 10.30, and as they refused he sent for the police. Each defendant was fined 2s. 6d. and costs, the Chairman pointing out the danger of smoking in a stable containing so much hay and straw.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions were Messrs F. M. Lupton (in the chair), Messrs J. Hirst, E. Parkin, and J. R. Cross.

SICK GERMAN PRISONERS.—Although the first batch of German prisoners at Lofthouse Park only arrived on Thursday last, two of their number have already been removed to the isolation hospital at Rothwell as infectious cases. The men were removed in an ambulance.

TRAM-CAR ACCIDENT.—What might have been a serious accident occurred at Rothwell on Monday evening. As the ten minutes to the tram-car from Leeds, due in at Rothwell at twenty minutes' past five, was descending the hill alongside the church, it left the track owing to the front wheels jumping over an obstacle on the line. Fortunately, the car was travelling at a slow speed, but, as it was, the wheels of the fore part of the double tram track before the car came to a standstill. There were few persons in the car at the time, and no one complained of shock. The work of getting the car on to the lines again was quickly completed when the next car came up. It appears that the obstacle responsible for the mishap was a small bolt, but whether it had been placed on the line by some mischievous lad, or whether it had been dropped accidentally from a passing cart the authorities are unable to say.

ROTHWELL PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—In connection with the series of special services which are being held to commemorate the opening of the new organ at the Primitive Methodist Church at Rothwell, an excellent musical programme was given on Sunday afternoon by the Rothwell Wesleyan Choir. There were two crowded congregations, and the many items were greatly enjoyed. Mr H. J. Martin presided, and he said it spoke well for the Christian feeling in the town when they could forget party and be coming forward to help another. The beauties of the new organ were demonstrated by Mr T. A. Idle, L.L.C.M., in his organ solos. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr J. Idle, rendered in good style the anthems "Praise the Lord," "What are these," with Miss Bertha Varley as soloist, and "Hark, hark, my soul," in which Miss Varley and Miss Kate Ellis were soloists. Mr Nelson Varley's singing of "Arm, arm, ye brave," and "Thus saith the Lord" was greatly appreciated. Miss Kate Ellis sang "In confidence and trust," and Miss Edith Blackburn gave "Divine Love." Mr T. Kale rendered "In native worth," and "Be still with me" was sung as a quartette by Misses E. Ellis and Blackburn, and Messrs T. Kale and W. Ellis. A vote of thanks to the choir, the organist, and Mr Martin was proposed by Mr J. Southward, and heartily carried.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell White Rose followed experience great disappointment on Saturday, when the team was defeated by Hedon Rovers in the second qualifying round of the English Cup Competition. H. Taylor lost the toss, and Parfitt started for Rothwell. Appleby took the ball well down the field, and a scrimmage then occurred near the goal mouth, but Wrigley missed an easy chance. The ball was nicely cleared for the visitors' forwards, and the home goal was in danger, Asmus saving. From a free kick Bartlett kicked wide, and Smith sent out the bar. After this Rothwell pressed hard, and from a pass by Taylor, Abrams took the ball nicely down the wing, and scored a shot which the visitors' custodian repulsed. Ripley, from his place at the full back line, fed the forwards well, but both Hughes and Wrigley failed to net the ball. Parfitt also missed a certain goal, the visitors backs cleverly getting the ball away. At the interval no score was registered. From the restart Rothwell quickly attacked, a free kick giving them a good lead. Tasker played on his wing in smart fashion, and put in some grand centres. Kinkick missed a good chance. Smith, after getting away, passed to Bartlett, who, however, kicked too high. Ripley conceded a corner, which was neatly cleared. In rushing out to save Nunns was charged and fell heavily, and was compelled to retire. The visitors scored whilst the goal was undefended. Tiffany took Nunns' place, the visitors scoring from a corner. However, with only ten men Rothwell played pluckily. The result was two goals to nil in favour of Heckmondwike

ALLERTON BYWATER

Leeds Lane school children have sent 9s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Saturday afternoon Lock Lane Institute had a football match with Churchfields, and it was drawn—one goal each.

MEMBER'S OPINION.—At a meeting in the Drop-Stairs Tower Hall, on Friday night, in support of a movement to form a reserve battalion to take the place of the 4th Battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, Sir Joseph Compston-Rickett, M.P., for Osgoldcross, said that it was only the British Navy which stood between Germany and the United States during the American war with Spain.

BOWERS ALLERTON

Bowers Allerton Bible Class has sent £1 3s. to Leeds Infirmary.

A football match was played between Bowers Allerton and Oulton St. John's on Saturday afternoon, and the former won by two goals to one.

BOWERS ALLERTON MISSION.—In connection with the Young Men's Friday Night Bible Class a pie supper took place on Friday night, the proceeds being devoted to the Belgian Refugee Fund. The great many rabbit pies and meat pies, along with apple tarts, had been given by friends in the district, and over 100 persons sat down to this very substantial supper. Afterwards the following ladies and gentlemen rendered songs:—Misses E. Davidson, Winnie Ward, Gladys Ward, Alison Parker, and Messrs Alfred Dyer and Fred Bullock. A violin solo was given by Mr F. Dyer, A.L.C.M. Miss Spink ably presided at the pianoforte. The meeting was presided over by Mr Walter Blackburn, the esteemed teacher of

the closs, who gave a very suitable address. Mr Isaac Robinson, on behalf of the class, moved a vote of thanks to those who had so generously given the pies, to the ladies who had provided the supper, and to the artistes. This was seconded by Mr Wm. Bullock, and heartily carried. The proceeds of the supper amounted to £6 10s. This was supplemented by £5 5s. from the Alvsion Choir Fund, and £5 from a great lover of the Mission Hall. The money has been sent to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

CROSSGATES

Mr and Mrs G. W. Beaumont, of Crossgates, have four sons—Fred, Reg., Percy, and Edward —serving in the Army.

The range of the Cross-gates Rifle Club in Manston Quarry is now formally opened by the Vicar on Saturday afternoon.

To the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund Crossgates Chess Club has contributed £2, per Messrs Beaumont, Bowyer, and Watkins, who Crossgates Wesleyan Institute has sent £2 2s.

FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—The ladies of the Stanks Primitive Methodist Church, assisted by a few friends, have this week forwarded to Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, in response to the Queen's appeal, a large consignment of hand-knitt d socks, belts, helmets, and mufflers for our soldiers and sailors, the whole being worked with materials provided by themselves. They are still working, and hope soon to have a second parcel ready.

YOUTHS IN TROUBLE.—On Wednesday at Leeds Police Court Arthur Booth, Samuel Jowett, and Thomas O'Brien, three youths residing in the York Road district of Leeds, were summoned for being on licensed premises during prohibited hours, and for giving a false name. Inspector Thompson said that on Saturday afternoon, the 24th inst., he called at the Station Hotel, Crossgates, and found the three defendants in the smoke-room along with others. They gave the names mentioned. Only one of the three lived outside the three miles' radius. A fine of 10s. and costs or seven days' imprisonment was imposed in each case.

WESLEY GUILD MUSICAL EVENING.—On Wednesday evening a concert was arranged in connection with the Wesley Guild by Mr J. Mitchell, and it was of a very enjoyable character. The following excellent programme was submitted:—Trio, "All-gro Agitato" (Op. 12), Messrs Brotherton (piano), Mitchell (violin), and Nowell ('cello); song, "In a child's small hand," Miss Bloxham; violin solo, "Mimette," Mr J. Mitchell; song, "Awake," Mr J. T. Johnson; trio, "Andante Con Moto Tranquillo," Messrs Brotherton, Mitch ll, and Nowell; song, "Love dreams," Mr J. T. Johnson; song, "Land of Hope and Glory," Miss Bloxham; violin solo, "Tarantell" (Op. 27), Mr J. Mitchell; duet, "Maying," Miss Bloxham and Mr Johnson; trio, "Reverie and Allegro," Messrs Brotherton, Mitchell, and Nowell. Mr Brotherton was an excellent accompanist. A collection was taken during the evening for the Poor Children's Treat at Snells Green.

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GREAT PRESTON

A football match was played between Great Preston and Altofts St. Mary's on Saturday afternoon, and it was drawn—a goal each.

HALTON

Good progress is being made with the laying of the tramway lines at Halton.

Halton Institute defeated Stourton Institute by only 2 to 582 in the Leeds and District Non-Political Clubs' Billiard League.

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OULTON

MIXED ALES.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John William Mirfin, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Oulton on Saturday. P.C. Coldwell proved the case, and Mirfin, who has been before the Court on 57 previous occasions, was sent to prison for one month.

CRICKETERS WITH THE COLOURS.—In his annual report at the meeting on Friday on the Oulton Cricket Club, Mr. R. Higgins, the secretary, paid a tribute to four members of the club who have joined the colours. The four are Mr Albert Northeon (9th Battalion Leeds Rifles), Mr P. Stockdale (7th Battalion West Riding Regiment), Mr J. E. Jackson (Royal Field Artillery), and Mr R. Whitworth (Army Service Corps). "Perhaps a word might be said about the disadvantages of cricket," Mr Higgins added. "Although none of the members of the club, to my knowledge, have actually seen any fighting yet, we wish them a safe return from all the perils to which they are exposed, and hope, and pray, a lasting peace soon be declared and the brotherhood of man more realised."

A CLERGYMAN AND FOOTBALLERS.—The Rev. E. H. Dicks, of Leeds (formerly of Oulton) writes:—I have only just seen the cartoon in this week's "Punch," in which Mr Punch addresses the professional Association football players. His rebuke is equal justice here addressed the Northern Union players and officials). "No doubt," he says, "you can make money in this field, but there's only one field to play where you can get honour." This honour is, however, the last thing the professional football player seems anxious to obtain. I wonder how many of them think of the bitter reproach felt for them in the minds of honourable mothers who have given their sons for the great cause? It was in a house the other day where one such mother lives. Her two sons—all she has—have offered their services to their country. As I was in the house there passed along some fine athletic professional football players, coming in to tea with the family, and the contrast struck me as cruel. I shall not soon forget the bitterness of the scorn with which this noble-hearted woman gave expression to her feelings as she commented on the conduct of these young men. That the claims of professional football should for a moment be deemed to weigh in the balance against the claims of the country seems to me to degrade the whole professional world of football and leave its stigma on the game itself. I wish the cartoon in "Punch" could be reproduced in all the picture papers; it might stir some dead consciences.

ROUNDHAY

OLD-AGE SCHOOL AT ROUNDHAY.—At a meeting of the Leeds Education Committee, held at the Education Offices, on Monday, Alderman W. H. Clarke in the chair, Mr G. H. Pearson moved a resolution that the Committee proceed an open-air school, to accommodate 100 children, on a site in Roundhay Park belonging to the Corporation. He said that there was a great need for such a school, and he was glad to know when the work would be commenced. The Chairman said if it was intended to proceed with the open-air school forthwith. As soon as a site had been arranged, the plans would be sent to the Board of Education, and they would be no delay as far as the committee was concerned.

SHADWELL

The Shadwell Industrial Schoolboys have sent a guinea to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

STOURTON

The committee and members of Stourton Liberal Club have given a guinea to the Belgian Relief Fund.

On Saturday afternoon Stourton United footballers defeated Thorpe Wesleyans by eight goals to nil.

P.S.A.—At the weekly P.S.A. service held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon an interesting address by Mr Boyd, of the Hunslet Baptist Church, was listened to and enjoyed by a large number. Mr J. R. Collinson presided, and the organist was Mr Waterton.

SWILLINGTON

A MESSENGER.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions William Foulston, painter, of no fixed abode, was charged with begging at Swillington, and was sent to prison for two months.

There will be no contest for the vacancy in the representation of Swillington on Yeadon District Council, as only one candidate has been nominated, viz., Mr William Stephenson Blackburn, colliery manager, of Astley.

WHITKIRK

C.E.M.S.—On Monday evening a very successful meeting in connection with the Whitkirk branch of the C.E.M.S. was held at the Vicarage, and about 35 members and friends were present. Rear-Admiral Sir W. H. Allanson, of Manston, on "The Morals of the Nation." The subject, which is a very wide one, was treated in an able manner, and the discussion which followed was of a very interesting nature. The Vicar, who presided, opened the discussion with some very interesting matter, and it was taken up by the members, including Mr James Watson, Mr Percy Fields, Mr H. W. Parker, and several friends from other branches. A very profitable and enjoyable evening was spent.

A sum of £[illegible]10s., a moiety of collections at Monk Fryston Church, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman) and Mr Walter Crosland.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

BISHOP OF RIPON AND PRAYERS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mr J. Gerdes (vice-chairman), Mrs E. A. Dickenson, Father T. Cody, Dr. E. Groves, Messrs J. Hattrick, W. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, J. R. Chappell, T. Bennett, W. A. Appleyard, D. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, E. B. Pickersgill, H. J. Pulford, W. Lunn, W. Segal, J. W. Verity, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee a further letter was received from the Bishop of Ripon, respecting the prayers taught in the Rothwell Church Sunday School, stating that he is always ready to inquire into complaints such as have been made by the Guardians, but must hold himself at liberty to deal with them in what he judged to be the wisest way, and also to make such statements about matters of that kind as he feels to be necessary and at such time and occasion as he regards to be best; and pointing out that he has already done what he thought to be most conducive to a right settlement. It was resolved that the matter be brought on for next business.—The Clerk submitted quotations for cloth for girls' jackets, and it was resolved that the lowest of Messrs Edmondsons' Barebones, Ltd., at 3s. 3d. per yard, be accepted.

The minutes were passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee the matter reported that two deaths had occurred in the institution during the past fortnight. The Clerk submitted tenders for painting work required to be done, and it was resolved that the Board be recommended to accept the tender of Mr J. Buther of 28, Mill Street, Leeds, at £165. The offers of Mr Appleyard and Mrs Dickenson to provide concerts on November 21st and 26th respectively were accepted.

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VARIOUS.

The minutes of the Finance Committee, which were passed, showed that the treasurer had a balance in hand of £3,406 8s. 2d.

On the motion of Mr J. R. Chappell, seconded by Father T. Cody, it was resolved that the shoemaker at the Homes, John Williams, who is serving his country, be allowed a grant of £10 per annum.

Mr W. Schofield moved, and Mr T. Bennett seconded, that the Guardians visit asylums in which they had patients on Friday, November 13th. The resolution was passed, and cabbies to the respective institutions were appointed.

HALTON SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM'S SUCCESS.

On Saturday a match in the Leeds Schools Rugby League (Senior) was played between Halton C.S. and Bewerley Street (Leeds) at Halton, before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Halton looked well, and found touch. From the opening scrum, Wilson passed to Kenny, who put in a short kick, and Green taking the ball at his toes, dribbled finely through, and opened the home-sters' account. Hayes goaling. Afterwards Wilson secured from a scrum, and with the ball at his mates, Hays converting. The pace was rather warm, the visitors striving to maintain their unbeaten record, and they were on the verge of scoring when Hayes gained possession, and, after a wide length of the field and scored under the posts, also adding the major points. At the interval Halton led by 15 points to nil. After the interval Bewerley Street pulled up, passed round, and Wade dropping the ball at a critical moment, let in Clapham, who opened Bewerley's score with a good try. Following this Kenney picked up in the loose, and opened out play beautifully. He passed to Hayes, who after a short run gave a return pass, Kenny scoring a grand try, and Hayes goaling. Individual efforts by Hayes resulted in his scoring two fine tries. The visitors again became dangerous, but sound tackling by Kilbeth and Simpson enabled the homesters to keep their line intact. Burton, who played a sound forward game throughout, surprised the opposition with one of his characteristic dashes, and scored at the corner. Hayes kicked a fine goal. Afterwards Hallas snatched up the ball and scored for the Strollers. The Halton lads played well throughout the game, and left off by 5 goals, 7 tries (51 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

The Halton School team are making excellent progress. They have played and won four matches. The game against Bewerley Street was very creditable, for the latter are considered one of the best teams in the League, especially in the forward division. There is only one team in the League that Halton have not beaten, and that is Brooklyn National, who have not lost a League match for three or four seasons. Last season they were the winners of the Championship and Goldthorp Cup. The Halton lads are specially training this week, and have a quiet feeling of confidence in being the first to lower the colours of Brumby boys on Saturday (at Halton, the Kirkstall right at 10.45.

Offers of hospitality for 20 Belgian Refugees have been received from Thorner.

Offers of hospitality for 23 Belgian Refugees have been received from Barwick-in-Elmet.

Sergt. E. Adkin, of the 1st West Yorkshires, has written to his wife at Wetherby that he is quite well, but a prisoner in Germany.

Major M. F. McTaggart, of the 9th Lancers, who is reported wounded, is a grandson of Mr J. P. Lane, J.P., of Hallfield, Wetherby.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—Two families of Belgian Refugees are now installed in two cottages at Hillam, and a mother, with three children, is housed at the Lodge, Hall, Monk Fryston Park. One of the men is a carpenter by trade, and the other a painter, and employment for both has been found by the Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A.

THE VICAR.—It is understood that the arrangement for an exchange of livings between the Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, vicar of Monk Fryston, and the Rev. E. T. Hull, rector of Fromlode, Gloucester, has fallen through. The Rev. W. M. C. Clarke, in private letter to the Oulton monthly magazine, informed his parishioners that he was shortly to leave the parish, and it was expected that the new vicar would take up his duties on November 1st. For some reason, however, the latter has refused to remove from Fromlode. The Rev. W. M. C. Clarke finds the work of the parish very hard, hence his desire for a new and easier parish.

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SAD STOURTON DROWNING CASE

VICTIM'S FATHER SERVING WITH THE COLOURS.

An inquest was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom at Stourton on Tuesday afternoon, before Mr P. T. Maitland (Coroner), on the body of Clifford Grove (9), the son of a Stourton miner, who was drowned in the Aire and Calder Canal on Saturday afternoon in trying to recover a firework from the water. The little fellow left home with two companions during the morning, and went for a walk along the canal bank. He had a firework in his possession, and this he threw in the water. In subsequently trying to recover it he fell into the canal and was drowned. The other two boys spread the news of the accident, and although dragging operations were at once commenced, the body was not recovered until Sunday dinner time.

Evidence of identification was given by the mother, Hannah Grove, the wife of Stoddin Grove, a miner, of Queen Street, Stourton, who said the boy left home about half-past ten on Saturday morning. That was the last she saw of him. He did not return to dinner and it was not until shortly before 1.30 p.m. that she heard from one of his companions, who was with him at the time of the accident, that he was in the water. She ran down by the canal side, where people were searching for the missing lad. The body was not recovered until Sunday. She had not known him go and play by the canal before. She fully believed that it was an accident.

Walter Riley, a boy of seven, living in Wakefield Street, Stourton, related what took place. He met Grove down the canal by the side of the mortuary, which leads down to the canal. Another boy called Alfie Long suggested going by the side of the canal, and they went. The boy Grove had a "squib" into the water, and he then tried to get it out. His legs were in the water, and Riley was holding on to the railings when he slipped from his grasp. Witness then ran home.

Father Dillon of the deceased, who is serving with K.O.Y.L.I. stationed at Hull, said he returned home after receiving a telegram on Saturday night. On Sunday he continued to drag the canal and discovered the body about 1.30 p.m.

The Coroner remarked that it was very hard indeed, as the father was doing his duty with the Forces.

A verdict of "Accidental drowning" was returned.

WHITKIRK AND DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB.

The Whitkirk and District Rifle Club's weekly competition, held on Saturday evening, was a very popular one. The targets took the form of the head of Britannia, certain features of the prominent features being "bull's eyes." There was much humour during the evening, each "bull" being greeted with cheers and various remarks. The Cup was the most popular one since the club opened. The first prize was won by the club's hard-working and very popular secretary, Mr J. W. Price, and the second prize was carried away by Mr Morris, another hard worker for the club.

We understand that Mr Price has good cause to remember his success, as he had to pay the penalty for being late for roll call. A golfer who holes out in one has to pay. Such is the price of fame!

The club now possesses its full complement of rifles, the last two being received from the makers last week. These have been delayed owing to the great pressure of work at the gun factories.

We are asked to state that anyone wishing to view the range and the methods used will be made very welcome during the hours the club is open.

FATHER DILLON FOR SELBY.

The Rev. M. J. Dillon (Hunslet) has been appointed Roman Catholic priest at Selby, in succession to the late Canon Worthy. Father Dillon, who is an Irishman, has for many years been a member of Hunslet Board of Guardians, and he did good public work.

A MICKLEFIELD EMPLOYEE MISSING.

William Crummack, of 50, Pollard Street, Newtown, Leeds, who was employed by the Micklefield Coal Co., is missing. Crummack, who is a married man, went through the Boer war and was wounded.

NO CASES.—At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday there was a blank charge sheet. The only cases were fare cases, and the money had been paid before the meeting of the Court.

RATES.—At Sherburn Petty Sessions the following rates were allowed:—South Milford, poor rate, 1s. 11d. and 11½d.; lighting rate, 1½d. and 1½d., and special expenses rate, 8d.; Barkston, poor rate, 2s. 3d. and 1s. 11½d.; Church Fenton, 1s. 10d. and 11d., and Biggin, poor rate, 2s. 10d. and 1s. 5d.

THORNER OFFICER.—KILLED.—Lieut. E. C. Lodgard, who has been killed in action, was the 3rd son of Mr. Armitage Lodgard, of Manor House, Thorner, and brother of Captain R. S. Lodgard, who also reported to have been killed in the fighting at Cambrai, but who is now believed to be a wounded prisoner of war in Germany. Both brothers did their soldiering in the Yorkshire Princess of Wales' Own Yeomanry Regiment (Green Howards). Mr. Armitage Lodgard, of Manor House, Thorner, and brother of Captain R. S. Lodgard, who also reported to have been killed in the fighting at Cambrai, but who is now believed to be a wounded prisoner of war in Germany. Both brothers did their soldiering in the Yorkshire Princess of Wales' Own Yeomanry Regiment (Green Howards). Mr. Armitage Lodgard came from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, to the 2nd Green Howards at York in May, 1913, and he got his second star a year ago on Tuesday. He was killed at Blackdown Camp and in the Channel Islands. He left Tuesday in August for Lyndhurst, in the New Forest, and moved thence to France two or three weeks ago.

MR E. M. LAWSON-SMITH'S SON KILLED.—Lieutenant John Lawson-Smith, who has been killed in action, was gazetted to the West Yorks. Regiment in September, 1913. He was 22 years of age, and the second son of Mr E. M. Lawson-Smith, of Longhirst, Morpeth, Northumberland, and of Colton, Tadcaster. His father is well-known in the West Riding, being a J.P. For many years he was a member of the Tadcaster District Council. He is a great traveller, and included in his journeys was one round the world. Mr Lawson-Smith is much respected, not only in the Tadcaster district, but all over the Riding and in Northumberland, where he has two estates, and much sympathy will be extended to him. The deceased's officer's mother, who was a daughter of the late General Sir Wm. Davies, K.C.S.I., died in 1906. An elder brother, Thomas E. Lawson-Smith, is serving as a lieutenant with the 13th Hussars.

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BARKSTON ASH CRICKET COMPETITION.

ANNUAL MEETING—DECREASE IN REVENUE.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT SEASON.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—DRAW FOR LANE FOX CUP.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Executive of the Barkston Ash Cricket Competition was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds—Mr W. B. Pindar (President in the chair.

It was reported that seventeen clubs had joined the Senior League for next season as compared with eighteen last year. The clubs are:—Bilkwick, Castard, Church Fenton, Church Fenton Seacamore, Crossgates, Crossgates Wes., Garforth, Gorforth Wes., Great Preston, Halton, Halton Wes., Micklefield, Scairott, Shadwell, South Milford, Tadcaster, and Whitkirk. Colingham and Sexton have dropped out, and Garforth Wes. have come in.

Mr E. D. Pawson, the hon. sec., stated that Collingham would have liked to have joined the League again, but most of their players had gone to the Army.

A discussion ensued as to how many divisions the League should be played in, and the President asked if it was possible for any club to play 40 matches, in addition to four possible cup ties.

Mr Flowith (Scaerofl): Yes.

Mr Herbert (Tadcaster) said it could be managed, but it would knock all "friendlies" out.

Mr Flowith: Little interest is taken in ordinary matches.

Mr Ward (Great Preston) said that the League matches kept the teams better together.

Mr Herbert said there was more interest in League matches, but could clubs stand such a heavy programme as was suggested.

Mr Umpleby (Crossgates Wes.) said that the pavilion patronage would meet the extra expense.

Mr Herbert said that some clubs got very little patronage.

Mr Flowith said they got less if they played friendly matches.

Mr White (Crossgates) said that if things went on as they were going they would not be able to raise two teams. Already nine of their men had gone.

Mr Herbert said that Tadcaster had lost seven.

Mr Firn (Cawood) said that it would be better to play the League in three divisions.

Mr Flowith said he never heard anyone say three divisions were satisfactory.

The President: I never heard any grumbling.

Mr Flowith: I did.

The President: I never heard any, except from Scaerolt.

Mr Flowith: Who grumbled on behalf of Scaerolt?

The President: Mr Flowith. (Laughter).

Mr Flowith: I never grumbled once about it; in fact, I did not criticise it, but had I been there when it was decided I should have opposed it.

Mr Herbert said he thought it would be a mistake to have two divisions owing to the unfortunate position clubs would be placed in next season.

Mr Flowith proposed that the League be played in two divisions.

Mr Umpleby seconded.

Mr Firn proposed that it be played in three divisions.

Mr Herbert, who seconded, said he was certain if they played in two divisions some of the clubs would not be able to fulfil their engagements.

On a division, the proposal to play the League in two divisions was carried by a large majority.

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The financial statement, showing a deficit of over £4, was submitted, and it was stated that a grant of £12 10s. had been made to the National Relief Fund. Mr Herbert proposed its adoption, and Mr Popplewell (Halton Wes.) seconded.

The President said the revenue was very much less than it was in previous years, and it was probably owing to the exceptional circumstances during the period when the final matches were played.

Seven matches for the benefit of the Competition realized only £17 15s., and in some previous years more than that had been taken at a single match. The medals and plaques amounted far more than half of the total expenditure, over £23 having been expended in that way, and while he hoped the last season would be a record one, it was quite clear they would have to consider the expenditure with a view to cutting down some of these heavy items. They must base their expenditure on their income. They started the year with a balance of 15s. 10d. in hand, so that they had lost about £4 10s. on the season. They could not do that many times.

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Mr Holgreaves (Church Fenton) said the most disappointing part of the financial statement was the receipts from matches, and he asked if the finals were played at the places where the best "gates" could be got.

The President said the Committee were anxious to select the grounds where the best "gates" could be got, but the difficulty was that they might get a good "gate" at a place one year and a poor "gate" at the same place next year.

Mr Flowith said the first consideration of the Committee when arranging the finals was always the fairness of competition, and it was a satisfaction to know that there had been a marked improvement in the standard of play throughout the Division since the League was formed. The League had encouraged play of the best type, and it was very rarely that trouble occurred between clubs. The games were played in the proper spirit from one end of the Division to the other. If a club felt that they had been penalised by some error which they really did not think they committed they had accepted the decision in a good sporting spirit, and no appeal was given with the intention of dealing fairly and squarely with them and for no other purpose. He believed the clubs carried out the same rule in playing the game, and so long as that was done they might be sure the League would continue to prosper and do good work. (Applause).

Mr Toft proposed the re-election of the Hon. Sec. as hon. sec., and Mr George Umpleby (Crossgates) seconded.

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LORD HAREWOOD AND UNSATISFACTORY RECRUITING.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORT MORE EFFECTIVE THAN MEETINGS.

The Earl of Harewood, speaking at a meeting of the West Riding Territorial Association at Leeds on Monday, said it was not their business to inquire into the disposition of the troops furnished by the West Riding, but to see to their mobilisation and equipment, which had gone on very smoothly. He had it on professional authority that no division went out better equipped and provided for than the division sent out by the West Riding. Territorial recruiting had not been quite entirely satisfactory, and he thought steps ought to be taken for every member of the association to make it his business to promote recruiting, and to induce his friends to do so. It would be a worthy object. The Territorial Forces had done very well, but the total number of recruits obtained for all branches of the service only amounted to a little more than 1 per cent. of a population of three millions. He could not think that was quite satisfactory for a great district like the West Riding. He was quite ready to make every allowance for slow-moving districts, which began well, but had not done so well lately, because there was no unemployment there. On the contrary, they might say there had been many more openings for employment. It would be just as well if people's attention was called to the fact that though it was true that there was a boom now, there would not be a boom much longer if they neglected their efforts to place forces in the field commensurate with the efforts our Allies were making. That could not be done if recruiting was slow, and it behoved every man capable of bearing arms and of the proper age to enlist now. It would be no use if it came to an invasion, which was evidently intended by the enemy—on the grazing fields. They must send men, and be trained. Moreover, it was extremely essential that they should be able to send constant drafts of troops over to France so that we might keep up the French. There had been a letter published in the Press from a Frenchman which stated the situation clearly, pointing out that it was useless for the Allies to fight and defeat the Germans if we did not exert ourselves to put sufficient men in the field now we were running the risk of being beaten. He thought more could be done by individual effort than by organised meetings, because at these meetings somebody delivered a speech which was received with cheers, and had an excellent effect for a few days, after which recruiting fell away again. To be effective it must be constantly kept up.

A BRAVE THORPARCH OFFICER.

"TELL THIS TO YOUR FRIENDS."

Lieut. A. L. P. Griffith, son of the Vicar of Thorparch, Boston Spa, who was mentioned in despatches, writing to a Harrogate friend, says:

"I have lost a good many pals, and some, one has got to answer for that before I come home.

I get frantic with this rotten silly filth, would keeping me here all this time, when I ought to have been back at the front long ago. The spirit, not to say the pluck, calls a bullet around; went in by the wrist, turned on the bone, and came out long-ways on. It ought to have healed long ago, but the rotter will go on festering, and I have to grow the elbow.

"Twenty sacks of letters for us were captured, which annoyed us more than anything.

"I must get back before the end, or from the Messrs. or Lloyd George I shall get my head shaved now with another to keep it company.

"The last three weeks I never had my clothes off, and my boots only twice in that time, just to change my socks. I expected to be crawling when I did change, but luckily wasn't. Tell this to your friends who grouse about food and beds."

DRAW FOR ROTHWELL CHARITY FOOTBALL CUP.

The draw for the first round of the Rothwell Charity Cup competition is as follows, on Mr Scott St. John's v. Methley Mill Moor.
Rothwell Old Boys v. Allerton White Star.
Bowers Allerton v. Pontefract.
Methley Perseverance v. Methley Athletic.
Rothwell Haigh U. v. Great Preston W.R.
Byes—Rothwell White Rose, Clarence Iron Works, Methley Perseverance, Garforth White Rose, Aberford, and East Ardsley. To be played on the ground of the first-named clubs on or before November 14th.

TUBERCULOUS GLANDS CURED.

19, Eloe Mount,
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Leeds, 30th August, 1913.

Professor Crosswaite.

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To-day that little is left of it is gradually passing away, and before long it will entirely disappear.

I cannot adequately find words to express all I feel, but I assure you, sir, you have won our EVERLASTING GRATITUDE, and if at any time the accuracy of my statement should be disputed, I shall be willing to bring my child to you, or consulting rooms and thus give ocular demonstrations of the wonderful cure you have accomplished.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Wheat prices were slightly better, but a quiet trade for barley. A medium supply of grain. Wheat 30s 9d/40s, malting barley 30s to 32s, medium quality 28s to 29s, oats 23s to 25s, seed 43s to 48s per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 9 for 1s; butter 1s 3d to 1s 4d per lb; chickens 3s to 4s 6d, ducks 2s 6d to 3s per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Prices increased 2s 6d per ton, with a better demand. Sand. Up-to-Dates 42s 6d to 45s, Majestics 45s to 47s 6d, Arran Comers 45s to 52s 6d, warp King Edwards 52s 6d to 55s 6d per ton; retail, 2s 6d, per hamper.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs. Richardson and Son disposed of 63 beasts, 62 sheep, and 75 pigs. The usual attendance of buyers. A very short supply of cattle, which had the effect of causing a slow trade for rougher sorts. A good trade for sheep and pigs, late rates being well maintained. Prices:—Fat bullocks top price to £22 10s, fat heifers to £20, fat cows to £16 15s, store cattle to £15, cows in calf to £23 7s 6d, cows in milk to £21 7s 6d, sheep to £4 5s, pork pigs to £6 2s 6d, and small store pigs to £1 15s per head.

DONCASTER, Monday.—At the Thumbinson and Son Isle Beet Sale a good show of well-finished beasts and sheep. The attendance of butchers and dealers was well up to the average, and a first trade was maintained throughout. Best sale beast quality beasts making from 9s 9s 6d per stone; secondary quality from 8s 9d to 9s 3d per stone; best sale sheep, best quality making 9d to 10d. per lb. Pork and bacon pigs from 8s to 8s 6d per stone; strong stores good to sell, but weaklings dull. Calving cows met a good demand. Bullocks made to £30 10s, sheep to 78s, and a ready calven cow at £31. The numbers were:—Beasts, 63; sheep and calves, 112 sheep, and 145 pigs. Five splendid bullocks from Mr E. Brooksbank, Bedlington Manor, made £30 10s, £30 2s 6d, £30, £25 17s 6d, and £24 15s; six grand finished bullocks from Mr E. Jackson, Catterton, made £25 15s 6d, £24 19s, £24 17s 6d, £22 5s, and £21; Mr C. Gyson, Grimston Grange, sent nine choice finished bullocks, making £27 2s 6d, £24 2s 6d, £24 7s 6d, £10 10s, £20 10s, and £23 15s; Mr J. Westby, Healaugh, had three ripe bullocks, which made £26 15s, £24, and £23 15s; nine ripe bullocks, Kirkby Wharfe, sent five good bullocks, making £25 2s 6d, £23 7s 6d, £22 17s 6d £22 15s, and £20 2s 6d; four ripe finished bullocks from Messrs W. Dunn and Son, Ouston, made £22 17s 6d, £22 10s, £19 12s 6d, and £19; Mr A. Dalwell, Wighill 12s 6d, and £19; Mr A. Dalwell, Wighill 12s 6d, and £19; Mr A. Dalwell, Wighill

OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The present is a busy time in the flower garden, and the work should be pushed forward with all possible speed before the autumn rains overtake us. The herbaceous border may require some attention, and such plants as the delphiniums, pyrethrums, chrononiums, and others that die down early may be divided and replanted. Shady places may be planted with aconitums, doronicums, ophelias, the pretty and British ferns. In the case of pyrethrums, replanting should be done at once, or left until mid March. Any that are disturbed during the winter months will probably die off before spring. The old custom of offering herbaceous perennials to remain undisturbed for many years is now known to be a bad one. Replanting should be practised at least every three years, and a mulching of long manure should be given as a protection against frost. Where large clumps are divided for replanting the outside portions should be retained in preference to the centre. Division without injury may be effected by pressing two digging forks into the clumps back to back, and forcing them apart.

LAWNS.

Lawn mowing cannot be described as a pleasant task, especially where a lot of it has to be done, and it is to be hoped that the time for pleasantness of the work often causes it to be discontinued too early in the autumn. It should be continued as long as the grass remains active. The finest grass should be kept quite as possible during the autumn, and neglect in sweeping and mowing the lawns will create an untidy appearance very quickly. A light birch broom may be used for sweeping purposes. It will distribute worm casts and remove leaves without injuring the grass.

GARDEN REFUSE.

All vegetable matter from the flower and vegetable garden should be stacked together for future use. The substitution of more for horse traffic is likely to lead to a scarcity of original manure, and although chemical manures may be largely used as a substitute they do not provide the humus necessary to the successful cultivation of plant life. Decayed vegetable matter is an excellent fertiliser, and if its true value was more generally recognised, very little of it would find its way to the rubbish heap. All kinds of spent plants, fallen leaves, and even the lawn mowings may be brought into use. They should be stacked deeply in an out of the way corner, and should be turned and restacked a few times to hasten decomposition. A light sprinkling of superphosphate of lime may be given at intervals whilst the work of restacking is in progress. After several turnings the heap may be covered with soil, and when thoroughly decomposition has taken place, it will be found equal to the best animal manure. In town gardens, where animal manure is usually very difficult to obtain, special efforts should be made to preserve all garden refuse of this kind. Old potting soil, flue sweepings, and fire ashes may also be added. On heavy soils, the addition of the three latter is exceptionally beneficial.

Continue to plant flower beds as the summer occupants exhaust themselves. Pretty effects may be obtained by carpeting the beds with dwarf-growing subjects and filling in with suitable coloured bulbs. A neat bed may be obtained by planting forget-me-nots and Pheasant Eye Narcissus together, or Arabis and a pretty variety of hyacinth or tulip also make a pleasing combination. Duchess de Parma tulip is a splendid bedding subject. Perhaps the best companion plant for it is the double white arabis. A large bed filled with this combination gives a very striking effect. The importance of firm planting cannot be exaggerated, and we have no hesitation in saying that most failures can be traced to neglect of this one detail.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Cabbages may still be planted. Young seedlings about five inches long are better than large plants, and it is advisable to plant them in V-shaped drills. Plant firmly and give a thorough watering if the ground is dry.

Thin turnips before they get crowded, and give a dusting of soot about once a fortnight.

Free use of the hoe is very beneficial to the crops and will prevent weeds from getting a foothold.

Autumn cauliflowers may be protected from rain and dirt by having a few leaves broken over them. Fully developed flowers will keep fresh if the plants are pulled up and hung in a cool shed.

PREPARATIONS FOR FORCING.

Rhubarb is in demand as soon as the earliest supplies reach the markets. The roots should be lifted as soon as this year's growth dies down, and they should be stored in an open shed, or some similar position where they can receive full benefit of the air, without getting wet. A sharp frost is the best preparation for forcing, but at this early date a thorough drying has to be made to serve the same purpose, that is, to give the sap a decided check. Dawe's Champion is perhaps the best early forcing variety. Where the roots are thoroughly dry, plant them in a dark place, in a temperature of about 60 degrees, and give a thorough watering.

UNDER GLASS.

Many amateurs have now taken up the cultivation of orchids, and such subjects as Cattleya Crispata, Odontiodas, and Odontoglossums in variety, and Lodia Amoena are almost as generally grown as fuchsias and geraniums. The chief difficulty in the successful cultivation of orchids is the resting period. Beginners are often at a loss to find the correct time and duration of the resting season, and until this is discovered the measure of success is comparatively small. Cattleya Crispata has just about completed its growth for this year, and the supply of water must be considerably reduced. Moisture should be withheld from the pseudo-bulbs when signs of shrivelling appear. No more will be needed until shrivelling is again noticed. This treatment must be continued until the flowering stage is reached. Then a little more sending up the flower spikes, and these take a lot out of the pseudo-bulbs. To counteract this copious supplies of water must be given, and once a week a little liquid manure may also be given. This variety is usually suspended from the roof, and as the flower spikes usually attain a great length it is often necessary to let them down to prevent them coming in contact with the moisture-covered glass.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Newly-planted chrysanthemums must be watered carefully or they may get weakly-legged. They do not require as much water as they did outdoors, but when they get small amount that new quarters more water will be required. Feeding should be discontinued when the blooms are about half developed. If mildew makes its appearance, dust flowers with sulphur, as the affected parts at once or it will spread rapidly. Insect pests must be kept in check by frequent fumigations. These should be applied in calm weather, two nights' consecutive operation or serious difficulties will arise.

CARNATIONS.

For carnations should now be give a position where a little rain can be given if necessary. They do best under cool treatment, but during dull, damp weather, and on frosty nights, a little fire heat is beneficial to them. A moderate amount of light and a free circulation of air is essential. Plants of the perpetual section intended for winter flowering should be fed with weak doses of liquid manure about once a week.

CHURCH FENTON MEN WITH THE COLOURS.

ROUSING MEETING.—A DOZEN RECRUITS.

Under the auspices of the Barkston Ash Conservative and Liberal Associations a meeting was held in the schoolroom at Church Fenton on Friday night, and it was of the most enthusiastic character.

Mr Martin Harvey, of Peckfield Lodge, was to have presided, but he was very much regretting that he could not be present, and Mr Woodhead, of Clifford, who has joined the Army, very ably took his place. Mr E. H. Foster, J.P., C.C., had been announced as one of the speakers, but he, too, was disappointed in not finding himself able to attend.

Excellent speeches and urgent appeals were made by Dr. Ambrose Pope (who for a month was a prisoner of war in Germany), and Mr E. O. Simpson, Heathwood Castle, a gentleman well-known in the Division, and they roused the enthusiasm of the meeting and had good results, as is proved by the results of their efforts, for on the Chairman asking all eligible men to volunteer no fewer than twelve gallant young fellows stepped forward. Their names are as follows:—Joseph Jackson, Harold Jackson, Edward Britton, Herbert Sykes, Tom Lamb, William Whincup, Tom Wrightson, Malcolm Wendels, Herbert Townend, Michael Hemsedoci, Joseph Le—, and Joseph Greenwood, all resident in Church Fenton.

Each name was greeted with hearty cheers on being announced to the meeting, and each man in turn received an encouraging handshake from Mr Simpson.

The usual vote of thanks to the speakers and Chairman, proposed by Mr W. B. Gray, seconded by Mr R. Hall, and supported in a spirited speech by the Vicar, was carried with enthusiasm, and the singing of the National Anthem closed the meeting.

In addition to the gallant young fellows whose names have already been mentioned, the following Church Fenton men are serving their King and country:—Captain W. Claughton (West Riding Regiment), Archie Claughton (Royal Army Flying Corps), Quartermaster-Sergeant Jos. Holmes (Royal Field Artillery), Sergeant Wm. Wensley (3rd Dragoon Guards), Sergeant Arthur Best (West Yorks. Regiment), Lance-Corporal Sloan (late 3rd Dragoon Guards), Trooper Walter Wensley (10th Hussars), Charles Hy. Nicholson (Royal Horse Artillery), Driver Arthur Darbyshire (Ammunition Column), Privates Bertram Fairclough (Yorkshire Hussars), Privates John Fawcett, Willrid Fawcett, Clarence Cawood, Ernest Holt, Fred Eden, and William Andrews (West Yorks. Regiment), and Tom Bricknell (Royal Navy).

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A ROUNDHAY SOLDIER'S LETTER

A FUNERAL AT A FARMHOUSE.

While resting in the trenches Private J. T. Less, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, wrote to his brother, Mr Alex Less, of Kenton Place, Roundhay. He opened with an expression of thanks for a parcel of good things that had reached him, and continued:—"I have had my baptism of fire, and I can tell you it is time to put on prayers when we shall be nothing, because we are holding our own and feeling confident that before long we shall be going forward. I am going to stick to my self and my comrades. The Germans are worse than savages. The homes that we see broken up and the number of women and children trekking across the country for safety is really more than we as us to tears.

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the greatest would not stop, perhaps they liked the job. One of the highest officials in the land who did not pull up for time when challenged, was shot dead. How then the Government be had to assure the people the poorer ones were not in Germany. As for his own position, he was speaking in the same village where the previous week no one was known quite to be the village. He had been there for a month, and had preached in the village church on the Sunday before war was declared. However, the people were very kind to him, and when he left the village to join the fighting line the parting was sorrowful and thought he would have to go on the head man of the village, and he said, "Did you hear what the Government is doing in the trouble," said the doctor, with a smile, and said "Did you notice anything queer in the air?" "Yes, there was a lot of many," and he would say, "I saw a few cows ploughing in a field." But an intelligent man, after the Germans were well on their way, and asked him if he had seen anything particular would say, "I saw some soldiers and cannon, and they were going to fight the French." Such information given to the British Government might mean the loss of a victory for the British. Then, after the people had got used to the war, they would be probably celebrating victory over England. They had a cannon and they fired it off. One night, about a fortnight after the war broke out, the cannon was fired three times, and the man with whom he was staying went out to learn what had happened. He came back and told him the news that the Russians were on their way to help Belgium. We have had a victory over the British fleet and twenty-four British ships were sunk." Dr Pope said that the Germans were most afraid of was that the cry would be raised of English spies, but, fortunately, that did not happen. He had seen in the papers he could say something in the papers which "made his hair stand on end." The paper said "We now have in this country 60,000 German subjects are being put to death in England without a trial." He himself knew it was a lie. The Kaiser was the man that there are thousands of British subjects in Germany. Cannot we do the same thing?" In his own paper he read "There is a famine in England and food has gone up." They also said that there were cases of rioting and revolution, and that the working men were rising against the rich. The British Government had asked for 100,000 troops, and only 30,000 had responded. Lord Kitchener's appeal had not one of them was a working man. It was stated that a miserable little affair at Bisley had caused much trouble, and had been smashed to atoms, and that the British Navy was trembling with fear because the Kaiser's navy had come out. He had seen things around their parts and not one of the ships dare go out of sight. "Of course," said Dr Pope, "we know that these things are lies. I naturally wanted to get home to Britain, but the people in the village told me I was very foolish to do so. They told me that I knew about the German hatred. Before war was declared his experience was that all the Germans with whom he had come in contact were most friendly. He had never heard a word spoken ill of England, but within a few days after the declaration there were such bitterness—a kind of hatred—made. How had it come about? The War Party engineered the whole thing, had control of the newspapers, and had all difficulty he experienced in obtaining the original send your orders direct to me), and not at all inflated, but at everyday prices. The evidence of thousands that our poultry-keepers' cheque or testimony to how well it has succeeded.

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WAR CHAT.—No. 11.

"I read one of your articles," writes a correspondent, "and I heartily agree with all those who express their admiration for your 'Poultry Keepers' Account Book,' but important as books keeping may be, I think the most valuable part of the work is the excellent article entitled 'The Story of the Evolution of the Use of Mustard for Poultry.'"

Your original experiments, told in simple language and corroborated by hundreds of other practical poultry-keepers, deeply impressed me. The absence of high falutin talk with which poultry papers and articles of late are usually garnished (or glazed) equally favourable results; whilst the fact that you are not blooming a duvet preparation which could only be procured from the makers, but on everyday commodity which could be purchased anywhere, completed my conversion.

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It is cheering to have such comment concerning one's labours; notwithstanding the thousands that have been received, like Oliver Twist, I can't ask for more. In poultry missionary work there is a lot of humdrum labour, and words of appreciation are always acceptable.

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GARFORTH BELGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I am desired by the above committee to state that 15 Belgian Refugees have arrived in Garforth, and are being accommodated at Hopewell House, Wakefield Road.

Many ladies and gentlemen have very generously supplied us with furniture, &c., and the house is most comfortably fitted up in all respects. We have already received some subscriptions in money, and are arranging for weekly collections to be made, as the cost of maintaining fifteen people is no light work.

The miners have been kind enough to earmark one of their weekly subscriptions each month for this fund, and the committee hope that all other Garforth residents will assist.

It is an impossible task to thank individually all the persons who have placed furniture, &c., at our service, or yet to say how much the committee thank the many people who have assisted in getting the house in such a first-class condition.

A well-known author has said "That those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves," so it is good to know that there are many happy people in Garforth.

Further subscriptions will be appreciated.—Yours, etc.,

H. W. POWELL,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
Wakefield Road, Garforth, 28th Oct., 1914.

A KIPPAX MAN ON TAXATION AND PENSIONS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—In reading the columns in your issue week by week one comes across a variety of ideas which make for the uplifting of the individual reader if the ideas are utilized, and it is well to make use of ideas when they are good at all times. There are also ideas which cannot be considered excellent.

The idea of levying a tax on a man with 30s. a week income, especially if that man should have three or four children, besides himself and his wife, to maintain is a bad idea. Food stuffs are very costly, and wearing apparel is the same. Rents and rates are high. Take a place like Kippax—the most difficult place outside London in which to keep body and soul together. If this proposal, which the District Council has been misled to support—that of taxing a gas, income—becomes legal, many families here will be very seriously handicapped. Such an income is not sufficiently large to bear the weight of any tax whatever. A family of five will require every halfpenny of this amount to provide them with the bare necessities of life, and have nothing left for luxuries and holidays, in Kippax, at any rate.

The careful reader will feel a bit of temper arise within him at such a proposal. Yes, one feels a little disturbed at such a proposal, and whoever has suggested that an income of 30s. weekly should be subject to a deduction of any kind is not, I feel sure, a representative of the poor man. The object for which this proposal has been formulated—that of providing a pension, etc., for our soldiers if disabled and cannot earn their own livelihood, is all right. Soldiers should be provided for adequately, but the question of pensions ought in all fairness to cover a wider field than this. The veterans of industry should be provided for after they are past work. We are verily guilty concerning our brother. The question of a pension for all who are past work and need it is rather a formidable one, and a contributory scheme will perhaps be the better way out of the difficulty, and will bring the thing into operation sooner, but not in the shape of an income tax on 30s. This is driving a hard bargain.—Yours, &c.,

INTERESTED.

APPEAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The committee of the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund have decided to make an appeal to Sunday School scholars throughout the kingdom, for this branch of the National Relief Fund.

As Chairman of the Queen's Committee I shall be most grateful if you will give us your kind help and co-operation.

This can best be done by officers and teachers taking the earliest opportunity of explaining the scheme to the scholars. For this purpose I enclose sample of literature which I suggest sending to them.

I would suggest that the teachers should kindly undertake to supervise collections among the scholars, or, if preferable, that the scholars form their own committees for collection.

The Queen wishes it clearly understood that such collections are to be entirely a free-will offering, undertaken by the scholars themselves without coercion or persuasion. There is, of course, no idea of interference with the usual collections for other objects, but it is suggested that the scholars might like to devote at least one week's general collection to the fund. Apart from private collections which they may care to make among themselves.

The committee is willing to receive the collection separately at the above address, but it is preferable, when possible, that small contributions should be amalgamated at the local centres and forwarded together.

A personal acknowledgment from Buckingham Palace will be sent to each Sunday School sending up its contributions in this manner.

I should like to add that this scheme has the approval of Her Majesty.—Yours truly,

MARGARET CECIL, Chairman.
33, Portland Place, W., London.

LEEDS ALDERMAN AND A PUBLIC SCANDAL.

Ald. Willey, appealing for generous gifts to the collection at a concert for the National Relief Fund in Leeds, said that many in this country had not realized the terrible importance of the titanic struggle in which we were engaged. It was little short of a scandal that in this hour of the country's need young men, able-bodied and equal to the military requirements prescribed, should fail to come forward and offer themselves. They ought not to wait to be asked even. Moreover, fine athletic young men were receiving £1, £2, and £3 a week for playing football, and were receiving it because they were athletes and men of stamina. In this matter he was but saying what many other people were thinking—it was a public scandal that these men should be so employed at a time when the country needed them.

CROSSGATES BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP CONCERT

SUCCESSFUL EFFORT FOR THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

In connection with Crossgate Baptist Church Fellowship a successful concert in aid of the Leeds Belgian Relief Fund took place in the hall at Whitkirk on Tuesday night, and there was a large audience. Hall-a-dozen Belgian Refugees, who have been residing at Templenewsam for several weeks, attended, in company with Miss Parsons, and they were provided with seats in the front of the hall. Mr T. K. Diggle, of Whitkirk, presided.

The programme was opened with the singing of the patriotic hymn "Now pray we for our country," and Mr George Crosland followed with a good rendering of "A jolly old Cavalier." Miss Teresa Barraclough sang "Beyond the dawn" so well that she was recalled, and a similar compliment was paid to Mr Arthur Sykes for his admirable interpretation of "Draw the sword," his response being a new song "The gallant men I sing." Miss Ivy Easton used her powerful voice to advantage in the singing of "There's a Land," and, being encored, she replied with "My little grey home in the west." In the duet "A night in Venice" the voices of Miss Barraclough and My Sykes blended splendidly, and the Allied Quartette (Messrs H. Dixon, J. T. Johnson, Tom Cooper, and E. Crosland) sang "Comrades in arms" in pleasing style. Mrs Cooper playing the accompaniments. Mr Frank Waide, the popular entertainer, caused much amusement with his sketches "Snapshotting" and "A Judge in Court," and with his laughing song.

Miss Josephine Wilbur, who was an excellent accompanist, opened the second part of the programme, her playing of national airs of the Allies being well received. Miss Barraclough, Miss Easton, and Mr Sykes sang the trio "Memory," and Mr Sykes gave "The soldier's grave" in finished style, replying to an encore with "Dreaming." Mr Soldier, take my heart with you," was Miss Easton's second effort, and again she had to reappear, singing the well-known song "Land of hope and glory," to the chorus of which the audience joined. Mr Crosland's fine rendering of "Drake goes West" was thoroughly appreciated, and he, too, had to respond to calls for more, his singing of "The curfew" being equally successful. Miss Barraclough contributed "Birthday" and "A perfect day," and she sang very well. Mr Waide gave a ventriloquial sketch which delighted everybody. The concluding item was "Tom, the piper's son," by the Allied Quartette.

The Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the artistes and committee, said that never in the history of the country had British hearts throbbed as they were now passing through. He had faith that victory would come to Britain, which had been defeated in war only once, and that by one of the colonies. All the Belgians had wanted was to be left in peace, and Britain was not anxious for war; in fact, people were already anxious for its termination, but he thought in the words of a Latin proverb, it would be soon enough done if well enough done. They did not want hostilities to cease until the common enemy had been completely beaten. He hoped that for the sacrifices that had been made the country would be better and brighter, and they would be more ready to give help when it was needed.

Mr Hoole Carr, of Halton, seconded, complimenting the artistes on the excellence of the entertainment.

Mr Diggle stated that the expense in connection with the provision of artistes for the concert had been met by Mr. Mrs, and Miss Easton.

The resolution was cordially passed, and the concert closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Mary and Betty Wilson, of Thorner, have sent 5s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £11, collected at Tadcaster Church, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

RAILWAY FARE UNPAID.—At Selby on Monday William Humble, pig dealer, Norton, was summoned for travelling on the North-Eastern Railway without paying his fare. Superintendent Pearson, of the N.E.R. Police, York, stated that on September 18th defendant travelled to York from Doncaster but gave up a ticket which had been used before, it being punched many times. Defendant, who did not attend the Court, was fined £1 and costs.

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At the Empire Palace this week there is an excellent bill. Neil Kenyon, the well-known Scotch character impersonator, who is one of the chief turns, was unable to appear on Monday night owing to illness. Bramsby Williams, who also figures at the top of the bill, shows no diminution of his powers as a character impersonator. His studies of Dickens' characters, of which he gave several on Monday night, proved greatly to the liking of his audience, and equally entertaining was his sketch of "London Bridge." An interesting turn is provided by Trumpeter Henri Grove, of the Belgian cavalry, who recites exciting experiences at Liege, Louvain, Malines, and Termonde. The Comtesse di Dubadj is an accomplished violinist, and others appearing are the Poppescu Troupe, gymnasts; Helen Charles, entertainer at the piano; Jennie and Joe, comedy duo; and Georg Rapley, comedian.

"Pinkie," who will be introduced to Leeds theatre-goers next week at the Empire, is a two-and-a-half boy with a "highly developed dramatic instinct." True, this development may appear rather an ambition than an actual accomplishment, but to guarantee him a cordial reception it is enough to say that he will be played by Fred Kitchen, supported by his own selected company, and played with that irresistibly droll and laugh-compelling irresponsibility of which Fred Kitchen is the past master. Other attractions include Jack Lane, the famous Yorkshire comedian at the piano; Daisy Dormer, "the essence of daintiness," in her latest song success; Bristol and Evans, a new American duo; Lafayette and Rowbery, in a new sketch, entitled "Scene Rehearsal"; Lillie Lissoli, comedienne; and Louis J. Seymour, light comedian. The Lyrical war pictures on the bioscope will complete the programme.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal attraction is "Colonel Cobb of the Red Hussars," and Mr James Learmouth takes the titled comedy part. His adventures with the Indian Maharajah are comical, and at the military review he does many unthinkable things, which keep everybody laughing. The music is a great feature of the show, and there are also some excellent scenic effects. Vera Wootton, a charming comedienne, has two good songs. The Four Kasmos, in "Buffet des Folls," give a clever knockabout sketch, and Harry Halsey, a Leeds comedian, scores a big success in a study "Curtains." The Two Vestas, dancers, are appearing.

At the Hippodrome next week the great attraction will be "A Year in an Hour." Nixon Grey and Arthur Reeve are likewise billed to appear, and the programme will be an attractive one.

LORD ROBERTS AND THE WAR.

Earl Roberts, who is an honorary colonel of the Canadian contingent, on Saturday visited Salisbury Plain, and in giving his "brother soldiers" a hearty welcome to the Motherland, said: We have arrived at the most critical moment of our history, and you have generously come to help us in our hour of need. Words fail me when I try to tell you how deeply we appreciate your action and the splendid spirit of loyalty which has prompted that action. The prompt resolve of Canada to give us such valuable assistance has touched us deeply. That resolve has been quickened into action, in what I consider a marvellously short period of time; and under the excellent organising and driving power of your Minister of Militia—my friend Major-General Hughes—you quickly found yourselves in a fine camp in your own Laurentian mountains, where your training and musketry were able to be carried out in the most practical manner and with the least possible delay, the result being that to-day, less than three months from the declaration of war, I am able to greet this fine body of soldiers on English soil. There is no need for me to tell you that you have a stern task before you. We are fighting a nation which looks upon the British Empire as a barrier to her development, and has, in consequence, long contemplated our overthrow and humiliation. To attain that end she has manufactured a magnificent fighting machine, and is straining every nerve to gain victory. In her determination to be the ruling power in the world she has not scrupled to break faith with the smaller nations, and has shown by her actions that she is prepared by every means in her power—however unworthy and brutal—to achieve her purpose. It is only by the most determined efforts that we can defeat her. I need not urge you to do your best, for I know you will. You will be fighting in the greatest of all causes—the cause of right, of justice, and of liberty. May God prosper you in the great struggle.

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In Barkston Ash football has practically been abandoned owing to the war, and it is now impossible, in consequence of players having enlisted, for most of the clubs to raise a decent team. Personally I discern no harm in juniors—lads too young or not fit for military service—playing the game, but I agree with Ald. Wolfenden, of Leeds, that it "is a public scandal" that men should be "employed" playing football when the country needs them. Of course, the people who go to watch those "paid gladiators" are equally to blame. "Censor these people," asks a writer, "realize that men were dying for us on Saturday afternoon and dying yesterday, and that more are dying even at this very moment? Cannot they visualise even for a moment the suffering in Belgium, the ruined homes, the bereaved children, the shattered lives? And that late, these ruined homes, these shattered lives, would be ours today but for the brave men, the sailors, and soldiers, the Regulars and the Territorials, who are fighting for us or fitting themselves to fight for us. Those are the men we count heroes, and those are the men we honour and respect. It is not football players and football gapers." Football is a fine game, but, as the preacher saith, there's a time for everything.

Although many men are precluded, by physical and other causes, from bearing arms, hundreds of young fellows in the district are eligible for the Army or Navy, yet they have failed to distinguish themselves, and for that every reason measures should be adopted in every district to honour the men who have been patriotic enough to offer their services to the country. Our Army is a volunteer one, and, unfortunately, in the past the nation has been fenced the soldiers in a very generous spirit, but a tremendous change has come over public opinion, and the day has come when we are all prepared to take off our hats to the men who are offering to make the supreme sacrifice. In the past men have not, by their contempt, hesitated to stigmatise our fighting men the "off-courting- of civilization," but this is a disgraceful libel upon thousands of citizens, and the men who have uttered it, now sheltering behind the might and valour of the brave fellows they have vilified, will have every opportunity of showing their repentence in a practical way.

Every newspaper reader has perused the letters written by our men serving in France, many of them reveal unexpected qualities which give them quite a distinction. Could the men at Waterloo have written such letters? Education has worked wonders among the masses, and the style, simplicity, and intuitive touch some of these letter-writers show are cultured to make the war correspondent green with envy. When I see a man in khaki under the influence of drink I must confess, it gives me a shock, but I have enough sympathy to overlook the slip, because extraordinary conditions sometimes lead individuals to excesses. A few weeks ago I went up in the train with a Rowrist who had been imbibing freely, and, in a droll way, he said, "If I say anything wrong stop me. You see I have had a drop too much. I have until a fortnight and then the fid's on." Soldiers at home are subject to many temptations now, as people are foolishly anxious to show their gratitude by "standing treat," and our fighting men are only human, of course. Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have done for British troops what the Czar has done for the Russians, and in East and West the world has, for the first time in history, the spectacle of practically teetotal armies waging war against a common foe.

In order to honour our fighting men every parish should, I think, have its own little scheme. Such a war as is now being fought will probably never occur again, and this is the first time the country has had to appeal in a large way, to the patriotism of the people, so the occasion should be specially marked off. The movement, if started, would speedily grow, and it would give an enormous impetus to recruiting. As to what will follow the war, the initiative must rest with Parliament. Pensions must be provided for the disabled and maintenance must be allowed the wives and children of those who fall on the battlefield.

When I suggested that the Executive of the Barkston Ash Cricket Committee should compile a roll of local cricketers who are serving the country, I thought it would find sympathy. I met the President the other day, and he asked how it would do to compile the names of all the men in the Sugar-Mangrove and Lane-Foot Cups, or on one of them. It is a capital idea, and, besides forming a permanent record, it would give to the trophies a new value.

Church Fenton deserves special mention, I think, and, as was noted last week, one in every eighteen of the population has joined the Colours. Had Leeds contributed men in like proportion the city would have sent out between 25,000 and 30,000. According to my information, there is every prospect of Church Fenton increasing its contribution.

Although the list is not complete, Crossgates is represented in the Army by about forty men, and it has done fairly well. In Templenewsam a list of men serving with the Colours is being prepared, and I understand over sixty names have already been obtained. When the list is completed it will be published.

The members of Sherburn Farmers' Club have determined to set an example to agriculturists in the district. In the North and East-Riding farmers are making generous gifts of produce to the Army, and the Sherburn agriculturists, in considering how they might do their "little bit," have come to the conclusion that money would be more useful, so they have decided to raise something for the West Riding War Distress Fund. It is expected that there will be a generous response.

Recently it has been debated whether or not dances and other amusements should be held this winter, and some very strong opinions have been expressed on the subject. One writer has no doubt whatever about it, for he says:—"For my own part I have a distilled objection to a dance at this crisis in our national affairs; and the fact that a certain half was so great a success, and that so much was added to the National Funds from it, does not in the least impress me. If there were a large number of young men there, then I say that their place was in the ranks of their country's defenders. How would their former comrades who are suffering the privations of the soldier like to hear that they were carousing and dancing while these gallant lads were suffering from cold, wet, wounds, and even death itself to keep us defenceless from invading these shores? No, not even the benevolent objects that benefited by this ball can in any way reconcile me to the thought that such a meeting should have been held. The same amount of money could have been contributed to the funds without the frivolity and other incidents attending such a gathering. And why should there be so many young men still free to fill up the number indicated by the statement that a large number of ladies and gentlemen were in attendance." For shame, ladies!" The Sherburn Show Committee have abandoned their annual dance, and a number of cricket clubs have adopted a similar course.

Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture had the Workers' Union programme under discussion at last meeting, and it was condemned as unreasonable. The farm hands had decided to enforce their demands by means of the strike weapon, but when war broke out they drew it in to suspend hostilities, hoping that farmers in the meantime would favourably consider their programme. Although the discussion at Tadcaster revealed antagonism, there seemed to be a belief that farmers would eventually have to concede something, and several members made it perfectly clear that machinery cannot supplant men. This, however, is no time for labour war.

In our last issue a Kippax correspondent finds fault with the proposal to place a tax on income over £160, in order to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and allowances for dependents who lose their breadwinners, and he says the man who made the proposal is no real friend to the wage-earners. If I mistake not, the resolution was proposed at a meeting of Pontefract Board of Guardians by a miners' leader, and it has had the support of Boards on which the working-classes have large representation. It is not meant, I suppose, to put on a heavy tax—a penny in the pound would yield an enormous sum.

Of course, the Government have to decide the question, and they may ignore altogether the Guardians' resolution. One part of the resolution, however, should be insisted upon by the electors—the provision of adequate allowances to disabled soldiers and the dependents of men who have lost their lives. The men who have lost their lives. The soldiers are employed by the Government, and, as one Tadcaster Guardian said, the nation has just as much right to pay these men or their dependents compensation as any other employer when a man is injured or loses his life while following his work. The Tadcaster and Hunslet Guardians have adopted the resolution, and I believe they are interpreting the opinions of the ratepayers generally.

With Lord Heywood many people will agree that individual effort produces far better recruiting results than public meetings. In some villages meetings have not furnished a single recruit, although many young men heard the speeches, and I know the promoters have frequently been disappointed. Mr Merrick, of Wetherby, proved the value of individual effort. He started a campaign soon after the commencement of the war, and he went wherever he could find young men—in the street, cottage, or workshop, and he used his persuasive powers upon them so well that Wetherby soon had over a hundred enrolled. It requires great tact for this work, but the right men can tackle it successfully.

"Take a place like Kippax—the most difficult place outside London in which to keep body and soul together." This is a singular assertion on the part of a Kippax man, and it would be interesting to have his evidence in support of it. Kippax is not rated so high as Castleford, nor are rents as high as those in some places that could be named, and one wonders what the conditions are which press so severely on the people. More than once we have been told that Kippax is a "health resort," and that it contains a larger proportion of old people than any place in Tadcaster Union, so it must have advantages, otherwise old folks would not go there to spend the "evening of their days." Perhaps the correspondent will tell us how Kippax occupies the unenviable position alleged by him.

To what causes is the decay of the Yorkshire dialect, or dialects, attributable? This question is prompted by some remarks made by Professor Moorman, of Leeds University, in his delightful lecture at Crossgates the other night. He said that one cause was the school teaching, and, while it may have some influence, one is not altogether convinced by the bald assertion. For centuries Scotland has had excellent schools in practically every parish, yet the speech of the people to-day is the "mither tongue." Why should school teaching, then, have a different effect in Yorkshire? Professor Moorman stated that some Yorkshire people were ashamed of the dialect, which they regarded as vulgar, whereas, on the other hand, it may be safely asserted that very few Scotsmen are ashamed of the doric, despite the fact that the Scot is made the subject of many so-called funny stories. Of course, if superior people treat the dialect as they would their poor relatives, it is no wonder it is decaying. If dialect is not honoured in the home it will soon be forgotten.

In regard to the dialect literature, there is a tendency to make it a sort of comic "language," as it were, by weaving ridiculous stories round Yorkshire people, not in their daily life, but, as Prof. Moorman said, in farcical positions. That helps to bring the dialect with certain people into disrepute, because many judge a thing, not by its own value, but by its associations, just as some folks judge Christianity by people who profess it. In the dialect we get words which have no equivalent in standard English, and when these are gone they represent a distinct loss to everyday life. Professor Moorman is doing his utmost to show the value of the dialect, and he is anxious for the creation of a greater Yorkshire literature. There is a fine field, and all that is wanted is the writer with the insight, sympathy, and imagination to undertake the work. Barrie made his name by writing of what he knew—the everyday life of the people, and there is no reason why Leeds University should not produce an author, or authors, who will place Yorkshire in the position it should be.

Lord Hawke has been re-elected President of Leeds Cricket Club.

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CHAPTER II.

At half-past six on the following afternoon a small procession made its way across the sand which separated Cruiswea Island from the mainland. Ralph, dressed in the cart which contained the precious box's drove the old grey horse at a funeral pace. Twenty yards ahead Joan Endermine walked by the side of Sir John Lowick. She was trembling with excitement, and so happy as a schoolgirl out for a holiday.

"It was so good of you to let me come!" she exclaimed for about the fifth time since they had left the house.

"Is it sounds you mean, not?" the old man answered, quietly. "You are too fond of my son to talk of anything you may see."

"Oh! course, Sir John. And besides, I shan't understand anything, shall I? Women are so stupid about these sort of things."

"I expect you'll see something that even a child can understand, Joan. But you have given your word of honour not to say anything about it."

They climbed up the slope of the further shore, and the cart lurched and after them Sir John looked back as the horse strained up the steep ascent.

"Go steady, Ralph!" he shouted. "Be careful!"

"Can't go slower," the young man answered, shortly, as the cart lurched again.

Sir John did not smile. He remained where he was till the cart had safely up the slope. Then he walked on towards a bungalow which he had built in the centre of the island. The outermost room for their present expedition was to take various articles across to this small and perfect residence, and the cart was heaped high with carpets, curtains, and blankets, which completely hid the box underneath.

When they reached the building Ralph unharnessed the horse, then fastened it to a staple in the wall. Sir John insisted on this unnecessary precaution, fearful of what would happen if the horse bolted. It was true that the animal had never bolted in its life, and was less likely than ever to do so in its old age; but then it was equally true that it had never before drawn a burden which would suffer so severely from being thrown out on to the road.

Sir John unlocked the door of the bungalow, and then all three set to work to unload the cart. The building consisted of a large sitting-room with two bedrooms and a kitchen opening out of it. When the various things were put in their places, the sitting-room looked exceedingly comfortable.

"So much for that," said Sir John. "We'll leave the bedrooms till afterwards. You to business, Joan, will you step here for a little while?"

"Certainly. Shall I tidy up a little?"

"Well, I thought we'd done all that," said Ralph.

"Oh, no," she laughed, "there are lots to be done yet—just the finishing touches.

The two men went outside, and when Ralph had unharnessed the horse they led it away from the bungalow towards the sea.

"I suppose we're safe from observation?" queried Ralph, looking back towards the mainland.

"Oh, yes; there will be very little to see—nothing to see at a distance."

"I suppose there's no one on the island?"

"Not for the present—unless they're going to stay here all night. But when we find a suitable place you shall have a walk round."

Sir John found the place he was looking for—a spot on the edge of the shore, with twenty yards of sand stretching down to the sea. Behind was a hillock, some twenty feet in height, which completely screened them from the interior of the island.

"This will do," he said. "I don't think you need trouble to search the place. With the exception of three or four clumps of trees the island is flat as a board."

Ralph scrambled up the hillocks, had a good look round him from the top of one of them, waved his hand to Joan, and rejoined his father. The old man had turned the horse round so that the back of it faced the sea, and had started to unharness the horse.

"Sorry," he said, when Ralph laughed. "This isn't exactly a toy. One has to be careful."

The horse was turned loose, and as the grass was not rustling, it stood motionless, apparently weary of the proceedings. Sir John led his head on to the top of the box.

"I'd like to explain to you, Ralph," he said, "if you'll please listen carefully. You know the general idea that I think, some of the mechanical parts up to a certain point. I am not going into all that now. I'm just going to show you how the thing worked the first time I tried it. Now you want to release every ounce of gas that's on at the right towards you."

"I understand," said Ralph, quietly. "Will you let me try it?"

"Yes, when you have fetched Joan. You had better go by the path."

Ralph departed, and Sir John Lowick, walking to the top of one of the hillocks, sighed to himself. He was trying to think thoughtfully at the peaceful scene that lay before his eyes. There was not a cloud in the heavens, and the western sky was ablaze with rose and orange and gold. The trees round Cruiswea Hall showed up dark against the glow, and the water, as it stretched silent marshland and sea. There was not a breath of air to stir the spiked grass on the sandhills, not a sound to be heard save the ripple of the sea upon the shore. Not a single human or animal motionless, the cart with its shafts resting on the ground, the trim bungalow in the distance, the glowing flames of the water, and the lonely desolation of the sands, the smoke rising in a straight line from the kitchen chimney of Cruiswea Hall, all combined to form a picture of absolute peace and quietude. Nothing seemed to stir, not the white wings of a seagull hovering over the water, and the tall, thin figure of Ralph Lowick striding towards the bungalow.

"As everything there shall be rest," said Sir John Lowick to himself. Then he covered his face with both hands, and another picture formed itself before his eyes—the shrivelled dead of armies scorched in a torrent of flames, the navies of the world swept by fire on the seas by a cyclone of fire—blackness and desolation and death beyond anything that the human brain had hitherto conceived.

"Heaven-will not let me live," he muttered. "Heaven will not let me live."

And he remained there for a few minutes till voices roused him from his reverie. He rose to his feet and smiled quietly as he saw the look of expectation on John Endermine's face.

"Is everything ready?" she asked.

"Shall I embrace Triumph before I go?" asked Ralph.

"Oh no. I can manage that. You get along sharp. Good night, Joan, and remember you've got to keep a secret—both, by the law, Ralph, tell them in the house that we are going to stay all night on the island."

The two lovers went down the road to the ferry. The sun had set now behind the hills on the back of Canterbury, though there were still some crimson clouds in the sky, the afterglow was grey in the twilight, and the Endermines' house was dimly seen through the trees on the south and eastern road.

"I can't help thinking of that poor seagull," said Joan, "it's a regular—till then the rest was nothing just a few bubbles, a small pall of smoke, that was all.

"A matter in the course of science," Ralph replied grimly. "It held a happier death than some of the agonies that were going to operate on. Joan, do you realise what we have seen to-night?"

"I know," she said quietly. "Yes, Ralph, I am sure I realise what we have seen to-night. Wonderful weapons of warfare that lie hidden in your uncle's house."

"Yes, that's about what it is. The model is really a toy. A motor-car would have a range of fifty—of a hundred miles. It is only a question of money."

"And you have it. What does he intend to do now?"

"I don't know, Joan."

The girl was silent, and did not speak again till they reached the top of the slope by the channel which now separated the island from the mainland. Then she stopped, and looking back at the bungalow, which was now almost obscured against the sky. He appeared to be standing on the hillock close to the place where the model had been made.

"Do you know what I would do, Ralph," she said, in a low voice. "If I were your father, Sir John Lowick, I would end the war by fighting, for I am sure that is impossible. I should give this secret to England, so that she should possess the rest of the world."

"My dear Joan," he said softly, "my father would not do that; nor would I, if I were in his place. He would have the blood of millions on his conscience."

"But he is the mistress of the world!" she cried, passionately. "Oh, if only I were possessed!"

"It is not possible, Joan dear. Now I'll ferry you across, if you'll get into the boat."

Five minutes later they crossed the dark and swelling tide which poured through the channel, and were walking spacedly through the grounds of Cruiswea Hall. A faint breeze was now coming off the sea, and there was a chilly feeling in the air. It was dark under the thick branches, and Joan Endermine clung a little more tightly to her lover's arm.

"I am afraid," she whispered. "We have been talking of such terrible things that I feel afraid. I only know for certain that poor seagull."

"And yet you would have the whole world plunged in war, Joan. A dead man is a more terrible sight than a dead seagull."

"But I feel that I could kill another topic, and it was not till they reached their destination that they began to speak of it again.

"I was very good of you to bring me home, Ralph dear," she said, as they stood under the shadow of the island. "But you will be sure that your father is the best person in the world to leave such a secret in his hands? Good night, my dear lover."

He took her in his arms and kissed her.

"Good night, dear," he said, in a low tone. "I must get back to my father now. I don't like the idea of him being left alone on the island."

He kissed her again tenderly, and then went striding down the drive. When he had passed the gates he broke into a run. As he had said, he did not like the idea of his father being left alone on the island. That sense of fear had no foundation. Still, it was an unfounded fear that Sir John Lowick was no longer merely an eccentric scientist. He was the possessor of a secret that might affect the destiny of nations. As yet no one knew of his power save two people who loved him; but if ever the world knew there would be murder cause for fear.

Ralph Lowick reached his home at quarter-past nine, interviewed the housekeeper, and made his way through the grounds to the landing-stage where he had left the boat. The moon had now risen in the east, and though it was yellow and low down on the horizon, it gave sufficient light for a man to see his way across the water.

Ralph stood for a few moments on the wooden quay, which jutted out some few yards from the shore, and looked at the dark water go swirling by. The moon made glittering pathways across it, but on either side lay only gloom, dark as ink. A yellow light gleamed in the bungalow, and the young man fancied he could see the lonely figure of his father as he sat in front of the dark walls of the building. There was not a sound but the gurgling of the water, the low splash of the boat, and the distant lowing of two cows in the trees round Cruiswea Hall.

"A wonderful, still night," muttered Ralph, and then, in a curious train of thought, he pictured the same scene as that of the great and terrible forces that his father had let loose on the world. The meshing had been very silent, as it was now, on the night. There had been no roar of explosion, no rumbling of the earth, no spray of water over the sea. But death had gone forth in a terrible irresistible death, moving like the unseen hand of God.

He shuddered, and for a moment felt physically cold, as though a sudden chill had come towards him from the sea. He shuddered, and made his way down the steps to the boat. Five minutes later he had rowed across to a similar landing-stage on the other side. The tide was running very hard, and the passage, which in calmer water would have been a straight row across, resolved itself into a steady pull against the current.

He fastened the painter to the pier, climbed up the steps, and walked across the grass to the bungalow. There were lights in the sitting-room shimmied, and the sound seemed like a friendly greeting. He paused to put the mooring-rope from the boat round the building, then he went round to the door, he turned the handle. The door was locked.

"Hallo!" he cried out. "I've come back!"

There was no reply to this obvious statement of fact, and Ralph knocked upon the door, thinking that perhaps his father had fallen asleep. The noise echoed through the stillness of the night, but there was no answering sound from within.

"That gas-bag must be mooning about at the other end of the island," he thought, and he moved out of the shelter of the verandah.

"Hallo! hallo!" he shouted. "Hallo! I'm hungry. Where are you?"

There was no reply, and he shouted again and again. Then he left them, making his way

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1914.

Like the hypocrite whose sins have found him out, Germany dreads the judgment of public opinion, and the fictions her rulers have caused to be set over the world show the uneasiness of men whose national life has been built up on forgery and falsehood. The manipulation by Count Bismarck, then Prussia's Foreign Minister, of the telegram sent Prussia and France flying at each other's throats in 1870. The French Ambassador went to Ems, where Emperor William I. then was, to ask him not to approve the candidature of Prince Leopold to become the King of Spain. The King refused to give a definite answer, but Prince Anthony of Hohenzollern withdrew his son's candidacy. A report of the conference was published by telegram to Count Bismarck with authorisation to publish it. Bismarck altered the text, and in the changed form gave it to the newspapers and through them to France. As Bismarck wrote it the report was unfavourable to France, and the international war with all its horrors followed. Years later Bismarck confessed the forgery. Following this war, in which France lost Alsace and Lorraine, came the German Bismarck's trickery is having its effect today, and until the criminal nation is punished Europe cannot afford to sheath the sword. "Prussia," says the Belgian Premier, "must be reduced to what she was before the time of Bismarck. That is the only condition on which we shall have serious guarantees of peace. The Prussian spirit, which has been imposed by force on the other States of the German Confederation, must be broken." Force has been the means applied to the making of the German empire, and ever since the first King of Prussia—the old drill sergeant as he was called—began his drilling of men and the seizure of Silesia by his son, the military spirit has been steadily developed until it now dominates the whole of Germany. Much has been written lately about the effect of certain teachings in the Fatherland, but the doctrine of force—the survival of the strongest—was put into operation in the early days of the kingdom of Prussia, so the demonstration of the belief by Germany in the righteousness of might is nothing new. When the confederation was formed—if the German States had not joined no doubt compulsion would have been used—Bismarck became the masters of the empire, and they soon got the Germans to think with them. Tell a people often enough that they are the greatest race in the world and that their country is the most powerful and they will eventually come to believe it, and once the belief is fixed it will be difficult to eradicate it. Germans have been taught in schools, colleges, and universities that they are a nation with a great destiny, and a world-wide mission, although it is meant no more than material advancement, and they have given evidence of their faith in a coming time when Germany will be over all.

The Germans are patriotic—quite as patriotic as Britons—and their patriotism is being exploited by the military class for well-defined ends. The address at Swillington by Dr Ambrose Pope, of Bradford, who was for two months a prisoner of war in Germany, proves that. In order to influence public feeling against the Allies lies were disseminated, and the German soldiers, despite their eagerness to get at the enemy, really did not know against whom they were fighting. The German nation have simply been gulled and cheated by their rulers. Such a thing would be impossible in this country. Britons have never claimed a monopoly of the virtues, but they have a reputation for fair and honest dealing, and the German attempts to convince neutral nations of the perfidy of England are laughable. The assumption of a childlike innocence now for long concealed the real character of those who have donned the cloak of Ananias. Still more wonderful than the gulling of the German people by their rulers is the existence in this country of apologists for the Kaiser. They are a very small band—a discredited lot—but it is really marvellous that a single Briton can be found to utter a good word for Prussian policy. They have knowledge that is denied the people of Germany, they are not in ignorance why Britain joined the Allies, yet they are content to range themselves on the side of liars, plunderers, and murderers—products of the "culture" which the Kaiser is so anxious to present to the world, for a consideration, of course. Has anything the Germans have done since the war began merited their praise? Sufficient evidence exists to convict Germany of playing the hypocrite for years. Whilst the Kaiser was posing as the apostle of peace on the Continent of Europe he was all the time preparing for war, and he managed to deceive the other nations just as he has managed to deceive his own. In some quarters an attempt is being made to blame the militarists, and not the Emperor, but the Kaiser was not ignorant of what was going on; and it must be accepted, until it is proved to the contrary, that he is the chief criminal of the lot. Germany's argument, as the violation of the integrity of Belgium demonstrates, is that the end justifies the means, but the civilized peoples of the world will not support that. What applies to individuals should apply equally to nations, and Germany's attitude is simply that it is only justifiable for the strong to rob the weak, but that it is justifiable to commit murder in order to obtain possession of what one covets. And German religionists have actually written in defence of this Prussian policy! When the war is over the missionary societies in this country might consider the advisability of sending missionaries to the Teuton, for he seems in greater need of enlightenment than many of the people who at present receive the ministrations of the missionaries. Germany, whatever the outcome of the war, stands discredited and disgraced in the eyes of the world, and it would have been better for Prussia had it been a chance, profited by Bismarck's forgery. A nation that looks upon a treaty as a "scrap of paper" to be torn up when opportunity suits is utterly devoid of honour, and who will trust the bankrupt? The Germans must be taught that there is something higher in life than mere material advancement—that real greatness does not consist of possessions but in the worth of a people.

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DEATHS.

DAWSON.—On October 29th, 1914, at Fair View, Collingham, Annie Elizabeth, wife of George Henry Dawson, aged 55.

PREVAL.—October 30th, aged 77 years, Hannah, widow of the late William Preval, of Barwick-in-Elmet.

RADCLIFFE.—November 1st, at South Milford, aged 52 years, Louisa Margaret, widow of A. L. Radcliffe.

THOMPSON.—November 1st, at North View, Thorner, aged 72 years, John, the beloved husband of Emma Thompson.

WALKER.—November 1st, at Rothwell Haigh, Leeds, in her 90th year, Sarah Ann, widow of the late John Walker.

IN MEMORIAM

HUNT.—In loving memory of Jessie, the beloved daughter of Louisa Gent, who died November 4th, 1913.
From mother and family.

WILSON.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Wilson, of Allerton Bywater, who died November 6th, 1909.
"Though death divides, still memory clings."
2547

WILSON.—In ever loving memory of Harry Wilson, of Allerton Bywater, who died November 15th, 1909.
"Gone but not forgotten."
2547 From the family.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Mr W. G. Hoggard, of Rothwell Haigh, has given £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of 10s. has been contributed by Rothwell Council School infants' department to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), E. Parkin, C. Holliday, and W. Evans.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—On Sunday the last of a series of special services at the Primitive Methodist Cause in connection with the new organ took place. In the morning and evening sermons were preached by Mr W. Linley, of Hunslet, and in the afternoon the choir of the Lofthouse Wesleyan Church rendered a capital programme. Mr T. Hampson was the conductor, and Mr G. H. Lunn presided at the organ.

Mr L. Robinson presided.

LANGUAGE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Charles E. Higginbottom, shoe maker, of Rothwell, was summoned for having used abusive language. P.C. Bosenworth stated that Messrs J. W. Morkill and Joseph Compton-Robert attended the Court on Sunday, October 25th, he was on duty in Commercial Street, Rothwell, when he saw the defendant, who was shouting and using abusive language respecting His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales. A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, Chartered Patent Agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Applications—E. and J. Sykes, Batley, improvements in self-setting gauges for rubs; H. A. Spain and E. Spain, Wakefield, apparatus for sizing, warping, and beaming yarns. Application completed—Walter Walsh, Morley, an improved stripper for carding machines. Patent accepted—A. L. Brockman and G. V. Laycock, Leeds and Huddersfield, an improved indoor golf game.

MINERS' ASSOCIATION.—The question of the new minimum wage award for West Yorkshire again claimed the attention of the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association at Barnsley on Tuesday, Mr H. Smith presiding. The Council resolved to urge the Miners' Federation to take immediate action to deal with the question. The Council had already decided to take legal proceedings to recover the amount in dispute, and they were advised by counsel that they had a good case in claiming for the full amount, viz., the minimum wage and 15 per cent. advance granted by the Conciliation Board. The officials and the men were beginning to think, Mr Wadsworth said, that in this case, as well as in others, the owners were making the war a plea for getting out of paying what they were legally bound to pay. The introduction of steel props instead of wood into the pit was also considered by the meeting. This had been done, it was stated, at Wath Main Colliery, and Mr Wadsworth was authorised to ask for a Joint Board meeting of owners and men to discuss the question.

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell v. the Leeds Senior League on Saturday afternoon, Rothwell Parish Church had a match with Clarence Iron and Steel Works, the former winning by two goals to one. The match, which was played in miserable weather, took place at Hunslet, Stringer won the toss, and the homesters kicked off. From the outset immediately rushed down to their end, and White netted from a corner. After the ball had been started again the homesters had a slice of luck, carrying the leather down to the Rothwell end, and a goal seemed almost certain, but Bradley cleverly saved. Rothwell, owing to the tactics of the homesters, who, although they had eleven men on the field, only played one full back, were continually being blown offside. However, just before the interval the Rothwell men, with a rush, evaded the Clarence backs, and White scored his second goal. In the second half of the game Rothwell had the most of the play, but in the closing stages the homesters were awarded a penalty from which Barber scored. A few moments later Bradley effected a grand save.

ALLERTON BYWATER

SIR JOSEPH'S VIEWS.—Speaking at Normanton Sir Joseph Compton-Rickett declared that Germany had the largest fleet in the world. Where was it to-day, and what was its value? Scrap iron! He believed that early next year the economic conditions in Germany would become so severe that she would be compelled to sue for terms.

CROSSGATES.

Mr Balfour, of Leeds, acknowledges receipt of £2-2-0 per the Rev. Crossgates Wesleyan Institute, per Mr G. Wilkins, to the Belgian Relief Fund.

There was a war wedding at Manston Church on Monday, when Miss Sarah Jane Dorothy Jordison, of Penrith, was married to Sergeant Glover, of the 8th West Yorkshires, who belongs to Crossgates.

WESLEY GUILD.—On Wednesday the monthly devotional meeting in connection with the Wesley Guild was held in the Lecture Hall. Mr J. E. Broadbent gave an excellent address on "Parables of Service."

Mr Sidney Stott, son of Mr Herbert Stott, of Crossgates, and a former member of Whitkirk Cricket Club, who went to South Africa some time ago, has joined General Botha's Army.

It will be noticed by our advt. columns that in connection with Manston Church dedication festival on Saturday, November 14th, Dr. Sadler, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, is to give an address on the "Issues of the War."

A marriage is arranged, and will take place shortly in London, early in January, between the Rev. George T. Shettle, vicar of Otley, only son of John Shettle, of Fleet, Hants., and grandson of the late Thomas Shettle, of Epperton House, Dewsbury, and Amy, widow of William Kidd, of Otley, and younger granddaughter of the late Edmund Stead, of Manston Hall, Leeds.

CHESS MATCH.—On Friday night, in the Leeds and District Chess League, a match was played at the Leeds Chess Rooms, Crossgates Institute and Armley and Worthey, and the former won easily by four to one. Details (Crossgates names first):—G. W. Beaumont 1 v. Dr. Morie 0, H. S. Bowe 1 v. H. W. Laxton 0, J. E. Walker 1 v. W. Sunderg 0, E. Webster 1 v. B. Crossley 0, and *G. Williams 0 v. J. Tindall 1. * Adjudicated.

LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening a descriptive lantern lecture on "The Holy Land and the Peking Tragedy" was delivered by the Rev. Frederick Brown, F.R.G.S., of America, in the Wesleyan school-room before an appreciative audience. Mr S. H. Young, of Halton, presided. Mr Brown, who acted as guide to the International Relief Forces under General Gaselee, had an interesting story to tell, and the pictures exhibited the value of his remarks.

ANNIVERSARY.—In connection with the Wesleyan Adult Bible Class anniversary services were held on Sunday at the Wesleyan Church, and the special preacher was the Rev. Owen Jones, of Horsforth, formerly superintendent minister of the circuit. The soloist was Mrs Hollings, of Leeds. At a service which took place in the afternoon Mr B. Gomersall, of Hull, presided, and the President (Mr E. Thewlis) gave an address on "Our Class: A review." Mrs Hollings sang the solo "The Better Land."

CORRESPONDENCE

TADCASTER FARMERS AND THE MEN'S UNION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was with a groan of despair that I concluded your report of the meeting of the Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture. The impression displayed in dealing with matters vitally affecting not only their own but the country's interests!

If Mr. C. B. Lamb had ever made the slightest inquiry he would have found that good conditions of employment always make for efficiency and increased output, and never have "killed" any thing or any kind; in fact, many farmers are now proving this truth, by giving far better conditions than the Union is asking for.

Mr Elsdon's own remarks "Let all the machinery you like, you will need more men, for you must use more land. Good machinery needs good men and good wages.

In the resolution "That the meeting consider the programme unreasonable and unworkable in its district," we see no attempt to meet its specifications.

The Chairman said "They will exhort to do something." What? Where? The men, by their manifesto, had AMended the prop and stilt off in view of the war and for nefarious motives.

They had sent four separate appeals to the Farmers' Unions, Clubs, etc., during the last eighteen months. Their appeals had restricted regard to the chief executive Officers would kindly Dedicate a portion of their valuable time to the subject.

Surely the enlightened personality to exhibit higher gifts of auditory or eloquence for the public platform of address.

ROTHWELL FAIR.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MOORMAN

The opening meeting of Crossgates Literary Society was held in the Lecture Hall, Crossgates, on Monday night, and despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance of members. Mr E. Hawksworth (President of the Society) was in the chair, and he was supported by Professor Moorman, Mr Lewis Arthur Sutton, Organizer, and Mr Lewis, Coxbridge View, Horsforth.

WHAT OCCURRED AT A SHERBURN DANCE.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I feel it my duty to contradict an error which appeared in your issue of the 23rd Oct., with reference to a dance at Sherburn, and at the same time to take up the cudgels of defence on behalf of the gentlemen who attended it. The dance was not organised to raise money for the Prince of Wales' Fund as stated, but for the Belgian Refugees' Fund, and a cheque for £5 has been accordingly forwarded.

The letter, to say the least, is an unmanly, discourteous, and uncalled-for attack upon those who patronised it, and who, in many cases, came from great distances and at considerable inconvenience to themselves, not for the sole purpose of drinking, as evidently the writer wishes to infer, but to practically show their appreciation of the efforts of the students and teachers of the Evening Classes in endeavouring to render pecuniary assistance to our needy and self-sacrificing Belgian friends.

There was no drinking on the premises, neither was any intoxicating liquor supplied, and it can be truthfully proved that all who were present at the dance were sober and quiet, to the credit of those present not one unclean word was spoken.

Certainly there were some who came in late hours with no intention whatever of dancing, but simply to support the cause by paying for admission. These men retired in an orderly, gentlemanly manner to the smoke-room, where they remained for a short time and then went home.

About sixteen young girls were present, and these, being members of the evening classes, had worked hard for the effort, but there was nothing either in the appearance or conduct of the men to shock their morals? There is absolutely no truth in the statement that a disgusting spectacle was witnessed, and the whole evening's entertainment savoured of refinement and respectability; such is the opinion of those who remained the whole time.

It would have been wise to leave the criticism of the dance to some person who had purchased a ticket or who had subscribed to the effort, but in the present circumstances I think it only just to say that such scathing and untrue remarks would have been better left unexpressed. "Heresy is an unsubstantial foundation upon which to work."

This unjust and prejudiced correspondence has not tended to improve the moral atmosphere of Sherburn, but rather the reverse, and his efforts and any good feeling hitherto shown. The young men and women, too, unanimously agree with me that our country has many evils to suppress, and now the public are invited to attention to be biased and prejudiced mind.

The morals of the young people of Sherburn are dear to the hearts of the promoters of the dance as Mr Foster, and no endeavour at all times by people to sustain them.

Why the attack should have been made against the Belgian dance is difficult to conjecture, but after continually meeting the same young men at different dances, I have nothing to add, except that they have always conducted themselves in an upright, sober, and respectful manner.

It would be well to remember "In true zeal on the throne, our own eyes and then view world correctly. To cast out the mote in brother's eye. In fairness let us be charitable in mind, and judge according to the eyes we wish to be judged.—Yours, etc.,

ANNIE RICHMOND.

Sherburn, October 27th, 1914.

AMBULANCE WORK—APPEAL TO GIRLS

To the Editor.

Sir,—An appeal is being made by the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for funds to extend its work amongst the sick and wounded, upon the terms of its Royal Charter. The individual amount asked for is extremely small, and it is hoped that every girl will send such amount by a willing contributor, will call for an immense amount of personal services to-day, and the result will be that confidently appeal to the generous instincts of the girls of England to offer their services for the benefit of the sick and wounded.

So soon as the department has already done in the hospitals and convalescent homes, have been established under the auspices of the Order and supplied with the necessary staff. 200 doctors and nurses have been sent out to the front, and 1,000 ambulance men have been trained for the Expeditionary Forces, or distributed amongst the ships and naval and military hospitals. Large quantities of bedding, medical stores and supplies, including gloves, articles of clothing, have been sent out to the sick and wounded.

A depot for the convenience of the troops has been established at Southampton, where they can obtain food and medical assistance day and night.

A number of motor ambulances are being despatched to carry the wounded from the front to the base.

We can help us now to continue this good work?

The officers of the Fund are at Mount Street, London, where accommodation has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Ambulance Department by the Marquis Winchester, Knight Grand Prior.

Victoria Chancellor Brock, Rosemary Lane, Scott Gregory, Myra Hodgkinson, Ivy Hodgkinson, Zilla Le Hunte, Nellie Le Hunte, Agnes Sinclair, Ruth Sinclair, Hilda Hopper, Dorothy Gordon Lennox, Doris Gordon Lennox, Claire Lennox, Silvia Codrington, Bessie Rhodes, and Violet de Trafford.

LORD ROBERTS' APPEAL FOR SADDLES

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some time ago Lord Roberts appealed for saddles for the Indian Cavalry in connection with the school of the Riveter Country in question. Not much has been heard and more are needed. Not only saddles, but saddlery generally, whose saddles are empty, who did not see my original appeal. I am sure that I shall not ask in vain for a further contribution.

All saddlery, hunting or military saddles, bridles, stirrup irons, horse clothing, etc., will be gratefully received, and should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Woodlands, Dadlington, Nuneaton.

Should any enlightened personality to exhibit higher gifts of saddlery or cheques for the purpose of saddlery. Nuneaton, Esq.

ROBERTS, F.M.

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The Chairman said that an excellent syllabus of lectures had been arranged, and he thought they could look forward to the best session they had had. On Saturday afternoon the members were to visit Leeds City Art Gallery, and Mr Rutter had kindly promised to show them round and explain the pictures, etc.

Professor Moorman stated that he could not speak any Yorkshire dialect with the exception of a few, but a great interest in and admiration for dialects and for the people who spoke them. In Yorkshire there was not one but several dialects, and he proceeded to show how in entering the West Riding one left the field was gathering rain and began to forecast, and every hillside was soon very wet.

Funnily enough as human nature could run, the Yorkshire dialect was loudest and therefore was the richest and most expressive. There was a capital show of locks throughout the country, but owing to the very dry weather and the dreadful drains there have been of late years, all up in the hills and dales like the last two or three will not the drains running, and then they will be drawn from their temporary hiding places.

Many of the regular followers have obtained commissions as officers regiments, and the Master (Major John R. Lane Fox, M.P.), always with his regiment had been promoted. Major Fox was a Yorkshire dialect and more nearly Cockney. Mr Edward Lane Fox, though, had come on here for the day, as had Mr Gerald Foster. There were some very fine animals at the meet, and Mr Edward Lane Fox, who was mounted on the hounds they hope to keep the sport going during the season, even if some days have to be done on foot.

The Hon. Sec. (Deputy Master) (Mr Wm. Jepson) the Hon. Mrs Geo. R. Lane Fox, Mrs E. Lane Fox, Miss Bethell, Mr and Mrs R. J. Foster, Mr Ben Dixey, Captain Greenwood, Wakefield; Mr Charles and Lady Bridgeman, Mr Nicholas, Mr Moses Hemingway, Miss Scarr, Mr Kirk, which had point-to-point steeplechase, which, by the way, was now pushing. Kirk, Mr Lumley Hegginbottom Hall, Miss Lane, Mr Kenneth Hegginbottom, Mr and Mrs Robertshaw, Mrs Nussey (Thornes), Mr and Mrs Sheridan (Hunsworth), Mr and Mrs Sheridan (Hunsworth), Mr and Mrs Sheridan (Hunsworth

GARFORTH

On Saturday afternoon, Garforth W.R. footballers had a match with Waterloo Main Colliery, and the latter won by four goals to three.

WHIST DRIVE.—A whist drive was held at the Catholic School, Garforth, on Wednesday night. There were about 25 tables, and the prizes were won as follows:—Ladies—1, Mrs Smith; 2, Miss Violet Young; consolation, Mrs Bartholomew; booby, Miss Hodgson. Gents—1, Mr Fox; 2, Mr J. Oxtoby; consolation, Mr J. Moorhouse; booby, Mr Kiddle. Part of the proceeds were in aid of the Belgian Refugees at Aberford.

DISMISSED.—At the Skyrack Court on Tuesday Joseph Tunstall, a miner, of Leeds, was summoned for keeping a dog which had no name upon its collar. P.C. Jackson proved the case, stating that he found the dog in the Station Road, Garforth, following the defendant. Defendant said the dog belonged to his brother, who had joined the Army. The Chairman said he would not harass the owner as he was serving his country, and dismissed the summons.

A FARMER'S OUTLOOK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday John Rickard, farmer, of Garforth, was summoned for allowing four of his horses to stray on the highway at Kippax on Thursday, October 22nd. P.C. Davis stated that he found the horses straying in Leeds Lane, Kippax. Later he examined the hedge of the field from which the animals had strayed, and found that part of it was broken. Defendant was ordered to pay a fine of one shilling for each horse and costs.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At the popular Picture House excellent programmes have been submitted this week, and the audiences have been highly appreciative. Some very attractive features have been secured for next week. What is described as the world's greatest emotional tragedy in motion pictures, "Give us this Day," will make a striking appeal. The play, consisting of five acts, will be shown on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The wreck of the Red Cross ship off Whitby will also be screened. For the three last days of the week "The Life of a Soldier" will be a feature. Splendid views of the recruits at Doncaster drilling, and pictures showing the arrival of the Leeds Pals at Mashan and departure for Colsterdale should have particular interest. Other pictures will appear, and they will complete first-rate programme. For times and prices see advt.

GREAT PRESTON

On Saturday afternoon Great Preston footballers defeated Bowers Allerton by two goals to nil.

Mrs Lowther, of Little Preston Hall, has sent £5 3s. to the Belgian Relief Fund, and a friend (per Mrs Lowther) has sent £2 2s.

HALTON

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk St. Mary's football team defeated Leeds Parish Church by four goals to nil.

Templenewsam has been turned into a convalescent home, and about thirty Belgian soldiers are at present resident there.

No intoxicants are allowed to be supplied or given to the Belgian soldiers at Templenewsam. Captain the Hon. E. F. L. Wood desires that no person will offer intoxicants to the soldiers or refugees in the neighbourhood of Templenewsam.—See advt.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Woodville defeated Ardsley G.N.R. in a football match by seven goals to nil.

The teachers of the Kippax Council Schools have sent £3 3s. to the National Relief Fund. This is the second contribution, and similar contributions are promised monthly as long as the war lasts.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The meeting of the Band of Hope in connection with this church was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. An address on "The evils of the Drink" was given by Mr. James Goodall, of Kippax. There was a good attendance. Mr T. Coggon presided.

BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church is in a very flourishing condition, and is doing a splendid work. The meeting on Tuesday evening was well attended, and was addressed by Mr Dyson, of Bowers Allerton. Mr Reuben Firth presided.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.—The Christian Endeavour meeting in connection with the Primitive Methodist Society was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening, and it was well attended. The address was given by Mr. Rhodes, of Kippax. A solo was contributed by Mr R. Firth, and Mr A. Collinson presided.

WESLEY GUILD.—At the Wesley Guild meeting on Tuesday evening—Mr W. R. Tebbs presiding—an address was given by the Rev. H. W. B. Chapman, of Castleford, on "The Church and the War." There was an excellent attendance of members and friends. Mr H. Gammerson, in moving a vote of thanks to the speaker, expressed his appreciation of the address. The lessons it conveyed he considered to be very helpful. Mr J. E. Pitts seconded the resolution, which was cordially passed.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—On Sunday at this church special sermons were preached in connection with the Sunday School by the Rev. E. W. Challenger, of Pontefract. At the P.S.A. service in the afternoon Mr Challenger gave an excellent address on "An ideal in life," and the solos "The Gates of Heaven" and "The Voice in the Cathedral" were nicely sung by Mr G. Prince. Mr W. Firth presided. A public tea was provided in the schoolroom on Monday afternoon, under the direction of Mrs C. H. Hobson, Mrs E. Beston, Mrs J. Bickerdike, and Mrs A. Firth, and a good number attended. In the evening a lecture was given by the Rev. E. W. Challenger on his life and work in the slums of London, and it was illustrated by lantern views by Mr Ismay Robinson, of Ardsley.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—The monthly meeting of Kippax District Education Committee was held on Wednesday—Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Mr J. Harding, Mr A. Stock, Mr J. Farrant, Mr Ismay Robinson, and Mrs Lowther, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell). The question of attendance for October at the Kippax Council School were:—Boys department 90.99, girls 93.10, and infants 92.09. The school attendance was considered very satisfactory, and compared very favourably with that for the whole of the West Riding. The Kippax Primitive Methodists applied for the use of the Council School for their Christmas bazaar, and it was granted. Miss A. Goodall has resigned her position as assistant teacher in the Kippax Council School, and Miss Food has resigned from the Infants' Department in the Kippax Council School. Miss F. M. Dalton was appointed assistant teacher in the Kippax Council School, and Miss Gummerson was appointed assistant teacher in the Swillington Common School. The caretaker of the Swillington Parochial School applied for an increase of wages, and was granted £3 3s. advance. The average attendance at the mining class at Bowers Allerton was reported to be 13, and the industrial evening class at the same place had an average attendance of 22. The average attendance at the Kippax evening class, boys' department, was stated to be 24, and the average attendance at the girls' class 18. Mrs Lowther was unanimously elected to the vicechair in place of the late Mr J. W. Rucklidge.

MOOR ALLERTON

Mr William Deighton, of Moortown, has given £5 5s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs Margaret Atkinson, of The Cedars, Lidget Lane, Moor Allerton, widow of Richard Marshall Atkinson, left £8679.

A guinea was got by the sale of articles made by the girls of Moortown Council School, and it has been sent to the Belgian Refugee Fund.

APPOINTMENT.—Among the officers' appointments gazetted on Wednesday was that of Mr Arc. H. Hodgson, a cadet in the Officers' Training Corps of the Leeds University, who has received a second lieutenancy in the Royal Field Artillery. He is the son of the Leeds Grammar School, and a son of ex-Councillor W. H. Hodgson, of Wycliffe, Moortown.

METHLEY

On Saturday afternoon Methley footballers defeated Calverley by five goals to four.

OULTON

Mr J. Farrer, J.P., of Oulton, has given £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

DISMISSED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Martin Regan, labourer, of Oulton, was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Leahy spoke to finding the defendant in Commercial Street, Rothwell, about 9.40 p.m. on Sunday, October 25th, under the influence of drink, and using the language mentioned in the evidence. A fine of 7s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

ROBIN HOOD

On Saturday afternoon Thorpe Wesleyans overcame Alnotts St. M. in a football match by two goals to nil.

SCHOLES

FOR THE ABERFORD SOLDIERS' HOSPITAL.—The sum of £7 19s. 6d. has been raised by Scholes' subscribers for materials for use at the Soldiers' Temporary Hospital at Aberford. The following is the list of articles required:—Six pairs pyjamas £2 7s.; bandages, 5s. 4½d.; 24 flannel bed-jackets, £3 5s.; carter, 6d.; and balance sent to Dr. Mitchell, of Aberford, for purchase of hospital. Abbott, of Aberford, for purchase of hospital. No. 6s. 7½d. The collectors were Miss D. B. E. Wilkinson and Miss E. Dawson.

SEACROFT

A SEACROFT SOLDIER MISSING.—Private J. Roberts, of the 1st West Yorkshires, has been missing since September 23rd. He was 29 years old, a reservist, and married. He lived at Phillip's Fold, Seacroft, and was employed at the Garforth Colliery.

STOURTON

A sum of £50 has been given by the Yorkshire Copper Works and their employees to the Lord Mayor's Belgian Relief Fund.

P.S.A.—There was a good attendance at the weekly P.S.A. service held at the Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, when an address was given by Mr W. Wilks, of Hunslet.

DISMISSED.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday William McAndrews, a labourer, of Hunslet, was summoned for driving a cart which showed no red rear light. P.C. Ayers stated that he noticed defendant had no red rear light with him passed him on the Pontefract Road about 8.45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27th. Defendant's sister appeared at the Court and told the magistrates that her brother had now obtained a suitable light. The summons was dismissed on payment of costs.

WOODLESFORD

Mr William Whitehead, of Woodlesford, has sent £3 3s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

MISS MELNER AND DRINKING AMONG WOMEN.

Miss Melner, formerly of Sun Appleton, at a bazaar opening at York on Wednesday said "There is a terrible evil in our midst which must be faced. I am speaking of the terrible drinking habits, especially among women in York, especially a number of those who are provided for by the State during their husband's absence at the front. Someone said the facts had been exaggerated, but it is not so. I think many of the women can help to abate this evil. I have heard of some very sad cases, and I urge all parish workers—especially the women workers—to take note of this and do what they can in the direction I have indicated. It is a terrible evil which will leave a stigma upon our city if it is allowed to be the treating of soldiers. I know that treating is going on, and I know that treating is done by girls. I ask the women who are here to use all their influence to stop the treating."

SCUFFLE WITH POACHERS ON THE TEMPLENEWSAM ESTATE.

While going their rounds on the Templenewsam estate about four o'clock yesterday morning, two watchmen and the gamekeeper came across a gang of poachers, and a scuffle ensued. The gamekeeper received a nasty hit on the head with the butt end of a rifle, while one of the watchmen was slightly injured. The poachers got clean away, but the police have since arrested a man who is alleged to have been connected with the affair.

HAWKER IN TROUBLE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Nathaniel Warley, hawker, of Leeds, was summoned for keeping a dog without a red rear light. P.C. Otter stated that about 6.45 p.m. on Monday, October 19th, he was on the Wetherby Road, Scarcroft, when the defendant came along with a horse and cart. There was no red rear light at the back. When his attention was called to it he replied that he had not noticed it when he came out. The rear light was produced and was missing from the lamp at the time, but he had replaced it. The Chairman said that he would be lenient and dismissed the summons on payment of costs.

THE LATE MRS L. M. RADCLIFFE.—We regret to have to record the death of Mrs L. M. Radcliffe, widow of the late Mr A. L. Radcliffe, of South Milford, at the age of 57 years, after a short illness. The deceased lady was greatly respected and beloved by all who knew her. She was a great help in all matters for the welfare of the different institutions in the parish, and was always ready to do our good work connected with them, and she will be greatly missed by many people. She died on Sunday evening, and the interment took place at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday afternoon. There was a large funeral. The principal mourners were Dr. A. H. and Mrs Radcliffe (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Hudson, Southport (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Farrer (mother), and Mr Radcliffe, brother-in-law (Hirstall), and others. The Rector (Rev. E. J. Barry) read the burial service. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes.

Rothwell District War Relief Committee.

THE RELIEF OF BELGIANS.

A special meeting of the Rothwell Urban District War Relief Committee to consider the giving of a grant to the Belgian Fund was held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Wednesday night. Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presided, and there was also present a large number of ladies and gentlemen, including the joint secretaries (Mr W. Dodgson and Mr H. J. Butler).

As a result of the discussion, it was agreed that a grant of £50 be forwarded to the Vice Consul for the supply of food to Belgium.

Mr H. J. Martin, who spoke strongly in favour of the proposal, said that there were at the present time seven million Belgians who were on the verge of starvation in their own country.

The question was also raised as to the housing of Belgian Refugees in the district, and it was decided that a committee of ladies be formed in Rothwell to deal with the accommodation of parties of Refugees.

Mrs Dickinson (Stourton), said that she, along with other ladies, would work at Stourton with the object of taking a few Refugees, and they would form a committee with that object.

It was decided to make a weekly grant from the Central Committee to assist the two committees in their work.

The secretaries reported that the following donations had been received since the last meeting:—Mr Thomas Carr, £5 5s.; Rev. E. G. Wynne, £5 5s.; Yorkshire Copper Works, Ltd., and their employees, £15; Mr Walter Dodgson, £5; and Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association, £20 16s. 8d.

It was also reported that the total amount received up-to-date was £181 15. 8d., and the total amount expended £93 3s. 6d., having a balance of £147 18s. 2d.

WHITKIRK DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB

ATHLETES' VOLUNTEER FORCE.

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the members of Whitkirk and District Rifle Club was held at the headquarters at Whitkirk, and there was a good attendance. Mr J. Stuart White, of Crossgates, the President, was in the chair.

Mr J. W. Price, the hon. sec., read a very encouraging report, which showed that the club had already 124 paid-up members, and there is a substantial balance in hand. Mr S. Kirkby, the captain, hon. asst. sec., also submitted an interesting report.

The principal business of the meeting was to discuss the advisability of joining the Leeds section of the Athletes' Volunteer Force. The object of this movement is, briefly, to provide the means whereby civilians may become proficient in the handling of rifle and gun facilities for drill, so that in an emergency the nation will have at hand a large body of men partially trained and prepared. Men who are not eligible for the Regular Army, Territorials, or other existing recognised Force are qualified for membership. Although the scheme is not under Government supervision, the War Office has given it the stamp of its approval, and companies are being form of all over the country.

Mr. W. Goodall, of Manston, hon. sec. of the Leeds Club, explained the scheme, and Mr. Albert Goodall, Mr H. F. Smithson, Mr P. S. Marsden, Mr J. Connor, Mr Cotton, Mr P. Cowling, and others took part in the discussion. Eventually Mr Connor proposed that the Whitkirk Rifle Club form a section of the A.V.F. Mr Garbutt seconded, and this was agreed to. The first drill will be held at the headquarters on Tuesday evening next, at 7.30, when a capable drill instructor will be present.

The Leeds Section of the A.V.F. is also strong, having been formed in the Burnsall Lane School on October 23rd, but since then two more schools—Harehills and Queen's Road—have been secured, and an additional hundred men have presented themselves for drill.

Whitkirk Rifle Club is in an excellent position, because the members generally have the shooting qualification, and it is expected that a strong fighting force will very soon be formed, which will be giving a lead to other districts.

Mr Marsden (Whitkirk) stated he did not think the Government at War Office would offer any objection to the men drilling at Temple newsam.

Mr Oxtoft stated that while desirous of giving every encouragement to the movement, he was sorry that the Halton Council School was not suitable for the purposes of drill, there being no room large enough.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr Al. Goodall for the information he had given of the movement.

The Whitkirk Rifle Club's weekly competition on Saturday the first prize was won by Dr. Ashmore, and the second by Mr J. Birtell.

The Club report having now handed to the local War Relief Fund a sum of 16s. 6d., the proceeds of competition entrance fees up to Saturday.

Mr Philip Marsden, of Shadwell, has been re-elected representative on the Rothwell, Gross-gates, Shadwell, and Seacroft Ward on Leeds City Council.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday Shadwell seniors defeated Leeds City Boys by two goals to one. Shadwell overcame Market Weighton in the Industrial Schools' Cup Competition by three goals to one.

At the Chained Bull, Moortown, on Monday night, Messrs Oliver, Appleton, and Kitchen sold by auction for £440 the freehold dwelling-house known as Holywell House, at Shadwell. Bidding was exceptionally brisk.

WEDDING.—On Monday the wedding took place at South Milford Church, by the Rev. E. J. Barry, M.A., of Miss Ruth Copley, 44, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nehemiah Copley, Queen's Inn, South Milford, and Mr Laurie Bennett, third son of Mr and Mrs Bennett, Kippax. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore embroidered white dress, and a black velvet hat with white ostrich feather. The bridesmaid was Miss Eleanor Copley, who wore blue embroidered muslin dress, and hat to match. The best man was Mr Martin, of Kippax. The presents were numerous.

SHERBURN AGRICULTURAL CLUB.—At a meeting of this club at the Red Bear Inn, Mr J. E. Cawthorn (President) was in the chair, and the other members present were Messrs C. A. Wilber, T. Priestley, C. W. Helm, W. Wainwright (Low Street), D. Greenwood, E. Winter, W. Wainwright, F. Bramley, H. Farrar, T. Tomlinson, J. Addyman, W. Gledhill, G. Hill, M. C. Wellburn, and the hon. secretary (Mr C. Eshelby). It was decided to get prices for 5 tons of binder twine for next season's requirements. A committee was formed for collecting subscriptions from members, and others in the district for the West Riding War Relief Fund, gifts of money being thought to be more useful than gifts in kind.

SCARCROFT AND DISTRICT PLOUGHING SOCIETY.

MATCH AT SCARCROFT.

FARMERS AND THEIR INDUSTRY.

INTERESTING SPEECHES AT THE DINNER.

The annual ploughing match and hedge-cutting competition, promoted by the Scarcroft and District Ploughing Society, took place on Wednesday on land in the occupation of Mrs Elam, Rowley Grange, Scarcroft. There was a large gathering of the farming community of the district, and, although the number of competitors was not so large as in former years, the falling off in the entries being attributed to the fact that a large number of the men have joined the colours, the competition was keen. The results of the ploughing match were as follows:—

Class I. Champion ploughmen, 15 miles radius.—1 J. Dalby (Wike), 2 C. Walton (East Rigton), 3 S. Walker (Shadwell), 4 H. Lawson (Kirk Deighton), 5 C. Tyers (Harewood).

Class II. Best ploughman over 25 years of age.—1 H. E. Hardcastle (East Rigton), 2 J. Allen (Wike), 3 H. Green (Wike), 4 H. Scott (Thorner), 5 J. Varley (Scarcroft).

Class III. Best ploughman, age 18–25.—1 H. Grainger (East Rigton), 2 J. Myers (Harewood), 3 W. Ware (Wothersome), 4 J. Greaves (Spofforth).

Class IV. Best ploughman under 18 years of age.—1 H. Beck (Whinmoor), 2 E. Izett (Carlton), 3 H. Mitchell (Wike).

Special prize for ploughing, boy under 16.—G. Green (Potterton).

Cleanest horse and gear.—1 (champion and special) J. Dalby (Wike), 2 H. Harrop (East Rigton), 3 H. Greaves (Wike), 4 E. Burks (Scarcroft), 5 C. Rigton (Barwick).

The hedge-cutting competition took place on land adjoining the Leeds and Wetherby Road. The winners were:—1 J. Young (Wothersome), 2 W. Hatfield (Bramham), 3 J. Dawson (Bramham-moor), 4 C. Sunter (Hardgye).

The judges were:—Ploughing—Messrs S. Jennings (Bubbles), W. S. Rhodes (Bentley), and W. A. Todd (Alwoodley).

Cleanest horse and gears.—Mr C. Warrington (Leeds).

Hedge-cutting—Messrs K. Jackson (Peckfield), and J. H. Haigh (Thorner).

In the evening the annual dinner was held in the New Inn, Scarcroft, under the genial chairmanship of Mr John Thompson (East Rigton). Others present included Messrs F. W. Dolby, J. Knaresborough (Treasurer), A. Rhodes, Shadwell (secretary), G. Dalby (Eccup), G. Dalby (Beamsley), J. Revis (Scarcroft), W. Elam (Scarcroft), F. Haigh (Low Wike), W. Hardcastle (Scarcroft), P. Whitelock (Harewood), B. Dalby (Wike), A. Dalby (Wike), E. Todd (Alwoodley), A. Barnett (Bardsey), A. Todd (Braunton), T. Dalby (Eccup), R. Hardcastle (Rigton), T. Barber (East Keswick), A. Wrigglesworth (Bardsey), and E. Cornforth (Rigton).

After the loyal toast had been enthusiastically pledged, Mr W. A. Rhodes (Scarcroft) proposed "Success to the Scarcroft and District Ploughing Society." He said that no small amount of the success of the Society was due to Mr Thomas Rhodes, who took such an interest in it. It is mainly that makes the mare to go, whether she kicks her tail or no." (Laughter.) He had a very good motto to work on. (Mr Walton) could collect enough like Lot to form the Association, and a man who could do that was of great value. His heart and soul were in the work. He could assure them that he was pleased to see such a large and enthusiastic gathering. Under the present deplorable conditions—the war—he had not expected to see two-thirds of the number present. Soon on the Society would be in great many ways. In the first instance, it came from the outside support, and it also resided with the competitors, and with those engaged in the competition. He was glad to see that there was love of the old dog still—it showed that a good feeling existed between master and man, and as long as that feeling existed no one need fear that agriculture would go down. With-out good feeling between master and man farming would not be a success. In the district he had lived in there really existed. He hoped that feeling would continue. Farmers and agricultural labourers had been of no account in the past, but now he thought people thought more about them, and they ought out food no one could fight. In conclusion, he said it hoped that the farm labourers and the farmers would hand together and keep the good spirit which had existed so long, and if they did then they would have no fear for the future. (Applause).

In replying to the toast, Mr Thompson said that Mr Rhodes enumerated some of the reasons for the success of the Society, and he thought, as he looked round the room and saw such a large number present as regards the social side it was an unqualified success. If they looked at the work which had been done in the competition, although smaller than the last two or three years, they could see it had been a success. However, he felt that it was not a success unless it went a little further. Such gatherings were of an educational value to the farmers, and he was very pleased to see in such large numbers, and he hoped it would have a lasting benefit with them, and give them confidence in their work. He always had said that farmers were of more account now than they had been in the past. It was a sentiment which he most cordially endorsed. Probably not for the first time within the last fifty years, the people of this country realised that the food raised in the country was of the greatest importance. For many years they had ceased to be an agricultural nation and become a commercial nation. There was a great deal of cheap advice given in the newspapers to farmers to grow more wheat. He thought it was very good advice, but not very well considered. To have farmers growing wheat on land unsuitable would not be a benefit to the agriculture of the country suffering also. It was infinitely better to grow good crops than grow bad crops, and it would be of more value to the land to grass land. He did not think that farmers in their senses would plough up good old pasture land. Still, he thought the country was in good heart and grass land which contained a fair store of fertility and could be made to grow crops and make good arable land. It would certainly produce more food, and employ more labour, and also benefit the tradesman and the manufacturer at the same time. But there was one point which they must not forget in the breaking up of grass land. It almost always contained an accumulation of injurious insects—wire-worm, grubs, and larvæ, which preyed upon the crops, and for the first year or two the crops would suffer from the attacks of these insects. He had, he said, very great pleasure in proposing the toast. He believed the Society had before it a very prosperous career. (Applause).

The health of the judges was proposed by Mr Dalby (Bardsey), who said he was pleased to see old faces. The judges had done their work very well indeed, and he thought all would go away satisfied. (Applause).

Mr W. A. Todd (Alwoodley) responded, and said he was pleased with the remarks of Mr Thompson—that it was a good thing to be a good judge. There were a good many points in ploughing, and he was glad to say that they had had good work that day. Mr S. Jennings also replied.

Mr J. Revis proposed the health of the Secretary (Mr A. Rhodes), and paid a glowing tribute to him. Every credit, he said, was due to him, and as long as they had a secretary like Mr Rhodes he had no doubt that the Society would go on with every success.

Mr A. Rhodes replied, and said he had great pleasure in working there with such a treasurer as Mr Revis, and under such stewards and committee as the Society had.

The harmony of the evening was ably sustained by Mr Walton, who proved a clever story teller as well as a humorous reciter and singer. Mr Ibbotson contributed several songs, which were much appreciated, and, along with Mr Westerdale, who accompanied all the songs at the piano, he gave two duets. Mr Denham contributed a recitation.

MEET AT GATEFORTH.

The Boosbam Moor Hunt held a meet at Gateforth on Wednesday in misty weather. The huntsman, Peter Farrelly, had charge of the pack. The field out included Lady Beaumont, Hon. Ivy Stapleton, the Misses Parker, Mr Robinson (Leeds), and Mr John Armstrong (Botany Bay, Selby). The day's sport centred round Brayton Hall Shaw there was a good deal of foxes, but the thick bracken presented a difficulty to the dogs. Though plenty of foxes were disturbed a kill did not result

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The scholars of South Milford School have sent £1 to the Lords Belgian Refugee Fund.

A sum of £5 5s. has been in place, per the students of Sherburn County Evening School, has been sent to Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

The members of the Sherburn Agricultural and Horticultural Society have decided not to hold their annual dinner this year on account of the war.

A sum of £2, proceeds of a concert at Harewood, has been sent to Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund. A sum of £3 3s. has been given by the students of the Sherburn Council Day School, per Mr Newdick (3rd Collection in Box), and £3 has been given to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A FARMER'S NEGLIGENCE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Thomas Isaac Leake, farmer, of Aberford, was summoned for using a cart which had no name upon it. P.C. Hogg stated that about 10.15 a.m. on October 8th he saw defendant driving a cart on the Aberford Road, Garforth, when the defendant passed him in a cart which had no name inscribed upon it. He stopped him, and, after calling his attention to the fact, told him he would be reported. Defendant told the magistrates that he bought the cart recently, and had taken off the late owner's name but had neglected to put his own.—A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

PARISH ROOM.—A very enjoyable concert was held at the Parish Room, Aberford, on Thursday evening, and there was a good company present. The proceeds are for the benefit of the members of the Men's Bible Class. Songs were ably rendered by Messrs Winterburn, Bailey, Barnett, Wrigley, Brooks, Thompson, Garbutt, Woodward, Hepworth, Chapman, and Captain Pratt. Mr Freeborn was the accompanist. Refreshments were provided by the committee, and billiards and other games were indulged in until a late hour. The Christmas handicap comm ences next week, and entries are showing

SIR FREDERICK AS ROYAL REPRESENTATIVE.—Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., formerly of Nun Appleton, who is representing the King and Queen as visitor to the wounded British soldiers in the various hospitals in the provinces, attended on Wednesday the Military Hospital, Fulford Road, York. Sir Frederick spoke to each of the 150 wounded men in the hospital individually and conveyed to them the sympathy of the King and Queen to visit the hospital and convey their sympathy to them, and also to express the hope that they would soon be restored to health. Sir Frederick also presented each soldier with the King and Queen's gift—a box of cigarettes.

SELBY GUARDIANS.—At the meeting of the Selby Board of Guardians, on Monday, Mr R. L. Walker presiding, a precept was received from the West Riding County Council for the current half-year to the amount of £5,869, being £1,000 less than the corresponding half of last year, and £207 more than for the last half-year. It was remarked that there was an increase "as usual." A resolution was adopted urging the Government to provide allowances for the families of soldiers and sailors killed in action, and for the dependents of those incapacitated through wounds.—Workmen's Compensation Act. The Chairman said he thought some action ought to be taken, for when a man was killed in action usually nothing was done for the dependants.

A YOUTH'S OFFENCE.—On Monday at Selby Walter Easton, aged 17, of West Hartlepool, who has recently been employed at the Selby shipyard, was charged with stealing £2 belonging to a fellow lodger, Bernard E. Galvin, also an employee at the shipyard. Defendant took four tin notes from Galvin's clothing which was hanging in the bedroom, and left for home, buying also articles of clothing. He was arrested at West Hartlepool and taken back to Selby by P.C. Duncan. The money, amounting to £1 9s. 4d., was produced.—The Chairman (Mr Scott): You had an opportunity of earning a man's wage. It appeared that the lad's mother was in poor circumstances. Defendant promised to act better and said he could get work as a rivet beater at West Hartlepool. Defendant was bound over in £5 to come up for judgment if called upon, and placed under the supervision of the probation officer for twelve months.

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WHINMOOR AND HAMBLETON SOLDIERS MISSING.

SELBY MEN'S RETURN—GERMANS WITH CHILDREN'S HANDS.

A WETHERBY MAN'S LETTER.

Private Arthur Hill, of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment, son of Whinmoor, Scarcroft, is reported by the War Office to have been missing since September 22nd. Hill is 22 years of age, and has been in the Army 18 months.

Private Thomas Parker, of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment, of Hambleton, has been taken prisoner, and, is now in Germany.

Private F. Johnson, of the South Lancashire Regiment, a reservist employed at the shipyard, Selby, is a prisoner in Germany.

Lance-Corporal Albert Shepherd, of Lilly Ribston, Wetherby, and of the 1st West Yorkshires, has been killed in action.

A WETHERBY MAN'S LETTER.

Mrs Jane Johnson, of North Street, Wetherby, has received the following letter from her son Herbert, who is lying in the Lincoln Hospital, slightly wounded:—

"We have had a very hard time since I came out, marching and fighting night and day, and on Tuesday, the 13th October, we came on the enemy strongly entrenched, and so the Dutchmen and East Yorks. had to take the position at all costs. Our company, under Lieut. Wright, had to go and see what was in the village near. We got to the entrance of it, and the French crowds were in it. Lots of them lay in the streets killed and wounded, horses too, so we had to stay there. Then a fellow sent me and an N.C.O. to a gateway across a field to see what was there. A turnip field further on was full of the enemy, with big guns as well. We reported to the officer, but he seemed to doubt it, so he and the N.C.O. went out again. They had not gone far before we were minus the officer, so we stayed where we were till the battalion came up.

"Then we were ordered to advance across in companies in extended order. Then they started to open fire. It was murder, with the dropping shells. Many a good man went under that day. One was Major Cliff, from Leeds; a shell dropped right on his head. It was a sudden death for the poor fellow.

"We took the position, but I was glad when it was dark. We stayed in the trenches all night, went through, and cold, and tired out. We chased them on and on. They gained a stronger position on Sunday, and towards night it was awful. We could not move them.

"The General told about a dozen of us to stay in a cellar up to the knees in water till it got dusk as the enemy was only 40 or fifty yards in front. When it got dark we set off to find our company, but they spotted us, and then I got wounded in the hand.

"I don't know how many casualties we had that day, as I came down country with the wounded. Our brigade suffered heavily. There were about 200 wounded came down with me, and there were a lot more to follow. I am now in hospital at Lincoln, but hope to be out soon. That night let me have a day or two at home before I go back."

HAVING A ROUGH TIME.

Writing home to Selby on Sunday, Gunner Thos. Dugdale, of the Royal Field Artillery, says he's wrote his letter in a pouring rain, and they were having a rough time of it with the weather.

He had been to the guns with ammunition, and the Germans had sent a few back, but they fell short, and he was left alive, though he had had some narrow escapes.

He had been in the firing line ever since he came, and he should be glad when it was all over. "It's the first fight we've had, but we got away safely. He was now at Bethune. He had been in Belgium twice, but got chased out of it.

"We are not only beating the Germans, but they are running away like madmen," he goes on. "Don't give up the house, for I may have my Christmas dinner in England yet. Last night, about six o'clock, we saw two German batteries just ready for going away. We opened fire, and completely cut them up."

A SELBY MAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Private Alfred Frape, one of the Reservists employed at the Selby Olympia Works, has received a letter from his brother, telling of his injury during the operations on the left wing in Northern France. He belongs to the Lincolnshires, and went away with the Reservists when they were called up in August. On being interviewed at his home in Olympia Cottages, Selby, he stated that he had sustained fractures of the ribs.

He was marching through a gateway at the same time that the British artillery reached it, and was caught in the ribs by the muzzle of a gun. On being sent home he stayed for a couple of days at Folkestone.

His book part in the engagements on the North and then moved with the British Forces to the south of Paris. It was a surprise to the Germans when they advanced there, and they could not find that they opposed by British troops. Frape graphically described the falling back of the troops from the enemy at Mons. He stated that Infantry Brigade, Fourth Division, The English artillery had formed a destructive line upon the enemy, when his regiment, along with other regiments, received the order to retire and take the village at the point of the bayonet. They were instructed not to fire. The enemy, it was found, had made a human shield behind the Uhlans, who were rapidly captured. The snipers who had been left behind. The Germans had quartered themselves in the houses, and there, at them, were the portraits of the men for whom had been prepared for them in one of the houses, when they found themselves suddenly surrounded by the Englishers. His face assumed an expression of disappointment and despair. The Germans seemed to have to 14 Maxim guns to each battalion, and these, along with their artillery, keep up a hot fire. Frape, but they had learnt to fear the attack of the British. The night attacks especially the enemy did not like. On several occasions as the British advanced the Germans retreated, leaving snipers in the positions abandoned. Their retreat from the village just referred to was so rapid that they left trumpets and other things behind.

For five days there was incessant rain. The cavalry was doing very fine work, and had demonstrated their superiority over the enemy's horsemen. The Uhlans had earned an unenviable reputation owing to their raids on villages and the damage done. Frape added that he saw a Selby comrade, Jones, of the Welsh Fusiliers, while he was advancing to the front. Jones, who was marching with his regiment, was in cheerful spirits. The men were chiefly in need of tobacco, cigarettes, and matches. When a supply reached them from home they were happy.

Frape had a very narrow escape, as a shell knocked the kitchen, a stand used for food, out of his hand, and smashed it against an adjacent wall. He said that shells were being fired as the men were having dinner. The tin he held was simply knocked to pieces.

The French he described as good fighters, but he thought their blue and red uniform too conspicuous.

GERMANS WITH CHILDREN'S HANDS.

Driver Edwin Tate, of the 69th Battery R.F.A., Hambleton, who has returned home to Selby injured, gave a remarkable narrative of the campaign in France. He was a reservist, and was on employ on the North-Eastern Railway when mobilisation came. After being called up to Glasgow at the outbreak of the war, he eventually joined the brigade in Ireland, and was then ordered to the front. He, who is 28 years of age, was in the thick of it from Mons, and practically all the engagements until he was severely injured at Bethune in Northern France. He belongs to the 9th Brigade, Fifth Division, the heroes of Mons.

He received his injuries while the force was under shell fire. The horses were shot and killed by the shell with them, and was pinned to the ground, being in a semi-unconscious condition. He lay there all day, and was found at night by the field ambulance men. He was suffering from a spinal injury, and fractured ribs.

On reaching this country he was sent to the Sunderland No. 1 Infirmary, who, on the wounded soldiers not being used to spring being extended to the hospital in private motor cars. The medical and nursing staffs did everything possible for them. Tate said that his battery was part of the artillery of the 3rd Division, which consisted of the Irish Command. The fighting was very heavy at Mons.

In the heavy engagements which followed the battle of Le Cateau the Germans were simply mowed down. On reaching Lagny the retirement ended, and they turned the tables on the enemy. The artillery fire was terrific, and over the German front. Twelve or thirteen German guns were captured, and two or three regiments of infantry decimated.

The German prisoners, some of whom spoke good English, said they had no wish to fight, but were driven to it. The British were in the best of spirits and sang as they went into action.

Driver Tate gave the information that various German prisoners had been found with children's mutilated hands in their possession, as ghastly trophies of their visits to villages. He himself saw one such case. A German who was captured by the 1st Devonshire Regiment was searched, and found to be in possession of a child's left hand. He was handed over to the provost-marshal. Tate added that it had been largely an artillery fight. Fort Conde, which was supposed to be General Von Kluck's headquarters, received fire from the artillery. The fort was absolutely demolished, the guns hardly leaving a brick standing.

HUSSARS HACKING AWAY.

Trooper George Haynes, eldest son of Mr J. H. Haynes, of the George Hotel at Selby, writes to his father from the 13th Hussars, Selby Squadron, 4th (the 2nd Division of the British Expeditionary Forces in France, under date of October 2nd:—

"We still keep hacking away at the enemy, and continue to have the best of it. We are getting on rather slowly, as the Germans keep coming from Belgium to bring about dead.

"I met a Selby chap yesterday—Walthem by name—who is with the Grenadier Guards. Of course, we had a long chat together. He is a rather big chap, cold now,' and not by any means pleasant, especially at night. Still, one must put up with a little hardships at times."

A PRISONER IN GERMANY.

Private William Green, of the Royal Marines, whose home is at 30, Wavsidehare Street, Thwaite Gate, is at present a prisoner of war in Germany. Green first joined the Yorkshire Light Infantry, but was later asked to volunteer, with others, for service with the Marines On reaching France the opposite to have been effected, and on to the fighting line in Belgium, for, writing on October 10th, Green informs his parents that he was made a prisoner near Antwerp.

He writes—"I am a prisoner of war, and I am camped outside Berlin. By what I can see I think we shall be treated all right, so I should not worry if I were you. I have a good bed and plenty to eat, and a bit of good straw.

Green also states that he has been in one engagement, but has escaped being wounded.

PRIVATE HAYE'S STIRRING LETTER.

Corporal B. Williamson, of the 1st Coldstream Guards, also while a reservist was stationed as an East Riding police constable near Selby, has written to a friend telling how he was shot and severely injured through the front owing to a severe injury to his knee, and is now in hospital in London. He explains:

"The Coldstreams were continually in action, the worst time we had was from Sunday to the 4th weeks. On September 24th we lost 200 killed and wounded. I have had some of the narrowest escapes. My honour was blown out on the night. The Germans got at a lot of cowards. I might call them worse, but the boys are getting used to their game now. Before me, the Germans put up a terrible fight, but we are getting used to their game now. Before me, the Germans put up a terrible fight, but we are getting used to their game now. Before me, the Germans put up a terrible fight, but we

An Oulton Man's Experiences in Belgium.

THE MARCH OF THE GERMAN ARMY.

SCENES IN BRUSSELS.

Mr Leonard Lockwood, of Oulton, who recently returned from Brussels, writes:—

The first and real idea of the war was impressed upon me during the first few days of August of the North Station in Brussels. Waiting for a friend on the platform and seeing only singing crowds of troops in specials for the front, I saw the arrival of the first train of wounded from Liege. Some, mere masses of bandages on the stretchers, were being rapidly and efficiently placed into motor cars by the Ambulance Corps and hurried away to the different hospitals. Others, who could manage to walk, were being aided across the station, and on poor chap, who, I heard, had passed two days and nights in the trenches, was for the time demented, singing and shouting as he was quickly conducted out of view of the spectators. Some of the wounded, who were received by fatherly crowds, actually did the cheering of "Vive la Belgique! Vive le Roi!"

These daily arrivals continued without ceasing up to about the 18th August. Then events began to move rapidly: Liege had fallen, Louvain was occupied, the Prussians were in sight of Brussels. And in fact, on Thursday, the 20th, the German troops commenced their march through the city. The Belgian army, in face of enormously superior forces had retired upon Malines and Antwerp, leaving about seventy thousand Germans "hors de combat," after one of the most gallant stands (if not the most) in the history of war.

Such a military event I certainly never expected to see. From the Thursday until Sunday afternoon, the procession never ceased. In spite of the eyesore, the inhabitants of Brussels could not help but admire the preparedness and finish of this first army, which I presumed to be that of General Von Kluck, on its way to Mons to wipe out (?) General French and his "contemptible little army." Artillery, cavalry, and foot, supply waggons, travelling kitchens, all in apple-pie order. Uniforms, trappings, waggons of supplies, everything new and best quality. The finest horses, picked and chosen during the last three or four years at almost every important horse fair in Europe. Bands playing monotonous German marches, and the men singing the "Wacht am Rhein." And the goose step. All complete. Every one of their officers carried a map cased in transparent oilskin and framed in leather, attached to his belt.

The next procession into Brussels was another affair, a day or two afterwards; the flight of the civil population. Groups of peasants on foot, now and again a little farmer's cart, bringing along grandma and the little ones, and a portable stove, a chair or a table, and a few bundles of straw, all that was left of the happy home. What they had seen on leaving was a bonfire and crowds of German incendiaries and murderers, most of whom they said were drunk, in a state to which they probably owed their lives.

It was some few days afterwards, I was near the Bourse in the middle of the town about midday, and saw the return of the remnant of a company of German foot. They looked as though they'd met General French's little hand somewhere. They were in a pitiable state, some without helmets, in shirt sleeves, and many limping along with their top boots slung round their shoulders, feet bandaged in pocket handkerchiefs. The whole lot were in the last stage of exhaustion. "Ca y est" the Belgians said, "Ils ont vu les anglais" ("that's all right, they've seen the English). Kaiser Bill ought to have been on the causeway and seen that little lot. It would have given him furiously to think.

Another scene in the forward march of the German troops towards the end of August—nothing so smart or to be compared to the first regiments. At the tail end of the line of waggons (which bore private addresses in towns where they had been requisitioned) were a couple of German bodies riding in the finest little donkey cart, such as the peasants use for hawking vegetables in the country places. In normal times this would have aroused the highest hilarity amongst the light-hearted Brusseleers.

But the lost sight of the donkey in the view their imagination could call up, of some poor old peasant woman (if still alive) wearing and bemoaning the loss of her fortune, represented by this rolling material and her little stock. The sight called forth as many black looks and mutterings of hatred and vengeance as I heard about all the rest.

And all this time we were having proofs brought to us of the infamous atrocities that were taking place in the small towns and villages all over the south of Belgium, incidents that have no place in this short letter, being too horrible, and far better forgotten for the time being, except by those whose mission it is to exact a terrible vengeance. It will suffice to say that if only half of that which is true were to be related, the stories would not be believed by people not in touch with the facts.

It may be said that Brussels was fortunate in this respect, in her immunity, as up to my leaving on October and comparative calm prevailed.

But there is only one Max, the Burgomaster who will be known in the future as the man who saved Brussels, in spite of all kinds of provocative measures by the German Governor. Perhaps he owes his present imprisonment to his firm stand. He wouldn't have the people starved, he wouldn't have the national banner banished from the windows and balconies. His counsels of calm and patience were listened to. And again, the American minister continued in residence.

From day to day the only official news we had was obtained from the German Governor's telegrams from Berlin, posted on every street corner, nothing but victories, of course, and thousands of allied prisoners. We were given a special dose, when the Audacity and the Hawke officers were sunk. One sample will indicate the mentality of their reports:—"A German Taube passed over Paris yesterday but inflicted no damage. One bomb killed a vigilant (old man) and wounded a petite fille (little girl) &c., &c.

For outside news we depended on "runners" between Ghent, Ostend, Quevy, and Holland, occasional smuggled newspaper, two or three days late, but it is wonderful how, without telegraph, telephone, or postal service, news filtered through. I think, though, the lack of really authentic news as to how the war was going on, and from relations and friends, was one of our greatest privations.

What we were most certainly aware of was the continual roar of cannon firing away at a distance of eight, ten, and twelve miles away, in the attack upon the first line of the Antwerp forts.

As for the German soldiers, with whom we now and again got into conversation, the officers are generally over-bearing dare-devil braggarts, who are sure that France is shortly for the Kaiser. The Marinos, who were at one time 15,000 strong in Brussels, seem to be pretty well educated, some of them speaking French. One of the latter said they had been to Paris (one of their officers had told him so), was going to Antwerp, and from there to London. The ordinary rank and file live in mortal fear of their officers, but still believe, in a sort of way with them, must be humiliated and crushed, and full toll taken for the heavies inflicted on Belgians, not from one or other "Deutschlander," but all and every one, be they Bavarians, Saxons, Westphalians, or Prussians. He contends that the people are not what the Government has made them, and the Government is not the people have made it and are responsible for.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week the bill is headed by a sketch, "Pinkie," presented by Mr Fred Kitchen and his company. As usual, the burden of the piece is borne by the creator of "Potts," and it is a tribute to the genius of the comedian that he is able to raise so many laughs out of such poor material. In parts his burlesque of a detective is extraordinarily funny. Jack Lane, a Yorkshire comedian, has some very amusing business. Miss Daisy Dormer is a great favourite in Leeds, and her song, "Kiss me good-bye, my little soldier boy," was received enthusiastically on Monday night. She has another catchy number in "You're here and I'm here." Other artistes appearing include Fennel and Tyson, an American comedy duo; Carter Livsey and Lillian Rossbery in a sketch, 'Some Rehearsal"; and Lilli Lassah.

Next week at the Empire the artistes will include George Robey, the prime minister of mirths; the Harlequinaders, in a sparkling melange of bright and musical numbers; Woody Wood, and W.H. in the farcical sketch "The Perch Club"; Dora Lyric, the popular chorus comedienne; Bess Egbert, the retired dustman; La Belle Aimie, a dainty dancer; Shirley and Ransome, depicting the comedy and pathos of cockney life in "The separation order"; and Mickey Nolan, comedienne.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week the principal attraction is "A Year in an Hour"—a sparkling revue by Julian Wylie and Jimmy Tate. There are five scenes, each of them good, and the business has been brought up-to-date. A good deal of laughter is caused in the schoolroom scene, where "Kaiser Bill," as the dunce of Europe, "catches it hot" from the athletic arms of the mistress. Amongst the principals, Dorni Treburo is the leading light. Miss Dalton, Frank Benson, Mollie Drew, Gerald Osborne, Herbert Franklin, and Mdlle. Correre are some artistes outstanding. The chorus is a strong one, and contains more than one good vocalist. Miss Grey has two songs, a policeman's, ditty and one about the excitements of a shoe-black's life. This is quite as good as the "Zig-zag Path" success of Arthur Roye, the light comedian, revived with tremendous success his great patriotic song, "Sons of the Sea," and Vine and Brewer appear in a good musical speciality act.

Next week at the Hippodrome Miss Marie Blanche will appear in a new sketch, "The Chorus Girl," and she will be supported by Messrs Stanley Turnbull, Ken Worth, and W. T. Ford. Others in the bill are Bertram Banks, child mimic; Edna Lestome, vocal male impersonator; Dainty James, popular comedienne; Herbert La Martine, introducing his novel staircase dance; T. B. Barr, comedian; and Tatton Hall and Co., will present their latest comedy creation.

INCREASED YIELD OF WHEAT.

The Board of Agriculture in a preliminary statement showing the estimated total product of corn and hay crops in England and Wales this year, says the total production of wheat in England and Wales was 7,218,683 quarters, 2,000,000 quarters more than last year. The yield per acre is practically one bushel above the average of the last ten years.

Barley is fractionally below the average per acre, and the production amounts to 148,500 quarters less than last year.

Oats are slightly more in production, but below the average per acre.

Beans were better, but peas were the lowest on record.

The total production of hay was 7,200,000 compared with 9,000,000 tons last year, a very abundant year.

Members of Leeds Golf Club have given £47 (the second instalment) to Leeds National Relief Fund.

EXPRESS DELAYED.—Shortly after 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning the East Coast Express from King's Cross to Edinburgh was delayed by half-an-hour near Selby station, through the breaking of a spring of the engine. The train had to be taken forward by a North-Eastern engine.

LUNCH.—Messrs Cochrane and Sons Ltd., Selby, on Wednesday launched a steel screw steamer, 1141 ft. by 161 ft. 6in. 11ft. 2in. moulded, built to the order of the Hull Steam Fishing and Ice Co., Ltd. As the vessel left the ways she was christened Lynx, by Mrs Tweedy, wife of Hull. The visitors rendered the luncheon offices, where the usual toasts were given.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—The Selby Scientific Society commenced the winter session with a social gathering at the Museum on Wednesday night. There was an interesting exhibition of prints and lantern slides by the members. The Rev. Dr. Solloway explained a number of lantern slides of Selby, including St. Mary's Abbey and the city walls, and also views at Whitby and elsewhere on the North-East Coast.

CONCERT AT SELBY.—In aid of the Belgian Refugees a concert was given on Tuesday night at the Selby Public Baths. The Rev. R. J. Dunford presided over an attendance which filled the building. Contributions to the programme were made by Mr and Mrs G. Farley, Mr and Mrs Waddington, Miss Townend, Miss A. Smith, Father Byrne (Sheffield), Miss Beabbs, Miss Barker, Messrs C. Maw, A. Nettleton, B. Farley, E. Mullen, F. Cryer, F. Farley, Geo. Ross, and the Abbey Bell Ringers. The accompanists were Miss May Farley and Mr Herbert Berry.



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A HAREHILLS MAN IN THE FIGHTING LINE.

Staff Sergeant-Major J. A. Dockray, of the Mechanical Transport section of the Army Service Corps, has just been invalided home. He has lived for some time in Hebden Avenue, Leeds, and he is a well-known figure in the Harehills district, while his reputation as a breeder of bloodhounds has spread far beyond the city. One of his dogs, it may be recalled, was used in the Rotherham murder case.

Up to now, he says, both the British and the French have lost heavily; but the Germans had fared considerably worse. The German shells had done a great deal of damage, and their guns thundered day and night.

"When you get within twenty miles or so of the firing line," he continued, "you hear the roll of the cannon like distant thunder. It seems clearer as you approach; then you see the trenches, and then you get to the guns. Then it's simply terrible; it's hellish. All thoughts of home vanish, and you just think of what is in front of you. Those tales of men thinking of home on the battlefield are not a bit true. Such thoughts never enter your head; you've something else to view."

The correspondents under which he received his wounds were related with some modesty and great brevity. It was during the fighting at Soissons. "The man who had been on this particular job—despatch-riding on motor-cycle—had never turned up, so I took on the job myself. Shells were flying all over the place, but I thought I had got into safety, when suddenly I saw a flash, and I got hit on the head and fell off the cycle, which was travelling about 35 miles an hour. I know nothing more until I regained consciousness in the field hospital about eight hours later. Then I found that I had injured my left hand in falling and that I had been hit with shrapnel on my forehead, right eye, chin, and right arm. My mouth must have been open at the time, for my tongue was also hit."

The British went on the Sergeant-Major, were not advancing very fast, but their advance was slow and sure. "All the British Tommy has done so far," he added, "has been accomplished by honest fighting, not by stooping to such dirty tricks as the Germans have practised. And it hurts them to think that he is fighting so clean."

Mr Dockray, however, was anxious to be quite fair to the Germans. Although, he said, the enemy might at times have driven women and children before them to screen their advance, on one occasion, during the fighting at Mons, the casualties among the villagers were caused by their own people. When the Germans entered the village the women and children seemed to lose their heads, and ran about the streets screaming and seeking to get into the British lines. They were caught between the two fires, and many were killed. At on point the British lowered a barricade to let the women through.

There are, of course, humorous aspects of the struggle. One night the men in the advanced British trenches had been singing lustily. "I'm off to Philadelphia in the morning." The Germans, whose trenches were only a short distance away, had evidently been listening intently, for as soon as our men stopped singing they took up the refrain, and rendered it as heartily as the British soldiers had done.

The Germans are not always so happy. According to Sergeant-Major Dockray they have very little to eat, and the first thing they ask for when they are captured is something to eat. They have even been reduced to eating their dead horses. Along many of the roads horses have been found with the loins cut away.

The Sergt.-Major has no doubt as to which side will win, but, he admits, "It's going to be a long job."

"I'm surprised," he added, "that a lot more recruits don't come forward. A soldier's life is a glorious life. He's well fed and decently clothed, and he sees the world. I know when my time comes to go back to the fighting I shall smile."

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CLERGYMAN AND GIVING.

—The annual sack of work of the Leeds branch of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Society was held on Tuesday in the Church Institute, and a short address was given by Miss Hewlett, missionary at Delhi. The Rev. T. L. Palmer, vicar of Roundhay, who presided at the opening, observed that many people were subscribing to various parochial objects more freely than before, and it appeared that the appeals through so many channels opened up by the war had taught the lesson of giving in other directions.

Half-a-guinea has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund by Mrs. C. Thompson, Roundhay.

A sum of 10s. has been sent by J. and J. Lovitt, of Monk Fryston, to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Aberford footballers visited Barwick on Saturday, and defeated the homesters by 5 goals to 3.

At a meeting of the Aberford Cricket Club on Monday it was decided not to join the Barkston Ash League for next season.

Miss Cope, of Roundhay, has given £2 to the Belgian Relief Fund, and Mr and Mrs Pearson, of Roundhay, have contributed £1.

On Sunday there was a good gathering of men at the Methodist Church at Aberford to hear an excellent address by the Rev. Butty, secretary to the S.P.G. in the diocese of York.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN.

November usually brings frost and occasional fogs, and outdoor flowering plants, if not actually cut down, soon lose their attractiveness. In the case of varieties that have to be planted annually, they may now be lifted and treated according to their requirements. Tuberous begonias must be housed before frost can touch them. They may be stored in shallow boxes with a little sand or fine soil packed all around. Lobelia fulgens or cardinalis should be cut down, lifted, and have a quantity of the soil shaken from the roots. It will be unlikely that a number of young shoots are appearing around the base of the old flower stems. These are the growths that will be used for propagating purposes in the spring. Cut the roots fairly close together in shallow boxes, and place sand between them. This variety of lobelia is fairly hardy, but must be stored where it will be protected from severe frost and damp. A shelf in a fruit house, or even a light outhouse will suit it well. Early in the new year the roots may be divided into single crowns, which should be dibbled into boxes of light, sandy soil. When nicely rooted they may be either potted into 4-inch pots, or re-boxed into a richer compost, allowing more plant about four inches of space.

All necessary planting should be proceeded with without delay. The soil is still comparatively warm, and plants that are put in now will soon become established, and make a quantity of new root before the severe weather sets in. All kinds of autumn bedding plants may be got in, as well as hardy trees and shrubs. Alpines, and herbaceous perennials.

Where wallflowers are used in large beds, it is an advantage to add a few young specimen evergreens such as variegated holly, aucuba, euonymus, and rhododendrons. They break up the surface and remove the formal appearance, so noticeable where wallflowers are used alone in quantity. Very often one shrub in the middle of the bed will give the desired effect, but in very large beds it may be necessary to use half a dozen.

THE HERBACEOUS BORDER.

In the herbaceous border all necessary replanting should be proceeded with. We have previously referred to the haphazard manner these plants are dealt with in many gardens. Such careless treatment many varieties will thrive for years, but in a case of time they will commence to dwindle and die. To get the best results replanting should be carried out once in three years. Where large quantities are grown it is a good plan to replant a third of the plants each year. Any that are to be replanted should be lifted before being cut down. It would be quite an expert to name many of the varieties after they are cut down and shaken. A portion of the border should be cleared of plants and should then be trench d two spades deep and receive a liberal dressing of manure. It is a mistake to have the plants lying about unprotected for any length of time, as severe winds or a sharp frost would have a damaging effect upon them. Strong-growing varieties such as rudbeckias, Michaelmas daisies, iris, bellanthus, and some snapdragons require dividing each time they are lifted or they get too large to handle. It will be noticed that the outside of the clumps are the strongest, in fact, the inside are frequently so badly matted as to be worthless. The replanting should be performed carefully. It is a mistake to plant much deeper than they were before being lifted, and to allow the crown to protrude rather out of the ground than they were previously would bring certain failure. The soil should be trodden firmly around the roots, and the surface should be left in a rough state with a mulching of rotten manure if the soil is light, but on heavy soils leaf mould may be substituted for the manure.

A ROCKERY.

In many gardens there are shaded corners that are looked upon as a nuisance "because nothing will grow there." Such a position, if handled intelligently, may be converted into one of the prettiest parts of the garden, especially if a few large rockery stones are available. The making of a rockery is a work of art, and is but indifferently understood by the majority of gardeners. The old system of planting the stones in such a manner as to suggest that they were intended to represent a miniature graveyard is altogether wrong. They should be placed in such a position as to form pockets, to be filled with soil for the reception of the plants. The stones should be fixed horizontally, and should fall from the front to the back. At each end a smaller stone may be fixed, and thus a basin or pocket is formed. The larger stone being higher at the front than it is at the back will act as a conductor to the rain, which instead of being drifted off the bank will be drained into it, and will remain available to the plants for a considerable time. A few plants suitable for a shady rockery are periwinkle, London pride, Arabis in variety, British ferns, primroses, pyrenees, doronicums, Christmas roses (hellebore), Iceland poppies, and also all kinds of Dutch bulbs.

The Plants and Land.—Only stocky, hardy plants can be expected to move well. Thin, drawn-up ones necessarily suffer, some even dying. The land in which they are to be planted should be deeply worked into a fine tilth, and the plants will be found to make a better start if the soil has been recently turned, as it is then likely to be moister. While they are out of the ground, the plants must be kept wet all over and away from the rays of the sun. It is not enough to keep only the roots wet, as the leaves continue to transpire moisture under such conditions, with the result that the plants wilt. Puddling, that is the dipping of each root into a puddle composed of soil, lime, and clay, is often desirable, though it tends to mat the fine rootlets.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

No time should be lost in getting leeks, carrots, turnips, potatoes, onions, and radishes into store. Parsnips may be left in the ground until required for use. Remove all yellow and decaying leaves from Brussels sprouts, savoys, etc., and continue to hoe up the surface soil between the rows with the hoe.

Celery that has not received the final earthing should be attended to at once, and the soil should be rounded off in such a way as to conduct heavy rains away from the hearts of the plants.

Strawberry beds may be finally cleaned, and a mulching of rotten manure and old potting soil will help to build up the crowns. In placing the mulch about the plants care should be taken to avoid covering the crowns.

Strawberries in pots intended for forcing should now be removed to a shallow cold frame, and should be stood on boards. It is important that they should receive free ventilation, and on bright days the lights sh uld be entirely removed. It is too early to remove any to the forcing house at present.

Pansies may still be lifted and planted in a cold frame for winter use, and a few roots of mint placed in a box of soil and stood in the greenhouse will give many pickings during the winter months.

HOUSE PLANTS.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

Nephrolepis ferns are splendid house plants and although not requiring as much water as they did during summer they must not be allowed to get dry or the fronds will lose their fresh green appearance. Other house plants such as aspidistras, palms, and aralias will require less water at the roots, but the leaves should be sponged with warm soapy water about once a month.

Bulbs which were planted in bowls some time ago may now be growing freely. Any that are required for early flowering must be placed in a light position when about an inch or top growth has been made. There is still plenty of time to plant bulbs in vases, bowls, or pots, which should be placed in darkness until growth commences.

UNDER GLASS.

Celosia plants that are getting shabby may be discarded if a few sturdy shoots are placed in sandy soil in a warm greenhouse. They root quickly this month.

Discontinue syringing Gloire de Lorraine begonias, and allow them to commence flowering. They require a warm, light position, and should be staked out to allow light and air to reach the hearts of the plants.

Ripen seedling schizanthus as soon as the roots reach the pots. No repotting must be done during December and January. Give them a cool, light position, and stand the pots on slates.

Keep Burmese chrysanthemums under observation, and give a good watering if the pseudo-buds show signs of shrivelling.

Tie out Japanese anemones as useful orchid. It is now developing flower spikes, and an occasional dose of liquid manure may be given.

WAR AND ITS EFFECT ON TRADE.

It is evident from the statistics of the Local Government Board with regard to pauperism that the war has not yet caused any abnormal distress and that the working-classes are probably suffering less of late than any economic consequences from it. The punctual payment of rent is a sure test of prosperity. In this connection what Mr John Tryon, the Chairman of the Metropolitan Industrial Dwellings Company, said on Tuesday at the annual meeting of shareholders is not without interest. He said that, notwithstanding the anxious events of the past three months the collection of rents from tenants had during the year amounted to £38,000 or so, which was a larger sum than had been collected in any previous year. He was glad also to tell the shareholders that during the months of August and September following the declaration of war the tenants of the company had fully maintained their reputation of being good tenants, willing and anxious to pay their rents. Even since the end of September the receipts had come in most satisfactorily. There was no cause for apprehension whatever with regard to the ensuing year.

HISTORIC CALAIS

Calais, the base of attack upon England which the Kaiser hopes to make, is known to nearly every traveller to the Continent. It has 60,000 inhabitants, is a first-class fortress, and is—chiefly upon its passenger trade with this country—seen by countless travellers passing through the town every year. It has played a very important part in Anglo-French history, and was for many years in our hands. A century ago it had intimate trade associations with Calais, and a York merchant was Mayor of the Staple of Calais. It was there that there assembled the flower of the Dauphin Lorris, who had been invited by the discontented English barons against King John. In 1346-47, Edward III., after the battle of Crecy, starved it into surrender after a desperate resistance of eleven months. He consented to spare the town on condition that six noble citizens should place themselves, clad in their shirts and with halters round their necks, at his absolute disposal—which shows that the fourteenth century Edward III. of England was not much more civilised than the twentieth century rulers of Germany. The amiable monarch ultimately relented on the passionate pleading of his queen, Philippe of Hainault. Calais remained English until 1558, when the Duke of Guise, with 30,000 men, succeeded in expelling the small English garrison of 500 men after a siege of seven days. The Spaniards captured Calais in 1596, but it was restored to the French two years later by the Treaty of Vervins. It was from Calais that Mary Stuart set sail in 1560 to assume the crown of Scotland, and it was there that Louis XVIII. landed at the restoration of the French monarchy in 1814. The future history of Calais will probably have to be content with the distant sound of German guns.

MRS FIELDEN, OF GRIMSTON PARK, OPENS A SALE OF WORK.

DEAN OF YORK AND THE WAR.

The annual sale of soldiers' comforts, clothing for the poor, and needlework, and other articles, in aid of the funds of St. Stephen's Orphanage, York, was held in the Orphanage schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon. There was a large and influential gathering of the opening ceremony, at which the Dean of York (the Very Rev. J. Fort Purey-Cust, D.D.), presided. Among those supporting him were Mrs. Fielden (Grimston Park), Captain and Mrs. Greenwood, Hall (Greenwood (Grimston), Mrs. Guy Fairfax (Hillbrough), Miss Fielden, etc.

The Dean said that a little time ago one looked rather with feelings of misgivings as to what would be the condition of many of the churches in the country when the expenses of this terrible war were pressing very hard upon all classes and all ranks of society. But he was glad to say that, without any doubt, the funds of the societies, but also as showing the true character of the British nation—that they had suffered very little in many respects, and had not suffered at all in other respects in that they had received larger contributions this year than in former years. A little while ago the annual meeting of the Nurse's Home was held, and the results had been better than last year. Last Sunday in the Hospital Sunday, and while at York Minster a year ago the offertory was £12, on this occasion the amount was £47. (Applause). One felt a great thankfulness that it should be so, for one could not help seeing that in the midst of so much trouble, sorrow, and anxiety as at the present moment what an invaluable blessing to the British nation in this war the war had been. Twelve months ago the population of Great Britain generally went thinking of how they could enjoy themselves, for of what they could get for their own good. But now it was just the other way. There seemed to be one unselfish, earnest desire to know what they could do to help others. (Applause). In conclusion, the Dean called upon Mrs. Fielden to declare the sale open.

Mrs. Fielden said: "I have the greatest pleasure in coming here to-day, and I hope the sale will be a great success because it is in a good cause. I declare the sale open." (Applause).

A hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Fielden, on the motion of Canon Greenwood (Grimston), seconded by Dr. Evelyn, carried the proceedings forthwith, on Wednesday evening—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun., vice-chairman, E. R. Lupton, W. W. Hartley, W. Goodall, H. Cummings, and H. Chappel, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the sanitary inspector (Mr T. Abbott), and the water inspector (Mr. Marshall).

It was reported that during the month there had been nine births in males and 1 female), and there had been four deaths. One was registered for each district. Ages were aged 82 and 75, while the fourth death was that of a girl belonging to Allerton Bywater.

SANITARY AND BUILDING.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee an account for £80 8s., being the charge for maintenance of patients at the isolation hospital during the hilliest ended September 30th, was passed. The plan of a compression house proposed to be erected by Garforth Gas Co. was approved. The tender of Messrs G. H. Marshall and Son, to do alterations to the mill buildings for £160 4s. was accepted.

The minutes were passed.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the tender of Mr J. H. Bewsons for repairing fences and railings in Wakefield Road and Selby Road for £11 was accepted.

WATER COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Water Committee Mr Noyke reported that for the month ending 29th September the consumption of water was 1,301,000 gallons—an average of 46,404 gallons per day. An account sent by Leeds City Council for water for the quarter ended 30th September, amounting to £151 14s. 8d., was recommended for payment.

The minutes were passed.

After the reading of the minutes Mr Slater asked when the new urinal-closet house at the gas works had not been submitted after the building had been begun.

Mr Goodall said that was so, but the building involved no questions of sanitation or ventilation.

A FOOTPATH AT EAST GARFORTH.

Mr Gascoigne directed attention to the unsatisfactory state of the footpath leading from the level crossing on the Aberford Road. He thought something should be done, a good job should be made of it.

Mr Abbott said that the footpath should be asphalted as far as Paradise.

Mr Marshall said it was a main road, and if he could get the work done he would do so, but the County Council were chary of sanctioning expenditure.

Mr Hartley said there would be over 100 houses on that side.

The Chairman said there were about 140.

Mr Hartley said that they were a bit neglected on that side.

Mr Goodall asked why they could not ask the County Council to sanction the expenditure on a footpath.

It was pointed out that the estimates had already been sent in, and the Chairman asked Mr Archer to bear this work in mind next time.

Mr Archer said he would do so.

Mr Chappel raised the question of the Barley Hill Road footpath again, but nothing was done in the matter.

A BOY LEADS A BRITISH REGIMENT.

A story of a lad leading a bayonet charge is told by Corp. Ibbetson, D.C.M., and Manchesters, one of the hundred and fifty wounded who arrived at Cardiff early on Tuesday morning.

He said: "On October 29th, the Germans were all around us, and their fire enfiladed our trenches.

"First our lieutenant was wounded, then our sergeant, and we were left without a single officer to command the platoon.

"We were wondering what to do, when a private, a boy of eighteen, the baby of the company, threw up his cap, and, with a ringing cheer, yelled, 'Fix bayonets, lads!' We did, and charged the advancing Germans.

"The boy was in the act of bayoneting a German when the latter shouted, 'Ere God's sake, don't stick me!' 'It is too late,' returned the youngster; 'it is though you!'"

BARKSTON ASH MEN WITH THE COLOURS.

Lance-Corporal R. Dawson, of the West Yorkshire Regiment, of Selby, was buried and injured under some 3 tons of debris, along with his officer, on Sunday, October 25th. One was killed and brought into the trench, through a German shell dropping alongside the trench where they were lying. He was buried for 36 hours. Both the officer and himself were got out alive, but the German was dead. Corporal Dawson is now in hospital.

Private Richardson, Princess Pat's Canadian Light Infantry, of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, is now in Shaftesbury Plain is paying a flying visit to his parents in Selby. He has been several years in Canada with his brother, and was a draughtsman at the Westinghouse Co. works, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. At the outbreak of the war, along with his brother, he was the first in Canada to volunteer in Hamilton (Guelf's) Battalion. Guelf is the Canadian name for Hamilton who has raised the battalion. Richardson was sergeant-major in the Canadian Dragoons.

MARSTON

A sum of £8 3s. was collected at Long Marston Church for the Belgian Relief Fund.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 12.

November is truly an unpleasant month, and one during which the poultry keeper must be constantly on duty if he would see the highest kind and soundness kept at bay. When to this is added the inconvenience of limited hours of daylight, none but the would succeed must need extend the meaning of hustle.

Large have been rewards their maximum price, and will remain at that figure practically until Christmas, so that the poultry keeper is entitled to indulge the hope that he will be repaid for his labours. The lesson must will prepare his morning mash over night; the value of the food is enhanced by cooking, and it that is given warm, the appetite is keen, and it is right if sufficiently warm till morning. What a difference, then, an appetising meal which will warm and comfort the fowls on the cold morning should be ready for distribution immediately you rise, and the discomfort of preparing, mixing, and boiling up, which none could honestly describe as a pleasure, is avoided.

Whatever you prepare over night or in the morning, don't forget the addition of Colman's Poultry Mustard; as eggs become scarcer its use is more warranted.

Green food was recently mentioned. Scalded clover meal was overlooked. Experience has shown that there is no better substitute, and is easily procurable. Many will have cabbage and other green stuff to spare, whilst mangold, swede, and turnip, cut in half, will be eagerly eaten by the birds. Remember, the meal must not be given when frozen, otherwise it would derange the birds, and an excess of turnip must not be fed or the eggs will be distinctly flavoured.

Let the last meal be given at least an hour before darkness sets in. Let them work for it, but let it be a joyful feed, quite sixteen hours will elapse before the next meal, and you want them to lay don't you?

The hens are keeping union hours now. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach. You must job the hen the same way.

(Any enquiries concerning poultry keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post mortem examination, must enclose a 1d. penny postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

YORKSHIRE OFFICER SAYS 'WAR IS A WICKED THING.'

A relative has received from an officer in the West Yorkshire Regiment a letter in which he describes the wholesale looting by Germans. He writes:—

"The Germans have looted every village and town—looting with a system. They get a billet out, everything worth taking gone, and the wine all drunk; churches and farms ablaze, and peasants often grateful for a cruse of bread. They are a disgusting lot, the women and children, and to be in the district is no honour.

Wilson Butterworth (25), a foreman rag extractor, of 14, Wycliffe Street, Dewsbury, died in the Dewsbury Infirmary from blood poisoning, caused by the prick of a needle which was sticking in a bass he was unloading.

"October 22nd.—Yesterday I thought we were done for. However, we pulled through, for which I thank God. I cannot tell you all our doings, but I will say we were in a hot corner. War is a most wicked thing; I cannot say I enjoy it. Had a lucky touch yesterday in the trenches. A shell burst right in the trench, actually sounding my shoulder, and a bullet cut down through my puttees, pants, and took the skin off my leg, but did not hurt me. Read the 91st Psalm, and you will find it there. I first took it as a text in the Psalms, 'My hand shall hold him fast.' It has worked wonders for me. Thanks for letters. Don't worry more than you can help. Keep smiling."

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Large numbers of young Italians are escaping from Trieste and Trent to avoid being called to the colours under this conscription.

It is stated that when Parliament meets on November 11th the Government will ask for a further £100,000,000 for the purposes of the war.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, preaching at Barking on Monday, said the response made to our country's call was worthy of our best days.

Mr Joseph Chamberlain, whose will has just been proved, has left unsettled estate of the gross value of £126,019, the net personalty being £123,408.

The Queen's appeal for bulb bulbs and socks for the troops has been quite ready responded to by the women of the Empire that the fund has been closed.

The unemployment returns issued on Monday by the Board of Trade show that there is a further decline in the number of those who are in want of work.

The execution of a woman found guilty of child murder was at Nottingham Assizes on Saturday ordered to be stayed on the finding of a jury of midwives.

Leopold Dunke (53), a German tailor, was bound over at Newcastle on Monday for abusive language including "I'm glad of the English, I will crush them under my feet."

Mr Joseph Cowen, Stella Hall, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, has offered a prize to be competed for by the Tyne-side Irish Battalion, making in all £13,000 which he has given.

Among the natural effects of the war in the Cradock Basin has been a decided brightening of American trade in certain articles for the belligerents, notably shoe leathers, canvas, and beef.

The Folkestone magistrates on Saturday inflicted fines on nine men, part of the crew of the steamer Nora, for refusing to go to sea after wilfully disobeying the orders of the captain at Calais.

In the Court of Criminal Appeal, London, on Monday, the sentence of death passed upon Tom Gilbert, a foreman plasterer at Aylesbury, was quashed on the ground of the prisoner's insanity.

Viscount Bryce, in unveiling a statue at Aberdeen as a memorial to King Edward, said the warm tribute to the late King was one of building up the perfect and cordial understanding with France.

The body of a Fawley man was found on the Great Western Railway near Dorchester, and the body of his wife was discovered in the house. Suicide is the verdict. The couple came to be in the district is not known.

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A verdict of "Suicide, but no evidence as to state of mind," was returned, at a Leeds inquest on Ellen Handley (52), housekeeper to Mr Herbert Wade, of 48, Lofthouse Place, Leeds, who was found dead with a gas tube in her mouth.

At Hartlepool a saw mill and much valuable timber was destroyed by fire; at Newcastle the Masonic Hall and Assembly Rooms and two adjoining warehouses were destroyed; at Kilham three wheat stacks, valued at £300, were destroyed.

Private Frederick Askin (20), a soldier dressed in khaki, was charged with stealing letters belonging to members of the Royal Field Artillery which are addressed at the Canadian Road Barracks. The prisoner, who admitted the theft, was sent to prison for two months.

A sensation was caused in Manor Hamilton, co. Leitrim, by a public row between a local prisoner, residing in the main street, shot his son dead and then shot himself with a revolver. There had been some dispute between them over property. The father is not expected to recover.

At a meeting of the members of the Malton Agricultural Society on Saturday, on the proposal of Mr William Wood, it was decided to approach the North Riding County Council and ask for permission to engage boys over 12 years of age, on account of a serious shortage of labour.

At Liverpool on Monday, a German, named Ernest Keating (43), who escaped on Saturday from Shrewsbury concentration camp, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour. Evidence was given that Keating said he found the gates open and walked out. He wanted to see his wife and children in Liverpool.

At Thames Police Court Caroline Sripp, 50, a German, was sentenced to fifty months' hard labour and ordered to be deported as an alien. The police stated that the prisoner lived close to the entrance to the London Docks and from her windows ships of German nationality she was looked upon as a dangerous person.

In order to stimulate recruiting at Goole, Mr Mr James Dove, a well-known Goole ship owner, has decided to give insurances to all recruits during the week-end. Altogether, 18 were admitted to the 5th Battalion (K.O.Y.L.I.), and in addition to providing the insurance, Mr Dove handed the men one shilling each.

An Army Order prohibits the sale of intoxicating drinks to soldiers in Newcastle, Gateshead, Jarrow, and neighbourhood except during three hours a day. The Burnopfield and District Licensed Victuallers' Association have agreed that soldiers shall not be served with intoxicating drinks before the hour of 1 p.m.

The Rev. William Bryant, vicar of Stoke Lane, Westminster, was found shot in his vicarage on Saturday, with a revolver lying near him. An examination of the body by the police led to the conclusion that the rev. gentleman had probably been dead two days. Mr Bryant, who was living quite alone, had successfully appealed in the High Court against a magistrate's order granting his wife a separation order.

The second division of the Supreme Court in Edinburgh on Friday ordered Father McHardy, a Roman Catholic priest of Kirkcudbright, to appear before one of their number to give evidence in an affiliation case, which came before their lordships in the shape of an appeal. In the Court below the priest was examined as a witness, but refused to speak as to what was said to him by the defender, or what he reported to the two sets of parents as having been said to him by the defender. In declining to speak, Father McHardy pleaded privilege. Although the statements were not made to him in the confessional. The Court held that, in the circumstances, the plea of privilege was untenable.

ADEL.

Mr L. H. Lawson, who has been given a commission in the Army, is a son of Mr P. W. Lawson, of Adel, and was educated at Cardinal Mathew's, and has since been in business with the firm of Messrs Fairbairn, Lawson, Combe, Barbour (Limited), engineers, Leeds.

Speaking at a meeting of the Farmers' Club in London on Monday, Mr H. Trueman Eve, the secretary, said that no class, perhaps, had been less affected by the war than farmers. In giving a broad rule to express the duties of a farmer as a citizen wishing to help the country, he said they should sow what suited the farm and their style of farming, but give the seeding of wheat the turn of the scale.

Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., the famous gun manufacturers, propose building a factory at Crayford, Kent, for, among other things, the manufacture of sewing machines, with the purpose of ousting from this country the Germans makes, which hitherto have had a marked lead. Although we were the first European country to make sewing machines, in 1832, we only put 100,000 machines to Germany's 40, and the latter country exports one million of their machines annually.

Much curiosity has been aroused in the last few days by the discovery of a mysterious tunnel in the Chiltern district, and the names of two gentlemen have been mentioned in certain quarters. It is interesting to note that these gentlemen are well known in literary circles to be deeply interested in the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy, and it is understood that some years ago they had a considerable digging neighbourhood in the hope of finding emblems and manuscripts which would support their theory. These scientific investigations met with fruitless after much labour had been expended.

The British hospital ship, the Rohilla, has been wrecked at Whitby. She was of 2,965 tons, which was on her way from Leith to Dunkirk, went ashore at 3.30 on Friday morning in a furious gale. There were some heroic rescues by the Whitby lifeboat and brave attempts to save others from the wreck. On Sunday morning the weather had moderated, and the Tynemouth motor lifeboat proceeded to the scene of the disaster, and took off all who were on board the wreck. The gun room rescued had been on the wreck for more than fifty hours, and their sufferings had been terrible. Out of about 220 persons on board 146 have been saved.

Mr Balfour, addressing the eighth Royal Scots at Haddington on Friday, just after leaving the town, wished them God-speed, and congratulated them on being given the opportunity of showing that manner of men they were. There had never been in history a situation comparable to that which they now had to face. They had to face it, and would face it, with high courage and undaunted resolution. Those who, like himself, were prevented by age from taking their share in actual fighting, envied them their happier fate. Those at home had them in their thoughts, and followed them in imagination through all their trials and difficulties.

Alderman John Sewell Rigg, a former Mayor of Ripon, and a prominent judge of horses in the North of England, was charged at the Appleby Police Court on Tuesday with having committed false pretences a mare and a gelding from two Appleby farmers. The case for the prosecution was that the defendant had made the proposal his work of buying horses for the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry, represented to the farmers that he was still purchasing horses for the Army. He bought the two animals for £140 each, and later sold them to the Yeomanry for £165 each. The case for the defence was that the defendant was committed on both charges to the Westmorland Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

At Bristol Wm. Crook, (24), was committed for trial charged with the manslaughter of his brother, Matthew Crook (20), on October 3rd. Cordelia Britton, a sister, stated that the brothers were members of the 5th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment (Territorials) and had a gunsmith's railway bridge, near Bristol, on October 7th. Britton and another girl were visiting them when Matthew complained of the loss of the badge of his cap, and picked up a rifle. Thereupon his brother seized another rifle which was loaded, pointed it at him and seriously wounding Britton, who has been in hospital ever since, but is recovering. Wm. Crook, who has joined the Army, said the shooting happened, said he only picked up the rifle as a joke, and had no intention of shooting.



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In the administration of the law a marked change has come about during the past two decades, and it is particularly noticeable at the Skipton and Tadcaster Courts. While severe punishment is inflicted in cases in which it is richly deserved, a more generous attitude is displayed to offenders who have transgressed for the first time, and, in fact, "old hands" are often given a chance on a promise of amendment. The police, too, are always anxious that the best should be said for the law-breaker. Not quite twenty years ago I knew a parson-magistrate who seemed to have a keen delight in passing severe sentences, always accompanied by cutting comments, but one meets with little of that nowadays in this quarter.

Recently a Kippax correspondent wrote criticising a resolution passed by Tadcaster Board of Guardians in regard to pensions for disabled sailors and soldiers and allowances for the dependents of men who had lost their lives fighting for the country, but the only point to which he really took exception was the means by which the money should be raised. That is not settled yet, but the Government have, as I predicted they would, decided the other question. If a single man is disabled for life he will receive 14s., plus national insurance allowance (total 19s.), and a married man with no children will get 16s. and insurance allowance (21s.), rising to 23s., where there are children, and insurance (28s.). The allowances for widows are 7s. 6d., with one child 12s. 6d., two children 15s., three children 17s. 6d., and four children 20s. The amounts might have been more generous in cases where there are young children, because a woman with two children could not perhaps do any work, and 15s. is not much to live upon. The terms are, however, a great improvement, and they will, no doubt, provide a guarantee to men that if they fail to return their women folks will not be at the mercy of the poor law.

What effect have smells from sewers on infectious disease? It is surprising that this question should have again been raised at the Rothwell Urban Council meeting, but it is evident that people are difficult to convince. I remember the late medical officer (Dr. R. Stevenson) telling the Council that by the time sewer gas reached their nostrils it was quite harmless, but since then the question has been raised several times. At Crossgates an outbreak of diphtheria several years ago was attributed to bad drains, and so knowing were the folks that medical evidence failed to convince them.

Kippax, as the most populous township in Tadcaster Union, has not given a very encouraging lead in the matter of re-siting, and its returns compare very unfavourably with those of Garforth and Tadcaster. In this issue we publish the names of 105 Kippax men who have brought honour on themselves and on the village by enlisting, but where are the rest of the young fellows? Kippax has a population of well over 4,000, and Garforth, with its fewer inhabitants, is credited with sending out about 200 men, and Tadcaster, with a still smaller population, has contributed about 170. Why, Wetherby, with half the number of its inhabitants possessed by Kippax, has distinguished itself by sending about 200 men to the Colours, while Selby, which has double the population of the village on the hill, claims to have between 700 and 800 men in the Army. Clearly, Kippax has a lot of leeway to make up.

Garforth will benefit if Kippax secures a tramway service, but the Urban Council are lending no assistance in the matter. In reply to a petition from Kippax for trackless trams, the manager of the Leeds system states that he will bring it before the Tramways Committee, so there is every reason to believe that the question will be discussed. It would have been better had a deputation representative of Kippax, Garforth, and Allerton Bywater waited on the Tramways Committee and presented their case, because if objection was taken to the running of trackless trams motor 'buses could have been suggested as an alternative. Leeds Corporation are not philanthropists, and they will look at the question from a business standpoint, and all necessary information as to probable traffic should be laid before them. It is not likely the Trams-

Recently it was stated that the cost of town-planning Schools and Anstheope would be a charge on the rural district of Tadcaster, but since then I have had information which does not coincide with this view. The expenditure connected with Templenewsam scheme will, I understand, fall on the parish and not on the district, so I presume the same thing will operate all round.

Templenewsam scheme, although not finally decided upon, will probably be the first carried out by a Rural Council in the country, and it will have a remarkable effect on the development of the district. Roads of the greatest value and convenience will be constructed, open spaces will be provided, and the residential and industrial areas will be prescribed, so that the land will be laid out in the most beneficial way.

Barwick residents are to be given an opportunity shortly of stating whether or not they desire public lighting. It is proposed to limit the scheme to the village itself, so that only the people residing within the lighting area will have the power of voting, as they will, if they adopt the Lighting Act, have the privilege of paying. At the present time it is not clear that any real demand for lighting exists, but as several people have expressed a desire to have the question tested, the Parish Council have decided to find out the opinion of the ratepayers come road.

During the past few weeks lists of men from Tadcaster, South Milford, Monk Fryston, Crossgates, Church Fenton, Oulton, Woodlesford, etc., who have been patriotic enough to answer the country's call have been published in this journal, and in this issue we give the roll of honour for Thorpe and Scarcroft, which have distinguished themselves in several ways. By the publication of these village lists honour is given where it is due, and an opportunity is granted the public of judging what the district is doing in this great national crisis.

The figures already published show conclusively that the towns and villages in Barkston Ash Division have done splendidly, and they are on example to places like Leeds, where the young men have apparently failed to realise the needs of the country. The great majority of the men who have gone from the district are not at the Front—they are being trained, but there is little doubt that when the time comes for them to face the enemy they will give a good account of themselves.

In not a few parishes in the district the practice has been in vogue almost since the beginning of the war of ringing the church bells every day at noon in order that the people might be reminded of our brave men on the battlefield, and in connection with this I came across a very interesting letter written by a minister who is a chaplain at the Front. In reference to our soldiers, he says:—"They have seen visions—and they still shudder at the memory! It was hell, sir!—so they think of the retreat from Mons, etc., and when they have told you all about it they are glad for you to come a little closer and tell them news about home and peace and God. Here at least God is the name on the lips of many, very many brave boys, and—well, it's all too sacred to try to tell in a letter. At times it is a bit nerve-trying, but it is good to be here, and I am thankful to those who gave me this great chance to seek gently and gladly to help broken men to the joy and healing of the peace that passeth understanding. The question is asked, it almost seems by everyone, 'Do you think they'll be praying for us at home, sir?' Well, there are places in England, the parish of one of our Church of England Padre's is one, where at noon the parish bell is rung and rich and poor stop, shutters over their business at the moment, and offer prayer for the sailors and soldiers. That may not be possible everywhere, but it does mean a lot to think that those we love and who know our need are really praying together that God will answer."

"Farmers are of more account now than they have been for many years," declared a speaker at the Scarcroft ploughing match dinner, with all the delight and satisfaction a lady struggling for recognition is supposed to feel when she begins her ascent of the social ladder. Agriculturists, if the opinion quoted has any weight, have come to the conclusion the nation honours them at last with a place in the scheme of things, because they grow food for the people, but is not this view erroneous? Farmers, whether they wanted it or not, have had special legislation passed for them, and vast sums of money, part of which the townspeople have had to find, have been spent on experiments and education solely for their benefit.

According to one of their leaders, farmers are the only class who have not suffered by the war, and I wonder if they are grateful. It has been recorded that they have been grumbling about crops not turning out as well as was expected, about dry weather, and wet weather, but all that is in the ordinary course of things. The farmer must have his grumble; it hurts nobody, and it relieves his feelings. One of the speakers referred to the suggestion that more wheat should be grown in the country, in order to increase food supplies, but agriculturists will consider their own interests and utilize the land in the way they consider best. However they use it, they are raising food, and they will undertake the work that yields them the largest returns. That is business.

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Comforts for Soldiers.—Mr. Kearsey, late Colonel 1st V.B. W.Y.R., writes:—Will you kindly allow me, through your columns, to make an appeal for comforters and mittens for the above battalion, to the residents in the following areas, viz.:—York, Selby, Harrogate, Knaresborough, Starbeck, Ripon, Boroughbridge, Ponsby Bridge, Tadcaster, and Wetherby. I feel sure all classes in the inhabitants in these towns will gessen only and quickly respond to this appeal, and that the ladies who are working for our troops will help to provid these winter comforts when they know they are needed for both the active service and the reserve battalion, now mobilised at York and Harrogate respectively; for when a soldier is civilled by cold he cannot shoot straight. Colonel Wood, commanding the active service battalion, says khaki-coloured comforters, 6ft. long by 8in. wide, would be as useful as anything, or else mittens; and that it is better that these should be sent to the battalion and not to men of any particular company. Parcels should be labelled "comforts," and addressed to Officer Commanding, 5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment, Drill Hall, Collingerate, York. Colonel Bottomley, commanding the Reserve Battalion, would prefer mittens only for noncommissioned officers and men. Parcels should be labelled "comforts," and addressed to Officer Commanding 5th Reserve Batt., West Yorks. Regiment, Beech Wood, Harrogate.

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The experiment has taken place like at night on a small island adjoining Sir John's estate. Ralph awakes early in the morning to find Sir John alone with his model. On the way, down with a final test he makes awful possibilities of the invention, tells us that his father should give the secret of his discovery to the world. Ralph answers that his father will never do that, as neither shall any one else. Sir John then turns on his heel in the hangings is horrified to find his father's back calmly studied.

CHAPTER III.

For a few moments Ralph Ironcli stood motionless. His mind was dazed by the shock of the discovery. He had thought it possible that his father had made his invention, considered that the old man, overwrought with excitement and an incessant toil which had lasted for over three years, had suddenly collapsed, had fainted, or had even perhaps fallen and struck his head against some piece of stone or iron.

But there was no question what had actually happened. His father had been murdered. The revolver, still gripped in the right hand, left no room for doubt, even if the effects of the blow itself had not been visible.

Ralph Lowick passed his hand across his eyes, as though trying to clear the mists from his brain. Then he clutched at the woodwork of the kitchen dresser, and leant forward, his face white and his eyes staring, the body upon the floor. Every muscle in his body was rigid, and he remained as he was, seemingly as though he had been carved out of stone. Then a shiver passed through him, and he drew himself up, and the blood seemed to course through his veins again.

"I am not a child," he thought. "I must keep a head on my shoulders. There's a good deal to be thought of and done to-night."

He knelt down by his father's side and held his hand over the heart. The flesh was still warm, but he could not detect the faintest flutter beneath his fingers.

Then he took the revolver from his father's hand, rose to his feet, and, making his way into the next room, closed the door and locked it. He knew that his duty was to fetch the doctor and the police at once. But there was something else to be done first. The death of his father was inexplicable, save on the theory of experiment which had taken place that evening on the island. The scientist had no enemies, save those who could hope to steal the secret of his invention, or those who wished the secret to die with the man who held it. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been right to go at once for the doctor and to place the affair in the hands of the police. But, as it was, there was something of more importance than the pursuit of the murderer. It must be ascertained whether the machine itself had been stolen. The future of a nation—perhaps the future of the civilized world—depended on that. Private grief and the revenge of the law must wait.

He lit a small candle, and the blue spark ran into the night. The moon had now risen above the dense atmosphere, and shone white in a clear sky. The cave was within a few yards of the bungalow, and Ralph hurried up to it. He had feared the worst, and his fears were realised. The machine was gone!

He knew now that two people must have taken part in the foul deed of which he was the single man could have moved the machine from the cart. He might have pulled it on to the ground, but he could not have done nothing further with it. The weight of the box, which was almost entirely lead, must have been nearly four hundred pounds, and its shape was such that it could not have been carried, even by a Samson.

He held the lantern close to the ground, and saw dozens of footprints in the sand. Doubtless many of them were his own, and some were made by his father, and some were undoubtedly those of a servant.

"I cannot play the part of a detective," he muttered. "Now that the box has gone, I can do nothing. I will go for the police."

He made his way back to the channel, following a line of footsteps which he fancied had not been made by either of Van Endermine or himself. They took him to the pier; but he did not stop to examine further than to see that the footmarks and the gardener to the bungalow, giving them instructions not to move or disturb anything, and merely to watch till he returned. Then he stepped into the motor which had been left standing on the road, and made his way to the village of Easternhoe. Here he called up the doctor, asked the policeman to telephone to Winchester, the nearest town of any importance, for the inspector, and took both doctor and policeman back to the island.

When he had formed them across, he returned to the mainland, and locked up the furious speed to Sinchester, which was fifteen miles away. He met the inspector's trap three miles outside the town.

"I've come to fetch you," he shouted, "that trap is far too slow."

Inspector Turnbull alighted and seated himself by Ralph's side. He was a thick-set, heavy-faced man, with a close-clipped black moustache. One of the smartest police officers in the East of England, he had the professional merit of not looking very intelligent. In the course of his career he had found this very useful to him.

"Sad business, sir," he said in his slow, deep voice, "a terrible business for you—and for all of us. Sir John was much respected by everyone."

"Yes, Turnbull. But we can't think of that now. I haven't allowed myself to think of what I've lost. The scoundrels must be found—if possible to-night before they can make use of what they have stolen."

"Please tell me all about it, sir. It will save time. I can get to work directly I arrive."

Ralph Lowick told the inspector all that he knew, and dwelt much on the importance of the loss of the machine. He would have liked to keep the whole matter of the invention a secret, but he knew that this was practically an impossibility. The nature and value of his father's secret would have to be disclosed at the inquest under cross-examination, inasmuch as the theft of the machine had provided a motive for the crime.

When the young man had finished the recital of the facts, which he did with considerable clearness for one who was in such deep distress, Mr. Turnbull asked a few questions, and seemed satisfied with the answers.

Then for two or three minutes there was silence, and it was not till the lights of the house came in view across the stretch of marshland that either of them spoke again.

"I expect, sir," said the inspector, softly, "you didn't think of looking in your poor father's workshop, or laboratory, as I suppose he called it?"

"I did not. Why should I?"

"It didn't occur to you that possibly the machine would be useless to anyone unless he had some kind of key to it—plans, drawings, explanations, and all that sort of thing."

"I must confess that it didn't occur to me, but, in any case, valuable documents of this sort would not be left in the workshop. They would be in a safe or somewhere."

"You didn't think of looking at the safe?"

"No, I did not."

"We will look at it before we cross to the island."

When they arrived at the house they made their way upstairs to the bedroom, and found that the safe was locked, and that there were no signs of anyone having attempted to break it open.

"Where are the keys?" asked the inspector. "My father kept them on his watch-chain."

"You didn't notice if his chain had gone?"

"I did not."

"Then, well, I think it would be better to leave someone on guard. Have you any men in the house?"

"The butler, and I can find the undergardener and a groom."

"Well, let two of them watch here. It is possible that the safe may have been opened on, on the other hand, if it has not, the assailant might be made before we come back. Also, if anyone is known into confusion, the scoundrel seizes an opportunity."

"You think the men are hiding in the neighbourhood, sir?"

"Yes, if they have not already stolen the plans. Now, if you'll give instructions to your servants, I'll cross over to the island."

Lowick told the butler and the undergardener to wait in the bedroom and, acting on the inspector's suggestion, sent the caretaker, the groom, and the chauffeur to search the grounds. Then, accompanied by Mr. Turnbull, he made his way down to the landing stage, and found to his amusement that a boat had been left on the other side. He shouted till he attracted the attention of someone in the bungalow. In the meantime the inspector lost no time, but carefully examined the pier and the shore by the edge of the water.

"The footprints of a man and a woman," he said, "but, of course, anyone landing at the tide was up would land on the pier."

"Yes. The footprints are those of my sister and Miss Endermine. I was driving the cart."

"Yes, there are the marks of the wheels and the horse's hoofs. I see nothing else."

The footman arrived with the boat, and rowed them across to the other side.

"You'd better get back, Mr. Turnbull," said to the man, when they landed on the island, "and report to Winchester with you. There are quite enough of us here."

The footman looked at his master inquiringly.

"Yes," Ralph said, sharply, "you've both got back." And then, turning to the inspector, "Is there anything particular you'd like to do?"

"Certainly. The gardener can take the place of the chauffeur in your father's bedroom. Then I want the chauffeur and our friend here to go to Easternhoe and make inquiries."

"What inquiries?"

"I will tell him as we walk up to the bungalow."

Mr. Turnbull's instructions to the footman were clear and precise. First the man was to try and find out if any cart or barrow or truck had passed through Easternhoe that night since seven o'clock; secondly he was to go to six villages within a radius of three miles of Easternhoe and make similar inquiries; thirdly, he was to get the local policeman of Westernhoe to telegraph or telephone to six small ports on the coast, and to get the coastguards to search all ships moored for a brown box some two feet square and one in depth.

This was repeated twice before the man grasped it. He departed at once in the company of the gardener, and the inspector and Lowick entered the bungalow.

They found the doctor in the sitting-room, his elbows resting on the table, and his head on his hands. There was a dazed expression on the old man's face, and in front of him there was a sleepless half-full of brandy. For thirty years he had been the doctor at Easternhoe, and had seen many men and women dying, but this was the first time he had ever been called in to view the body of a murdered man. As he looked at Ralph there was fear in eyes as the inspector and Lowick entered the room.

"I waited till your return," he said, plaintively. "I thought it would be better to wait though I was afraid I have gone home long ago. I could be of no use here."

"I am obliged to you for waiting, sir," said Mr. Turnbull. "Where is Evans?"

"He went out ten minutes ago, and has not returned."

The inspector nodded, and then went into the next room, closing the door behind him. When he returned he addressed himself to the doctor. "I can't tell you how upset I am; I don't think any of us realise it as yet," and he looked at Ralph's face with his hands. He shut out some hideous sight from his eyes.

The young man looked down on him, and his lips tightened. As yet he had had no time to think of his own terrible grief. Action had been demanded of him—concentration of immediate action; and, though there had been moments when he had done all that was in his power to find the murderer and recover the machine. But he was very near to it now, as he looked down on the grey, bowed head of the doctor who had brought him into the world. The old man had been a friend from childhood, and a crony of his father's for nearly thirty years.

"I think you had better go home, doctor," he replied, "and get an effort to be calm. It is getting very late. You ought not to have waited up for me. You look quite tired out."

"I must stay, Ralph; I must stay for a little while. I ought not to give way like this. But the shock—and I feel that I could do anything, if your poor father's life depended on my nerve, I should not be found wanting. But I am helpless, and am trying to think—to remember."

Ralph took roughly a strong brandy and soda, and drank half of it without taking his lips from the glass. Then he went out on to the verandah, leaning against one of the iron pillars, gave a deep sob.

"I must hold up," he muttered; "at present I must not think of myself."

He pulled himself together, and stepped out on to the road. Far away at the northern end of the island a yellow light twinkled. Doubtless it was the policeman buying him self to find some clue. He remained there less for two minutes, and then returned to the sitting-room.

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He made his way outside into the open and waved his lantern to and fro, making signals that were well understood by his subordinate.

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"Where have you been, Evans?" the inspector asked.

"Sorry, sir, but I thought I'd walk to the island."

"You've been gone for over half an hour."

"Mr. Ironcli, sir, I—I thought I'd walk to the island."

"Nonsense! Where have you been?"

"I—I—I thought I'd walk to the island."

"When they arrived at the house they made their way upstairs to the bedroom, and found that the safe was locked, and that there were no signs of anyone having attempted to break it open.

"Where are the keys?" asked the inspector. "My father kept them on his watch-chain."

"You didn't notice if his chain had gone?"

"I did not."

"Then, well, I think it would be better to leave someone on guard. Have you any men in the house?"

"The butler, and I can find the under-gardener and a groom."

"Well, let two of them watch here. It is possible that the safe may have been opened on, on the other hand, if it has not, the assailant might be made before we come back. Also, if anyone is known into confusion, the scoundrel seizes an opportunity."

"You think the men are hiding in the neighbourhood, sir?"

"Yes, if they have not already stolen the plans. Now, if you'll give instructions to your servants, I'll cross over to the island."

Lowick told the butler and the under-gardener to wait in the bedroom, and, acting on the inspector's suggestion, sent the caretaker, the groom, and the chauffeur to search the grounds. Then, accompanied by Mr. Turnbull, he made his way down to the landing stage, and found to his amusement that a boat had been left on the other side. He shouted till he attracted the attention of someone in the bungalow. In the meantime the inspector lost no time, but carefully examined the pier and the shore by the edge of the water.

"The footprints of a man and a woman," he said, "but, of course, anyone landing at the tide was up would land on the pier."

"Yes. The footprints are those of my sister and Miss Endermine. I was driving the cart."

"Yes, there are the marks of the wheels and the horse's hoofs. I see nothing else."

The footman arrived with the boat, and rowed them across to the other side.

"You'd better get back, Mr. Turnbull," said to the man, when they landed on the island, "and report to Winchester with you. There are quite enough of us here."

The footman looked at his master inquiringly.

"Yes," Ralph said, sharply, "you've both got back." And then, turning to the inspector, "Is there anything particular you'd like to do?"

"Certainly. The gardener can take the place of the chauffeur in your father's bedroom. Then I want the chauffeur and our friend here to go to Easternhoe and make inquiries."

"What inquiries?"

"I will tell him as we walk up to the bungalow."

Mr. Turnbull's instructions to the footman were clear and precise. First the man was to try and find out if any cart or barrow or truck had passed through Easternhoe that night since seven o'clock; secondly he was to go to six villages within a radius of three miles of Easternhoe and make similar inquiries; thirdly, he was to get the local policeman of Westernhoe to telegraph or telephone to six small ports on the coast, and to get the coastguards to search all ships moored for a brown box some two feet square and one in depth.

This was repeated twice before the man grasped it. He departed at once in the company of the gardener, and the inspector and Lowick entered the bungalow.

They found the doctor in the sitting-room, his elbows resting on the table, and his head on his hands. There was a dazed expression on the old man's face, and in front of him there was a sleepless half-full of brandy. For thirty years he had been the doctor at Easternhoe, and had seen many men and women dying, but this was the first time he had ever been called in to view the body of a murdered man. As he looked at Ralph there was fear in eyes as the inspector and Lowick entered the room.

"I waited till your return," he said, plaintively. "I thought it would be better to wait though I was afraid I have gone home long ago. I could be of no use here."

"I am obliged to you for waiting, sir," said Mr. Turnbull. "Where is Evans?"

"He went out ten minutes ago, and has not returned."

The inspector nodded, and then went into the next room, closing the door behind him. When he returned he addressed himself to the doctor. "I can't tell you how upset I am; I don't think any of us realise it as yet," and he looked at Ralph's face with his hands. He shut out some hideous sight from his eyes.

The young man looked down on him, and his lips tightened. As yet he had had no time to think of his own terrible grief. Action had been demanded of him—concentration of immediate action; and, though there had been moments when he had done all that was in his power to find the murderer and recover the machine. But he was very near to it now, as he looked down on the grey, bowed head of the doctor who had brought him into the world. The old man had been a friend from childhood, and a crony of his father's for nearly thirty years.

"I think you had better go home, doctor," he replied, "and get an effort to be calm. It is getting very late. You ought not to have waited up for me. You look quite tired out."

"I must stay, Ralph; I must stay for a little while. I ought not to give way like this. But the shock—and I feel that I could do anything, if your poor father's life depended on my nerve, I should not be found wanting. But I am helpless, and am trying to think—to remember."

Ralph took roughly a strong brandy and soda, and drank half of it without taking his lips from the glass. Then he went out on to the verandah, leaning against one of the iron pillars, gave a deep sob.

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Hunslet Board of Guardians.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr. T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mrs. M. A. Dickson, Richard H. Parker-gill, Mrs. Stead, J. W. Watts, and G. W. Peters, with the Clerk (Mr. F. W. Moy).

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes' Committee a letter was received from the Rothwell Urban District Council respecting the charges for water supply, and expressing the opinion that the Guardians are much too many treated than other Unions in the district. An account was also received for water supplied during the past half-year, and it was decided that the matter be referred to the next meeting for a definite reply to the Guardians' offer also with the July half-year.

It was resolved that the Guardians be recommended to provide additional fare for the inmates of the institution as follows:—Legs of mutton (with rubbers for the sick instead if preferred) together with plum pudding for dinner, and tea after dinner. Spice loaf and cheese for tea, 1lb. grapes for each adult and 1lb. for each child, 1 oz. tobacco additional for men and a sufficient quantity of tobacco or tea for women, 1 box of cigars, 50 cigarettes and an average of 1½ per head of children for toys, to be selected by the matron.

The minutes were passed.

VARIOUS

It was resolved that the Guardians support the request of the Executive Council of Poor Law Unions' Association for the next conference and to support any resolutions for the increased allowance to wives and dependents of those at the Front.

It was resolved that the Clerk Armstrong (relieving officer) asking the Board to allow him a fortnight in five as holidays as it was too late in the year to take holidays.

It was also resolved that Mr. Armstrong to postpone his holidays until October owing to Mr. Steel being called up.

Mr. Butterick moved that the matter be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration.

Mr. Conroy seconded and this was carried.

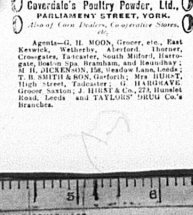
A letter was read from Father M. J. Dillon (a former member of the Board) and Mr. Beckett thanking the Board for their congratulations upon his appointment to St. Mary's, Selby.

WHITKIRK.

LADY DOROTHY WOOD AND THE BELGIANS.—Writing to the newspapers from Templenewsam, Lady Dorothy Wood says:—Lady I. has planned to make an appeal in your columns for clothes for the numbers of wounded Belgian soldiers who have come to hospital in England since the occupation of Antwerp and Ostend by the Germans? Many of them were removed from Belgian hospitals in nothing but blankets, and, now, when recovering and able to get up again, are sorely in need of an outfit; indeed, it is a fact that there are many who are obliged to remain in bed because they have no clothes at all. At the outbreak of war, when the sun was at its zenith, was hot summer weather, therefore very few have any warm underclothing, and many have nothing to wear but thin shirts and black cotton trousers. Such clothing is terribly inadequate for the winter, especially for those numerous cases suffering from severe rheumatism. I feel sure your readers will respond readily to an appeal for our brave Allies, who have fought so splendidly, and who must rely solely upon us to provide those things for them while their own country is unable to do so. We have either a clothes' depot or a fund which has been open and are still in good condition. The chief needs are:—Warm vests and pants, shirts, socks, boots, and slippers and jackets and trousers. Any contributions will be most gratefully received at the Leeds Lady Mayoress's Committee Rooms, 1, East Parade, and should be labelled "Belgian Refugees."

TADCASTER

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon at Tadcaster Dodgue match was played between Tadcaster and York City. The teams were:—York City—Pinkney (goal); Stewart and Dungate, backs; Patrick, Dent, and Wray, half-backs; Johnson, Pattinson, Allan, Atkinson, and Shepherd, forwards. Tadcaster—Moverley, goal; Gould; Clayton and Ellerbeck, backs; Moss, Shields, Lee, Hall, Sanderson, and Jackson, Nesbitt, Birdsall, Sunderland, and Garbutt, forwards. Tadcaster started with only eight players, and the game was over-ruled by the referee at 3.30 scored for York. Shields joined Tadcaster after 10 minutes. Though having a depleted side, Tadcaster soon equalised, Birdsall scoring from a corner. Sanderson, Garbutt, and Lee added to the lead, Allan being the scorer. Tadcaster, having only nine players, the game was naturally very one-sided, but Hall scored one and Moss one just before half-time. Considering the circumstances Tadcaster did well to keep the score down. At the interval York were leading by two goals to one. With a full team Tadcaster expected to do better, but for a time the play ruled very even. Tadcaster had evidently taken too much out of themselves in the first half, and York increased their lead, Allan scoring from a scramble. Then a brilliant effort by Ellerbeck all but resulted in a score, he just putting outside with a hard shot. As time went on Tadcaster had more of the play, but free kicks become too frequent. There was an exciting tussle in the York goal after a centre by Ellerbeck, but it fizzled out, as did a second in the same way. Tadcaster were defeated by three goals to one.



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DISTRICT BREVITIES.

In Tadcaster, it is stated, measles are very prevail nt.

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A cow belonging to Mr. J. Pocklington, of Weston, has had three calves.

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Members of Whitkirk Rifle Club are now having drill. It will benefit them.

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"When drink's in wit's out," said a man at Tadcaster charged with "d and d."

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A substantial increase in the population of Tadcaster Union was recorded last month.

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The call on the Wetherby Union for County Council purposes is £500 more than last year.

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According to reports, farmers are likely to have to pay increased prices for labour in the district

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Where are the houses? A man told Tadcaster magistrates on Monday that he could not get a house in the town.

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Who gives? An appeal is being made to the following of the York and Ainsty Hunt to provide a motor ambulance.

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A cheerful message. "We are still knocking spots off the Germans." Thus writes a Thorparch man at the Front.

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A musical evening given by the Osmondthorpe Harmonic Society realised over £4 for the Leeds Lord Mayor's Relief Fund.

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Well done! A patriotic barber in the district states that he will attend all the Belgian refugees in his village free of charge.

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Whinmoor people are greatly in need of a water supply. They must wait for it, as Schools Committee is satisfy their wants.

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Bolton Percy is the only place in the district with a Women's Institute. The fee is twenty-pence per annum and a sixth of a penny on land.

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The language of a man at Tadcaster was described as "most oppolitive." It was fortunate it was not repeated to the magistrates.

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It is stated that Crossgates would give hospitality to a number of Belgian Refugees could a house be obtained for their accommodation.

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In order to carry out a road improvement at Sherburn Cross the District Council are to require the necessary land by compulsory means.

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"What do you mean by keeping company?" asked a lawyer at Tadcaster. "I was walking him out," said the girl of whom the question was asked.

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The competitors at the Thorner and Scarcroft ploughing match, according to a judge, are showing greater perfection." When will they reach perfection?

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In an assault case at Kippax a man said he "sold two pigs to a woman not knowing him to be such." They won't be made into German sausage, will they?

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The Rev. H. T. S. Gedge, of Askham Richard, has, with the full approval of the Archbishop of York, withdrawn his acceptance of the benefice of Bishopton, York.

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There's always something! Wetherby farmers were complaining a short time ago that the land was too dry for getting in wheat, and now they are saying it is too wet!

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The Rev. Victor Stillingfleet, M.A., was on Friday instituted by the Bishop of Ripon to the Rectory of Kirk Deighton on the presentation of Mrs Gelbart, Kirk Deighton.

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Within about twenty years the Skyrack magistrates have had fourteen changes. Three of the gentlemen have joined the great majority, the rest to go being Mr Benson Jowitt.

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At Marston, Crossgates, tomorrow (Saturday) night there should be a large audience to hear Dr Sadler, the scholarly vice-chancellor of Leeds University, dealing with "The issues of the war."

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Templenewsam people are, it is stated, giving about £12 a week to the Distress Fund, and if disease becomes acute a number of subscribers have indicated their intention of increasing their subscriptions.

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It is expected that when the Templenewsam town-planning scheme is passed the work of making the principal road from Halton Hill through the park to Whitkirk will be commenced at once. This road will be a great convenience.

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Mr C. E. Charlesworth, the Rothwell colliery owner, has given £10, and Mr Payne Galloway, of Askham Bryan, £10 10s. to the York and Ainsty Motor Ambulance Fund. Mr Payne Galloway has also given £10 to the Hussars motor maxim fund.

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The Rev. Father Dillon, formerly of Hunslet, who was at one time a member of Hunslet Board of Guardians, has been appointed to Selby Catholic Church, and he preached his first sermon there on Sunday evening before a large congregation.

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Mr William Liversidge, the "Grand Old Man" of Selby, who is in his 88th year, has organised a demonstration with the object of gaining for the Army a good many more recruits from Selby. Already two old and two men belonging to the town have joined the forces in some form, or re-enlisted since the outbreak of the war.

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In Tadcaster district the school attendance returns for last month gave an average of 86.48 per 100, compared with 86.33 in the corresponding month of the previous year. At the separate schools the figures were—Bilbrough 92, Healaugh 90.47, Newton Kyme 95, Tadcaster boys 86.25, girls 87.25, infants 86.87, and the Roman Catholic School 86.84.

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Kaiser's guest! Word has been received from Private Walter Hayes, who belonged to the West Yorkshire Regiment, and who was reported missing on September 22. Writing to his parents, who live at 17, Spring Grove View, Thwaite Gate, Stourton, he tells them that he is a prisoner of war at Doeberitz. He had been only a few months in the reserve when he was called out.

It's coming: Wetherby is to have a picture house.

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Tadcaster magistrates had only three cases to deal with on Monday.

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Rothwell and Stourton are now to help the Belgians. Quite right, too.

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The inmates of the Wetherby Workhouse are to have their usual Christmas festivities.

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Pony drivers are not always kind to ponies, as witness the conduct of Gorforth lads recently.

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In Barkston Ash farm labour is scarce, and farmers are talking about employing Belgians.

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The members of Wetherby Golf Club have sent £16 19s. to the National Relief Fund.

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Business is dull at Garforth! The Urban Council had practically nothing to do at their last meeting.

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The issue of closing orders for certain houses in Tadcaster and Kippax will result in great improvements to property.

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Going elsewhere! Wetherby Thursday market has been greatly injured by the weekly market recently started in York.

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Birkin Church folks have contributed £3 2s., and Kirk Hammerton Church is congregation £4 8s to the funds of Leeds Infirmary.

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A sum of £3 13s. 10d., proceeds of a whist drive and dance at Hunsingore, has been given to the West Riding Belgian Relief Fund.

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These are the days of small things. The meetings of Tadcaster Board of Guardians and District Council on Monday were over in about half-an-hour.

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Lord Harewood has given £100 and Lady Harewood £50 towards the cost (over £1,000) of an armoured motor maxim gun for the Yorkshire Hussars.

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Mr J. Ladley, who was appointed a member of Tadcaster Assessment Committee on Monday, is a Kirkby Wharfe farmer, and a well-known judge of horses.

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Wouldn't look at it! Tadcaster Chamber of Agriculture did discuss the farm labourers' wage programme, but the Wetherby farmers would not give it consideration.

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The prospects of labour in the district are good. Agriculture will give full employment to its people, and the mining centres there is no complaint of distress.

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Tut, tut! At Scarcroft ploughing match dinner a speaker said he trusted that farmers and their men did "sound labour." A better fate is scarcely deserved by the sons of the soil.

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Mumps at Selby! The infants' departments of the Abbey Church, Wesleyan, and Roman Catholic Day Schools have been closed for three weeks on account of an outbreak of mumps in the town.

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Thorner and Scarcroft have an excellent Nursing Fund, of which Miss Hilda Nasmyth is hon. treas., and the collectors are now fulfilling the task of getting in the money necessary for the work.

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Some of the Wetherby men who are serving their country are having their services recognised. For instance, Edward Gaythorpe, who is now with the Yorkshire Hussars, at Hitchin, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, Stanley Walker and Harry Wiseman have both been promoted to the rank of corporal.

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Licence-holders warned! At Selby on Monday the Chairman (the Rev. B. Hemsworth) stated that the magistrates found there was a certain amount of drunkenness going on among soldiers. The justices wished it to be known that publicans must exercise care in this matter, otherwise the hours for the sale of liquor would be curtailed.

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Farmers, look out! A correspondent writes:—It is stated that farmers have not been much affected so far by the war. It is to be hoped that their eyes are sufficiently open to the danger of the destruction of stacks and stored crops by enemy incendiaries. The remarkable number of farm fires "from unknown causes" since war broke glut (several of them occurring at short intervals within not very wide areas) indicates the possibility of organised attempts to destroy food supplies, and the necessity of keeping a strict look-out.

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THE LATE MR BENSON JOWITT.

MR R. Benson Jowitt, who was for many years chairman of the Wetherby Board of the Leeds General Infirmary, died at Tunbridge Wells, where he had resided since leaving Leeds some years ago.

He was a magistrate for Leeds as well as for the West Riding, having qualified for the city in 1897, and for the county a year later. He was as West Riding Justice of the Peace that he was best known in a judicial capacity. He was one of the most regular attenders at the Court for the Skyrack Division, held at Leeds, and he had been on the Bench when, about the year when, on the late Mr Bothuse E. Wilkinson leaving Leeds in 1893, he was unanimously chosen chairman. One instance of his use in the practice of the Court, he was responsible for. That was the substitution of the hand-up method for the reading of the right hand—for the old-fashioned method of kissing the Testament. It was purely for sanitary reasons that he made the change, which was afterwards adopted in many other Courts throughout the country.

In the city of Leeds his influence College took an active share, as a prominent life governor (for which a donation of £1,000 was made by the Jowitt family), a member of the Council, and a member of the Committee on Technical Instruction in the days when Sir Lenard Lupton was connected with the Leeds University, being a life member of the Court. He was one of the Governors of the Grammar School, a member of the Committee of the Leeds Musket Festival, a trustee of the Leeds Trade Benevolent Society, and for a brief period a member of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce.

In former days he was associated with the East Parade Congregational Chapel, but eventually joined the Church of England, at St Martin's Church, Conservatory, of which he was for several years a warden, he was one of the most energetic workers. He was also a trustee of the Leeds Parish Church, and was a member of the Representatives of the Ripon Diocese in the York House of Laymen.

Politically he was an ardent Liberal, but while the party divided on the Home Rule question in the middle of the 'eighties he became an equally ardent Unionist. His public appearances on the political platform, however, were exceedingly rare, and in later years particularly he took hardly any part in politics.

With so many calls on his time he was yet able to devote himself actively to his business. On leaving school he joined his father—the late Mr John Jowitt, who headed the poll at the first Leeds School Board election, and was afterwards Chairman of the Board—in the oldest-established business of Robt. Jowitt and Sons, wool merchants. His father retired from the concern a few years before his death in the late 'eighties, and from that time until he went to reside at Tunbridge Wells Mr Benson Jowitt—his only son—was head of the firm. For many years he lived at Harehills —the estate now better known as Potternewton Park—which the Corporation acquired from Mr Joseph Ford. He resided at Wetherby from his native city.

At the Skyrack Court on Tuesday the Chairman made a brief reference with the relatives of the late Mr Robert Benson Jowitt, and paid a warm tribute to his memory, commenting on the various institutions in Leeds with which Mr Jowitt was associated, in addition to being chairman of the Skyrack Bench, for many years. On behalf of the legal profession Mr A. Willey also expressed sympathy.

THORNER AND SCARCROFT AND THE WAR.

FORTY MEN SERVING WITH THE COLOURS

THE THORNER CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL.

GENEROUS HOSPITALITY FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES.

We have received a list of the gallant men from Thorner and Scarcroft who are serving their King and country, and it will be observed that included are the names of Lieut. F. C. Ledgard, who died a heroic death on the battlefield, and Captain R. S. Ledgard, his brother, who is a prisoner of war in Germany. Corporal A. Carr, of the Scots Guards, has been wounded, and is now in hospital at Southend-on-Sea.

The names of the men are as follows:— R. Addin, F. Armitage, W. Arrowsmith, J. Bowman, G. Brown, M. Brown, A. Camp, Corporal W. A. Carr (wounded), Cooper, Cowper, G. Dighton, T. Dighton, T. Hambleton, J. Fisher, H. Graham, H. Hanson, H. Hardisty, H. V. Higgs, A. Hollings, H. Hollings, A. Illingworth, H. Limbert, Captain R. S. Ledgard (prisoner of war in Germany), Lieut. F. C. Ledgard (killed in action), W. Metcalfe, B. Miles, A. Neuffton, J. Nettleton, C. Noble, W. Noble, C. Palliser, R. Pickersgill, T. Revis, S. Revis, M. Rhodes, W. Richardson, H. Smith, C. Taylor, H. Warrington, F. Webster, and J. Wensley.

The Vicar, in his magazine, writes:—The sadness of this terrible war is being brought home to many of us by the death on the battlefield of some friend. Mr and Mrs Ledgard and their family, who had recently had heard the glad tidings of the safety of their eldest son, Capt. R. S. Ledgard, are again plunged into grief by the death of their youngest son, Lieut. F. Ledgard, who has been killed in action. Deserved to his a young man of great promise, he has been called at an early age to lay down his life for his country. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." Trials by the sacrifice of such brave men that the honour of England is today being maintained.

Several interesting letters which have appeared in Thorner magazine have been sent to us for publication.

Miss Hilda Nussey, Commandant of the Beverley-street-Thorner Voluntary Aid Detachment, writes:—

"The Voluntary Aid Detachment received orders from headquarters at York on Saturday, October the 17th, to equip their hospital. On Monday afternoon Major Dobson, who is in charge of the 2nd Northern Hospital of Leeds, inspected the Workmen Sunday School buildings. He pronounced that the sanitary arrangements were not adequate for hospital use, which naturally requires to be of the most perfect type—and tremendous supply of water laid on, etc. The hospital was therefore obliged to be abandoned.

"On Tuesday, October the 20th, Major Dobson asked me to go to Beckett's Park Hospital and discuss if any other scheme were practical. He was very anxious to accept our offer on the recommendation of the Leeds Hospital is generally at present. The stipulation was that we were to have the hospital for a year. A house has been thought about at Bramham, but I feel convinced that a year would be a very long time for us to go backwards and forwards regularly, and therefore it would not undertake the work.

"The money which was collected at the beginning of the war amounted to £37 8s. 3d., about £10 12s. 9d. of which has been spent in material which made up pillow cases, 21 red sleeping jackets, 33 night-shirts, and about 20 pairs of socks and 4 pairs of slipping socks and operating stockings.

Many ladies have been good enough to buy the wool and make socks as well. The Thorner ladies also made some of the pyjama, day shirts, and socks which the Wetherby Fund provided for the Front. Socks have been sent to 12 soldiers personally known to the Thorner ladies, and 28 pairs sent off to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. The hospital shirts are now still being kept at Brandy Grange. The remainder of the money—£20 12s. 6d.—is deposited in the Thorner Branch of the Barclays Bank, Limited, Smith's Bank, for Mr Mid treasurer's name.

"A meeting will be called to talk over the subscribers whether they wish their money to be returned or given to the Prince of Wales' Fund, the West Riding War Fund, or the St John's Ambulance Association. The most important question, as to whether we could take more from the Front, which, of course, would be a much more expensive affair, will also come up. The villages is very much indebted to the trustees of the Thorner Workmen Chapel for the large room offer which would be free—only paying for the coal—and had proved very practical."

At a meeting recently held it was decided to offer the hospitality of Thorner to three Belgian families, in addition to those already in the village. Mrs. Dorrie's house. The house is suitable for the purpose but has no piano and no lighted house at Wetherby, and could unless there is a Belgian family in the village who would like to have it. Mrs. Dorrie's house. The house is suitable for the purpose but has no piano and no lighted house at Wetherby, and could unless there is a Belgian family in the village who would like to have it.

The entertainment, stated that about £100 point on Sunday, and £50 on Monday, including the proceeds of his motherinlaw's house in Kippax, which the defendant came up and struck him three times with the hoof. Previous to the assault Armitage had been inside the house, where he used abusive language, and he complained that he could not go away.

Mrs South Mead's gate evidence as to the language used by defendant.

The defendant said he assaulted Thorpe and great provocation. Thorpe had called him "abominable" German and he would shoot him. It had been going on for a week or two just because he had sold two pigs to a German not knowing him to be such.

For the assault Armitage was fined 20s. and costs, and 2s. 6d. and costs for the bad language.

AN ALERT STOURTON OFFICER.

PRISONER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

The story of a smart capture by a Stourton policeman was told in the Skyrack Court on Tuesday, when George Fox, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with being in possession of house-breaking implements at night.

P.C. Wright stated that about 10.55 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4th, he was on duty in Thwaite Lane, Stourton, when he saw the defendant loitering about in a suspicious manner near to Wade's farm, where a considerable number of fowls are kept. Witness asked him why he was about there, and Fox said he was going to Woodlesford. Prisoner was then searched, and a bag and various tools, including a jemmy and a cold chisel, were found upon him. He charged the man with loitering with intent to commit a felony, and he replied "How could I commit a felony when I was walking about?" When Fox was taken in charge with being in possession of housebreaking implements at night Fox replied "Oh, I see, you are doing that are you."

Answering a question put to him by the prisoner, P.C. Wright stated that when he first saw him he was standing near to a building.

Fox was then committed to take his trial at the next assizes.

FLINTS AT ADEL AND TADCASTER.

The Saturday evening lectures during the winter season at the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society Hall were agreeably opened on Saturday by Lieutenant-Colonel E. Kitson Clark, who snatched a few hours from his military duties to lecture on "Prehistoric Yorkshire." The Rev. W. H. Draper presided.

The lecturer began an interesting story with the findings of flints at Adel, tracing their development from the coarse weapons and implements of the delicate fishhooks and arrow heads. In considering how the flints came to be at Adel, he said it should be remembered that flints were at one time the only implements that could be used. One could not easily cut down trees with flint implements, although by way of experiment this had been done in Denmark with small, soft fir trees. The inference was that there would be found on chalky ground where big trees did not grow. Flint nodules, it might be assumed, were found in chalky ground only, but that did not explain how flints came to be found at Adel, where there was no chalk. Adel was at the head of the hills that led to the Pennines, and, conceivably, was one of the steering places for prehistoric travellers in the stone and bronze ages. Bronze and flint work were found in the valley of York, and the inhabitants of Tadcaster and Stamford Bridge appeared to be conclusive that in those early days there was an invasion from the north-East Coast along a great prehistoric road, which passed through Stamford Bridge, York, Tadcaster, to Adel. This was an interesting road across the country in those days of the Stone Age, and it was his business—the present to prevent a recurrence of that invasion.

A WETHERBY GENTLEMAN WINS.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL.

Before Leeds Justices (Messrs. Gilbert Scott, Pennell, in the court of Appeal on Friday, Messrs. William Lee, Wetherby, ironmaster, appealed from a judgment given by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the King's Bench Division on appeal from Mr. Joseph Scott, the magistrates' clerk for Wetherby.

Mr. Spencer, the plaintiffs, sued the latter in June, 1913, Plaintiffs recovered judgment against Mr. Bucknill, Lee, being unsuccessful, paid £250 costs. They directed that he should be entitled to present a motion to appeal, and on June 27th they filed a notice of appeal with a statement that they did not intend to appeal against the whole of the judgment, but only against so much of it as ordered the costs to be paid by the defendant. Plaintiffs contended that by that document the defendant had limited his appeal to the question of costs.

In consideration of Messrs. Wood, T. Attorney, of Grantham, ought not to proceed with the application, as no motion was made. I ought, on behalf of the Bench, to say that Messrs. Wood and T. Attorney, Grantham, £75 on June 30th on account of the costs, and I further ought to pay the balance of account, including all costs, within three months from the about date.—John Stobart Church-wardth, chairman.

The £75 was paid on June 30th by defendant, but default was made in paying the balance, and plaintiffs sued defendant on the document, but defendant contended that the document had signed the document only as agent for the company. Plaintiffs contended that, having regard to the surrounding circumstances, the document must be construed as the personal guarantee of the defendant, given to the plaintiffs to induce them to stay their hands against the company of which defendant was chairman. If it was signed merely for the company, plaintiffs were getting no further security, and there was no object in taking the guarantee. Plaintiffs claimed £214 from defendant.

Mr Coutts-Trotter opposed the appeal, remarking that the document was not so worthless as Mr Spence would have the Court believe. For many cases it was better for creditors to elect to take payment by instalments from a limited company in such circumstances than to resort to winding-up proceedings.

In the result the Court, by a majority, held that the document imposed no personal liability on the defendant, and dismissed the appeal with costs. Lord Justice Phillimore dissented.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

MAN WHO PLEADED FOR ANOTHER CHANCE.

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday the magistrates present were Messrs C. B. Lamb and J. H. Ingleby.

A poor man, who was passed for Catterton and took off to jail for Bolton Percy, asw will as a library rate of a half-penny and one-sixth of a penny.

George Fidwatch, labourer, of Tadcaster, appeared in an ejectment order case. Asked why he had not got out, he said there were no houses to be got in the town. The Clerk said that he had had nearly six weeks already.—The magistrates made an order for defendant to quit within five days.

John Stevens, labourer, a miscellaneous man, who said he had a job in the Tow ton district, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Commercial Street, Tadcaster, on November 8th.—He pleaded guilty.—P.C. Steed said that on Sunday afternoon he found prisoner lying across the footpath in Commercial Street, and when he got him up he saw that he was drunk and unable to stand. He used exceedingly obscene language.—Prisoner said he was very sorry, and he would not touch beer again if they let him off.—He had never been locked up before.—Supt. Slack said the man's language was "most appalling."—Prisoner said that, as they knew, when drink was in wit was out.—Supt. Slack said that nothing was known against prisoner. She was fined 5s. and costs, or, in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

CRUELTY TO GARFORTH PIT PONIES.

GARFORTH LADS IN TROUBLE.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Thursday four Garforth boys—John Kershaw (16), Willie Kershaw (14), Harry Armstrong (14), James Walker (15), and Clarence Sewell (14), all pony drivers at the Garforth Colliery, were summoned for cruelty. Liberating three pit ponies belonging to the Garforth Colliery Company.

P.C. Bourne stated that on Sunday, October 25th he was in plain clothes near to the Gas Works, Garforth, when he heard shouting and the clanking of horses' hoofs. Going to the field, he saw Walker, Armstrong and John Kershaw riding bareback on ponies, while the other two defendants were running behind urging on the ponies with shouts, and by striking them with sticks, and by throwing clods of earth at them. After riding round the field the boys who were riding the ponies dismounted, and the other two jumped on the ponies' backs, and the three first defendants commenced urging the ponies on in the same way. Sewell and William Kershaw had not done. Catching sight of the officer, the defendants made off, but were subsequently caught. The animals, which exhibited little hair, were in a state of sweat, and steaming together in a corner of the field. They were all of a father and their nostrils were dilated.

John Kershaw denied liberating the ponies. They were his brothers, Armitage and Sewell were fined 10s. and costs, and Walker, who did not attend the Court, was fined 5s. and costs.

LORD HAREWOOD AND THE SPY PERIL.

SAYS HARROGATE IS A NEST OF SPIES.

Lord Harewood, in regard to the German spy peril, has stated in a newspaper correspondent—

"I think that there has been some improvement since the order prohibiting alien enemies from dwelling within twenty miles of the coast was promulgated, but the power to spy has by no means ceased. There can be no doubt whatever that signals indicating the location of our warships have been sent from the East Coast to the enemy.

"The Absalom, Cressy, and Hogue were trapped in this way, and the Lowestoft raid was due to the same cause. There was a clear case signed merely for the company, plaintiffs were getting no further security, and there was no object in taking the guarantee. Plaintiffs claimed £214 from defendant.

"I also received information that fast motor-cars were flashing signals out to sea.

"I can assure you that it is the fishing boats that provide the link between our coast and the enemy. It is not impossible, I am afraid, that traitors sailing under our own flag have been in the pay of the enemy.

"We must remember that the Germans for years have been perfecting their preparations, and in the most insidious manner. Only two days ago I communicated with the Admiralty with regard to a certain firm.

"Harrogate I believe to be a nest of spies, not so dangerous, of course, as those on the coast, because they are not able to signal directly to the enemy, but still dangerous, and some of the most insidious harm comes from the German wives of naturalised subjects and even of British-born women. I have spoken about telling the poorer people not to worry, and that they will be as well off under the Germans as they are today."

Mysteries—Among the men on the "Monmouth" was Private A. F. Isaset of the Royal Marines, a son of Inspector Isaset, of the Leeds Police Force, who lives at Rose Croft, Fearnville Park, Roundhay. Isaset was 19 years of age, and the last time his parents heard from him was on August 27th.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

SHERBURN, KIPPAX, SCHOLES, AND ALLERTON AFFAIRS.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at the workhouse, Tadcaster, on Monday—Walter Crosland, J.P. (vice-chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Messrs W. Sykes, C.C., J. H. Ingleby, J.P., and J. Nettleton (Tadcaster), W. Nicholson (Stutton Grange), T. H. Prater (Poppleton), R. Wright (Bramham), A. Chippindale (Scholes), E. Parkin, J.P., and A. Towrend (Kippax), W. Carson and F. Phillips (Allerton Bywater), A. Johnson (South Milford), G. Webster (Huddlestone-cum-Lumby), R. H. Hirst (Aldeton Bryan), and J. V. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bramley), the surveyor (Mr T. Scott), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood). Mr W. S. Blackburn signed the declaration and took his seat as the representative for Sutlington.

ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The first business was the appointment of a member of the Assessment Committee in place of the late Mr J. W. Blackburn.

Mr Lowes proposed the election of Mr W. S. Blackburn.

Mr Brotherton seconded.

Mr Hey proposed that Mr Ladley be appointed.

Mr Hoult was seconded.

Mr Ladley was elected by a small majority.

Mr Blackburn was appointed a member of the Relief Committee.

The treasurer to the Board was reported to have a balance of £2,246 in hand.

THE HOUSE

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been four admissions to the workhouse, one discharge, and one death. The number of inmates in the workhouse was 91, and in the children's home 25—as against 106. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 25 and 22 against 14 and 18 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

At a meeting of the House Committee it was reported that the district relief had fixed £12,000 as the gross value of the workhouse and £2,000 as site value. The committee suggested £9,000 as gross value and £800 as site value.

Garforth, Kiddal Lane, Aberford, and South Milford were suggested as bread stations in connection with the way ticket scheme.

Miss Clarke was appointed general assistant at the workhouse.

The price of flour offered by Messrs Rishworth, Ingleby, and Lofthouse for November, being the same as October, was accepted.

The minutes were adopted.

COUNTY CALL

Mr Prater, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported an increase of £6,000 on the Urban rate, or £1,861 more than the corresponding half of last year, and £689 more than the last half-year. The main increases were for education and police.

FUTURE PROVISION

A letter was read from a Union asking the Board to support a resolution urging the Government to provide increased pensions for soldiers and sailors and allowances for dependents of men killed along the lines of the Compensation Act.

Mr Chippindale said that they had already decided to support a somewhat similar resolution, and he proposed that they support the one now before them.

Mr J. J. Foster seconded, and said that they ought to show their sympathy in this matter.

This was agreed to.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the District Council it was stated that the treasurer had a balance of £6,836 in hand.

Mr Blackburn was appointed a member of the Highways and Sanitary Committees.

For the vacancy on the Small Pox Hospital Committee Mr Crosland and Mr Parkin were proposed, and the former was elected.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

The Highways Committee minutes showed that a sum of £270 was expended on district roads during the fortnight. It was reported that there had been an encroachment on the road at Scholes by the building of a wall in front of some houses, and the owner is to be asked to remove the wall.

It was reported that there was a dangerous crossing at Ledston owing to the beck side having given way, and the matter will come up for next meeting.—Letters from Sherburn were reported of Allerton Bywater, Sherburn, Kippax, and Tadcaster, and the parties concerned are to be written to.—Permission was given to open a road at Lofthouse in connection with a scaffer.—A letter was received from the county surveyor with reference to the lopping of trees and cutting of hedges overhanging main roads.—It was stated that the offer to give yard for land for a road improvement at Ryther had been accepted.—No reply had been received from the owner of land in connection with the proposed improvement at Sherburn Cross, and steps are to be taken to acquire the land necessary for the improvement.

The minutes were approved.

SANITARY AND BUILDING

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee plans for the erection of new houses at Robinson Lane, Kippax, were approved.—Property in High Street, Kippax, was reported to be without sufficient spouting and fall-pipes, and a notice was ordered to be served on the owner.—The inspector was instructed to have the manhole covers in Swillington put into a proper state of repair.—Plans for alterations to House by John Smith's of Garforth, were passed.—A notice was ordered to be served on an owner at Church Fenton to put his property in order.—A Kippax owner's grave sinking fund he was willing to put it to use in order, and the inspector was asked to meet him.—In regard to several houses at Tadcaster closing orders had been made, and the owners now wrote stating they desired to carry out the necessary repairs. It was agreed that the closing orders be postponed and that the necessary repairs must be put in hand at once.

The medical officer reported that during October there had been 69 births and 24 deaths, and 28 cases of infectious disease were notified.

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All members are respectfully requested to attend as private notices will not be sent out.
By order of the Committee,
H. J. Rennie,
W. Dobson,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

WEST RIDING INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

CHANGE OF DOCTOR AT END OF MEDICAL YEAR.

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H. VIVIAN DIXON.
County Hall, Wakefield, November, 1914.

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All Farmers are cordially invited to attend.

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ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18th, 1914. (Weather Permitting).
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E. Stoker, Secretary.

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FOOTBALL.—On Saturday Rothwell Parish Church had a League match with Waterloo Main Old Boys at Rothwell Hall ground, Hitchin started for the homesters up the slope, and his side were quickly on the aggressive, so much so that Cooper, the visitors' custodian, was called upon to defend his charge. Waterloo then worked their way down the field and Bradley was tested. For the next few moments play was kept in the visitors' half until Clark tricked Stringer and passed to McGregor, who opened out the play, carrying the ball well within the danger zone, but only to be stopped off it by Gregg. However, the ball was kicked off short, and it was not long before Bradley was again called upon. His clearing kick placed the leather well among the forwards, but the subsequent movement was fruitless one. At the opposite end Wise missed a very easy chance, after beating the homesters' backs. A little later Clark missed a grand opportunity. A foreign appeal then set play with a splendid shot, and Stringer might have had a second goal, but he shot badly. At the interval the score was still equal to nothing in favour of the Rothwell three. In the second half the play was of a scrappy nature, Stringer increased the Rothwell total, while Wise, for the visitors, missed another easy chance.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—A concert with the Primitive Methodist Church on Saturday a treat was in store for an old-known Rothwell lady and organist, Mrs. Cockroft, for whose benefit were contributed by Miss Ivy Thurwell, Miss Lunn, and Mr Jesse Kilburn. Glees were rendered in excellent style by the choir, and Mr J. Scaife, of Woodlesford, in reading Miss Dolly Gray, received a point encored by Mr Raymond Ellis (who, by the way, was the Chairman) on the striking of the hour of 8 o'clock, and a pianoforte solo was skilfully performed by Miss Southwart. Mr J. C. Harrison was the accompanist. During the evening the Rev. W. G. Sothby (Pastor) was pleased to give a statement as to the financial result of the special services held in connection with the installation of the new organ. The expenses incurred by the new organ and renovation of the chapel amounted to about £330, while the total raised was £290, including £46 2s. 8d., the gross income thereof from the opening ceremony and subsequent efforts. The debt left is, therefore, £60, and it is anticipated that of this amount a large sum will be paid off in various ways. An arrangement has been made with Mr Pickard, F.R.C.O., and organist at the Central Mission, Leeds, to give a recital during the early part of January, while the teachers of the Sunday School are preparing an effort.

ALLERTON BYWATER

The Rev. Ivo Harry Boon has been licensed to act as curate in Allerton Bywater, and to officiate in St. John's Mission Room, Lofthouse Gate.

FOOTBALL.—In the first round of the Leeds Hospital Football Cup Competition Lock Lane Institute were defeated by East Ardsley by two goals to one. Lock Lane Ws., however, beat Hunslet Amateurs by six to nil.

BARWICK

DOGGY CASE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edwin Backhouse, clerk, of Barwick, was fined 1s. and costs for not having his name on the collar of a dog which he owned.

BOWERS ALLERTON.

MISSION HALL.—The members of the Friday Night Young Men's Bible Class were favoured on Friday evening with a visit from Mr F. E. Hewitt, of Leeds, who gave a lecture on "Familiar sayings, their origin, and meaning." There was an attendance of fifty young men, and the lecturer held their attention for an hour. The meeting was presided over by the esteemed teacher of the class, Mr Walter Blackburn. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr Hewitt, being moved by Mr Ismay Robinson, and seconded by Mr A. Fudge. The lecturer, in replying, said it had been a pleasure for him to visit such a class as he thought it would be impossible to find such a body of young men meeting on a Friday night either in the city of Leeds or in more thickly populated districts.

MISSION HALL BAND OF HOPE.—This society celebrated its 20th anniversary festival last week end. On Sunday two excellent sermons were preached by Mr J. Cockroft, of Leeds, and in the afternoon a service of song, entitled "Watermill Hollow," was given by the choir, under the leadership of Mr W. Blackburn. Miss Beatrice Robinson presided at the harmonium with excellent manner, and Miss Spink presided at the piano, while the Chairman was Mr Lockwood. On Monday evening the annual "at home" was held. The Band of Hope children had been specially trained by Miss Alison Parker and Miss E. Davidson, and they went through a programme of action songs, popular songs, and pianoforte recitations. A pianoforte solo was given by Mr C. Stockwell, and a pianoforte duet by Misses Davidson and Laing. The concluding piece was a musical sketch, "Our Sunday Land," eleven part in by 30 children. All acquitted themselves well, and reflected great credit on the two young ladies who had trained them. The self-denial box was crowded by an appreciative audience. Mrs. Beatrice Bullock presided. A very timely address was given by the esteemed local schoolmaster, Mr. O. B. Milnes, on "Advice to Mothers."

CROSSGATES

Crossgates Cricket Club has given £1 4s. 6d. (first donation) to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

The members of Crossgates Recreation Hall Tennis Club have sent £1 2s. to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

Mr Cyril will give a lecture on "Templetownism" in connection with the Baptist Brotherhood at Whitkirk on Tuesday evening. See advt.

At a meeting of the Wesley Guild on Wednesday evening Mr A. W. Dyson gave an address on "Fiction," with a review of "John Holdfast, Gentleman," by Mrs Caffyn.

Mr Percy C. Binns, of Crossgates, who was for several years captain of Whitkirk F.C., and a member of the Executive of Barkston Ash Football Association, has been given a commission as second lieutenant in the Miners' Battalion, K.O.Y.L.I., and is now in training at Ferndene Park, Otley.

CROSS-GATES.—A match in the Leeds and District League was played at Leeds between Crossgates Institute and Headingley, and it was drawn—three games each. G. W. Beaumont defeated F. Schofield, 2-1; Dewar beat Hall, 2-0; H. Brown, whilst C. Holliday also won a good game. The losers on Crossgates side were J. E. Waller, J. H. Moss, and G. Williams.

ASTBURY.—A case of anthrax has been notified on a farm at Crossgates, Astbury, which is within a week in the Leeds city boundary. The first occurred at Coldridge, a few days ago, and all the customary precautions were at once taken by Mr G. F. Bowman, veterinary inspector to the Leeds Corporation. The case at Crossgates was reported about the middle of last week, and a microscopic examination of the blood of the cow confirmed the opinion that the animal was suffering from anthrax. The remainder of the herd have since been examined, and are stated to be healthy. There has been no spread of the disease.

At the meeting of the Literary Society on Monday night next Mr R. Mackay, of Whitkirk, will lecture on "Some chronicles of an ancient kingdom," which deals with our own district. See advt.

ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the Crossgates Baptist Church was celebrated during the weekend. On Saturday afternoon a service was held in the chapel, and the preacher was the Rev. Mr Shipley. A public tea was subsequently provided in the lecture hall, and in the evening an interesting lecture on "Through Judea with a camera" was delivered by Mr Shipley. At the conclusion the usual votes of thanks was passed on the call of the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, and carried by Mr Diggle. On Sunday the special preacher was the Rev Murray Page, of Blenheim Chapel, Leeds, and the services were of a high character. At the evening service Mrs Greenwood gave an effective rendering of the solo "Abide with me." The proceeds of the anniversary amounted to over £45.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—On Saturday afternoon between 30 and 40 members of Crossgates Literary Society visited Leeds City Art Gallery and were addressed by the curator, Mr Frank Rutter, on "The advantages of art study." He recommended frequent visits, not annual or spasmodic, and instanced a well-known barrister who, when in court at the Assizes or Sessions, spent many odd 10 or 15 minutes in the Gallery in the intervals between cases, in contemplation of his favourite pictures, refreshing, refreshed to his labours. It was often said that familiarity breeds contempt, but this was only true with regard to the mediocre and the inferior; familiarity with the best only increased the realization of its worth. In the realm of literature the same applied; a good book was only fully appreciated on a third or fourth reading, while ephemeral work was discovered after one perusal. A great artist had said there was no such thing as ugliness in nature, only some objects were less beautiful than others. In the Central Hall an exhibit of Chinese porcelain was contrasted with one of Delft ware fashioned after similar designs, and the superiority of the former in workmanship and texture was exposed. The classic plaster casts, Japanese bronzes and the exhibits of Leeds pottery were then inspected. The oil paintings and water colours were described and their beauties pointed out, and the Phil May exhibits also proved of much interest. The collection of etchings were then shown and two of these well illustrated the artist's theme, about beauty. The etcher had been the first to discover beauty in scaffolding poles, and in this instance art had revealed beauty in an unexpected place. Mr E. H. Dewhurst, (President), on behalf of the members, tendered their thanks to Mr Rutter for his kindness in acting as escort, and also for his admirable address. Mr Taylor supported, and Mr Rutter suitably responded.

GARFORTH

The churchwardens of Garforth Church have sent £4 8s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

DRINK.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Frederick Day, 69, waterman, of Garforth was convicted for having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth on Friday, October 30th. P.C. Hogg proved the case, and the defendant pleaded guilty. Last language. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

APPOINTMENTS.—The Worshipful Philip Vernon Smith, LL.D., Chancellor of the Diocese of Ripon, has appointed the Venerable Archdeacon Blenkinsopp (Archdeacon of Richmond), Rural Dean, and Rector of Methley, and the Rev. T. E. R. Wilson, M.A. (rector of Garforth), to be surrogates for marriage licences in the Diocese of Ripon.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Garforth played South Milford in the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition at South Milford, and the homesters won by the substantial margin of four goals to nil. The scorers were Green (2), Chilton, and Grayson. Both teams played in the same colours, and Garforth have lodged an objection to the match on this ground.

B.W.T.A.—The members of the Y branch of Garforth B.W.T.A. held their fortnightly meeting on Tuesday night at the residence of Mrs Chaffey. It took the form of a "Speakers' evening," and the questions asked related to drink and were answered by the members. Miss Cook rendered a solo and a recitation was given by Miss Wesserman. A very enjoyable time was spent.

WESLEY GUILD.—A large and appreciative audience assembled on Monday night to hear Mr S. Shipley, of the Leeds Band of Hope, on "The songs of life." The paper was conceived with much purpose, and it was read in very effective style. The paper was on excellent one, quotations from Burns, Carlyle, Emerson, Kipling, and others giving it a greater interest. A hearty vote of thanks to the essayist was moved by Mr Dodd, seconded by Mr. C. A. Bolmer-ridge, and passed. Rev. E. Ross presided.

THE GARFORTH WOMEN'S GIFTS TO THE SOLDIERS.—Recently the women of Garforth sent gifts of socks, body belts, etc., to the soldiers, and the following reply has been received by Mrs H. H. Darby (Town Street, Piccadilly):—"The Lady in Waiting presents her compliments to Mrs Darby, and is commanded by the Queen to express to her and through her to the members of the Garforth Branch of the Leeds Queen Mary's Needlework Guild Her Majesty's most grateful thanks for their gifts. The Queen deeply appreciates the kind interest to her appeal."

PICTURE HOUSE.—Naturally everyone is intensely interested in the war and all connected with it, and the programme at the Picture House this week-end will, therefore, appeal strongly to this feeling. Pictures of the King, the principal pictures depict the training of our fighting men, and the views of the camps at Doncaster and the Lords "Pals" are opportune. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week, crowded "Scenes of life" will be the rule, for a pictorial record of the great European war is to be filmed. The management have obtained the sole rights for this district, and it is stated that nothing to equal the pictures has ever been seen in Garforth. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday the leading feature will be "Our Navy," and

WETHERBY CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE.

DECLINE TO CONSIDER WORKERS' UNION'S PROGRAMME.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE WAR.

A meeting of the Wetherby and District Chamber of Agriculture was held at Wetherby on Thursday, when several matters of interest were discussed. Mr J. Thompson (president) was in the chair, and others present included, Messrs A. Barnett, E. Barkworth, A. H. Whitehead, J. H. Eltoft, G. P. Wright, C. Sherston, H. Crossley, J. Jackson, W. Weller, Spencely, J. H. Thompson (secretary), etc.

Letters of apology were received from Major Dent and Mr T. Dawson, both of whom expressed their regret at their inability to be present.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' UNION.

The President said it was undesirable to discuss very fully the programme of the Agricultural Workers' Union, as it was obvious to every farmer that the proposals of the Union, if adopted, would certainly drive a great deal of land out of cultivation, and would decimate the country of livestock, as it would be impossible to have animals properly looked after in the hours proposed by the Union.

Mr G. P. Wright: The less we say about it the better. The absolute absurdity of the whole thing will bring it to grief.

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Sherston, to allow the matter from the Union to lie on the table.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE WAR.

The President said that the Government were approaching agriculturists on the question of food supplies during the present war, and had formed a central committee, who in turn had nominated county committees. He had the honour of being appointed a member of the Yorkshire Committee. There had not yet been any meetings of the county committees, but he supposed they would soon be put on a proper basis, so that the Government would be able to buy all their requirements direct from the farmers. He was not going to say a word about the middle man, who, in many cases, was absolutely necessary, and they would never be able to eliminate him entirely. But it would be well if the operations of the middle-man were subjected to more supervision, for it would be to the advantage of producers and purchasers alike. Various suggestions had been made in connection with this subject of food supply as to an increased production of wheat. If they were to increase the area of wheat production they would run one or two risks. In the first place all land was not suitable for growing wheat, and that was a fact not appreciated by the general public. It was argued that a great deal of land now under grass was capable of growing wheat. For himself, he hoped that the best of our old pastures which had taken fifty or one hundred years to get into their present state of maturity would never be broken up. There were three million acres of land which had gone out of cultivation and had been turned into very poor grass land which supplied very little food for man or beast. Some of that land might come under the plough, but much of it contained a large quantity of insect pests, and crops would suffer badly when it was brought under cultivation. Another point to be considered was that if farmers were expected to grow an abnormal quantity of wheat the Government must guarantee them something like a reasonable minimum price, or at least give them a chance of making a small margin of profit. (Hear, hear).

Mr Spencely said he thought it would be very foolish for a farmer to grow wheat on land that would carry any stock or sell. He would put the plough on acre that would carry stock in order to grow wheat.

Mr Crossley said a great many horses had come into the district and large supplies of hay and corn would be needed. He found that quite recently the Army people came to buy through a second man, who offered the farmers a very low price for what was wanted.

Mr Sherston remarked that the little pamphlet sent out by Leeds University had a good deal of sense in it. It suggested that if a little more land were put down to wheat it would do no harm. Farmers could not live on wheat and nothing else. They had horses to feed, and they must also look forward to the future. Land ploughed up would not grow much to start with, and it would take ten years before it would again become grass. He hoped that farmers would be able to do something in providing for the Army, and that any profit formerly made by the middle man would now be made by the Government, while the farmers would receive a bit higher price. In the West of England they looked at it very much as a way in which the farmer could do his little bit towards helping at this time. He agreed that they should not be made to do more than with altogether, but if they could help the Government by direct dealing they ought to do so.

The President said if the committees did their work satisfactorily and were supported by the farmers the matter would not end with this year, but would go on continuously. Land now under bad grass would be much more profitably employed in growing good crops provided they did not have the labour difficulty up against them.

The subject then dropped.

SWINE FEVER ORDERS

The President said the next item on the agenda paper had reference to swine fever orders, but he had nothing to say on the question.

Mr Crossley expressed the opinion that the best thing to be done would be to knock off the restrictions altogether. They had been in force for years, and had done no good. It was a shame to keep killing off pigs.

The President: Don't you think matters would be still worse if there were no regulations at all?

Mr Crossley said he thought the serum treatment should receive a fair trial.

The President said it had been pointed out at the General Chamber of Agriculture that in America the injection of serum had been a fruitful source of the spread of the disease. They actually gave the animal the disease and it then spread the infection. The only advantage was that the cases of acquired disease were not so severe nor so fatal as the natural. He was afraid there was not much to be said for the serum treatment.

Mr Sherston thought it should not go forth that this Chamber was in favour of entirely doing away with the regulations.

Mr Crossley then moved, and Mr Jackson seconded: "That in the opinion of this meeting the swine fever regulations are too stringent and should be relaxed and limited to one mile around the place where the disease exists."

This was agreed to, and the proceedings ended.

TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

TRAMS TO HALTON—DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

THE TOWN-PLANNING SCHEME FOR THE DISTRICT

The monthly meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held in the Wesleyan School Institute, Halton, on Monday—Mr J. M. Arnett (President) in the chair.

Councillor Verity, in reply to a question said that the application to run tram cars to Halton would involve little extra expense, but the Council had to consider Mr Martin. Have you got the consent of the Local Government Board to expend the money?—Councillor Verity: Yes, and I think we can do it for about £1,000. We have got that sum out of loan, and it is favourably rated.—Mr Verity: About 48 per cent., I believe.

A discussion ensued on the extension of the tramway to Halton, and Mr Young said it would be a great convenience to the people who lived on the outskirts of Halton was strongly in favour of a tramway service.—Mr Martin said the trams would be a good convenience for the people, but Mr Thompson said that the extension of the trams would be an inducement for Leeds people to come out for week-end visits. Councillor Verity: Corporation put forward another connection scheme.—Mr Young: Will the trams run through Templenewsam?—Mr Verity: We are running to Moortown and Harehills, and the clutches of Leeds.—Mr Cousins said the tramway was to be in Halton, Colton, and Whitkirk.—Councillor Cass: Halton is the only place that wants the cars.—Mr Young said that at the public meeting the people was that Halton people wanted cars and Whitkirk people did not.—Mr Martin: Can we say whether we want the cars to be charged?—Mr Verity: We cannot say anything until we see what the charges are, and then, if necessary, the District Council can approach the City Council.

Whitkirk people were then brought up again for discussion, and Mr Martin said that no one had any objection to that part of the scheme, but the objection to Halton was a common field, and they implied that they could not pay rates, as the grass was too long, and it was wet.—Mr Verity said they had been a good deal of fault finding with the present tramway ground. It had been given, and he thought they should be satisfied with it.—Mr Martin said the starting of the grass would not cost much.—Mr Young said he thought the Parish Council would do the work if they were asked.—The hon. sec. said he would mention it to Mr Thompson, and the matter then dropped.

—Mr Cass asked if there were not too children in Whitkirk.—The hon. sec. said that when the school census was taken there were 166 from 6 months upwards, and two were going to school.—Councillor Cass included Whitkirk, and Green Lane to the Avenue.

Mr Ripon, in reply, to a question, said that the Distress Committee were actively engaged, and he did never seen such times to get work. Everybody, the attendance at the meetings being excellent. They were receiving £12 per week, and they would get more could be sent. Finding that they had a field of something like £72, and considering that distress was not very marked in the district, the Committee decided to rent the field of Mr Hall, the Belgian Relief Fund. He pointed out that of the money collected they sent 25 per cent. to the West Riding Distress Fund for the relief of distress in other districts, and should increase or have a call on the West Riding Fund.—Mr Coulds said he knew of one.—Mr Coulds said only one had been mentioned in the district.—Mr Atkinson said that the collectors in connection with the Distress Committee were asked to get the names of the men serving with the colours, and he could say that 1,000 Belgian Relief Fund had sent more men to the Army than it was given credit for.—Mr Young mentioned that some of the poorest people in the parish were subscribing to the Fund very well.

At the invitation of the Association, Mr W. B. Pindar, Clerk to Hunslet District Council, attended to give an explanation of the Templenewsam town-planning scheme, and he had a very cordial reception. He said it was nearly two years since he had the pleasure of addressing the members on this important question, and it was the Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association who gave the necessary impetus to the prosecution of the scheme in its initial stage. There was some gratification in knowing that by the time Mr Hunslet District Council was ready the first scheme to be prepared by a rural council in Yorkshire, and it was extremely probable that it would be the first scheme to be completed by a rural council in England and Wales. The map he had got was not the final one; it embodied proposals put forward by the Council, but they were open to many changes. The map and explanation had already been submitted to a conference of owners, and were now deposited at the Council's offices, so that they could be seen by anyone interested in order that they might make suggestions which appeared to be desirable. One or two suggestions had been made and they would be considered. In a most interesting way Mr Pindar then explained the scheme, showing the proposed new roads, open spaces, etc., and he answered many questions relative to the scheme.—Mr Young, at the close, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Pindar, to whom they were very grateful. He was always willing to give them information about local matters, and they could always depend on its reliability.—Mr Ripon, in seconding, said that those who knew Mr Pindar expected nothing from him but courtesy and thoughtfulness. The town-planning scheme was to be a very fine thing for the district.—The resolution was agreed to, and Mr Pindar said it had been one of the greatest encouragements in the world that the Ratepayers' Association took so much interest in work of that kind.

LEEDS HOSPITAL CUP—DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND.

A meeting of the Leeds Hospital Cup Committee was held at the Hospital Committee Rooms, Park Square, on Monday night.

A protest by Garforth White Rose against the result of their match with South Milford last Saturday was considered until Friday evening, an Emergency Committee being appointed to deal with it.

The draw for the second round resulted as follows:—

Lock Lane Woodville v. Pontefract, Reference, W. Lupton.

Woodhouse, Britannia v. Glasshoughton, Reference, W. Sanderson.

South Milford or Garforth White Rose v. Fryston Colliery, Referee, H. Field.

East Leeds Harehills or Thornhill v. Leeds Albion v. Clarence Ironworks. Referee, H. W. Ledger.

Methley Perseverance v. Leeds Harehills Referee, R. W. Smithers.

Great Preston White Rose v. Heckmondwike Referee, M. Jeffs.

East Ardsley v. Ahlafs Albion. Referee, W. Thompson.

Rothwell Parish Church v. New Wortley Gas Works. Referee, H. Millburn.

To be played on Saturday, November 28th.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT.

RUN IN WETHERBY DISTRICT.

The Bramham Moor Hounds had a nice gallop on Friday with about a third of the usual followers present. They found immediately in Ingmanthorpe Big Wood, and after a turn round the cover by Sandbeck Nook. Near to Wetherby he turned up the set-pot-boiler course and crossing the railway ran on in the direction of Walton. He turned left after that, and then crossed the railway, going on nearly to Thorpe Arch Whins, by Flint Mill, to Horn Bank. Here there were a couple of foxes, but hounds ran straight on nearly to Wetherby Bridge. Near Mr Gaunt's the fox got in a drain at the water, till 12 minutes from finding, and on Farrelly holding for him turned after to hear and a scurrying for him turned after to hear and a scurrying for him he bolted him and was killed. They found again in the Willow Garth, and though several foxes were on foot none was moved to ground.

PROPOSED PICRIC ACID FACTORY AT STOURTON.

HOME OFFICE INQUIRY.

Major Cooper Key, Chief Inspector on Explosives to the Home Office, held an inquiry on the 4th inst. at Leeds, in connection with the application of Messrs Brotherton and Co., chemical manufacturers, of Leeds and other places, for permission to manufacture picric acid at their works at Stourton.

The subject of the application had been before the West Riding magistrates sitting in Leeds, but the magistrates declined to grant the necessary licence.

Mr Arthur Wild appeared for the applicants, and in opposing the application were Mr R. H. Hopkins, Assistant Chief Constable, and Mr Jones, Solicitor to the Yorkshire Copper Works. Mr Armitage for the Rothwell Urban District Council to whose area it is proposed to extend.

The Inspector said he had viewed the works that morning, and had read the shorthand notes of evidence at the magisterial inquiry. In the latter part of the inquiry it was stated that he and the other officer had visited the works. As a matter of fact he had never been in Leeds before. He could not imagine how the statement came to be made, but possibly it might have arisen from the visit of some emissary of the War Office. One point that would arise was as to whether the proposed site was the best to be obtained. In laying down regulations, the authorities had to draw the line somewhere, but so long as a firm conformed to the requirements as to the particular case it was entitled to its licence. Provided there was only 2cwtslb. of picric acid in any one place or "risk" the Home Office considered that there was a chance of an explosion from picric acid itself. That quantity would burn away without exploding, but the Home Office required sprinklers to be fitted in all the buildings where there was no distances from adjacent buildings required by the statute. There was only one danger and that was that picric salts might be formed from some other dangerous products being formed inside any of the buildings there was an automatic breach in the Welsh roof.

Mr Wild had made formal application for the licence. The firm were only anxious to conform with all the suggestions and requirements made by the department with a view to strong fire precautions and the clothing of the employees. He did not propose to call any evidence.

Mr Hopkins said the building which was to be erected had never been before the justices, and the buildings which the Inspector had seen had never been before the local authority.

The Inspector said as long as they did not increase the amount of the explosive allowed in each building, and the number of persons employed beyond that stipulated, he did not think it mattered a brass farthing what the building was.

Mr Hopkins said in the course of the previous magisterial inquiry the suggestion was made that the picric acid was needed by the War Office. He recognised that if the War Office required to make picric acid for national purposes they could do so without a licence from the Secretary of State, or any one else. Although this was not the case in Mr Willey's, he was not challenged to give evidence on the point, and he did not do so. For that reason that application must be treated on purely a commercial application. He urged that the firm might have chosen a better and safer site than the one proposed which the West Riding Justices had said was in fact dangerous.

The Inspector: That might be said of any explosive factory in the world.

A discussion then took place with regard to the distances of the canal, the copper works, and other places from the proposed factory. Mr Jones mentioned that 150 yards away were 20,000 gallons of benzol, and within 80 yards 3,600 tar barrels were stored.

Mr Willey stated that the benzol was stored in tanks which were themselves in safety tanks, so that the spirit could not escape.

After some expert evidence had been given, the Inspector intimated that his report would be made in due course.

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BARKSTON ASH MEN WITH THE COLOURS.

A SELBY MAN'S LETTER.

William Thornton, aged twenty-seven, whose home is on Flaxley Road at Selby, and who was in A.B. on the ss. *Good Hope*, during the fierce battle off the coast of Chile, was mobilised on July 15th last, and the last bounty of kings was exchanged for Mrs Thorn'o, whose second son Johnny is on the Hibernian.

SELBY MAN AND GERMANS' CRUELTY.

Such is his home in Selby, on his return from hospital. Private Fred Hall, of Kingsley Street, is on the Cuthbertson Guards, held a thrilling story.

"At the battle of Mons," he said, "a number of us were fighting in a wood, and we got to be a road, and we did it. We stuck to them. The Germans charge of us about twice, but we beat them back every time with a rapid fire of rifle and machine guns. We mowed 'em down like corn. They were lying about in heaps. Hundreds and hundreds of the biggest swords you ever saw. They won't have our cavalry to come on to the battlefield any more. The next day the Germans had fixed the white flag those until now the British took no notice of it. Then one officer came out with a white flag and waved it. We ceased firing. The French uniform, and then fired on us. Seven of us escaped."

One particular case of German cruelty, he went on, was known to be guided by a man who had been in Selby, and who knew the district. He was shot by the Germans. They then ravaged his wife and daughter and shot them, burying the two in the orchard.

"When we got there," said Offy, "the men had got out, and he was properly heart-broken, and half mad. He had hammered at the door until his knuckles were raw. He showed us the bodies of his wife and daughter. He also showed us a note which the Germans had left him, telling him what they had done."

AGRICULTURE IN YORKSHIRE.

A LABOUR DEFICIENCY.

Corn Harvest.—Generally the corn was harvested in excellent condition and taken as a whole the quality is good. Wheat is reported as satisfactory, barley fairly good, but suffering in places from bad weather laid. The oat crop appears to be a good average.

Potatoes and Roots.—The potato crop is only moderate, a good deal of disease being reported. Lifting is finished in most districts, and well advanced in others. Turnips and swedes much affected by fly and black by mildew, and the crop is poor; lifting has hardly begun. Mangolds are very good, and a very large proportion have been laid. The oat crop appears to be a good average.

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Autumn Cultivation.—The drought seriously checked autumn cultivation and wheat sowing, especially on strong soils, as the land was too hard and dry to work. That in the late part of the middle of the month, good progress has been made, though much remains to be done. Several correspondents report an increased acreage of wheat is being sown.

Seeds.—Seeds look vigorous and healthy, and promise well after the recent rains.

Live Stock.—The reports regarding stock are favourable; on the whole, they appear to have stood the drought in the early part of the month well, though mortality among sheep and lambs is reported from some districts. Several correspondents refer to foot diseases, and lack of rain has been bad for the pastures; but there seems to be no general apprehension of any shortage.

Labour.—Almost all districts report a deficiency, and as a result of the calling up of the pressure is felt most acutely in the case of skilled labour, millers, horsemen, and the like. Otherwise, thanks to the dry weather in which the fine weather has facilitated the working of full time, matters generally have not worn a very serious aspect.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

Selby, Monday.—During the past week the wet weather stopped threshing, consequently only small parcels have been offered. Wheat again advanced, being 42s. to 44s., medium 40s. to 41s.; malting barley 32s. to 34s.; commoner grades 29s. to 31s., fine oats 26s. to 28s., other samples 24s. to 26s., and rye 32s. per qr.

PROVISTONS.

Selby, Monday.—Eggs 5 and 6 for 1s.; butter 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d. per lb.; chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s., ducks 4s. to 5s., rabbits 2s. per couple.

POTATOES.

Selby, Monday.—Good supply for the nice supply offered. An upward tendency in prices. Sound Up-to-Date 47s. 6d. to 50s., second King Edwards 42s. 6d. to 45s., and warp King Edwards 40s. to 42s. per ton; retail, 3s. per hamper.

CATTLE.

Selby, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 50 beasts, 28 sheep, and 32 pigs. There was a moderate entry of cattle, but a very short supply of fat stock, best beef making 6s. per stone. A sharp trade for pigs, and prices 1s. per score higher. Stores—Fat bullocks up to £22 12s. 6d., fat heifers to £18 10s., fat cows to £21 5s., stores cattle to £14 15s., fat calves to £19s., fat sheep to £2 18s. 6d., bacon pigs to £8 2s. 6d., and pork pigs to £6 2s. 6d.

Tadcaster, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a capital show of well-finished beef and mutton. The attendance of butchers and dealers was quite up to the average, and a good trade was maintained throughout the sale, best beef making 7d. to 7½d. per lb., second-quality quality made from 8s. to 8s. 6d. Sheep met a good trade, making 6d. to 7d. per lb. Porkers pigs had a ready sale, 9s. per stone. Store pigs made less money. Bullocks made to £31 10s., heifers to £22 5s., and sheep to 76s. 6d. Cows—Numbers sold: 54 beasts, 111 sheep, and 85 pigs. Messrs T. Richardson and Son had forward 150 cattle, and made £47 10s. and £46 15s.; Mr C. Gyson, Grimston Grange, had twelve grand bullocks, making £24, £24, £24, £23 15s., £23 5s., £23, £23, £22 15s., £22 7s. 6d., etc.; two bullocks from Mr J. Dunnington, Healaugh, made £23 7s. 6d. and £23; Mr G. Wilson, Pallathorpe, had two bullocks and a heifer making £20, £18 15s., and £16 10s.; two bullocks from Mr Ramsden, Tadcaster, made £24 15s. and £24; Mr J. Swailes, Healaugh, had six good-finished bullocks, making £24, £23 15s., £23 10s., £23, £22 15s. 6d.; two bullocks from Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, made £23 15s. and £23; two heifers from Mr T. B. Watson, Bow Bridge, made £21 10s. and £19 7s. 6d.; a good cow from Mr Bramley, Wingate Hill, made £19; nine ripe bullocks and heifers from the auctioneers made £31 10s., £30, £29 15s., £29, £28 15s., £28, £28, £28, 6d., and £27 15s.; Mr Jas. Beardley, Haddlesfen, had four grand pens, making 7½d. to 8d.; Mr C. Sherburn, Tadcaster, had two pens of sheep, making to 54s.; two pens from Mr R. Carr, to 53s. 6d.; two pens from Mr Beardley, to 52s. 6d.; Mr E. Jackson, to 49s.; Mr A. Hills, to 51s. Prime fat pigs from Mr Shaw, Walton, made to £5 16s. each; Mr G. Freer, to £10 2s. 6d.; Mr Pawson, to 94s.; Mr Wm. Sykes, to 84s.; from Easedike, to 81s. 6d.; Mr Simpson, Marston, to £5 17s.; Mr Foxton, to 56s. Strong store pigs from Mr L. Masters, Tockwith, to 47s. 6d. each; Mr B. Dunnington, Bilton, to 29s.; Mr Colley, to 41s.; Mr T. Richardson, Healaugh, to 19s. 6d.; Mr Lumley, Bilton, to 14s. 6d.; Mr E. Houseman, Bolton Percy, to 19s.; Mr Brewster, Appleton, to 30s. 6d. each; etc.

A Great War Story!

"THE GREED OF CONQUEST"

By J. B. HARRIS BURLAND,

Has been Secured for Publication in this Journal.

WHAT IT IS ABOUT.

Sir John Lowick, a quiet student of science, discovers the means of controlling and directing the magnetic currents in the air, and forming them into a gigantic weapon of destruction. He is murdered and the secret passes into the hands of his son, Ralph.

Ralph is a man of peace, strong-minded and absolutely indifferent to money, and he determines to use his power in the interests of the human race. He forbids war, knowing that it is in his power to stop it if he chooses. From that hour his life hangs on a thread. He holds a secret that every nation in the world desires to possess, and attempts are made on his life and efforts are made to steal the secret.

Ralph is engaged to be married to Joan Endermine, a young and beautiful woman, the very soul and personification of patriotism. She is determined at any cost to gain the secret that will make Great Britain the mistress of the world. Round these two characters, each in love with the other, but with entirely opposite views as to how the man's power should be used, revolve plot and counter-plot, the hatred of nations, and the schemes of spies and statesmen. Humanity demands his death or imprisonment for life, but the greed of conquest only asks that he shall sell his secret or give it up. The murder of Sir John Lowick provides a mystery which is not explained until the end of the story.

Look Out for the Opening Chapters:

"THE GREED OF CONQUEST."

M.P. FOR OSGOLDCROSS AND THE WAR.

"IF GERMANY WERE TO WIN."

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THAT EVENT.

"What should be done with the Kaiser after the war?" This question was put to Sir Joseph Compton Rickett, M.P. for Osgoldcross, by an "Answers" representative.

Sir Joseph thought we had better finish the war, in the first place, and then the fate of the Kaiser would probably have settled itself without our interference.

"But if Germany were to win?" added Sir Joseph.

"Surely that is an impossible supposition," replied the "Answers" man. So long as our Fleet continues in strength, no effective invasion of Great Britain could be contemplated."

Sir Joseph did not think the fleet of Britain would come about in that way. Such a defeat was highly improbable, less likely as the days went on and the German invasion of France remained a fact. Yet it was an alternative to be kept before his mind, for the danger might recur unless the profit our wars pursued to a satisfactory conclusion.

"Upon the German programme Great Britain came last. France and Russia occupied the first and second places; then within twelve months or so it was to be our turn. Perhaps things had developed differently—that we had hesitated to join hands with France, and, like Italy, had adopted a waiting attitude, mobilising, but looking on.

"With the experience of the last few weeks, can anyone doubt that without British aid the French forces would have been driven further back, and Paris lost or occupied?

"It is clear that the French anticipated a better defence of their northern frontier, with the aid of the fortresses of Belgium and their own strongholds. But the German siege guns proved too powerful for defences, even those of the most modern description, and within a few weeks or smashed down fortresses in a few weeks or days which were credited with the assistance of as many months, the long-range field artillery shelled the cities within those defences, and rendered them untenable for military purposes.

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"Can anyone suppose that, without the moral and material support of Britain, France would not have been driven further south, possibly crushed into defeat by that terrible onrush of the German war-machine?

"Before a Russian attack on Eastern Prussia had reached a dangerous stage, France would have gone down, out of hands, pressed to death, compelled to accept terms. Whatever those terms might have been, they would certainly have included the immediate surrender of the French fleet, and a compulsory naval alliance against us.

"As the French fleet is in the Mediterranean, Italy would have suddenly assembled her responsibility to the Triple Alliance, and the Italian fleet and army would have been at the disposal of Germany. The position of Great Britain in the Mediterranean would then have been hopeless until the Mediterranean squadron had been reinforced.

"The only possible reinforcement could come from our North Sea fleet. It was a risk that we should be bound to run. We could not stand by and sacrifice our naval bases in the Mediterranean, either by blockade or assault, and surrender Egypt and the Suez Canal. Then the German fleet would attack our weakened fleet.

"If successful in that attack the invasion of England would follow as a matter of course. If we made a good defence, we should still have to face a future which gave Germany military and naval control of France and Belgium."

Sir Joseph viewed the position of England, however galling and grievous to our pride, would not threaten our future independence. Would it not even be beyond the power of Germany to treat Great Britain as a conquered state?" suggested the representative.

"We should, first of all, go through the experience of Prussia and Belgium," continued Sir Joseph. "Assuming that our Navy were destroyed, and had made its way shipwards for reorganisation and repairs in our great docks yards, the North Sea would be close for a time to the German attack.

"The German cruisers would appear off the Humber, their mine-clearers would sweep the river as far as Hull and Grimsby. Ulhans would be seen in the villages of North Lincolnshire and East Yorkshire, and invasion would begin.

"And when they had beaten us they would make peace, take their indemnity, and go?"

"I should not be at all surprised," added Sir Joseph, "if Germany did not astonish the world by giving us more moderate and considerable terms than one anticipated. We must bear in mind that in such a case Germany would be gorged with plunder, and chiefly unable for the moment to assimilate more.

"The British Empire is a considerable order either to administer or to dismember. Germany would do much better for herself by building and keeping us into friendship than by overwhelming us in ruin. Instead of an indemnity, she would probably take India, leaving us our other overseas dominions.

"She would not occupy England in a military but rather in a moral sense. We must become her ally, of course; and, as a result, would find many commercial contracts to German Royalties: German blood must flow undiluted in the arteries of our future kings.

"German capital would flock into England, establish commercial enterprises, and the German tongue would become a necessity to every young Englishman who wanted to get on in life.

"Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemburg, marriage to get on pretty well with the rest of the Federation; Belgium and Holland have come in already. See what we have to gain! No hostility to fear, no one dare to attack us, the interest of our blood. They increase of burden in taxation if you will overlook the bloodshed of conscription.

"Silence the few pessimists who are continually reminding us of the past glories of a bygone age. What are liberty, self-development, national consciousness but mere words—names by which unthinking dreamers. Let us eat and drink, even if already we have ceased to exist on a nation.

"On more than one occasion in English history, Englishmen, despairing of liberty, civil and religious, have emigrated from their country in crowds to seek a new world in which the genius of British self-government could find further expression.

"Such emigration would be little indeed compared to the abandonment of the older country for a future in the United States or in the British possessions. New wars, ominous in their outline, would begin to take shape.

"Russia, Germany, and the United States would straddle oblivant the civilised world. Which of them is to be the greatest?' would be the problem to disturb humanity."

"But this nightmare," remarked Sir Joseph, "is yet only in imagination. We can awake from it to find ourselves still free."

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

— BY —

ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

LAWNS.

Whilst perusing a garden article which appeared in a London weekly the other day we came across the following:—"Lawns will require no further attention this year." This notice was published on October 24th. We hope none of our readers will act upon such ridiculous advice. The roller should be used freely during the winter months when the turf is dry enough to receive it. There are numerous little attentions that may be given to the lawn during the next two months. Inequalities may be levelled out. Patchy portions may be replaced by new sod. If in the case of a top dressing of basic slag none be given, this is a matter of fact fertiliser for use on the lawn. It is supplied in varying strengths and must be applied according to the dealer's instructions. Soft meal is an excellent top dressing for a lawn, and where leaf mould can be obtained in quantity it may be spread over the lawn just as manure is spread on a grass field. It must not be allowed to lie for long in one position. About twice a week the whole surface should be raked over with a wooden hay rake.

There is no better time than the present for the removal of large weeds by hand. The ground is soft now, and by using a weeding fork the largest weeds may be removed intact. In regard to the mowing of the lawn there is no hard and fast rule as to when the final cutting should be made. Personally we prefer to be guided by the amount of growth made by the grass. If it continues to grow until Christmas as should cut it. It is important that a smooth even surface should be obtained. If the grass is long or tufty it will hold any fallen leaves that happen to get blown on to the lawn during the winter. If it is cropped close the leaves cannot find a resting place, and are eventually blown clear off the grass.

THE WILD GARDEN

As a general rule woodland walks and other "natural" gardens are left to almost take care of themselves. At this time of the year it becomes necessary to have a general clean up. The leaves from the forest trees are nearly all down, and unless the bulk of them are gathered up they are apt to injure many dwarf plants that are now partially buried by them. The wild garden is now very popular, and as it may be described as a cheap form of gardening there is a likelihood of it becoming more popular still. In making additions of shrubs, trees, etc., every care should be taken to prevent the creation of a stiff, formal appearance. Straight lines of trees or shrubs must be avoided, and the footpaths should be irregular and winding. A charming path may be made by using irregular shaped stones. Too much importance should not be attached to making them fit in evenly, the spaces between may be filled with soil and planted with small alpines. Unshaded positions may be planted with rambler roses of the Dorothy Perkins class. They may be had in a variety of shades, and if allowed to trail about the ground at will, they provide glorious carpets of colour when in bloom. Tree stumps or insecticidal trees, are often a source of annoyance of the Penzance hybrid class. The strongest varieties should be selected for the purpose, and although they will require long little attention, after they are established, it is important that they should be planted in a suitable compost. If the soil is poor it should be enriched by the addition of manure, bone meal, wood ashes, and if heavy clay, a little leaf mould. Other parts of the wild garden may be beautified by planting therein large patches of bulbs. It is better to plant a number together than to divide them up thinly over a larger area. They should also be massed in separate colours. Wallflowers left over from the autumn bedding may be used to help to make a show in spring. They will flower satisfactorily even if planted under large trees. This, of course, is subject to them being strong and sturdy plants now. Forget-me-nots are perhaps one of the prettiest subjects we have for the decoration of the woodland walk. Myosotis Sylvatica is about the best variety for the purpose, although Myosotis Dissitiflora is possibly a little hardier. We have seen huge masses of these charming flowers growing under the trees in the district, and they are a sight to be remembered if seen when in full bloom. There is no better time than the present for planting hardy shrubs and plants, and readers who have a piece of garden with any pretentions to wildness should make an effort to improve it by adding a few of the plants, etc., mentioned above.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN

There is still time to plant a few rows of cabbages. Choose exhibiting beds and fill any vacant places. At this late date the plants should be placed not more than a foot apart. This allows for every second one being pulled when growing.

Outdoor salads are now getting scarce and it is time to commence the cultivation of mustard and cress under glass. Fill a shallow box with soil, give a good watering, and sow the seed fairly thick on the surface. Cover with brown paper, and stand in a warm position. Remove the paper when germination takes place, and the salad is ready for cutting about a week after sowing.

The mint beds may now be clipped over. No further growth will be made this year. It is a mistake to place a thick layer of manure on the surface of the bed as this is usually followed by the loss of a quantity of the roots. An excellent top-dressing may be obtained as follows:—Pass the loose soil of old potting soil through a half-inch riddle. To this add a barrow load of riddled manure from an old mushroom bed. Mix thoroughly together and cover the bed to the depth of about an inch. This mixture may be put on at once.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

The management of a miscellaneous greenhouse is a rather difficult matter at this time of the year. The housing of chrysanthemums, cut fuchsias, and a host of other plants usually results in the greenhouse assuming a congested appearance. This is conducive to a stagnant, moisture-laden atmosphere, which in its turn will cause serious damage amongst the plants in the shape of decaying leaves, and flowers. A little fire heat must be given to cause a free circulation of air, and it may be accompanied by a free use of top and side ventilators.

AMERICAN CARNATIONS

These plants need very little fire heat even during the winter months. They require a free circulation of air, and especial care should be taken to prevent them getting too wet at the roots. Plants that are now commencing to bloom may be supplied with liquid manure at alternate waterings. The greatest difficulty the town grower experiences is to prevent them getting drawn during the dark winter days. The glass must be kept scrupulously clean, and if the above hints in regard to ventilating and watering are carried out, very little "drawing" will take place.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 13.

The twenty-ninth annual report of the Maine Agricultural College, Orono, U.S.A., is to hand, and I purpose drawing your attention to their observations on green food for poultry.

During recent years this aspect of the question of increasing the amount of attention has been paid by practitioners of poultry to the furnishing of green food to their flocks during the winter months, when it is impossible, in northern parts of the country, at least, for the birds to get fresh succulent pasturage out of doors. General experience seems to touch that an addition of green succulent food to the ration of laying hens tends to keep them in better physical condition and helps towards a better egg-production. On the poultry plant at the Maine State College considerable attention has been given to this matter of supplying green and succulent food, and as a result of experiences extending now over a number of years a satisfactory form of furnishing this necessary part of the ration under our conditions has been worked out.

To be satisfactory not only must the green food given to poultry be of the proper kind to give good results in egg-production, but also it must be something which can be produced and handled at small cost. Furthermore, a factor which is frequently lost sight of is that foods need something besides succulence in their so-called "green" food. There is a distinction between a succulent food and a "green food" in the strict sense. One can supply succulence in the form of root crops such as mangolds. A natural consideration of the case, however, indicates that apparently the ideal condition of this foods is not for succulence as such, but rather for the tonic effect which is produced by green plants, probably primarily because of the presence of chlorophyll. In feeding fowls for high egg-production it is necessary that they be given a ration rich in protein. Only foods of strong constitution, and with thoroughly sound digestive systems, can handle the heavy laying rations carrying meat scrap and oil meal which are now so widely used by poultrymen for egg production with consequent results. On these heavy rations there is always a tendency for the birds' livers to become impaired in function, and ultimately to become enlarged and diseased—a chol

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN KIPPAX MAN.

HONOURED CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER.

News has reached Kippax of the death, at Deal, in Kent, of the Rev. Edward Darley, who for nearly thirty years was minister of the Congregational Church at Towcester. Owing to ill-health, he was compelled to give up his pastoral charge about two years ago, and since then he had resided at Deal.

Mr Darley, who was a native of Kippax, was one of the select few who attended the evening school in Kippax in the old days, among others who were pupils at this school being the Rev. Enoch Bloomb, Mr. Christopher Hick, Mr W. Hill, etc. Mr Darley was held in the highest esteem by the people of Towcester, and in congregational circles throughout Northamptonshire.

In early life Mr Darley was associated with the Primitive Methodist Society at Kippax, and carried a high reputation as a preacher. He showed marked ability for evangelistic work, and as a youth was very successful as a missioner. After taking up the pastorate at Towcester he was unable to devote as much time as he had previously done to this branch of religious work, but he did not relinquish it altogether, and until nearly the end of his pastorate he conducted at least one mission a year.

The church which Mr Darley went to about 32 years ago had been closed, and the cause which is flourishing as well there now was practically his own creation. He was educated for the ministry at Nottingham Congregational College. Towcester was his first church, and it says a good deal for him that through all his ministry he kept the love of his own people and the respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

Ever ready to help the cause of Congregationalism in any way he could, Mr Darley did much useful work through the county, and in 1901 the County Association recognised his worth and work by electing him to the presidential chair. He was at one time president, and for some years secretary of the Towcester and District Sunday School Union.

Mr Darley made his influence felt outside strictly church circles. It was mainly through his influence that Sir Thomas Heaketh, Bart., and Mr Jesse Harrison, of Northampton, were induced to build the boot and shoe factory now occupied by Messrs C. and E. Lewis of Towcester. Mr Darley laid one of the commemoration stones, and was presented by the builders with a silver trowel.

The anniversaries of Mr Darley's settlement at Towcester were always looked forward to, because they formed the occasion of the gathering together on one common platform of representatives of all branches of religious activity in Towcester. It was on the eve of his 29th anniversary that Mr Darley was stricken with illness four years ago. His progress was slow and tedious, and, although he eventually was able to go about with difficulty, he was unable to resume his ministerial duties, and he, therefore, resigned his charge. Soon after giving up his work he went to live at Deal in the hope that the change would do him good and lead to a complete restoration, but all in vain, as he passed away on Tuesday, November 3rd, in his home at Deal. Mr. Darley was not married.

A SELBY SOLDIER'S HEROISM

A Selby soldier has distinguished himself in carrying a wounded officer of his regiment from the front of German trenches under a hot fire, and taking him to a place of safety. The soldier referred to is Private Harold Long, of the Durham Light Infantry, who is at present in Selby recovering from a wound received in one of the severe engagements in the north-west of France towards the end of last month. Private H Long, who is 24 years of age, was in the Mons fighting, and in the heavy battle of the Aisne Valley, afterwards going to the operations on the left flank, some distance from Lille, where he was wounded in the right thigh by shrapnel while exposed to a heavy enfilade fire. He related how the Germans suddenly rushed a village, ransacked the houses, and bayonetted two British wounded who were lying in a house. The two men were found dead after the Germans' visit.

Private Long states that he also came across instances of civilians being wounded by the Germans. On the outskirts of Armentieres he saw at a farmhouse the bodies of women and men whom the enemy had slain. A French woman who prepared coffee for a number of the British on their arrival told them that her husband had been bayonetted by the Germans because he refused them supplies.

It was during the Aisne battle that Private Long acted courageously and with resource in rescuing a wounded officer. In relating what took place, he said:—"There was a general advance on Sunday, September 13th, the day on which the West Yorkshires had so heavily through the enemy's white flag treachery. Lieut. Gales, while advancing with our company, was shot in the face and arm. He fell about 20 yards from the German trenches. A comrade named Hides and myself went to carry him away, but Hides was shot through the head and killed as soon as he reached the lieutenant. I then assisted Lieut. Gales, and got him by degrees away from the front of the German trenches. On getting out of the fire zone I carried him on my shoulders to the stretcher bearers at the headquarters of the regiment. He was taken to hospital and eventually sent home to London, where he is recovering."

Private H. Long has also a brother at the front, Bert Long (23), who is in the Army Ordnance Corps. Other brothers in the forces are—Sidney Long (19), the youngest, who is with the Lancashire Fusiliers (Territorials) at Cairo; Jos. Long (30), Army Ordnance Corps, on Salisbury Plain; and Geo. Long (20), 5th West Yorks. (Territorial) at York.

The parents, Mr and Mrs Joseph Long, of Selby, have six sons, and the above named five are serving with the forces.

B. J. Nicholls, of Ulleskelf, has joined the N.E.R. Battalion.

Wetherby Council School has sent 105 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

"An Outlaw Man's Experiences in Belgium," inserted in our last issue, was taken from an article which was written by Mr L. Lockwood, and which appeared in Oulton parish magazine.

A THORNER HERO'S DEATH.—A stirring story surrounds the brave death of Lieutenant Lydgard, of the Yorkshire Regiment, son of Mr Armitage Lydgard, of "The Manor House, Thorner. Private Robert Bowan, of the 2nd Yorkshires, who has just returned from the front wounded in the leg, tells the story. "The Germans had got round the flank of 'D' Company at Ypres where the position was seen to be dangerous by Lieut. Lydgard. With a shout of 'Come on, lads; death or glory now!' the brave lieutenant took up a maxim gun on his shoulder, advanced to the open field, placed it in position, and for a few minutes directed a fierce and telling fire into the enemy, holding them at bay. Then he fell dead, with a bullet wound in the heart. Every man in the regiment is proud of him." adds Private Bowan.

SOUTH MILFORD AND DISTRICT FANCIERS' SOCIETY.

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW.

The third annual show promoted by South Milford and District Fanciers' Society was held in the Cricket Field, South Milford, on Wednesday, and the weather conditions proved very disappointing. Rain fell in torrents, and during the night the high wind tore off the roof of the marquee. The damage, however, was partly made good.

It was very unfortunate that the weather was so unpropitious, because there was every prospect of a successful show, for a record entry of exhibits of good quality had been received from all parts of the country. The Rev. B. Heaton-worth, J.P., of Monk Fryston Hall, was to have opened the show, but he was prevented by the wretched conditions from attending. Mr Percy Paver, the hon. sec., was ably supported by several of the committee, including the Chairman (Mr G. D. Cliff, of Lumby Hill). The test proceeds were to be in aid of the War Fund, but it is feared the poor attendance of the public, owing to the bad weather, will leave little for that purpose. The following is a list of the winners:—

POULTRY

White Wyandotte, cock or cockerel—1, 2, and 3, John Townend and Son, Pontefract. White Wyandotte, hen or pullet—1, 2, and 3, John Townend and Son, and two specials. Wyandotte, any other variety—1, A. Johnson, South Milford; 2, R. Binns, Keighley; 3, W. Richardson, York. Orpington—1, J. Townend and Son; 2, F. Swainden, Bugthorpe; 3, A. C. Garnal, Ipswich; v.h.c., G. H. Andrew, Church Fenton, Rhode Island Red—1, R. Ewbank, Pontefract; 2, Mrs Colbeck, Boyle Hall; 3, J. T. Lonsdale, Stanhope Leighton, Minnoca, Andalusian—1, J. Charlson, jun., Selsdon; 2, G. H. Andrew, Church Fenton; 3, F. Howell, Rotherham. Any other variety—1, T. Taylor, Barnsley; 2, Mrs Colbeck, Boyle Hall; 3, F. Norton, Ossett. Any Variety (4 miles radius)—1, 2, and 3, and specials, G. Coleres, Church Fenton; 3, C. Cawthorne, Sherburnin-Elmet. Selling Class, any variety—1, W. M. Elkington, Kettlewith; 2, T. Taylor; 3, T. Fawcett, Howes; v.h.c., J. Townend and Sons. Any Variety, residents in South Milford, Newthorpe, and Gascoigne Wood Junction—1, and 3, and special, W. P. Cliff, Lumby Hall; 2, G. Porter, Station Hall; v.h.c., Mrs Barry, The Rectory, South Milford. Bantam, any variety, cock—1, W. Johnson, Russdill; 2, Mrs D. Dyson, Hadderfield; 3, C. Sugden, Armley. Bantam, hen, any variety—1, Mrs Colbeck; 2, Miss Hyslop; 3, Gilbert Bros., Cheadleton.

PIGEONS

Exhibition Flying Homer, cock or hen—1, T. Walker, Selby; 2, H and T Child, Dewsbury; 3, Davison and Son, Scarborough; v.h.c., Turn and Hirst, Longwood. Exhibition Flying Homer cock or hen—1 and 3, Putman and Stephenson, West Hartlepool; 2, T. Walton, Working Homer—1, T. Walton; 2, A. Cox, Bartons-on-Humber; 3, J. Bolland, Tadcaster. Working Homer, best pair—1, H. and T. Child; 2, T. Walton; 3, B. Brown, Malton. Working Homer, 4 miles radius—1, J. Fox, Fairburn; 2, N. Porter; 3, A. Sissons, South Milford; v.h.c., Barker, Fairburn. Non any colour—1, H. Stinchcombe, Luton; 2, A. Naismith, Knottingley; 3, Reynolds Bros., Tiverton-on-Avon. Any Other Variety—1 and special, F. Cousins, Harrogate; 2, T. Walton; 3, Reynolds Bros.; v.h.c., J. Horner, Crook. Selling, any variety—1, G. Lyth, Grimsby; 2, Cousins; 3, T. Walton.

RABBITS

Belgian Hares—1 and 3, A. Wood, Bradford; 2, G. W. Ibb, Doncaster. Dutch—1 and special, Gregg Bros., Ferrybridge; 2, J. Kirkbride, Darlington; 3, Brown and Sons, Fillingson-Tyne. English—1, G. Rush, Leeds; 2, Fraser and Roe, Belgrave house; 3, H. Butterfield. Any Other Variety—1, H. Forney, York; 2, W. Nettleton, Shadwell; 3, A. Savage, Thorne. Any Variety, 4 miles radius—1 and special, W. Smith, Sherburn; 2, W. Tindall, Sherburn; 3, J. Richardson, Boutheston; v.h.c., S. Smith.

BREAD

1, Miss K. Eddsley, Milford Hagg Farm; 2, Mrs W. Tindall, Sherburn; 3, Mrs L. Moskill, South Milford.

Mr Entwistle was the judge of poultry and pigeons and Mr Ezra Taylor of rabbits, etc.

CHURCH FENTON STOCK SALE.

PRICES FOR PEDIGREE PIGS.

Messrs Stephenson and Sons, auctioneers, York, held an Church Fenton, on Wednesday afternoon, the third annual autumn sale of the Church Fenton herd of large white pedigree Yorkshire pigs, the property of Mr A. Deighton, The Croft, Church Fenton. Unfortunately, the day was wet and cold, and these conditions doubtless prevented a large number of buyers being present, but there was, nevertheless, a good company in attendance. There was offered, with a few exceptions, the entire stock of large white Yorkshire pigs bred by Mr Deighton, and maintained by him with inter-mixture of the best prize-winning blood, and from the most reliable breeders in the country. The large white breeding gilts and young boars which were offered had been selected by Mr Deighton's five stock boars, namely, Fenton Goliath, Turk of Fenton, Jay of Fenton, Fenton Herdsman, and Fenton Turk, the last but one of which was offered for sale, being, however, withdrawn at £6 10s. The reserve price was £10.

The gilts and boars were a fine lot, all bone-bred, of excellent type and quality, and in a hard, healthy condition. The sows were big, roomy pigs. The store pigs were strong, well-grown animals, mostly Bags, and they sold fairly well.

About 150 large white pedigree Yorkshire pigs were offered, besides some heavy bacon and store pigs. The sale, which was conducted by Mr F. Stephenson, lasted for 3¼ hours. The following are some of the chief prices realised:—Large sow, Sunflower of Blythe House, in pig, £16; large sow, Fenton Lass, in pig, £8 5s; six young gilts, sisters to latter, total of £12 10s, two of these making 43gns a head; large sow, Carnation of Whattinghurst, in pig, £8 17s 6d; large sow, Fenton Pauline, £11; large sow, Fenton Pauline II., sister to latter, £7 5s; litter of latter, 25s per head; large sow, Fenton Pauline IV., £6 10s; large sow, Duchess of Fenton, £7; small boar, £3 5s; two boars, brothers to latter, £4 15s and £5 17s 6d respectively; six gilts, sisters to latter, total £11 7s, one making 5 guineas; large boar, Fenton Susan II, £5 5s; litter of the latter were withdrawn; large sow, Fenton Susan III, £6 2s 6d; litter of the latter, £9 15s 6d a head; large boar, £4 15s; large sow, Wyleaston Ella, £8; large sow, Oakenclough Dirty Girl, £9; large boar, Fenton Herdsman II., £10 10s; large boar, brother to latter, £6 7s 6d; large gilt, sister to latter, £4 2s 6d; large sow, Fenton Machionese, in pig, £9 15s; large boar, £5 10s; four gilts, sisters to latter, £21 2s 6d, £7 7s 6d, £3 5s, and £3 respectively; large sow, Fenton Princess IV., £6 17s 6d; two medium boars, brothers to Fenton Herdsman, £6 5s and £7 17s 6d respectively; large sow, Fenton Princess V., £6; large gilt, £6 17s 6d; three gilts, sisters to the latter, £7 12s 6d, £7 10s and £7 10s respectively; five gilts, £8 5s; large gilt, £5; large sow, Fenton Princess VIII., £7 2s 6d; large sow, Fenton Princess IX, £6 17s 6d; large gilt, £5 5s; large gilt, £5 5s; large gilt, £5; large gilt, £5 15s 6d; large gilt, £4 2s 6d; large gilt, £5; large gilt, £5 5s; medium gilt, £5 15s; large gilt, £7 5s; large gilt, £7 15s; large gilt, £7 10s; large gilt, £6 17s 6d; medium gilt, £5 7s 6d; large gilt, £6; large boar, £5 5s, medium gilts, £5 7s 6d, £4 15s 6d, and £5 7s 6d; large boar, £5 15s 6d; three boars, brother to latter, £4 5s, £5 17s 6d, and £5 17s 6d respectively; five sister gilts to latter, £5 14s 6d, £5 10s, £5 5s, £5 7s 6d, and £5 2s 6d respectively; medium gilts, £5 15s, £4 17s 6d and £5; large gilts, £5 10s, £4 15s, £6, and £5 12s 6d; medium gilts, £4 15s, £5 17s 6d, £5 2s 6d, and £5; large gilt, £7 15s; large gilt, £7 10s; large gilt, £6 17s 6d; medium gilt, £5 7s 6d; large gilt, £6; large boar, £5 5s, medium gilts, £5 7s 6d, £4 15s 6d, and £4

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

At the presentation to Mr Robert Routledge, who has just retired from the position of manager of Garforth Collieries, Colonel Gascoigne, the owner of the pits, made reference to the flooding which occurred in the early years of Mr Routledge's work at Gascforth, and stated that he undoubtedly saved the collieries. What would Garforth be today without the great colliery undertakings in the district? Garforth undoubtedly owes something to Mr Routledge. When he became manager in August, 1881, the Sisters Pit was full of water, but in November he had it clear. All went well until March, 1883, when the "rubbing" in the Sisters Pit burst and the collieries were again flooded. Expert opinion was expressed that the colliery would not be opened again, but Mr Routledge thought otherwise, and he set to work with so much determination that he succeeded in beating the water. From what I have been told, it was a strenuous struggle, involving day and night work, and causing great anxiety to those engaged in it, but the collieries were saved, and they have given employment to hundreds of men since. When Mr Routledge went to Garforth the colliery was a comparatively small concern, but now at the three pits—Sisters, Isabella, and Trench—work is found for over a thousand men.

Manson folks were highly pleased with the address delivered by the scholarly Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University on Saturday night, but they were even more delighted with Dr. Sadler himself. He has a winning personality, and very soon sympathy was established between the audience and the speaker. Much of the written proof he submitted in connection with "The Issues of the war" had already been published, but the manner in which he dealt with the subject invested it with a new interest. Much has been heard on the housing question during the last few years, but an opinion from a man like Dr. Sadler is worth having, because it is the result of close study of social conditions. He evidently believes that a nation's greatest asset is its people, and in order to give them an opportunity of living "healthier and nobler lives" he earnestly advocates national action in regard to the curse of bad housing. What he wants to see is a better England for the people, and this is a direct appeal to all that is best in the nation, which, as the present crisis shows, can, on occasion, rise to great heights.

Lord Hawke, who is one of the Tadcaster magistrates, although his visits are like angels—few and far between—appeared in a new role on Saturday. His lordship, whom I saw in Boar Lane, Leeds, in the morning, was engaged in collecting funds for succouring horses wounded in the war, so he is trying to do his "little bit." The "Blue Cross" exhibition in a neighbouring shop window attracted such crowds that the footway became almost impassable, and a sturdy constable approached his lordship and pointed out that the law was being infringed. Lord Hawke, whom the officer did not recognise, laughingly accepted the legal position, but went on merrily collecting coppers for the cause he has taken up.

The members of Crossgates and District Farmers' Club have been asked to form a heavy horse society, and the committee are to consider the question. At a meeting of the Rywdale Heavy Horse Society on Wednesday at Kirkymoorside the first balance sheet was submitted as follows:—

Receipts.—90 members at 5s., £22 10s.; 35 assisted nominations at £1, £35; 67 non-assisted at £2, £134; 2 non-assisted at £1, £2; Board of Agriculture's grant to assisted nominations, £35; Board of Agriculture's grant to non-assisted nominations, £40; Sinnington Hunt subscriptions and cup, £21; total, £289 10s.

Expenditure.—Lord Middleton, hire of Tandridge, Forester, £250; secretary's salary, £20; sundries, 14s. 7d.; leaving balance profit of £28 15s. 5d.

After Mr Crawford's address, the above accounts should prove very interesting to the members, and will give an indication of the lines upon which to work.

Reference was made to Hazlewood Castle, now the property of Mr E. O. Simpson, who has carried out great improvements, at a lecture at Crossgates, and parting with the old place must have been felt very severely by Sir William Vavasour and his two sons, one of whom is an officer in the Royal Navy. Several years ago, along with a party, I visited the ancient house, and we were given the run of the place for an afternoon. We rambled through the empty rooms of the mansion and climbed on to the roof, from which a magnificent view of the Vale of York can be obtained. Everything around, however, was in a state of decay, and the garden, which had at one time, with its maze and other attractive features, been a beautiful spot, was a wilderness. It was a sad "come down," to use a common phrase, for what is probably the oldest family in Yorkshire. The chapel and the little graveyard, where the dust of Vavasours, Lane Foxes, and other local families, mingle, will always have an especial interest for Yorkshire people, because it is believed that from the day of its completion up to the present the doors of the little church, rich in antiquities and memorials, have never been closed. But the woods at Hazlewood were a joy in spring and summer, and frequently one has wandered through these woods carpeted with wild flowers, which transformed the place into what the children would term a veritable fairy land. The Vavasours have gone, but Hazlewood remains, and the old house may stand for centuries yet.

The present owner of Hazlewood, by the way, has done excellent work in the recruiting campaign. Since the outbreak of hostilities he has been in the "fighting line," waging war against indifference and apathy, and no matter where he was asked to go he was ready for the fray. In all parts of Barkston Ash he has delivered stirring addresses to crowded meetings, and he was the man to lead the cheering as recruits stepped on to the platform in response to the appeals for men for the Army. A man may do his "little bit" even if he is not allowed to shoulder a rifle. During the past fortnight I notice Mr Simpson has been engaged in recruiting work in Leeds, and I daresay he will be on the hunt for men so long as the country requires them.

Although it would be foolish to indulge in lamentation and go about with "long faces" because the country is engaged in a terrible war, people in the district will this winter have to decide how far gatherings promoted entirely for the purposes of pleasure are to be encouraged. A correspondent writing in our last issue on a Sherburn question, puts the query very bluntly in regard to dancing, and I daresay he has caused many people to consider the matter. In dancing itself there is no wrong whatever, but it may seem to many people, especially to those who have lost relatives and friends, somewhat heartless to pass hours away in this manner when men are fighting—and dying—in the trenches in order to uphold the honour of the country. With the correspondent I thoroughly agree. What dances are promoted in aid of worthy and deserving objects the people who patronize them have no right to flatter themselves that they are making a sacrifice; they are simply paying for their own selfish pleasure. If they are desirous of assisting funds—the fact that they can pay for a dance proves ability to give—they should hand over their money and have the pleasure of sacrificing something. Of course, this question will be largely ruled by individual opinion, but there is surely a time for everything.

In an address at Crossgates the Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University stated that our men are fighting in order to save all that is best in the world for us, but I am afraid many people do not thoroughly realize the greatness of the issues. To the craven-hearted Briton—and he exists—the loss of the British Empire might not mean much, but if he lost all the liberties—civil and religious—he now enjoys, and was compelled to be a woodchopper and water-carrier for the German, he would begin to understand things. As a matter of fact, we have, as a nation, enjoyed our privileges so long that we really do not value them as we ought. British citizenship is a priceless heritage and is worth all the sacrifices made for it.

How little some of our soldiers know about the war. The other day a very intelligent Reservist, who was called up at the beginning of the war, was going in the train to Garforth, and he stated that, although he had been three months at the Front, he knew nothing about how things were going until he landed in England, where he arrived two days before in charge of a batch of German prisoners. Naturally, I wanted to know where his regiment was, and when he told me I was surprised, for it seemed so unlikely that any British troops should be at the point he named. The Germans, with their up-to-date news, informed him of the occupation of Paris and the smashing of the British Navy by the Prussians, and he did not know what to think, but he was relieved when he got to London and saw the newspapers. He was asked what the Germans thought when they learnt the truth, and he said he did not know, but he knew what he thought about them—they were great—that is not precisely the word he used—liars.

It has been suggested that farmers in the district should at the forthcoming hirings engage only men under 19 and over 38 years of age, the idea being to get the eligible men to volunteer for service with the Colours. Agriculturists are, however, wondering how they are to get their work done. "How can we grow more wheat," asked one farmer, "when we have no men to put it in. They talk of fetching men for the Army, but I have not a boy they can fetch." This, of course, may be an isolated case, and if the farmer's men have already gone it is a tribute to their patriotism. While I hope that farmers will use their persuasive powers on eligible men in order to get them to go to the Army, I do not like the idea of compulsion being applied to one class, for that is what it is. If an employer says to a man that he will not employ him because he should be doing military service it is simply compulsion, and no individual has a right to exercise it. Compulsion may be necessary eventually, although I hope it may be avoided, but in that case all classes and all trades and professions will be treated alike, and no injustice will be done.

Have you noticed how proud the men are of their officers? And well they may. The thrilling story of the bravery of Lieut. Ledgard, of Thorner, who laid down his life on the battlefield, shows the stamp of men who are our soldiers' leaders, and "every man in the regiment is proud of him" is a tribute at once to the confidence and affection the dead hero inspired. Mr E. M. Lawson-Smith's two sons—promising young officers—have also given their lives for their country. The owners of estates have, indeed, set a magnificent example at this crisis in the country's history. Practically every family in this district has its representatives in the Army, and the toll already has been a heavy one. Every officer, when he expresses an opinion, says "the men are splendid," and the men speak for their leaders.

Time brings some curious changes! Aberford, which has long been shorn of its importance, at one time had its markets and its fairs, and a century ago the hiring of men and women for farm service was carried out in the village school. What a merry day that must have been for Aberford. The magistrates, too, had their meetings in the ancient place, and culprits from such insignificant places as Garforth, which had not then the railway to help it in its growth, went there to be dealt with. Aberford, which at one time had pinning and coal-mining industries, has a very interesting history, and if some one with the necessary qualifications would write it he would be doing good service to the community.

The next science lecture at Garforth is by Professor Kendall, of Leeds University, the eminent geologist, and he will tell the residents something about "The Geology of Garforth." Very few people know anything about geology—I must confess my own ignorance on the subject—but when it is treated in a popular way it can be made very interesting. Mr E. Hawkesworth, of Crossgates, is hon. secretary of the Leeds Geological Society, of which Professor Kendall is a prominent member, and part 17 of the transactions of that body, edited by the hon. sec., has just been issued. It contains a mass of information of value to geologists, and of local interest are "Notes on sections in a quarry at Robin Hood," admirably illustrated by a number of fine photographs, and reports of excursions by the members to Woodlesford, Roundhay, and other places.

At South Milford School last month the percentage of attendance was 93.1 to against 89.85 for October last year.

THE HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1914.

Dr. Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance at commencement		1537 5 4
Overseers' Contributions :—		
Middleton—General ...	728 0 0	
Special ...	200 0 0	
	928 0 0	
Oulton-cum-Woodlesford—		
General ...	848 0 0	
Special ...	580 0 0	
	1428 0 0	
Templenewsam—		
General ...	684 0 0	
Special ...	460 0 0	
	1144 0 0	
Thorp Stapleton—		
General ...	8 0 0	
Special ...	2 0 0	
	10 0 0	
Water Revenue—		
Rents and Charges	1041 16 11	
Meter Rents ...	37 19 8	
Connections ...	1 13 0	
	1080 19 7	
Tadcaster R. D. C.—		
Water in bulk ...	22 13 4	
Leeds Corporation—		
Water in bulk ...	99 19 0	
West Riding C.C.—		
Main Roads ...	930 10 0	
Local Taxation Grant	100 0 0	
Agricultural Rates Grant	60 10 6	
Bank Interest	14 12 6	
Rents of Property ...	25 3 6	
Templenewsam Sewage Farm	8 10 0	
Private Street Works ...	659 13 5	
Housing of the Working Classes Acts ...	7 15 6	
Sales of Property	6 17 0	
Miscellaneous ...	6 10 7	
	£8071 0 3	

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Expenses :—		
Salaries	340 16 6	
Establishment Charges...	133 4 3	
Fees for Lists of Births and Deaths	1 0 8	
Town Planning Expenses	2 7 6	
Infectious Diseases Notification	16 10 6	
Disinfecting Expenses	34 13 3	
Street Watering and Scavenging	11 12 7	
Travelling Expenses ...	9 4 9	
Conference Expenses ...	13 16 0	
Housing of the Working Classes Acts	2 11 3	
		565 17 3
Highway Expenses :—		
Main Roads	1094 1 3	
District Roads	866 12 10	
Salaries and Establishment Charges	80 0 0	
		2040 14 1
Special Expenses :—		
Loans (Instalments and Interest)	640 5 0	
Sewerage Works ...	200 0 4	
Sewage Disposal ...	181 10 3	
Water Works	173 5 11	
Private Street Works ...	400 13 2	
Public Lighting	215 1 9	
Scavenging	222 18 8	
Fire Brigade	5 6 0	
		2039 1 1
Leeds Corporation—		
Water Supply ...		918 10 7
Ardsley U.D.C.—		
Water Supply ...		103 12 6
Rothwell, &c., Joint Hospital Committee—Precept...		275 0 0
Rothwell U.D.C.—		
Sewage Disposal ...	228 17 8	
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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Sir John Lowick, a quiet student of science, has discovered the means of controlling and silencing the magnetic currents of the air, and bringing them into a gigantic weapon of destruction. Accompanied by his son Ralph and Jessie Rolfe mine, he gives a demonstration of the powers of his invention. It is a marvellous success.

The experiment has taken place late at night, on a small island adjoining Sir John's estate. Ralph rapidly plans to bear home, leaving Sir John alone with his model. On the way, Jessie, who at first was horrified at the awful possibilities of the invention, tells Ralph that his father should give the secret to England, so that they should give the secret to the world. Ralph could consider the rest of the world. Ralph answers that his father will not part with it, and neither should he if he were in his place. Ralph in his return to the bungalow is horrified to find his brother lying dead-murdered!

Ralph discovers that the model has been stolen, and a telegram sent to a man living near Lowick's house can be heard of the murderer in the island no trace can be found of the murderer. The inquest thought little Ralph's tragedy farther than that two men must have been connected in the death of the old man, in detective Nofar, who interests himself in the case, warns Ralph that they will make an attempt on his life, and suggests that a trap should be laid for them. Ralph agrees, and Nofar accompanies him to Lowick House. While they are chatting the detective helps himself to a glass of whisky and soda, and immediately pitches forward on the table.

CHAPTER IV.

The first witness at the inquest was Dr. Henry. He certified to the cause of death. "And you agree with me, sir," said the Coroner, "as his opinion that Sir John Lowick had died between eight and half-past. The fatal blow had been struck by a heavy, blunt instrument, in all probability, from the shape and nature of the wounds, a life-tool that had undoubtedly been delivered from behind.

Ralph Lowick was called next, and he gave a detailed account of his own and his father's movements on the night of the crime, which stress was laid on the exact time he left the island. If the doctor's evidence was correct, the murder must have taken place shortly after Lowick's departure. That seemed to point to the fact that the murderer was already hidden in the bungalow.

"You say that, so far as you know, your father had no enemies?" asked the Coroner.

"I would say he was a man who had never made an enemy in his life."

"Yet he expected an enemy on the night of his death. He was armed, and was found dead with a revolver in his hand."

"I don't attach any particular significance to that," Lowick replied. "My father was in possession of a secret which was worth millions, of which perhaps the importance can hardly be estimated in money. He knew that for two or three hours he would be left alone on the island. He only took necessary and natural precautions."

"Precisely, Mr. Lowick. I think that reasonably explains the revolver. Still, he may have had someone—some particular person—in his mind."

"It is possible, but I think if there had been anyone, my father would have told me."

"Now, with regard to the invention itself," continued the Coroner, "You spoke very guardedly about it just now, but I understand that you claimed for it terrible powers of destruction. In fact, I should imagine it would revolutionise all methods of warfare."

"I think I may say it would do that."

"It is conceivable, then, that the murder was committed, not by a man who wished to make a fortune, but by a man who desired to secure the interests of his country."

"It is more than probable," Lowick answered, "it is even possible that the murderer considers himself a martyr."

"Are you in possession of your father's secret?" the Coroner asked, after a pause.

Lowick hesitated before he replied, and looked round the room. He knew many of those present, but there were others whom we strangers to him. It was even possible that the murderer himself was there, listening to the question. In any case, to give an answer would be published all over England in less than twenty-four hours.

"I hardly think what I say," he replied, slowly. "I am acquainted with the idea of the invention, but I think if I could make another, unless I could recover the one that was stolen."

"And Miss Ellerminne?"

"She knows nothing whatever about it. She was present at the experiment, and could hear nothing to the sound, but she is as ignorant of the most elementary facts in the invention."

The Coroner asked further questions, with the view of eliciting the names of those who would be likely to know of the hour fixed for the experiment, and of those who knew the essential fact—that Sir Ralph Lowick was left alone on the island.

"One thing seems certain," said the Coroner, in conclusion, "that whoever killed your father knew that you had arranged to take Miss Ellerminne back to her home and to leave your father alone."

Mr. Turnbull, who was the next witness called, would not agree to this statement. He pointed out that two murderers might only have been waiting for an opportunity, and that the opportunity had occurred. He then gave a careful and detailed account of investigations which had had no result beyond establishing the fact—and not establishing it very clearly—that the murderer and his accomplice had landed on the island in a boat, and had departed in a similar manner. Cross-examined, he admitted that he had found a clue, but that the time but not yet come to make the information public.

"You are certain that there were two men?" the Coroner inquired in conclusion. "You are certain of that?"

"Because it would have taken two men to remove the machine?"

"Partly because of that. But I have other reasons, which I am afraid I must keep to myself for the present."

"I will not press the matter, Mr. Turnbull, but I don't think that if there were two men they could easily have bound and gagged Sir John Lowick, and carried off the machine. Men do not commit murder, as a rule, unless they are forced to do so."

"Sir John Lowick was armed," the inspector replied, slowly, "and they may have been obliged to kill him. But one of so many circumstances might have led to make the death necessary for the success of the scheme. It is not possible that the secret of Sir John Lowick was of more importance to them than the theft of the machine. It is conceivable that they might have been in fact of the theft to die with the inventor."

There was silence in the room—a silence in which one might have heard a pin drop. All eyes were turned on Ralph Lowick. The suggestion was not to be lightly considered by the inspector's suggestion. If the murderer desired the secret of the invention to die, another victim might not be necessary.

The young man smiled grimly, and his hands which were clenched on the arms, tightened. Then he glanced at Mr. Turnbull, and the officer shrugged his shoulders. The cross-examination continued, but Mr. Turnbull's answers grew less and less intelligent. He harped on the extreme difficulty of the case, and even hinted that the police were only ordinary human beings, endowed with ordinary human powers. He seemed to dwell on the fact of his own incompetence, and though he answered some questions with great show of detail and at wearisome length, he was blankly ignorant when he was asked anything of importance. In short, he seemed to be trying to convey to the jury that the police ought to be given the sack or a pension at once.

Police-constable Evans followed, and though he was only a rustic constable, his evidence absolutely smashed the amateur detective altogether. He was far superior. Yet there were times when he, too, was reticent, pleading ignorance as the inspector had done. But pleading in such a way as left no doubt in the mind of his audience that here was a very smart, secretive fellow lurked. Ralph Lowick, who was watching Mr. Turnbull very closely, noticed a distinct look of annoyance on these occasions.

Other witnesses followed, but none of them contributed anything of real value to the new trial of the mystery. They consisted of the most part of the servants at Cranses Hall, and their statements corroborated those made by the previous witnesses.

At last the long and ghastly business came to an end. There was a verdict of wilful murder by some person or persons unknown, an expression of sympathy on behalf of the jury with Ralph Lowick, and then everyone began to file out into the open air, where the sun shone and a fresh breeze blew in from the sea.

Ralph Lowick spoke to one or two people, acknowledged the salutations of others, and then walked quickly along the road that led to Cranses Hall. There was a man standing at a little distance he looked back, and saw a man hurrying after him, and waving his hand. He paused, and watched the fellow approach. The man was tall and thin, and Lowick recognised the grey suit and grey felt hat as belonging to the stranger he had seen at the inquest.

"Pardon me, sir," said the man, as he came up to Lowick, "but may I walk with you as far as your house?"

"Certainly," Lowick answered, curtly. "If you had spoken to me outside the inn, you could have spared yourself the trouble of running after me."

"No trouble at all, sir, I can assure you. The exercise will be good, for I have been a few parts for a holiday, and try to get all the exercise I can."

"Are you one of you," said Lowick, drily; and then, as they started to walk down the straight, lonely road, he added, "What do you want?"

"A few words with you, sir. My name is Nofar. Perhaps you have heard it?"

"I don't think so."

"You don't remember the Dyceworth case?"

"Certainly I do."

Mr. Nofar removed his hat, and pointed to a thin white scar across his forehead.

"I got that in the Dyceworth case," he said, quietly, "and if it had gone an inch deeper I wouldn't be here talking to you now, sir."

"I remember now. You were the man who arrested Dyceworth. A detective, eh? Have they sent you down from Scotland Yard?"

"No, sir. I have no official connection with the case. But I heard of it when I was cycling through here yesterday. Mr. Turnbull is a friend of mine; he's a smart man—far too smart for the country."

"What do you want with me?" Lowick asked, after a pause.

"To make a suggestion, if I may, sir—that is to say, if you won't consider it an impertinence?"

"Not at all. You are a man of experience in these matters, I—"

"I noticed," said Nofar, slowly, "that when the Coroner asked you whether you were in possession of your father's secret, you hesitated before you replied. The hesitation was natural, and I admired the way in which you evaded the question. Undoubtedly it will be your turn next."

Lowick looked puzzled, but he made no reply.

"They will have a try at you," Nofar continued; "perhaps to-night. Turnbull is a good friend of mine, but that hadn't the face to make the suggestion that I am going to make to you."

"What is that?"

"That you should make things easy for them, by walking straight into their hands. I'm not going to walk. It wants pluck; but I think that if you have the pluck you will be rewarded. You have the drawings in a safe have you not?"

"Yes, and I keep the key of the safe on my watch-chain. What do you suggest?"

"That you should leave your watch-chain on your dressing-table, and leave the front windows on the ground floor unbolted. Mr. Turnbull and your local constable can remain themselves in the garden. I, who am quite unknown in this part of the world, will, with your permission, stay in your house and hide myself in some place where I can watch the safe."

"To-night?" exclaimed Lowick. "No, I cannot permit such a thing. My poor father is not yet in his grave."

"To-morrow night will be too late," the detective answered, quietly.

"It would be better for me to watch myself," Lowick said after a pause.

"I think not. They will ascertain that you are in bed and asleep before they make any attempt on the safe."

"They might kill me first, and then take the papers."

"No, they will first take the papers, and then make an attempt on yours. Before that can be done quietly, the second may cause a disturbance."

Lowick was silent till they reached the gates of the drive leading up to Cranses Hall. Then he said, abruptly, "Does Mr. Turnbull approve of this?"

"Yes, sir, he does. But he didn't like to ask you. There is a good deal of risk, and, officially, he couldn't ask you."

"Does he suspect anyone?"

"I think not. I don't mention no names, but I am sure he suspects someone in the neighbourhood—someone who is personally known to you."

"Come into the house with me, and we will talk it over."

Mr. Nofar agreed, and half an hour later Ralph Lowick departed in the car in search of Mr. Turnbull, whom he found in earnest talk in the village, and engaged in conversation with the local constable at the latter's house.

"Yes, I quite approve of the plan, sir," said Mr. Turnbull, when they were alone. "If you're willing to take the risk—"

"I am willing. This fellow Nofar is all right, isn't he?"

"Oh yes, sir. Two years ago we were great friends, I had a chat with him just now."

"Very well, then. Will you be there to-night?"

"Yes, I will be there. Of course, nothing may happen. You will, of course, have your revolver, and sleep with a revolver in your hand. Under the pillow is the best place. You can switch it out more quickly."

"I'll take your advice."

"I'll give you more out, sir," the inspector continued, "if you find the cartridges have been taken out of your revolver, say nothing about it. Keep a few others in your pocket, and load the weapon again."

"In my pocket?"

"Yes, you may find the box missing, if you go to look for it."

"I'll—this sounds like business. You are sure I can trust Nofar not to bungle the matter?"

"Quite sure, sir."

It was dark when Lowick reached home, and as he passed up the drive he thought how easy it would be for anyone to get at the house from under the cover of the trees. Hence forward he would go hourly in fear of death. He would never know a moment's peace of mind till the murderer of his father was caught. It was so easy to kill, so hard to clear.

Nothing happened, however, and Lowick made his way into the library, where he had left Mr. Nofar. The detective, who was in the act of raising a whisky and soda to his lips from the glass, and rose to his feet.

"I hope I'm not taking a liberty, sir," he said, "but I think you mentioned that—"

"Certainly. Please make yourself at home. Well, I've seen Turnbull, and he falls in with your suggestion."

"I thought he would, sir. I don't mean any disrespect, but I don't think Mr. Turnbull is a suspect. You have had great trouble, and may you have the strength to bear it, and the wealth to fight your enemies."

He raised the glass to his lips, drank it down, and set it down on the table.

"Thank you, Mr. Nofar," Lowick said. "I am sure you—why, what is it?"

Mr. Nofar was staring at him with horror in his eyes. Then, without uttering a word, the detective lurched forward, and his arms and head crashed down among the glasses and bottles on the table.

CHAPTER V.

Lowick caught the detective under the arm and pulled him over on the sofa. The hands and face were cut and bleeding, and the unfortunate man's forehead where he was lowered gently to the floor. After that he was silent.

Lowick tried to restore him to consciousness, and a minute elapsed before he rang the bell. Then the sight of blood was in upper. Then servants ran to and fro and [illegible] and flung themselves in [illegible] the chairs and sofas. The [illegible] the death of [illegible] master, had shattered their nerves completely.

Lowick alone was calm. He despatched the [illegible] for the doctor and [illegible] Turnbull. [illegible] he went to the [illegible] slipped a [illegible] window in his pocket, and returned to the library. He could do nothing till the arrival of the doctor. Certain remedies had been tried, and failed. Mr. Nofar was still alive, but he was quite unconscious. All that he could do was to bind up the cuts on his face and hands.

Only twenty minutes elapsed before the return of the motor. Lowick heard the sound of the wheels as they passed the window, and [illegible] into the hall. A few quick words followed, and the doctor, white faced and feeble, made his way into the library. Lowick and the inspector remained in the hall. The young man stated what had happened, but the inspector made no comment as to do that.

"Poison," said the doctor, curtly, "no doubt of you. I hope the old fool can save him. Then he walked into the library, and Lowick followed him. Dr. Henry was kneeling on the floor, and looked up at them as they entered the room.

"Poison!" queried the inspector.

"Yes. Cyanide of potassium, I think. I'm not sure yet."

For a few moments there was silence. Dr. Henry still knelt by the side of the dead man, and was staring stupidly at the bandaged face. Mr. Turnbull was stolid and motionless. Lowick had a look of fear in Lowick's eyes, and his hands were tightly clenched.

"Meant for you, I expect," said Mr. Turnbull at last, in a terrible affair, but it narrows our search for the murderer."

"How?" Lowick asked in a dull, mechanical voice.

"One of your servants is an accomplice. Who is the most likely?"

He went to the side of the dead man, and looked down at the body of the detective. Then he searched it, and presently passed over his face, and then he turned away.

"A wife and children," he said, grimly. "Well, that's the sort of death I'd like to die, if I were a bachelor. I suppose, as he's off duty, there's no chance for me?"

"I'll see to that," Lowick broke in, fiercely. "I might have been in his place. I will provide for that."

"I'm sure you won't, sir," said Mr. Turnbull; "and now I'm off to see Winchester people. I'll run some men. I'm going to make a clean sweep of this place to-night. Will you kindly put out the lights? I'm afraid of a heart failure, that he had an old trouble of that sort, and it's proved too much for him. I'm sorry, but I'm afraid it's a bit. Don't let anything be touched in this room, and don't let one of your servants leave the house."

"I'll see that no one does," cried Lowick. "I feel as though there were a curse on this place—as though I, too, were doomed to die. I'll be hard to defend oneself against an unknown adversary."

"You'll be all right, sir. You're naturally a bit upset. The doctor will stay with you. I shall give it out in Easterford that it's you who have had the accident."

"In Easterminet?"

"Yes, I don't think the criminal is further off than that."

Lowick accompanied the inspector to the door, and then stood in the darkness, the motor throbbed and the lamps sent a fan of light streaming down the drive.

"Good night," the young man muttered, "it seems as though hadn's were let loose."

"Pardon, sir?" Mr. Turnbull replied, "but we'll bottle it up again, and put the lid on. You just keep cool, and let the law take its course. You are honest folk, and think the law isn't all that it should be. But I can tell you that the criminal knows better."

The throbbing light of the motor vanish among the trees of the drive. Then he returned to the library. He found Dr. Henry still kneeling at the dead man, and gripped him by the arm.

"Come, doctor," he said. "This won't do. We'll have some dinner."

"Dinner!" queried the old man.

"Yes, and wine, eh? Come, sir!"

"I couldn't take anything, Ralph."

"Aren't you hungry?"

"I'm not thirsty."

Lowick was silent for half a minute. Then the horror in his eyes. "If only you didn't know the secret," he faltered, "and if they could be made to understand that you don't know."

"I'm glad I do know," Lowick answered, "for Mrs. Nofar, in the next yet, and if the whole world attempts my life, I'll make a fight for it."

"A fight! It is impossible. Oh, my dear boy, you have been left a terrible inheritance."

"If it is not my own," Lowick replied, slowly. "One I shall use to its fullest power. To-morrow—"

He paused and hit his lip, as though he had said too much.

"Yes, to-morrow, Ralph?"

"I may not be alive to-morrow," he answered, "so we won't talk about it."

To be continued.

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A WOODLESFORD DROWNING CASE.

ON THE WAY TO ASTLEY.

An inquest was held at Woodlesford on Monday on Edward Hartley, the captain of a keel, who was drowned in the Woodlesford Lock of the Aire and Calder Canal on Sunday.

The body was identified by Amelia Walsh, a married woman, who said she was living apart from her husband, and had lived with deceased for the past two years at York Place, Walker Hill, Skipton. She last saw deceased on November 11th, when he left about 8 a.m. Two days later she received a postcard from him stating that he expected to be home again on the 15th inst. That evening she was informed that he was dead.

John Pickles, a boatman living at Bingley, said he was mate on the boat "Duke," owned by William Sugden, of Kildwick, and of which deceased was the captain. He got Lowick aboard on Sunday morning at Salterforth, and arrived at the Woodlesford Lock at 10.45 a.m. Witness was on the canal bank pushing in charge of the horse, while deceased was steering. The current emptied the sluice and was pushing the lock gate when he noticed that Hartley was missing. He shouted but got no reply. The cap of deceased was floating in the water, and at the moment I saw the body was discovered floating. A boat hook was obtained, and with this the body was recovered. Artificial respiration was tried but proved of no avail. A doctor was sent for but did not come.

A verdict of "Accidentally drowned" was returned. Pickles stated that he believed deceased had been pushing the boat from the side of the lock when he slipped and fell, striking his head on the lock side in his fall.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

STOURTON, LOFTHOUSE, CARLTON, AND THORPE QUARTERS.

A meeting of the Rothwell Urban District War Relief Committee was held on the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night. There was a small attendance, and the Chairman (Mr. J. Hirst) presided.

A letter was read from the Yorkshire Copper Works, Stanton, asking that the sum of £15 which had been forwarded to the fund, should be considered as the Stourton treasurer.

The Clerk stated that the money had been paid into the Central Fund, as the cheque had been made payable to the Rothwell War Fund.

Mr. W. Wade said that made no difference it would make if the transfer was made.

Mr. Hirst said he thought it would be the best to carry out the wishes of the sender, and if it was received into the Stourton treasurer.

Mr. W. Dodgson reported that the amount received up to date by the Stourton Committee was £436 17s. 7d., including the £15 from the Copper Works, while the expenditure was £20 8s. 6d. Carlton had paid out £1 15s. to dependents since the last meeting, and Thorpe £1 5s.

He (Mr. Dodgson) had received £1 from Mr E. Sutcliffe, of the Robin Hood Schools, a donation from the staff for the Belgian Refugee Fund. He had, he said, written to Mr Sutcliffe for a list of the names of those who had paid the amount to be credited as they had no refugee fund at Rothwell.

Mr W. Wade said that the Stourton fund had received £20 from the Stourton Rat-payers' Association.

This donation was included in the amount read out by the secretary.

A letter was read from Mr Howe, representing the Lofthouse Committee, stating that he had paid out £1 2s. for the relief of dependents, and he asked that his own cash book of rent could be found in the Central Fund

MANSTON CHURCH DEDICATION FESTIVAL.

POSITION OF THE NEW CHURCH FUND.

ADDRESS BY DR SADLER, LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

On Saturday the dedication festival of Manston Church, Crossgates, was celebrated, and three services were held in the church in the course of the day. In the evening the usual parish tea was provided in the Manston schools, which were tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and in the evening a largely-attended parochial gathering, at which representatives of all churches were present, was held. The Rev. H. H. Mills (vicar) presided, and he was supported by Dr Sadler, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, and Mr H. Mountcastle of the churchwardens. The proceedings commenced with the singing of the National Anthem.

The Vicar, in the course of a short address, gave some interesting information in regard to the position of the New Church Fund. He stated that the festival last year was a memorable one because the new church was then dedicated. This year's festival they might term the festival of the great war, and he hoped that next year this festival would be the festival of the great peace. (Applause). They had set themselves the task of clearing off the debt on the church, but the war had come and had created a new difficulty. They were, however, very fortunate in having received a loan on very favourable terms, and as they had coming in, through the kindness of Mr Wilson, a certain amount, he hoped it might be an annual sum —(applause)—they had no accumulation of interest against them, and all the money they received last year, and he hoped for the present year, would be for the purpose of the debt. For a long time it had been unable to tell them exactly what the debt was, because, as they all perhaps knew, there were, at the time of the erection of the building, certain items that were subject to discussion, and on these they sought arbitration, which had given them, he was told on good authority, quite as much as they had any right to expect. Their able treasurer had furnished him with the figures, and he was now able to state how they stood. The actual cost of the building was £6,849 0s. 6d., and towards that £4,251 11s. 6d. had been subscribed, and the debt was now £2,787 7s. 6d. (Applause). They were not going to make any great effort to remove the debt at present, but next year they were to have another sale of work. He would be very glad, however, if two-will offerings were regularly given, because they represented a steady income. While only some a large sum, they stood in a more favourable position, after building, than any new church in the neighbourhood of Leeds had done. (Applause).

Mr H. Hunt, one of the churchwardens, then explained the diocesan scheme of finance, and stated that it was intended to raise the Manston parish quota by asking communicants to contribute a minimum of 1s. per head.

Dr Sadler, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, who had visited the church, congratulated the parishioners on the building, and stated that it was one of the most beautiful of the modern churches in the neighbourhood of Leeds. (Applause). He then delivered a lengthy address on "The Issue of the War." He said that there were three main issues. The first was to maintain the neutrality of Belgium on two grounds, the first being that was that a neutral and inviolable Belgium and Netherlands were a necessary rampart for the defence of the freedom of Great Britain; and the second ground, because of certain international obligations towards Belgium, the upholding and honourable recognition of which were closely bound up with the public law of Europe, upon respect of which the future law of civilisation largely depended. The second issue of the war, and it was one which became clearer as the weeks went by, was to resist the aggression threatened it would seem for many years by some leading Germans, though not by all, to occupy the dominant position in the councils of Europe and to destroy the naval supremacy of the British Empire. (Applause). The third issue was to uphold the freedom of representative self-government as the wisest social ideal for the future—not the only ideal by any means, not an ideal free from the peril of failure, but in their judgment the wisest. (Applause). Dr Sadler went on to quote extracts from the diplomatic correspondence of the several nations involved in the war written prior to the outbreak of hostilities as tending to prove that down to the very last moment Germany's responsible officials protested that the neutrality of Belgium was secured and would not by them be violated. Belgium, he said, resisted, and whatever happened, Belgium would be proud that she had resisted. (Applause). He afterwards dealt with self-government, which Germany did not believe in. What they had to try to avoid in England was the giving of the officials of the State immunity from the common law of the land. It sounded rather an abstract thing, but it was not really. All over the Continent officials were not under the same law as other people. It made the wheels of the State work smoothly, but he believed that it was at the root of the mischief. The right thing was to be as England was. Any policeman and any civil servant was liable in this country to be brought up before the common courts and judged under the common law the same as any private civilian. That was the way safety lay. (Applause).

It was their business to bring the war to a final and successful issue. (Applause). The men in the trenches were saving the best in the world for them, but if they were not supported—if everyone was not willing to do what the State wished they would find that the things most dear to their hearts had been sacrificed by their fainthearted cowardice. They had got to do that, but they had got to do something else as well. They had got to make England so that the people could live healthy and noble lives and so that the boys and girls could grow up in the full measure of strength and power. These things, he admitted, did not depend entirely on material conditions, because in some of the most squalid quarters of Leeds they could find houses which were models of cleanliness and purity. There were certain things in this country which could only be done by party, and he did not see any way out for the future but party government. Certain things, however, could not be done by party but by the whole nation, and the housing question was one. He urged that while the nation was one they should begin on inquiry, followed by action, which in 15 or 20 years, would remove from the country the curse of bad housing. (Applause).

On the call of Mr Allanson, seconded by Mr Lee, a very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Dr Sadler for his address.

A short musical programme, arranged by Mr Barnley, the church organist, who played the pianoforte accompaniments, was gone through. The choir sang the Russian National Anthem and the Marseillaise, and Mr G. Robson rendered the song "The Bombardier" in pleasing style. Mr H. W. White gave a song, and Messrs G. Robson and E. Hooper contributed the duet "The Battle Eve," which was one of the most enjoyable items performed. Mr A. L. Sherrock was the humorist and his ditties, especially one about the Kaiser, caused much amusement, and he had to respond to calls for more. The meeting, which was a successful one, concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY.

SOME CHRONICLES OF AN ANCIENT KINGDOM."

"Some Chronicles of an Ancient Kingdom" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr Robert Mackay, of Whitkirk, before a large gathering of the members of Crossgates Literary Society in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Crossgates, on Monday night. Mr E. Hook (Worsworth (President of the Society) was in the chair.

Mr Mackay stated that interest in the history of the ancient Kingdom of Elmet seemed to increase as the years rolled on, and in consequence of the new light thrown upon it by the Rev. J. S. C. Collins, rural rector of Barwick, and others, the whole of the early history associated with what was known of the ancient city of Elmet by Pendle, the pagan King of Mercia, and the battle that is supposed to have taken place on Whinmoor. At Peel Farm was an old ruined palace, where the warrior's followers were said to have quenched their thirst, and in the vicinity is Pen Wood, in which, according to local tradition, Pendle's body was cremated after the battle. But the lecturer remarked, amidst laughter, that he usually was in bed at that time, and he had none on the spot. A visit was paid to Barwick-in-Elmet on the occasion of the Roman invasion, and in Ripley Churchyard probably some relics of the Romans were to be found. Then there was Scott Hall, with its squint and numerous memorials to the Ryther family, and Cawood, its castle, and church were described. Bolton Percy, which in the time of the Kingdom of Elmet, has one of the most beautiful churches in Yorkshire, and the "devil's door" in it was shown. Mr Mackay stated that in ancient churches it was the custom to have this door open before the rite of baptism was performed in order that his satanic majesty might have an opportunity of fleeing from the church. In regard to the marsh land here, Mr Mackay, by an old bridge, he stated that it was the remainder of a bog which stretched away to Elmet. Mr Mackay exhibited a view of Lord Darcy's cross, which stood in a hedgerow at Towton. Several beautiful photos of the River Wharfe were greatly admired, and the old church of Ilkley, with its squint and numerous memorials to the Ryther family, and Cawood, its castle, and church were described. Bolton Percy, which in the time of the Kingdom of Elmet, has one of the most beautiful churches in Yorkshire, and the "devil's door" in it was shown. Mr Mackay stated that in ancient churches it was the custom to have this door open before the rite of baptism was performed in order that his satanic majesty might have an opportunity of fleeing from the church. In regard to the marsh land here, Mr Mackay, by an old bridge, he stated that it was the remainder of a bog which stretched away to Elmet. Mr Mackay exhibited a view of Lord Darcy's cross, which stood in a hedgerow at Towton. Several beautiful photos of the River Wharfe were greatly admired, and the old church of Ilkley, with its squint and numerous memorials to the Ryther family, and Cawood, its castle, and church were described. Bolton Percy, which in the time of the Kingdom of Elmet, has one of the most beautiful churches in Yorkshire, and the "devil's door" in it was shown. Mr Mackay stated that in ancient churches it was the custom

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 1914.

In these days, when the avowed aims of German policy are so well-known in this country, it is astounding that any section of the community, no matter how small, should be so blind to the common interests as to declare that English workmen's homes are not worth fighting for. Somewhat similar sentiments have been expressed before—when the country was not threatened by a brutal foe, and the persons who expressed them might have been suffering under what they believed to be an injustice, but in the present crisis, when the very existence of the nation is at stake, it is remarkable to find Labour representatives in Parliament attacked because they have during the present political parleyings appearing on the recruiting platform. Many English homes are, unfortunately, poor, and thousands of the population live in squalid districts under wretched conditions. These homes may not appear to be worth much, and they may seriously handicap the people who live in them, but the question goes far beyond that. Only the man who is utterly ignorant of the living conditions in Germany would utter such sentiments. Are the disloyal prepared to sacrifice all chances of betterment by giving up the privileges which they, as British subjects, enjoy at the present time? The power in this country is now in the hands of the masses, and, if they desire it, they can have the legislation they want. In theory, some may say, this is true, but it does not work out in actual practice. There is, however, no getting over the fact that if the masses are determined no political party or organization dare stand in their way. If they became German subjects they would soon find that the higher orders did not regard them as sufficiently good to be intellectually associated with a part in the government of the country. Democratic government is unknown in the Fatherland. And when the Englishmen who set such small value on their homes started an agitation for political rights they would speedily discover that the freedom of speech which they had in tolerant England did not exist in Germany. At the present time Britons are appealed to from recruiting platforms to rise in their might and smite the ruthless enemy that has devastated Belgium and committed atrocities innumerable on an industrious population, whose only desire was to live at peace with their neighbours, and some of these disloyal say that their homes are not worth fighting for. It is the right of every man in this country—up to the present, at any rate—to refuse to serve his country, and even to condemn her, but Germany would not be so tolerant. These men would quickly learn the meaning of Conscription—the "manufacture of "cannon fodder," in order to maintain the prestige and power of the military caste, and they would understand that grinding and crushing of the individual, who is subordinated to the claims and demands of the State. They would have no opportunity of saying that their homes were not worth fighting for; they would simply have to go into training. Presumably they have never thought the matter out. England may not be a paradise, but it is the home of freedom, and it is the country to which all downtrodden people turn to for guidance and help. These disloyal Britons may cause some mischief, and their foolish talk may prevent a number of young fellows from joining the Army, but there are thousands who, whilst patriotic enough in their talk, are not doing anything to back up their faith in Britain. Writers in Germany have told us—it does not do us any harm—that they hate us, and the Prussians would no doubt, if they were permitted, bye England in the most sanguinary manner the inhabitants. They can only be cheeked in one way. The young men must defend our shores, and that can best be done in France, Belgium, and Germany. The cry is for more men—and more men they must be got if this country is to emerge successfully from this terrible war and crush Prussian militarism for ever.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Mrs. J. Batty, of Rothwell, has contributed 6s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr George Armitage, of Rothwell, has contributed £1 2s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), J. R. Cross, and W. Evans.

Drink.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Tom Thorpe, labourer, of Rothwell, was summoned for being born drunk and disorderly in Commercial Street, Rothwell, on Monday, November 9th. P.C. Bosomworth proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application for a pocket matchstriker, an improved anti-corrosive composition. Patents accepted—Joseph Rafferty, Doncaster, improvements in means for facilitating exit from railway trains; M. A. Harper Mitchell, Otley, an improved skirt and blouse holder.

Button.—A junior team, representing the Rothwell Workingman's Club in the Oulton and District Billiard League, journeyed to Hope Town on Saturday night to play a match with the Reading Room cuelists. Out of the six games the Hop team won four, making an aggregate score of 548 against the Rothwell team's 492. The scores were as follows (Rothwell names first):—H. Bennett 100 v. Passmore 68, L. Thurwell 81 v. Benton 100, R. Deakin 100 v. Bush No. 2, Rhodes 100 v. Bloomer 100, F. Stringer 73 v. J. Ward 100, and F. Goodall 79 v. Bloomer 100.

Farewell.—Ensign and Mrs. Bridson, who have for the past six months had charge of the Rothwell corps of the Salvation Army, took farewell of Rothwell on Sunday, being compelled to vacate from public service for a while owing to ill-health. Although the Ensign in Rothwell has been very short, both the Ensign and his wife have been enthusiastic in their labours, endearing themselves to many of the members of the corps. They will carry with them the best wishes and the esteem of a large number. Special services were held on Sunday and each week-night up to and including Wednesday night. These were well attended, and after the service on Wednesday night, when the final "farewell" was held, the Army Band, of which the Ensign has been a member, played the two officers home. On Thursday morning they left for London. So far it is impossible to say who the new officers will be.

Rothwell W.R. Win.—Playing in the first round of the Leeds and District Senior Cup on Saturday, Rothwell Rugby Rose entertained Great Preston W.R. Since the Alerton Bywater Club disbanded several of their players have signed on with the Great Preston team, and these were included in the eleven at Rothwell. Hutchcroft started for the visitors before a very small attendance. The home-sters' tactics soon put the Preston men on the defensive

A RESIDENT AND SOLDIERS' WIVES.—Mr Harry Johnson, of Herbert Villa, Crossgates, has stated in the Parish Church that he was delighted to read "Mr James Graham's report of the work of the Leeds Local Committee of the National Relief Fund. What an answer to all the charges of drunkenness amongst soldiers' wives in the inside and front pews, and some of the literature posted on our walls, of the necessity of closing public-houses! The figures Mr Graham gives speak for themselves. He states that, out of 7,000 families registered, "I have not had occasion to warn more than 20 women. Of 300 families which were carefully inquired into in one of the poorest districts in the city there were only two doubtful cases of drinking, and these were cases of suspicion only." Is not this a fine testimony to the wives of our brave Tommies who are living down their lives for us?"

FERRYBRIDGE.

Mr H. S. Cudliffe Moss has been appointed stationmaster at Ferrybridge.

GARFORTH

On Monday evening Professor Ricardo will lecture at the Council School on "The Colleges of Garforth." See advt.

On Saturday afternoon Garforth footballers had a League match with Thorpe Hall Lees Albion, and Garforth won in our graphic one.

ARREARS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Thomas Edward Hick, miner, of Garforth, was summoned for arrears of wife's separation ordered by his son's detention in the Shadwell Industrial School. An order was made against Hick in March, 1910, for 2s per week, and the arrears, now represented 18 weeks' wait. Supt. Symonds proved the case, and an order was made for payment of the amount.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—The attendance at the schools in Garforth area last month was not so good as in October a year ago, being 87.39 against 88.54. Garforth Council School, mixed, had a percentage of 04.87 against 91.46, and Infants' 79.80 against 84.84. The attendance being affected by measles. At East Garforth the figures were 86.58 and 04.20, chickenpox reducing the percentage, while at the Parochial School, mixed, the percentage was 06.12 against 86.17, and at the infants' school 02.11 against 86.20. The returns for Garforth R.C. were 02.31 and 93.33.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Capital programmes have been submitted at the popular Picture House this week, and for the week-end "The Range War" a sensational western drama, will attract large audiences, and the second edition of the topical record of the war will be the special attraction on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and "He never knew," a splendid vitagraph drama, will arouse keen interest. A fine programme has been arranged for the week-end, and among the principal films will be the "Adventures of Kathleen"—"The unwelcome throne." For timeliness and prices see advert.

A FOOTBALL OBJECTION.—At an emergency meeting of the Leeds Hospital Cup Committee, held at the offices, Park Square, on Friday night (Mr G. H. Ellis presiding), the protest by Garforth White Rose against the result of their match with South Milford, on November 7th, on the grounds of similarity of colours and unfair play, was considered, and the match was ordered to be replayed on Saturday, November 21st at South Milford. The South Milford or Garforth White Rose v. Fryston Colliery fixed to meet the winners on November 28th to December 5th to meet the winners of Waterloo Main Colliery who play Fryston, on November 28th, in a charity game.

GREAT PRESTON.

Mrs Lowther, of Little Preston Hall, has given £5 to the Yorkshire Hussars maxim gun fund.

A Great Preston School last month the percentage of attendance was 88.24 against 87.87 for October last year.

HALTON

FIREWORKS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Session on Tuesday, Hugh Bartlett, miner, of Halton, was summoned for discharging fireworks on the highway at Halton and was fined 2s 6d and costs.

A MENDICANT.—For begging at Halton on Monday afternoon, of no fixed abode, named John Joseph Johnson, was sent to prison for fourteen days by the magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday.

MONEY PAID.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions thirteen miners of Leeds, employed by the Waterloo Main Colliery Company were summoned for a breach of contract, and a claim of 5s. being made against each defendant. Mr Wright appeared for the Colliery Co., and said that all the defendants had paid the claims. The summonses were accordingly dismissed.

TRESPASSING POACHING AFFRAY.—Joseph Swaine, labourer, of Leeds, who is charged in connection with a poaching affray on the Templenewsam estate, was again remanded for a week in custody by the Skyrack magistrates on Tuesday. Mr A. Wilby, solicitor, who is prosecuting for the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., stated that the two gamekeepers, who were injured in the affray, were still confined to their beds, although Dr Dean, of Crossgates, had intimated that it was most likely they would be ready to give evidence next week.

DISCHARGED.—A charge of loitering with intent was preferred against a driver of no fixed abode and named Malley McMahon, at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions. P.S. Haigh stated that a short time after midnight he saw the prisoner come out of a yard in Gloriett Avenue. Witness stopped him and questioned him as to his intentions. McMahon replied that he was going to York. He then was asked what he had in his pockets and the prisoner put his hands in them and held them there. On being searched a knife, and a box of matches, along with a candle were found. The magistrates dismissed the case, but stated that the officer had done the right thing in bringing the men before them.

KIPPAX

PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHURCH.—The Band of Hope meeting was held in the schoolroom on Tuesday evening. Mr E. Overton and Mr Arundale, of Methley, were the speakers, and Mr R. Firth presided.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with the ladies sewing society of this church a meeting was held on Monday, and tea was provided in the schoolroom, having been kindly given by Mrs Hartley. A good number of ladies attended.

BAND OF HOPE.—Mr H. Firth, of Methley, was the speaker at the Wesleyan Band of Hope meeting, which was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. There was a good attendance, and Mr E. Plows presided. The subject dealt with was "The injury received from alcohol."

C.E. SOCIETY.—The meeting of the Christian Endeavour in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church was held on Wednesday evening, when Mr Richard Dawson, of Castleford, delivered an excellent address on "The Church in Sardis." Mr G. Prince was the soloist, and Mr A. Collinson presided.

On Saturday afternoon Kippax had a football match in the Leeds and District Cup-Tie competition, and they defeated Leeds Steel Works by two goals to one.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE—By invitation of the Earl Shaftesbury Lodge, Kippax, the autumn meeting of the West and North Yorkshire Grand Division was held in the United Methodist Church, Kippax, on Saturday. There were 70 representatives present at the meeting, and Mr J. D. Lofthouse, of Leeds, was the speaker, and Mr "Militarism and the Church" was debated at length by Mr H. H. Wilkinson, Mr T. Butterworth, and Miss Ford. A vote of thanks was moved to Mr Harrison by Mr A. Howson and seconded by Mr Allan Parker, and woefully approved.

WITHDRAWN.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, in which the case of James Lavin, miner, of Kippax, who was summoned by Edward Firth, of Kippax, for assault, was called, the prosecutor said he wished the summons to be withdrawn. He had been very friendly with the defendant's parents for over forty years, and as they had come and apologised to him he did not wish to press the case. Permission was granted to withdraw the case.

AN UNSAFE MEMBER.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edmund Booth, miner, of Kippax, was summoned for having used obscene language at Kippax. P.C. Cockburn gave the hearing the defendant using the language. The Chairman (to Booth): Why can't you keep a clean tongue in your head? Defendant: It was a pcss. I let the word slip, and he was there as soon as I got it out. The Chairman: I am afraid your tongue is an unruly member. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

ANNIVERSARY.—The jubilee anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Church in connection with the Wesleyan Church was celebrated on Sunday. The preacher for the day was Mr A. Crabtree, secretary of the Yorkshire Band of Hope Union, and his subject in the morning was "When God wants a man," and in the evening "Is God with us." A P.S.A. meeting was held in the afternoon, when Mr Crabtree gave an excellent address on "How to win the battle." Mr J. Fawcett, of Castleford, was the elocutionist, while solos were sung by Miss Ackroyd, of Leeds, at the evening service. Mr I. Robinson, of Astley, presided. The collections were in aid of the Band of Hope Fund.

LEDSHAM

At Ledsham School last month the percentages of attendance was 95.55 against 93.62 for October last year.

MICKLEFIELD.

A sum of £4 10s. has been sent from the village of Micklefield to Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

At Micklefield Infants' school last month the percentage of attendance was against 92.08 for October last year, and at the mixed school, where some throat affected the returns, 87.69 against 91.06.

Albert Silverwood (32), who went to France with the 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry in October, has, according to a message received by his wife, who lives at 17, Bath Street, York Road, Leeds, been killed in action. He had worked at the Micklefield Colliery for a considerable time.

The ladies of Micklefield, along with their host, secs., Miss Violet Young, of New Zealand, Aberford, who are busily making Xmas gifts for the soldiers and Belgian refugees, thank Mr Pawson and the committee of the Micklefield Choral Society for the sum of £2 sent to help them on their good work.

OULTON

Oulton and Woodlesford Demonstration Committee have sent £43 to Leeds Infirmary.

LECTURE.—At a meeting of the Oulton Literary Society held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday evening an interesting lecture on Von Bernhardi's book "Germany and the War," was given by the Rev. H. T. Pattinson (curate). It was pointed out how extraordinary it was that, although the book was written in 1911, many of the ideas were prophetic in regard to the present war. Mr Pattinson gave an instance of how Germany was miscalculated. In his lecture, east to the war he had stated that the British colonies would only take advantage of the mother country's difficulty by breaking away from the Empire, but, as everyone knew, every part of the Empire was supporting Great Britain in the war.

ROBIN HOOD

A SEVERE DEFEAT.—On Saturday afternoon in the Leeds and District Football Cup Competition Thorpe Wesleyans played New Worlds, at Robin Hood. The Thorpe Wesleyans scored four goals to nil, and the New Worlds were not in the hunt before the interval. The Thorpe Wesleyans added to their score in the second half, and Spirit. Half-time score—New Worlds, nil; Thorpe Wesleyans, nil. In the second half the Gasworkers continued the procession and further goals were scored by Broughton (4), Millard, Spirit, Whitehead, Gascoyne, and Redman. New Worlds won by 15 goals to nil.

ROUNDHAY

Misses E. and M. Cowen, of Roundhay, have made a second donation of £2 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A LADY'S MUFF.—Annie Nunns (22), living in a lodging-house, pleaded guilty at Leeds, on Tuesday, to a charge of stealing an umbrella and a lady's muff, the property of Miss Elizabeth Lupton, of Springwood, Roundhay, from a waiting room of the North Eastern Railway Station, Leeds, last Sunday, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

GLEDDOW.—On Wednesday the members of the Yorkshire Geological Society, under the conduction of a charge of Kendall, undertook a field excursion to Roundhay, with the object of examining an outlier of magnesian limestone that rests over Roundhay Grange upon lower coal measures. A marine bed in shales of the millstone grit series exposed in Roundhay Park was also examined.

THE FARMERS' RETURN.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions, William T. Holder, farmer, of Roundhay, was summoned for moving pigs without a licence from the Auction Mart at Whitkirk. P.C. Hattigan proved the case, and it was also stated if he had anything to say, Holder said that he would pay for the damage by putting up the price of pork. He was ordered to pay a fine of 1s. for each pig, seven shillings in all.

SWILLINGTON

At Swillington Parochial School, where the attendance was affected by scarlet fever last month, the percentage was 88.24 against 92.80 for October last year. Swillington Common School had the best figures for Kippax district, the percentage being 96.34 against 96.56.

STOURTON

FOOTBALL.—Stourton United, in the Leeds and District Senior Cup Competition, defeated East Leeds Old Boys by two goals to one. Stourton Albion were beaten by Moorend Celtic by four goals to three.

IN DARKNESS.—Frank Wallis, bramley, of Leeds, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for causing a vehicle to stand a fifty, on two fixed abode, was charged with begging. P.C. Sowray spoke to seeing the defendant crossing and recrossing from the stopping stations on the Leeds and Wakefield Road, Stourton, begging from people. When spoken to by the officer he said "I am sick of it; if you give me some pence I will take it." Tindall was sent to prison for one month with hard labour.

STOURTON RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.—A sum of £43 3s. has been collected among the members of Stourton Ratepayers' Association in connection with the Belgian Refugees Funds, and it has been decided to give £20 to the Stourton District War Relief Fund and £23 3s. to the Belgian Refugee Fund. The following names gave the donations:—Councillor T. P. Wade £5, Mr W. Parker £1 1s., Mrs H. Baines 2s. 6d., Mr W. Atkinson £1 2s., Mr H. Robinson £1 1s., Mr T. Parker 2s. 6d., Mr A. Ledgard 10s. each, Mr W. Bland 7s. 6d., Mr H. Baines 6s., Mr W. Duffill, Mr J. G. Roberts, Mr G. Smith, Mr J. Wheeldon, Mr R. Wright, 5s. each, Mr W. Bland, Mr G. Dutton, Mr A. Greenwood, Mr C. T. Oates, Mr Jas. Parkinson, Mr O. Parker, 2s. 6d. each; Mr A. Clarkson 2s., and Mr J. Williams 1s.

SHADWELL

GUARDIANS AND SALARIES.—The members of the Leeds Board of Guardians on Wednesday discussed the recommendations of the Special Committee to advance the salaries of clerks, nurses, and others in their employ. A long letter was read from the Chamber of Trades and the other from the Master Bakers and Confectioners' Association, urging that the state of industrial affairs made it highly inopportune for any advance. Other letters, especially as many firms in the city had found it necessary to reduce them. The proposed increases amounted in the aggregate to £175. Mr A. Edmunson remarked that the proposals of the Committee had not been made public property, and expressed surprise that any member of the Board should have communicated to us extracts from the contents of a document marked "Private and confidential." Mr J. T. Buckton mentioned that a copy was laid on the table at the meeting of the Committee of Trades. The Chairman (Mr T. Moore) moved the adoption of the Committee's recommendations. Mr Alfred Hobson (Roundhay), moved that the question of increasing salaries be deferred until the close of the war. He thought it was an outrage to the ratepayers to advance the salaries officials at such a time. Many of the ratepayers, he declared, had difficulty in making ends meet, and new taxation had just been imposed which would place many ratepayers in a very awkward position. Mr Sugar-Musgrave (Shadwell) said he was in favour of certain advances, but he did not see how they could pass and choose between them. The principle applied whether the amounts was large or small, and it would be unwise to make advances. The motion to postpone the advances was carried by 20 votes to 7, and three members were neutral.

WOODLESFORD.

Mr James Hopke, of Woodlesford, has given £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs Rose, Silcard, of Rothwell, has collected £25 for the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £7, proceeds of a con cert in connection with Woodlesford Church, has been sent to Leeds National Relief Fund.

The infants at Woodlesford School, instead of spending money on fireworks, gave 3s. 6d. to the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund.

AFTER SEEING HIS MOTHER OFF.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Session on Tuesday John Pritchard, of Woodlesford, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Leahy stated that on Saturday afternoon he found Pritchard in the worst state in Gilfett Lane. Pritchard said on knowing the man he asked him up. Pritchard said he had been drinking with some of his friends who had left that morning with the mineral battalion. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

WHITKIRK

WOUNDED BELGIAN SOLDIERS.—Lady Dorothy Wood writes to the newspapers as follows:—I should be very glad if you would allow me an opportunity to thank all those who have so generously given both clothes and the money to buy them, in answer to my appeal on behalf of the wounded Belgian soldiers. Through the generous help that has been given very much has been done to increase their future comfort, and the soldiers themselves are deeply grateful for the gifts. For the present I need not have any more sufferers of everything, except boots and shirts. May I also add a petition for French books for their amusement, if any of your readers should have them to send; we would gladly undertake to distribute them at the Leeds Mayoress's Office, 1, East Parade, Leeds.

WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.—Jane Young, aged 40, wife of Wm. Young, labourer, of Gowthorpe Street, Selby, died suddenly on Saturday morning. She was in her usual health on retiring to rest on Friday night, but the following morning, while dressing in her bedroom, she turned ill and fell forward on her head. Her husband lifted her into bed, and found that she was dead.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.—The Local Government Board have sanctioned the Selby Urban Council's application for a loan to carry out a new road project for widening and improving the communication between Gowthorpe Street and Hirdley Road. The districts indicated will be opened up considerably by the new thoroughfare, and the Council are also of opinion that the Council are purchasing property with a view to the provision of further houses for the working classes. The new road will form part of the town planning scheme in connection with the Council House in contemplation.

SELBY ABBEY INSTITUTE FUND.—A subject work as a preliminary effort for the benefit of the Selby Abbey Institute Fund was held at the New Lane Schools on Saturday afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. Dr Solloway), in opening the sale, said that the bazaar arrangements on behalf of the new Institute had had to be put off owing to the war. He thanked all those who had been working for some time on behalf of the object and the donors of gifts for the sale. Already the sewing guild had paid to the fund over £30. The sale, though planned only on a small scale, was very successful. Tea were provided, this department being under the direction of Miss Stansfield and Miss Parkes.

TEMPLENEWSAM ROLL OF HONOUR

EIGHTY MEN SERVING THE COUNTRY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—The Templenewsam War Fund Committee wish to compile an accurate list of all the men belonging to the parish who have come forward to defend their country in the hour of peril. The list appearing below contains all the names at present known to the Committee, and if there are any other names which ought to be included I shall be grateful if any of your readers will kindly inform me by post-card.—Yours, etc.,

W. B. PINDAR.

Clifton House, Halton, Leeds.

Adams, Milestone Yard.
Bell, Elias L., Wilfred Avenue; Bailiner, Charles, Primrose Road; Barrachaugh, Arthur, Colton; Batty, Sidney, Carlton House; Best, Robert, jun., Hollyshaw; Bevins, Walter, Colton; Bevins, William, Colton; Bolland, William, Overdale Terrace; Bowers, Edward, The Orchard; Bowers, Jack, The Orchard; Boyington, Fred, Primrose Lane; Broadbent, Gilbert A., Hollyshaw Lane; Brook, Clifford, Carter Mount; Byford, Geo. W., Graveley Square.

Carrol, Charles, Lane End; Chadwick, Wm. D., Green Lane; Coleridge, John, Colton; Collis, Arthur, Wilfred Avenue; Coultas, Cecil, Morritt Avenue; Coultas, Percy, Morritt Avenue; Cowell, Harry, Grove Road; Cuttle, Walter, Carter Avenue.

Daniels, Arthur, Templenewsam; Danks, Tom, Carter Avenue; Davies, Hugh, Park View Terrace; Dobson, Arthur S., Colton; Dodsworth, Arthur, Field End; Dunbar, Wm. H., High Street.

Ellis, Rowland C., Hollyshaw Lane.

Farndale, George W., Colton; Firth, Harry L., Carter Mount.

Gole, J. W., Milestone Yard; Goodall, Chas. A. Graveley Street; Goodall, Sidney H., Graveley Street; Grant, Harry, Overdale Terrace; Guest, Harry, Overdale Terrace.

Hall, Harry, Milestone Yard; Hardcastle, Geo., Primrose Lane; Hardwick, Alfred, Field End; Harrison, Alec., Graveley Street; Hamilton, Bernard St. G., Hollyshaw Lane; Heyward, Alan, Hollyshaw Lane; Hotham, Geo., Chapel Yard; Hunt, Geo., Lane End; Hunt, James, Lane End; Hyde, Wm., Springfield Place; Kettlewell, Fred, Colton.

Lamb, Herbert, Temple View; Leach, James, Morritt Avenue.

Masebedar, Norsaum Squire; Moore, Chas. A. Park View Terrace; Myers, Geo W., Hollyshaw Lane; Myers, Sam C., Hollyshaw Lane.

Nicholson, Fred., Morritt Drive; Noble, Zeba, Primrose Road.

Parr, Walter C., Cross Green Lane; Pullan, Charles, East Lodge; Pullan, Frank, East Lodge; Pullan, Fred, East Lodge; Pullan, Harry, East Lodge; Pinder, Ernest, Chapel Street.

Rhodes, Geo., The Orchard; Royston, Carter Terrace.

Simpson, Overdale Terrace; Smart, James, Wilfred Avenue; Stott, Edward G.; Morritt Avenue; Sunter, Norman, Dawson Square.

Tinker, Arthur, Jos.; Trowles, Geo. W., Chapel Street; Turner, Herbert N., Morritt Avenue.

Waddington, Geo., Lane End; Waddington, Stephen, Lane End; Wainwright, Fred., Selby Road; Watson, Wm. H., Whitkirk View; Wilson, Frank, Primrose Lane; Jones, Arthur C., Templenewsam Square; Wood, A. F. W., Cross Green Lane; Wright, Fred., Lane End; Wynne, Horace G., Carter Mount.

TEMPLENEWSAM WAR FUND COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS—FREE MEDICAL AID—BALANCE.

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W. Verity	1	4	0
J. Fleming	3	11	3
P. S. Marsden	2	13	8
J. H. Pickles	1	13	6
J. Armistead	1	9	9
W. Baker	1	0	2
T. Rippon	2	7	6
S. H. Young	1	10	0
C. E. Eaton	1	0	2
Rev. J. M. Hamilton	1	0	0
Rev. B. Guyer	2	12	0
J. Gwrid	0	18	3
F. C. D. Atkinson	7	7	0
Mrs Ashmore	2	1	9
Mrs J. W. Parker	5	5	0
Mrs Pindar	1	14	10
Mrs A. Hyde	0	8	5
Miss Bull	0	14	0
Mrs Crosthwaite	1	4	0
Mrs Dickaray	0	10	0
Mrs Strickland	1	0	10
Nurse Bishop	2	12	6
Mrs Carr	0	12	2
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Whitkirk Rifle Club	0	11	6
Woodlesford	0	12	0
Travellers' Inn box	0	8	0
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	43	7	5
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W. B. PINDAR, Secretary.

Mr Richard Riley Chambers, of Selby, left estate valued at £2,204.

Mr J. Boadell, of Temple Hirst, has been appointed stationmaster at Marston Moor.

The two shops on the north side of Selby Market Place, owned by Mrs. Dodgr, have been disposed of to T. and J. Building Company, who are to erect banking offices there.

Mr W. Bell (York), architect to the North Eastern Railway Company, has presented to the Selby Museum two interesting phot-graphs of the old Selby railway bridge as it stood thirty or more years ago, before the present modern iron structure was erected.

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT FARMERS' CLUB.

HEAVY HORSE-BREEDING—A PAYING PROPOSITION.

THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME

On Wednesday night a meeting of Crossgates and District Farmers' Club was held at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk—Mr J. M. Rayner, of Whinmoor, presiding—for the purpose of discussing the Board of Agriculture's scheme of horse-breeding. Mr W. R. Crawford, of Leeds University, attended to explain the scheme, and members present were Messrs Wright (secretary), J. W. Pollard (Moor Allerton), C. Scott (Colton), H. Umpleby (Seacroft), J. Appleyard (Austhorpe), G. Taylor (Halton), W. Stevenson (Halton), W. H. (Halton), W. Bickerdike (Osmondthorpe), Brown (Halton), R. Bickerdike (Osmondthorpe), I. H. Austin (Halton), F. W. Barraclough (Colton), Barron (Newsamhow), J. Nicholson (Barwick), W. Ransom (Osmondthorpe), E. Ransom (Halton), H. Tillotson (Osmondthorpe), J. Taylor (Halton), H. Read (Colton), G. Walker (Crossgates), and C. W. Austin (Knostrop).

The Chairman said that farmers had the reputation of grumbling a good deal, and he thought if they did a little less grumbling and tried to redress their grievances it might be better. The Government, which had brought forward several schemes for the benefit of farmers during the last few years, had now a scheme for having produce for the Army from farmers. It would do away with the middleman if it could be worked. He supposed, however, that the middleman was a necessary evil—he would not go further than that. Perhaps he was perhaps not—himself—(laughter) and he was not always as bad as he was painted. He had to try to satisfy both buyer and seller and he had himself to consider at the same time. If the scheme could be carried out and the Government dealt direct with the farmer, he was sure it would be beneficial to all concerned.

Mr Crawford said that his object in Yorkshire was entirely to improve live stock—horses, cattle, and pigs—and to get farmers to keep more milk records. The total amount of money paid by the Board of Agriculture to Yorkshire was £7,441, and this had been divided by the Live Stock Committee for the county, so that they were not going to provide stallions, £1,164 for bulls, £80 for boars, and £400 for milk records. In regard to milk recording societies he said it was very hard to get them organized in Yorkshire. The farmer could not see that he was to get any immediate benefit from them and he rather fought shy of them. Under the scheme the farmer weighed the milk each week and set it down in a form, and in this way got to know the good and bad milking cows. A cow that did not give a good quantity of milk was costing its head off. When the cow was tested for a year and the farmer wanted to sell it, he could have a certificate showing its milking capacity, and this should prove of value both in selling the cow itself or its produce. Having dealt with the scheme for bulls and boars, he said that to get a horse society could be £80 per annum. The first thing they had to do was to form a society and have rules, and then to get subscriptions from the members how many of them were prepared to take up nominations. If they arranged for a list of 12 they would be able to hire a horse for £200, and they could take two mares. He explained that the Government paid £80—£40 on a grant, and the remaining £40 went to pay half the fee (if it was £4) to forty members, who formed the list. Temple-newsam Estate Council, A. F. W., Cross Green Lane; Wright, Fred., Lane End; Wynne, Horace G., Carter Mount.

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WEST RIDING DISTRESS COMMITTEE—GARFORTH SUB-COMMITTEE

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	107	14	3
Underground workmen and boys and screen-men, Sisters and Isabella Pits, per Mr. C. H. Belsden (10th contribution)	6	16	7
Total amount to date	£114	10	10

We, Geo. Bosher, Hon. Sec. and Treas. 18th November, 1914.

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PRESENTATIONS CEREMONY AT GASWORTH.

Mr Robert Routledge, one of the best known gentlemen in Gasworth, and one who has filled many posts in positive or attempts at the negative direction, has made the resignant of a bomb under gasworth from the difficult and troublesome of a gasworth's life, and has retired from the gasworth, on Saturday night. Mr Routledge, who has gone to reside at Bridlington, is still a member of the Gasworth Borough Committee and of the Gasworth Urban District Council, in which he has for the past fifteen years represented, and for several years has been chairman, and he served the public in the Gasworth Education Committee, the Gasworth Assistance Public Council, and other bodies for a large number of years.

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The Chairman, said that it was another sorrowful duty to perform of meeting in that room to congratulate Mr Routledge on his appointment as a justice of the peace, and with the Gasworth Urban District, and on the occasion they had to say Mr Richard Routledge's name, and Mr. Councillor Routledge's name, and Mr. Councillor Routledge's name, and Mr. Councillor

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

— BY —

ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

Shrubs, roses, trees, hardy perennials and bulbous roots, and bulbs in variety may be planted with equanimity this month. It is important that the work be pushed forward with all speed. Severe weather may be expected towards the end of the month, and any planting that is done in the latter month should be left until spring. The proper position of the ground is one of the most important points in rose culture. Soils with a scarcely sufficient do not require drinking, but where the soil is composed of clay, efficient drainage must be provided or failure will ensue. The fact that roses enjoy a stiff, heavy, and tenacious clay soil is not generally recognised, and I feel confident that in many gardens where rose growing has been given up in despair, failure might have been turned into success if the beds had been subjected by the addition of a liberal amount of pulverised clay. Firm planting is another important essential. The soil should be trodden firmly around the roots. This must not be taken to mean that stamping with the foot is necessary. Place the soil evenly over the roots and tread evenly round each plant. Finish off with an inch or two of loose soil. A few days after planting, the beds should be mulched with about 4 to 6 inches of rotten manure. This may seem a rather large amount, but it is not too much. A quantity of it will get washed away during the winter, and the remainder will provide food and shade for the roots, and prevent rapid evaporation of moisture during the following summer. Standard roses, of which would be difficult to make a selection of varieties to please all our readers. There are a few sorts, however, that grow so freely, and are so good in every way that we have no hesitation in giving them, and in saying that they should give general satisfaction. Take Baronne Rothschild as an example. This is a strong-growing, free-flowering variety. The blooms are large, well-formed, sweet, and of an exquisite pink shade. We have seen this variety growing and flowering freely in gardens where almost every other kind refused to grow. John Hopper is a sweet-scented, free-flowering variety, which should find a place in every town garden. The climbing variety is an ideal one for planting on a house front or on a south wall. General Jacqueminot is a beautiful crimson rose and is free-flowering even under the most adverse conditions. Caroline Testout, Captain Hayward, Madame Ravary, Hugh Dickson, Mrs John Laing, Frau Karl Druschki, Dupuy Jamain, and The Lyon would complete a really useful collection.

VEGETABLE GARDEN.

Carrots, turnips, and beet-root should be lifted and stored at once if not already done. Parsnips and Jerusalem Artichokes may be lifted as required for use.

Kale, sprouts, sprouts, and broccoli should be kept under observation. Decaying leaves should be picked off about once a week. The surface soil between the roses should be frequently hoed to remain in a caked condition. When it is necessary to walk between the rows the soil soon gets trodden down to such an extent as to prevent the air reaching the roots. This trouble can be remedied by freely using the hoe. A loose surface soil often makes all the difference between success and failure.

FORCING

As outdoor vegetables get scarce it becomes necessary to commence forcing it is continuous supply has to be maintained. The forcing of asparagus, seakale, rhubarb, carrots, radishes, mustard and cress, etc., is not difficult where good suitable structures and material are available. A hot-bed is required to produce asparagus, carrots, and radishes. Seakale, rhubarb, and mustard and cress may be grown in a temperature of about 55 degrees.—A moist atmosphere is also required. The seakale and rhubarb must be forced in total darkness.

A pinch of tomato seed may now be sown in a warm house to provide a few plants for early fruiting.

FRUIT GARDEN.

Fruit growing can scarcely be described as a profitable occupation in the vicinity of the majority of our northern town districts. Smoke, dirt, and chemical fumes are not conducive to the welfare of the trees. On the other hand, it is certain and probable that they do not get a fair share of attention. They stand for years at a time without receiving anything in the shape of manurial food. Wealthy trees would derive great benefit from a thorough soaking of liquid manure applied this month. Any that are making strong, gross, and consequently non-fruiting wood, may be root pruned. Such trees, if the roots are bared, will be found to have strong fibreless roots. These may be pruned back to about three feet from their base. Use a sharp knife for the purpose.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

BEDDING GERANIUMS.

This dull, damp weather experienced at this time of the year is to a great extent responsible for the many losses which occur amongst newly-rooted bedding geraniums. To guard against this difficulty watering must be practised with extreme care. The soil in the pots or boxes should be allowed to get almost dry before more water is given. About once a fortnight the plants should be looked over and have every decaying leaf, etc., picked off. This is very much the cause if the drooping portions were left they would soon afford other parts of the plants and general decay would set it. If the plants be kept free from droppings, is just what the plants require at present.

SCHIZANTHUS WISETONENSIS.

These are few more popular flowers during the spring months than the charming schizanthus wisetonensis. They young plants should now be occupying separate pots and should be put in a cool but fresh-aired, light position. The pots should be resting upon moist ashes, and although plenty of fresh air is good for the plants they should never be subjected to direct draughts. Any that are showing a disposition to run should have the lead pinched out. This will encourage a branching habit. It is inadvisable to repot at present unless they are getting root bound, in which case they may be repotted in a light compost, containing one part in 3 or 4 of old engine ashes. Any that are repotted at this time of the year must be watered very carefully until they re-establish themselves in their new pots.

THE CONSERVATORY.

Chrysanthemums are now at their best, and the object of the cultivator should be to preserve the show of bloom as long as possible. Much can be done in this direction by careful treatment in regard to watering. Overdoing and starving must be carefully avoided. A drink of clear soft water should be given only in dry weather, and then only when the soil is getting dry. Overwatering will quickly spoil their flowers. The ventilators may be left wide open day and night except during frosty or foggy weather. This, of course, will apply only where a house can be attended to strictly to their requirements. No fire heat is needed except during very severe weather, or it may be given for an hour or two occasionally with the object of drying up the floor and staging. Continue to feed until the flowers are half open.

CULTURE OF SCARBOROUGH LILIES.

Valotta purpurea, or the Scarborough lily, is a perfect plant for pot culture, and can be grown to give satisfaction with very little trouble. It is one of the very best of the autumn bloomers. A three-inch pot is large enough for a single root; and no shift as all be made until it is completely full of roots, when a pot only one size larger must be used. The great essential in the growth of the Scarborough Lily is to have it undisturbed, and to interfere with the roots as little as possible. When potting is done, the soil should be placed with the surface of the soil. During winter very little water is needed, and the plants must be kept in a room or greenhouse where they enjoy a light position, and are protected from cold frosts. One special advantage of the Scarborough Lily is that it is evergreen. Curiously enough, this is one of the relatively few plants that refuses to hybridise or to mix.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—A satisfactory demand, and prices advanced. Wheats 44s. to 45s., medium quality 43s. to 44s., malting barley 32s. to 35s., secondary barley 30s. to 32s., oats 25s. to 28s. 6d., and rye 34s. to 35s. per qr.

PROVISTONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs, 11d. and 6 for 1s.; butter 1s. 4d. to 1s. 5d. per lb.; chickens 4s. to 5s., ducks 5s. 6d. to 6s. per couple; celery 1od. to 1s. 1d. per dozen.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—A good demand kept prices on the up-grade. King Edwards made satisfactory prices. Up-to-Dates 47s. 6d. to 52s. 6d.; sand King Edwards 52s. 6d. to 60s., warp King Edwards 60s. to 65s. per ton; retail, 3s. per hamper.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 89 beasts and 67 pigs. A rather better supply of stock, with the usual attendance of buyers. A sharp trade was experienced all round, best beef making up to 6d. per stone. The demand for store beasts was much better. A very small supply of lincolnred-polled heifers in demand. No sheep on offer. A good trade for pigs at late rates. Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £21; fat heifers to £20, fat cows to £17, fat bullocks to £15, cows in calf to £18, bacon pigs to £7 17s. 6d., pork pigs £5 13s., store pigs to £6 11s.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son had a good entry of dairy cattle and pigs, but sheet supplies of fat beasts and sheep at their fortnightly sale. Trade ruled firm for newly calves cows, the best making up to £36 5s. 6d.; useful kinds, up to £25 12s. 6d.; secondary sorts, to £17 15s.; presents calvers, to £21 2s. 6d.; January calvers, to £21 12s. 6d.; best fat cows, to £18 5s.; best heifers, to £17 7s. 6d.; young cows, to £16; old cows, 6d. to 6½d. per lb.; heifers, to £16 7s. 6d.; cows, to £24 15s.; small choice bullocks, to £18; heavier kinds, to 9d. and 9½d. to 7½d. per lb. Pork pigs met with a quick sale; choice useful weights, 8s. 3d.; large fat pigs, to 7s. 9d. per stone. Store pigs were plentiful and cheap, young sorts making to 13s. 6d. each, and stronger kinds to 20s. Breeding calves made 6s. to £2 5s. each. Numbers sold—102 newly calvers, calving, and store cattle, 42 fat beasts, 270 sheep, 288 pigs, and 5 calves.

WETHERBY, Monday.—Messrs Thomlinson and Son had forward a very good show of well-finished beef and mutton. The attendance of butchers and dealers was in excess of last mart, and a firm trade was maintained. Beef made about last week's prices, quality, up to 9½d. per lb.; second quality 8s. 6d. to 9s. Sheep made a good price, 9d. to 10d. per lb.; ewes made the money. Best calves to £20, and sh to 77s. each. Numbers sold—101 beasts and 238 sheep. Ten very grand bullocks from Bickerton Grange made from £23 5s. to £24 5s., viz.:—Mr. Dunnington, £23 5s., £23 15s., £24 15s., £24 5s.; Mr. Otter, Hunsingore, had six very grand finished bullocks, making £20, £27 17s. 6d., £23 2s. 6d., £23 5s., £24 12s. 6d., and £24 5s.; Mr R. Liversidge, Shaw-hall, had 12 grand Irish and Highland bullocks and heifers made £27 5s., £26 15s., £23 17s. 6d., £26, £24 12s. 6d., £27 2s. 6d., £25 5s., £24 6d., £27, £25 10s., £26, £27 5s., etc.; Mr R. Carr, Wighill, had a good bullock and a heifer, which made £25 5s. and £26 10s.; Mr. Thos. Dyson, Bramham, had four very good bullocks, which made £27, £26 17s. 6d., £24 15s., and £24 10s.; four exceptionally well-finished bullocks from Mr. E. Cass-Hammerton, made £26 15s., £26 15s., £25 12s. and £27 2s. 6d.; three bullocks from Mr. Jno. Jackson, Scotthorpe, made £23 15s., £24, and £26 12s. 6d.; Mr. J. W. Watson, Wighill Manor, had two ripe bullocks, making £24 5s. and £25; two heifers from Mr. Thurlbeck, Plumpton made £19 17s. 6d. and £18 2s. 6d.; three bullocks from Mr W. Dunnington, Marston Lodge, made £27, £26 17s. 6d., and £24 10s.; Mr. R. Bielby, Cattal, had four bullocks, making £26 10s., £23, £22, and £26 17s. 6d.; Mr T. Jackson, Scotthorpe, had two beasts, making £22 and £18 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. Norfolk, Tockwith, had a choice bullock, which made £25; three bullocks from Mr. J. Thurlbeck, executors, Tockwith, made £25 5s., £24 15s., and £23 12s. 6d.; four for Mr. Tindall, of Oak Pick, made £26 10s., £26 15s., £20 12s. 6d., £20 2s. 6d.; three bullocks from the northcountry made £26 2s. 6d., £24, and £27 7s. 6d.; Mr R. Bielby, Cattal, had three pens of choice sheep, which made to 77s.; Mr. J. Spawforth, Thorpe Arch, had two pens, making 76s. 6d.; Mrs Otter's prime sheep made to 77s.; sheep from Mr W. Kendall made to 69s.; Mr. J. Dyson, Bramham, to 72s.; Mr. J. W. Atkinson, to 64s. 6d.; Mr Beech, to 59s. 6d.; Mr J. N. Atkinson to 55s. 6d.; etc.

GARFORTH DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

NO DISTRESS IN THE DISTRICT

The monthly meeting of Garforth District Education Committee was held at the offices at Garforth on Wednesday evening—Mr John Wrathmell (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were Messrs J. W. Dobson (vice-chairman), H. Chappel, J. J. Dewhirst, C.C., H. Gascoigne, F. Richardson, and T. S. Slater (Secretary). Apologies were received (Schools), and W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

Mr Dewhirst asked if there had been any cases of distress among children, necessitating the provision of meals.

Mr Dobson: I have not heard of any.

Mr Dewhirst: I am very glad.

The Clerk said that the attendance for October was down. With regard to the previous month's attendance, Mr Brown wrote stating that it was very satisfactory and was third best in the West Riding.

It was reported that owing to an outbreak of measles a part of Barwick School had been closed for two weeks.

With regard to the proposed alterations at Barwick School, a resolution was passed leaving the question in the hands of the West Riding Education Authority.

The Clerk stated that he had had correspondence with Mrs Lund in regard to a nursing association for Aberford district, and she stated that the meeting of the association had been postponed owing to illness. Nothing can be done in the matter at present.

With regard to the case of children requiring meals had been reported, but the Clerk had asked the head-masters of schools to let the Committee know if any cases did occur.

The Chairman: There is no extreme poverty in Garforth.

Mr Dobson: Things have not been so bad as we expected.

The Chairman: Better than we expected.

It was stated that the average attendance at East Garforth Evening School was 12 out of 15 and at Garforth 14 out of 15.

In regard to the starting of an ambulance class at Garforth, the Clerk said that so far as he knew only six persons had promised to join.

The Chairman said they asked for 35 members, and they could not entertain it for six applications.

Mr Dewhirst said it was a great pity, because it would have been good practice.

The Clerk said he had stated that if there were no more promises from people to join there would be no classes.

R.A.M.C. MAN AT THE FRONT.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Private George Crosthwaite, of the R.A.M.C., who is well-known in the district, has written to his parents at Harrogate this week, and we have been asked to publish the letter. He is at the Front, and he writes:—"We are having a busy time here, and it looks like going on for a bit. We can't get more bad luck out here; it would be well appreciated if we could. We get billeted out sometimes, but mostly we have some straw or a barn. We don't mind where it is so long as we get a good sleep now and. The Germans have nicknamed the kilted men as "the ladies from hell." The reason I have put that down is because I have just heard that we are charged with bayonets. It is put they have got home with the point, for they deserve it. The Germans are on our hospitals and Red Cross carts, and also on us. We have to fix bullets many times until they have ceased firing before we can get at our wounded. The first day we went into action our company fetched no less than 30 wounded out of the firing line, and the shells were bursting all around us. We were a bit timid when the first shell burst not forty yards away from us and the earth, stones, and shrapnel flew about us. When we had been there about a quarter of an hour all fear left us, and we walked in to the firing as though we had charmed lives. Many shells were in the trenches told us we were the best men they had seen, and no one envied our job. Bullets were whistling off round us, and we came out, every one of us, without a scratch. We have been complimented on our good work by the general, so we have not done so bad after all. I was in guard all Saturday night over four bad cases who were too bad to be moved. One of the poor fellows died on the Sunday morning. He was shot through the lungs with a piece of shell or shrapnel. My lieutenant's name is Dr Greenlees, and I am his servant or his orderly. I am with all his kit and other minor things. All right' plenty of grub, but very rough, and we cook most of our own food on fires of our own. We make hospitals of churches, schools, farmhouses, and all kinds of things. All the people have deserted their homes, and many homes and villages are burnt down. I have seen as many as five villages all burning at once. There are horrid sights, hundreds of refugees running in all directions. It's simply heartrending to see all people leaving their old houses, perhaps never to see them again. Hundreds of cattle lying dead; goats running loose everywhere. Well, I am pleased to say we are giving the Germans a whacking here, and they are getting sent, just to send them off the earth. I don't care if the war is finished by Christmas. I should like to get home for Christmas, but my hopes will no doubt be dashed to that subject. Well, I am in good health, and that is all that matters out here. I must now conclude, with love to all. I cannot tell you much news or where I am for we are not allowed. Write letters as requested. Now send me a note and tell me how you are. I have just heard that Germany is seeking peace. I hope it's true.

HIRST.

Local Gentlemen and Drinking Facilities.

VIEWS OF MESSRS MORKILL AND DEWHIRST.

At a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee on Wednesday Mr J. W. Morkill, formerly of Austhorpe Lodge (Chairman of the Shaftesbury Bench), drew attention to the question of restricting the hours for the sale of intoxicating liquors. There was a universal feeling, he thought, in the riding in favour of restricting those hours, in the interests of the working classes and women. It had been represented in the press that the sale of drink to women had greatly increased since the war began. Those to whom he had spoken on the matter had also tried to get clubs to observe the same hours. (Hear, hear). They thought that on Sundays especially clubs ought not to be open when the public-houses were closed. (Hear, hear).

The motion was adopted unanimously, and the chairman was authorised to invite all Lord Mayors, Mayors, chairmen of petty sessional divisions, and chief constables of the riding to attend a conference.

MR LLOYD GEORGE AND WAR TAXES.

Presenting his financial statement in the Commons on Tuesday the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that he had to ask for £353,000,000 to meet the ordinary expenditure and the cost of the war. He proposed to double both the income-tax and the supertax. There would be a tax of a halfpenny on every half-pint of beer, a reduction of licence duty to publicans regarding decreased hours, and increased brewers respecting duty. There would be no additional tax on spirits or wines, but an additional threepence in the pound on tea. Having concluded the taxation proposals the Chancellor said he still had to meet a deficiency of £321,000,000. The War Loan to be raised was £250,000,000. Defendant said he would take the form of a 3½ per cent. security to be redeemed by the Government at par at the 1st of March, 1928. Already offers to the amount of £60,000,000 had been received. The total amount of the loan would be £350,000,000 at £95 per cent.

STOURTON

ASSIZES.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions Frank Bennett, labourer, of Stourton, was committed for trial on charges of indecently assaulting two children—one a boy in the Shadwell Industrial School and the other a girl in the Thorpeash Industrial School. Supt. Symonds proved the case. Defendant said he did not think he was justified in paying the amount as the woman who was the mother of the children, and with whom he had been cohabiting, had left him, and she had no affiliation order made against him. The Chairman made an order for payment, and said that if Bennett thought he was not justified in paying for the children, he should apply to the magistrates for the orders to be reduced.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Snow 26 a foot deep in the Thuringian Forest (Germany).

Anti-typhoid vaccination has been made compulsory in the French Army and Navy.

Herring fishing over the Firth of Forth has been forbidden during the whole of this winter season.

The Government has decided to ask Parliament to erect a national monument to the late Lord Roberts.

General Plumer, of the Northern Command, has asked officers to do all in their power to check the "cigarette evil" among soldiers.

Austria has decided to issue a war loan of £41,600,000, in which the population will have to participate according to their means.

At the Old Bailey a Whitechapel solicitor named Wm. John Hart was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for perjury.

A labour organization in Australia has been fined £2,000 for aiding a strike. Ten of the officials were also ordered to pay fines of £50 each.

Twenty-five aliens of Turkish nationality have been registered in Leeds since the issue of the new order, and this, it is believed, is the full total of such persons resident in the city.

The Newcastle steamer Vera was boiled amidships in a collision with a mine-sweeper off the Norfolk coast, and was beached. The captain and crew of twenty-three hands were saved.

The naval collier Dagon sailed for Europe on Saturday with 1,200 tons of Christmas gifts from American children to children in Europe who have lost their parents through the war.

In Dublin Andrew Clarke was remanded charged with the murder of his wife, who died from injuries said to have been caused with a spade, after a quarrel between the couple.

The body of Walter Burbidge, an artillery man in the Canadian contingent, who broke away from camp on Salisbury Plain while undergoing detention, was discovered in the River Avon, near Bath.

The five-year-old child of Mr and Mrs Wharlick, Maltongate, Thornton Dale, was severely burned on Saturday, and succumbed to the injuries on Sunday night. The child's clothing caught fire.

German lists have contained 535,000 names, but this heavy figure does not include losses sustained during the retreat through Poland, or those which followed the last month's hard fighting in Belgium.

A mysterious shooting affair has occurred at Tipton, Staffordshire. Some youths were playing in a field when a gun was discharged close by them. A son of the lads fell, and they were taken to hospital.

The Vicar of Leeds states that in Woolwich, many years ago, he was told that Lord Roberts was the proud to belong to the Army of Queen Victoria, but prouder still to belong to the army of the King of Kings.

It is estimated that the total charge borne by seven groups of industries which come within the scope of the Workmen's Compensation Act amounted last year to £600,000. The amount paid in compensation was £3,361,650.

A man named Alexander Black, who attempted to pick pockets in a crowd which had assembled to see the funeral of Lord Roberts, was sent to prison for three months at Manchester. He was caught with his hand in a woman's coat pocket.

A bomb with the fuse almost burned out was discovered on Saturday in the court room of the Bradford Police Court, under the offices of the Governor-elect, Mr Whitman. A policeman carried the infernal machine from the building.

Among the men who enlisted in the ranks of the 4th Gorden Highlanders Territorial Reserve for foreign service is the Rev. James Vivian Rogerson, who was minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Harehills Avenue, Leeds, for several years.

There being no case for trial at the Bradford West Riding Court on Monday, the presiding magistrate was presented with a pair of white gloves. The Magistrates' Clerk said that in his 25 years' experience that was only the second time there had been a blank sheet.

Women blamed Lord Rosebery, speaking at Bradford, said that Yorkshire, as a whole, had not given its fair share of men to the services, and he thought partly attributable to the action of the women, who were keeping back the men. To such women he would say that they were not doing the right thing.

Mr H. J. Tennant, Under-Secretary of State for War, replying to an inquiry from the president of a Scottish football club, writes that no objection is taken by the military authorities to occasional recreation. It is considered, however, that professional football does not come within that category.

At Stalybridge, near Barnsley, on Saturday night, a motor-cycle and side-car, driven by Mr J. W. Gray, accountant, Barnsley, with whom was Mr Clifford Hirst, secretary of the Wakefield Automobile Club, collided with a waggon with such force that both men were killed on the spot. Mr Hirst had his neck broken, and Mr Gray was shockingly injured about the face.

It is understood that the War Office has determined to reverse its decision to South Wales that recruits from certain collieries in Glamorganshire are not to be accepted unless they can produce certificates from the mine managers that they can be spared. This decision is due largely to the fact that South Wales depends largely for coal supply upon these collieries.

At Bootle on Monday an inquest was held into the death of Mr Alfred Briggs (47), of Bedale, who was found shot through the right temple. The evidence showed that Mr Briggs had arisen at about seven a.m., and after getting the papers went into the middle room, where he was subsequently found lying on the floor shot, with a rook shooting gun under him.

Carl Gustav Ernst, bi-dresser, was on Friday, at the Old Bailey, sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for offences under the Official Secrets Act. Mr Justice Coleridge, in passing sentence, said the prisoner, a British subject, was a most dangerous spy, ready to betray his country to the enemy for money, and equally ready, probably, to betray Germany for an increased reward.



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CORRESPONDENCE

COST OF LIVING IN KIPPAX.

Sir,—The letter which you kindly inserted in your valuable paper a fortnight ago dealing with the question of raising money to provide pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors from incomes as low as thirty shillings weekly was an endeavour on the part of the writer to state his convictions that such a small income was not sufficient in these days of costly food-stuffs, expensive wearing apparel, high rent and rates, to enable a small family to make ends meet. Kippax people, in particular, could not endure the strain that such an experiment would inflict upon them.

The village on the hill is the most difficult place outside London in which to keep body and soul together. We workers don't grumble at responsibilities we complain when the taxes are to pay, and express our surprise that the proposal when first introduced should have escaped our notice. Well, sir, the writer is one among many who has strong objection to any tax, direct or indirect, being placed upon the wage-earner, but I have no quarrel with those who wish to provide pensions, etc., for those who fight our battles on sea or land. I have a strong dislike for a proposal though that would raise for the purpose this money by taxing the wage earners.

The writer's reference to Kippax being an expensive place to live in needs qualifying. I agree to make it interesting, and I feel sure that could the careful housewife (we have many in Kippax), be persuaded to give out her thoughts in writing, on one hour them expressed in conversation from time to time, as to the cost of food stuffs, etc., they would certainly be backed by experience, and would be a revelation to many men. Here are a few prices:—Potatoes 1s. per score pounds, eggs 5 for 1s., milk per quart 4d. and butter 1s. 6d. per lb., and that in a place where grazing is rich and plentiful. Rents and rates average a fifth of the income where there is only one worker. I am not disposed to trespass on your space by giving you the full list of costly things which no other place outside London, I feel sure, can equal. The struggle here to make ends meet is real and abiding, and the people, be they old or young, who come here to end their days find conditions that will enable them prematurely to attain that object. "Kippax is a fine old village," said a traveller one day, "but it's a long way from the station, and it has healthy surroundings." There are redeeming features certainly connected with it, and if all other essentials were more easily secured, the fresh and unpolluted atmosphere and the fine landscape of which Kippax can boast would be, in the absence of despair, more truly a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.—Yours, etc.,

INTERESTED.

ENDLESS CHAIN PRAYER AT SHERBURN

Sir,—I am sending you a copy of a P.C. of the blasphemous rot which is being circulated extensively in this village. I remember some time ago that a similar thing was exposed in the Press. The harm such a thing can do to young people especially is incalculable.—Yours, etc.,

S.

Sherburn-in-Elmet, Nov. 18th, 1914.

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WHAT OCCURRED AT A SHERBURN DANCE

Sir,—As one who has known Mr J. J. Foster for the last 13 years I can, and I am glad to bear my testimony to his all-round sincerity. I know how sincerely he detests "nib-bearing" and how carefully he would avoid uttering or writing one word that would be likely to offend or wound.

To have him as a friend is to have one who is constant and loyal. I was deeply impressed with his first letter, and his reply to Miss Richardson is that of a Christian and a gentleman—nothing of the "cad-fire" nature in it. Those of us who know him best can detect the heart motive, and we understand.

I would like to say "Thank you" to "Pariahonor" and "Old Chap" for their sympathetic letters: "Thou hast a few names even in —— that have not defiled their garments, etc., etc." "here is a "pulpeteer test" in Mr Foster's letter for all of us in the question, "What is the reason, I wonder, that people are not as touchy about wrong itself as they are about its exposure?" This ought to shame all Mr Foster's critics into silence.—Yours, etc.,

OVER THE BORDER.

Correspondence will be found on another page.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FOR THE FLEET

Sir,—I should feel very grateful if you would in so good as to bring under the notice of your readers the objects of, and work being done by, this organization, as set out in the enclosed leaflet. In the short space of one month we have established upwards of forty country branches by means of which, aided by many independent contributions, we have already despatched about two thousand large cases and barrels of fruit and vegetables to His Majesty's warships in the North Sea. We are also receiving a considerable quantity of jam and preserved fruit, but these are being held back until the fresh fruit supply slackens. In this connection it may interest your readers to know that Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, is one of our best contributors.

The fresh fruit and vegetable season in this country is now almost at an end, after which our only resource will be imported fruits, etc., in order to keep up the supply which we find is so gratefully appreciated by the officers and men of the Fleet.

We are naturally most anxious to continue this supply with some regularity, especially to the torpedo boats and destroyers, submarines, and mine-sweeping trawlers which badly need fresh fruit, vegetables, etc.

Unfortunately, this will call for an outlay far beyond our present financial resources unless public sympathy for the welfare of the men of our warships enables us to cope with it.

I, therefore, appeal to your readers to kindly help us with subscriptions, and I beg you to generously assist us by giving our organisation as full a notice as possible in your widely read columns.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES BERESFORD, President,
Vegetable Products Committee.

P.S.—All subscriptions to our funds should be made payable to "The Vegetable Products Committee," and sent to Messrs Jackson, Pixley, and Co., Chartered Accountants, 58, Coleman Street, London, E.C.

SUNDAY CONCERT AT ROTHWELL.

FOR THE RELIEF FUND.

A successful concert, promoted by Mr T. Barthram, in aid of the Rothwell Urban District War Relief Fund, was held in the Rothwell Empire on Sunday night.

When the idea of holding such a concert was suggested by Mr Barthram, the Relief Committee were somewhat dubious as to the results, but the effort turned out a great success, and the local fund will be better off to the extent of about £6. Mr Barthram is very well known in local musical circles, and is just the man to take up such an enterprise, and the artistes whose services he had obtained, were Miss Alice Hayes, a noted Leeds soprano, who has just completed an engagement at the London Halls; Madame Holroyd, a contralto, who needs no introduction to Rothwell people; Mr John Hickes, a Leeds tenor; Mr Nathan Whiteley, a popular baritone; and Mr Charlie Barthram, son of the promoter, who is a promising young violinist.

Mr J. Hirst, Chairman of the local Relief Committee, presided, and, in a short address, said that Mr Barthram, the promoter of the concert, who had done much for the musical side of Rothwell, was to be congratulated upon the excellent programme he had arranged. He was also sure that the concert committee would be delighted to see such a large audience and the financial result, he had no doubt, would be very satisfactory. Afterwards he was not one who was much in favour of Sunday concerts, but the object that evening was a worthy one.

The programme opened with the National Anthem, the first two verses being sung by the four principals, and the third being taken up by the audience. The hymn "O God our help in ages past" was also sung in unison.

In the quartettes the voices of the principals blended well together, their two contributions "God is a spirit" and "Come thy banner" (Mendelssohn) being very effective. Miss Alice Hayes was in excellent voice, and for her rendering of "How lovely are Thy dwellings" (Liddle) she was deservingly recalled and gave, in response, Jude's setting of "The Better Land." Later in the evening she received an encore for her interpretation of "Abide with me" (Liddle). Madame Holroyd gave a pleasing rendering of "Lead, kindly light," to which Mr Charlie Barthram contributed the violin obligato. Her other songs—"There's a land" and "Land of hope and glory"—were feelingly sung, and the latter song was given in response to an enthusiastic recall. As an additional item Miss Alice Hayes and Madame Holroyd sang in duet "Far 'neath alien skies." Mr Nathan Whiteley's songs were "How ur and arms" (Handel), and "The watchman." The latter was the better, and he was encored, responding with "Before you came." Mr John Hickes contributed "Sound an alarm" (Handel), and "The death of Nelson," and he had to re-appear after singing the last named, and he was loudly applauded for his fine interpretation of "Let me like a soldier fall." Mr Hickes and Mr Whiteley gave the ever popular duet "The battle ever," which was encored, and they gave "Watchman, whot of the night." Mr Charlie Barthram's violin solos were skilfully played, and were greatly appreciated. Mr A. Adamson was an excellent accompanist.

At the close of the concert a tribute of praise was paid to the artistes and to Mr Barthram, by the Chairman.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN.

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WAR CHAT.—No. 14.

In this article we continue the subject of green food for poultry which commenced last week, the text being from the Annual Report of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station.

The practical problem then in feeding green food to poultry becomes to devise a system which shall insure a supply of green food for the birds at all seasons of the year. The following system of rotation in green food supply has been in use for several years on the poultry plant here with satisfactory results. It should be said that, owing to the small area of ground available for the poultry work at the Station in relation to the number of birds it is necessary that green food must be cut, and preparation practically throughout the year, not only for the adult hens in the laying houses, but also for the chicks growing on the range.

Beginning in the early fall when the pullets are put in the laying house they are given green corn fodder cut fine in a fodder cutter. Stalks, leaves, and ears are cut together in pieces averaging about ½ inch in length. The birds eat this chopped corn fodder greedily. It is one of the best green foods for poultry that we have yet been able to find. Its usefulness is limited only by the season which is as long as it is possible to get it. The feeding of corn fodder is continued until the frost kills the plants.

When the corn can no longer be used cabbage is fed. The supply of this usually lasts through December. In the worse of the supply of cabbage falling it is desirable to start the oat sprouter, the interval is filled out by the supply of mangolds. From about January 15th to May 15th green sprouted oats form the source of green food. From about May 15th until the corn has grown enough to cut, fresh clover from the range is used. During the summer the growing chicks on the range are given rape (Dwarf Essex) and green corn fodder cut as already described to supplement the grass of the range, which rather rapidly drive out and become worthless as a source of green food under our conditions. The very young chicks in the brooders are given the tops only of green sprouted oats chopped up fine.

Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns free, but those requiring a reply by letter should enclose a sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

SAXTON PLOUGHING MATCH.

The second annual ploughing competition of the Saxton and District Ploughing Society took place on Mr G. Firm's farm at Saxton. Winners:

Class 1, Champion (ploughs 25 miles)—1, J. Dalby, Wilke; 2, S. Walker, Shadwell; 3, H. Liversidge, Scarcroft.

Class 2, for ploughers who have never won a first prize (15 miles radius)—1, Jas. Bailey, Saxton; 2, H. Longfield, Saxton; 3, W. Green, Potterton; 4, J. Hawley, Barkston; h.c., J. Stephenson, Barkston.

Class 3, for lads under 18 years of age.—1, E. Farrow, Sherburn; 2, B. Hall, Aberford; 3, E. Mawson, Saxton.

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HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TEMPLENEWSAM AFFAIRS—WASTE PAPER NUISANCE.

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held yesterday afternoon at the Council Offices, Lock Street, Hunslet—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), D. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, and J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. R. Pindar), the medical officer of health (Dr J. Buck), the sanitary inspectors (Messrs W. Whitehead and P. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

Mr Whitehead reported that he had served eighteen preliminary notices on the owners of property in the Council's area, and six of the defects had been remedied, while the others were being attended to.

Mr Nuttall's report showed that the contractors had completed their contracts in connection with the private street work improvements at Woodlesford. This work, the surveyor reported, had been one of the toughest jobs they had had to see to; however, the work had been satisfactorily carried out and was a great improvement to the district.

Mr Hargreaves said he agreed as to the way the work had been done.

The Clerk stated that the Templenewsam Parish Council had written stating that they had been supplied with "school danger-signals" by the Automobile Association to be erected at Halton, and they asked the Council to fix them up.

It was resolved that the surveyor be instructed to fix the signals.

Mr Nuttall made an application on behalf of the Templenewsam men for "time and a half" for work done on Sunday in the clearing away of the snow.

The payment was allowed.

Mr Higgins, in his report, called attention to the nuisance caused by householders in the district not destroying waste paper, which was put into the bins.

The Clerk said that if the paper was burned it would keep the place tidier and would be a saving of expense.

It was resolved to call the attention of householders to the nuisance by handbills.

Dr Buck, who was not present at the last meeting of the Council, presented his report for September, during which there were fourteen births and six deaths. Four cases of infectious disease were notified, and five samples of milk were taken in Oulton. For the month of October ten births were registered—four in Oulton and Woodlesford, five in Templenewsam, and one in Middleton. Five deaths—three in Oulton and Woodlesford, and two in Templenewsam were reported. Infectious cases numbered four—being two cases of scarlet fever in Oulton and Woodlesford and Templenewsam. A case of diphtheria in Whitkirk and a case of tuberculosis.

The medical officer said he had compared the figures of the Council's area with those of the whole of the West Riding, and they were quite favourable.

Miss K. Marsh, of Thornor, has given £2 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Dr Scatchard, of Tadcaster, has given £2 2s. to the Yorkshire medical motor ambulance fund.

SAXTON School had the best attendance of all the schools in Sherburn district last month, the percentage being 94.29 against 94.59 in October last year. The figures for Barkston were 87.50 against 92.45.

THE WAR.—News has reached Monk Fryston that Private Geo. Fern, late Lascelles's Regiment, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He was a reservist, and lived at Leeds when the war commenced. His wife and child are staying with his parents at Monk Fryston.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—The percentage of attendance at the schools in Sherburn district for last month was 90.00 against 91.40 for October last year. Sherburn Council had a percentage of 93.56 against 91.39, Sherburn infants' school 88.88 against 87, and Sherburn Endowed 92.52 against 93.10.

OFFICER WOUNDED.—Second-Lieut. H. G. Brooksbank, of the Yorkshire Regiment, who is reported wounded, is a son of County Alderman E. C. Brooksbank, J.P., of Healmgh Old Hall, Tadcaster, and who is also the owner of extensive estates in the Sleights and Whitby district. His brother, Mr Stamp Brooksbank, is also serving with the Yorkshire Regiment. Second-Lieutenant H. G. Brooksbank, who is the third son of Alderman Brooksbank, entered the Army last year.

MONK FRYSTON.—On Sunday at the Wesleyan Church special services were held in connection with the Wesleyan foreign missions, when appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. C. E. Cook, of South Milford. On Wednesday afternoon a service was held, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. B. Mattinson, of the Sheffield Mission, and formerly of the West Indies. Subsequently a public tea was provided in the schoolroom, and in the evening the annual missionary meeting was held, and Mr R. Batty, of South Milford, presided over a good gathering. The annual report was presented by the Rev. C. E. Cook, and an interesting and excellent address on missionary work in the West Indies was given by the Rev. W. B. Mattinson. Collections were taken in aid of the missions.

LORD HAREWOOD AND THE SPY PERIL.—The Earl of Harewood, who raised the question of the spy peril, in the House of Lords recently, supports the demand for the institution of a Committee of Public Safety. "I consider, frankly," he said to an interviewer, "that the whole of the east coast at least should be placed forthwith under martial law. It may be urged that this step would be too drastic, and that the public would not stand it. I believe, however, that no step would be too drastic to meet the emergency that has arisen, and that the public would cheerfully put up with anything that promised to mitigate this spy danger. That spying continues to be practised successfully there can be no question, and, from what I learn, something even more drastic and stringent than martial law is already in force in Germany."

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week a feature of the programme is a problem playlet by the Rev. A. J. Waldron, whose sketch "Should a Woman Tell?" has been one of the most widely-discussed plays of modern times. In "What Would You Do?" the problem is whether a man should enter into a forced marriage with a girl whom he has wronged, but for whom, he is convinced, he has not sufficient affection. The subject is delicate and controversial, but the author treats it as well as it can be dealt with on the public stage. The characters are admirably played.

Georgie Wood, has an amusing series, "Winkles," in which he has abundant opportunity to display his personality and his versatility. It is as good a thing as he has given us. Carmen Turia, who has an excellent voice, sings English songs as one would expect a Spaniard to do, and Walter Aubrey is an unusually neat step-dancer. Others on a long bill are Harry Ford, comedian; Aldon and Loupe, barrel jumpers; Stacey and Williams, comedians; and Fred Wildon, phonofiddler.

An exceptional item in the programme to be presented by Mr Frank Allen at the Leeds Empire next week is that of Miss Zona Vevey and Miss Beard. One of the accessories to the entertainment is a "full cathedral" organ, undoubtedly the most perfect, as it is certainly the largest with which touring has been undertaken. George D'Alberti, a popular Leeds favourite, returns with some new numbers, which are likely to prove as successful as the many popular successes standing to his credit, and Cornalli and Eddie present what must laughable of tumbling turns, known as a "humpsti-bumpsti" act. Thornley Dodge contributes another item which is sure of popularity. His entertainment at the piano is of a kind which is always acceptable, and to many yields nothing in popularity to any item on the programme. Other excellent attractions include the Castilian Quintette, in a musical potpourri, "Ragtime Outdone"; Chas. Norton in "Pro's at the Races"; Magini, aptly described as "The Violin Wizard," and pictures.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week Mr Ernest G. Roberts, who was formerly in revues, presents the second edition of "Full Inside." Dainty dresses, kilting songs, pretty faces, and genuine rollicking fun are all there, and packed houses have testified their appreciation. Miss Jennie Benson (late of King and Benson) in song or comedy scores a decided success, Harry Brown, of "I'm very Happy" fame, is a comical waiter, and gives an extract from his vaudeville show; Stanley Brett is a capital comedian, and his insurance act with Miss Benson is splendid fooling. Others in the cast who are deserving of notice are Miss Ivy Deane, Mr Len Fisher, and the Misses More and Lea, who dance the triple waltz. Others in the bill are Fanny and Harry Dent, in their comedy act, "Murry and the Squaw"; Russell Carr, the military ventriloquist; Master James Garnett, a clever juvenile musician; and Woodward and Page, in a cycling set.

Next week at the Hippodrome Mr G. P. Huntley and Co. will present a new comedy sketch "A Burlington Arcadian," and Vasco, the only man in the world who can play any instrument ever invented, will appear in a wonderful act. Others in the programme are Minnie Muir, the original Tipperary girl; Jenny Lynwood, Scotch comedienne; Forest Tell, in coon songs and dances; Millie Ruby de Fontenoy, champion lady rifle shot; and Abel and Walsh.

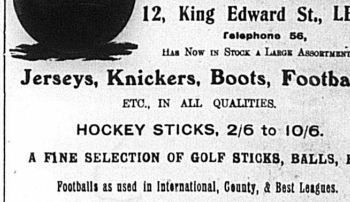
FIRE AT POST OFFICE.—Damage amounting to £30 has been done by a fire which occurred at Cawood Post Office. The postmistress, Mrs Carnell, had taken a lighted candle upstairs, and it accidentally caught the curtains, setting them on fire. Neighbours went to her assistance and extinguished the outbreak with buckets of water.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Templenewsam has over eighty men serving the country, either the Army or Navy, and they represent all classes, from the squire downwards. The parish has done much better than Ingleby Kippax, but its record is not nearly so good as four of Garforth, Tadcaster, Wetherby, and Selby. To the gallant young fellows who have responded so willingly to the country's call all honour is due, and when they receive a gift at Christmas from the Templenewsam War Fund Committee they will realize that the residents on the are grateful to them. In the list the names of whose evidence one has no reason whatever to brother—Pullan, of East Lodge—appear doubt, but at Tadcaster recently a lawyer got so that Cressgates is not the only local village a man off because there was no corroboration that can claim to have four members of one family of a constable's statement. The sequel was serving with the Colours. The Beaumonts, of Crossgates, and the Pullans, of Templenewsam, dependent witness in such a case. One effect have shown a splendid example.

The Kippax correspondent, who styles himself "Interested," is one of the most generous humorists who ever expressed an opinion, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer should know him. "The writer," he says, "is one among many who has a strong objection to any tax, direct or indirect, being placed upon the wage-earner." That view one can understand, for a great many people have a rooted objection to even paying rent and rates, and what will they say to the 2d. extra on tea, and the half-penny extra on the half-pint of another beverage? "I out, have no quarrel," he goes on, "with those who wish to provide pensions, etc., for those who fight our battles on land and sea." Now nothing would be more repugnant to this representative than the idea of the "great and independent" than a suggestion that he desired to be pauperised, but it must follow that if wage-earners did not pay taxes, direct or indirect, they would have the benefits of all the public services as the recipients of the bounty of those who paid taxes. Well, he is no doubt a patriot, and every time he drinks from one cup or the other he will have the satisfaction of knowing he is doing a little bit towards crippling Kaiser Bill, and likewise helping those who have suffered by the war. The Kippax man cannot live to himself. What does he think of Mr Henderson's suggestion of a tax on wages?

In order to prove that Kippax is a costly place to live in, he submitted the prices of a number of commodities, but he must know that Kippax has no monopoly of high prices. Even in the market at Selby last week eggs were selling at 3 and 6 for a shilling, and butter at 1s 2d and 1s 3d per lb., and on the top of that the middleman puts his profit. Milk, too, unfortunately, quite as done in many places, and house rents are as high—it all depends on the town. Why in Selby and Tadcaster working-men cannot get houses, although they are prepared to pay good rents, and at the Moor Town the Urban Council have been compelled to undertake a building scheme. Why did the correspondent omit coal from his list of commodities? Therein, I think, the great majority of Kippax folks, being employed in the mining industry, score over the residents of many villages. I could name. Living is certainly very much dearer than it was, and it tells in a family where the income is limited, but I am not yet convinced that living is dearer in Kippax than in any place outside London.

Professor Moorman, of Leeds University, had a sly dig at the Rector of Adel the other night. The professor, who recently delivered a delightful lecture on the Yorkshire dialect at Crossgates, gave an address on "Broad Yorkshire" in Leeds, and of the efforts of the Rector of Adel to deplored the effect of elementary schools in causing the lapsing of dialect speech. Prof. Moorman thereupon stated that a beneficent influence might be exercised if our country parsons would occasionally preach a sermon in dialect. How many of them could do it?

Old customs die hard, but there is evidence furnished at Wetherby and Selby that the "hirings" will eventually be no more. I wonder what my farmer friends think about the matter, because I notice a clergyman at Carlisle has been denouncing the hiring fair. "It is an ungodly thing," he declared, "this public exhibition of young men and young women in the open streets for hire, with all the concomitant perils of concentrating a horde of young people of both sexes away from home with so much idle time on their hands and with nothing to do."

Should a small army of Garforthians be observed digging in the quarries and excavations in the neighbourhood, it must not be assumed that they are seeking lost treasure or searching it would be a rather heavy demand on local patfor coal. They will be making geological investigations to expect the residents to provide the vestigations in order to find corroboration of cash for the war and for lighting at one end Professor Kendall's remarks. This authority, the same time. Patriotism, national and local, who has a great deal more to tell about the has its limits, and Rawick did exactly what it geology of Garforth, says that more fossils of was expected to do. Still, there are people who the limestone magnesia can be found in a quarry say they are surprised at Barwick following at East Garforth than anywhere in Yorkshire, example of Crossgates, where, a few years shire, and for once in a way East Garforth also ago, the so-called "tin dukes" persistently recovers itself a place of some distinction. It is found to adopt public lighting because they would possible that the majority of the male popula- have to pay for it. tion think they have sufficient digging to do in the bowels of the earth, turning the remains of ancient forests to good account, without riotism of so many farm hands, finding a difficultyundertaking excursions to quarries, but, with his great opportunities, there is no reason why the miner should not turn an enthusiastic geowards. The parish has done much better than logist and cheer the heart of the good pro- Kippax, but its record is not nearly so good as

A new order of things has been established at Tadcaster. In numerous cases men—and women, too—have been convicted in our Courts of using abusive or indecent language because witnesses are not so generously inclined as to appear in Court without payment for their services.

One of the Tadcaster Guardians entered a strong protest against the increase in rates for education purposes at the meeting on Monday, and, if he does, to whom will it be sent? The County Council are not responsible for the increased rates, but it was stated that the belief was erroneous. While I think that higher education should be given to every boy and girl who really desires it, it is doubtful that all the money spent on evening classes is expended to the best purpose, and every District Committee should hesitate to take action unless they are satisfied a genuine demand for evening continuation schools exists. It is pitiful to see classes, started with large numbers of pupils, eager for knowledge, as one would expect, having to be closed, and it means money wasted, no matter whether it comes from rates or taxes, because it cannot be argued that, in such circumstances, the youths have gained any benefit.

Apropos of the note on the building of dances in the district this winter, I notice that Mr John Hutton, Chairman of the North Riding County Council, expresses very strong opinions on the subject. He says:—

"It was a very great shock to me to be told last evening that the Young Men's Club at —— proposed giving a dance. . . It is not the time for dancing and amusement, but for stern self-sacrifice and duty."

Similar opinions have been stated by leading men all over the country. Again, I say, there is time for everything.

Ancient Barwick, one of the few remaining strongholds in the district of the forces of darkness, has given an emphatic answer to those misguided mortals who sought to transform the quiet old village by the introduction of public lighting. One gentleman, who confesses to very conservative views, objects to the modern illuminant on archæological grounds, although, singularly enough, he does not hesitate to invite criticism by using an electric torch instead of the primitive turnip lantern, in walking about the old village after dark. Of course, the ratepayers do not adopt this gentleman's quaint view, because they were delighted when a generous lady a few years ago provided a powerful lamp and had it fixed on the shaft of the old cross, and they were indignant when the powers that be interfered and ordered its removal on the ground of vandalism.

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WEST RIDING DISTRESS COMMITTEE—GARFORTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

	£ s. d.
Amount previously acknowledged	204 10 10
J. Addison Barber, Esq., The Villas, Garforth, at present at Port Elizabeth, South Africa	4 0 0
Underground workmen, boys, and screwmen, Trench Pit, per Mr E. W. Ogden (3rd contribution)	2 1 0
Underground workmen, boys, and screwmen, Sisters and Isabella Pits, per Mr C. H. Hebden (12th contribution)	6 17 11
Mr Newdick (fourth contribution in box)	0 3 0
Total to date	£217 12 9

WM. GEO BOSHER, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
Nov. 25th, 1914.

The National Relief Fund now stands at nearly £4,000,000.

On Saturday afternoon Garforth and South Milford footballers replayed their match in the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition, and it was drawn—two goals each.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.—An employee at the Selby Olympia Mills, Patrick Gallaghen, was knocked down on Wednesday by a motor cycle while he was on the way to work. He sustained severe cuts on the face, and a sprained wrist. His injuries were attended to at the Cottage Hospital.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.—The Selby Urban District Council at a special meeting have resolved to oppose the proposed application by a Yorkshire company for a provisional order authorising them to supply electricity in the urban district. The Council further agreed that they should themselves apply at the earliest possible moment for an order for lighting and power.

AN ASSIZE CASE.—On Monday at Leeds Assizes Arthur Sheard (41), shoemaker, was charged with burglary at Monk Fryston at the dwellinghouse of Joseph Laycock, and stealing spice, oil, bananas, and beer. Mr W. Beverley prosecuted and said the prisoner (who was very deaf) obtained access to the house by breaking and entirely removing a back window. When he got inside he seemed to have had some food and then left. Prisoner pleaded guilty and also admitted an offence of shoebreaking at Sipton, Huddersfield, between July 8th and 9th last, on which occasion he stole a quantity of tobacco, cigarettes, chocolate, etc. A number of previous convictions were recorded, and sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

WHIST DRIVE AT SELBY.—A patriotic whist drive, arranged by the Selby Habitation of the Primrose League, took place in the Standering Hall, Selby, on Tuesday evening, and was a decided success, 240 ladies and gentlemen taking part. The room was decorated with flags, and a large Belgian banner stretched across the platform. The proceeds are to be divided between the Selby Belgian Refugee Fund and the Selby Women's War Fund. Mr R. Ludge officiated as M.C. The following were the prize-winners:—Ladies—1, Miss Ivy Douglas; 2, Mrs A. Walton; 3, Mrs Rockett; seated, Miss G. Ibbitson; 4, Miss L. Swift; consolation, Mrs Archer. Gents—1, Mr T. Gallagher; 2, Mr H. S. Kay; 3, Mr J. Armstrong; seated, Mr J. W. Button; 4, Mr J. Johnson; consolation, Mr E. B. Jackson. The committee thank the ladies and gentlemen who so generously gave the prizes and the refreshments.

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THE GREED OF CONQUEST.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND

Author of "Dacoba," "An Angel's Sin," "Ruth Farjeant," "Under the Scimitar," "The Gold Worshippers," "The Financier," &c.

CHAPTER VI.

The subsequent inquiries into the death of Mr. Nofar elicited no facts that gave any clue to the identity of the murderer, or, at any rate, nothing was disclosed at the inquest. It was proved that the deceased had been poisoned by cyanide of potassium, and that the poison had been placed in the soda water, which had not been taken from a syphon, but from an ordinary corked bottle of the size known as "large." This bottle had been opened and brought into the smoking-room by the footman, who had received it from the butler. It was the first one of twelve which had recently been ordered from a new chemist in Sinchester, and who had asked Sir John Lowick to give his aerated waters a trial. None of the other bottles contained a trace of poison.

Suspicion was naturally directed to the new chemist, a young man of the name of Rowlands. Apart from the fact that he had supplied the soda water, his profession gave him exceptional advantages for committing the crime. He was, however, a young fellow with a good reputation, and was able to account for every grain of cyanide that he had purchased from the wholesale dealers. He was, moreover, not himself the manufacturer of the soda water, which was made in Wales at the source of a spring which had recently been acquired by an old and well-established firm. The bottles were not only fastened down with wire, but were sealed with wax. The footman testified that when he opened the bottle the seal was unbroken, and added that they were the only sealed bottles of soda water he had ever seen, and that he did not think they were likely to become general, as the was necessitated the use of a corkscrew.

The butler, in answer to a question, said that the soda water, which had been sent on approval, would not be drunk by anyone without Sir John's permission.

The circumstances of the case offered such a wide range of inquiry, reaching from the manufacturer down to the servants at Cranstead Hall, that it was quite certain that only a long and patient search would reveal the truth. Mr. Turnbull had swept down on Cranstead Hall with several policemen, and had reduced the servants to a state of abject terror, with threats of arrest and with a long and savage cross-examination. The only result had been that seven of them had given notice.

"As yet everything is in the dark," the inspector said to Lowick after the inquest. "One thing alone is certain, that the two murders are the work of the same gang, and you've got to be very careful."

"I shall be very careful," Lowick answered. "And even if these scoundrels have stolen the secret, they will find that I am the first in the field."

He was as good as his word. Directly after his father's funeral he thrust all thought of revenge out of his mind, and left the tracking down of the murderer to those who were best qualified to succeed in the difficult task. He had decided to devote all his strength and energies to the manufacture of another machine. He was in possession of plans—meantime he had destroyed those of his lost steam success. And that detail had been fully explained to him by his father. There was no doubt that he would be able to accomplish the work, provided he could protect himself from his enemies.

"My life has become of extraordinary value," he thought, as he sat one morning in the library with the plans spread out before him on a table. "Up to now it has only been of interest to myself and those who love me. But now the eyes of all England—the eyes of the world—are upon me."

He did not exaggerate. The two murders and the publication of the evidence given at the inquest had turned the eyes of the world upon him. He was known to possess a secret which would revolutionise all warfare, and render fleets and armies and even aeroplanes as useless as a child's toys. Already hundreds, thousands, of letters were pouring in upon him from every quarter of Europe—letters from men with money, letters from men who could get money, anonymous letters conveying threats and bribes and suggestions as to the way he could use his power, letters from women asking for his autograph and from women asking for his portrait. The leather case brought to him from Easterholme by the post-man was useless. Each day a cart arrived with a sack of letters. He had no time to read more than a few of them. They accumulated in a room like a fall of snow. It would have needed a secretary even to make a list of the writers, half a dozen secretaries to have read the letters, and an enormous staff to have written replies.

And this was only the froth on the surface. Lowick knew that the pile of letters represented little or nothing of importance. The men who mattered—the men to whom this great invention meant the supremacy of a nation—were men not likely to put anything on paper; but he knew that they were thinking of him, and that the chief men of every country in the world were waiting their opportunities to open negotiations with an obscure squire on the east coast of England.

And, as he sat at his large mahogany desk and pored over the plans, he tried in vain to shut out the thoughts of his danger. He had suddenly, by the death of his father, been lifted up to a lofty and responsible position in a situation hitherto occupied by no one else in the history of mankind. He had incurred a terrible and stupendous legacy, and it was more than probable that he would lose his life in the effort to preserve his secret. Those who could not buy him would endeavour to silence him, to secure their own safety by rendering him incapable of using his power against them. A sword had been hung above his head, and at any hour, at any minute, it might descend and cut him down into the darkness of death.

After two hours' work at the plans, he replaced them in the safe and locked it. He could not concentrate his mind on the complicated drawings. He was too covetous, and if it had been merely a question of facing death, he would have faced it bravely. But this life now meant more to him than mere existence. He owed a duty to his fellow men. As the sole guardian of a gigantic and terrible secret, he had to see that it did not fall into unscrupulous hands. So long as he was alive it was to be believed that he could do this. But heaven only knew what might happen if he were dead.

His thoughts were interrupted by the entrance of the footman one of the few servants who had remained after the inspector's vigorous onslaught.

"Mr. Turnbull wishes to see you, sir," said the man.

"Mr. Turnbull? You're sure it is Mr. Turnbull?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," the servant answered with a smile.

"Very well, then, I will see him."

The servant departed, and a few moments later the inspector entered the room. His face was quite impassive as he shook hands with Lowick.

"You're not looking well, sir," he said, gravely.

"That is hardly to be wondered at," Lowick replied. "It is only three weeks since my father's death—I am working very hard—and I am very worried."

"Well, I've some news that'll cheer you up, sir. The machine has been found."

"The machine has been found!" cried Lowick. "Oh, thank Heaven for that—thank Heaven for that! Where is it? Quick! Let me know all about it!"

"You shall come and see it," said the inspector, quietly. "I always fancied it was not far off, and for that reason I have had the island watched day and night lest the thieves should return to rescue their booty."

"And they did return! You've laid them by the heels?"

"I'm afraid not, but we may do so yet, unless they hear that the machine has been found."

"Where did you find it?" Lowick asked, eagerly.

"Buried in the sand, not more than five yards from the door of the bungalow. You know it is deep, because I dug there. In all probability it was just tumbled out of the cart, and buried where it fell."

"That might have been done by one man."

"Yes."

"It is odd he did not return to fetch it away."

"I expect he knew the place was watched. We must leave it where it is, and lay a trap," he cried Lowick, fiercely. "I won't permit that. There is too much risk. It must be put back here at once, and place it where no one can ever steal it again."

"Well, if you insist, sir, I daresay we can get it away without anyone knowing. But there is the chance that they will hear of it."

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"I don't know how to thank you," said Lowick, after a pause. "I owe you a tremendous debt, Inspector."

"I wish you'd repay it, sir, by allowing the box to remain where it is."

"I can't do that, Turnbull—indeed I can't. We must fetch it up as soon as possible. I'll take the cart over, and I think it can take the cart over, and I think it can. How is the tide?"

"You can get across now, and it will be dry in half an hour."

"Then we'll go at once. We can return before the tide comes up again. We must both be there now."

Three hours later the task was accomplished. The machine, apparently uninjured, was deposited in the laboratory, and Lowick and the inspector sealed themselves in with it.

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GARFORTH SCIENCE LECTURES.

"THE GEOLOGY OF GARFORTH."

Under the auspices of the Garforth Science Lecture Committee an instructive lecture on "The geology of Garforth" was delivered by Professor Kendall, M.Sc., F.G.S., of Leeds University, before a large audience in the central hall of the Council School at Garforth on Monday evening. The lecture was splendidly illustrated, the lantern being operated by Mr Sissons.

County Councillor Dewhirst, of Whitmoor Lodge, presided, and, in introducing Professor Kendall, he said nothing was more encouraging to a lecturer than to see a huge audience, for it showed that the people were interested in the lecture, and he congratulated the committee on the large attendances at the lectures they had promoted. Professor Kendall was, he said, one of the greatest authorities on geology in England, and he thought the people of Garforth were very fortunate to have a gentleman of his standing to come down and lecture to them. (Applause).

Professor Kendall said that his principal object was to awaken in them some interest in geology. There was nothing mysterious about the work of a geologist; he did not employ any other method than an intelligent man would employ in carrying out an investigation; he simply employed the methods of the Boy Scout among the materials of the earth. If Garforth people dug in some one's back garden or looked at a sewer excavation they would see a great deal of clay, and if they dug a little deeper they would discover that the clay began to lose its stickiness. Then they come to rocks, and they found that they were all arranged in layers, and this, he explained, was due to the action of water. The first thing a geologist did was to ascertain whether the deposits were made in fresh water or salt water, and this he could prove by the kind of shells that were in the strata, both fresh water and marine shells being found. One slide showed some fossils from the coal measures of central England and another freshwater shells. He stated that on the occasion of an excursion in Barwick district, beyond the Manor Farm, he discovered some pond mussels, and these had a close relationship to some of the shells which were found in the coal measures. They would say that they were accumulated in a lake or the delta of a river. When they investigated coal they saw it was of vegetable origin—it was a great mass of vegetation, or peat growing in the marshes, and he pointed out how sometimes trunks of trees were discovered embedded in shale or sandstone. The land, they believed, was covered by dense forests, and the representatives of the giant trees of those days was now a small plant. Earth movements were going on, and the land fell, letting in the salt water, and this would account for the marine shells found. He also stated that round the British Isles there was a broad forest bed, and the question was as to how far it extended, for fishermen working on the Dogger Bank had fished up peat. Below the coal measures was the millstone grit, and it showed how the rivers had flowed. As the earth became cooler it contracted, and wrinkles were made. These wrinkles were hills and mountains, and he explained how the action of the climate upon them had affected its deposits, washing and wearing away the rocks, etc. He then spoke of the coal measures on Garforth, and stated that in one seam they appeared to have worked upwards, for horses working in a field on the Manor Farm had fallen into a hole. He was told about it, and he investigated the matter, and made his way into the coal workings. On the east side of Garforth there was a good deal of magnesian limestone, and he stated that they could find it in splendid development in the quarries at Micklefield, while gypsum could be seen at Hillam. The magnesian limestone bore evidence of accumulation in the over-salted waters of an inland sea bordered by desert. In some parts of the country, in particular near Selby, there were actual beds of rock salt in this limestone series.

Mr E. Hawksworth, of Crossgates, who is hon. secretary of Leeds Geological Society, proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Kendall. He said that they had had a most instructive lecture. It was full of suggestions, and that was the purpose of lectures of that kind. He had often pointed out at Crossgates that lectures were not for amusement, but to show that there were a great number of things in their midst that they did not know anything about, and as a rule people were densely ignorant about the things which were nearest their doors. Professor Kendall, he said, was looked upon in mining circles as a great authority on coal seams. In connection with the Royal Commission on Coal a few years ago Professor Kendall made a geological examination in order to prove the hidden coal field, and his researches showed that the coal supplies were much greater than had been known. The conclusion of the Commission was that there was such a vast coal field as would ensure the prosperity of the country for many years. They would find scattered about the district all sorts of pebbles that did not belong to the neighbourhood, and like-wise pieces of limestone from this district scattered across the Aire Valley, and he suggested that Professor Kendall should on some future occasion explain the cause of these things.

Mr H. J. Denby seconded the vote of thanks, and it was cordially passed.

Professor Kendall, in reply, said that there was one practical way of expressing their thanks, and that was by not believing what he had said until they had corroboration of it by their own investigations.

MURAL DECORATIONS AT ABERFORD CHURCH

DEDICATION SERVICE.

Aberford Church, which, by the way, is the only church in England dedicated to St. Ricarius, has received artistic ornamentation by a painting of the Crucifixion which has been placed upon the chancel arch. It is the work of Mr P. V. Whitehouse, who resides at Aberford, and has a studio in Leeds, and from first to last he has spent two years upon it. Mr Whitehouse, who studied mural decoration at Brussels, treated the subject from the point of view of the Sixth Week—"It is finished!"—depicting the Crucifixion of the Cross by the radiation of light from the central figure and the rolling away of heavy masses of cloud after the three hours' darkness. In this way it is interpreted allegorically as well as in the historic sense. The Saviour is a light, mystical figure, and the two malefactors are somewhat veiled in shadow; all the figures on the Cross are comparatively distant, and the foreground on either side of the arch is occupied by the people of different nationalities at the foot of the hill. Some of those catch the light, while others turn away from it. The larger figures are drawn with careful detail, and the colouring of earth and sky shows nice gradations of light and shade. The picture was presented by canons, and transferred to the chancel wall, and is a pleasing adornment of the interior.

The Bishop of Beverley on Thursday night conducted a special dedication service, assisted by the vicar of Aberford, the Rev. B. W. Shepherd-Walwyn. In a short address on the text "It is finished!" the Bishop observed that the picture represented the Crucifixion as a victory. The faces of those turned towards the Cross were illuminated by the light which was diffused by it. The suggestion was that the darkness was passing away, and that the true light already shined. Whether the work that the Saviour came to do on earth was completed in this great sacrifice, yet it must be continued by His Church, which had to share His sufferings in order to accomplish it.

A SINGULAR GARFORTH CASE.

STEALING BY FINDING.

BROTHER AND SISTER SENT TO PRISON.

Herbert Crossland, labourer, and Florence Crossland, spinster, brother and sister, living at Garforth, were at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday sent to prison for fourteen days on a charge of stealing (by finding) a watch valued at 15s., belonging to Nellie Smith, a domestic servant.

Supt. Symonds said he would prove that finding was stealing.

Nellie Smith, in service at Garforth, said that on Wednesday night towards the end of September she lost her watch, which was in a wristlet strap, while walking along Fiddler Lane, Garforth. She returned on finding her loss, along with a young man named Pickersgill, to look for it, and later they were joined by another young man named Kilburn. While they were searching about the lane the male defendant came up and asked her if she had lost something. She replied "Yes," and, on his making enquiry as to what it was, one of the young men said "A watch." After looking about for a few moments he went away.

Ally ett Pickersgill, Poplar Terrace, Garforth, said he assisted in the search for the watch. They met the male defendant, and he asked him for some matches. The defendant inquired what he had lost, and the other young man said it was a watch. Crossland then asked if he found it what reward he would get. Witness told him he would get something.

Charles Kilburn, Garforth, said that when Crossland came up and was told what had been lost he said "You will have to come in the morning."

Thomas Kilbride, miner, of Garforth, said he lodged with Crossland's parents. He remembered one Wednesday evening that the male defendant came into the house and said some one had lost something. The two defendants and himself went outside and searched about. The male defendant picked something up and gave it to his sister. When they got back to the house he saw the female defendant take a watch from a wristlet strap, put the watch in a drawer, and throw the strap into the fire.

Fred Midgley, assistant to Mr J. C. Ward, pawnbroker, Garforth, said that about seven o'clock on October 30th the female defendant came and offered a watch for pledge. He asked her whose it was and she replied that it was her own. He lent her 3s. 6d. on it.

P.C. Hogg said that on November 20th he saw the male defendant, who said "I found the watch. I never stole it. I gave it to our Charlie." The female defendant said "I never stole it. My brother gave it to me."

Asked if he had anything to say, the male defendant said he found the watch and gave it to his sister, as he did not want to have anything to do with it.

The female defendant said she pawned it, as she was "hard up."

The Chairman, in sending them to prison, said it seemed as if they did not want to find the owner.

A WRETCHED STOURTON HOME.

EIGHT PERSONS IN ONE ROOM.

CHILDREN PRACTICALLY "ALIVE."

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday George Henry Dent, described as a fitman, and living in Stourton, was sent to prison for three months with hard labour for neglecting his six children.

Mr C. S. Haigh prosecuted on behalf of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and, in outlining the case, he said that the defendant was a widower, living at 16, Atkinson Street, Stourton. He had worked at the Yorkshire Copper Works, earning about 24s. per week.

Mr E. F. Moorhouse, sanitary inspector to the Rothwell Urban Council, said he visited the house on October 29th, and there he found the defendant's mother and his family. The children were in a wretched condition. There was no furniture in the house, and the old lady was unable to rise from the chair to answer the door. He saw the father and later informed the N.S.P.C.C., as it was a case he could not deal with.

Inspector Jones, of the N.S.P.C.C., said he visited the house in consequence of a report which he received. The children were well nourished but were verminous. In the kitchen was a fullsized bed covered with dirty rags, and this, along with a table and a couple of chairs, was the only furniture in the house. He saw the father, who showed him a note to say that he had spent 17s. on food in the previous week. On November 13th he again visited the house: about 2.30 in the afternoon, and found the children huddled up on the bed. They were in a verminous condition. As a result of his visit he called in Dr. Marshall, of Leeds.

Defendant asked what a man was to do. He had had to get a bed second out of the Children's Home at Rothwell or else go to prison.

The Chairman said he ought to have gone to prison if he could not look after them.

Dr. Marshall (Leeds) spoke to examining the children at their home. They were well nourished, but scantily clad. They asked to go back to the Homes. There were eight people living in one room. The children had been discharged from the Homes on August 29th.

Defendant said he had done his best to get some one to look after the children when they went to the homes. This he was unable to do, and was compelled to get his mother to come to the house. She fell ill and then he had the whole of them to see to.

P.C. Sowray agreed with the evidence given as to the children's condition. "They were practically alive," he said.

Miss Hirst, assistant matron at the Children's Homes, Rothwell Haigh, said the children were admitted to the Homes in the early part of the year, and discharged on August 29th. They were then in proper order and decently clad.

The Chairman asked the witness if she ever visited the children after they left the institution.

Witness replied that it was not her work to do so after they had left the Homes.

The Chairman said, in his opinion, it was unsatisfactory that the authorities (the Guardians) had not seen that the children were under proper care after leaving the Homes. They had in this case gone back to conditions as bad as they had been taken from. It was not in the best interests of the children that they let them go back to the father.

Mr F. W. Mee (Clerk to the Hunslet Board of Guardians), said that the matter subsequently had come before the case, and he had, when applied to, made various suggestions to them.

The Chairman said he thought it was a long time to leave a case—from August until November.

TEMPLENEWSAM POACHING AFFRAY

FIGHT IN HALTON MOOR WOOD.

PRISONER ATTACKS THE POLICE WHEN ARRESTED.

Joseph Swaine, who is charged with night poaching and unlawful wounding on the Templenewsam Estate, was again brought before the West Riding magistrates at Leeds on Tuesday, and he was committed for trial at the next assizes.

Mr A. H. Willey prosecuted on behalf of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P.

The prisoner Swaine is a labourer, living in the York Road district of Leeds.

Robert Robinson, Newsam Green, said he had been employed by the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, M.P., for about five years. Early on the morning of November 9th, about five o'clock, he was watching with a keeper named Pullan, and a watcher named John William Day, when he heard a shot fired in the direction of the Halton Moor Wood. The sound came from a distance of about twenty yards in the wood. He and the other two men went in the direction, and subsequently came up with three men, one of whom he recognised as the prisoner Swaine. One of the men had a sack and the others had a gun each. They ran after the men for about fifty yards, and when about five or ten yards away he (witness) shouted to his companions "Come on, lads." The three men, including prisoner, turned round. Pullan, who identified one of the men, said "Now, then, drop that gun, Swaine." Swaine then sprang upon Pullan and struck him with a violent blow. He could not say which end of the gun Pullan had been hit with, but he thought it was the butt-end, as it was broken. Witness was attacked by one of the other men named Roberts, who struck at him with a gun. He warded off the blow with his arm. Pullan was then knocked down by Swaine, who came across to the assistance of his (witness's) assailant. He was struck on the left side of the head with the barrel of a gun, and he was knocked down. While on the ground Swaine kicked him on the shins and the back.

Witness said while still on the ground "You are a —— coward for striking at a man with a gun." He then got up, and the prisoner and the other man again attacked him, and they had "a right battle." He was struck a severe blow by a gun barrel. Swaine, during the fight, said "Kill the —— right out." Witness went on to say that he was rendered unconscious, and when he came round the men had gone. He was taken to the head keeper's house. As a result of his injuries he had been confined to bed about fourteen days, under the care of Dr. Bean. In addition to the four wounds on the head he had been bruised about the body. At the present time he was unable to follow his employment. He added that he was positive as to the identity of Swaine, as he knew him.

John Pullan, gamekeeper, living at the East Lodge Gates, also gave evidence, and said that as they came up with the three men they turned. He recognised Swaine, who held his gun up by the barrel with the butt-end over his shoulder, and he said "Put that gun down, Swaine." Swaine then sprang forward and struck him on the top of the head with the butt of the gun, which broke off by the breach. Witness was again struck on the top of the head and fell down, remembering nothing more. He was in bed for ten days.

John William Day said he was with Pullan and Robinson when they came up with the men. Pullan was struck by the prisoner. He himself went for the man who carried the sack. After Swaine and the other man had "finished" Robinson and Pullan they came for him and hit him with the barrel of the gun, and he fell down. He was not unconscious long, and on coming to himself he saw the keeper Robinson staggering about.

Dr. Walter Percy Bean, Austhorpe Road, Crossgates, said he attended Robinson and Pullan, whom he found at the Lodge at Temple-newsam. Robinson had a cut four inches long on the left side of the skull, and the wound was bleeding profusely. He also had a wound at the back part of the head, and two wounds behind the left ear. There were also bruises on the left arm and shoulder. Pullan had an incised wound on the right side of his skull about five inches long.

P.C. Taylor, stationed at Halton, said he went to the keeper's house at Halton about 5.45 a.m. on November 9th, and he saw the injured men. He afterwards went into the Halton Wood, and he picked up the broken parts of two guns, two cloth caps, a "trilby" hat, and a handkerchief. One of the guns had a charge in it. The same day about 11.45 a.m. he saw the prisoner in York Road. Witness was with P.S. Mathews, and he said to the prisoner that he wanted to see him about two keepers who had been wounded in the Halton Moor Wood. Prisoner said "I can't talk to you both at once." Witness told him that owing to the men's injuries he would have to go to the Park Street Police Station at Leeds. Prisoner walked along York Road, and when they had gone about forty yards the prisoner struck out with both fists, saying "You —, I will have something to answer for this time." He kicked the sergeant. They got him on the ground, and put on the handcuffs. Prisoner then said that he would have to ride, as he would not walk. On the way to the car he again kicked Sergeant Mathews.

P.S. Mathews, who hobbled into the witness-box, corroborated the last officer's story about the affray.

Prisoner was then committed. He applied for bail, and Mr Willey said he did not object as the period between now and the next assizes was a long time.

The Chairman said bail would have to be substantial.

After a brief discussion the magistrates decided to refuse bail owing to the character of prisoner and the gravity of the case.

A SELBY FIRM'S APPEAL.

In the King's Bench Division on Friday, before Mr Justice Horridge and Mr Justice Rowlatt, arguments were heard in the case of Olympia Oil and Cake Company, of Selby, v. the Produce Brokers' Company (Limited), which was a motion by the Company to set aside an award of the Oil Seed Association. The appellant company purchased a cargo of soya beans from Manchuria, and the respondents, the sellers, purported to satisfy their contract by tendering documents of a cargo which, it appeared, was at the bottom of the sea. The Appeal Committee of the Association held that it was not, and remitted the award back to the Committee. The Committee made another award, holding that the appellants were bound by custom to accept the documents of cargo. The appellants now argued that the second award was bad in law, that the arbitrators had exceeded their jurisdiction, and that there was no such custom as that set up.

Mr Justice Horridge said the Court were of opinion that the arbitrator had not jurisdiction conclusively to settle this question. What the Court had to consider was whether or not, if such custom did exist, it was contrary to the terms of the contract. The Court had come to the conclusion that they would hear cross-examination on the question before coming to a decision, and the case would be adjourned so that both sides would have an opportunity of making fresh affidavits upon the alleged custom, and of giving notice as to cross-examining the persons who made those affidavits.

The Court made an order accordingly. An application by respondents' counsel for leave to appeal against the order was granted.

A SELBY SOLDIER'S LETTER.

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

Private Wm. Murphy, writing to his sister at Selby, says:—

"This is almost a new regiment to me now. Almost all our officers who came out with us have gone, and our reinforcements are all strangers.

"This is a tremendous big battle in which we are engaged, and we are quite in the dark as to how it is going. Just here we are holding our own well, but I think it will be a long time before we know the final result.

"There is nothing to worry about. We are well treated considering. Plenty of food and tobacco, and a clean change of clothing and boots, so of course we might be a lot worse off."

ROTHWELL DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

ATTENDANCE RETURNS—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The monthly meeting of Rothwell Education Sub-Committee was held in the Carlton Lane Schools, Rothwell, on Friday night, Mr J. Butterick (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs T. Thomas, W. Lunn, J. Hirst, T. Ellis, J. Horner, J. Dobson, and R. McCullough, with the Clerk (Mr A. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr H. Bryan). When the attendance returns came up for consideration the Clerk reported that the attendance was better still, improving as the winter came on rather than the opposite. The Board also intimated that as a result of the interviews with parents of children who were bad attenders, practically in every one of the cases the children had attended regularly.

The Clerk's report was considered highly satisfactory.

The percentages for the whole of the district for the past month was 91 as compared with 89 in the previous month. The attendance for the various schools was as follows:—Rothwell Council, mixed, 92; Rothwell Council, infants, over five, 87; under five, 92; Stourton Council, mixed, 90; Stourton Council, infants, over five, 91, and under five, 92; Robin Hood Council, mixed, 93; Robin Hood Council, infants, over five, 91, and under five, 85; Carlton Council, mixed, 94; Carlton Council, infants, over five, 91, and under five, 79; Thorpe Council, mixed, 90; Thorpe Council, infants, over five, 93, and under five, 85; Hook Lane Infants (Rothwell Haigh), over five, 95, and under five, 80; Rothwell National, mixed, 92; Rothwell National, infants, over 6d., 84, and under five, 69; Lofthouse National, mixed, 93; Lofthouse National, infants, over five, 93, and under five, 95; Middleton National, mixed, 94; and Middleton National, infants, over five, 96, and under five, 100.

The caretaker of the Rothwell Council Schools made application to the committee for an increase of salary, and the increase was recommended.

The county surveyor is to be asked to inspect the gateway approaching Rothwell Council School, as it is said to be in a dangerous condition for horses taking coke, etc., to the school.

The Clerk reported that the County Council had not sanctioned the increase of salary to the caretaker at the new Stourton School.

A vote of sympathy was passed by the committee with the headmaster of the Middleton Church School in his illness.

An application was received from the Middleton School asking that the Christmas holidays commence on December 23rd, and not on the Friday before Christmas.

Mr T. Thomas moved that the application be granted.

Mr Lunn, who raised an objection, said that it was only the teachers of the school who wanted to change the dates. The week before Christmas was one of the most important weeks in the whole year, the parents requiring their children to help them at home.

The application was not granted.

HOW WINTER WILL AFFECT THE TROOPS

RUSSIA'S ADVANTAGE—GERMANY'S DIFFICULTIES.

The troops engaged in the big war will have to undergo great hardships in the field this winter, especially those armies in Eastern Europe.

In East Prussia, Silesia, and in Galicia the frosts are severe. Strong, icy north winds often blow ceaselessly for many days, and snow covers the whole of East Prussia as in Siberia. The rivers, streams, and lakes become icebound in Silesia.

In the second half of November Russia and East Prussia are, with rare exceptions, covered with snow, and as a rule fairly deep snow. The winter begins in Silesia as well, where severe cold weather reigns from the middle of December to the end of January, and sometimes the beginning of February.

Of course, the German General Staff knows very well the great difficulties which the German Army must undoubtedly face with the approach of winter, and it is hastening to achieve some positive success before this trouble comes.

German people as well as French, English, Belgians, and Italians are not accustomed to extreme cold weather, except the inhabitants of East Prussia, who, comparatively, are not numerous.

In Germany, as is well-known, the winter is rather mild, and in the central part of the Kaiser's country frosts are very rarely harder than 25 degrees Reaumur, or 88 degrees Fahrenheit. So that the German Army has never had an opportunity of getting accustomed to really rough winter conditions, except in the extreme quarterend in the north-east of the empire.

The military operations during the winter, even if it is true there will be some considerable change of tactics, lightening some tasks on the one hand, but increasing the number of sick among the soldiers on the other.

The movement of troops in the snow is also more difficult, as well as the mussking of the march of the army. The loss of fires on the bivouacs or in the fortified positions, without which no army could exist during severe cold, also brings many difficulties. It attracts the attention of the enemy and the fire of his artillery.

Napoleon's army on entering Russia experienced the Russian winter, and, in fact, was destroyed by what the Russians called "red frost," which Germans fear more than Russian Cossacks.

The Russian people like the winter very much, Russian poetry is full of poems about the beauty of it, and the "Red Frost, and the Red Nose" is the principal hero of them. The whole Russian population is very glad to welcome the approach of winter, and the more intense the frost becomes the happier a Russian is.

The winter in Russia is also a "beauty in white and gold" (sarafan is the national dress of Russian women). It is also called by peasants "our little mother winter," and many pretty names are given to this great ally of the Russian might.

Russian soldiers also like the winter; they become like new men—more active and energetic. From his childhood the Russian peasant is quite familiar with deep snow, to temperatures of 100 degrees and 120 degrees, and the snow-storms of Russia, which are unique.

The Russian soldier can sleep in the snow with the same comfort as in bed in barracks, and he is specially trained for manœuvre and work in it.

In Russia there is a special period of winter manœuvres which coincides with the hardest weather of the season, and which lasts from the last half of February. These manœuvres last three weeks or a month, and are ordered for the whole of Russia.

Especially well trained in this respect are the troops of the Warsaw military district, which are now in contact with the Germans in East Prussia, and these winter manœuvres have the Russian soldiers complained of them. On the contrary, they always preferred them to the summer grand manœuvres, and came back stronger and without the slightest signs of fatigue.

A good illustration of how the Russian army can bear frost is the celebrated parade on the frozen Neva which takes place every year on January 6th, when the temperature usually is 50 degrees to 60 degrees below freezing point.

This parade is commanded by the Tsar himself, and it is famous because the whole garrison is dressed in full-dress uniform, and the whole army corps from 5 o'clock in the morning await the appearance of the Tsar from the Winter Palace, which often is only at 12 o'clock noon.

All military schools take part in this parade, and all the cadets are proud to stand the cold as long as possible. It must be noticed that furs or thick linings are allowed either to the officers or the men.

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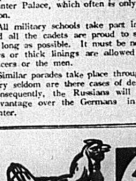
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROTHWELL GAS.

APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL ORDER, 1914-5.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ROTHWELL GAS LIGHT COMPANY incorporated by the West Riding Consolidated Act, 1897, INTEND TO APPLY TO the Council of Yorkshire (West Riding) THE BOARD OF TRADE FOR A PROVISIONAL ORDER under the Gas and Water Facilities Act, 1870, to enable the said Company to increase the authorized Capital of the Company by the sum of £1,600 Additional Capital, by the issue of 1,600 Additional Shares of £10 each under the same conditions as the Company's Additional Shares created under and in virtue of the provisions of the Rothwell Gas Act, 1882, and the Rothwell Gas Orders, 1895, 1903, and 1908.

And also to enable the said Company to borrow proportionate sums of money in respect of such proposed additional Capital in accordance with and in the manner authorized by the said Act and Orders.

Printed copies of the draft Provisional Order will be deposited at the Board of Trade Office on or before the 23rd day of December next, and on and after that date copies can be obtained at the offices of the Gas Company, the Solicitor and Parliamentary Agents at the rate of 1s. per copy, and if and when the said Order is made by the Board of Trade, printed copies of the Order, as granted for the purpose at the Gas Offices, Rothwell aforesaid, and may also be purchased at the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, the Gas Offices, Rothwell, and at the office of the undersigned at the price of 1s. per copy.

Every Company, Corporation, or person desirous of making any representation to the Board of Trade, or of appearing before that Board on objection respecting the application, Board on objection respecting the application, may do so by letter, addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Board of Trade Harbour Department (Gas and Water), 7, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W., on or before the 15th January, 1915, and copies of such representation or objections must at the same time be sent to the undersigned Solicitor or Agents. The Company and any forwarding such representation or objections to the Board, the Objectors or their Agents should state whether a copy of the same has been sent accordingly.

Dated the 19th day of November, 1914.

WM. WRIGHT, 18, Park Row, Leeds, Solicitor, HAMLIN & CO., 9, Bridge Street, London, E.C Parliamentary Agents.

TENDERS

GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

THE Garforth Urban District Council invite TENDERS for THROWING OUT and EMPTYING of PRIVIES, ASHPITS, and DUSTBINS, for 3 months, and also for 6 months, commencing December 1st, 1914.

The District is divided into 4 portions, and tenders may be sent in for either or all the portions, viz.:—1 and 2 only, or the whole of the four portions, as follows:—

Tenders for Throwing Out and Carting Away, 1 and 3 portions.
Tenders for Throwing Out and Carting Away, 2 and 4 portions.
Tenders for Carting Away only.
Tenders when the Council find a man for throwing out.

Each Contractor must find his own Tip.

All particulars and lists containing a description of the different parts may be had of Thomas T. Amott, Sanitary Inspector, Garforth.

Sealed Tenders to be sent to me at the Council Offices, not later than 10 o'clock on Thursday, December 2nd, 1914. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

ALBERT EDWARD PARR, Clerk to the Council.

Council Offices, Garforth.
Dated this 26th day of November, 1914.

Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1914.

A British military man, writing recently, stated that the sufferings of Belgian women and children had aroused a fierce anger among our soldiers, and, one and all, they vowed that when they were brought face to face with the brutal Germans they would give them no quarter. Now, what happened? These very men were shortly afterwards engaged with the enemy, who departed leaving their wounded on the field, and the British soldiers, instead of allowing the stricken Prussians to die, bandaged up their wounds, fed them, and removed them to a place of safety. "And I am glad we did it," said the chivalrous British fighting man, who a short time before was determined to have reprisals on the enemy for their cruel treatment of the Belgians. No wonder the foreigner is perplexed; he simply cannot understand British character, which is something of a puzzle to even Thomas Atkins himself. Our soldiers, however, have been taught to "play the game," and they would no more think of defeating the enemy by means of the white flag trick than of bayonetting a wounded German. A great people, it is said, can afford to be generous, but many Britons are greatly perturbed lest our rulers should, when hostilities are over, give terms to Germany which will permit her to retain her power for mischief among the nations of the world. Learned professors are already advocating leniency for the enemy, and one even contends that no indemnity should be exacted from the foe. This will appear to the majority of people in the light of treason. Germany, it must be remembered, has only one aim—the domination of the nations of the world, and for years she has been preparing to instal herself in a position that will enable her to enforce her will. Everything has been subordinated to this purpose—even industry and education have been made to fit in with the military policy of the Empire, and, in their arrogance, the Germans blindly thought they had only to marshal their forces and march them against European nations and their object would be achieved. The Prussians, with their so-called culture, looked upon the British as a decadent race, who would speedily go under when attacked by the might of the Fatherland, and our Empire was to become the prize of the victors. The Germans believe that they are the most virile race in the world, they have been taught to worship might as represented by military force, and for the Britons they have had, although professing friendship, the utmost contempt. It is not necessary to recapitulate how they have, suffering from swelled head, made miscalculations disastrous to themselves, nor to show how they are fighting for their very existence. The feeling of contempt which they had for the British has been turned to hatred—such a hatred as we cannot understand, and all the while Britons are inclined to make a hero of the captain of the German cruiser Emden simply because he was more gentlemanly in his conduct to the robbers and murderers who pillaged Belgium and ruthlessly slaughtered its inoffensive population. The captain of the Emden was treated with every honour by his captors, and there the matter should have ended. He is an enemy who has caused millions of pounds damage to British shipping, and why should he be lauded for that? Not so much was said about our own brave men who risked their lives in saving sailors from the enemy's ships in the North Sea not so long ago. It is right to admire a valiant foe, but there is a limit to everything.

The militarism is smashed what is to be the attitude of the nation towards the enemy? Is the outrage upon Belgium, torn and bleeding, to go without fitting punishment? Despite the reports of the Commission on the horrible atrocities in Belgium, a number of people still affect to disbelieve them, but, supposing they were greatly exaggerated, there is sufficient evidence on which to hang every German officer who commanded the men responsible for the ghoulish deeds which were perpetrated. Belgium, whatever the settlement, will, we believe, be given a large indemnity, but it will be no compensation for what the German vandals have done. The widow and the fatherless cannot very well be compensated. A new and a greater Belgium may arise, but the loss caused by the war will be enduring. France and Russia were both attacked by the German legions and part of their territory laid to waste. Would they not be foolish if they did not exact the uttermost farthing from the enemy? The modern German Empire—the creation of Bismarck—will be shattered, and our Allies will no doubt demand and get their share. Will Britain receive an indemnity? To this country more than any other is German militarism a menace; its advocates have revealed their aims in all their hideous nakedness; and the Statesmen will insist upon surely our methods of a machine which is the destruction of a machine which is dangerous to the Empire. Indications have been given that this will be done, and for the safety of this country it is to be hoped that no half measures will be tolerated. The German Navy, a costly instrument, directed against Great Britain, must be either blown up or taken possession of, and, in fact, all necessary steps must be taken to reduce the Prussians to a position which will guarantee their helplessness to make mischief. Short of this, all the sacrifices which the country has made will be vain, because if the enemy's power for mischief is not absolutely removed Germany will attempt to regain her ascendancy among the nations of Europe. Justice and self-preservation demand the destruction of the German Empire, which has too long attempted to lord it over the nations of the Continent, and any movement which would seek to divert public attention from the real issues should be unhesitatingly condemned. Some good people found fault with Lord Roberts in the South African War for firing upon friends from which the foe had been shooting soldiers, and his reply was that his first consideration was the safety and well-being of his men. So in this case the first consideration of British Statesmen is the safety and well-being of the Empire.

FOR THE SOLDIERS.—The following comforts made by the Aberford working party have been sent this week to the Front for soldiers in the West Yorkshire Regiment:—7 helmets, 7 pairs mittens, 7 pairs cuffs, 12 pairs socks, 14 body belts, 3 mufflers, and 3 shirts.

ASKWITH PARISH ROOMS.—A very enjoyable evening was spent on Tuesday of a "smoker" arranged for the benefit of the Men's Bible Class. Tobacco and refreshments were provided, and the following contributed to the programme:—Messrs Thompson, Garbutt, Woodward, Worsley, Captain Pratt, Bilkey, Dodd, Stead, and Barnett. Messrs Worsley and Woodward were the accompanists.

COOKRIDGE MAN KILLED.—The body of Joseph Light (34), a farm labourer, of Cookridge, was found cut in two on the North Eastern Railway near to the level crossing from Brookfoot to Parker's Farm, on Monday morning. The inquest was held at Horsforth on Wednesday by Mr P. P. Maitland (Coroner), when Light's father said that since his son left to go to work he was in his usual health. He had to cross the line to get to Parker's Farm, where he was employed, and he supposed that the last he saw his brother about 9.25 on Monday morning about ten yards from the crossing. He spoke to him and passed on. About twenty minutes later he heard he had been killed. His brother had complained on Saturday of a sore hand, and stopped working. Jonathan Wearmouth, of Ilkley, the engine driver of the nine o'clock express from Ilkley to Leeds, said he saw deceased coming from the stile in the direction of the line about 9.31. He gave a long whistle for the second time at that section. Light approached and threw himself on his hands and knees on the line when about six yards in front of the train. The brakes were applied, but the body was dragged about 110 yards and was cut completely in two. Several jurors testified that deceased was not of a very strong mind. The Coroner said the very cause thing might affect deceased. "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was the verdict, the driver of the engine being exonerated from blame.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Notice of Births and Deaths are charged 1s. each, prepaid. They must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender.

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"In Memoriam" Notices 1s. each, and 6d. extra for all matter up to four lines.

IN MEMORIAM.

BATT—In loving memory of our dear Percy, eldest son of the late Tom Batt, of Beech Grove, Oulton, and Margaret Batt, of Thornfield, Horsforth, who departed this life Nov. 23rd, 1905.

1633 From a loving mother, brother and sisters

SMITH—In loving memory of Madge, dear adopted daughter of John William and Hannah Smith, who died December 1st, 1911.

"Oft we sit and think of thee,
Of how thou died and suffered pain;
Thy longing look and lack of speech,
Eternal rest was best for thee."

1654 From father and mother.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

Reports of Rothwell Education Committee meeting, a Stanton Court case, and a Carlton recruiting meeting will be found on the inside pages.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman) F. M. Lupton, E. Parkin, J. R. Cross, and W. Evans.

APPOINTMENT.—At a meeting of the Rothwell Joint Cemetery Board held at the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Friday night—Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding—Mr Wellington Dossor was appointed Clerk to the Board.

Patent List compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax:—Application—E. M. Dossor, Doncaster, apparatus for cleaning and separating seeds and grain; and J. W. Lees, Gomersal, improvements in manhole covers, &c. Application completed—J. W. Harrop, Earlsheaton, improvements in motor rugs. Patents sealed—E. Stott, Otley, improvements in golf tees; and J. M. Cobb, East Ardsley, improvements in fire protectable tiles (1691).

BILLIARDS.—Seven close games were witnessed in a junior match in the Oulton and District Billiard League between the Rothwell Workingman's Club and Oulton Institute on Saturday. The match was played at the Rothwell Club, the home team losing by 24. In the six matches the Oulton men scored an aggregate of 552 against Rothwell's 528. Details (Rothwell names first):—H. Hall, 100, v. H. Morton 70. T. Naylor 71 v. H. Firth 100. R. Deakin 91 v. G. Wilkinson 100. L. Thurwell 100 v. F. Rucklidge 91. F. Stringer 100 v. P. Jeffrey 100, and O. Banks 100 v. S. Berry 88.

TEMPERANCE.—Under the auspices of the Rothwell Temperance Society an interesting lantern lecture on "Belgium in Peace and War" was given in the Temperance Hall on Sunday night by Mr J. J. Hatch, of Leeds. Mr Hatch, who has visited Belgium on several occasions, showed scores of very interesting slides, many of them being from photographs taken during the war. Under the heading of "Belgium in Peace," the lecturer illustrated his remarks with slides depicting well-known buildings and every day scenes. Part two, "Belgium in War," was also suitably illustrated. There was a large audience, who frequently testified their appreciation.

ROTHWELL OLD BOYS WIN.—Rothwell Old Boys accomplished one of their best performances of the season by beating Oulton in the second round of Rothwell Charity Cup Competition by 4 goals to 1 on Saturday. Included in the Allotts eleven were Deacon, at full back, and Hall, at outside right—two noted players, but the Old Boys pulled themselves together and brought off a fine victory. Armitage Bedford kept goal magnificently, and Dobson and Kilburn proved a good game at full back. Sidebottom, Wrather, and Gibson Taylor played well at half-back, and the forward—Newton, Ward, Sidebottom, Mrs Taylor, and A. Taylor—combined well together. It was an exciting game throughout, and thoroughly pleased the spectators.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—The ladies on the local Belgian Relief Committee are an enthusiastic body, and they are taking up their various duties with zeal. Already a house has been taken (that of Mrs Newsome) for the purpose of housing refugees, and it is expected to accommodate some eight or ten, who will be of the working-class. The committee have given a guarantee to provide every necessity for twelve months. During the past few days the interior of the house has been well cleaned, a party of women giving their services for this work gratuitously, and it is expected to have all arrangements complete by the beginning of next week. A house-to-house collection is being made each week throughout the district, and it is pleasing to know that the money is coming in quite satisfactorily.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—The choir of the Wesleyan Church gave an enjoyable rendering of Dr. Rort's cantata "Daniel" in the chapel on Sunday afternoon, for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund. There was a large attendance, and the proceeds amounted to £4 16s. 6d. Mr A. W. Seanor presided, and addressed a few appropriate remarks, in the course of which he pointed out that Daniel was the leader of the choir did the cantata full justice, and the principal parts were taken as follows:—Miss Kate Ellis (Queen), Miss Kate Varley (Azariah's slave), Mr Thos. Kate (Azariah), Mr. Nelson Varley (King), Mr Rowland Firth (Daniel), Miss M. Wright, Miss Millie Armitage, Messrs Jackson, Blackburn, and Ellis. Mr Ellis presided at the piano, and the organ accompaniments were played by Mr L. C. Ward.

BOWERS ALLERTON

WHAT THE WOMEN ARE DOING.—The women of Bowers Allerton, Great Preston, and Hollingthorpe have been very busy during the past few weeks making garments for our wounded soldiers and sailors and those who are destitute in the country. The following garments have been made and sent to the Lady Mayoress of Leeds:—42 shirts, 12 nightingales, 14 children's dresses, 14 pinafores, 18 skirts, 3 pairs pyjamas, 7 night shirts, 20 pairs bedsocks, 3 pairs combinations, 19 pairs socks, and two body belts. The following letter was received from the Lady Mayoress:—"We are very grateful for the kind and considerate thought of clothing that you have sent us, and which will be most useful. We have already sent the Red Cross things for distribution to the V.A.D. depot, and the pyjamas were sent direct to the Leeds Infirmary, as the matron had written

asking very urgently for such things for the wounded Belgian and English soldiers. I shall be greatly obliged if you will express to all your helpers how very much we appreciate their work, and how conscious we are of our indebtedness to all those whose individual help has enabled us to distribute many thousands of garments and comforts to the soldiers at the Front, and to the Navy, and to help in the equipment of hospitals and hospital trains and ships. The children's things are needed now the cold weather is coming, and we are very thankful to have this very generous supply." The people of the above districts are still busy sewing and knitting for this most worthy cause.

CROSSGATES

A lecture on "Some experiences in Nigeria" will be given by Mr P. Hall at the Baptist Fellowship on Tuesday night.—See advt.

At the Literary Society meeting on Monday evening the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton will give a lecture on Friedrich Nietzsche and his influence on German thought and politics.—See advt.

Crossgates Match was played between Crossgates Institute and Roundhay at the rooms of the Leeds Chess Club, and it ended in a win for Roundhay by 4½ to 2½. Details (Crossgates names first):—G. W. Beaumont 1, v. H. B. Williams ½. J. E. Walker 0 v. W. E. Letfer 1. C. Holliday 0 v. J. A. Brown 1, G. Willms 0 v. M. Walker 1. H. S. Bower 1 v. J. R. Hollings 0. E. Holliday 0 v. M. Musgrave 1, and E. Webster 1 v. F. Hodge 0. * Adjudicated.

Wesley Guild.—On Wednesday evening, in connection with the Wesley Guild, a musical treat was provided to a good audience in the Wesleyan Schoolroom. The programme was arranged by Mr E. Cook, of Whitkirk, and the proceeds of the effort were for providing a Christmas treat for the children at Saville Green Mission Room. Plants for the decoration of the room were kindly lent by Mr Stringer. Concertina solos were given by Mr G. Robinson, flute solos by Mr Ramsden, trios for violin, 'cello, and piano by Mr Yates' party, and songs by Miss Grace Lowe and Mr J. Clifford Jessop. The pianist was Mr H. Knapton.

A Chance for Crossgates Scouts.—The Scout movement in Crossgates, where at one time there was a strong troop, is at present under a cloud, and an effort is being made to arouse interest in it among the lads in the district. General Baden-Powell has written suggesting the formation of special Scout Corps for home defence, and old Scouts between the ages of 15 and 17 are invited to join. A feature of the new corps training is rifle shooting, a miniature range being provided, and practice will take place under proper supervision. The Scouts' uniform will be worn by the members, with a single red feather in the hat. This feather can only be obtained from headquarters. Before enrolment all members under 18 must produce the written consent of their parents or guardians. Mr Marsden, District Scoutmaster, 10, Chestnut Avenue, Crossgates, hopes that old Scouts will make a quick response, and all names of intending members of the new Scouts' Defence Corps should be sent to him.

Lecture.—Under the auspices of the Crossgates Baptist Fellowship a lecture on "A Six Months' Tour in India" was delivered by Miss McAlpine in the Baptist Church, Whitkirk, on Wednesday night. The Rev. J. Miller-Hamilton, the pastor of the church, presided, and there was a good attendance. Miss McAlpine's address was largely confined to a description of missionary enterprise in India, and she gave her experiences of a six months' tour among mission stations in the presidency. She explained its educational work that was going on among the boys and girls, and its influence on the population, and she also showed how much good being done by means of hospitals in helping the suffering. The lecture was illustrated by a number of beautiful slides, the lantern operator being Mr E. C. White. At the close Mr T. K. Diggle proposed a vote of thanks to Miss McAlpine, Mr Rogers seconded, and it was cordially passed.

An American "Tea" at Whitkirk.—What was styled an "American tea," which signifies that each guest brings at least one article for sale and is willing to purchase one, was held in the Crossgates Baptist Fellowship Schoolroom, Whitkirk (kindly lent for the occasion), on Thursday afternoon week. The invitations were issued by Mrs Young, Mrs Abbott, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Giddings, and Mrs Stott (Halton), and Mrs Haygarth (Crossgates), and nearly two hundred ladies attended the function. The proceeds were in aid of the Lord Mayor's Belgian Refugees' Fund, and the guests were asked to let each article be of the value of 1s., but many of the gifts were of a much greater value. Lady Dorothy Wood sent a generous supply of very choice flowers, which found a ready market. The room was tastefully decorated with flags, plants, and flowers, and it presented a bright and animated scene, business being very brisk. A dozen young ladies rendered capable service as waitresses at the afternoon tea, whilst Mrs Collon, Mrs Bramley, Miss Green, Miss Bissell, and Miss Lloyd submitted an admirable programme of music, etc., and character delineations from handwriting were given by Mrs Bailey, of Leeds. The function was most enjoyable and successful, and as a result the sum of £20 7s. 6d. has been handed over to the Lord Mayor's Fund. The hostesses have expressed their keen appreciation of the help received from all concerned, including guests, artistes, waitresses, and the committee of the Baptist Church.

FERRYBRIDGE

Mr Edwin L. Poulson, of Dresden House, Ferrybridge, was on Saturday elected vice-chairman of the Pontefract Board of Guardians, in succession to the late Mr John Waller.

GARFORTH

Mr J. Addison Barber, of The Villas, Garforth, at present at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, has given four pounds to the Garforth Belgian Relief Committee.

B.W.T.A.—The members of the Y Branch of the Garforth B.W.T.A. held their fortnightly meeting at the United Methodist Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, and the following took the form of a "social." Various games were played, and light refreshments were served. A very happy time was spent.

Picture House.—Popular programmes have been submitted at the Picture House this week, and a feature of the first three nights was a pictorial record of the war. For to-night and to-morrow night some excellent films will be exhibited, and these include the "Adventures of Kathlen" ("The Unwelcome Throne."). On the first three nights of next week the thrilling five-reel drama—"A Bronze Idol"—featuring Stewart Rome and Chrissie White, will be a powerful attraction, and "A Man's Way," a fine two-reel story of the Wild West, will be popular, while "Caught in the Rain" will cause roars of laughter. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday crowded "houses" will likely be the rule to set what is described as the finest picture of the war—"Saving the Colours." A young scion of a noble house and his wife drift apart, and, after many adventures, they meet again on the battle field in France. For times and prices see advt.

Locked Out.—Norman Atack, miner, of Garforth, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for having used abusive language at Garforth on Tuesday, November 10th. P.C. Brewer stated that about 11.30 p.m. on the date in question he was on duty at the town end of Garforth when he heard defendant making use of the language complained of. When spoken to he said that he had been locked out, and he had nowhere to go for the night. The officer accompanied him home, and, after some considerable time, they knocked up the defendant's wife. Defendant was then told he would be reported, and he replied: "Never mind, you have got me in." A fine of 2s. 6d. and costs was imposed.

Primitive Methodist Church.—On Tuesday the Primitive Methodists of Garforth were favoured with a visit from the Rev. E. Dalton, D.D., of Hull. A service was held in the afternoon, and Mr Dalton preached from the well-known story of Ruth and Naomi, emphasising being laid on the Christian service is based on love as shown not only in words but in deeds. Tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom. In the evening Mr Dalton delivered his lecture entitled "John Bull, his Perils and Safeguards." In speaking of John Bull, the lecturer first drew attention to the vastness, wealth, and resources of the British Empire, giving some startling figures in support of his statements. Speaking of the perils of John Bull, mention was made of the drinking customs of the land, gambling, peril, and sexlessness. The safeguards were to be found in the avoidance of the perils, and he made an eloquent appeal for a consistent Christian life. Mr J. R. Thomas, of Leeds, presided. Both services were well attended. The proceeds were in aid of the special 2-ft. reduction effort.

HALTON

The Hunslet Lane station of the Leeds Athletic Force intend having a march to Temple-newsam Park on Sunday.

Skating the Ice.—The following members of the Halton Institute have joined His Majesty's Forces:—A. Dodsworth, J. Bowers, E. Ball, F. Nicholson, H. Guest, A. Snart, R. Pinder, N. Sumner, W. Newey, H. Cowell, A. Collis, and M. Guest.

Schools' Football.—On Saturday Halton Council School and Headingley St. Michael's, the undefeated teams in the junior and senior divisions of the Leeds Schools Rugby League, met in a "friendly" at Halton. The homesiders kicked off before a large crowd of spectators, from a scrum Hayes was put in possession, and he galloped over in fine style, but instead of touching down wide out, he tried to make the try behind the posts, and was pulled over the dead ball. Halton, however, were not long in effecting a score. The forwards heeling out smartly, gave Wilson an opportunity, and he passed out to Sanderson, who, after a smart run, transferred to Hayes. The latter gave a well-timed pass, which enabled Wade to sprint over at the corner. The homesiders kept up the pressure, and Barber, picking up, dashed over for a good try. Hayes kicking a capital goal. The visitors thereafter took play to the other end, Wade pushing Ring into touch. From the ensuing scrum, Wilson started a round of passing, and eventually Hayes was put in possession, and he showed his speed by scoring under the posts. He also added the major points. Headingley played up pluckily, and the Halton backs fumbling the ball, let in King, who opened the visitors' account with a grand try. At half-time Halton were leading by 2 goals, 2 tries, 13 points to 1 try, 3 points. After the interval Gwan dribbled over for a good try, Hayes goalling. Headingley pressed, and were unfortunate with a clearing kick, which rebounded off a defender, and Wilson were invaluable at this period, for their pluckly tackling. Halton ultimately gained the upper hand, and their forwards had complete mastery both in the scrums and in the loose. Barman dribbled to within a yard of the line, and tried to pick the ball up, thus forfeiting a fine chance of scoring away. The same player quickly put on two more tries, and Hayes added the major points. Halton won by 5 goals, 3 tries (28 points) to 3 points. On Saturday Halton play Jack Lane, at Halton, the kick-off being at 2.45.

KIPPAX

Primitive Methodist Church.—The members of the Christian Endeavour in connection with this church held a meeting in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening. The address, which was given by the Rev. R. B. Farlow (circuit minister, of Castleford), was listened to with close attention. There was a good number of members present.

Kippax Central Working Men's Club.—A benefit concert, organised on behalf of a member, Mr A. Smith, who has been unable to follow his employment for ninety-six weeks, owing to sickness, was held in the Club on Tuesday evening. A capital programme was given by the following artistes, who very kindly gave their services, before a crowded and appreciative audience:—Song, "Trumpeter," Mr H. Jackson; song, "Death of Nelson," Mr F. Coupland; song, "How Belgium put the Kybosh on the Kaiser," Mr Burt Hurrell; recitation, "Belgium to Flag," Mr Charlie Lloyd; song, "Land of hope and glory," Mr R. H. Bickerdike; duet, "Watchman, what of the night," Messrs Jackson and Coupland; song, "Boys in the Lane," Mr Burt Hurrell; recitation, "Patriotic," Mr Charlie Lloyd; duet, "Two vagabonds," Messrs Jackson and Bickerdike; song, "Mountain lovers," Mr Coupland; song, "Never had a night like this," Mr Burt Hurrell—encore, "Tha mun marry a lass wi' brass"; song, "Star of Bethlehem," Mr R. H. Bickerdike—encore, "Mary Ann" duet, "Battle Bickerdike—encore, "Mary Ann" duet, "Battle Cry of Freedom," Messrs Coupland and Jackson. Mr H. Gummerson accompanied in a very able manner. Councillor John Cripsell presided. A vote of thanks to the artistes was proposed by the secretary (Mr W. Bellerby), and Mr Coupland suitably responded. The whole of the proceeds will be handed over to Mr Smith.

MICKLEFIELD

Micklefield Football Club has the following members serving with the Colours:—H. Mills, S. Johnson, R. Johnson, T. Hurst, H. Gummerson, all of the R.A.M.C., stationed at Aldershot), and E. Wall, who is at the front.

ROUNDHAY

Mr John W. Hervey, of Roundhay, has contributed £10 to the Leeds National Relief Fund.

Wednesday evening Ald. W. Penrose-Green was re-elected Chairman and Mr A. Hobson (Roundhay) deputy chairman of Central Leeds Conservative Association.

SCHOLES

Mr James Hawthorn Simpson, formerly captain in the 2nd West Yorks. Royal Engineers (Volks.), of Scholes, has been granted a commission in the West Riding Divisional Royal Engineers, the appointment to date from October 17th inst. Mr Simpson was gazetted second lieutenant in the 2nd W.Y.R.E. on April 14th, 1897, promoted to lieutenant 18 months later, and appointed captain in 1900, retiring after eleven years' service when the Territorial Force was formed in 1908.

STOURTON

Hard Labour.—On Monday at Leeds Assizes George Fox (62), labourer, was found guilty of having been in possession of house-breaking instruments by night without lawful excuse, at Stourton, and was sent to gaol for nine months with hard labour. There had been three previous convictions on a similar charge.

SHADWELL

Mr A. Heaton, of Shadwell, has sent a fifth contribution of £1 2s. 6d. to Lords National Relief Fund.

Mrs A. Barnett, of Stocks Hill, Shadwell, has received from Pte. Frank Privett T. Barnett, of the 1st King's Royal Rifles, who has been wounded in the leg by a shrapnel bullet and is now a prisoner of war.

SWILLINGTON

Good Work.—The following is a list of articles given to Mrs Lowther, of Little Preston Hall, when she appealed in Swillington and Great Preston for things to send to the hospitals, etc.:—Specially good, 24 pairs of socks to Colonel Wynn's Yeomanry; September 5th, old shirts, 8 pairs socks, and some clothes to the Belgian Refugees in Leeds; sent to the Red Cross Hospital in Rouen, France, 1 blanket, 12 sheets, 6 flannel shirts, 6 cotton (old), 26 pillow slips, 5 towels, and some old bits of blankets; October 12th, sent to Mrs Hay for a hospital in France, 12 sheets, 24 pillow slips, 6 night shirts, 2 day shirts, 8 new shirts, 4 pairs pyjamas, 3 comforters, 11 pairs socks, 1 feather pillow, and 12 half pillows. The people at the Old Engine collected £1 os. 6d., and Mrs Lowther spent it on material, which they made up. Several girls have been meeting at Mrs Lowther's house and Kirkhead (free of cost) the following Tuesday morning, at 7 a.m., for Wareham. It was a tiring journey, as it was a scorching hot day, and there were such crowded compartments. When we pulled up at a station there was a raid on the fire buckets. Our first meal was served out at Derby at 11 a.m.—"Every call is answered" (two biscuits off the Plasmon stock brand). When we arrived at Cheltenham at 3 p.m. we were again served with biscuits and a tin of bully beef to each compartment. We left Cheltenham station at 9 p.m., and then marched about four miles on a dusty road to a camp. Here we expected food, etc., but to our surprise, we had got to the wrong camp. There had been a mistake on the part of the officers. We had been brought a station too far. It was lucky for us there was a farm at hand, and we spent the night in the out-buildings. Next morning we set off to march to Wareham, a distance of six miles. I really thought we should never get there, as everyone was nearly fagged out, but we managed to stay the distance. Here, again, we had a bad reception, as there was nothing prepared for us, and just as we started to fix the tents the rain came down in torrents, and did not cease for two days.

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Mr Arthur Maxwell Stuart, of Scarthingwell, has been on the grand jury at Leeds Assizes.

Boiling Spa has the following footballers serving with the Colours:—J. Teasdale, E. Thurlwell, G. Forster, A. Pawson, R. Helmsley, J. Marr, J. Carlisle, T. Smith, and T. Hare.

On Tuesday nine wounded soldiers arrived at Monk Fryston from Bickerell's Park Hospital, Leeds. They are located at the Concert Hall, which, as previously announced, has been turned into a hospital.

At the York Assizes John Thompson, accountant, indicted for the wilful murder of his wife and two children at Hull, was found guilty, but insane, and his detention ordered to be obtained during the King's pleasure.

Infirmary Committee.—A meeting of the Monk Fryston and District Infirmary and Nursing Committee was held last week on Monday evening. The Rev. B. Hemsworth presided. It was decided to again have a house-to-house collection in aid of the funds, and the date will be fixed. It was also resolved that, owing to the present state of affairs, not to press anyone to give, but any small contribution will be thankfully received.

Monk Fryston Institute.—On Thursday evening Monk Fryston Institute had a billiard match with Brotherton Institute at Monk Fryston. Monk Fryston were the victors, scoring 1,427 points to 386. The games were 75 up, and the scores were as follows (Monk Fryston names first):—H. Lupton 65 v. E. Steel 75, B. Jameson 75 v. W. Wales 72, H. Furnise 75 v. R. Wales 35, J. Stockdale 75 v. E. Thorpe 65, W. Berry 75 v. B. Terry 62, and C. Hester 62 v. T. Hunter 75.

A Local Soldier's Experiences

LIFE AT WAREHAM CAMP.

Mr Herbert Parkin, who is with the 7th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment at Wareham, Dorset, writes to us on Nov. 24th as follows:—

Being a native of the district, and a regular reader of your popular paper, would you, please, allow me through the medium of your paper to give a brief account of my experiences since joining the Colours. For the first fortnight I can't say that I had the best of it, but considering the number of recruits to be dealt with it was as well as might be anticipated. On arriving at Richmond (Tuesday, September 2nd), we were told there was no place for us, as there were already 1,800 men in barracks, with sleeping accommodation for only 400 men. They would not allow us back in town, so I managed to get a nap in the library. For meals we were all lined up in the square, and often had to wait nearly two hours before we got anything. For breakfast we received one slice of jam and bread with one pint mug of tea for two, and for dinner Irish stew and potatoes, but one was fortunate to get anything like a decent meal. At first I found it a difficult job to sit on the green with a plate on my knees (a somewhat loose one at that), but after a little practice I soon picked it up. Tea was much the same as breakfast, sometimes having biscuits (which we found difficult to break) instead of bread.

I was in barracks four days, and then 200 of us were billeted in an old laundry. The grub then was worse than in barracks, but there was one good thing—we got a bath. We left Richmond (four of us) the following Tuesday morning, at 7 a.m., for Wareham. It was a tiring journey, as it was a scorching hot day, and there were such crowded compartments. When we pulled up at a station there was a raid on the fire buckets. Our first meal was served out at Derby at 11 a.m.—"Every call is answered" (two biscuits off the Plasmon stock brand). When we arrived at Cheltenham at 3 p.m. we were again served with biscuits and a tin of bully beef to each compartment. We left Cheltenham station at 9 p.m., and then marched about four miles on a dusty road to a camp. Here we expected food, etc., but to our surprise, we had got to the wrong camp. There had been a mistake on the part of the officers. We had been brought a station too far. It was lucky for us there was a farm at hand, and we spent the night in the out-buildings. Next morning we set off to march to Wareham, a distance of six miles. I really thought we should never get there, as everyone was nearly fagged out, but we managed to stay the distance. Here, again, we had a bad reception, as there was nothing prepared for us, and just as we started to fix the tents the rain came down in torrents, and did not cease for two days.

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AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week a novel feature is Max Erard's first-annual "Cathedral" organ, announced as the most magnificent thing of the kind ever built for touring purposes. Its tone is certainly very fine, and Mr Erard makes the most of its multitudinous stops. Just at this time, too, it comes in useful for patriotic purposes, and when it pealed forth the opening notes of "Tipperary" on Monday night the audience were moved to vigorous applause. With Mr Max Erard is Miss Zona Vevey, who sings a few catchy and attractive songs. George D'Albert is here, too—always a pleasurable "turn," now devoting himself principally to war music. Chas. Norton is back again with his mimetic representation of well-known "stars," which he does very well. Cornalla and Eddie are as lively as ever, and the Castillian Quintette give a capital pot-pourri of songs and dances.

Military matters even, like most things, have their humorous side, and probably it is hardly necessary to say that in the hands of such past masters of English humour as Walter Alexander and Johnny Danvers a "Military Mixture" (the promising title of the new sketch) is bound to be a success. Nor is there any reason why that success should not be quite unalloyed, for the sketch is a capital one, full of humour, and the contribution of Jessie Broughton and Dennis Creedon fully merits its widespread popularity.—A bright collection of humorous impersonations, with an appropriate song for each, is contributed by those popular trans-Atlantic hustlers, Terry and Lambert, whilst the famous wax figurist, Fred Forest Tell is a most effective singer of coon melodies. Minnie Muir has a couple of rousing chorus songs, and Millie Ruby de Fonteroy gives a clever, and daring shoeing exhibition. Others on the bill are Jessie Lynwood, comedienne; and Abel and Welsh, a pair of clever professors.

As a special attraction, the management of the Hippodrome, Leeds, have arranged for Mr Horace Sheridan to present in the week commencing November 30th his spectacular fantasia "Trafalgar," in which Mr Sheridan will portray Lord Nelson. Nothing that may have in the past existed between our genial Allies and ourselves has long since been swept away. In honouring Nelson, we are honouring the traditions of the British Navy, whose silent work in guarding our shores and ensuring the safe transport of our commerce, is earning the same gratitude so justly due to the men who "Kept the Home Fires Burning" and to those who "Kept the Flag" on the main mast of the "Victory." The spectacle at the Hippodrome includes an extremely realistic scene of the "Battle of Trafalgar," a spectacular drill and ballet creation which introduces four charming young ladies, beautifully dressed, and two gentlemen, who, between them, compass about three octaves of simple musical "impressionism" that Leeds audiences like. One of the ladies sings sweetly. Of the others, one is an expert 'cellist, another is accomplished in the use of the flute, while the third is a particularly fine pianist. One of the gentlemen is an engaging baritone singer, and the sixth member of the party with a "musical" organ completes the ensemble of a notable combination of musical art and showmanship. The act is submitted in a superbly artistic setting and is very acceptable. The Australian Gentlemen, Captain Jack Kelly, is announced to give his daring stock whip display, and Dare and Lynton, "the tenor and the bugler," Leon Rogers, a unique exponent of mirth and melody, and the latest war news and incidents in picture, are also included in the programme.

GERMAN PASTOR AND LOFTHOUSE INTERNMENT CAMP.

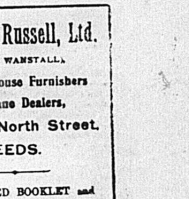
The Rev. Martin, pastor of the German Protestant Church in Manchester, who has just been released from the internment camp at Lofthouse, near Rothwell, had nothing but good to say about the treatment of the detainees.

"I feel no resentment whatever," he went on; "on the contrary, I must say the authorities treated me very courteously. They were all extremely kind to me. The general commandant, the the captain, the doctor, and the censor were all I could wish in the circumstances. We were divided into companies for messes, and we appointed our own captains.

"There were about two hundred of us altogether, representing all sections of society. Among them were Poles, Ruthenians, and Hungarians, as well as Germans and Austrians. We had concerts, occasionally, and on Sundays we had religious services. Mass was celebrated by a Catholic priest, and I conducted service for the Protestants. We had religious gatherings also in the course of each week. There was a Rabbi for the Jews."

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A Wesleyan Disagreement.

A Settlement.—On Monday at Selby, Mr Neville, farmer, Wistow Lordship, was summoned for assaulting James Pocklington, jun., on October 27th. Mr C. B. Bailey conducted the case for the complainant, and Mr C. H. Dodgson defended. It was alleged that the boy, aged 10, the son of Jas. Pocklington, was struck by the defendant, who complained that his daughter Bessie had been hit with a turnip by the boy. The case was dismissed under the First Offenders' Act.—Mr Bailey: I must appeal against that decision.

An Orderly.—G. Arumugand, of Hailey Lodge, Wetherby, writes:—"I am prepared to give limelight lectures, illustrated mostly with Indian slides, for any charitable object, on 'India and War,' to show, on historical basis, that Germany's dream is to acquire "world power." She firmly believes that the one great obstacle in her way is England and her Empire. She cannot establish her universal empire unless England is crushed and India is obtained as her possession. With this one aim and sole object she has been for a considerable time preparing and spending her energy and her national wealth to wage war against England, her enemy of enemies. Does present great European war is the outcome of it."

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INCREASED RATES—A PROTEST.

PARLIAMENT TO BLAME.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday in Tadcaster.—Mr. C. C. Brookbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were: Mr. Walter Cresland, J.P. (vice-Chairman), the Rev. C. D. Ash (Bramhope), Miss Bethell (Towton Manor), Messrs T. H. Priday (Farthinghoe), R. Seaman (Gallows Close), R. Parker, J.P., A. Townend (Ridgen), F. Myers (Sicklemgate), R. Wright (Barkston), W. S. Hutchinson (Healaugh), C. Ellis (Scholemoor), J. W. Dobson (Newthorpe), E. Parker (Lotherton), A. Lincoln (South Milford), W. Y. K. Young (Aberford), T. Hey (Sherburn), J. H. Schofield (Ledsham), F. Priday, H. Robinson, and G. Pearson (Riccarton Bywater), M. H. Copley (Ryther), J. Wordsworth and S. H. Lowe (Great Preston), Norman (Gateford), G. Webster (Shaddlethorpe-Bawtry), J. Stibbons and H. P. Clinch (Tadcaster), and T. F. Bramley (Tadcarger), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bruce).

The treasurer was appointed to hand a balance of over £4,000 in hand.

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been three admissions to the workhouse and two discharges. Two vagrants were relieved up in the house and 18 in the children's home—one against out of the corresponding date of last year.

The master reported during the last week were 31 and 14 vagrants in and 18.

The Relief Committee recommended that additional relief to Clifton-on-Ainsty at the rate of 1s. 6d. each adult and 6d. each child for allowed time in receipt of out-relief, and that those who are unemployed in the Union. This was adopted.

Correspondence was submitted in reference to the establishment of labour stations in the Union in connection with the tuberculosis scheme for vagrants, and the Clerk was to get more information.

A letter was received from a Board of Guardians asking the Union to support the establishment of homes for old age pensioners, and it was agreed to let the letter lie on the table.

VAGRANT RETURNS.

The vagrancy returns for the period ending 30th ult. were: Mr Bagshaw.

The Chairman said that Tadcaster was the only rural Union in the West Riding that had an increase. The increase during the last years was 108. It was not an increase that they had any extraordinary cause to object to, but the only reason in the rural areas.

The Clerk said that the expenses referred to were: 1908, 10 days, £107; 1909, 10 days, £108; 10 days, £108; 10 days, £104; 1913, 10 days, £104; 1914, 10 days, £104.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council was requested to have a balance in hand of £6,350. It was stated that a sum of £30 had been spent on district roads during the fortnight.

The Highways Committee minutes showed that Mr Cox had given instructions for the repair of a bend of a culvert at Ledsham and the erection of a fence.—Permission was given for the opening up of roads at Hambleton for laying down of sewerage.—A letter was received from the County Council stating that application for compulsory powers with reference to the land required for the road improvement at Sherburn Cross must be made through them. It was decided that the application be made.

The minutes were approved.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary and Building Committee it was stated that a bad house was reported at Sherburn, which, on visiting, was found to be in a very bad condition, and a number of notices of the nuisances were ordered to be given. Two houses at Kippax were reported to be unfit for habitation, and notices to quit were ordered to be given.

It was reported in connection with Lock Lane sewerage scheme that the work of connecting drains to the sewer had been commenced, and a good many houses had been connected. Plans of a surgery for Dr. Radcliffe in High Street, South Milford, were passed.—A letter was received from Kippax Council meeting a request to the village, and it was decided that no further arrangements could be made direct to the Council and not to officials.—The Garforth Water Committee accepted tenders for a galvanised pipe at 3/4pnd. and the laying of the same at 1s. 6d. with a sewer extension at Aberford the contractor were allowed that he had let on the work, and he asked for an allowance, but it was decided to make no allowance. An owner of property at Church Fenton, where certain improvements were ordered to be carried out, wrote asking that the matter should be deferred until next year, but it was decided that the notice should be carried out.

The minutes were approved.

Mr Hutchinson was appointed a member of Garforth Water Committee.

A CHURCH AND ITS NOTES.

Mr Frank Myers, of Hillcroagh, complained about the increase in rates, and said the ratepayers were dissatisfied about the allowance for higher education. It was unreasonable, and they must not send to it.

The Chairman stated that they had no jurisdiction in the matter, and he explained that a great deal of the expenditure was due to the feeding of school children. With regard to the police, the increase was owing to the giving of a day's rest to the men, more police being required to take their place. It was rather hard to blame the County Council, because they had to provide that local rate, and the only thing they could do was to keep this in mind, and when bills were brought before Parliament, to see that financial matters were made for other purposes than those that were proving popular measures in the House.

Mr Seaman, for the consideration of suffering—action of those who found out the deficiency—a sum was made, and the rest fell on the ratepayers.

Mr Wright said that if something was not done to avoid other applications for money, they were being forced into control until there was no living. Agriculture was thought to be a good thing, and he wished some of them would try it and then they would get a little sympathy. A man with a wife and nine had a little bit up, a week and nine had 4 children, and he had had a bill for 9s. 4d. for corn consumed by him. It was time they made a stand. He asked if they could not pass a resolution to prevent?

The Chairman: Against whom?

Mr Myers: The people at the top.

The Chairman said that he could bring forward a motion.

Mr Myers said that he was now getting half an income from his rates on the same property. He was 4d., Wages were rising, and they were getting no more for their produce. He said he would make a resolution of protest.

Mr Priday said the increase was not put on by the County Council.

Mr Myers said he quite understood where it was put on, but he wanted to know where it was to be taken off. (Laughter).

A HUDDLESTON FARMER CHARGED AT SELBY.

SEQUEL TO MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT.

Matthew C. Wellburn, farmer, of Huddlestone, was summoned at Selby on Monday for driving a motor cycle at a speed dangerous to the public on the Thorpe Road, Selby, on November 16th.

Mr C. H. March, solicitor, Selby, defended.

Evidence was called to the effect that Mr David Brodrick, of Cawood, was returning with his wife from the road in the evening in company with Mrs Eva Brodrick, a young widow who keeps a cabinet's shop at Selby. They were walking on the right side of the road near the kerb when the motor-cycle came at a furious rate upon them, struck Mrs Brodrick on the right side, knocking her and tearing her dress to pieces. She was injured. The motor cyclist was thrown with the machine on to the roadway, his face being cut. Both Mrs Brodrick and the defendant had to be removed to the Selby Cottage Hospital. Defendant had a bright light on his machine, but it was alleged that he did not sound his horn.

Mr March submitted that the motor-cycle made a great noise, but that Mr Murdock, who was driving a motor car behind, did not take notice of any speculation. The couple were evidently engrossed with each other's company.

Defendant maintained that he was at a moderate speed and he denied being in drink, as he had only had two glasses of beer all day.

The Chairman announced that as the justices were equally divided the case was dismissed.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

At Tadcaster Police Session on Monday the magisterial business went on. Mr. E. C. Brookbank (Chairman) and Mr C. B. Land.

A great rate of an oil and oil spit was passed for Tenders.

An ale case, who stated his age was 24, was summoned by the Holbeagh overseers for non-payment of rates. He said he was very ill—ill and was not in regular employment, earning only 18s. last week. Defendant was ordered to pay the money in 7 days.

John William Gill, driver, a well-known Tadcaster character, was charged with using indecent language on Holbeck, Tadcaster, on the 27th inst. He did not appear. P.C. Bramley and John Goodhew gave evidence, and Supt. Slack said the case was a nuisance. He was ordered to pay 10s. 6d. and costs.

Patrick Judge, labourer, who is stated to be working at Towton, did not appear in answer to a charge of drunkenness. Supt. Slack said the case was an extraordinary one. Judge was a well-behaved man, possessing no vagrant on the Chart. P.C. Kitwood said that on Saturday he was in St. Joseph's Street, Tadcaster, and there he saw defendant. He was drunk. P.C. Bramley, of Towton, where he could get lodgings, and he took him to a lodging-house, but he was refused admittance. He then took the man to the police-station for his own safety. He was not drunk.

A young man named Joseph Simpson Maltby, of Tadcaster, appeared in answer to a charge of having been drunk at Wharfe Banks on the 22nd inst. Police-constable Kitwood said that on the date named he received a complaint about a man being drunk at Wharfe Banks, and on going there he found defendant lying on his back helplessly drunk. He was unable to walk, and he had to remove him to his home. Supt. Slack said this was a sad case. Defendant was a good workman and helped to keep his widowed mother. He ought to have known better. He would give defendant one chance, and he wished he could get to know who did it. The magistrates fined defendant 10s., but they remitted the cost.

BARKSTON ASH FARM WORKERS AND THE WAR.

LABOUR DIFFICULT TO GET AT WETHERBY

A special meeting to Wetherby on Thursday night, and been resolved that the proceedings of the first and second Angle-Saxon Northumbrian were so vastly taking place. Shortly after came, when the yearly contracts are usually most numerously entered on between master and man, there was only a few attendances and groups to the contractual market place, and apparently the farmers themselves were in the majority. The situation scarcely of labour—doubtless the quarrels with the employers—have to be the cause of the scarcity—appears to be the direct result of the war.

Evidence was easily forthcoming which pointed to the eligible young men working being joined the colours in large numbers, particularly when their total strength spread over a wide district is considered. And not only had they been enlisted from the ranks of agricultural labourers, but from their employers also. Their engagements averted twelve ago by patriotic agriculturists who did not allow questions of personal advantage to outweigh national needs, but these lords who were waiting until their employees were ready to join the colours before they were decided to adopt a similar patriotic. Especially was this to be noticed in the case of waggoners, and as a consequence they were numerically difficult to get.

Higher wages all round were asked for and received, and after adding the available information it may be estimated that there was an average increase of 2s. per week on that of a year ago.

The young horse-lads were, indeed, a much-sought and highly prized individual. He was approached from three aspects. Farmers wanted him because owing to the dry weather after the harvest there was a great deal of work to be done this essential preparing or considerably extended as compared with the conditions existing last year. Then there were the usual half-a-dozen farmers wanting lads to be brought on by "Binby lads," and their efforts were aided by vigorous speeches at a recruiting meeting. And, further, there were Wetherby lads for horse breeders who have been required for long if-regard purposes, skilled assistance in stud, as men, dressed in clothing with the colours, some of which are naturally hardened to fatigue, and accustomed to the neighbourhood. All these advocates were actively represented.

LADIES
BLANCHARD'S PILLS

AN ALLERTON BYWATER BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

KIPPAX MAN HAS TO PAY DAMAGES.

In the Civil Court, at the Leeds Assizes, on Monday, before Mr Justice Horridge, an action was heard in default of payment, in which the plaintiff was Gertrude Ellis, for years of age, living at Allerton Bywater, and the defendant John Walter Ellis, of Kippax, who is employed at the Allerton Bywater colliery. The defendant was not represented by counsel.

Mr Paley Scott, who appeared for the plaintiff, said the promise to marry was made on May 14th last, and the refusal on September 19th. The families dated that he ever agreed to marry the plaintiff or that she agreed to marry him. The parties met at Kippax, in August, 1914, and they began walking out.

In October, 1912, she introduced the defendant at her home, and from that time onward he was a constant visitor. In the end of 1913 the young man spoke of being uncomfortable at home, and talked about other vacancy of marriage.

On April 12th, this year, her birthday, he said he would like to spend the day with her, and it was agreed they should marry when the young woman was 21.

There was no correspondence between them, counsel remarked, as the pair were hardly ever parted. Seduction took place under pretence of marriage. They visited a jeweller's shop at Castleford, and, at his request, the young woman selected a ring, which he placed on her finger. She had a ring on the first finger of her left hand, and, at his request, she took it off, as he said that the ring was not that finger when a young woman wanted a young man. Thenceforward everybody regarded them as an engaged couple.

Trouble, however, happening apparently with the defendant's parents, and from that time she was not a welcome visitor to their house. In August the defendant was on his holidays at Blackpool.

"I wish you were here. I feel lonely by myself. Let me have a letter back by return, and send your loving dark. Walt.

There followed a number of letters with the same go in London. There was also a postcard script to which he apologised for writing in pencil, and he made up for this by adding all sorts of fine symbols. Early in September he returned from Blackpool, and a change came over their relationship. Genuinely for the first time she found him cold. He asked her the gift's number if he thought he had acted rightly. He said "No." His words were a little over 30s. a week.

The plaintiff, in her evidence, said they both chose the ring outside the jeweller's shop, and he was her as to buy it, giving her 30s. Defendant's mother told him he had no business to buy the ring. She said that there was no engagement. His people made a commotion about it, and she had not been to his house since.

"When he spoke I cut," she said. "I loved to hear of him."

Asked what position he gave her, the plaintiff said they included a hearth, a blower, two pairs of glasses, and a clock.

Cross-examined by Mr Johnson, she said: "I hope that has been a good currency. (Laughter).

In cross-examination by the defendant, she admitted that he would rather she bought a bracelet instead of a ring. She also denied that he said, "Think on, it is not an engagement ring."

Plaintiff's mother, and Mrs Gisby's Council, of Kippax, spoke of the affectionate relationship existing between the couple.

Defendant's mother, the box and gave his evidence. He said that when he told plaintiff it was not an engagement ring she "took on," and would not speak to him. She picked up a ring and asked if it was the ring. He replied that it was that, but gave her 30s. When she came out with the ring she said it had cost another half-crown. She put the ring on her own finger.

Cross-examined by Mr Paley Scott, he said that there was trouble with his people over the engagement. He admitted that he wrote 40 letters after that, and he supposed they were to reconcile matters.

The jury, without leaving the box, awarded plaintiff £20 damages.

HUNTING IN THE DISTRICT.

RUN AT CHURCH BRYAN.

On Tuesday the York and Ainsty met at Skip Bridge, and among the local people out were the Hon. Miss M. Howden (Wighill Park), Miss Gunter (Wetherby), Mrs Edward Lane Fox, Mr and Miss Hutton (Bilbrough), Mrs Hall (Walton Hall), Mr Fairburn (Ledsham Grange), Miss Leach, Mr Foster, Miss M. Bethell, etc. After a short delay they went to Skip Bridge Wire for the first draw. Hounds had not gone far when they came to Red House Arcades trotted, and found at once. Taking a short ring to cover they got into the Bilbrough side of the wood. A blue fellow being about the country, and it was a very good run such a morning, all hounds made the best of it, and hunted the pace for some time. Crossing the Tadcaster road near Spring Court. The going remained most worth hounds had to work upon. Going within one field of the cover reynard went to the left, skirting the deer park, and leaving Bilbrough Farm, down to the road. Fortunately the bridge came to the line at last, the fox had crossed the bridge, running on nearly for a top brake, and the hard riders had a run of twenty minutes. Hounds were stopped with the exception of one. Reaching Poppleton Wood-house Grange, hounds came to a check, caused by a flock of sheep.

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OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal BY ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

FOREST TREES.

Young trees rarely receive proper attention after they are planted in their permanent quarters. As they grow taller the lower branches should be carefully removed with a sharp pruning knife. Careless pruning may result in the bark getting torn or otherwise damaged. Crossing branches should be removed, and where the growth appears to be crowded some thinning may be necessary. So far as it is possible an evenly balanced top should be aimed at, and crowding should be carefully avoided. There is no better time than the present for pruning this class of tree. Where young trees have to be moved, or new plantations made, the work may be proceeded with any time during the next three months. It is a decided advantage to get the work done before the ground gets cold and saturated, and it should not be put off if time can be spared this month. Much damage is done by careless lifting. We have seen careless workmen tugging and pulling at a young tree until almost every root must have either strained or broken. It would be absurd to expect a tree to prosper after being subjected to such rough and unnatural treatment. The proper way to lift a tree or shrub is to commence by throwing out a trench all round it, at a distance where the roots just about reach. This is usually immediately under the extremity of the growth. Within the outer ring of roots is bared, gradually work under with the spade until the tree can be lifted out of the hole without straining a root. Even under careful treatment it is often necessary to cut through the top root, which grows straight down and is usually thick, strong, and fibreless. Cutting through the top root is often a difficult task, especially if the tree is well furnished with fibrous roots. If the root has to be chopped through the wound should be neatly trimmed with the pruning knife afterwards. The planting of the trees is not a difficult task. An important point is to plant them at the same depth as before. The hole should be wide enough to accommodate all the roots in a natural position, and the soil should be firmly trodden down a few spadefuls at a time. Young trees that are planted in an exposed position should always have the support of a firm stake. To avoid damaging the roots of the tree the stake should be placed in position before filling in the soil.

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS.

Deciduous shrubs have now cast their leaves and any necessary pruning may be carried out. In the case of shrubs there need be no hesitation in pruning them hard back. They will break into new growth even if cut back to the base.

BULBS.

There should be no delay in completing the planting of tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses, etc. The bulbs are now commencing to grow, and any growth that is made before planting is at the expense of the bulb.

Single irises are cheap, and deserve more general cultivation then they receive. They can be planted in separate colours if required for garden decoration, but are more useful if grown for cutting. In this case it is advisable to grow them in the kitchen garden, where they can be covered with frame lights just before they begin to bloom. They are useful to protect them from soot and rain. Plant them fairly close together in rows about nine inches apart. The English irises are much larger than the Dutch and require rather more room. A deep, light, rich soil will grow them to perfection, and they require very little attention after planting. The stems are firm and strong, and no staking is required.

Mice are particularly fond of crocus bulbs and a sharp look-out should be kept after the bulbs are planted. Their presence is denoted by the holes they make to reach the bulbs. They may be either trapped or poisoned.

ROSES.

Intending rose planters should make no delay in completing the work, or they may be compelled to postpone it until spring. The sharp frost and heavy fall of snow experienced on the night of this month may easily be the forerunner of a severe winter. It is very unusual to experience so severe a spell at such an early date. Rose trees are well established this year and will probably move well. If new trees come to hand while the ground is frozen no attempt should be made to plant them. It is impossible to perform the task thoroughly under such conditions. On the other hand they should be unpacked immediately they come to hand, and the roots should be plunged in soil in a cool shed or outhouse.

Ramblers may be pruned now whilst they are devoid of foliage. Pruning in their case consists of removing the old and weak wood. New growth may have the delicate tips removed, and should then be tied or otherwise fastened to secure supports.

LILY OF THE VALLEY CULTURE.

This well-known hardy and fragrant flower succeeds almost anywhere, but revels in a moist and shaded position. When planted out of doors the crowns increase, the larger of them flowering year after year without any attention, save an autumn top-dressing of manure.

Strong crowns are extensively forced for early flowers. They are placed an inch apart each way in boxes or pans, a little fibre or loose soil being shaken amongst the roots, and the tops being covered with moss. Water thoroughly, and place the pans or boxes in a cold frame or shed, where they can have a little frost without risk of severe freezing. A month later change them in a bottom-heat of from 50 to 60 degrees, increasing to 90 degrees before they come into flower. Some growers keep them in darkness; but the best flowers seem to be obtained when they have plenty of light and air are afforded. Tepid water must be given when requisite to keep the roots, moss and soil moist. Strong crowns may be forced in little later in the season. Harden off gradually after flowering; and put out in the open ground.

PLANTS IN POTS.

SPIREAS.

There are very few more useful decorative plants than the spireas. Their graceful feathery spikes of flower, and luxuriant deep green foliage, make them very attractive. There are several new varieties of great merit, the best of which is Philadelphia. The flowers are lavender pink, and are produced in great profusion and in huge plumes. Rose Perle, a soft rose-coloured variety, Queen Alexandra, a bright pink, and W. E. Gladstone, a beautiful pure white, are all well worth growing. The roots may be potted now for spring flowering. It is a mistake to pot them into large pots. They should be put into the smallest pots that will contain the roots with a little soil around them.

WINTER AND EARLY SPRING.

FLOWERING PLANTS.

There are numerous varieties of plants now arriving in this country from Holland which may be potted up for winter and spring flowering. Lilies are very popular for conservatory decoration. Charles X and Mario Legraye are the best varieties for this purpose. Deutzia Gracilis, Dielytra Spectabilis, Hydrangea Paniculata, and various of the Indica and Mollis sections, are all splendid forcing subjects, and none of them offer any difficulties in forcing.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

The management of the greenhouse calls for great care during the next few weeks.

Overwatering is worse than allowing the plants to get almost dry.

Increase the fire heat during foggy weather. This shall allow for the ventilators being opened and thus a circulation of air can be maintained.

Overhead spraying and syringing must be suspended during dull weather. This does not apply to a hothouse where a temperature of 65 to 70 is maintained.

Bulbs intended for Christmas flowering should now be growing nicely in the greenhouse. Roman hyacinths come into bloom quickly when placed in heat.

THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Prices showed little change. Wheat sold 450 to 456, secondary 418 to 426, malting barley 328. to 336., secondary 318. oats 261 to 298, and rye 330 to 336 per qr.

PROVISTONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 5 for 1s.; butter 1s. 3d. to 1s 4d per lb.; chickens 3s 6d to 5s per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Leaving day on the farms resulted in little trade being done in the potato market. Seed Up-to-Dates 45s. to 52s 6d.; seed King Edwards 55s to 62s 6d, warp King Edwards 65s to 70s per ton; retail 2s. 6d to 3s per hamper.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this auction mart Messrs Richardson and Son disposed of 83 beasts, 45 sheep, and 51 pigs. There was a good attendance of buyers. The stock being of a fine class. Trade was brisk, best beef making up to 8d. per lb.; leeahing cows and heifers were in demand, meeting a brisk trade at 10s all round advance. A good trade for milkers, best small up to 10d. per lb. Rather better trade for Prices as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £25, fat heifers up to £24, fat cows up to £20, store cattle up to £20 5s, heifers in milk up to £17 15s., cows in milk up to £18 15s., fat sheep up to £2 16s 6d, bacon pigs up to £7 17s. 6d, and pork pigs up to £5 2s each.

LANCASTER, Monday.—At this auction mart Messrs Thomlinson and Son had a large and miscellaneous stock in all classes. The attendance of butchers and dealers was in excess of the usual numbers, being especially noticeable and an advance in price was well maintained all through the sale. Numbers sold: 103 prime fat beasts, 1,000 sheep, 164 lambs and 11 calvers and store cattle. Bullocks made up to £20 15s., heifers £14 5s, cows £14 15s., sheep and hoggs up to £2 7s. 6d., pork pigs to £6 17s 6d, bacon pigs £10 17s 6d, and stores up to 45s each down to 10s each. Best beef made from 9s to 9s 6d per stone, medium quality 7s 6d to 9s per stone. Sheep met a good demand, making 9/d to 10/d per lb. Lambs 10/d to 11/d, £27 12s 6d, £24 17s 6d, £23 5s, £24 5s, and £22 10s; Jackson, of Gallows-laugh Grange, had four good beasts, making £25 2s 6d, £24 5s, £27 12s 6d, and £25; Mr J. Ladley, of Kirkby Wharfe, had ten good bullocks realising £23 12s 6d, £23 10s, and £22 2s 6d, £22 5s, and £21 12s 6d; Mr J. Swailes, of Healaugh, had two bullocks, which made £23 15s, and £22 10s; two bullocks from Messrs W. Dunn and Son, of Ouston, made £23 17s 6d and £23 10s; Mr J. W Watson, of Healaugh, had six grand finished bullocks, which made £23 17s 6d, £23 2s 6d, £22 7s 6d, £24, £23, and £22; Mr R. Dearlove, of Walton, had five useful bullocks, which made £24 10s, £24, £23, £23 15s, and £21 10s; Mr T. Richardson, of Healaugh, had three bullocks, which made £25 15s, £24 5s, and £22 7s 6d; Messrs Ireland Bros. had two bullocks, which made £24 10s, and £23 15s; Mr Wm. Hall, of Ouston, from Mr Weddell, of Hornington, made £22 15s, £20 17s 6d, £18 15s, £18 17s 6d, £17 15s; Mr Jackson, of Catterton, had five good beasts, which made £22 17s 6d, £21 10s, £21 5s, and £20 15s; two bullocks £21 10s, £21 5s, and £20 15s; two bullocks from Mr Simpson, of Newton Kyme, made £23 17s 6d, £20 15s, and £19 15s; a good bullock from Mr H. Bladen, of Healaugh, made £23 17s 6d; four black polled bullocks from Mr C. Gypson, of Grimston, made £23, £22 17s 6d, £22, and £21 17s 6d; Mr F. J. Watson, of Bow Bridge, had two very ripe bullocks, which made £24 10s and £23 7s 6d; two bullocks from Mr W. Thomlinson, of Wighill, made £24 15s, and £20 17s 6d; three bullocks from Mr G. Winter made £24 5s, £23 10s, and £22 15s; two very ripe bullocks from Messrs Ramsden, of Oxton Hall, made £26 5s., £25 2s 6d., and £24 5s.; six bullocks and heifers from the Auctioneers made £29 17s 6d, £23 17s 6d, £23 5s, £22 15s, £22 5s., and £22 2s 6d; a grand bull from Mr Jas. Holliday, of Castle Hill Farm, made £24 10s; three beasts from Mr W. Robinson, of Park Farm, made £24, £23, and £22; a grand bull from Mr Jas. Bramley, of Huddleston, had three pens of choice sheep, making up to 72s each; from Mr Holdsworth made to £5 13s.; Mr T. Silver, to 85s; Mr Warrington, to 61s 6d; Mr Gibson, to 75s; Mr W. Rodder, to £5 2s; Mr T. Richardson, to 72s; Mr Setterington, to 71s; Mr A. Richardson, to 68s 6d; Mr Ryder, to 66s; the Union, to £6 17s 6d; Mr Smith, to £5 15s; Mr Maclean, to £10 17s 6d; Mr W. Riley-Smith, to £5 5s; etc. Stores made from 14s. to 37s. 6d. each.

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HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

DISPUTE WITH ROTHWELL COUNCIL. SETTLED.

PASSES FOR RELIGIOUS WORKERS.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mrs E. A. Dickenson, Father T. Cody, Messrs J. Gawin, J. Butterick, W. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, G. Armitage, D. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, E. B. Wickersgill, W. A. Appleyard, J. R. Chappell, H. J. Fulford, W. Sweet, J. W. Verity, W. Lunn, G. W. Pease, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

CHILDREN'S HOMES.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee a circular letter from the Local Government Board respecting relief to widows and children came up for consideration on a reference from the Board, and it was resolved that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting and that the Clerk be instructed to then report on the most salient points calling for attention.

The Clerk submitted a statement showing the cost of maintenance in the Homes during the past half-year, and it was resolved that it be accepted as satisfactory.

A letter was received from "Uncle Toby" stating that his Christmas distribution of toys had been suspended this year on account of the war.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs J. Hirst (Chairman) and the chairman and three other members of the Water Committee of the Rothwell Urban District Council, together with the Clerk and water inspector, waited on the committee by appointment, with reference to the demand of the Guardians for a supply of water for domestic purposes for the Homes by rent. Mr Hirst and Mr Dodgson stated that the Council were desirous of coming to an amicable arrangement, but that they could not see their way unless forced to give a supply to the Homes other than by meter without a further increase in the scale of charges for supplies by rent. The deputation having retired, the matter was further considered, and after certain informal enquiries Mr Sugden had taken place it was resolved that on the understanding that the Homes shall be furnished with an adequate supply for domestic purposes, the offer of the Council to supply such water by meter at 1s. per 1,000 gallons, less a discount of 7½ per cent., be accepted, and that the claim for a supply by rent be accordingly abandoned. It was further resolved that it be left with the Clerk to arrange with Mr Dodgson as to the application of these terms to past accounts.

The minutes were passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee the master reported that five deaths had occurred in the infirmary during the past fortnight.

Arrangements for a concert on Christmas Day were considered, and an offer from the staff to provide a concert as usual was accepted.

An application for passes from Staff-Captain Bird of the Salvation Army, at Leeds, for a renewed pass to visit the Institution, and it was resolved that permission be given to the officials to visit the Institution, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr W. A. Appleyard and seconded by Mr W. Verity, that seasons tickets be provided similar to those issued to the ministers and officers of religious workers authorised to visit the Institution, setting forth the conditions of the issue.

Father Cody, who said he was not present at the meeting when the Guardians had decided to issue the tickets to religious workers, and who did "religious workers" embrace.

Mr Conyers replied that the tickets would be issued to the recognised ministers and officers of the Salvation Army. It was through the application of Staff-Captain Bird that it was thought that the passes in such cases should be a good deal more restrictive in their own institution. The tickets would not be issued broadcast—perhaps only a dozen.

Father Cody said the cases would come before the Board. Formerly permission had been granted by letter, but these passes would be issued to persons with special missions. That, however, would not apply to everyone who produced ministers of any religious denomination who had a right to visit persons.

Father Cody said he hoped the passes would not be issued broadcast, as it would be unwise for large numbers of people to pass through the sick wards where people were perhaps dying.

The minutes were passed.

VARIOUS.

The appointment of a new superintendent nurse came up for consideration, and the post was given to Miss Eliza Lewis, Lowesoft.

It was decided to give extra relief for the outdoor poor for Christmas at the rate of 1s. for an adult and 6d. to each child for two weeks, similar to last year.

ROTHWELL

FOOTBALL.—Rothwell Wheat Rose gave East Ardsley, their opponents in a Leeds Senior League match at Rothwell on Saturday, a severe drubbing, scoring seven goals to one. The visitors' goal was defended by Joe Hudson, who, in a similar position, did good work for the Rothwell White Rose Club during the last two years. However, despite the fact that he let through so many goals he was able to stop several stinging shots. The game was started by the visitors, but the homesters' forwards were quickly on the aggressive, and Hudson was tested with a shot from Appleby. As the ball rebounded from the goalkeeper, Hughes caught it, but he dallied with the leather and lost possession. A fine movement only elapsed before Rothwell had the sphere back in the danger zone, and Wrigley scored from a pass by Appleby when the visitors' custodian was at a disadvantage. A penalty followed soon after, and Hudson had no chance with Appleby's shot. Hughes several times went away on the left wing, but he got little advantage out of his efforts. Once only did the visiting backs be missed practically on open goal. Ardsley seemed unable to get going at all, and Nunns, in the homesters' goal, had an easy time. Sam Hudson and Hutton had his work cut out. A hard shot from Wrigley was cleverly saved. The third goal for the homesters was netted by Moon, the White Rose's centre-forward, and Appleby scored a fourth. In the second half Rothwell team had the pull, and it was not until about midway through the half that the Ardsley men got a look in. Soon after the reinforcement Tiffany headed a "beauty" into the net during a melee around the goal. A sixth was added by Appleby, who, after a run up, rattled Abrams of a chance of gaining credit. Twenty minutes before the final the Ardsley men got away, the left wing once more being particularly active. Nunns was beaten once, Abrams scored the seventh goal for Rothwell.

On Saturday Oulton St. John's defeated Methley Perseverance Res. in the Leeds and District Football League by six goals to nil.

SERIOUS MOTOR ACCIDENT AT DRINGHOUSES.

A serious motor accident has occurred at Dringhouses as the result of which three men—two members of the National Reserve and a civilian—were somewhat seriously injured. The accident appears to have been caused partly by the absence of public lights in the village.

The names of the three injured men are:—Mr James McPherson, who is well-known in the village, having resided there for a number of years; and Privates J. Merrick and Private J. Storrs, of H Company of the National Reserve now stationed at the racing stables at Dringhouses. Both of these men come from the Bradford district, but they had been stationed at Dringhouses since the outbreak of the war. One of Mr McPherson's legs was broken. Private Merrick also sustained a broken leg, while Private Storrs is suffering from shock. The National Reservists were conveyed to the Military Hospital at Fulford, and, before they are allowed to be trained. Mr McPherson was removed home after the accident; but some time later it was considered advisable, in view of his injuries, that he should be removed to the York County Hospital.

The point at which the accident occurred was immediately opposite the parish church. There is no light at that point, and a resident in the village stated that the lamp on the church gates was usually lit in the evening for the convenience of the men of the National Reserve; but on the night of the accident it was not lighted.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK DEFENDS THE KAISER.

The Archbishop of York addressed a crowded meeting of men at the Opera House, York, on Sunday afternoon, on "Some Problems of the War." The Lord Mayor (Councillor J. Bowes Morrell) presided.

The Archbishop said the side which would win was the side whose people, apart from its armies, were capable of the most ready sacrifices and most steadfast endeavour. He believed we had reached the point at which every able-bodied man, between 18 and 35, must ask the question "Dare I stay away?" He had little doubt of the issue of the great combat, and he had no doubt at all as to the verdict of history upon the origin of the war.

"But I assert essentially," proceeded his Grace, "the grave and vulgar way in which the German Emperor has been treated in the newspapers, and particularly in some of the comic papers. I have a personal memory of the Emperor, very sacred to me, which makes me feel that it was with great reluctance he felt himself compelled to accept the fact that this conduct and the conduct of his Ministers had involved England in war with England. But it is very hard for a man to resist the voices which stood at his ear, which said persistently, 'The hour of your enemy's calamity has come; you dare not fail.' I put the blame not upon the Emperor, but upon his advisers." He believed the attitude of the German nation arose from the misrepresentation of the State. "At the present moment," added the Archbishop, "I speak with some personal knowledge of what is passing through the minds of educated men in Berlin, when I say they are wholly ignorant of the true state of affairs, because they take their facts from the facts which the State cares to give them. I heard a German still speak with admiration and chivalry about the great German people."

SIR O. LODGE AND LIFE AFTER DEATH.

Sir Oliver Lodge, speaking at the Browning Hall, Walworth, on Sunday afternoon, said it was unreasonable to think that the soul should jump out of existence when the body was destroyed. We were not limited to the few senses we lived on this earth. We should certainly continue to exist. "Why do I say that?" Sir Oliver proceeded. "I say it on definite scientific grounds; I say it because I have heard from friends of mine still existing, because I have talked to them. Communication is possible. One must obey the laws, and find out the conditions. I do not say it is easy, but I say it is possible, and I have conversed with them as I could converse with any one in the audience now. Being scientific men, they have given proof that this is real, and not subjective, not something emanating from myself. They have given definite proofs. Some of them are being published, many of them are being withheld for a time, but will be published later. I tell you with all the strength of conviction I can muster that it is so—that we do persist, that people still take an interest in things going on, that they still help us, and know more about things than we do, and are able from time to time to communicate with us. I know this is a tremendous statement and a tremendous conclusion."

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WAR CHAT—No. 15.

At the moment of writing the temperature, outside, just touches freezing point, but at the same time it has been a nice, dry day, with several hours' bright sunshine—quite different to yesterday, when the cold was intensified by a cutting north-easterly wind and a steady fall of rain, and it is quite like this that lends one's careful handling if we would maintain them in health and profit. Of course, I do not expect this cold snap to last very long, and I daresay that by the time these notes appear in print it will have given way to the usual November weather, but I should serve as an incentive to my readers to make the necessary preparations for the coming winter, if these have not already been made. It is the men and women who are always fully prepared for any kind of weather that may set in that make their poultry pay handsome. Those that "wait and see" are caught while meditating, and before they have time to act the damage has been done. Therefore, get to work at once if you would have healthy fowls, and a full egg-basket this winter. Any roosting-houses that have thoroughly over-hauled, the roofs made quite watertight, and any cracks in the wood remedied, as draughts are very dangerous. Don't, however, labour under the mistaken idea that the birds need coddling, and in consequence make their dwelling arrangements. Fowls need the pure fresh air in the winter as much as they do in the summer, the winner as much as they do in the summer, the main requisite of the house being good dryness and of mine still exist, because I have talked to them. Communication is possible. One must obey the laws, and find out the conditions. I do not say it is easy, but I say it is possible, and I have conversed with them as I could converse with any one in the audience now. Being scientific men, they have given proof that this is real, and not subjective, not something emanating from myself. They have given definite proofs. Some of them are being published, many of them are being withheld for a time, but will be published later. I tell you with all the strength of conviction I can muster that it is so—that we do persist, that people still take an interest in things going on, that they still help us, and know more about things than we do, and are able from time to time to communicate with us. I know this is a tremendous statement and a tremendous conclusion."

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Place my resignation in your hands. I shall be glad to do my best to continue the work until you have found a suitable successor, and have pleasure in sending cheque value £50 for expenses which may be incurred for the use of the office which has been set up at Northallerton."

In reply, Lady Bell wrote that she need not say how very grateful the branch were to Sir William for all he had done for them while County Director. With reference to his suggestion that he would be willing to continue his services to the branch until another Director was appointed, however, Lady Bell thought she does not think they could make that claim on him, as Major Hill-Walker, who is now acting as secretary until Major Rudd Exore's return, is quite willing to take him for the moment. "As to the cheque for £50 which you so kindly sent," Lady Bell said, "we all of us think we ought not to take it, as we intended it to cover the expenses of the office at Northallerton, from which you have derived no advantage—since you are now severing your connection with it. Also, when we first spoke of having the office, we thought we should have to pay for the rooms, and not that they would be lent us; and Miss Rutherford, we find, did not like to make a profit on the rooms, but only to cover out-of-pocket expenses. I shall be very glad, therefore, if you will let me return it to you with, all the same, very grateful thanks for your generosity."

To this letter Sir William Nussey replied expressing his appreciation of what Lady Bell had been good enough to say, and asking her to use the £50 as she thought best to further Red Cross work in the North Riding. But, alluding to a telephonic communication suggesting that before publishing his resignation he should receive the sanction first of Prince Hugh Bell as head of the Territorial Association, he says he did not accept his appointment from that Association, who rightly sanctioned not appointed it, and which gives no reason now why their sanction should be obtained.

ROTHWELL

On Saturday afternoon, in the Rothwell Charity Cup Competition, Rothwell O.B. overcame Altofts W.D. by five goals to one.

STOURTON

On Saturday afternoon Stourton United footballers were defeated by Swillington United by five goals to four.

METHLEY

On Saturday afternoon Methley Perseverance played a friendly football game against Wattwoo Main by ten goals to one.

MOOR ATTERTON

The members of Moortown Golf Club have sent £3 to Leeds National Relief Fund.

WETHERBY

Mr George Gunter, of Wetherby, was on the Grand Jury at Leeds Assizes.

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ROTHWELL DISTRICT WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your report of the meeting of the above committee, held on Monday, the 16th inst., you give your readers an impression that the money due to me for disbursements to soldiers' wives in Lofthouse comes out of the money collected by the Rothwell and District War Relief Committee.

This is absolutely untrue, as the money comes entirely from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association.

JOHN L. HOWE.

Lofthouse District Secretary to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association.

An Oulton Soldier's Letter.

GERMANS FIGHTING A LOST CAUSE.

Writing from the Front to his friend, Mr R. V. Higgins, Oulton, Private Arthur Tomlinson, of the R.A.M.C., says:—

We have been having a very rough time of it, but we are getting on all right now, and I have come through it all safely with just a septic finger, which is all right now. We have had heavy rain, due to the firing, which has been so heavy. Our men are fighting like heroes against overwhelming odds, but we are steadily driving them back. The Germans have been mowed down in droves and our troops have suffered, too, but we have what they call "made good." I wish we could finish them off altogether and soth squdron again. The Germans are fighting desperately. I think they must realise they are fighting a lost cause. I am afraid we are going to spend Christmas out here, which will be rotten, but we shall have to make the best of things, and trust to providence.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS

A PATRIOTIC CONSTABLE AT SHERBURN.

At Sherburn Petty Sessions yesterday the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Walker Crosland, and Mr Wm. Crosland.

NEWTON MINERS IN TROUBLE.

John Haigh and Fred Dunwell, miners, of Newton, were charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 7th inst. in Main Street, Fairburn.

Haigh pleaded guilty, and Dunwell did not appear. Haigh was fined 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs, and Dunwell 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

A LESSERTON WOMAN'S CONDUCT.

Jane Jarvis, married woman, of Lesserton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 21st inst. in High Street, Sherburn.

P.C. Parkinson stated the defendant was violently drunk and used bad language. He had to take her to the lock-up, where she was bailed out by her husband.

The Chairman said the woman was becoming a nuisance. She was fined 1os Court day. They would deal severely with her, and fine her 10s. and 5s. 6d. costs.

A PATRIOTIC CONSTABLE.

Police Constable Parkinson, who has been a painstaking officer whilst stationed at Sherburn, is leaving the force for the Scots Greys Regiment.

The Chairman, in addressing him, said he had nobly volunteered to go into the Army to defend his country. It was very creditable, indeed, that he had done so, and he hoped he would have good health and a safe return.

Inspector Cootham, on behalf of the police, said they were sorry to lose Parkinson. He had been a splendid officer, and he hoped he would return safely.

In reply, Parkinson said he had nothing against anybody in Sherburn. He had always tried to do his duty. He was a single man and he thought it was his bounden duty to join the Army.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Hodgson Watler, of Prospect Villas, Wetherby, has left £1,186.

Trooper W. Cooper, of the 20th Hussars, writing to his brother at Wetherby, says:—"About a week ago my squadron had a bayonet charge—our first experience with the bayonet. It is good sport.

TADCASTER MAN A PRISONER OF WAR.—Private S. Britton, of the 2nd Duke of Wellington West Yorkshire Regiment, a former employe at Messrs John Smith's Brewery, Tadcaster, has sent home a postcard saying he is a prisoner at a concentration comp at Gefangenelayer, Doberitz, Germany. He says he is quite well, and asks for some cigarettes.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Tadcaster had a League match at Heworth with the Parish Church team, and the sides were—Heworth P.C.—Hempsall, goal; Bolger and Peat, backs; Pedley, Hartley, and Booth, half-backs; Ridsdale, Brown, Simpson, Lindley, and Ware, forwards. Tadcaster—Moverley, goal; Clayton and Garbutt, backs; Aldous, Pearson, and Jolly, half-backs; Birdsall, Argle, Elberbeck, Sunderland, and Nettleton forwards. The homesters won the toss and elected to play towards the entrance. The first few minutes of the game was kept in midfield, but the visitors' forwards eventually got away, but Heworth's Nettleton was pulled up for off-side. The Bantams then became dangerous, and Lindley tried a shot which Moverley touched as it went over the line. Ware took the resulted kick, and placed the ball splendidly, but the visiting custodian fisted away. The ball went out to Ridsdale, who tried a shot from the right wing, which succeeded. The visitors then went for goal and succeeded in forcing a corner. Nettleton took the kick and a sharp struggle ensued, but Pedley eventually got the ball away. Again the homesters pressed, and Moverley, in saving a shot, kicked the ball on to Simpson's back. That player back-heeled the ball into the net, registering a second goal. The visitors then got the ball down and Garbutt fell to them, but Nettleton kicked behind. The homesters were soon on the aggressive again and Moverley saved a stinging shot from Ware. Simpson received a centre from Ridsdale, but Clayton robbed him of the ball and cleared. The visitors were allowed a free kick for hands, and Garbutt placed the ball well up. However, Peat handed, but the visitors did not benefit at all by this, and the homesters were once more on the aggressive. Simpson tried a shot which Moverley saved by knocking on to the upright, but on the rebound, the Bantams centre-forward made a mistake in scoring. Heworth were leading at the interval by three goals to nil, and afterwards Ridsdale netted twice, and Tadcaster were beaten by five goals to nothing.

The Quarrel.

It was just four months since we had been married. Now we were quarrelling in the most disgraceful manner.

"I must have been insane when I married you," said my wife furiously.

"It was a crazy thing to do," I assented, sarcastically—"rash indeed."

"For you or for me?" she demanded with flaming cheeks.

"For both of us; had I imagined I should have assisted at such a performance as this——" And I waved my hands contemptuously, as though words were too feeble to express my feelings.

"You began it," she said breathlessly; "it was all your unreasoning jealousy."

"Jealousy?" I interrupted with increasing sarcasm.

"Yes; you know you were angry because Stephen sent the flowers."

"Stephen can send you a whole conservatory if he likes," I retorted with assumed indifference; nevertheless I loathed Stephen, my wife's cousin, and hated nothing so much as the lavish attention of this kind that he persisted in extending to her. "If you let him know that you are so fond of orchids," I went on cruelly, "no doubt he will keep you well supplied with them."

"I don't hint for things," she said scornfully, but recklessly saying the thing she knew would hurt me the most; "if I really wanted anything badly, there is no one I would sooner ask than Stephen."

"Stop!" I said furiously, "I will not hear any more. Stephen is, I know, a paragon of excellence. Well, since I am acquainted with the fact, let it rest. I do not like Stephen, I do not mince matters. I do not respect Stephen; since we have entirely opposite views about Stephen, we will not discuss him at all. Understand, I do not wish to hear his name."

"You are a heartless, despotic fiend," said Elaine, beside herself with rage.

"It must have been a kindred resemblance that made me fancy you," I replied, with a cruelty I did not know I possessed.

"I wish that I had died before I met you!" she exclaimed, looking at me with her pretty young face absolutely transfigured with passion.

"No doubt death would have been preferable," I returned, but involuntarily I put my hand to my mouth, for I could feel my lips turning white.

Elaine flung herself upon the lounge, weeping bitterly.

It was horrible to see her in such a state, and yet all that she said was true. It was my jealousy, whether unreasoning or not, that was the cause of my quarrel.

Stephen was 20 years older than Elaine. He was in fact her guardian as well as her cousin.

It was no doubt this proprietary interest that Stephen felt for Elaine that irritated me. I wished to do everything for her, but it was not in my power to give her the luxuries he could so easily bestow. Then I had an idea, whether true or not, that Stephen regarded me as a fortune-hunter, and I resented an injustice I could feel, but which, not being openly declared, I could not refute.

"Despot" was the word Elaine always hurled at me when we had words about Stephen. There are some words I particularly dislike having applied to me. "Despot" is one of these words. "Fiend" I do not mind at all, but "despot" is mad ning.

With affected unconcern I took up a book that was lying near. It was a cookery-book, quite new. One page was brown with the stains of coffee, an eloquent and enduring sign of the struggle Elaine and I had one morning concocting the matutinal beverage, when our cook had failed to make her appearance.

"In order to make good coffee," I read, "the greatest care must be exercised. In order to make good coffee the greatest care must be exercised. In order to make good coffee——"

I read this over a dozen times at least before it conveyed the slightest meaning to my mind.

Elaine would rather be dead than living with me. My God! Was I so detestable?

Ah, thou sole!

Nothing is more frightful than to hear a woman one loves weeping bitterly and to be unable to console her.

Yes, I was brutal and cruel, and all the rest of it; but I resented the anger I had caused; I resented her tears.

And it was just four months ago! We were married on the 16th of the month; to-day was the 16th. The church, the flowers, the deep tones of the organ, our young companions standing about us, the immense company assembled, the thrilling, sonorous voice of the white-robed priest—"Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?"

These sacred sounds and emotions rushed in a fantastic whirl through my mind as I sat pretending to read the cookery-book. I saw Elaine as she looked, then, verified likeness of a dream, the consummation of all imagined idealities—and now! Four months ago—it was four thousand years!

How frightfully fast we live in times of great emotion! The dream was changed indeed; the idealities gone; life was henceforth a wreck!

I did not think of how I was affecting Elaine.

I was too much absorbed in the feeling of how she was affecting me. The hideous fact that she, who represented the constant, the faithful, the adoring part of humanity, had changed dominated my mind to the exclusion of everything else. The horror of human hate—Elaine had ceased to love me!

And through all of this, those terrible sobs!

She wished that she had died before she met me.

Already she was tired of my affection! Yes, there were a hundred things to prove it! She liked to go out and talk with others; she was fond of entertainments and society. As for me, I cared for no one but her; I could not tolerate society, and as a rule I hated people. Yes; it was all over, and Stephen——At this moment the gong rang loud and imperatively, and a few moments later I heard the servant coming up the stairs. Glad of any pretext to leave the room, I hastened to the door, and closing it behind me met the man, who handed me two telegraphic messages. I tore open the covers and read "Mother is very ill; bring Elaine." The second despatch announced the death of my wife's mother.

I crushed the papers into my pocket and returned to Elaine. The terrible fact of death and its shocking suddenness overwhelmed me. I experienced a violent revulsion of feeling. I was ashamed of my foolish and ungovernable rage. If I had been insane I was sane enough now. And Elaine, poor child, how she loved her mother! Yes, I admit with shame that I had been jealous of this affection.

Elaine, I said, sitting down by the couch and touching her shoulder, "forgive me for making you so angry. I see that I was very unreasonable. I dare say it is natural for you to be fond of Stephen."

But my face stiffening and my voice growing formal as I said this, so I abandoned Stephen. "After all," I went on, "we are foolish to make ourselves so wretched. God knows trouble comes fast enough."

Her hand lay cold and unresponsive in mine, and she drew herself slightly away from me. The movement was almost imperceptible, but it struck me like a blow. As yet I knew she would act just as she did. It lay in the nature of things to be violently abused for a moment, and accept the kiss of reconciliation immediately afterwards. The horrible part of quarrelling is the agony one is forced to undergo in the effort for installation.

I put my arm around her and held her with gentle force as I kissed her flaming face and smoothed her disordered hair.

"Forgive me, dearest, if you can; forgive me. Yes, it was all my fault!"

She looked at me in sheer amazement. Our quarrels did not usually end like this. They were long periods of protracted agony, while we tried to make each other as miserable as possible.

"Give me your handkerchief," I said, taking the tear-soaked bit of cambric from her with which she was tentatively wiping her beautiful eyes, and substituting a fresh handkerchief from my pocket.

"Don't cry about it any more," I urged, entreatingly. "I shall never forgive myself for being so unkind."

"What is the matter?" she asked, with anxiety, as she caught sight of my face, and she became conscious of the unusual gravereity of my behaviour. "What is the matter? Who rang the bell? Is anyone ill? Oh, is it mother?"

"It was a despatch from tom," I said, trying to conceal the changes in my face, and not to shew how deeply moved I was. "Your mother——"

"Give me the telegram," she said, looking at me with grief-stricken, imploring eyes.

I drew the papers from my pocket. The one with the big blot on the cover was the first despatch, sent to break the dreadful news. I gave it to her in pitying silence, but in my haste and agitation I had changed the despatches, and without any warning at all she read the terrible message: "Mother is dead. Come Elaine."

MONK FRYSTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner in connection with Monk Fryston Agricultural Show and Sports Society was held at the Crown Hotel, Monk Fryston, on Wednesday evening, and about forty gentlemen partook of an excellent repast, which was well served by Mr and Mrs Longbottom.

The Rev. B. Hemsworth, M.A., J.P. (President) was in the chair, and he was supported by Mr Jos. Todd (vice-chairman of the committee), Messrs T. Westoby, J. McCloy, G. Wanless, B. Stoker, T. Hopkinsall, H. Speed, G. Goodenough, T. and H. Stephenson, J. Longbottom (hon. sec.), and others. After the loyal toasts had been honoured,

The Chairman proposed "The Army and Navy." This toast, he said, was a special one, and, referring to the terrible war now raging, he remarked that if we had not had a good army and navy this country might have been in the same position as poor Belgium—a country of desolation. Our Army was wonderful. The men were made of real good stuff. We could not speak too highly of the poor Belgians. They were a gallant little nation, and he was glad all England had risen to do them honour.

Mr Longbottom read the annual report, which showed that the Society was in a satisfactory financial position. They had a balance in hand of £40 8s. 5d., and when the balance sheet was completed they would have over £50 in hand—(hear, hear)—as against £40 os. 5d. last year. This year there was an increase in gate money as compared with the previous year.

Mr Appleyard submitted the toast of "Monk Fryston Show and Sports Society." He was pleased to hear it in a flourishing state. He was a visitor last show day, and he saw some splendid stock exhibited.

Mr Wanless, on behalf of the Society, responded. At present, he said, the clouds were very dark, but he hoped by next show day that peace would reign. Referring to agriculture, he said he thought the farmers ought to breed more horses; for, in his opinion, this country was very short of horses.

Mr Todd submitted "Our genial President." He said Mr Hemsworth was an ideal president, and they held him in high esteem. They were lucky to have so able a gentleman, and they were greatly indebted to him for the position the show was in to-day.

The Chairman, in reply, said he was very grateful by the hearty way in which the toast had been received. He took a great interest in the show, and it gave him great pleasure to help the society. He thought everything was highly satisfactory. They always had a good show at Monk Fryston; in fact, everything did well at Monk Fryston. Referring to the present state of affairs, he said it was marvellous how we were facing. He thought there was very little to grumble about. He should not begrudge anything in reason, and such old crocks as he should not complain about the increased income tax. He was sorry about the breweers and landlords, and thought they had been hit too hard. Referring to recruiting in agricultural districts, he hoped all men would not be taken away, as someone should be left to work the land. One drawback to the present function was the unavoidable absence of Mr H. L. Lyon, chairman of the committee. They had recently formed a rifle club, and Mr Lyon and he had shared the cost. In conclusion, he hoped the society would prosper by gradual growth.

Messrs McCloy (Selby), The Chairman and vice-chairman of the Committee," and Mr J. Todd responded.

Mr Wanless proposed "The Secretary," and said they were very fortunate in having such an able secretary as Mr Longbottom. It was chiefly owing to his abilities that they were in so happy position at the present day. Mr Longbottom responded.

The Chairman proposed "The visitors" and mentioned the names of Mr Powell (South Milford), Messrs H. Skirrow and W. Appleyard (West Haddlesey), W. Dixon, W. Hotby, and T. Jackson (Sherburn). Mr Powell responded.

During the evening a musical programme was submitted by Messrs Goodrick (Castleford), W. Appleyard (Haddlesey), J. Todd (Birkin), and J. Longbottom (Monk Fryston). Mr Masterman (Castleford) was an able pianist.

On Wednesday evening Mr E. O. Simpson was elected one of the deputy chairmen of Central Leeds Conservative Association.

Canon Rotemyr, Vicar of Mexborough, who is shortly to be instituted Rector of Wistow, was on Tuesday night presented by his Bible Class at Mexborough with silver candelabras.

FOOTBALL.—Playing at home on Saturday, Aberford defeated Carlton (W.R. Res. by 5 goals to 2. Both teams played a good combined game, and the defence was sound. Aberford have not lost a match this season.

Cawood played on Tuesday afternoon and evening the Rev. E. J. Barry, rector, gave a lantern entertainment of pictures in France and Belgium, denoting the principal features of villages and towns before and after the Germans had entered the territories. A most excellent lecture was given. In the evening the society's war song was sung, which generated a good attendance. The choir boys sang the British, French, Russian, and Belgian national anthems in good style. Mr J. Wice presided at the piano.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Residents of the district have had papers sent for them in connection with the recruiting campaign, and they are asked to state how many, if any, members of the household are prepared to join the Colours in the event of their services being required. By bringing home to the individual his personal responsibility to the nation, it is not impossible that the plan will meet with a measure of success, but the appeal, it is to be feared, will be ignored in numerous cases in which it should meet with a prompt response.

It is very difficult to explain why recruiting should have been so good in some places and so unsuccessful in others, and the apologists for Leeds have, indeed, an unenviable task. One argument frequently trotted out is that trade is so good in the city that men are well employed, but if they were as patriotic as the lads of Garforth, Selby, Tadcaster, and Wetherby, who would not stop them from enlisting. When the Pals Battalion, in which a good many local men are serving, was being formed, the small-witted yoling men who had not pluck enough to volunteer, made disparaging remarks about the "feather-bed brigade," but the Pals are no cowards, and, should they be given the opportunity, they will, I doubt not, prove themselves heroes.

While I am aware that certain local places have no done their duty, Barkston Ash Division, as I have before stated, has made a noble response, and some villages have actually sent out one in twenty of the population, or one man in every five. How great Leeds contingent would have been had it given men in this proportion; The city is credited with having sent 8,000—"a shabby response," as an evening paper states—but it must be remembered that included in these figures are hundreds of men from our villages, so the city's position is worse really than it appears. It is sickening to hear young fellows say "I'll go when they send for me," "Let them do their own fighting," and "I'll go when the others go"—any excuse, so long as it covers the real cause of their inaction, will do.

In Rothwell, a resident states, the young men have been amazingly apathetic, and one wonders why it is so? They go on with their games as if things were proceeding as usual, and when the recruiting sergeant appears some of them actually make themselves scarce. One likely young chap, on being asked recently if he was going to a recruiting meeting, replied "Not me. They might catch me." This indifference to the great struggle that is going on is really remarkable. A feature of the recruiting among miners, who make first-rate soldiers, has been the large proportion of married men who have come forward, and the single men have very unkindly put this down to a desire to get away, if only temporarily, from the joys of matrimonial life. This, however, is not very convincing. Rather would one believe that the married men have a greater sense of responsibility than the fellows who really should go, and they put the stay-at-home shirkers to shame.

The squire of Monk Fryston, at the Agricultural Society dinner, expressed the hope that all the men would not be taken away to the Army, as it was essential farmers should have labour to work the land. According to reports from various parts of the country, agricultural labour is scarce and wages are rising, and this must, in a measure, be attributed to recruiting, but there is little fear of land going out of cultivation. Farm men have joined the Army by the thousand, and this must be regarded as their first duty at present. If the young fellows in the towns will not come forward the men in the rural districts, however unfair it may seem, must shoulder the burden. The only way to equalise matters is to have some form of compulsory military service, drawing men from each district according to its population, and apparently our Statesmen are reluctant to adopt such drastic measures.

Scores of farmers in Barkston Ash have released their men from their engagements, and paid what was due to them, in order that they might enlist, and that is a spirit to be commended. Of course, there may be exceptions to this. Last week I was told of one well-known farmer—one of the grumbling kind—who had actually refused to pay a man the money he had worked for because he had broken his engagement and joined the Army. Legally the man was wrong, but if the case had been taken to Court the farmer would have got such a "showing up" as the selfishness of the case fully merited.

A somewhat novel suggestion was made by a ratepayer at the Barwick lighting meeting. Full of indignation that the Garforth Gas Co. should have been allowed to invade the ancient place, he stated that the ratepayers should have had a public meeting and fixed the price of gas for themselves, but they had their choice and they made it. The Gas Co., no doubt anxious to increase their dividends, made a canvass of the residents, and a very large majority of them agreed to discard their lamps and use gas as an illuminant if they were given the chance. Had a majority declined to support them the Gas Co., for the safeguarding of their own expenditure, would not have ventured to place Barwick on equal terms with Aberford.

Although mains have been laid to Barwick, the Garforth Gas Co. have no monopoly, in order to obtain which they must secure a Provisional Order, and it is quite open to the ratepayers to oppose them were an application for those special powers made to Parliament. Personally I think it is a huge mistake to allow private companies to monopolise what are palpably public rights, but if the ratepayers are unenterprising they have themselves frequently to blame if they find themselves in a disadvantageous position. A Barwick resident states that an electric plant, costing about £150, is quite sufficient for the needs of the village, but he apparently cannot get capitalists to join him in launching the undertaking.

Why don't the Rothwell men follow the example of the Charlesworth family, who own the local collieries? Three sons of Mr. C. E. Charlesworth (Conyngham Hall, Knaresborough), who this year holds the office of High Sheriff of the County, are serving with the Colours. Mr John Stobart Charles-worth, J.P., of Wetherby, who has been appointed temporary major in the Miners' Battalion stationed at Farnley Park, was gazetted to the Queen's Yorkshire Dragoons in 1900, and became captain in 1908. Mr Charles Bertram Charlesworth also holds a commission in the Miners' Battalion. Lieutenant William Grice Charlesworth (Fysche Hall, Knaresborough), who has seen 14 years' military service, is with the Yorkshire Hussars. During the early stages of the South African war he enlisted as a private in the Hussars, and went through the campaign, earning the South African medal with three bars. After the war he joined the Yorkshire Dragoons, with whom he served until three years ago, when he was gazetted lieutenant in the Yorkshire Hussars. He married, in 1906, Lucy Estella, daughter of Major Stock, of Upper Shibden Hall, Halifax. The late Major Stock took part in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. Lieutenant Charlesworth has devoted a great deal of his time to municipal and public work, and has for some years been a member of the West Riding County Council, whilst he is also a J.P. for the Riding. Until recently he was a member of the Knaresborough Urban Council.

No doubt the public men of Tadcaster, Garforth, Rothwell, and Hunslet areas will hail as good news the report that a medical man has discovered what he believes to be the casual infective agent in scarlet fever, which costs the authorities enormous sums of money every year in connection with isolation. If this particular agent has really been found, it should be treated as a German spy and put out of the way, and one only wishes that could be done. It is yet too early, however, to say much about the discovery, because it might, after all, turn out to be of little account. On the other hand, it might result in a great decrease in the number of cases of scarlet fever, and it would be of extraordinary national value.

How many people in the district know anything about Friedrich Nietzsche, the philosopher who has undoubtedly influenced German thought and policy? Comparatively few, I reckon, and the members of Crossgates Literary Society were, therefore, extremely fortunate to have a first-rate lecture given them on the life and work of this wonderful man. It is extremely foolish—so fact, it shows one's ignorance—to try to belittle the intellectual power of a man because one disagrees with his opinions, but that is the attitude many people assume to thinkers, and they will not learn. The attendance at the meeting was good, but having regard to the quality of the lecture the hall should have been crowded. The Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, whilst criticising Nietzsche's teachings, dealt with the subject in an absolutely fair way, and in the short time at his disposal he managed to give, from the German's books, a good idea of what Nietzsche's philosophy stands for.

Nietzsche's philosophy appears to be so cold-blooded and repellent that it is surprising it appeals to even the "intellectuals," but they may be flattered into supposing they are over-men, and are really the only men who have a right to inherit the earth. It is an unlovely gospel, if one may put it so, with the crushing of all pity—not for the super-man, of course—for the poor and suffering, and the denying of affection to those who deserve and need it. It is a Godless thing, and if it were believed in the multitude of the people would have a sorry time of it before they quitted this world's stage. Everything would be subservient to the rule of the super-men, who would stride through the world just as the Prussians have marched through Belgium, destroying, pillaging, and murdering. That is the conclusion I draw from his teachings. When a philosopher decides that the work of the ages is to create a super-man, questions of morality, etc., must be made to fit in, and Nietzsche gives the whole hog.

No one can state definitely how far the philosopher has influenced German policy, nor to what extent Nietzsche was influenced by the opinions he discovered in the country when he began to think for himself. Germany was founded by the sword, rising from a petty State to an Empire, and the Prussians eventually got rather inflated ideas about themselves. As Sir Frederick Milner stated at York, the Germans believe that they are chosen by the Creator to possess the earth, and, in their unselfishness, they want to give the nations their "kulture," which is warranted by them to be the best on earth. Europe, however, is not having any, and the misguided people who have been led to think themselves super-men have already had a rude awakening.

The annual meeting of the Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association takes place on Friday, and it is not improbable that the officers will be reelected. The prize year, although not unfruitful, may truthfully be described as a lean one, and this may be partly attributed to the war. Through the agency of the Association a recreation ground has been acquired for the children of Whitkirk, and, while it has not been put to much use yet, it is hoped that it may prove a valuable playground for the little ones. The town-planning scheme for the parish is the only matter of great interest before the public at present, and it is admitted that the Association had some influence in the launching of this important scheme.

The Skyrack Bench of Magistrates have given a very plain intimation to Germans that our hospitality must not be abused. An old euphonium player, the relic of a German band that had tramped the country for twenty years or more, was charged with travelling more than five miles from his place of residence without a permit. "I have been in gaol for five days," he moaned, "and am nearly dead." The magistrates, however, were in no soft mood, and the old man was sent to prison for a month, with hard labour. "We want you and other people of your nationality," said the Chairman, "to know that these rules must be obeyed."

SKYRACK MAGISTRATES AND GERMANS

At the Leeds West Riding Police Court on Tuesday—before Mr J. W. Morkill (Chairman) and other magistrates—Adam Zink, aged 65, a German subject, living in Shannon Street, Leeds, was charged with travelling more than five miles from his place of residence without a permit.

Sergt. Clarke said he found the prisoner playing "a sort of euphonium" in Town Street, Horsforth, on November 26th. On speaking to him, witness found that Zink was a German subject, and that he had exceeded the five miles limit by about one and a half miles. He had in his possession 5s. 10d. in pennies and half-pennies. The prisoner said he thought he was only about 4½ miles from home.

The Chairman said the police found that the prisoner had been in the habit of coming to this country for many years to join a German band, which tramped the country during the summer months and returned to Germany for the winter. He had done that about twenty times, and for the last few years he had travelled over England alone, playing his euphonium in the streets.

The prisoner appealed to the Court to impose a fine. "I have been in gaol five days," he said, "and am nearly dead."

The Chairman: We want you and other people of your nationality to know that the rules have got to be obeyed. You must go to prison for one month, without hard labour.

The Parish School at Church Fenton closes for Christmas holidays after afternoon session on Wednesday, December 23rd, and re-opens on Thursday, January 7th, 1915.

Wages up! There was again a small attendance at Wetherby hirings on Thursday, though rather larger than in previous week. Girls were again very few in number. Wages, as a week ago, ruled at about £2 per head higher all round, but in one or two instances seven bigger increases were secured.

Tin, Tin.—The third monthly subscription of one pound has this week been forwarded to the treasurer of Sir John Horsfall's West Riding Distress Fund from the scholars and staff of the Church Fenton Parish School, and in addition a sum of twelve shillings and sixpence has been handed over during the month in support of the Belgian refugee family resident in the village, from the same source.

WETHERBY DOCTOR'S OPINIONS.—At a meeting of the West Riding Insurance Committee, at Wakefield, Alderman Ford presiding, a discussion took place in regard to the Medical Rules for the Administration of Medical Benefit, which the Medical Benefit Sub-Committee recommended for adoption. It was proposed that the clause, "He shall not summon the practitioner to visit him between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., except in cases of serious emergency," should be eliminated. Alderman Dunn said these Sub-Committee had aimed at making the rules less stringent and less oppressive for the insured person.—Dr. Hargreaves (Wetherby) contended that an effort was being made to take advantage of the present distressing reasonable theory, and to put them in the position of having to attend patients both day and night. It would take a week to enter into the petitfogging complaints that were made against the doctors, but he challenged anyone to bring a reasonable complaint against the medical men of the West Riding since the Act came into force. The amendment was carried by 11 votes to 13. Mr Crossley observed that there would now be thrown upon the doctors and Sub-Committee a very serious responsibility.

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INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

"Friedrich Nietzsche and his influence on German thought and policy" was the title of an excellent lecture delivered by the Rev. J. Miller Hamilton, Minister of the Crossgates Baptist Church, before a large gathering of the members of the Crossgates Literary Society in the Schoolroom Hall on Monday evening. The President (Mr E. Hawkesworth) presided. The lecturer, at the outset, conveyed a deal of interesting information about Nietzsche, the philosopher, whose father was a minister of the Lutheran Church. A short description of his school days and university career was given and it was remarked that Nietzsche took part in the great war of 1870 as a nurse, and contracting dysentery and diphtheria there he was never really well again. He resigned a university professorship which he had held for a number of years, and having a private income he gave himself up to the writing of the books in which his philosophy is expounded. For the last ten years of his life the philosopher was insane.

Nietzsche's idea of morality, said the lecturer, was that the world was without morals, and that the world was without good or purpose. Nietzsche held that Christianity was simply superseded by conclusions which had come down from father to son. Nietzsche traced man along the lines of biology. Man, therefore, was something more than an animal, said the lecturer, for he had something that was spiritual. The philosopher had two kinds of morality. The "master morality" was the morality of the great men, and their morality was to do what they thought was right. If the master man wished to do a certain thing and succeeded that was right. The "herd morality" was that of the great mass of the people.

Nietzsche's attack on Christianity was threefold. The first was because of its morality—that Christianity was right if its morality must be right. He said it was the greatest enemy of mankind because it was the morality of the slave; it was the means whereby the lowest classes were taught and preached, and he declined that it was against the best interests of the world. Apart from his idea with regard to morality, he found that Christianity was the only force that confronted his philosophy. If Christianity was true his teaching could not be true. Christianity was hostile to life because it preserved the poorest sections of humanity, and had no lethal chamber for them. The greatest wrong Christianity had done was that it had gone against natural selection.

In one of his books Nietzsche dealt with the super-man or over-man, and he declared that the aim of his philosophy was —"Who is to be master of the world." Under his system it would be impossible to have parliaments for the saving of child life. Nietzsche justified his opinions by saying that there must be an upward trend and that was to the over-man, and the whole work of the ages was to be the creation of this over-man. The marvellous thing, said the lecturer, was that Nietzsche was an invalid for practically twenty years, yet he did not see the application of these thoughts to himself. Nietzsche's influence on England had been nil, but his books had been read in Germany by tens of thousands, although he (the lecturer) did not believe the German people as a whole understood the philosopher. While Nietzsche was not responsible for the present war, he had given expression to things which were in the men's minds and ruled men's actions. Germany had declared "We will be masters of the world. Our culture must rule the world, and it is the only culture worth preserving."

Mr J. M. Armistead, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said they were very much indebted to him for the extremely good explanation of the philosophy of this famous German. They had read a great deal about him, and they had seen evidences of the result of his philosophy as it had influenced the mental bulk of Europe. The weakness of the philosophy was that every brutal bully might imagine he was a super-man.

Mr Harry Taylor, in seconding, gave a short sketch of Prussian history in order to show that the German probably believed he was the superman. Nietzsche had only expressed beliefs that had filtered down the years. Personally, he preferred Anglo-Saxon principle to the German philosophy.

Mr T. K. Diggle, in seconding, said that he did not know a single student who had gone to Germany who had not suffered. All had become more materialistic. As a result of the war, he hoped that their students would not find it necessary to go to Germany and bring back that kind of philosophy.

Mr Armistead said he knew several students who had gone to Germany and had been vastly improved.

Mr Diggle: I am only speaking of what I know.

Mr Armistead said he believed Dr. Sadler, Professor Moorman, and other leading educationists had been to Germany.

Mr Diggle said he was referring to ministers whom he had known.

Mr Armistead said he knew ministers and clergymen, too, who had been there.

The Chairman paid a very high tribute to the lecture, which he described as masterly. It gave evidence of long study and careful reading, and it had been lucidly explained. With regard to the German philosophy, he said that English ideas were best. They gave men the opportunity of rising physically, morally, and intellectually, so that they would not have a race of supermen, different from the others, but they all worked together, believing that mankind was to rise.

The lecturer, in reply to the vote of thanks, said that Nietzsche did an immense amount of good, for he made men see that conventional religion would not conquer the world. All German teaching, he said, was not the result of the philosopher, and there were many teachers whose work among students was good, but he admitted that many students who went to Germany lost their power for dealing with masses of men.

VICAR OF KIPPAX AND VISIONARIES.

MEN'S SERVICE AT WHITKIRK.

On Sunday afternoon the Vicar of Kippax (Rev. L. B. Smith) was the preacher at a men's service at the ancient church at Whitkirk. There was a large congregation of men from Crossgates, Halton, Whitkirk, and Seacroft, and Mr Smith, who is one of the most popular preachers who visit the district, gave an instructive address. "Your young men shall see visions" (Joel ii. 28) was his text, and he said this verse of the characteristics of the age was that it was practical. They dealt out short shrift to people whom they called dreamers and visionaries, and many contemptuous names were used about men and women who dreamt dreams and saw visions. They admired the man ready to deal practical in every sphere of life, and it mentioned some of the outstanding commercial men of the district. But if it was to be a success. In matters, whether vocal or instrumental, there should be regular and systematic practice, and they must be prepared to make sacrifices also, and they must begin at the beginning if they were to have ultimate success. The same was true in regard to the Bible area. No one became a great sculptor at a great painter at a short time. Excellence was only attained after years of labour. They must be practical if they would attain to excellence. But did they practical part of it? Was it true that the whole of his efforts after success in business, in the cultivation of his gifts, and in the conduct of his home life, were those things and every part of his life, were built upon a vision. There was ever before him the possible goal to which he might attain, and it was the only thing which enabled him to go on with a hard task of life. The vision gave one's practical position a dignity at all times, and it was only when sometimes the vision was blurred and indistinct that he had heart to give up. All the great men he knew were men of faith, and as Jesus what he could do. The world laughed at Matthew, because he ventured to say that he could send messages by witnesses, but he would not laugh at a man now. Lord Roberts was a practical man, but he had a vision—the greatness of the British empire, and he worked for it. He, however, had another vision, and would to God that the nation had been one with him in that vision, instead of flagging at him and saying he was only an old man and an alarmist. If this country had had half-a-million trained men to send to Belgium or North France when war broke out the campaign would have been a different aspect to-day. What was true in regard to these things was true of their religious life. Religion they had heard spoken of as being of a visionary character, and it was founded on vision. He guessed that the Lord had a vision of a world brought to the foot of the Cross, and it was gradually being realized. St. Paul had the vision of a converted Europe, and he did his best in his lifetime to realize it. Two great empires in the world at the present time had visions. The vision of the British Empire was not aggrandisement; it did not wish to bring nations to its feet, but to bring to them the best of its civilization. That had been strikingly illustrated with regard to Egypt. The German Empire had a vision of quite a different character. It was that of aggrandisement—of bringing nations under the spell of its militarism. Not one of its colonies had sprung to its side in this crisis, whereas the vision of the British Empire had been accepted by almost every one of its colonies, and Australia, Canada, New Zealand, etc., had sprung to the Empire's help. Their religious vision must be founded on love for other souls and the bringing of the world to the foot of the Cross. The clearer their vision of God was the clearer was the sense as to their practical duty in every stage of life.

A collection was made for the Belgian Refugees.

Mr Mulholland, the Conservative candidate for Burnley, who is engaged dispatch carrying, has been present with his brother, the heir to Lord Dunleath, when he died from wounds, and had the sad task of helping to dig the grave in which his elder brother was buried. Mr Mulholland has another brother in the army, and he is among the wounded.

A WELL-KNOWN WETHERBY FARMER

DEATH OF MR J. H. HOOLE, BUCKERTON.

The death took place at Pontefract, Stafford-shire, on Friday, on Mr John Henry Hoole, the owner of the Woodsom Stud, Bucketon Grange, near Wetherby.

Mr Hoole had been ailing for a considerable time past, and was on a visit for the good of his health. Deceased, who was 53 years of age, leaves a widow and six young children.

The Woodsom Stud has turned out many notable winners, and though two or three years ago his widow's trustees sold off the stud, Mr Hoole continued the breeding and had some very useful horses in his possession. Mr Hoole did not have many of the produce, but had entered several winners. The Woodsom Stud, which consists of 200 acres, and large numbers of fine cattle have been bred there and sent up to work in Wetherby, Boroughbridge, and Knaresborough.

Mr Hoole had not undertaken much public work, but had acted as District Councillor for his parish of Bickerton, and he had also been a member of the Parish Council. He had been buried on Tuesday.

His brother, Mr F. W. Hoole, retired from Bickerton many of three years ago, and now takes up his abode in Meols, which is another part of the parish. Mr J. D. Hoole, curate in Harrogate, and is the cricketer and footballer, has just left the Church and joined the Army as a recruit. There are several more brothers and sisters.

The funeral took place at the ancient church of Bilton on Saturday afternoon. The body arrived at Wetherby station from Penkridge, Staffordshire, on Thursday.

The Rev. E. P. Doudney (vicar of Bilton) and the Rev. A. O'Brien Newenham (rector of Cowthorpe), in which parish Mr Hoole farmed, and where he acted as churchwarden, conducted the service, the first-named in the church, and the latter at the grave-side.

Some of the deceased's children attended, but the mourners were Mrs Hoole (widow), Mr F. W. Hoole (brother), Louis Hoole (brother), the Misses Hoole (sisters), and other relatives. Among others attending were Col. Jerome and Mrs Jerome, Mr J. P. Heap, Dr. Hargreave, Dr. Steele, Mr. J. Leahy (Ellington), Mr. Hopkins (York), Mr. J. Thompson (Red Rigton), Mr. Holdsworth (Clifford Moor), Mr. M. Thomlinson (Escrick), Mr. H. Crossley, Mr. H. Hall, Mr. Triffit (Tockwith), Mr. Jewitt, Mr. Sturdy, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Burniston (all of Bilton), Mr. Peel (Hickerton), Mr. Lax (Cowthorpe), Mr. W. L. Kendall, and Mr. Downey (Bickerton), Mr. A. Kendall (Kirkby Wharfe), Mr. Rochelor, and the Misses Doudney (Bilton), Mr. Ridsdale (Tockwith), Mr. W. Coates (farm bailiff), Mr. Hutchinson (Wighill Park Farm), Mr W. Douthwaite (Moss Carrs).

The service was choral, the choir being in attendance, and Miss Doudney presided at the organ. The bearers were the deceased's workpeople. The coffin was of plain oak.

There were many beautiful wreaths, including one from Mr F. J. O. Montague. Mrs Murton (Wetherby) sent her carriage.

AN ANGRAM FARMER AND HORSE BREEDING

WANTS A GOOD MARKET.

Mr Cecil S. Fletcher, of Angram, near Tadcaster, writes:—"There are hundreds of British farmers who like to breed, rear, and sell good horses, so long as we can make the business a paying business.

"We know our Government have been granting now, for some years, some £40,000 per annum for thoroughbred stallion premiums, etc., and these horses have been a strong a great number of farmers' mares, for great to it. This is all very good indeed, and should have been a great inducement for farmers to breed light horses; but I have always thought that this was only one of the many mistakes our Government have been doing, and the trade has been done through dealers and at auctions. These foreigners got them very cheap, as they have had little or no competition in the trade. They, therefore, get all the good out of practically the whole scheme. After we fools here have bred and reared them they seems to me to be out of all order in every sense of the word.

"If our Government granted some £40,000 per annum in increasing the prices of the horses they buy by £20 each or a little more, as long as they are good for value, the British horse-breeding farmers would then go on breeding the class required. No one knows how to breed horses better than the British horse-loving farmers; they are the backbone of the rational horse supply.

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BARKSTON ASH FARM WORKERS' WAGES.

QUESTION OF HALF-HOLIDAYS.

Farm servants were engaged in large numbers at Selby on Monday on the occasion of the annual hirings. A fair amount of hiring was transacted at advanced wages, the rates being generally as follows:—Hinds, £18 to £22 per week, with cottage and extras; boosmen, £20 to £21 per week, with cottage; foremen, £22 to £24 per year; waggoners, £22 to £27; second waggoners, £20 to £21; young lads, £12 to £15 per year. For domestic servants the wages ranged from £10 to £20, and good cooks could command higher rates.

Mr Arthur Wilson, secretary for the Farm Workers' Union, delivered addresses from the Market Cross, in which the objects of the Union were explained, and a public meeting held, and advocated a weekly half-holiday for the farm workers. The hiring commenced about twelve o'clock, and there were many engagements struck by the speaker during the day. He pointed out that the fact that the workmen were getting better pay was evidence of the worth of the movement.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT AT TADCASTER.

A concert was given by the Tadcaster Choral Society in the Tadcaster Town Hall in aid of the National Relief Fund and the Belgian Refugees' Fund, last week, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The Tadcaster Choral Society has made good strides under the capable conductorship of the Rev. C. Daly Atkinson (vicar of Wighill). At the concert the members gave a very fine example of choral singing. The voices were admirably balanced, and of exceedingly good quality, with a beautiful blend. The singers entered into their work with zeal, and sang with judgment and taste. The programme opened with the Allies' National Anthems and airs, arranged by A. Faggie. When all was so well done it is difficult to award the palm to any particular item, but perhaps the most noticeable of the efforts of the chorus were "The Gosling-" (Sir F. Bridge), and "It comes from the misty ages" (Elgar).

The attraction of the evening was the performance of Mdlle. Hubertha von Kerkhove, the noted Belgian harpist. She escaped from Courtrai at the outbreak of the war, and was fortunate enough to be able to secure her harp. Mdlle von Kerkhove is a grand prize winner of the Brussels Conservatoire, and secured other distinctions in Belgium. She has gained a perfect mastery of the harp, her playing being marked by wonderful technique, firmness of touch, and artistic taste. These attainments were made evident in a fine piece by Saint Saens, in which the player displayed marked ability. Her other contribution to the programme was "La Source" (Hasselmans). In response to an encore she played the Belgian National Anthem, which was sung by the audience.

Madame Bell, of Leeds, sang several ballads most effectively, and Mr Hayle, of Leeds, created a great impression by his artistic rendering of three of Stanford's sea songs—"Drake's Drum," "The Old Superb," and "Devon, Oh Devon." He also sang "Arm, arm, ye Brave" (Handel). Mr Gale's excitations "The Revenge" (Tennyson), and "The Temptation of St. Anthony" (Ippolidi), were a feature of the concert. Miss Sykes, L.R.A.M., deserved great praise for her accomplished accompanying.

SELBY BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

The Selby Guardians at their fortnightly meeting on Monday—Mr R. L. Walker presiding—agreed to give during Christmas week extra allowances to recipients of outdoor relief, namely, 1s. to each adult, and 6d. in respect of each child.

Statistics of vagrancy for the past five years prepared by Mr Bagenal, Local Government Board Inspector, showed decrease in the Selby Union of over 1,000. This compared favourably with adjoining Unions.

Miss Eva Fell resigned the post of cook and general assistant to get married, and she applied for a testimonial.

Mrs Wright spoke highly of her services and the Clerk was directed to give Miss Fell a very good testimonial.

It was decided to issue an advertisement inviting applications for the vacancy.

A letter from the Local Government Board regarding British-born wives and children of interned enemy aliens, notified that the relief granted to these in distress would be paid out of Government funds and not from Poor Law funds.

These women at Selby had applied, and the Clerk was instructed to pay them the relief.

In the case of a man suffering from consumption, whose condition the Medical Officer (Dr. Todd) described as highly infectious, and who wished to leave the Workhouse, it was stated that the Guardians had no power to detain him. They could only use "powerful persuasion."

A ROTHWELL COUPLE'S DIFFERENCES.

SETTLED IN THE SKYRACK COURT.

WHAT OCCURRED IN A TRAM-CAR.

The chief case before the magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday was one in which three Rothwell people were the principal figures. It consisted of three summonses, the first being that of Betsy Priestley, a married woman, separated from her husband, against John Priestley, for assault, and the other two were issued by John Priestley against the prosecutrix in the first instance, and her son, Harold Butler.

Mr Ali Masser appeared for John Priestley, and explained that the assault was upon Priestley's wife, and this defendant Butler was a son of the woman by a first marriage. His client had joined the Royal Garrison Artillery but was discharged because he was unfit. Mr Masser suggested that the parties, if willing, should be bound over, but after they had been outside in the corridor to discuss matters, he intimated that they could not agree.

The first case—that of Betsy Priestley against John—was opened. Complainant stated that about 11.15 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, she boarded a car at the Market Gates, Leeds, and when the car was on its journey the defendant jumped on. On seeing her he started calling her names, and when the conductor came round for the fare he said he was the —— man to pay. He also "up with his fist" and was going to send her head through the window. As he did so he said "I'll murder tha." She was so frightened that she got up and went to the other side of the car. Only four weeks before he had followed her out of the car and hit an old man who had been sitting near her, because he said the old man had been trying to take her off.

Mr Masser: Was you were so frightened did you make a complaint to the conductor?—Complainant: No.

Why?—Because I did not want to have anything to do with him.

It does not look as if you were frightened if you did not make any complaint. You have not been on good terms with the defendant?—Not for thirteen months.

And he has had to go to prison twice this year for you?—Yes, and there is an application against him now.

Do you know that he joined the Royal Garrison Artillery and you got more money than you would otherwise have done?—Yes.

And he said he had joined because you would then have a proper allowance?—Yes.

Was he put off the car did anyone attack him?—Yes, he struck my son, and my son struck him back.

What did you do?—I got hold of his collar and tried to pull him off my son.

Would it be true to say that while he was on the ground you were kicking him?—Yes, I did.

Mrs Parminter, who was called as a witness by the complainant, said that on the night in question she was in the car, and she heard the man Priestley use bad language. He said he would knock complainant through the window, and she told him that she was taking no notice of him. The defendant then said he would make her, and threatened to murder her.

The Chairman: Was the defendant sober?—Witness: He had had some beer.

Mr Masser: Did you interfere?—Witness: No, I was with my husband.

Did he interfere?—No.

Mr Masser: Then you must have been very frightened.

John Priestley then gave evidence, and, in answer to Mr Masser, said he ran after the car on the night in question and boarded it, and it was not until the car got to Thwaite Gate that he saw his wife. On the previous Saturday he had walked across the fields with her to her home. On the night of the assault his wife had had some drink, and he had had some, too. He accused his wife of having had some drink. He did not threaten to murder her.

Mr Masser: Had you any intention of doing so?—No. I have done my best for her. I paid her fare on the car.

At Sydney Lane, continued Priestley, he got off because his wife asked him. The son got off from the top deck and said to him "You are not coming to our house." He (the son) then struck at him, and his wife joined in. He was "knocked over. After the assault he had been in bed, and he had marks all over him where he had been kicked, and a plaster down one side of his face.

John Atack, gardener, Tyling-at Rothwell Haigh, said he was walking down Wood Lane, Rothwell, about 11.30 p.m., and when he reached Sydney Lane he saw Butler and Priestley fighting on the pavement. Mrs Priestley was also hitting her husband. As she kicked him, he said "Nay, Mrs Priestley, if they want to fight, let them fight fair." (Laughter).

Mr Masser: Did she look like a woman who was afraid of the man?—Witness: "No, she didn't, to be going at it like that." (Laughter).

Harold Butler: Did you see me strike a fight don't you?—Witness: Yes, but a fair one.

George William Hirst said that on the night in question he was at the house of Priestley's mother when Priestley came home. He had had to be helped home, and he was in a terrible state—bleeding from the face. He helped to get him to bed. There were marks all over his body. He (Priestley) was not drunk.

The female defendant, in answer to the Chairman, said she had nothing to say. She left the defendant Butler and their Priestley. Prabbed hold of his mother's arm and he went up to them. Priestley striking him.

The Chairman: You seem to have taken less marks away than him.

Butler: Yes, I have training at a gymnasium.

The Chairman: Have you enlisted.

Butler: No, I am only seventeen.

The Chairman: Well, I hope you will do so at the earliest possible moment, as you are such a fighter.

After a brief discussion, the Chairman described the assault upon John Priestley as an unprovoked one, and an order was made on Mrs Priestley and Butler to keep the peace for six months.

HALTON SCHOOL BOYS' SUCCESS

UNBEATEN FOOTBALL TEAM.

It was expected that the meeting of the Halton C.S. Rugby team, who are undefeated this season, and Holbeck Trades School, at Halton on Saturday afternoon, would produce an interesting game, and people went out to Simpson, who was pushed in touch inches short of the line. From the ensuing scrum Jones cleared with a lengthy kick into touch. Another attack gained possession, and, with a strong run, scored under the posts, Hayes goaling. Shortly after this, Holbeck were penalised for off-side tactics, and Hayes kicked a fine goal from near half-way. Holbeck then played with renewed vigour, and Simpson's attempt to get through was finely checked. They, however, kept play in the homesters' half for some time, but the Halton defence was very sound, and Halton had little difficulty in keeping them out. A passing round, in which the whole of the Halton backs participated, enabled Simpson to score in the corner after a very fine run. Alec Killerby was afterwards prominent with a splendid dribble, and he added Halton's third try. At half-time the score was—Halton 2 goals 3 tries (13 points) to nil.

Great restarted for Halton, and early on Wilson got away and dodged over, Hayes adding the major points. Holbeck tried to get away with passing, but Halton broke up, and Killerby lifted up, and, after a run, put in a short kick, and Kenney followed up smartly, and touched down under the posts, Hayes goaling. Holbeck pressed for a time, but Halton backs, who have relieved with a short kick into touch, Halton then attacked, and Burnan picked up in the loose and dashed over. Hayes again goaling Burnan again showed to great effect, and was tackled just short of the line. On playing the ball, he heeled out to Hayes, and the latter had no difficulty in making a score, while he also added the major points. Halton thus remain undefeated, this being their ninth successive victory. The Halton forwards played much below their usual form, but, overcoming their weight, the tackling of Nicholson and Wilson was of a high standard, whilst Kenney showed marked improvement in this department. Halton won by 6 goals, 7 tries (33 points) to nil.

LEEDS HOSPITAL CUP—DRAW FOR THIRD ROUND.

A meeting of the Leeds Hospital Cup Committee was held at the Hospital Offices, on Monday night, Mr W. H. Ellis presiding.

The draw for the third round resulted as follows:—

Garforth White Rose or Fryston Colliery v. Lock Lane Workmen. Referee, M. Joel.

Great Preston White Rose v. Methley Perseverance. Referee, W. Lupton.

Rothwell Parish Church or New Wortley Gasworks v. Woodhouse Britannia. Referee, R. W. Smithers.

East Ardsley or Ahotts Albion v. Clarence Ironworks. Referee, A. Holmes.

The first two games to be played on December 12th, and the other two on December 26th.

New Wortley Gasworks were fined 2s. 6d. for a 20 minutes late start at Rothwell Parish Church last Saturday, and were ordered to replay the game at Rothwell on December 12th. Ahotts Albion were similarly dealt with for being 35 minutes late at East Ardsley, and Heckmondwike were fined 2s. for being 30 minutes late at Great Preston.

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1914.

Speculation concerning the influence of the forces let loose by the war upon civilization is already engaging men's minds, and there seems to be general agreement that it will be impossible to approach questions vitally affecting the nation from the old standpoint. Belgium provides a striking lesson. The land is devastated, towns and cities have been laid in the dust, and commerce and industry have been ruined; national wealth has been destroyed by the destructive invader; yet there remains the source of all the nation's true wealth—the brave, honour-loving people. Belgians, grateful for a temporary asylum in Britain, tell us that they will recreate their country on a new and greater Belgium, after the foe has been rolled back, and they will do all they say because their national integrity is unimpaired. They have demonstrated to the world that there are greater things on earth than wealth—nationality, honour, and freedom, and the Belgians would not barter away their heritage on any terms. The Belgian nation and in the case of the man whose business premises have been gutted by fire; they will have practically to begin again; but the indomitable spirit which made a small people resist the greatest military power in history will perpetuate that purpose, and the national life and freedom will be dearer than ever to them because of the enormous sacrifices they have made for it.

In this war of German aggression, France, too, has suffered enormously, but her sons, inspired by the highest patriotism, have shown themselves not less worthy on the battlefield than the veterans of Napoleon. They are under no delusion as to the magnitude of the contest, and the nation is absolutely united. Already French writers tell us they have glorious visions of a greater and nobler France emerging victoriously from the titanic struggle to play with equal success in the world's affairs the part in the civilization of the world when peace returns. Russia is a bigger problem, with its many races, but in that case, too, there is a united people. No word of Nihilism nowadays. What does it all mean? Surely opportunity for Russian statesmanship has never occurred, and indications are not lacking that the futility of coercion has begun to dawn upon the Slav mind. Self-government has been promised for a new and united Poland, and if the Russian leaders can realize that the preservation and cultivation of national life and aspirations are powerful factors in the welding of the empire they will accomplish a purpose which no war could have achieved. They have the example of the British Empire, but it must be remembered that in many parts of the vast regions of Russia there is a huge population, while kindly-disposed and industrious, sunk in ignorance and superstition, so the problem is one of enormous difficulty. Nevertheless, it may be confidently predicted that as an outcome of the war the great Russian nation will take a big stride forward.

—Germany and Austria are face to face with economic ruin—industry has been paralysed, and the dissolution of the Austrian Empire would cause no surprise. Although in Germany they are still playing the game of make-believe, the leading men know the empire is doomed, and if the Allies do what is expected of them, it will be destroyed for ever as an instrument of mischief. Never did a nation enter upon a war so fraught with disaster for itself, and the punishment will assuredly be no greater than is deserved, for the war is a horrible outrage upon civilization.

In this country, against which German aggression is really directed, sacrifices—insignificant when compared with those made by Belgium—have been demanded, and they have been gladly made. All classes are working together with wonderful unanimity, and for the first time in our history the nation is one. Hushed is political and industrial strife, and, despite the vapourings of a wretched partizan here and there, the people have concentrated upon one object—the successful ending of the war. Considerably more than a million men, including Territorials, have come forward like heroes to serve the country in her hour of need, and they have been drawn from all classes, and how eager they all are to get into the fighting line. Britain has the money, and she has shown that she has the men, too—the best fighting men in the world, and they are animated by the highest patriotism. Belgium has demonstrated to us wherein lies a nation's wealth, and already we have begun to learn. One manifestation of this is the more generous provision that is being made for disabled soldiers and the dependents of men who have fallen. No one was apparently satisfied with the revised terms offered, and a committee, representative of all parties, is now at work on a new plan, which, it is thought, will be adequate to meet the necessities of the case. It is, therefore, apparent that the nation has travelled a long way since the time of the South African War. It is an indication that already the war has had a powerful effect on men's opinions. A man has descended to the depths and suffered agonies he cannot help his being transformed—his attitude to many things is changed, and when a nation passes through such a crisis as that now upon us it must inevitably have a deep and abiding mark. Much will, of course, depend on individual leaders, but during the present generation, at any rate, a kindlier feeling should exist in remembrance of the sacrifices that have been made in a common cause. Differences of opinion will always exist, but partizanship should be less bitter. No single party or section can pretend to believe that it has a monopoly of patriotism, for all classes have demonstrated that love of country which we have always thought was inherent in Britons.

One fruitful result of the war has been the drawing closer of the bonds between the dominions over the seas and the mother country. Whether closer unity between the different parts of the Empire is desirable or not, the colonies have again proved that no material link is necessary to keep them to the mother land, and the world acknowledges that such a demonstration of affection was never shown by people thousands of miles apart to their own kith and kin. Blood is thicker than water, but one of the most remarkable things about the Canadian attitude has been the loyalty displayed by the Germans who have made their home in the great Dominion. In the Fatherland it is fervently believed that Germany has a mission in bringing its "kulture" to all the races of the earth, but, instead of the British Empire being Germanised, there is every evidence that Germans, under our rule, become good subjects of the Empire. All this is a triumph for the methods of British government, and the Empire will be stronger after the war than at the commencement. Even more striking is the response of India, which is not governed in the same way as the dominions over the seas. The Indian soldiers are tremendously eager to get to the war, for they deem it a signal honour to fight for the King-Emperor, and the Empire, and, again, it is a tribute to the justice and even-handedness of British rule. "I am an Indian," said one soldier, "but I am also a Briton," and this is an admission and a claim. It first admits the excellence of the methods applied to India, and it is a claim to the citizenship of the proudest empire the world has ever known. The Indian likes magnificence, and the idea of belonging to such an empire fills him with pride. Happy, indeed, is the mother country in her family—loyal and vigorous, and when hostilities are over we may be sure that the bonds which unite all parts of the Empire will become even stronger than they are because of the sacrifices that have been made to keep the soil inviolate.

At Tibthorpe Joseph Binnington (64), a joiner, hanged himself in his kitchen. He had been depressed.

The King travelled to France on Sunday night to visit the Generals & Headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force.

A tramcar at Devonport on Friday jumped the metals at the bottom of a hill, and overturned. A man was killed and 20 injured.

Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Polar expedition has been delayed, possibly until next year, by the dockyards strike in Australia.

It was decided on Friday that of football matches nothing beyond results will be published in any London morning or evening newspaper.

At the Coroner's inquiry on Friday into the circumstances attending the death of five aliens following a riot in the internment camp at Douglas, Isle of Man, the jury found that death was caused by justifiable measures forced upon the military authorities.

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Around the grave where he is laid."
From his loving father, brothers, and sisters.

Mrs Ellison and family thank all members and friends for the kind sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement.—Liberal Club, Garforth.

I wish to thank all friends for their sympathy and flowers in my sad and sudden bereavement.—George Hy. Kilburn, Barley Hill, Garforth.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL.

FOR LEEDS BELGIAN REFUGEES.—The concert held in the Old Band Room, Rothwell, on Wednesday, November 11th, in aid of the Leeds Belgian Refugee Fund realised a profit of £3, which sum has accordingly been forwarded to the Lord Mayor of Leeds.

FOOTBALL.—The draw for the second round of the Rothwell Charity Cup has resulted as follows:—Rothwell Old Boys v. Great Preston White Rose, East Ardsley United v. Garforth White Rose, Oulton St. John's v. Rothwell Athletic, Byes—Rothwell White Rose, Bowers Allerton, Altofts Albion, Clarence Iron and Steel Works, and Methley Perseverance. To be played on or before December 12th.

A WOMAN'S CONDITION.—Jane Bennett, a widow of Rothwell Haigh, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for having been drunk and disorderly. P.C. Bosomworth stated that about 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, he was in Carlton Lane, Rothwell, where he found the defendant in a very drunken condition, leaning against a lamp-post. He ordered her away, and she went in the direction of her sister's house. Later he was called by a sister to eject the defendant because of her language. A fine of 5s. and costs was imposed.

LOCAL BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—The hon. secretary of this fund (Mrs Buck) wishes to acknowledge the receipt of £4 4s. 6d. from the Rothwell Wesleyan Choir, the proceeds of the performance of the cantata "Daniel" given in the chapel on November 22nd, and also £4 4s., per Miss Ryder, the result of the children's concerts held last week in the Wood Nook Infants' School. Mrs Buck has been in communication with the authorities at Wakefield, and as a result it is hoped to welcome a party of refugees shortly.

CONCERT IN ROTHWELL.—A children's entertainment was given in the Rothwell Wood Lane Infants' School on Thursday and Saturday by the children attending the school. The first part of the programme was of a miscellaneous character, and the second part took the form of a pretty operetta entitled "The Fairies." The stage was transformed into a fairyland scene, and the operetta proved a great success. The effort resulted in a sum of four guineas being handed over to the Rothwell Belgian Relief Fund.

BILLIARDS.—The junior team of the Rothwell Working Men's Club had a match with the Mechanics' Institute, Rothwell, on Saturday night, winning by 117 points. Out of the six games played the Working Men's Club won five, scoring a total of 581 points to 464. The individual scores were as follows (Mechanics' names first):—C. Berry 83 v. G. Pickersgill 100, G. Drury 100 v. T. Naylor 81, H. Taylor 51 v. R. Deakin 100, G. H. Palmer 77 v. L. Thurwell 100, J. T. Priestley 63 v. H. Bennett 100, and L. Elstob 90 v. O. Banks 100. H. Bennett made a break of 31, and his opponent, J. T. Priestley, compiled a break of 28.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—At the Wesleyan Church on Sunday missionary anniversary services were celebrated. The preacher for the day was the Rev. E. H. Mawson, the governor of the Headingley College. In the afternoon a service for the young folks was held, and various children of the Sunday School took part in it. On Wednesday afternoon a sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Brown, a returned missionary from China. Tea was afterwards served in the schoolroom, and in the evening the Rev. F. Brown gave a very interesting sketch of his twenty years' experience in China. Ald. Pickersgill, of Leeds, who is a Rothwell lad, presided, and the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson was also present and took part in the meeting. Miss Stephenson, the local secretary, read the annual report, which was very gratifying.

OLD SCHOLARS' FESTIVAL.—The annual effort arranged by the old scholars of the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church Sunday School took place last week-end. A largely-attended tea was held in the schoolroom, and this was followed by a social evening, when songs, readings, recitations, and selections by the ladies' band were given. On Sunday the services proved a great success. The special preacher was Mr W. Denton, and in the afternoon a service of song, "A gambler's honour," was rendered by the old scholars' choir. Mr J. Southwart conducted the singing, and the organ accompaniments were ably played by Mr J. C. Hampson. Mr Ezra Naylor was the chairman, and the reading portions were contributed by Councillor W. Lamb. On Monday evening an enjoyable concert programme was gone through by Mr T. Hollings' quartette party.

MR F. HALL, M.P., AND THE WAR.—Mr Fred Hall, M.P. for Normanton Division, speaking at a recruiting meeting at Castleford on Saturday night, said he dared say that some of his audience had heard him more than once deprecate war, but he would say at once that in the present case there was no possible escape with honour from war. Everybody believed that our country was worth fighting for, and if the men who were now holding back could for the moment cast the Germans would come to England they would rise as one man. Well, the enemy had been very near. They were not far from Yarmouth a short time ago, and it was still possible that if we were weak in any one link they could break through. He did not think that we had shone so much at home. The Colonies had done well, and although he had always been an opponent of conscription, it rather shook his confidence when he saw the laxity that existed among the men in this country to-day.

In the Leeds Amateur Football League on Saturday afternoon Rothwell Haigh United defeated Wellington Athletic by five goals to one.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), E. Parkin, J. R. Cross, and W. Evans.

FOOTBALL.—Consequent on the late arrival of the New Wortley Gas Works' team the Leeds Hospital Cup match with Rothwell Parish Church had to be curtailed owing to bad light and the match has been ordered to be re-played on December 12th at Rothwell. The match was timed to commence at 2.30, but the visitors did not put in an appearance until after three o'clock, and then they had a man short. Rothwell kicked off up the slope, and they were at once on the attack, and the Gas Workers' custodian was soon called upon to save. After a shot from Lunn had been turned, White tested Glancey from a corner kick, and the ball found the net. Soon after the visitors equalled through Broughton. A second goal for the homesters was scored by Hickin, and before the interval White had increased the lead. In the second half the Rothwell team pressed the Gas Workers hard, but five missed several good chances of getting goals. A fourth goal was scored by Davies, and the game ended with the Parish Church leading by four goals to one.

PROPOSED ROLL OF HONOUR.—With the sanction and approval of the Rothwell Urban War Committee, Mr A. Marshall is compiling a list of names of men who have gone from the Rothwell Council's area to serve their country in the present war. The list will comprise all persons engaged in the military, naval, ambulance, or reserve divisions, and will be divided into sections, showing the five wards of the Council's district separately. In order to make the list a correct record Mr Marshall has addressed circulars to numerous people in the district whose sons or husbands have gone, asking for full information as to rank, battalion, regiment, or ship in which the person referred to is serving. In making the idea known Mr Marshall states in the circular:—"It is intended to preserve this statement in a book set apart for the purpose, together with any additional particulars of interest; and at the close of the war, this record will be available for drawing up a permanent roll of honour, to be framed and hung in the Council chamber, to the glory of our heroic sons."

COAL MINING.—Mr Walter Hargreaves, President, was in the chair at the dinner of the Midland Institute of Mining, Civil, and Mechanical Engineers at Sheffield on Friday. In reply to the toast of "The Institute," he said the year to be considered all the problems of mining, but everything that had been done seemed to have gone in the direction of making the ton of coal cost more money than before, and it seemed to him that the energy of mining engineers of the future would be directed to the question of how to apply with the greatest economy the cost which they produced. He thought the effect of this economical use of coal would be very wonderful. He would not be surprised to see in the next thirty or forty years a great difference in the countryside. They would stop the waste that was going on. They would not allow 85 per cent. of the value of their coal to go up their chimneys, and be content to get only 15 per cent. of useful effect out of this national treasure, and if our future engineers gave proper attention to it we should find this country a very much pleasanter place to live in, and our power got with less money than it was today.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon in the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition Lock Lane W. defeated Pontefract by seven goals to one.

CARLTON

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—In connection with the Wesleyan Church special services were held on Sunday to celebrate the missionary anniversary. Sermons were preached by a student from the Headingley College. On Monday evening an interesting address was given by a returned missionary from South Africa, Mr Joseph Gibson, of Rothwell, presided, and the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson (resident minister of Rothwell) also took part in the service.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—Playing in the senior division of the Oulton and District Billiard League the Temperance Hall team were defeated by Rothwell Mechanics' Institute. The home team (Carlton) scored an aggregate in the six games of 501 against 531. Scores (Rothwell names first):—W. Armstead 92, v. B. Pozzoni 100, E. Beckwith 88 v. I. Fox 100, W. Watson 100 v. A. Archer 67, S. Edwards 100 v. E. Brown 73, J. Ainsworth 100 v. R. Ellis 51, and H. Banks 98 v. W. Page 100.

CROSSGATES

Mrs A. E. Holford, of Crossgates, has given £20, and Mr G. D. Holford £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

A sum of £8 14s., the proceeds of a Cinderella dance at Crossgates, has been sent to Leeds National Relief Fund.

On Tuesday evening Mr Frank Rildon, of Leeds, will give a lecture on "In the days of my grandfather," at the Baptist Fellowship at Whitkirk.—See advt.

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT SWEET 4PEA SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of this Society was held in Abbott's Cafe on Thursday night week, and it was well attended. The year's work was reviewed, and in all departments substantial progress was reported. The new rose section had yielded a very gratifying response, as had also the experiment of having open classes for both sweet peas and roses. The programme for next year is full of interest, and is far and away the most attractive presented by the society. Several valuable special prizes will be offered for competition. A silver cup, to be won three times in all, will be given by Mr F. Parkinson, of Manston, for competition in the rose classes for members, and a gold medal will be presented by Mr F. Hardwick, of Manston, for competition in the sweet pea classes for members, while a special prize of a dozen rose trees will be given by Mr Walsh, Portadown, per Mr Chapman. The society is particularly fortunate in having such handsome special prizes given for the 1915 exhibition. Competition should, as a result, be much keener. The holding of meetings of the members from time to time was discussed, and the meetings are now placed on a better footing and new their continuance is assured. This decision is very satisfactory, when it is remembered how helpful the meetings have been to all who attended them. The secretary presented a scheme for finding out the best varieties of sweet peas, and this was unanimously approved of, and a sub-committee was appointed to carry it out. It will at once be recognized that this society is gradually increasing its sphere of work for the mutual benefit of its members and the district generally. A large number of people are interested in its work, and an increased membership is required. All the officers were re-elected.

GARFORTH

A recent performance at the Picture House for the local Belgian Refugee Fund realized the sum of £7 12s.

On Wednesday evening next Professor Gardiner will give a lecture in the Council School on "Some Aspects of Bird Life."—See advt.

FOOTBALL.—For the third time Garforth White Rose and South Milford met in the first round of the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition on Saturday afternoon. Garforth proved themselves the better side on this occasion, and won by four goals to nil.

THE LATE MR C. ELLISON.—The grave closed over the late Mr Chas. Ellison, steward of the Garforth Liberal Club, last week-end. He died on November 24th, in his 65th year, and a long and successful connection with the club was thus closed. When Mr Ellison was elected to the office of steward the club had been in existence about eleven years. It was making very little progress and was heavily in debt when Mr Ellison took charge, but he soon cleared the debt off, and all the premises were purchased and partly rebuilt during the first ten years. Following this a room was added, and a bowling green laid out, the club bearing all the expense, the seventh having taken place in July last.

LECTURE.—Under the auspices of the Wesleyan Temperance Society a lecture on "Belgium" was delivered by Mr J. J. Heath, of the U.K.A., in the Council Schools on Thursday night. Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman of the Urban Council) presided, and, referring to the fact that the performances given for the Belgian Fund, he said that the Belgians had demonstrated that to-day they were as brave and gallant fighters as were their country-men in the days of old. A number of Belgians, who are resident in Garforth, were present. Mr Hatch's lecture was a very interesting and instructive one, and it was illustrated by splendid views. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed to the lecturer and Chairman by the Rev. E. Rees, and Mr Dibb seconded. Mr J. Wordsworth supported, and the resolution was cordially carried. There was a large and appreciative audience.

PICTURE HOUSE.—At the popular Picture House this week capital fare has been provided, and tonight (Saturday) there will be given a fine pictorial story will be charmed with the stirring and beautiful tale of the battlefield "Saving the Colours," which should attract crowded "houses." Other good items on the programme have obtained another highly attractive programme. "The Cameo of the Yellow Stone," an exciting and powerful story of the West by the famous Selig Polyscope Company, will be the chief feature on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and a screamer will be found in "A Busy Day," featuring Charlie Chaplin, the well-known comic comedian. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday a stirring picture of the war will be shown, and the gallantry of the famous London Scottish Regiment will be brought home forcibly to us. The second series of Selig's sensational jungle pictures "Adventures of Kathlyn," and the laughter-maker "Love, luck, and gasoline" will complete a fine entertainment. The manager and the patrons of the house will have a really good time. For particulars see advt.

GARFORTH ROLL OF HONOUR.—On Wednesday night at the meeting of the Urban District Council the Chairman (Mr J. W. Dobson) stated that the Distress Committee had decided to compile a roll of honour for Garforth, and the names of the men who had gone from the parish to serve in the King's Army and Navy now being got. They were, of course, endeavouring to get a complete list, but it was possible some names would be over-looked, and they desired that if anyone noticed any name left out he should at once let them have the name. A number of men had gone from the collieries, and as some resided in other parishes names might be missed, while in other cases the addresses of men who had gone had left Garforth to reside with parents or friends and the houses were closed, so no information could be obtained there. At the colliery a list of the men had been prepared so far as they knew. What they wanted was that every home should be on the roll of honour, and they asked the co-operation of the public in the matter.—Mr H. Gascoigne said that a list of names was required for another purpose. Application would be made for gifts to the soldiers' clothing fund, and a list was needed for that.—The list will, when ready, be published in the "Courier," and if the public note any omissions they should at once let the Distress Committee know.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT.—On Monday evening the children of the Parochial School gave a concert, under the direction of Miss M. Goulden, the headmistress of the infants' department, in the school large audience. The children were very nicely dressed by their parents, and all wore the Belgian colours. The following programme was rendered:—Sketch, upper school girls, C. Ballance, C. Dobson, and E. Thorpe; action song, "British Tars," infants; recitation, "The soldier's pass," infants; flag song, infants; dance, first class, and last was "Don't, don't," by infants; violin solo, Miss D. Robinson; sketch, "Dorothy's Dream," upper girls, D. Aikin, C. Ballance, C. Dobson, E. Thorpe, H. Simpson, and M. Shaw; mandoline solo, M. Clarke; flag drill, upper school girls; recitation, "An Awkward Case," first class boys; song, "The Carnival," Miss Goulden; recitation, "To India and Her Colonies," Mr Clarke; violin solo, Miss Robinson; recitation, "Belgium," S. Drury; "Belgian National Anthem," J. Whitwell; song, "Up with the Old Flag," upper standard girls; and "God save the King." Among the audience were the Belgians, who are being cared for in Garforth, and who had been specially invited by the headmistress. Miss Goulden was thanked for her services by assistants, Mrs Firth and Miss Binns. The proceeds, amounting to £6 9s., are to be divided among the local and Central Belgian Relief Funds and the Children's Xmas Tea. The sum of 4s. 6d. given by the children and other friends in a box kept in the school has been added to the proceeds, making a total of £6 13s. 6d.

GREAT PRESTON

On Saturday afternoon, in the second round of the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition, Great Preston W.R. defeated Hecklemoodwike by ten goals to one.

CHURCH.—A grand patriotic concert was given in the Infants' School on Monday evening. Councillor Dewhirst presided over a crowded audience." The expenses incurred in engaging the concert party, etc., were defrayed by the Chairman, so that the whole of the proceeds could be given to the Belgian wounded in aid of clothing and other requirements. Four wounded Belgians from Templenewsam were also appreciated the hearty welcome accorded them during the evening. In his introductory remarks, the Chairman emphasized the great part played by the Belgians in the initial stages of the war. Subsequently a most enjoyable concert was given. The Clifton Prize Quartette Party sang during the evening "Comrades in Arms," "Phyllis dyes her tresses," "Here's life and health," and "The long day closes." It is needless to say they were greatly appreciated for their well-balanced vocal efforts. Miss Jessie Allan proved a most acceptable soloist in the songs "Beloved, it is morn," "Castellano," and "Before you came." The soloist was thrice encored, and the Chairman proved a decided success in "The Trumpeter" and "Up from Somerset." "The sailor's grave" and "Love, could I only tell thee" were capably rendered by Mr Holloway. Messrs Holloway and Hoyle sang "The fishermen." Mr Bleakley Sayer was twice recalled for his clever recital of "The Day" and "The Mouse." The humorous part of the programme was provided by Mr J. Davidson, who proved a great favourite. He received quite an ovation for his clever impersonations. Mr Robert Allan proved a very capable pianist. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, artistes, and committee of the Great Preston Conservative and Liberal Associations for their efforts in promoting so successful an evening. Mr Talbridge and Mr Samuel Robinson heartily supporting the motion. The sum of nine guineas was cleared for the Belgian Fund, which included two subscriptions of ten shillings from Bailey Lowther and Mrs George Lane Fox respectively.

HALTON

PRESENTATION.—On Friday night at a meeting of the Leeds and District Amateur Bowling Association Mr Harry Thomas, of Halton, winner of the Leeds and District Individual Merit Competition, was presented with a gold medal. In the competition there were no fewer than 230 entries, which constituted a record.

WATERLOO COLLIERY EMPLOYEE'S END.—Private H. Oliver, of the 2nd Yorkshire Regiment, whose home was at 3, Bodle Street, Leeds, has been killed in action at France. The official intimation says he was buried at Ypres. Oliver had served eight years with the Colours, four of which he spent in Egypt. When called up he was employed at the Waterloo Colliery. He leaves a widow and one child.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon a match was played between Waterloo Main and Fryston Welfare at Crossgreen. Clark opened hostilities for the home team, who, however, playing only ten men, were at a disadvantage from the outset. The visitors had no difficulty in scoring a goal. But, the Fryston centre forward, piercing Compey's defence by a fine individual effort. Slater, Platts, Clark, and McGregor did useful sterling work for the Waterloo men, but the home forwards were up against a capital pair of defenders in Holsden and Baker, and could make no impression. On the other hand, Burt managed to elude the opposition, and score two other goals. Fryston were leading by three goals to nil at half-time, but they failed to score afterwards, and Waterloo netted once—through Slater. Murfy and Holbeck P.C. played a drawn game—two goals each.

KIPPAX

WESLEY GUILD.—There was a capital attendance at the Wesley Guild meeting on Tuesday evening, when Mr Askew, of Methley, gave an address on "Wolfe-charade IV." solo was contributed by Mr Whitsley, of Methley. Mr H. Gummerson presided. A vote of thanks was given to the speaker and the soloist at the close on the motion of Mr W. Sharper, seconded by Mr Alan Parker.

PARISH CHURCH.—The women's service, which was held in the church on Sunday afternoon was addressed by the Vicar of Whitkirk (the Rev. B. Goyer), who was the preacher at the evening service. The choir rendered the chorus "And the Glory" (Messiah), and the conductor was Mr Keeble. The recit "Thus saith the Lord," and the air "But who may abide" were sung by Mr H. Wright.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.—At this church special services were held on Sunday, when Mr J. A. Burke, of Leeds, was the preacher. The occasion was the 23rd anniversary of United Methodism in Kippax. The first meeting was held in Mr T. Smith's house, and the first service took place in Mr C. Crossland's house in Leeds Lane. Mr G. Plows, of Kippax, preached the first sermon. Subsequently services were held in Mount Pleasant in the house then occupied by Mr J. Plows. The United Methodists have had Sunday services here for a considerable time, and the growth of Free Methodism in Kippax was rapid. They were fortunate in having an energetic secretary (Mr J. Farrant), who was supported by a small but enthusiastic membership, and the Free Church, which stands off High Street, was erected as the result of their efforts, aided by generous friends. On Sunday the cantata "The ruler's daughter" was rendered by the choir in the afternoon. The solos were sung by Miss Halliday, Miss E. Smith, and Miss B. Appleyard (soprano), Miss A. Goodall (contralto), Mr H. Smith and Mr D. Smith (tenor), Mr J. Ratcliffe and Mr J. Farrant (bass). The connective readings were given by Miss Myra Walker, Miss G. Mackintosh, and Miss M. A. Ratcliffe (violin). Mr J. Ratcliffe (choirmaster) conducted, while Mr W. Halliday was the organist. A public tea was held on Monday evening, and was served by Mrs A. Barton and Mrs E. S. Quinton. The collections on Sunday and the proceeds from the tea are to be devoted to reducing the debt on the church. Mr J. Farrant, in his report, said it was intended to raise £100 for this object, £30 being already assured.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—At a meeting of this committee on Wednesday Mr E. Parkin, J.P. (Chairman) presided, and the other members present were Mr W. Mc D. Mc A. Mack, Mr J. Harding, Mr I. Robinson, and Mr W. S. Blackburn. The county authorities wrote approving the appointment of Mr W. S. Blackburn as the representative of Great Preston on the committee. The Chairman expressed his pleasure at Mr Blackburn's appointment, and in the name of the members gave to Mr Blackburn a cordial welcome. He hoped that he would be able to give to the work as efficient assistance as his respected father. Mr Blackburn thanked the Chairman for his remarks.—An application sent in by Mr Wm. Firth on behalf of the Old Band for the use of the Council School for their annual hall in October, 1915, was granted. The Clerk stated that no case of distress connected with the feeding of school children had been made known to him. The committee were agreed that there was no distress in the district. A communication to the district nurses scheme was considered. Dr. Kaye reporting the appointment of a school nurse.—Mr W. S. Blackburn: How has this scheme originated and what area will it cover?—The Chairman: It is a complex area. Kippax, Great Preston, and Swillington are included.—The Chairman: The idea is to utilize the existing district nurses. Attendances at the cooking classes held in the Kippax Council School was considerd satisfactory, being 87.07 in the boys' department and 90 in the girls' department. Evening attendances at Bowers Allerton evening school were 17 for industrial and 14 mining. The Clerk stated that a course of five lectures on horticulture by Professor Somerville, Leeds University, were being arranged to be given at Bowers Allerton early in the new year. The professor would also give lectures on poultry keeping. Kippax might try a course of lectures on those subjects. Every assistance would be given representative men in the arranging for them. The committee agreed to accept the course of lectures to be given at Bowers Allerton.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—Special services were held in the Wesleyan Church on Sunday. The preacher at the morning service was the Rev. J. E. Clague (circuit minister), and in the evening Mr T. Dougill, a P.S.A. meeting was held in the afternoon, and the speaker was Mr T. Dougill, the recitor Miss A. Walker, the soloist Mr C. H. Nicholson, and the chairman, Mr J. W. Prince.

LOFTHOUSE

SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS BURST.—A sad story was told at a Wakefield inquest, on Monday, concerning the death of a girl named Ivy Hartley, three years old, daughter of Fred Hartley, miner, Outwood, now with the 4th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I. The child's mother on Saturday morning went to Lofthouse pit for her husband's allowance, leaving the child in the care of an elder sister. Unobserved, the girl got a box of matches in a bedroom and was terribly burnt before help arrived. She died a few hours later. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

TOPCLIFFE

Two sisters, Ivy and Ethel Mitchell, attending Oulton St. John's School, have this week sent £1 to the Belgian Relief Fund. This is their second contribution. The money has been raised by the sale of coloured bows made by the two girls.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—An interesting paper on "The meaning of life" was read by Mr T. H. Killingbeck at a meeting of the Literary and Debating Society, held in the Institute on Thursday night last. The Rev. H. T. Pattinson presided, and a good discussion followed the reading of the paper.

THE INSTITUTE.—The senior team of the Institute in the Oulton and District Billiard League had a match with the Rothwell Mechanics' Institute on Friday evening, losing by 84 points. The scores were taken four out of the six matches, scoring an aggregate of 522 points to 441. The scores were as follows (Rothwell names first):—S. Edwards 100 v. H. Rackleday 62, J. Ainsworth 97 v. T. Cain 91, W. Armstead 64 v. J. Nuttall 100, H. Banks 100 v. W. Jopling 67, J. Ainsworth 58 v. P. Higgins 100, and E. Beckwith 100 v. H. Wright 77.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD WAR FUND.—The following is a list of things which have been made by the ladies of the Oulton and Woodlesford Working Party and sent away:—40 flannel day shirts—these shirts were sent to Lady Mayoress for some of his men, and 8 went to the Lady Mayoress' Committee. Sixty-nine pairs of socks—3 pairs were sent to the Lady Mayoress' Committee, 28 pairs to Major Simpson, and 30 pairs to Queen Mary's Fund. Eighteen red flannel bedjackets, and 23 white nightshirts and 2 red flannel belts were sent to the Lady Mayoress Committee, and 20 cloth dressing gowns for wounded soldiers to the General Infirmary. Fourteen flannel under shirts were given for boys to Sir Edward Brotherton, and 26 garments for girls, 8 garments for boys, 2 for women, and 2 pairs white bed socks to the Lady Mayoress' Committee, and 22 garments for women and girls to Oulton Hall for Belgian Refugees. To the Lady Mayoress' Committee there were also sent 4 knitted body belts, 8 scarves, 2 helmets, 6 pairs mittens, 8 pairs socks, 1 flannel day shirt, and 2 women's garments; while to Lady Jellicoe, for the sailors, were forwarded 12 pairs mittens, 14 flannel under shirts, and 6 scarves. Sheets, towels, pillowslips, and vests also made for Oulton Hall for the refugees, Major Calverley paying for the material.

TENNIS CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Oulton Tennis Club was held in the Institute on Friday night.—The Rev. H. T. Pattinson presiding. The secretary (Mr R. V. Higgins) reported that nearly one-half of the male members of the club have joined the Colours. He reported the club had a balance of 11s. 5d. in hand. Major Calverley was re-elected President, and the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure, Mr. J. Farrar, J.P., and Mr. Wm. Higgins were elected vice-presidents. Miss A. Bell was appointed treasurer, and Mr R. V. Higgins was elected secretary. The following were appointed to serve as the committee:—Mrs E. Abbey, Miss E. Cain, and Miss M. Greaves, and Messrs J. Chaver, H. Higgins, W. Roper, and F. Tasbey.

THE BOWLING CLUB.—The annual meeting of the Oulton Bowling Club was held at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Oulton, on Thursday night last. Mr A. Sharpe presided. The following officers were elected:—President, Major Calverley; vice-presidents, the Rev. W. R. Capel-Cure and Mr J. Farrar, J.P.; committee —Messrs T. Brown, J. Nuttall, W. Smith, and A. Sharpe; captain, Mr W. P. Peters; vice-captain, Mr J. Ellis; captain of the Mowley Trophy team, Mr T. Collins; vice-captain, Mr G. M. Abbey; treasurer, Mr C. G. Cameron; hon. secretary, Mr J. Randerson. After a short discussion, it was decided that a special meeting be called to consider the membership and finances, on Saturday, December 12th, at eight o'clock, in the Institute.

SCHOLES

A sum of £1 16s., proceeds of a whist drive held by the Scholes Tennis Club, has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

SEACROFT

FARMER IN TROUBLE.—James William Farrington Beck, farmer, of Whitmoor, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for having been drunk and disorderly. Defendant did not appear, and Superintendent Symonds made application for a warrant, which was granted.

STOURTON

On Saturday afternoon Stourton United defeated Methley Perseverance Reserves by two goals to one, and Stourton Roseville overcame Hunslet Juniors by five goals to one.

P.S.A.—At the weekly P.S.A. meeting held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday afternoon an address was given by Mr Seaman, of Crossgates. Roads and Roadmaking formed the subject.

WHAT WAS HIS MESSAGE?—At a meeting of the Leeds magistrates on Friday the landlord of the Crooked Billet, Hunslet, asked for permission to extend his house so as to build a bathroom. The Chairman pointed out that the alteration would add to the monopoly value of the licence, and the applicant left the Court, on the suggestion of the Chairman, for a period of consideration at that point. Later on his name was called, and he did not appear.—The Chairman asked if he had left any message?—Mr Wood: He did, but I dare not repeat it! (Laughter).

SWILLINGTON

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.—Under the leadership of Miss Bergheim, who is a prominent member of the Guild, good work has been done by the parishioners, including those residing in Swillington Common, Astley, and Flockingley Beck. Commencing on September 3rd, 1914, collections have been made in the parish and districts by Messrs Boyes, Watson, and Mellor, Winn and Wilson, Firth and Noble, Oliver Smith and Sowerss, and Marsden and Burke, and they amounted to £39 5s. 9d., in addition to which Sir C. B. Lowther has given £1, Captain J. G. Lowther £3, and Mr R. W. Bower £10, making the amount subscribed to date £53 10s. 9d. Materials have been bought, and 461 articles have been made by the working party, including 55 men's shirts, 30 overalls, 38 petticoats, 62 pairs of socks and stockings, 14 mufflers, 38 pairs mittens, 123 bandages, 66 swabs, and 12 articles of underclothing. All these articles have been forwarded to the Guard's and other depots. A subscription of £7 has also been made to the Swillington and District Rifle Club. It is very gratifying to know that this good work is being carried on in Swillington.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.—Collections at St. Mary's Church on Sunday were made on behalf of Princess Mary's Fund for Christmas boxes for the sailors and soldiers at the war, and £41 13s. 8d. has been forwarded to Her Royal Highness. In addition to the above, collections were made on August 16th for the Prince of Wales' War Fund, and £5 14s. 2d. forwarded to His Royal Highness.

WHITKIRK

THE Athletes' Volunteer Force, Whitkirk section, drilled at Templenewsam on Saturday afternoon by kind permission of the Hon. E. Wood (M.P.) A section of the Athletes' Force, Leeds, marched to Templenewsam from Hunslet Lane on Sunday morning.

A PHOTO CASE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Police Courts William Hinton, junior, farmer, living at Hunslet, was summoned for having moved five pigs from the Whitkirk Auction Mart on Monday, November 16th, without a license. P.C. Taylor proved the case, and defendant was fined 1s. for each pig and costs.

WHITKIRK AND DISTRICT RIFLE CLUB.—The Whitkirk and District Rifle Club have received the certificate (army form B. 1314) of safety of range. The plans have been inspected and approved. A certificate of affiliation with S.M.R.C. (No. 1824) has also been obtained, and in consequence members of the club will be regarded by the Board of Inland Revenue as exempt from payment of licence duty in respect of rifles used for musketry practice in their range. In response to an invitation from the C.E.M.S., Whitkirk Church, a large number of members attended a service on Sunday afternoon. The President has also placed more "possibles" and has secured another Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs' spoon.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week Walter Passmore and Johnny Danvers are a comical couple as soldiers in a sketch entitled "The Soldier's Mess." The sketch is rather thin, but the comedians, admirably assisted by Agnes Fraser and Mandoline Rees, make plenty of fun out of it, and the finish is very laughable. John Terry and Mabel Lambert are here again, and their character sketches are very good indeed. Jessie Broughton and Dennis Creedon give a tasteful musical entertainment, which proves highly appreciated. Brother and brother give a clever Scotch turn, and their business is commendably neat and finished. The songs of Tom E. Hughes go very well. Fred Russell's burlesquing of Lily Burchard, burlesque actress; and Nash and Noel, comedians, also appear with success.

The inherent beauty of the story of "Joseph and his Brethren" enthrals theatregoers in the play of Louis Napoleon Parker, staged with the usual lavish magnificence by Sir Herbert Tree, which will be presented next week at the Empire Palace. Wonderful pageantry, of high dramatic value, and reverent treatment of one of the most intensely human and interest-compelling stories of Scripture are the characteristics of a play on which has been brought to bear all the resources associated with the famous theatre at which it won such signal success. The glamour of the East fails on the eyes of the ancient story, which is unfolded, and the trials and triumphs of Joseph's life, the intrigues of Potiphar's wife, and, not less interesting, the everyday life of Egypt under the Pharaohs is reconstructed in our sight, and the play moves forward, through scenes which are a riot of Eastern splendour, to its close. Tableau is due to the enterprise which affords Yorkshire playgoers the opportunity of seeing in its entirety the much-discussed play which established once and for all the undying interest to-day in the great drama of Sacred History. It proved the possibility of their presentation—in proper hands —in a manner which must command the approbation of all to whom such history is not merely a matter of romance, but a living, breathing reality. "The life of the wandering shepherds," writes a famous critic, "takes shape and form before our eyes, and we see a beautiful musical art, born of passions in that mingled family. Strangest of all, we see something of the conviction of a mighty destiny which dominates those not altogether unlike Jacob and Joseph." The matter which the Scripture leaves rather vague, the rescue of Joseph from the pit, has a new development. For it is Potiphar's wife who begs that he be drawn out to the upper air before his brothers' eyes. Later on, when we reach Egypt, a sentimental interest is provided for us by the early appearance of Asenath, and affectionate passages between her and Joseph."

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week is a fine dramatic sketch entitled "Trafalgar," in four scenes. The story tells of Lord Nelson and the most famous naval battle in history, and of the signal which is so appropriate at the present time. There is quite a warlike element, and the crashing of cannon and the smell of powder is something new to Hippodrome audiences. "Symphonic" proves to be a beautiful musical act, which introduces the organ, piano, 'cello, and violin, whilst Mr Henry J. Corner interpresses a few songs. It is one of the most delightful items of the evening's show. Capt. Jack Kelly and his wife manipulate stock whips cleverly, and John C. Glass, in a burnt cork makeup, has two good songs and some comical patter. Others supporting are, Burley and Burley, in a body-twisting show; Dacre and Lynton, in a musical scena; Leon Roger, an expert in musical instruments; and Francis and Alfred, comedy jugglers.

Next week at the Hippodrome the great Wieland, the famous dexterous humorist; Billy Williams, the man in the moon; Gulliver's Gnandys, the erratic comedian; and Guest and Newlyn, "the triflers," will appear. The sketch "The truth about Mr Watson"—a story of retribution—will be abandoned, and Con Conrad will present the Novelty Minstrels, a capable company of clever artistes; while others in the bill are Horton and La Tricka, the clown and the human doll; and Percy Korah and his dancing boys.

A Blue Book issued on Monday states that, considering its complications, the Insurance Act is, on the whole, working as smoothly as could reasonably have been anticipated.

A passenger train travelling from Gorebridge to Edinburgh on Saturday evening had a collision with a light engine. The train was damaged and several passengers injured.

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LETTERS FROM THE FIGHTING LINE.

Private Robert Hennigan, of Selby, who was with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, has been taken prisoner by the Germans.

Private Fred Inmate, of the 2nd Duke of Wellington's (5th Division) and of Linton, Wetherby, is at home suffering from a form of tetanus, or lockjaw. At the battle of Mons he had his helmet ripped open by a fragment of shell, and on another occasion a companion on each side of him was shot dead.

Writing to his brother, Mr. J. F. Mason, of Wetherby, Corporal T. F. Mason, of the 10th Hussars, says:—"On November 10th we had the Germans within 20 yards of us, so you can guess we gave them something to go on with."

SPOTFORTH SOLDIER'S FATE.

Private Charles Jenkinson, of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, second son of Mr. John Jenkinson, of Spofforth, is reported to have been killed in action. Jenkinson, who is 25 or 26 years of age, took part in the battle of Mons and several other engagements. His wife is resident in Ireland.

On returning he was himself hit by shrapnel. Gunner H. Jenkinson, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, was wounded in the left foot, thigh, arm, and face, a shell hitting his company's gun, killing three and wounding five men. Gunner Jenkinson is still in hospital in France.

SELBY MAN WOUNDED.

William Alfred Nutt, of the King's Royal Rifles, a Selby reservist, who until called up was an employee at the Selby shipyard, has been wounded in the fighting in Flanders.

He was standing in the trenches with an officer when the latter was struck down by a shell bursting close by. Nutt carried the wounded officer a quarter of a mile to the field hospital.

On returning he was himself hit by shrapnel, being wounded in the leg. He lay until found some time after by a British search-light party, and spent a month in the hospital at the base.

A letter received in Selby by the soldier's wife states that he has gone back to the fighting line.

A PROUD SELBY MOTHER.

The King has caused the following letter to be addressed to Mrs Long, of Selby:—

"Madam—I have the honour to inform you that the King has heard with much interest that you have on this present moment five sons in the Army.

"I am commanded to express to you the King's congratulations, and to assure you that His Majesty much appreciates the spirit of patriotism which prompted this example in one family of loyalty and devotion to their Sovereign and Empire.

"I have the honour to be, madam, your obedient servant, F. M. Ponsonby, Keeper of the Privy Purse."

A SELBY TROOPER'S LETTER.

Trooper Geo. Haynes, eldest son of Mr J. H. Haynes, of the George Hotel, Selby, has written to his father from the 2nd Division B Squadron 15th Hussars in France.

"Since my last letter to you," he writes, "our division has been withdrawn from the firing line to partake of a well-earned rest. We are billeted in a fairly decent place about the same size as Selby, so we are having a little of the French life.

"It is quite a change to be away from the din of shell fire; where we are now we can just hear the boom of our heavy guns. The fighting of the last three weeks has been terrific. The Germans have tried every move possible to break through to the coast, and every attempt has resulted very disastrously for the enemy. We are anticipating a great victory very shortly.

"We are informed that the enemy are fortifying positions in their rear—in fact, everything points to a general retreat. There is a great rumour that our division is to have a big move. I hope it is true—it will be much warmer than it is here. We are doing practically nothing at all now, simply looking after our horses. The hardest work we have is to keep ourselves warm; the weather at present is intensely cold."

A WETHERBY RECORD.

Mrs. Murphy, of Victoria Street, Wetherby, has three grandsons (sons of the late well-known Wharfedale figure), who are doing their duty to their country, and in fourth, after being in camp some time as a member of Kitchener's Army, has been discharged with a good character as being medically unfit for training.

Of the three, Driver H. Murphy, of the Royal Field Artillery, was reported several weeks ago to have been killed in action, but happily this proved to be incorrect. He is now a prisoner of war in Germany, and is safe and well.

The second, Pte. J. Murphy, of the Durham Light Infantry, is still serving with his regiment at the front.

Of the third, Pte. W. Murphy, of the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment, the news is not so good. At Ypres he was most severely wounded, and he now lies in the York County Hospital with a bullet wound through the muscles of the left arm, a second through his left lung, while his left leg has been crushed and broken in two places by shell fire. After receiving the wounds he had to lie out in the open all night before he was picked up. At first it was thought that his leg would have to be amputated, but this has been avoided. Though now progressing favourably, it is expected that it will be six months before Murphy is convalescent.

Murphy's regiment, it will be remembered, was badly cut up owing to the white flag treachery of the Germans, but on that occasion he was one of the few who escaped.

SELBY SOLDIER'S INTERESTING STORY.

Private Thomas Smith, of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, had a narrow escape from death while on the front. Smith was a Reservist employed at the Selby Olympia Mills before the outbreak of hostilities. On going out to France with his regiment, which formed part of the 14th Brigade, Fifth Division, he was for 17 days in the Aisne trenches. About 2,000 prisoners surrendered to the Brigade, the Germans commencing to sing with joy on being captured. On moving to the left flank in North-West France, fighting went on from day to day, the Intense desire—as he knew, as every man in Brigade eventually reaching La Bassee. Here they were opposed by a large force of the enemy, who outnumbered the British by ten to one.

Describing what happened, Private Smith said:—"My brother, Private Joseph Smith, who is also in my regiment, was lying a few yards away on my right. We were posted in a field with a little hood cover, and holding a huge force of the enemy in check. I saw that my brother was shot, and as I tried to go to his help I received a rifle shot in the lower part of the back, the bullet emerging at the right shoulder." (Private Smith exhibited his coat, showing the two bullet holes plainly).

Continuing the narrative, Private Smith said: "I have reason to think that my brother Joseph was shot dead, though the War office have received no information of it. I was taken to a village near, and a doctor attended to me in a cottage. The wound I was then able to walk, and along with other wounded made my way to the main field hospital. We had not got more than half-a-mile from the village when it was fired by the enemy by means of incendiary shells. But the Germans, notwithstanding their numbers, were unable to take the village, being repulsed with heavy loss. I, for one, shipped home. I was landed with a party of wounded at Queenstown, and sent to hospital in Cork. Thousands of people gave us a reception in Ireland, and we met with very kind treatment and received many welcome gifts."

Private Smith added that he had another brother, Private George Smith, who is also in the Duke of Cornwall's, and he is engaged in the work at the base in France. A fourth brother is in the 10th Lancers, and has been wounded.

Private Smith said that wounded comrades of his who were brought into the field hospital the day after he received, related very ugly stories of the way British wounded had been murdered by the enemy. On the Germans being driven back from ground which they had temporarily held, some of the British wounded were found pinioned to the ground with their coats by swords, and others had their heads mashed in with the trenching tools lying near. This happened near La Bassee.

Among the Germans captured on the 14th was a boy who said he did not know how he was going into battle, as he had been told he was going for training to Paris. Another German captured had worked for six years as a hotcher in London, and said he was anxious to get back to his wife and children.

Private Smith said the present generation of French people would never forget the sorely needed help rendered by the British "Tipperary" soldiers since it set out. They had picked it up, and it was very amusing to hear them sing it with the Gallic accent. In France the remembrance would always be linked with the remembrance of British valour and high spirits.

GENEVA AND THE RED CROSS MOVEMENT.

HOW INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING SOLDIERS IS OBTAINED.

Geneva saw the birth of the Red Cross. This was in 1864, just 50 years ago (writes a correspondent), no one can be ignorant of the services this magnificent institution has rendered, even in this, so speak, human ferocity to make it a place for gifts and the heart of its Empire. But until to-day the Red Cross had only occupied itself with material wounds. It looked after the body; it did not foreseen the possibility of softening the suffering of the soul. Who can tell that the sum of sorrow which, in a single day, causes the uncertainty of the fate of missing loved ones represents? Fathers, husbands, brothers have they fallen never to rise again? Will no one ever bring back the beautiful token (the identification disc which each soldiers wears on campaigning) the article of which is a family means "nascitur ogni speranza"? Or, indeed, wounded, have they been picked up by the enemy, and are they at this moment being nursed in some French or German ambulance. To these torturing questions, until now, silence alone has replied.

To-day it is no longer so. The International Agency for Prisoners of War attached to the Red Cross in Geneva, gives information to more than 800 families daily of the fate of missing soldiers. And after having informed the families it endeavours by every means for sending to the prisoners letters, money, and clothing, and transmits to the friends concerned thanks and news.

The Ruth Museum in Geneva—where the Agency has installed itself after being obliged to leave two buildings which successively became too small for its growing work—has the air of a government office, where the work is at the same time intense and rigorously regulated. The post, Jacques Chenevière, one of the workers from the start, and one who helped in its foundation under the direction of M. Gustave Ador, President of the Red Cross, wished me to visit the rooms where, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., the cheerful activity of 350 benevolent workers is in full swing.

Here is the room for the opening of correspondence, men and women, bend over long tables on trestals upon which letters arrive, pigeon-holes which are heaped, as each one sorts his letters which are brought out in packets, not in sacks, but in cardboards. From some hundreds of missives daily, the numbers have grown to three thousand, then ten thousand, and now nearly fifteen thousand are received. And yet this Belgian Agency limits itself to prisoners in France and Belgium; a second one in Copenhagen undertakes German prisoners in Russia and Russian prisoners in Germany; a third in Paris takes care of the interests of Austrian prisoners through diplomatic channels, by way of Rumania, is established for Australia, Servia and Russia, and the English and German Red Cross correspond, equally through diplomatic channels, about the prisoners of their respective nationalities.

The letters opened, the names of the missing are underlined in red ink, then the letters are classified according to the nationality of those about whom information is needed. The letters, in basket-loads, are then sent to another room. Here where those of prisoners are occupied in making "slips" of them. These slips, in their turn, are sent to the various departments relating to French, German, or Anglo-Belgian missions.

The "slips" are classified in alphabetical order and pigeon-holed, and carefully posted up to date, from day to day, come requests for information on one side, and the lists of wounded and prisoners, communicated by the Agency through the intermediary of the various national Red Cross Societies on the other. Immediately the arrival of a list permits of a response to a demand for information a message is sent, if need be a telegram, to the anxious family.

The work of the "Treasury" is no light duty to those who have undertaken it. There are received gifts, commissions, cheques, to be sent to the various destinations, for the general welfare of the Agency is looked after.

A little further on we find the office of the correspondence to be forwarded. The letters of French prisoners in Germany and German prisoners in France mount up each day to thousands.

In another place visitors are received, questions are answered, and information given. From morning to night through the central hall of the Ruth Museum pass a crowd of anxious fathers, mothers, wives, friends, who have made the journey there rather than trust only to writing. To what heroic, what sublime, what sadden hours have these walls been witnesses, where once smiled beautiful marbles and luminous landscapes.

The letters daily arrive in crowds, some signed by the humblest names, others, by celebrated or princely ones, express the same sorrow or perhaps the same hope, to know at all cost, even if certainty must be that of hope lost and ended. What joy for these workers when they can give happy news, and what emotion, also, when they have to send a mournful message!

Geneva, in truth, can be proud of this new institution of pity, born in the heart of the horrors which desolate our world. "If our town," said M. Jacques Chenevière, of whom I spoke a little earlier, "attaches her name once again to a work of humanity, we shall have thus done in our way, modestly, our duty, where to-day so many are laying down their lives simply for this word."

BARKSTON FARM HANDS ENLIST.

Colonel Dimmas (Tesko) was present at the Selby Hiring Fair on Monday and spoke to a crowd from Market Cross, appealing for recruits for Earl Kitchener's Army. At the morning meeting Colonel Dimmas was supported by other speakers, Mr Richard Lodge and Mr Wm. Earles.

At the second gathering, held at the Market Cross in the afternoon Mr W. J. Taylor, of Selby, presided, and Mr J. Taylor (Bessy) delivered an address in which he said this was the greatest war in the history of the country. The dead of our soldiers in France formed one of the most glorious chapters in the history of the British Army, but it was necessary to send reinforcements to their relief, and put fresh forces in the field.

Colonel Dimmas said recruits drawn from the ranks of farm servants would be very valuable in the Army because they understood so well the management and care of horses. He appealed to them, therefore, to respond themselves and to see that others who might go to the aid of our gallant Army on the Continent.

Four recruits offered themselves at the morning meeting, and other names were given in during the day.

RECRUITING AT ROTHWELL.

SPEECHES BY THE VICAR, MR SHADWELL KEEN, AND MR H. J. MARTIN.

Under the auspices of the Imperial Maritime League—an organisation which in times of peace advocates the policy of a strong Navy, but which at the present time is devoting its energies to a campaign for recruits for Kitchener's Army—an interesting lecture on "The War, its causes and responsibilities" was given in the Council Schools, Rothwell on Saturday night. The lecturer was Mr Shadwell Keen, who had acquired with him a number of splendid slides, being photographs taken both at home and at the seat of war. Despite other attractions there was a fairly good attendance.

Mr H. J. Martin (headmaster of the Rothwell Council School) presided, and said that so far as he had read the history of England, he did not think there had been such a critical time for this country—they had at present. "The papers give us the impression—and impressions go a long way," he said, "that we are quite safe, and so long as our Navy is safe certainly we are all safe.

But even then we should be ready, as the evening papers say that the enemy is once more attempting to come along the coast of the North Sea, under a critical time for this country. Whatever may be the result of this war the enemy has been preparing for it. If they were to land it would not take a great army to overrun England." He had no audience were visit the Continent they would be impressed by the immense forts. He remembered the forts of Cologne, but where were these fortifications around Leeds and our other great towns? All Germans were trained to produce their bodies, and so long as our Navy is safe certainly we are all safe.

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Mr Keen was then called upon to give his lecture, and was accorded a hearty reception. The first slides were those of all the important persons in connection with the war on the side of the Allies:—The Tzar of Russia, King Albert of Belgium, President Poincare, the Emperor of Japan, the King of Servia—the latter said the lecturer, having the first half of the lecture, the cause of the war. Mr Keen followed up the incidents from the assassination of the aged Austrian Emperor's nephew, and the consequent arrest of the war—how Austria made demands upon Servia which the latter country could not meet. Then followed the portraits of Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts, General Sir John Jellicoe, General Joffre, and Lord Roberts. Commenting upon the Navy, the lecturer remarked that people who said the Navy was doing very little did not know what they were talking about. If the Navy had not held the supremacy of the sea England would have been faced with the worst of all eventualities—the enemy of ourselves. (Applause). The remainder of the pictures revealed some interesting incidents in connection with the war.

During an interval the following resolution was moved by the Rev. E. G. W. Bone (vicar of Rothwell):—"That all present at this meeting desire to place on record their unswerving determination to use all possible means at their disposal to support the Navy and Army in the war until peace has been restored by the unconditional surrender of the enemy, and thus for all time crush the arrogant military despotism of Prussia and Germany, under which she is seeking to devastate the whole world." He said there was no doubt that the whole of civilisation was being threatened by the German nation, and yet there were still not realise the seriousness of the situation. Supposing that Germany did invade England and effect a landing, there would be ten thousand times more suffering in this country than had been the horror of the world. No one would be respected—women, children, old men, and civilians would be murdered and tortured in the most awful and abominable way. Moreover, the point they would strike at would not be London, as it was only a great clearing house. It was not there the manufacturing districts. They manufactured goods came from the north, and the big cities on the east coast of England, and they would try to paralyse and destroy these districts in order to murder. What advantage would their victory have on trade and the working-men who had, by industry and hard work, laid by for later years? No, they had a great say in the trade of this country, had a people the Germans come and a man dared to say anything about his wages or his trade, he would be cast into prison or shot down like a dog. That was the danger which threatened Yorkshiremen and Yorkshire trade. There had been a great many young fellows belonging to Yorkshire who had gone out to defend their country. He could not help feeling anything but admiration for and gratitude to them. (Applause). Why was it that so many of these splendid fellows had been killed or were suffering? Many would not have been killed or wounded if there had been more to stand shoulder to shoulder. They read in the papers: "We are getting on well—keeping our stand, but we must have more men." Some of those present were past the age of going; some were not allowed to fight, but they could do just as much by spreading knowledge and arousing public opinion in regard to this matter. (Applause).

The resolution was seconded by Mr Keen, who said they were not only fighting for honour but for existence. In his appeal, he said that if the enemy were to invade this country, and the women and girls suffer they could do just as much death they would fight then, but it would be too late. If they realized their duty he was confident they would do it. If peace was obtained and they got into Germany, it would mean peace for 100 years.

The resolution was unanimously passed.

SIR FREDERICK MILNER DENOUNCES GERMANY.

NOTHING SACRED TO THE PRUSSIANS.

Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., formerly of Nun Appleton, Bolton Percy, in the course of an address at York on Monday night, said it was proved up to the hilt that Germany, and Germany alone, was responsible for this, the most wicked and the most terrible war waged in the history of nations. The fact of the matter was that the Germans got a vast idea of megalomania, and believed that she was specially set apart by God to possess the world, and for 40 years had made the most elaborate preparations for waging this war. Russia got into troubles and was seething with discontent; England was on the verge of civil war, and had serious labour troubles also; and France was unprepared for war. Therefore Germany thought her hour to strike had come, and she rushed into war. To Russia this was a holy war. She had fought with enthusiasm and valour, and for them were no excesses altogether against her. France fought as she always did—with courtesy and humanity. What should we say of England? Was there a man or a woman in that room whose blood did not thrill within them when they thought that they came from the same stock as the men who had suffered hardships and sufferings to hold the banner of English freedom, and had carried it triumphantly with honour and with glory. Loud applause). He would refer them to a letter written by an Army surgeon who had been in the thick of the fighting since the beginning of the war. He wrote:—

You speak of brave men. Those men are brave. If the people of the United Kingdom could see the million under which these men fight, how they fight, and how they die, I swear that every head would uncover to the Colours, and to that regiment bearing the names of these battles. For those names were won with the blood of heroes. I assure you that the Victoria Cross is won over and over again in the same day. These men are brave. They are glorious brave.

Sir Frederick then read the letter issued to the British troops by Lord Kitchener during mobilisation, and said that was the spirit of that letter that the British Army went out to war, and right nobly had they lived up to that spirit. How different might have been the history of the conduct of this war if the German Emperor—the German War Lord—issued the same instructions to his troops as the English War Lord.

Atrocities were committed in Louvain, but the worst atrocities were committed in Belgium. Murder, outrage, arson, looting, destruction of property damned their footsteps wherever they went. He did not think it was too hard a thing to say that they had shown themselves to be entirely without any sense of chivalry, of honour, of humanity, or of decency. They had constantly infringed the laws of honourable warfare.

They had violated the laws passed at the Hague tribunal by sowing the North Sea with mines, to the destruction not of British battleships, but of neutral vessels and innocent English travellers. They had shot at a vessel crowded with unhappy refugees, and no more damnable crime than that had been recorded in the annals of history. They had been guilty frequently of offences against the white flag, and our men who had gone to parley with them under the white flag had been shot down. Then, as they knew, Zeppelins had flown over defenceless cities, dropping bombs and murdering women and children, and they had even forced women and children to march in front of their troops. All these things faded into insignificance, when compared with the barbarities recorded in the reports of the Belgian Commission. It was almost impossible to believe that such deeds could be committed by a people calling themselves Christians. It made him absolutely sick to read about them.

Nothing seemed to be sacred to the Prussians. Churches all through Belgium, all the world, historic churches, glorious cathedrals—all deliberately destroyed by these vandals. These were the acts who considered that they were specially selected under the protection of the Almighty. They had the motto "God with us." When he thought of the things that had been done with the name of God on their lips, of weapons that were the unspeakable, never committed, of war waged not upon a day, but upon the centuries of faith that had reared glorious cathedrals to the honour of God now destroyed, women and children by dropping upon the reeking altars of inhuman passion, and all these things in the name of culture, the culture of the super-man, who considered himself above the law, and who said: "Might is right. God grant that the guilty nations which bears such guilt may perish on the face of the earth." (Loud applause). These abominable crimes called to Heaven for vengeance, and he believed that they would receive the vengeance of Heaven. We had to crush the Germans, or they would crush us. We had incurred their undying hate, and they had vowed to be avenged upon us. Until every citizen of this country combined to assist his country with heart and soul, she would be successful. (Applause). It might be a long war, and every single man in the country should recognise his duty and do it.

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THE WEEK'S MARKETS.

CORN.

SELBY, Monday.—Prices underwent little alteration. Wheat 42s. to 45s., medium 41s., inferior 39s. to 35s., medium 34s. to 32s., oats 26s. to 28s., barley 32s. to 36s. per qr.

PROVISIONS.

SELBY, Monday.—Eggs 5 and 6 for 1s.; butter 1s. 4d. to 1s. 5d. per lb.; ducks 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d., chickens 4s. 6d. to 5s. per couple.

POTATOES.

SELBY, Monday.—Little trade done in the potato market. More demand, however, is experienced, and prices advance. Sand Up-to-Dates 55s. to 60s., sand King Edwards 60s. to 65s., warp King Edwards 65s. to 70s. per ton. Retail 2s. 6d. to 3s. per hamper.

CATTLE.

SELBY, Monday.—At this mart to-day Messrs. Richardson and Son disposed of 57 beasts and 79 pigs. There was a rather better attendance of buyers than usual, but the stock all round was hardly up to last week's standard. Trade was brisk, best beef making 8d. per lb. No sheep on offer. A better supply of pigs, which sold at late rates. Good quality heifers in call were scarce and dear. Sheep realised as follows:—Fat bullocks up to £23 2s. 6d.; fat heifers up to £23 17s. 6d., fat cows up to £22 7s. 6d., store cattle up to £16 5s., heifers in calf up to £25, cows in milk up to £19 17s. 6d., bacon pigs up to £9, pork pigs up to £9 5s., and small store pigs up to £8 5s. 6d.

WHITKIRK AUCTION MART, Monday.—Messrs Bartle and Son had an improved entry of cattle, but smaller supplies of sheep and pigs. A large attendance of buyers. Young dairy cattle were in good demand, but older beasts were not so good to sell. Best newly calvers cows to £27 10s., secondary to £19 19s. 6d., present calvers to £19 15s., forward ones to £18 12s. 6d., fresh store bullocks £14 15s. to £17 17s. 6d. Fat cattle fully realised last fortnight's quotations; best heifers and bullocks 7½d. to 8d., second best 7d. to 7½d., young cows 7d., old fat cows and bulls 6½d. to 6¾d. per lb., bullocks to £21 7s. 6d., heifers to £20 15s., cows to £15 10s., bulls to £21 7s. 6d. Sheep realised dear; choice small shearlings 10d., heavier sheep 9d., and ewes 6½d. to 7½d. per lb. Fat pigs met a good demand; small choice porkers to 8s. 3d., large bacon pigs 8s. 2d., stronger ditto to 8s. 1d., fresh pigs 6d., stronger ditto to 5s. 6d. Breeding calves made 22s. to 37s. each. Numbers sold—95 newly calven, calving, and store cattle, 70 fat cattle, 109 sheep, 158 pigs, and 6 calves.

WETHERBY, Monday.—At this smart to-day Messrs. Thomlinson and Son had forward a splendid display of choice beef, a smaller show of sheep, and a light show of pigs. The attendance of butchers and dealers was well up to the average, and a firm trade for beef was maintained; sheep and pigs making about late rates. Best beef made from 9s. to 9s. 6d., secondary quality from 8s. 9d. to 9s. per stone; sheep from 9d. to 10d. per lb.; pigs 6s. 6d. to 7s. per stone.

Bullocks made to £33 17s. 6d., and sheep to 79s. each. Numbers sold: 100 beasts, 236 sheep, and 15 pigs. Mr. H. Maskill, late of Old Thorpe, had four splendid quality bullocks which made £31 17s. 6d., £33, £32 15s., and £29 15s.; three ripe bullocks from Mr W. L. Kendall, of Cowthorpe, made £26 15s., £24 and £23 10s.; Mr T. Dowson, of Walshford, had five bullocks, which made £28 2s. 6d., £27 5s., £26 15s., £26 15s., and £24 17s. 6d.; eleven beasts from Hall Garth Farming, made £31 5s., £24 15s., £23 2s. 6d., £23 5s., £23, etc.; four bullocks from Mr R. Dearlove, of Walton, made £24 17s. 6d., £23 10s., £23, £22 17s. 6d., and £22 15s.; Mr E. Liversidge, of Shewark, had six grand bullocks, making £26 2s. 6d., £25 17s. 6d., £25 5s., £26 5s., £25 5s., and £23 10s.; four heifers from Mr W. Hall, of Sharlston Lodge, made £22 7s. 6d., £21, £21 7s. 6d., and £20 7s. 6d.; Mr J. Jackson, of Northlands, had two bullocks making £22 12s. 6d. and £22 10s.; six well-fed black polled bullocks from Mr Elwess, of Ingmanthorpe, made £20, £19 5s., £19 5s., £18 10s., and £18 10s.; Mr R. Bielby, of Cattal, had two bullocks and a cow, which made £21 10s. and £19 7s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Holmes, of Linton, had three bullocks, making £20 9s. 6d., £23 7s. 6d., and £22 17s. 6d.; six grand quality bullocks from Mrs Otter, of Hunsingore, made £26 17s. 6d., £25 7s. 6d., £24 17s. 6d., £24 17s. 6d., £25, and £24 15s.; Mr R. Carr, of Wighill, had two bullocks making £23 17s. 6d. and £22 17s. 6d.; Mr J. H. Elridge, of Walton, had two bullocks, making £23 10s. and £22 17s. 6d.; four bullocks fed by the Auctioneers made £30 2s. 6d., £29 15s., £29, and £26 7s. 6d. Prime fat sheep from Mr R. Bielby made to 79s.; from Mr Buck, to 79s.; from Mr Hardcastle, to 57s.; from Mr E. Spink, to 55s. 6d.; from Mr W. Walker, to 51s. 6d.; from Mr J. Robinson, to 52s. 6d.; from Mr J. Thompson, to 59s. 6d.; from Mrs Otter, to 67s.; from Mr J. W. Atkinson, to 64s. each. Fat pigs from Mr Warrington made to 8s. 6d.; from Mr Dalby, to 7s. 8d.; and from Mr Wiggins, to 7s., etc., etc.

HUNTING IN THE DISTRICT.

MEET AT ASKHAM—A STORM.

On Tuesday the York and Ainsty Hunt met at Askham Richard, and Mrs Walker-Fairbairn gave a most cordial welcome and sumptuous spread to the members. A very large field turned out, including Mrs Jerome, the Hon. Mr. Hawke, Mr Harold and Mrs Nichol, Mr and Miss Dawson, Mrs Harold and Mrs Walker-Fairbairn, Miss Lorna Walker-Fairbairn, Mr Guy Fairfax, Mrs. P. Wormald, Miss Payne-Gallwey, Miss Paget, Mr H. Parker, Mr R. Sutton, Mr Lindsay Foulis, Mr Cundell, Mr Foulis, Mr Frank Bussey, Mrs. Wickham-Boynton, Mr and Miss Wheatley, Mr Richard Armitson, etc.

Many Belgian refugees looked on at the meet, and they appeared to be very excited when hounds moved off to draw. Hounds found their first fox in Askham Whin, going away at the Angram corner, and they were very quickly Running by the White House, Rufforth Grange Wood, and over the Grange farm the fox was lost by the Acomb Road after 40 minutes' hunt. Going to the Bogs for the next draw, Mr Lycett Green and Colonel Wilkinson had any amount of foxes, which went away in every direction. While hunting a fox back to the Bogs from the Kennel Wood a very heavy thunderstorm was experienced. The lightning being very vivid made a great sensation amongst the fields. Horses would not face the storm, and those that sheltered under trees got a great fright when the crack of thunder came. A few of the field had been fortunate to gain shelter in Mr H. Taylor's buildings. Hounds kept going through the storm, and after the storm had passed over ran well in cover. So many foxes in cover kept hounds at work. Hounds could not be got away on the foxes that broke cover. A ballon from the middle ride did not improve matters, scent was getting wretched, and no chance of sport. Fortunately hounds killed one before they left the bogs.

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GARFORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

WATER FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES—REFUSE TIP.

THE NUMBERING OF HOUSES AGAIN.

COLLECTION OF RATES—SUGGESTED INSTALMENTS.

The monthly meeting of Garforth Urban District Council was held on Wednesday night at the offices—Mr J. W. Dobson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs R. Routledge, jun., E. R. Archer, W. Goodall, T. S. Slater, W. W. Hartley, H. Gascoigne and H. Chappel, with the Clerk (Mr A. E. Carr), the surveyor (Mr T. Abbott), and the sanitary inspector (Mr Naylor).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee it was resolved that the Clerk write to Mr Lamb, solicitor, Leeds, asking him to convey away surface water from property at Springfield Place.

At a meeting of the Fire and Lighting Committee it was agreed that a number of hydrants be procured for the pipes, to be used in case of spills, that two hydrants be attended to—one at Green's Buildings and the other at the Colliery School, and that instructions be given to the gas manager to move the lamp in Coupland Road and place it pursuant to Mr Abbott's instructions.

WATER FOR BELGIAN REFUGEES.

At a meeting of the Water Committee it was decided that Mr Bosher be instructed to charge a scale rate for water for the house occupied by the Belgian Refugees.

On the reading of the minutes Mr Gascoigne moved that the Council do not charge for water to the Belgian refugees' house. They had plenty to do to get the money to keep those people without paying water charges, and it was a little for the Council could do to give the water.

Mr Slater seconded, and Mr Routledge supported.

Mr Chappel said that the public were keeping the refugees, and they would have to pay the deficiency in the water charges. If the amendment was carried. It was like taking money out of one pocket and putting it in the other.

Mr Gascoigne said that was not so. The whole parish would have to pay the deficiency, and they were not exactly identical with the people who subscribed to the Belgian Fund.

The minutes were adopted without the part relating to the matter discussed.

A RUBBISH TIP.

At a Sanitary and Building Committee meeting a letter was read from Mr T. Herbert Prater with regard to refuse tipping, and the committee recommended this for the Council's acceptance.

The letter from Mr Prater was read, in which he stated his was quite willing to let this Council have a rubbish tip in a field on the north side of the Cliff at a charge of 5s. per annum.

Mr Hartley discussed the area of the land, its capacity as a tip, and the good to it, and said he thought the Sanitary Committee should visit the field and give a report.

Mr Archer said that it was a question that required careful consideration, and he moved that the committee make such a report as indicated.

Mr. Hartley seconded, and this was agreed to, the minutes being adopted without the part relating to the tip.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

The medical officer was not present, having some professional duty to attend to, and he sent his report. Only a case of erysipelas was notified during November, and so far as he could learn no fresh cases of enteric had occurred.

There had been 15 births (10 males and 5 females) and 4 deaths, three of whom were males.

Dr. Pickersgill stated that he considered the health of the district highly satisfactory.

Mr Chappel complained of the absence of the medical officer, whom they had not an opportunity of asking questions. The last medical officer attended practically every meeting, and answered any question that they might put, but he did not think Dr. Pickersgill had attended half the meetings since he was appointed.

The Chairman said that was owing to his residing at a distance from Garforth.

Nothing further was said on the matter.

WATER INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Mr Naylor stated that up to November 30th (35 days) the consumption of water was 1,557,000 gallons, an average of 44,485 per day.

It was decided to purchase washers and leave them with Mr Bosher, who would supply them to water consumers as required. This is to check waste of water, and was brought forward by Mr Archer.

SCAVENGING CONTRACT.

In reply to the advertisement only one tender for the scavenging work of the area was received, and Mr Alfred Reed offered to do it for £160 for three months and £160 for six months.

Mr Archer proposed that the tender for six months be accepted.

Mr Goodall seconded, and this was adopted.

NAMING STREETS AND NUMBERING HOUSES.

A letter was received from the postal authorities complaining of the inconvenience to postmen owing to the houses in Garforth not being numbered.

A discussion ensued on the matter, and Mr Gascoigne stated that an estimate got out when the question was up before showed the work would cost about £25.

Mr Slater asked if they could get the cost of numbering the houses from the owners.

The Chairman said he did not think so. When it was up before they thought it should be uniformly done.

Mr Hartley: If the Council take as long to spend £20 on every thing we shall save a lot of money. (Laughter).

Mr Chappel said the cost was not much more than a farthing rate, and it would be very beneficial.

Mr Goodall said that at present they should not spend money on what they could do without.

Mr Gascoigne said it was three years since it was passed. Could they ask the owners to do it?

Mr Archer said that every owner would do the work in his own way, and it would be one-eyed. He had heard Garforth called an one-eyed place, and if the numberings were done in the way he indicated it would really be one-eyed.

The Chairman said that all the colliery houses were numbered, as well as those in a number of the streets in the place.

The Clerk pointed out that it was decided when the estimates were adopted the work should not be done this half-year.

Mr Gascoigne said they were considering whether it could not be done at the owners' expense.

The Chairman said they could take the work into consideration next half-year, and the matter then dropped.

PRIVATE STREETS.

Mr Gascoigne asked if the Local Government Board had fixed the date of the inquiry into the application for a loan for making-up the private streets?

The Clerk said they had not.

Mr Gascoigne said that nothing had been done to the streets, and they were hardly fit to walk on.

THE COLLECTION OF RATES.

Mr Hartley said that last half-year he understood 131 persons had been summoned for non-payment of the district rate. He thought the rate might be taken in instalments. People who had been summoned had said they could have paid in this way, and it would have saved trouble. A rate collector had told him that he collected money in that way. He was not saying anything that would reflect on Mr Bosher, but he thought he should be seen and asked if he could not deal with the matter in the way indicated.

The Chairman: The difficulty would be with the rate books.

Mr Slater said that the collector had to show the amount collected and when collected, and how could he do it if it was paid by instalments?

Mr Hartley said he would not have to enter it until he received the full sum.

The Chairman said it would be a good thing if they could take payment by instalments, but it would lead to irregularities.

After further discussion, the matter was allowed to drop.

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

— BY —

ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Border chrysanthemums have retained their freshness until late in the season, but are now practically over. It is not generally known that many varieties will live through the severest winter if they are protected with a few inches of rough ashes. The Musse family are very hardy, and we have known them live for years without being disturbed. In very exposed districts it is advisable to remove a portion of the plants to a cold frame for protection. They may be placed in pots, or planted in the frame bottom. Border varieties are easily increased. All that is necessary is to divide them up in spring, and plant the young shoots either in nursery beds or in their flowering quarters. Many varieties produce a large number of young shoots from the base, and if large clumps are desired, for flower garden decoration, it is a good plan to plant about half-a-dozen shoots about six inches apart. It must be remembered that all chrysanthemums are gross feeders, and the ground for them must be heavily manured. Where old plants are left in the ground they should be manured in spring.

AUTUMN DUTIES.

With the advent of December usually comes the weather that effectually puts a stop to outdoor gardening operations. No time should be lost when the weather is favourable in completing the necessary cleaning of shrubberies, herbaceous borders, rockeries, etc. Thoroughness should be the watchword when cleaning operations are on hand. Decaying leaves, weeds, dead wood, and all unnecessary litter should should be cleared away, and where it is possible the soil should be turned up to give it a fresh appearance. It is not possible to do this in the herbaceous border without disturbing a quantity of the roots, and this should be avoided. In many shrubberies and plantations the same difficulty exists and it would be a mistake to sacrifice the roots for the sake of appearances. On light soils the herbaceous border should now receive a good mulching of rotten manure. Heavy soils may be dressed with bonemeal, or if that is not available the mulching must be postponed until spring when a dressing of manure may be given.

All necessary planting of bulbs, plants, shrubs, roses, trees, etc., should be hurried on without delay.

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

Early digging is an important point in vegetable cultivation. We desire to impress upon our readers the fact that frost plays a very important part in bringing the soil into good heart. The ground should be dug deeply, but no attempt at breaking the lumps of soil, too exciting cut, should be made. The rougher it is the deeper the frost can penetrate to a good depth. Frost is a purifier, and in addition, destroys thousands of insect foes, even in a small garden. Any irregularities that exist may easily be rectified out with a fork in spring.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

So many shows have been cancelled this year that it has been difficult to form an idea as to the merits of the new varieties. A large number were introduced last spring, and if the shows had been held as usual it is very probable that some striking new subjects would have been exhibited. The drawback to growing these new single varieties is that very few of them are decorative enough. Because a variety may be grown to a large size, and gives a fine flower by being disbudded, it does not follow that it would prove satisfactory if allowed to develop as it pleased. Many of the various pompons, Pompon, Porta, and Mermichum Yellow. The latter will produce a quantity of bloom it is true, but unless it is disbudded its pretty incurve is developed as mass. Pompons in an ideal exhibition variety, but it grown as a bush plant it is disappointing. On the other hand there are many varieties which are disappointing if disbudded, whereas if they were allowed to bloom naturally they would be classed as first rate sorts. Ideality is one of these. When disbudded the flowers are coarse, and do not open freely. Grown naturally the flowers are produced freely in large sprays. The habit of the plant is all that could be desired—dwarf, free-branching, and sturdy. We commend this variety to readers who desire a good white for cutting purposes. Another white, which may be grown either for exhibition or table decoration, is Lilian Billington. This variety has been raised by a northern exhibitor, and will take a prominent place in the near future. The flowers are exceptionally large and well-formed, and are produced in great profusion. The old favourite Mensa is still one of the best white, and its primrose sport, Mrs Lou Thompson, should be in every collection. As a purely decorative, Kitty Boorer would be hard to beat as a yellow, whilst a companion variety, which, which may be used for exhibition, is Miss M. Otter. This is a large, flat flower, and of a rich yellow shade. It would be extremely difficult to make a selection of varieties to suit everyone, and the few we have mentioned include several of the older ones. They are well worth growing, however, and to the list may be added Symphon Radiance, Chas. Kingsley, J. B. Lout, R. B. Burge, Mrs Hulmes, and Snow Queen. The latter is really an anemone, but the centre is so small that it has been placed amongst the singles.

JAPANESE.

The beautiful large, white Queen Mary is perhaps the most popular Jap. in existence. We have seen some splendid blooms of it, and others that cannot be carefully satisfactory. To get the best results the cuttings should be rooted early and first crown buds must be secured. Second crowns show an eye. Mrs R. Luxford is another good white variety. It has long, broad petals, and builds up into a huge bloom. Mrs J. G. Day is a large variety and a vigorous grower. The soft pink Mrs Alfred Jones is expected to be this become a favourite. His Majesty is a rich velvety crimson, large and with long, broad, evenly reflexed petals. This is perhaps the richest coloured variety of its section. Miss A. Roope is a decidid acquisition to the yellows. First crown buds are best, and when well grown this variety is almost as large as Queen Mary. Frederick Dorrell is a beautiful purple with long curling florets. D. B. Crane we still consider to be one of the best. The exceptionally long, twisting florets make it very attractive. Francis Felliffe is another huge variety of great merit.

DECORATIVE VARIETIES.

For general usefulness the decorative varieties are far the best, and amateurs who have no ambition to pose as exhibitors of the large Japanese varieties would do well to confine their efforts to these and the singles. There are scores of really good varieties, and the cultivation of this section is extremely simple. A few of the best are: Bilton's Favourite, Parson's White, Hortus Tophusanus, Professor Fillet, Source du Pentrenge (in various colours), Precheuter, Source d'or, Doris Rexburn, Mrs. H. Turner, Market Red, Mrs W. Wells, Niveus, Mrs Greenfield, and David Ingamells.

The mammoth order recently given by the Government for the supply of cotton flannel and coarse for the British troops has created extraordinary activity in the fur and clothing trades. These coats are being made of grey goat skins, the ordinary cloth being lined to 45 inches in length with the fur.

THREE SELBY BROTHERS IN THE ARMY.

Private Tom Welch, and Gordon Highlanders, who is 39 years of age, has been a prisoner of war in Germany since August 26th. He was in the Army for twelve years, and subsequently passed on to the Reserve, and prior to rejoining the Colours he had been employed as a parcels postman at York station, while later he was employed at the Olympia Oil Mills, Selby.

Private Ben Welch, who is 31 years of age, is also in the 2nd Gordon Highlanders, and was made a prisoner of war at the same time as his elder brother. Prior to rejoining the Colours at the outbreak of the war he had worked at the York Post Office and also as a porter at Stourton Bridge. He served for seven years with his regiment before joining the Reserve.

Corporal Herbert Welch, who is 33 years of age, served for seven years in the West Yorkshire Regiment, and was in action throughout the Boer War, while he also saw active service in India. Leaving the regiment he returned to York, and for some time was employed as a tram conductor, but about two years ago he went to Selby, where he obtained a situation at the Olympia Oil Mills. At Selby he joined the Territorial Force, and on the outbreak of the war was called up on the mobilisation of the Yorkshire units. He has been stationed with the Yorkshire Brigade at Stranraal, but is now quartered with his company at St. Mary's, Bishophill, York, having recently been promoted corporal.

THE ARCHBISHOP AND THE KAISER.

In his monthly letter to the diocese, the Archbishop of York says:—"There are signs of a very un-Christian spirit of malignity towards our enemies. I will give you one instance of what I mean. On Sunday, November 22nd, while addressing a memorable assembly of over 2,000 men in York, I made a passing allusion to the German Emperor. I had been speaking of the origin of the war, and insisting that history would record the verdict that the responsibility for its calamities must be laid upon the German Government; but in saying this I deplored the gross and vulgar abuse which had sometimes been heaped upon the Emperor personally, and I quite incidentally expressed my own feeling—nothing more—that he was with great reluctance he felt himself compelled to accept that fact that his conduct and the conduct of his Ministers had involved himself in a war with England." This allusion to the Emperor, isolated from the context of the whole address, appears to have been widely reported in the newspapers throughout the country. The impression seems to have been thus created that a long address spoken with the sole object of inspiring my hearers with a strong faith in the justice of our cause, and enthusiasm for its support, was mainly intended to defend the German Emperor!. This in itself is only a conspicuous instance of the way in which the isolation of single sentences from their context can pervert the whole character and object of a speech.

"I allude to the matter here because these misleading reports have let loose upon me a torrent of extraordinary abuse. Of course, such abuse does not give me personally the slightest concern; but the volume of it has been a sombre what sinister sign of that spirit of malignity towards our enemies which seems to me to be quite incompatible with any kind of Christian principle. The responsibility of the Emperor and of his advisers for plunging Europe into this awful war, and for the ruthlessness with which in unhappy heroic Belgium it has been waged, is —God knows—heavy enough; and some share of that responsibility must rest with the whole German nation in so far as it has allowed itself to be poisoned by the principles of Prussian militarism. But the most full, and, as I believe, just sense of the Christian duty of responsibility does not justify either the spirit or the language of blind prejudice and bitter hatred. Our cause is too sacred to be dragged down thus. If we are to win worthily, we have need for ourselves and for the whole nation, to pray 'From hatred and malice and all unCharitableness, Good Lord, deliver us.' I have had in my mind ever since the war began, and have often quoted, the words of that great citizen-soldier, Abraham Lincoln—"With malice towards none, with charity towards all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish this work we are in." That is the true temper of Christian patriotism. Let us try to keep it.

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned at an inquest in London on Monday on an Indian woman who, the evidence showed, was greatly addicted to the opium habit. The principal witness was Mr James Sidney Lee, civil engineer, of Redcar, who stated that the woman, whom he met in India, had lived with him for eighteen years. He found her unconscious last Wednesday. He had, he said, known her to take ten grains of cocaine in a day.

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THE DRINGHOUSES FATALITY.

At an inquest held at the York Military Hospital, on Tuesday, into the death of Private J. Storrs, of Chesham Street, Horton Road, Bradford, a member of H Company of the National Reserves, who died in that institution as the result of injuries, received in a motor accident at Dringhouses, on November 20th, it was stated that about ten o'clock at night, Mr Storrs and another Reservist named Mr James Merrick were assisting a civilian named McPherson, who was under the influence of drink, to get home, when they were run into by a car owned by Lieut. Moor, of Huddersfield, of the National Reserve.

The night was foggy, and the car was travelling very slowly, pulling up immediately. Mr Storrs had also had some drink.

Dr. W. G. Micklethwait said that when he examined Storrs the man was suffering from concussion and the effects of alcohol. His ankle was crushed and bruised. He did well in the hospital for four days, and then developed delirium, which caused his death. The delirium supervened on alcoholism, and was accelerated by the injuries.

The injuries were not such as would have caused death to a healthy man.

In summing up, the Coroner said it was pathetic that encased should have met his death while assisting a friend.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," finding that the cause was as stated by Dr. Micklethwait.

Mr Scott, on behalf of Lieut. Moor, expressed sympathy with the relatives.

LICENSED HOUSES IN LEEDS

At the close of a meeting of the Leeds Licensing Committee, held at the Town Hall, on Tuesday, to consider the situation which has arisen in regard to the proposal to restrict the sale of intoxicants at the public houses and clubs of the city, the following official statement was issued to the Press:—

It having been reported to the committee that matters have much improved since the making of the proposed order, and that the conditions with regard to the billeting of troops in licensed places have been altered, the Licensing Committee think the proposed order, and adjourn the further consideration of the question for the present.

Fourteen of the professional players of Bradford Northern Union Football Club have joined the colours.

Sir James B. Dougherty, until recently Under Secretary at Dublin Castle, was on Monday returned unopposed as Liberal member for Londonderry City, in place of the late Mr D. C. Hogg.

An English lady, who has just reached her Hampshire home from Germany, in an interview on Saturday, said the German public were still being deluded as to the real state of affairs. They believe that the German army practically smashed the British Navy that it is quite an easy matter to cross the Channel, and they expect to conquer England by Christmas. The public have great faith in their Zeppelins.

An official return issued at Belfast, shows that the number of men who have joined the Army and Special Reserve in the Province of Ulster from the beginning of the war up to Saturday last total 20,768, of whom 14,460 represent the strength of the thirty-sixth division which has been raised from the Ulster Volunteer force. In Belfast alone, 15,445 recruits have been enrolled, including 65 who have joined the Irish Horse Service Battalion Black Watch (Territorials).

At Thorp Stapleton! The fact that the Leeds City Council have accepted a tender of £141,908 in connection with sewage disposal is a reminder that the Corporation will have on hand the big sewage scheme imposed upon them by the West Riding Rivers Board. Begun in 1909, the sewage works at Knostrop have already involved the carrying out of fifty contracts and the expenditure of £1,250,000. The total cost of the scheme, when completed, is estimated for at a figure of £1,277,000, but some few years will have passed before that money will have been borrowed and spent. Meanwhile, sewage treatment to a considerable extent is going on both at Knostrop, Rodley, and Killingbeck.

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WAR CHAT.—No. 16.

In last week's article we saw how to prepare for the coming winter. This week, I propose to deal with the question of feeding the birds during the dark, dreary days of December, which are now with us. Many poultry-keepers make the mistake of feeding their birds in exactly the same way and on the same old diet all the year round, little thinking how tired the birds must get of the menu, and that they need a variance of food quite as much as we do, and that with the change of seasons they also need a change of food—that which was suitable in the summer is not equally as suitable in the winter. Another big mistake made by many poultry-keepers is that of flying to mash as soon as the winter arrives, and giving it all day, until the warm days of spring induce them to give something different. Mash is a very useful food—in fact, a valuable food—if given judiciously, but when given to excess, especially to birds in close confinement, it tends to increase fat, and, as you know, fat hens are not laying hens—the kind you want, and want badly. The first meal of the day should always be a soft mash, and given as soon as day breaks, which is not very early just now. It should also be served warm, and may consist of (1) scalded biscuit meal, dried off with sharps; (2) ground oats mixed up and dried off with sharps; (3) "special laying meal," similarly mixed and dried off. If green food is scarce, dry clover chaff should be scalded and mixed in the mash, and for a few birds any household scraps may be cut into small pieces and utilised. Of course, to any of the above you will add Coleman's poultry mustard at the rate of one heaped teaspoonful of mustard to every six birds. Only give the birds just as much as they will eagerly eat, as fine feed for much the birds become sour, stand about, and catch colds. Bury a little corn in the litter of the scratching-shed, so as to keep the birds busy and continually on the move, as exercise is the key-note to success in winter egg-production. At noon, on allowance of fresh cut green bone or lean meat and short white oats should be given on alternate days. Never feed the last meal a smack, and any green food available may also be given. The last feed, about an hour before roosting time, should consist of good red wheat; one night, white oats; the next, maize. On very wet, cold, or wet days small round maize may be substituted, and, by way of a change, it may be boiled and given warm, as also may the wheat. The drinking water should not be overlooked, and the drinking water needs careful attention, and to prevent colds a little of my roup powder should be added as per directions supplied with each packet.

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John O'Gaunt's (Misses Lunn and McWilliams), 19s. 6d.

The total is £35 19s. 8½d.

CORRESPONDENCE

THE NEW BEER WAR TAX.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I was astonished to read the statement of Mr Lloyd George that the brewers had not objected to the extra new tax which has been placed upon beer. The indignation of the "trade" as a whole is only to be equalled by the indignation of the beer-drinking public.

To any thinking mind the following output of the Farnsworth United Breweries for the second and fourth weeks in November, the first entirely without the new tax, and the second under the war tax, will prove that the increase is not going to matter to the Exchequer the amount anticipated by the Chancellor. For the second week November 14th, 1914, 7,433 barrels or 72 cwt. duty amounts to £950. For the week ended November 28th, 1914, but 6,618 or 70 cwt. 3qr. 16lb. amount to £846.

This gives Mr Lloyd George an increase of £80, on own week, and for this £80 a sound business is destroyed, the property depreciated to at least one-fifth of its value, the value of the capital, and the number of employees reduced in the county of ——. In addition to this there are no fewer than 700 customers who are traders seriously injured, with nothing but rude scowls given to the beer.

Speaking for our brewery alone, it is worth £80 per week to destroy the commercial value of a brewery? Is it worth £80 per week to destroy the financial resources of our brewery when, why endeavour to be loyal and support their country on all occasions?

And may I say, it is quite time the relatively paltry sum by destroy a national business, to put an end to liquor beer-drinking, and to encourage the working men to exercise spare drinking, which has increased enormously.

The United States Legislature is doing something in its power to discourage spare drinking and to promote the use of beer, which is looked upon as food, and it is recognised by users of beer in this country in the same light.—Thanks, etc.,

W. T. Dewar.

Crossgrove, Farnsworth.

MELBY LIBERALS AND WHIST DRIVES.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I am surprised to learn that the Liberal Party in Selby are holding weekly whist drives at a time like the present, when it is generally understood that all energies ought to be put forward.

Moreover, I understand that it was known to their officials that the Conservative Party in Selby had decided not to run their usual weekly whist drives during the war, except one or two for some particular object.

The only consolation that can be placed on the action of the Selby Liberals is that they are helping an enemy although the party purports.—Yours, etc.,

Observer.

WATER AND SEWERAGE IN BARNSTON AND VILLAGES.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—I take the liberty of writing you on the above subject, as many of our inhabitants villages in this District, under the control of the Tadcaster authorities are apparently very indifferent stimulated to.

As a recent resident from a town with its own water, gas, electric supply and sanitary arrangements, I may say our chief complaints in the above matters are consistently neglected by the authority for dealing with such matters. Whatever the cause may be suggested on I am at a loss to understand, though such matters are certainly not in comparison with even the smaller towns.

Permit me to mention—no pure water in the vicinity of good wholesome drinking water (undesirable in many cases) has to be had from messenger, emptying his own closets, in many cases sewage draining into open trains which the cattle have to drink, and if new house property is to be built we have without submitting plans to any authority and provide his own arrangement for dealing with the sewage, provide his own drinking water, this being simply surface water obtained by a sump as well as of no use for dog, which in rainy weather the water in the fields stands inside drop, and then, of course, finally drains through our wells, and is used for drinking. I have in mind some new property recently erected in our village, where two different lots of property pumps to new joints of each other have four different wells of this nature, one of which I have, is likely to be a mineral water (unless contaminated), and the Wesleyan cannot water in her brewing (tea), so that Harrogate only have to look out.

Other cottages have adopted the locket system, instead of dry mine closets, and though at present

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SPLENDID WORK BY CROSSGATES RED CROSS WORKERS.

For several months the lady workers of the Crossgates Red Cross Society, consisting of members of Moorlais Church and Crossgates Wesleyan Church, have been making a weekly Rothwell Inland pertinent, for the purpose of making garments for our soldiers and sailors, and for the year ended up to November 5th they had actually distributed no fewer than 500 garments. They have accomplished splendid work, and, with the assistance of the Red Cross Society, Mrs Elliott (Secretary Road) is the secretary, Mrs Chadley and Mrs Moore work secretaries, and Miss Hulbert, treas.

An interesting and enjoyable function took place in the Wesleyan Lecture Hall on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Red Cross Society, who contributed to an excellent tea provided by Mrs Dewhurst, Miss Jessop, Miss Gillett, Miss Hulbert, Miss Moore, Mrs. H. H. Mallinson (chair), Rev. E. Bell (Wesleyan minister), Rev. Dewhurst, Mrs. Dewhurst, Mr. W. G. Brownhouse, and Mr S. H. Young. After the evening was held—Rev. E. Bell presiding—a concert was given by members of the choir, being transacted the ladies were heartily congratulating.

The Chairman, after expressing their appreciation of Mrs Dewhurst's services, stated that when the Vicar came to him and said it would be a gracious thing if the ladies of the two churches would work together to the Red Cross cause he was only too glad to accept the suggestion, and he was delighted to find how quickly the ladies had responded, with what a great amount of work they had done. It had been suggested that they might do a little more in the way of raising money which could eventually be disbursed to those who needed it most, and he stated how funds had been got in Dunsley, by means of weekly subscriptions, and the evening adopted such a scheme, a total of 1s. per week would be required for the week.

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Mr S. H. Young, in response to the call of the Chairman, said he was pleased to be present at a meeting held in Crossgates. He said that in Temperance they did not get much to do, but the wisdom was there, but from experience they learned a thing or two. They decided that they would have a collection, and that the money should be spent there or in the district. In their collections, but subscriptions on a weekly basis. Every part of the parish was represented on the committee, and every house would be visited. He concluded in the scheme of collection, house given weekly, and very thankful they were to receive the proposal. They were very glad to help and others gave assistance. They had raised £40 a month collected in small sums. It had required them to deal with all sorts—conditions and circumstances in the parish. They allowed the Crossgates Red Cross Society £10 a month collected, and, in addition, they had given £15 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The Vicar said that in Crossgates they ought to exclude any backwardness, which could be dealt with by their church funds. He felt that any money raised should go for the relief of the families of those who had gone to the war, viz., of soldiers, etc., the Queen's Fund, etc.

Mr Young said that in Templetown-wards there had been little distress, and it had increased lately the last two months.

Mrs. Dewhurst asked if they should consult Seacroft in the district.

The Vicar said he did not see why they should not do so.

Mr Dewhurst said another question was the purchase of clothing for wounded Belgian soldiers, and he stated that he had arranged that the Belgian Committee should be given to the Red Cross Society in Tadcaster, and said he had received applications for clothing for the soldiers, and they should do their utmost to help her. His wife, he said, had done a great deal in connection for their friends in the church, and she had remarked, "My word, they can work." He thought the ladies would do the same for the Belgians, and if they worked together, and they would be able to appreciate each other's work. Whilst the soldiers were in the trenches he thought it was the duty of every non-combatant to do something at home, and there was work for every man and woman.

Mrs Dewhurst said that the amount of work done had been marvellous. They had had twelve machines at work, as they would see by the list. She was sorry to say she did not go in much with the ladies (Laughter). The meetings had been a great pleasure and she had thoroughly enjoyed them. They had got to know the ladies from the church, and she did not think that in future they would clash in their meetings and work, because they would know each other. She was very much in favour of a house-to-house collection being made. A great many people in the district, she was sorry to say, did not go to a church, and they had not an opportunity of giving. They had been doing something in summer, but a great many could do more than they were doing.

It was resolved to form an organization called Crossgates and District Distress Committee, and Mr Brownhouse was appointed secretary, Mr Chadwick treasurer, and Mrs. E. Bell and Miss Vicar were appointed Chairman, and Mrs Dewhurst, Mrs Mallinson, Mrs Moore, Mrs Chadley, and Mrs. Elliott were elected on the committee. Collectors will be appointed in the several districts to make a house-to-house collection.

Thursday's issue of the work of the Red Cross Society was given. Mrs. Dewhurst, on behalf of Mrs. Elliott, stated they had sent a subscription of £5 to the Lord Mayor's Fund. They received from the Lady Mayoress material for making sixty-nine shirts and bed jackets. Other work turned out by the Society was as follows:—Linen and bandages to the St. John's Ambulance Society, 75 garments to the Belgian Refugees at Harrington Hall, 118 garments to Belgian Refugees at Keighley, 48 garments to Belgian Refugees at Leeds, 25 garments to Belgian Refugees at Templetown, 250 garments to Belgians in Belgium, 80 garments to wounded in Templetown-ward, 13 garments to military base hospital at Rouen, 61 garments to soldiers at Grimsby, 50 garments to soldiers at Colwell, and 134 garments to troops in the front. The total distributed to November 5th was 900 garments. She explained that they had four trunks full of garments, and other things, for the Belgian distribution, and she expressed their gratitude to people who had sent them cloth, etc.

Miss Hulbard stated that the receipts were as follows:—Collections at Wesleyan Church £2 12s. 3d., donations 10s. 7d., 13s. 9d., £1 1s. 6d., £1 1s. 6d., collections and donations at Moorlais Church £1 1s. 6d., and sale of flags £1 10s. 6d., the total being £27 9s. 2d. The expenditure was:—Goods for Leeds Hospital Fund £1, and goods bought and carriage £17 2s. 2d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 7s. 0d. She stated that there was £1 10s. 6d. in the bank, money in hand, in the several money for wool, etc.

It was decided, on the motion of Mrs Mallinson, seconded by Mrs Chadley, that the sewing meetings should in future be held once a fortnight.

A song recitation by Miss Campbell, and Misses A. Taylor and Tudor played a pianoforte duet.

MIDDLETON MINER'S EXCITING ADVENTURES.

STIRRING STORIES OF THE BATTLE-FIELD.

A Middleton miner, Harry Hartley, a reservist, who was called up with the old Leinster Regiment, has had some thrilling experiences at the front. He was wounded, and has been in an hospital at Edinburgh for a month. He got to the front just after the retirement from Mons, and his division assisted in driving the Germans back to the Aisne.

"And it was a hot time we had there, and no mistake," he says. "For 14 days and nights we were confined to the trenches, and it was a case of fight, fight, fight all the time. Such a thing as getting food in the day time was out of the question, for if a finger went up above the trenches it was a thousand to one on the bring shot off. We had to wait for the night, and we could after darkness fell. When you had got it you might not enjoy it, for probably as soon as the scene time had been put on the fire a shell would burst there every one and the canteens to smithereens."

"Yes, it's quite true that the Germans won't face cold steel. Many times at the Aisne we would allow the enemy to advance in their usual way, and then charge with the bayonet at a couple of hundred yards. They would open fire, and after throwing them out advanced beyond in front. You should have seen them turn tail and bolt. In Germany they are driven like sheep. Nearly every German soldier has been enabled in the back. That doesn't sound like facing cold steel does it?

"After being entrenched in the trenches on the Aisne, we had the peculiar, almost uncanny, experience of being as near dwellers for about five days. These caves were the only places where we could get any rest. Sometimes that we were safe from the 'Jack Johnsons.' Very remarkable places these caves are, too, one in particular being of such tremendous dimensions that a large crowd could assemble in it. There were shops and all sorts of things going on in the whole week there, I never saw daylight. I think they had been used as wine-cellars at some time.

"From there, up went to the village of ——, where surprisingly enough, a lot of the farmers were Germans. And a remarkable fact, though nevertheless true, is that whilst that part of the village where these Germans lived was badly severely shelled, that occupied by the French farmers was bombarded. Spies had evidently given the German gunners the tip. As a matter of fact, we found a number of spies hereabouts, our sergeant-major 'bagging' two himself.

"Handing this district over to the French, we were moved to the north-west, travelling by train via Calais, and afterwards by motor-omnibuses to Hazebrouck.

"We drove the Germans out of a place here described—I forget the name—and the poor people who had been hiding in the cellars told us of the debauchery and wholesale looting that had taken place there. We could see for ourselves, without being told.

"In many cases, the Germans had gone into the houses and pitched the bedding through the windows, and then used the rooms as they could in spare it. Their losses may have been heavy, just as ours were, but nothing could justify the wrecking of a place as this was wrecked.

"It was at this place that I was one of a reconnoitring patrol of three. On reaching a farm-house the other two kept watch outside whilst I went into a sort of barn. I was on my chances of Pop to a cover wanted to see his pigeons, as I guess it a peak with my bayonet. My suspicions were justified, for there was a squeak—evidently I had pricked a pigeon—and coming the bird I found two Germans, in drunk as lords. They were not in a state to fight, so we merely took them prisoners.

"At Armentieres the 9th Brigade and the old Leinsters got surrounded by several thousand Germans, and it became a question of charging them or being taken prisoners, and our chaps were not having any of the latter. Our cousin guns assigned and his men therefore did a fine thing that night. They crept out of the trenches, and on to the Germans machine-gun, killed all the men who manned it, and turned it upon the enemy. Then the rest of us charged for it and we got them. Unfortunately, we had a fair number of casualties, but it was better than surrendering."

It was in this thrilling bit of fighting that Hartley was wounded in the right arm, one of the bullets wounds being almost completely torn out. Now Hartley is getting strong again, and he hopes that by Christmas he will be able to go out again and "see the thing through."

Hartley speaks in great praise of the ambulance arrangements of the Royal Army Medical Corps. He says, are in marked contrast to those which existed in the South African war, through which he served.

He is also loud in his praise of the entertainments arranged for the wounded that is taken to see that the men's worn-out boots are quickly replaced with new ones.

It is interesting, too, to hear his declaration emphatically that the Germans have got inexperienced youths in the fighting-line. "There can be no doubt about it," he says, "because I have seen them. They are young enough to be the sons of our chaps, and you can tell they are only fresh to the war, because of the fact that everything they have is brand new."

CARLTON PIGEON FANCIERS' SHOW.

THIRD ANNUAL SHOW.

The third annual show of flying homers, was held in the large room of the Unicorn Inn, Carlton, on Saturday afternoon, and turned out to be a great success. Competitors were present from in the previous year, and the entries numbered 224, which is an increase of about 70 birds compared with last year.

The exhibits were judged by Mr Soloway (Henry Worsdon District Federation), and the secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr P. Hopton, of the Unicorn Inn. The judge's awards were as follows:—

Cock or hen (hens not miles), open:—1 and two specials, R. Briggs; 2 ; J. Colladon; 3, Fox Bros.; reserve, Slater Bros.

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Cock (young entry), open:—1, E. G. Howarth; 2, A. Jackson; 3, Slater Bros.; reserve, Wilson Bros.

Hen (young entry), open:—1, J. Colladon; 2, W. H. Hartham; 3, S. Nicholson; reserve, W. Dinsdale.

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In Londesborough Street, Selby, there are 33 houses, and 20 men are serving the country in the Army from that street.

Progress is being steadily made with the construction of the municipal golf course at Rimsby, but it is improbable that play will be allowed thereon before the Spring.

Colonel Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall, has taken a generous part in the scheme for helping a hospital near Boulogne, and he is also assisting the authorities to form soldiers' clubs at Hazes and Rimes.

Mrs Gascoigne has formed a hospital at Lotherton Hall for the use of wounded soldiers, and, under two trained nurses, the Voluntary Aid Detachments have kindly offered to assist her in the work. There are now sixteen patients under treatment.

Memorial Service.—A memorial service to the late Admiral Vernon Inwat, a private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, was held on Thursday night at St. Judith's Church, Rossall Grove. Private Inwat perished on H.M.S. Monmouth, which was lost in the naval action off Chile on November 1st. The large congregation included representatives of the Lords-in-waiting whose were Inspector Inwat, of the Leeds City Police Force, and Mrs Inwat—representatives of the Royal Army Medical Corps, of which division Inwat had been a soldier, and of the Church Lads' Brigade. Amid the cries of the Monmouth, and several members of the City Constabulary. The impressive choral service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. T. T. Pilcher), assisted by the Rev. C. S. Chappell, of St. Wilfrid's Mission Church.

A Crimean Fusion Hero.—The name of Sergeant George A. Cook, 1st Essex Yorks., has been undoubtedly associated with gallantry. Last printed in our columns of the gallant young men serving the King and country, and of whom the people of Church Fenton are proud. Sergeant Cook is now lying in the Hospital, Staithes-bridge, near Hoddon, suffering from wounds received in action. In a letter to the master of the Parish Church, the sergeant says:—"I am very sorry to cause vigoration, he says:—"I am very proud to think I have done a little for my country. I am not troubling about the wound. We had a rough time trying to get the worst experience I had was being "buried alive," the effects of which I am suffering from yet. I hope and trust the young men of Church Fenton will follow my lead and join the Army. I spent 21 and a month's leave when I have been, when I hope to still end we you. The experience we have had has opened my eyes, and my outlook, and the inhabitants of the country are something dreadful. I will, however, relate my story when I see you." Sergeant Cook is only 22 years of age. He is a grandson of the late Thomas Ambler, who for nearly 30 years was a bellringer at the Parish Church.

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Rolls of Honour are being compiled for Garforth, Rothwell, Templenewsam, and other parishes, and it is intended that a permanent record shall be made and placed in an institution, so that future generations may have an opportunity of reading the names of the men who were sufficiently patriotic to respond to the call of King and country. Many men are ineligible for military service, but there are a greater number who are qualified but still not go—some folks call them "slackers"—and it is the duty of the community to honour those who are willing to make the supreme sacrifice for love of home, good faith, and liberty. These men are a class apart, and they should be made to feel that we have for them a respect which cannot be given to men who shirk their duty.

In Barkston Ash a scarcity of labour exists, and the surveyor for Tadcaster rural district states that he cannot get enough men for the work upon the roads. A gentleman connected with a colliery undertaking in the district says that men cannot be got, so it seems that every man who will work can at the present time obtain full employment if he desires it. Of course, a large number of men have gone from the district to the Army, and their withdrawal from the labour market is having its effect.

Is it possible to form an Association of Rifle Clubs in Barkston Ash Division? This question was raised in our last issue by Mr Watson, of Swillington, and I suppose it has been discussed by the officials of clubs. The movement at present is not very strong in the district, there being organizations at Cross-gates, Whitkirk, Swillington, Monk Fryston, and Wetherby, but, as Mr Watson says, the formation of a Divisional Association might have a stimulating effect. At Garforth, I am assured, a very large membership could be obtained were a club started, but the range difficulty in this, as in many other cases, has proved an insuperable one to the formation of an organization. So far as the setting up of a Divisional Association is concerned, it would be easy to get into communication with the officials of the clubs in the district, and their views could be ascertained on the matter. Were they favourable to the suggestion a meeting could be convened at Crossgates—the most convenient place for all the clubs—and, in this way, something practical might be done.

In our last issue a correspondent in the Tadcaster rural area directs attention to the sanitation in villages, and he states that a man can build a house without submitting plans, etc. Plans must be submitted for property in the more populous places, but it is a fact that the bye-laws have no application in many parishes—a very unsatisfactory state of things in these progressive days. How this operates can be seen at Austhorpe, near Crossgates, in Templenewsam and Scarcroft, on the other side of the road, as well as in Cross-gates, on the opposite side of the railway, bye-laws are in force, but in Austhorpe one can build any sort of shanty so long as it is not a nuisance. This is not fair to the people residing in the neighbourhood, nor does it reflect credit on the local authority. A resolution was passed several years ago making the bye-laws applicable to the whole Union, but an agitation was got up in a few small villages, and the Local Government Board refused to sanction the resolution. Modified bye-laws could be got for rural parishes, and it is time the Council made a move in this direction.

As to water-supplies for the villages, the Tadcaster District Council have certainly not been enterprising. Conflicting interests have retarded progress, and the only large water scheme that has been carried out has been that at Tadcaster. A large portion of the rural area wants water—from Barwick to Sherburn—and if a good number of parishes were brought into a scheme it could be carried out at comparatively small cost, whereas if a number of little schemes are adopted they will cost a fair sum, and the work will eventually have to be done again. It is a mistake to tinker with water and sewerage schemes, as could easily be proved from the district, and the District Council will act wisely if they adopt a bold policy and give effect to it as speedily as possible.

Cross-gates is benefitting by the war. To many people this will not be apparent, but if they had been at the Red Cross Society meeting the other night they would have been enlightened. The ladies of the parish—workers in connection with the Marston and Wesleyan Churches—have been brought together to work in a common cause, and it has had the usual influence where sympathy exists. Knowledge has come from acquaintance, and a mutual respect has been born which will operate for good in the parish in future. It is often surprising how one religious denomination fails to assist another—I do not say it is so at Crossgates—because they are all engaged in a common work. Infinitesimal bazaars are generously supported by all classes of people, and huge sums are raised in this way, but in many of our local villages, churches are almost entirely dependent on the efforts of their own members.

A pretty incident at Wetherby, as showing the fine spirit manifested by the children, is related by Lady Gunter. She states:—"I have been in the habit of giving the children of the Wetherby Church School an annual entertainment in the form of a tea and Christmas tree, and when visiting the school, wishing to test the children, I suggested that this year perhaps some of them might be willing to forego their treat in order to benefit the soldiers and sailors, and the poor Belgians, who had done, and still are doing, so much for us. I was met by a whole-hearted response from the children, not one of whom (out of 270) suggested having the usual entertainment, although they were told they could have it if they wished. They seem quite delighted at the idea of being able to do something, and on the matter being put to the vote, more than half the school suggested the money being sent to Princess Mary's Fund, while the rest voted for the Belgian Fund. On their being asked if they were disappointed I was met with cheerful faces, and a ringing response of 'No.' Under the circumstances, I could not deprive these generous children of the whole of their treat, so have decided to give the tea as usual, and devote to the funds in question the amount which would otherwise be spent in presents." At various schools in the district children have sent the money which would have, under ordinary circumstances, been spent on fire-works on November 5th, to some of the Relief Funds, and at numerous local schools the children are making a monthly collection for the same purpose.

The way-ticket system among vagrants is in operation in the district, and tramps are now supplied with food at what are styled bread stations. Two of the fraternity turned up at Tadcaster on Monday and presented their tickets, entitling them to a meal of bread and cheese. They were humorists. Said the first one, on handing in his ticket, "Fetch me some roast beef," while the other, looking well-shaved to Christmas-time, remarked "I'll have a leg of goose."

Private Daniels, of Beamham, who was wounded in action, has had one of his legs amputated.

Tadcaster Grammar School has made a sixth contribution of 10s. 5d. to the West Riding Distress Fund.

Mr C C Schofield, of Tadcaster, won second prize for ox or heifer, under two years, at Leeds Smithfield Show on Tuesday.

Owing to an epidemic of measles the Church School at Barwick had to be closed last month. The percentage of attendance dropped to 83.33, while for November last year the figures were 91.03.

Captain Thomas Scotchard, R.A.M.C., of Tavistock, Hants, and formerly of Boston Spa, killed in action near Paris on the 8th September last, youngest son of Dr Scotchard, of Boston Spa, left £1,190.

A HERO.—Lieut. Arthur Lefevy, Pritchard Griffith, 56th Brigade Royal Field Artillery, son of the Vicar of Thorparch, has been given the D.S.O.—On 14 September, being wounded, he gallantly assisted in man-handling guns out of action until exhausted.

AN OFFICER.—Mr T. L. Wickham-Bowrron, J.P., of Boston Spa and Burton Agnes Hall, who has been gazetted a captain in the 5th Battalion of the Yorkshire Regiment, is very well-known throughout the East Riding as a landowner, and particularly as an agriculturist. He is regarded as one of the best judges of horses in the county, and takes the keenest interest in hunting horses. For many years he has advocated and practised the breeding of light horses on an extended scale. He was previously a lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Regiment (Militia).

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire this week the great attraction is the pageant play "Joseph and His Brethren," written by Mr Louis N. Parker, and recently produced at His Majesty's Theatre by Sir Herbert Tree. There are eleven scenes depicting the familiar incidents in the life of Joseph, and over eighty performers take part in the play. In the first scene we are introduced to Jacob and his family in the tents of Sichem, and the patriarch's great love of Joseph arouses the brothers' jealousy and hatred. Then follow in succession the putting of Joseph in the well, and his rescue by Potiphar's affianced wife, the selling of him into bondage, his resistance of the lady's overtures and subsequent imprisonment, the interpretation of Pharoah's dreams, and Joseph's ultimate triumph as Lord over Egypt, before whom the brothers come to buy corn. As a spectacular show the play is very fine indeed. The primitive life of Jacob and his family is very faithfully reproduced, and later, in the house of Potiphar and the Court of Pharoah, the scenes are magnificent in every detail. The principal characters are in good hands. Mr Arnow McMaster makes a very handsome Joseph, and he is quite equal to the passionate scene with Potiphar's wife, an unpleasant role cleverly taken by Miss Rosabelle Budd. In the part of Simeon, the ringleader of the plot to get rid of Joseph, Mr Alfred Danville assumes the hatred very cleverly. Miss May Fairclough is charming as Asenath, the maiden loved by Joseph, and the whole company do their work very thoroughly.

An item of especial interest on the Leeds Empire programme for next week is "The Dental Institute," the latest production of the Karno fun foundry, and on its first visit to Leeds. Mazuz and Mazette, from the London Hippodrome, are a turn which can confidently be described as unique. The act has been scoring heavily in the West-end, where the extraordinary oddities of the principal performer, and the unusual form of humour he composes into the turn have met with invariably flattering receptions. Among other notable attractions are Chas. R. Whittle, the popular singer of chorus duties; Little Freddie Hackin, in his protean scena, "All Change"; Sister Royce and Sid, vocalists and dancers; Chas. Mildare, in some of the best of song-bird imitations; Happy Tom Parker, comedian and eccentric dancer; and the Findens, popular comedy artistes.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Leeds Hippodrome this week Billy Wilkins, who styles himself as the Man in the Velvet Suit, is appearing in the chief position. He is one of the few comedians who can keep an audience entirely with him, and the way he makes them sing his choruses proves that there is the proper understanding between the two. The great Wieland, a humorous juggler, besides doing clever feats, creates many a laugh with his whimsical ways. "The Truth about Mr. Watson" (written by Harry Vernon, author of "Mr Wu"), is a fine dramatic sketch, full of vigour, telling of a story of retribution, and how a newspaper man gets the pull of a shady business man. It is finely acted by Lewis Fielder and Ewan Brooke. Guest and Nowlyn are a comical couple. Con Conrad's Novelty Minstrels have been seen before, and their turn is a capital one. Horton and Le Triska, he clown and the human doll, are good; Charles Grantley, the erratic comedian, go with; and so do Percy Korah and his dancing boys.

Next week at the Leeds Hippodrome the artistes will include Scott and Whaley, comedians; Frances Letty, character comedienne and dancer; Franco Piper, great banjo soloist; Elsie Stead, comedienne; the Great Hockneys, Belgian novelty acrobatic cyclists; Lillian Carter, soprano; and Wilson Hallett and his company of invisible children in "Juvenile Concerts."

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By J. H. HARRIS-BURLAND

Author of "The Angels Sing," "Rich Relations," "Love the Criminal," "The Good Samaritan," "The Financier," &c.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Sir John Lowick, a quiet student of science, discovered the secret of controlling and avoiding the magnetic currents in the air and forming them into a definite weapon of destruction, accompanied by him and his friend Jean Ralph Milne, to give a demonstration of the powers of his invention. It is a marvellous success.

The experiments has taken place late at night on a small island adjoining Sir John's estate. Ralph escorts Jean home, leaving Sir John alone with his model. On the way, Jean, who at first was horrified at the awful possibilities of the invention, tells Ralph that he rather should give the secret to England, but that no credit is given for the invention. Ralph replies that he could not expose the secret of his self-sacrifice, as his father will never do this, and answers that his father will never forgive him. Jean suggests that a attempt on the life of Sir John would make it easy for Ralph to step into his father's place. Ralph in his rage tells Jean that a bungalow is horrified to find that he loves her.

Ralph discovers that the model has been destroyed, and strongly intimates that he made it. Jean and strongly intimates that he made it. Jean and Ralph escape from the bungalow, leaving Sir John alone with his model. On the way, Jean, who at first was horrified at the awful possibilities of the invention, tells Ralph that he rather should give the secret to England, but that no credit is given for the invention. Ralph replies that he could not expose the secret of his self-sacrifice, as his father will never do this, and answers that his father will never forgive him. Jean suggests that a attempt on the life of Sir John would make it easy for Ralph to step into his father's place. Ralph in his rage tells Jean that a bungalow is horrified to find that he loves her.

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PATRIOTIC CONCERT AT GARFORTH.

MR DEWHIRST, C.C., AND THIS COUNTY'S DEBT TO THE BELGIANS

On Monday evening a concert in aid of the Garforth Belgian Refugee Fund was held in the Council School, Garforth, and the large central hall was crowded, visiting those present being the Belgian refugees residing in the village, now a number of wounded Belgian soldiers from Templenewsam.

County Councillor Dewhirst, who had paid the expenses connected with the concert, explained the object of the effort, and said that Garforth people had done very well to maintain seventeen refugees. It was his opinion that but for the gallantry of the Belgian soldiers the Germans would have been on the shores of England, and he thought they ought to help them all they could, and make them comfortable and happy while they were in this country. That was not a recruiting meeting, but he thought the snipers of the West Riding had done very well. Out of 12,000 enrolled by the Miners' Association 10,000 had enlisted. Each man should do as his conscience dictated with regard to joining the forces. Lord Kitchener had said he was satisfied with the number of men who had joined, but he still wanted more men. He said the English held about 20 miles of the battle line, and the French held 200 miles, and he had heard the English could have suffered heavier losses if the French had not sent help on many occasions.

An excellent musical programme was submitted as follows:—Pianiste solo, "Hungarika," Mr R. V. Allan; quartette, "Comrades in arms," Clifton Prize Quartette; song "Your King and Country need you," Miss Jessie Allan; song, "The trimpeter," Mr Chapman; recital, "The drum," Mr Brealey Sayer—encore, "Helio," and "A suggestion"; humorous songs, "Cuckoo" and "The countryman's holiday," Mr George Listerl; song, "The sailor's grave," Mr Rogers Holdsworth—encore, "My dreams"; song, "Castellino," Miss Allan—encore "Perfect day"; humorous quartette, "Phyllis dyes her tresses"—encore, "Little Tommy went a-fishing"; pianiste solo selection, Misses National Anthems, Mr Allan; quartette, "Here's life and health"; humorous song, "What a garden," Mr Lister; duet, "The battle eve," Messrs R. Holloway and Mr Chapman; recital, "The green eye of the yellow god," Mr Sayer—encore, "The mouse"; song, "Up from Somerset," Mr M. Chapman; song, "Before you come," Miss Allan; song, "The veteran's song," Mr Holloway; humorous songs, "Murder" and "The poulticer," Mr Lister; quartette, "The long day closes."

Mr Wordsworth said he had much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Dewhirst for the treat they had had. As Chairman, he said it had been a pleasure to him to work with such a committee, and he thought Garforth people had responded very nobly to the call, and they were doing everything to help the Belgians in Garforth.

Mr H. W. Powell said he knew Councillor Dewhirst in two capacities—as a business man and a public man, but he thought he had discovered him in another capacity—as a Boy Scout, as not a day passed but what he did some good deed. He had offered to make arrangements and bear the expense of the concert without having been asked, and the committee had jumped at the generous offer. He had pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to the Chairman, the artistes, and to the members of the committee who sold tickets.

The resolution was cordially passed, and the concert concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

LOCAL GENTLEMEN AND DRINKING HOURS.

VIEWS OF MR MORRILL AND MR DEWHIRST.

At Wakefield on Monday an important conference was held of Local Mayors, Mayors, Chief Constables of the Riding and boroughs, together with the chairmen of Licensing Benches up and down the Riding, to consider the question of restricting the sale of drink in the county.

The conference was called at the instigation of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee, who urged that action by the Licensing Justices or any town or district must often be ineffective unless corresponding steps were taken in neighbouring places.

Mr T. H. Morris, of Holitax, presided over the conference, at which over fifty representatives were present, including most of the Mayors, chairmen of Licensing Committees, and Chief Constables in the Riding.

Mr L. W. Morrill, chairman of the Skipton Bench of magistrates, led off the discussion. He did not approach the subject, he said, from the point of view of the licensed trade, but, short of a general order for the whole country, he thought some restriction was necessary. Two temptations assailed the soldier—the temptations of Bacchus and Venus. Speaking of a small town in which many troops are quartered, he was convinced that there were temptations of both kinds to assail the soldiers, and it behoved licensing authorities to curtail both of them. The West Riding ought not to be behind Russia in protecting its soldiers from drink. Out of a list of 270 places where hours had been restricted, he found that the usual restriction had been from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. With regard to the charge of drinking among women, it was a fact that many wives had now control of once many more than they had before, and no one could not doubt that the evil did exist. He proposed a resolution suggesting the restriction of licensing hours between 9 at night and 8 a.m. in the morning—this to include clubs.

The Chairman said that in the West Riding area the convictions for drunkenness had fallen from 2,076 in 1912 to 1,060 in 1914.

Alderman F. W. Pease, speaking on behalf of the borough of Pontefract, where a large number of troops are quartered, said the earlier closing there had had a good effect, and seemed to have satisfied the military authorities.

Mr Dewhirst, of Whitmoor Lodge, Scarcroft, (a member of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee) seconded Mr Morrill's resolution, and said that drinking in clubs was very extensive indeed, and those places ought to be put on the same basis as public-houses.

Alderman B. Turner (Mayor of Batley) proposed as an amendment that the closing time for public-houses and clubs be ten o'clock at night. He had not seen much drunkenness amongst the soldiers, and he thought there was no cause to slander them or maligh women.

Mr T. D. Norton (Doncaster) seconded.

Mr Turner's amendment was carried.

Mr Morrill proposed, and Sir George Fisher Smith seconded, an further resolution that the opening hour should be 8.30 a.m., but as the conference had partly broken up this was withdrawn.

WETHERBY

Mr E. Lee, of Wetherby, has sent £5 to the Belgian Relief Fund.

GARFORTH SOLDIER AND ROTHWELL MEN.

AN APPEAL TO THEM TO JOIN THE ARMY.

Private J. Johnson, of the 5th Notts and Derby Regiment, writing to us from the front, says:—

"Sir,—I beg to send to express in my humble manner my surprise with the young men in Rothwell. I say I cannot do this, for I am a soldier, and I am proud to say I am one of Derby's finest regiment's each. To us, you are Derby's finest soldiers. "They are backward at coming forward," and why should it be?

The other villages in the district have done exceptionally well, and in my own native village, Garforth, to-day there are particular young men needs to be proud of. We, the 5th Notts and Derby, at Harpenden, Herts, are having a ripping time—plenty of work, plenty to eat, and plenty of spare time for recreation, and why the Rothwell young men should be afraid come out I think is the trouble I cannot understand. Of course, it is not all money, but there is something is worth having it is worth fighting and struggling for, and if we can assist our beloved England in so noble a cause, why not do so. I am sure the kindly feeling of the landships we received whilst in training must be to hard.

We rise at 6.30, and are out of quarters on our physical drill. Following we come in for breakfast, after which we have barely hours at least, and plenty of good fun. At 11.45 we parade again for route marche. We usually go about 10 or 12 miles, and as we have full kits and rifles to carry, we are always ready for our dinner on arriving home at 12.30 to 1 o'clock.

We have for dinner roast beef and potatoes, and if the field is a good one, we are to the landlady often makes puddings which is very acceptable, particularly Yorkshire puddings.

After dinner we parade again at 2.30 for company drill. We are dismissed at 4 o'clock when we are at liberty to do as we please until 9.30, when the corporal of the guard comes round to see if all are in.

All the food is cooked by the lady of the house, and today (Sunday), though the gentleman of our landlady, we have had Yorkshire pudding, roast beef and potatoes, and apple tart. Not bad, is it? Of course, all the billets are not as good as ours, but anyhow everyone is getting enough to eat, and moreover can have it in comfort.

We are certainly not expecting it always to be like this, but whatever comes in the future we are having a glorious time now, and are feeling in the very pink of condition.

I hope this may have the effect of persuading some of the Rothwell "boys" to make a move and to join the colours at once.

If it has the same effect on some of the Garforth young men I shall be doubly pleased.

SHERBURN AGRICULTURAL CLUB.

"USES AND ABUSES OF ARTIFICIAL MANURES."

At a meeting of Sherburn Agricultural Club on Friday night Mr G. A. Cowie, M.A., B.Sc., of York, gave a lecture before the members on the "Uses and abuses of artificial manures." Mr C. W. Helm (the vice-president), in the unavoidable absence of the president, presided.

At the outset the lecturer referred to the duty of farmers to do everything possible to maintain, and, if possible, increase the food supply of the country next year. In this connection the question of manuring was of extreme importance and should receive as much consideration as possible. There were four elements of plant-food requiring special study, viz., nitrogen, phosphates, potash, and lime. The importance of lime was not due so much to its nutritive properties as to its powers of destroying the acidity in the land, thus rendering the soil conditions suitable for plant growth. Undoubtedly a great deal could be done to maintain the lime-content in the soil by the use of lime containing artificials such as basic slag and nitrolim. Not only did these manures not remove lime from the soil, but they actually added to it. For example, nitrolim contains about 40 per cent. slaked lime, and consequently in every cwt. used 1 cwt. of free, useful lime was applied to the soil. The continuous use of acid, and other lime-robbing manures, without the replacement of the lime in the soil, was to be condemned as tending to encourage such diseases as "finger and toe."

With regard to the different elements of plant food nitrogen was to be considered the most important, as there was generally in soils a greater deficiency of available nitrogen than of the other constituents. The best results, however, were generally got from applications of nitrogen, when there was a sufficiency of available phosphates and potash in the soil to work upon. Comparing the various combined forms of nitrogen, the lecturer explained that nitrolim was now produced in a granular form, free from dust and unpleasantness, and very suitable for sowing and drilling. With the more advanced of its sowing and drilling difficulties, it would now enter into much more serious competition with the older forms of nitrogen manures, while its high nitrogen-content gave it an additional value. Granular nitrolim (as it is called) was sold with a guarantee of 15½ per cent. nitrogen or 19 per cent. ammonia, or the equivalent of 3 cwt. of nitrate of soda per ton. Nitrolim could be applied at any time of the year to suit the convenience of the farmer to give this manure a trial next year.

Touching on the phosphatic manures, the lecturer referred to the wide popularity of basic slag. While its suitability for heavy soils had become generally known, it had often been found effective on light land when supplemented with potash. The usual form of superphosphate, however, was an important factor and it could always be easily replaced on many types of soil, owing to the stoppage of supplies from Germany, by the use of basic manures. A season would be a fairly safe one in order to compensate for some extra cost for this. Fortunately farmers would be wise to refer to the value largely for Lincolnshire and other arable districts. Time had hardly to follow the land in such districts as well. A dressing of soil would last out in such districts as well. A dressing of 10 cwt. per acre.

At the close questions were put by Mr Cowie touching on different points of the lecture, and numerous instances were given of the beneficial manures applied. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and Mr F. Brealey, concluding, it was carefully agreed.

SWILLINGTON HOUSEKEEPER'S THEFT.

A WOMAN WHO WANTED TO GO TO CANADA

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Sarah Ann Dade (42), no settled home, of no fixed address, was charged with obtaining £21 6s by going to Henry Atkinson, Swillington.

Supt. Simonds stated that prisoner had obtained a situation as a housekeeper to the prosecutor's brother, and shortly after her engagement she disappeared, taking the money with her.

Henry Atkinson, a lumpman, living with a brother at Swillington, said that in December of last year his brother, to whom prisoner was engaged to keep house by means of an advertisement. The prisoner was the woman engaged. About fortnight after, January 13th, he had been to Leeds, and returned home with some money, which he counted out in the presence of the prisoner in the kitchen. There was £21 6s, and this he put back in a cupboard. The next morning he removed it to a box in his bedroom. On the following Friday morning, January 16th, he returned home shortly before 9 a.m. The front door was open, and the prisoner had gone. He examined his money and found that £21 was missing. He gave information to the police, and took out a warrant.

George Marsden, father of the last witness, and a colliery labourer, living at Swillington, said he engaged the prisoner as housekeeper about the end of December last. He knew his brother had some money before her. Prisoner remarked, "He thinks we are honest." On Friday morning, shortly after five o'clock, he left the house to go to work, locking the door and putting the key in an outhouse.

P.C. Eadon, stationed at Swillington, said he held a warrant for the prisoner's arrest, and that morning he had confronted her and she had made no reply.

Prisoner handed up a written statement which the Clerk read to the magistrates. The statement was to the following effect:—"I am sorry to say I took the money. Mr — left the money loose in the kitchen for over a week, and I took the money, as I wanted the fare to take me boy and myself to Canada. When I got to Liverpool I was afraid, as I had said I would like to see my mother in Canada. I find it very difficult to get a suitable situation as I have the little boy. As soon as I get this trouble over my friends are going to look after me in Canada."

The Chairman pointed out that she had been convicted four times for stealing, and sent her to prison for four months, remarking that he need not say much further over a new bad when she got out to Canada.

STOURTON

Stourton Sobs Club has made a second contribution of one ton to the West Riding Distress Fund.

ROTHWELL

On Saturday afternoon, in the Amateur Football League, Rothwell Hoigh United overcame Batterell S. by six goals to one.

WHINMOOR FARMER AND THE BEER.

KNOCKED HIS HEAD AGAINST A TELEGRAPH POLE.

James William Farrington Beck, farmer, of Whinmoor, was brought up on a warrant at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Whinmoor.

P.C. Stimpson stated that about 2.10 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st, he saw the prisoner, who was drunk, at Whinmoor. Beck shouted, "Stop you——, I want to speak to you." The officer told him to behave himself and that he would speak to him when he (defendant) was sober. Witness walked away, but defendant shouted something after him, and the officer expected him.

Asked if he had anything to say, Beck said "It was like this. I received a note from a man saying that if I did not pay a sum of money on a certain date he would put me into the County Court. I went to pay him and this man gave me a glass of beer. I then walked home, and as I got to the Wetherby Road it spun round, and I knocked my head against a telegraph pole. (Laughter). I did not know anything what I did after that."

The Chairman: That is a very lame story.

Beck: It's true. Instead of getting into the County Court I have got here. (Laughter).

The Chairman: It is extremely disgusting for a man of your position.

Beck: Very likely the language came out of the beer. (Laughter).

A fine of 20s. and costs was imposed.

TOCKWITH GOLDEN WEDDING.

CAN BOAST A FIVE-BARRED GATE.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Arnold, of Tockwith, on Monday evening held their golden wedding. Mr Arnold was born at Boroughgate, near Hemingbrough, in 1839, and Mrs Arnold was born a year earlier at Aramyn, near Goole.

Mr Arnold said to an interviewer: "I am an old miner, but can look built of the young men. I can jump over a five-barred gate."

Mr and Mrs Arnold were married at Drax Church, near Selby, on December 25th, 1864. Afterwards they went to New Grange, and have resided in Tockwith eleven years. Mr Arnold has been foreman at a farm near Tockwith for 28 years.

Mr Arnold referred to the seriousness of the present war, and said: "I should like to go to the front and do for the Kaiser."

Mr and Mrs Arnold have had a family of eleven children, and four sons and three daughters are still alive. The latter also eleven grandchildren. Mr Arnold gets up about 5 o'clock each morning, and many times in the summer can be seen doing his daily work in the fields. About 2 and a quarter a.m. Mrs Arnold is also an early riser.

WHAT A SELBY SOLDIER SAW.

GERMAN CULTURE.

Private A. Simpson, of the Coldstream Guards, has sent a letter to his wife in Selby which that he is in Liverpool convalescing from injuries. He says:—

"I am very glad to tell you I am going on all right. We were in the trenches in Belgium 24 days, over our boot tops in water, till the 24 days. Several of the men had to be carried out of the trenches; they could not walk owing to frost-bitten feet and rheumatism. I have had an attack of rheumatism, as well as frost-bitten feet, but am getting better. How it happened was in this way. While three of us were talking together in the trenches the Germans sent us a 'Jack Johnson' over, and it dropped in front of our trench. It buried us up with earth, with the result that I lost the use of my left leg. But I am now regaining the use of it again. You will wonder what I mean by a 'Jack Johnson.' Well, it is a German shell weighing about 9olbs., so it is not a small one. Where it bursts it makes a hole large enough to put a horse and cart in. So you can imagine what it is like.

He states that he saw a German prisoner brought in with a little dog which he wore on his breast. In the dog were a German Prayer-book and four bloodstained rings, which he haughtily admitted he had torn from the fingers of a dying woman.

He knew, too, that there were three baby children, between three and five years, playing on the road with Belgian flags, and that the poor old grandmother clattered out of her cottage at the sound of the troops, and that the shrill shrieks of the enemy killed her.

Private Geo. H. Maltby, of Selby, writing to his parents, says he hopes it won't be long before he is sitting in the old somewhat trifling there all about his adventures, if only he has the luck to get back.

They were having some very hard times at present, and it made things worse by having awful weather and much rain. He was, however, trying his best to stick it.

They would not know him if they saw him, as he had only had one shave since he came out there, and it was up to the eyes in mud.

"I often wish," he adds, "I had a bit of your sweet cake and some Yorkshire pudding. Once I get into that old bed of mine I won't shift out of it for about six months—as I keep it well aired."

MIRFIN'S VISIT TO GARFORTH.

OULTON MAN'S 57th CONVICTION.

On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions John William Mirfin, a labourer, who is a native of Oulton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Garforth.

P.C. Bowers stated that about 1.45 p.m. on December 5th, he saw the prisoner, who was drunk, being ejected from a stackyard. He made use of abusive language, and was taken into custody. While in custody he became violent and had to be handcuffed.

The Chairman: This is your 57th time here, and you have been before the court three times this year.

Mirfin: Give me another chance.

The Chairman: You have said that too often. There ought to be an Act of Parliament to deal with you.

After a discussion with the Clerk, the Chairman ordered Mirfin to stand down.

Mirfin was brought up later, and he was told that the magistrates were considering the question of sending him as a habitual drunkard to some home. The question could be decided either at that court, or the Quarter Sessions, and the prisoner could take his choice where the matter was settled.

Mirfin decided to let the magistrates deal with him.

He was sent away for two years.

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The fortnightly meeting of the Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held on Monday at the workhouse—Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P. (Chairman), presiding. The other members present were Mr Walter Crosland, J.P. (Vice-chairman), Miss Bithell (Newton Kyme), Rev. Canon Greenwood (Grimston), Messrs T. H. Prater (Parlington), F. Myers (Hillbeough), J. Wordsworth and H. E. Isaac (Barkston Present), H. Sandy, F. Phillips, W. Robinson, and Pearson (Alkerton Bywater), S. Midgley (Colton), R. Wright (Bastwick), J. Nettleton and J. H. Bigsby, J.P. (Tadcaster), A. Johnson (South Milford), G. Webster (Haddleston-cum-Lumby), E. Parker (Ledsham), J. E. Cawthorne and T. Hey (Sherburn), J. Lindley (Kirkby Wharfe), J. W. Dixon (Newthorpe), Mrs Townend Kippax), and J. Y. Wheatley (Appleton Roebuck), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Friend), the surveyor (Mr T. South), and the sanitary inspectors (Messrs Driver and Wood).

THE HOUSE

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there were three admissions to the workhouse, one birth, and one discharge. The remains in the house numbered 95 and in the children's home 18—213 against 102 at the corresponding date last year. The tramps relieved during the two weeks were 34 and 17 against 23 and 28.

At a meeting of the House Committee it was decided that the usual Christmas fare be provided for the inmates. Miss Corcoran was appointed to come on a month's trial as ward maid.

At a meeting of the Bilbrough Honey Committee it was decided that the usual Christmas fare be provided for the children.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the District Council the treasurer was reported to have a balance of £7,931 in hand, and a sum of £76 14s. was expended on district roads during the fortnight.

The Highways Committee had before them a request as to the making of a footpath to the Police Station at Tadcaster, and the work is to be done when the weather is suitable. It was stated that the tubes in one of the road rollers were leaking, and tenders are to be got for its repair. Permission was given to open a road at Lock Lane to fix gas mains.—In regard to the proposed improvement at Sherburn Cross, a letter was read from Messrs Bentley, on behalf of Mrs Pearson, stating that she did not wish to sell the land required, but if the expenses connected therewith were paid, she would agree terms. The Clerk has replied. The County Council act to be asked to sanction the re-construction of the York Road from Tadcaster East to Copmanthorpe Lane end.

Mr J. H. Ingleby raised the question of the Station Road at Tadcaster, and said its condition had been deplorable. He thought a better scheme for taking the extraordinary traffic off the roads, and he asked if it had been dropped.

The Chairman said that he was informed negotiations were going on with the N.E.R. Co. He asked Mr Scott if he had heard of anything being done.

Mr Scott said he had not heard of anything.

Mr Parker: Cannot we write to the Railway Co. and ask them to do something?

On the motion of Mr Ingleby, it was agreed that the Clerk should write on the matter.

SANITARY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee plans for the erection of the White Swan at Kippax were passed. Recently a closing order was passed for a house at Kippax, and now notice is to be served on the occupier that it will be enforced.—A letter was received from Dr. Infield explaining the delay in sending the notifications of several cases of infectious disease.—The Rivers Board's scheme for dealing, with reference to Kippax sewage scheme, if the negotiations with respect to the land had been completed. It was referred to the local representatives to report at the next meeting.—Plans and estimates for a water scheme at Askham Bryan were approved, and application is to be made to the Local Government Board for permission to borrow the necessary money to carry it out.—In regard to a sewer in Mill Lane, Tadcaster, Mr Ingleby gave permission for a tank to be constructed on payment of 1s. per year.

CORRESPONDENCE

WOODLESFORD SOLDIER'S END—FAMILY'S PROUD RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the 2 cords of your paper you will find a paragraph referring to the events from the Boer War of Trooper H. G. Nicholson, No. 1,097, Queen's Own Yorkshire Dragoons, June 1901.

I shall esteem it a favour if you will now place on record another member of that family, Private Colin Nicholson, No. 6951, 1st Battalion Scots Guards, killed in action, November 12th, 1914, France.

He is the youngest son of Benjamin Nicholson, 66, Church View, Woodlesford, and enlisted in the Scots Guards on the 15th of October, 1907, sent to the 1st Battalion in the interval. He was passed to the 2nd Battalion to finish his training; nine months later he was video to Major Arbuthnot, of that Regiment, and stayed with him until he retired two years after. He then went as valet to Capt. Ashley Corbett, to be transferred at the out-break of war to the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, and went with his captain with the 1st Army Corps from Aldershot.

He took part in the Battle of Mons on the 23rd of August, and the heavy fighting to the gates of Paris, then back to the Marne, and the Aisne, on all the fighting up to his death on November the 12th.

He was married and leaves a wife and one son, at the Guards' Depot, Caterham.

There are four sons and one daughter living, two with the Guards at Windsor, and is expecting to go to France shortly), George William, a gunner in F. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, in France; Colin, killed; and I served eighteen months in South Africa.

Previous to enlisting we all worked at the Belle Hill Colliery, Rothwell (Charlesworth), where my father works at the present time.

Colin was born in Woodlesford about 24 years back, and was educated at the Church Board School. Three of my sisters are married and live in Rothwell, viz., Mrs John Rollinson, wife of a Rothwell colliery under manager; Mrs John Gowen, Archer Lane, Rothwell; and Mrs William Hanks, 28, Royds Lane. Others have married Mr Harry Stubbs, 111, Ella Street, Hull; and Mr George Barker, Malton, York. Elsie, the youngest, married Mr Percy Smith (of Woodlesford), and is now a widow living with my father. George William married Miss Woodall, School Lane, Woodlesford, and three of her brothers are on active service.

This war is a terrible business, and before it is finished thousands of the flower of our Army and country for Empire will be mutilated or slain. If the Kaiser and his sons don't commit suicide they should be banished to St. Helena.

My brother has died for a good cause, and I don't think he would have preferred a finer death. He was a good soldier and will be greatly missed by officers and comrades in his Battalion.—Yours, etc.,

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"God knows how much we miss him,
He counts the days and hours.
But whispers, hush, he only sleeps,
Your loved one is not dead."

SCHOFIELD.—In loving remembrance of Hannah, the beloved wife of Mr. Thos. Schofield, Fitch Fields, Garforth, died December 12th, 1884.

ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS

ROTHWELL

A report of the monthly meeting of Rothwell Urban Council appears on another page.

A popular member of the Rothwell White Rose team, Mr G. Appleby, has enlisted in the Birkenhead Bantams' Battalion.

A GOOD EFFORT—The concert promoted by Mr T. Barthram, and held in the Rothwell Empire on Sunday, November 29th, in aid of the local War Relief Fund, realised a balance of £7 os. 4d.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), J. Farrar, J. R. Cross, W. Evans, and Ald. Braithwaite.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM—The Old Scholars' effort in connection with the Rothwell Primitive Methodist Church realized a total of £12 3s. 1d., and of this amount £7 has been given to the Trust Funds, and the remaining £5 to the Society Funds.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—The house of Mrs Newsome, which had been prepared for Belgian refugees by the local Belgian Refugee Committee, is now occupied by a family comprising a man, his wife, and six children, who have come from a suburb of Antwerp.

WEST RIDING FOOTBALL CUP—A meeting of the West Riding Football Association Cup Committee was held at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday night. It was reported that in addition to the League clubs the following clubs have signified their intention of competing in the West Riding County Cup Competition:—Cleckheaton, Idle, Sunfield Rovers, City Old Boys (Bradford), Rothwell Parish Church, Rothwell White Rose, New Wortley Gasworks, Fryston Colliery, Clarence Iron and Steel Works (Leeds), and Calverley. The draw will take place on Tuesday, December 22nd.

CONCERT.—On Sunday afternoon a concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Church in aid of the local War Relief Fund and Belgian Refugee Fund. Councillor R. McCullough presided over a very large attendance. The programme was greatly enjoyed, and was as follows:—Organ solo, Mr J. C. Harrison; song, "The voice of the Father," Miss G. Keighley; song, "The sailor's grave," Mr J. Kilburn; 'cello solo, Mr F. Stainer; recital, "Nellie's grave," Miss L. Harle; song, "Beyond the dawn," Miss K. Varley; song, "Arm, arm, ye brave," Mr Thewlis; trio, 'cello, flute, and organ, Messrs F. Stainer, H. Stainer, and J. C. Harrison; song, "Lead kindly light," Miss G. Keighley; flute solo, Mr H. Stainer; song, "A dream of Paradise," Miss K. Varley; recital, "Liberty without murder," Miss L. Harrison; song, "Love eternal," Mr J. Kilburn; 'cello solo, Mr F. Stainer; song, "There's a land," Mr Thewlis. Mr J. C. Harrison accompanied at the organ throughout. A silver collection at the door realised about £2 5s. 9d.

A WAR STORY—A correspondent writes:—A Yorkshire lad serving with the Expeditionary Force in France, writing to his mother at "Windy Nick," after describing one of the battles on the Ypres, tells a good story. On one occasion when the enemy had been forced to retreat, leaving their dead and wounded behind them, the British were ordered to go out and bury the whole of the dead left upon the field. A German who was wounded had been neglected, and when our boys, along with all his comrades, had made full preparations, the wounded German began to realise his awful position, and said, in broken English, "You are not going to bury me? I am not dead." "Aye officer hoo hen rubbed," said our hero, "an' aez ut ye were all dead, an' he were in t'Boaar Waar, and said a' plenty experienced." "But," said the wounded man, "can't you see for yourself, me is no dead. Am I not telling you all myself?" "That's reight enough tha art telling me; but ahr officer sez different, an' ye Germans ahr sich awful liars, so ah dar say."

FOOTBALL—Playing in the Leeds Senior League on Saturday, Rothwell Parish Church defeated East Ardsley by two goals to one. The match was on the latter's ground, and winning the toss, Stringer, the Rothwell captain, took advantage of the wind in the first half. For a spell the Ardsley team showed good form. Breaking away, the forwards worked their way well down the field, and Bradley was unlucky in not scoring in saying. Once Hitchin dribbled down for the visitors, and essayed a shot, but the ball struck the cross-bar. The same result marked a similar effort a little later. Up to the interval Rothwell did all the attacking, the home backs playing a strong defensive game. At the interval neither side had scored. On the resumption Rothwell broke away, and a capital pass to Taylor resulted in his netting the ball after two minutes' play. However, the homesters got on equal terms from a penalty, given away by Stringer for tripping. During the closing stages Taylor scored the second and winning goal for Rothwell from a pass by A. Gregg. Towards the end Ardsley menaced the visitors' goal, but Bradley maintained a clever defence of his charge.

ROTHWELL W.R. WIX—In their match with Methley Perseverance (Leeds Senior League) on Saturday, Rothwell White Rose turned out with four reserve players. Losing the toss, Abrams kicked off for Rothwell against a strong wind. They were soon forced upon the defensive, but good football seemed to be the question. Abrams and Wrigley succeeded in breaking through, but the defence of Teale and Davies proved too strong. However, a little later a clever move on the part of Wrigley and a well-timed pass across the field found Teale off his guard, and evading him, Ward scored. Despite the stiff breeze Rothwell played well, and the side worked hard. Methley were unable to score in the first half, and on the resumption of play Rothwell made matters safe. Soon after the interval Ward got through again. An unfortunate mishap resulted in Dawson being carried off the field, and he was unable to resume play. Methley after this incident scored through Murray, but before time Rothwell had increased their lead through Slyman, the result being Rothwell White Rose 3 goals, Methley Perseverance one.

IN TRAINING AT COLSTERDALE.—A correspondent writes:—A proud mother whose son had joined the Public and is in training at Colsterdale, told his friends at home that they were missing some good things by remaining behind, as their so and so had soon gotten to be somnut at nawvent an' not ordinary either, but reight reedy. Week he'd risen to, shoo couldn't say. "Is he a corporal?" asked one. "No, I don't think that's it." "Then is it a sargent?" said another. "No, that's not it neither." "Then he must ah gotten to be a liftenant," said a third. "An that't reng, for that isen't t' name." "Then he must be going ahead, for't rank above that is captain, an' all t'others hev to salute him." "Ah reely believe at that is it, for he sed sonat ahaht saluting in one of his letters." However, on the following Sunday these, set off and cycled to Colsterdale to see him, but on arriving there they found our bold hero with a brush and shovel and a barrow, and he was busy cleaning the camp up, while the battalion were at drille orfices, and the promotion really was that he had got to be a "pioneer." Some folk can see, an' even get a bit o' humor aht a hout. Even t'war, wi all its tragedy and horror, hez its cheer can be fahnd a bit o' humor. T'miners battalion, who happens to be in training at Otley, wor aht digging trenches t'other day, an' they had done their work as well as most, an' wor soe pleased wi wat they'd done that he decided at they sud nock off ah couple ah hours soiner. Of course, t'lads were delighted at this. Dahn went all tacklin' an ahr'd. Then they jumped, when t'captain shouted, "No, no, men, that's not the way to dismiss. All tools must be gathered and put back into stores." "That's funny," sez one o' t'miners, "I've been to learn at they'd be at t'same job next day, "we niver reckon to tack tools aht when we've hahn to work in t'same bait to morn."

BOWERS ALLERTON

Bowers Allerton footballers were defeated by Methley Perseverance by a goal to nil on Saturday.

Scarlet fever affected the attendance at the Bowers Allerton school last month, and the school had to be closed. The percentage of attendance was 85.44.

CARLTON

THE RELIEF FUND—Mr. W. Denton, the treasurer of the Carlton Relief Fund, acknowledges the following donations:—Mrs. David Hartley £1 10s., and Mr H. Speight 2s. 6d.

SERVING THEIR COUNTRY—Two Carlton young men, John Walsh and John Parker have joined the Bakewell Battalion of the Sherwood Foresters. Walsh—James, went out in the Expeditionary Army with his regiment, the Borderers, a Lancashire Regiment, and has been in some heavy fighting. The last news received from him stated that they were resting after three days in the trenches.

CANTATA.—On Sunday afternoon at the Primitive Methodist Church, the Lofthouse Wesleyan Choir rendered the cantata "Daughter of Moab." Mr W. Thurwell (Carlton) presided. Mr T. Hampson was the organist. In the evening the Carlton Primitive Methodist Choir gave the service of song "That hymn of old." Mrs Hampson and Mrs C. Thompson contributed the reading portions, and Mr S. Hardwick presided at the organ. The proceeds were in aid of the Trust Funds.

CROSSGATES

The Vicar of Whitkirk will deliver a lecture on "Architecture and some examples of it," at the meeting of Crossgates Literary Society on Monday evening. See advert.

At the Crossgates Baptist Fellowship on Tuesday evening Mr J. A. Mackay will lecture on "The history of song." There will be musical illustrations. See advert.

Mr Stanley Dewhirst, elder son of County Councillor Dewhirst, of Whinmoor Lodge, who has been training with the O.T.C., has been given a commission as second Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery.

WESLEY GUILD.—At a meeting of the Wesley Guild a most interesting time was spent on Wednesday night, when Miss Hilton and Miss Priestley gave a "Story evening." They included stories from Bret Harte, Rudyard Kipling, and Longfellow.

CROSSGATES BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.—On Tuesday evening, at the meeting of the Baptist Fellowship in the Lecture Hall, at Whitkirk, a lecture on "The days of old; good manners" was delivered by Mr Frank Kidson, of Leeds. Mr E. Hawkesworth (President of Crossgates Literary Society) was in the chair, and there were about thirty ladies and gentlemen present. The lecture was on social life in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, and, at the outset, Mr Kidson described the ladies' dress of that period, stating that fashions did not change so often as they do now because of the cost of material and its wearing quality. Ladies, in going to a ball, had their hair dressed to a height of a foot, with ostrich feathers on the top, and if they travelled by carriage they had to sit in the bottom of it, or if by sedan chair the top of it had to be open. The hairdressers were very busy before the holding of a social function, and, as they could not attend to all their patrons on one day, ladies had their hair dressed the day before and had to sit on chairs all night. Gentlemen's dress, he said that some of them kept their hands warm in muffs. In describing locomotion —sedan chairs, coaches, etc.—in the old days, he said that travelling was opposed to railways because they thought they would put a stop to horse-breeding. One of the first railways to be made was the Leeds to Selby Railway, and the arrangements for travelling—open trucks, with no seats—were of a primitive character. Smoking was indulged in only by the fireside, owing to matches not being available then. Mr Kidson described the condition of the country during the wars with France, the severity of the punishment imposed by Judges for light offences, the condition of prisons, the limited power of the people in national affairs and the open elections, and the education of women. At the close the Chairman mentioned that the old stone sleepers used on the railway could now be seen on the

crossing at Old Manston. On the motion of Mr Carlton, seconded by Mr Rodgers, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr Kidson.—A vote of condolence, on the motion of Mr Digt', was passed with Mrs Bower, of Crossgates, a member of the committee, whose husband died on Saturday.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—The Vicar in his magazine, states that the following names have been added to the Crossgates Roll of Honour :—E. Johnson (Lt-col.), 7th Batt. West Yorks., E. Whiley, Royal Garrison Artillery, S. Stott, General Botha's Army, S.A., P. Binns (Lieut.)4 5th Batt. K.O.Y.L.I., J. Bramley, Northern Signalling Coy., Royal Engineers, and C. Hirst, 7th Batt. West Yorks. Three Crossgates men—George Steward, Frederick Dickenson, and George Ryder —are now at the front.

LEAGUE OF YOUNG LIBERALS.—On Monday evening a meeting of the Crossgates branch of the League of Young Liberals was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs Morgan, of Marshall Terrace, and Mr J. Batty (President) was in the chair. A most interesting paper on "Carlyle" was read by Mr Barrett, and afterwards the President, on behalf of the members, presented a walnut occasional table to Mr C. Pidgett, a member of the committee, on the occasion of his marriage, which took place last week. Mr and Mrs C. Fidgett replied, and thanked the members for their kindness and expression of goodwill. Refreshments were subsequently provided by Mr and Mrs Morgan, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to them and to Mr Barrett.

THE LATE MR H. S. BOWER.—We regret to have to record the death of Mr Herbert Sykes Bower, of 9, Marshall Avenue, Crossgates. Deceased, who had resided in the village about ten years, was employed in one of the banks in Leeds, and he was taken ill in the city early last week. He was removed to his home, and despite every attention, he died on Saturday morning. Mr Bower was only 38 years of age, was well-known as a chess player, having been at one time hon. sec. of the Crossgates Chess Club, and he was one of the best players in the Institute team. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and was highly respected in the village. He leaves a widow and a little girl, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. The remains were interred at Hudderafield on Tuesday.

GARFORTH

On Saturday afternoon Garforth W.R. football team were defeated by Fryston Colliery by five goals to one.

In connection with East Garforth Mission Church a sale of work will be opened in St. Mary's Hall by Mrs Gascoigne, of Harewood Hall, on Tuesday afternoon. See advert.

Mr Thomas Abbott, of Garforth, has been successful in passing the examination of the Sanitary Institute, and now holds a certificate as sanitary inspector under the Public Health Act, 1875.

On Thursday evening, December 17th, a lecture on "The War—Europe to-day and after," will be given in aid of the local Belgian Refugee Fund in the Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. J. Rravcley. See advert.

THE SCHOOLS.—The percentage of attendance for the whole of the schools in the district for last month was 82.46, compared with 90.73 in the corresponding month of last year. Garforth Parochial School (mixed department) had the best attendance, the percentage being 94.31, against 91.45 last year. In the infants' department of the school the percentage was 84.81 against 89.77, measles being the cause of this drop. At the Council School the percentage for the mixed department was 90 as compared with 91.3, and in the infants' department, where measles affected the attendance, the percentage was only 78.18 against 89.35. The Methodist East Garforth were 89.86 as compared with 92.76 last year, while at the Roman Catholic School the attendance was also down, being 87.18 against 88.61.

PICTURE HOUSE—This week at the Picture House unusually good fare has been provided, and to-night and to-morrow a great attraction is a picture showing the gallantry of the Gordon Scottish at the Front. The second series of Selig's sensational jungle films "The two Rubies," and the two-reel comedy "Love, luck, and gasoline" will also meet with favour. Next week "The Express Messenger," a thrilling story of railway life, and "The Scouts' Motto," a sensational drama every boy should see, will be the outstanding pictures on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. "Life" will be screened on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This is described as the greatest picture in the history of animated photography, and the exhibition rights only allow the management to show it on three nights and at a matinee. The hero of the play rescues a girl from a fire, which burns half the village, and causes a shocking ruin disaster. No doubt there will be crowded "houses" next week. For times and prices see advert.

GARFORTH SCIENCE LECTURES.—On Wednesday evening in the Central Hall of the Council School, Garforth, a lecture on "Some aspects of bird life" was delivered by Professor Garstang, M.A., D.Sc., (Oxon). Mr H. J. Darby presided, and there was a good attendance, although it was not, as the Chairman said, so large as they had been accustomed to have at the lectures. Professor Garstang dealt with four aspects of bird life—flight, nesting habits, songs, and migration. He said that the attainment of flight by birds had not been gained without sacrifice. Geologists stated that there was a time when there were no birds on the earth, but there were plenty of reptiles, and some of those reptiles tried to fly. He then described by means of drawings how the reptile, losing its tail and its teeth, became a bird. The gradual change in the wing and the development of the flight feathers were remarked upon, and he stated that while the lighter birds had their nests in trees the lower built their nests on the ground. In the one case the chicks were hatched blind and naked, and in the other they were covered with down and greatly marked. As a further proof of their origin, he stated that the scales on some birds were of the lizard type, but as they went higher up the list of family there were a few scales on the legs or feet. Eggs, he explained, had no relation to the size of the bird, and he instanced the snipe and thrush, which were about the same size, but the eggs of the former were much larger. Professor Garstang gave an interesting explanation as to how birds that built in trees tried to safeguard their young. The highest type of birds were singing birds, and, by means of slides, he showed the structure of the warblers' throats and how they sang. A considerable length he dealt with this aspect of the subject, and stating that birds' songs admitted of analysis, he gave imitations of the warblings of many birds, having something interesting to say of various groups, finches, larks, etc. The concluding part of the lecture was devoted to a brief description of the migration of birds.—At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer on the call of the Chairman.

GREAT PRESTON

The infants' school at Great Preston had to be closed last month owing to scarlet fever, the percentage of attendance being 82.94.

On Saturday afternoon, in the Rothwell Charity Football Cup Competition, Great Preston were defeated by Rothwell Old Boys by a goal to *nil*.

HALTON

Mr S. Dickenson, of Halton, was second for fat sow, middle breed, at Leeds Smithfield Show.

Customers at the Irwin Arms Inn, Halton, have contributed £1 2s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

"Accidental death" was the verdict returned at a Leeds inquest yesterday on Benjamin Eggleston (38), miner, of 12, North-West Drive, Leeds. Eggleston was fatally injured in a fall of stone in the Beeston Pit of the Waterloo Main Colliery Company.

THE SCHOOLS.—At Halton School last month the percentage of attendance in the mixed department was 89.1 against 83.55 in November last year. In the infants' department the percentage was 79.41 as compared with 82.03. At Colton School the percentage was 89.84 against 90.76.

THE POACHING AFFRAY.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Session on Tuesday Harry Roberts, a labourer, of Leeds, was charged with night poaching in connection with the Templenewsam affray, and with unlawfully wounding Robert Robinson and John Pullan, keepers on the estate. Supt. Symonds asked for a remand of one week, and this was granted.

TEMPLENEWSAM PARISH COUNCIL.—This Council met at the Council School, Halton, on Monday evening—Mr J. H. Tomlinson (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs. Belcer, Dixon, Firth, Fitton, Goodall, and H. Greaves, with the Clerk (Mr V. Greaves). After a short discussion, and an inspection of the plans, a resolution was passed that the Council approve of a slight deviation of the footpath at the new colliery in Templenewsam Park. Several of the allotment holders had neglected to pay their rents, and it was reported two of these had gone to the workhouse, and it was proposed that an appal should be made on their behalf to the Relief Committee to pay the small sums due. The remainder of the tenants owing rents had promised to pay their arrears within the month, and it was proposed that after that time arrears not paid up should be sued for. It was resolved that no sub-letting of allotments should be allowed, that a list of the allotments and the measurement of each allotment should be entered in the minute book, no change of tenancy should be made until it was brought before a Council meeting, and each allotment should be let by the Council only. It was further agreed that each tenant should receive a notice of these regulations. The Footpaths Committee reported that steps had been taken for the repair of various footpaths in the parish. In regard to the children's playground at Whitkirk, it was decided that a letter be sent to the Hunslet District Council reminding them that notice should be given to the tenant respecting the opening of an entrance to the children's playing ground from Hollyshaw Lane.

SERIOUS CHARGE.—At the Leeds Police Court yesterday, before the Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr Horace Marshall), Thomas Jack Nicholson (24), a soldier, whose home is at Halton, was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Samuel Pearson, of 36, Belbrooke Avenue, Horsforth, and a lineman in the employ of the North Eastern Railway Co. Mr G. Knowles, who prosecuted, said that the incident occurred on the evening of Saturday, November 4th. The complainant, who had been visiting friends, called at the Red and Gun Inn, York Road, for some refreshment, his friends waiting outside. When he came out they had gone, and he went after them in the direction of Killingbeck. The landlord was under the mistaken impression that Pearson had taken some glasses away and rushed after him. Pearson denied the theft and consented to go back to the house, where he repeated in his denial. To avoid trouble he handed the landlord 2s. in payment of the glasses, and in the passage he was attacked by somebody and struck a blow on the right eye. Complainant suffered great pain, and his eye, which was seriously ruptured, had to be taken out at the Infirmary. Pearson had seen Nicholson in the public-house, but no words had passed between them. Complainant gave corroborative evidence, and two witnesses who were in the public-house at the time said that prisoner had come in after the affray, and, speaking his stick, said: "This stick would give a nasty knock, wouldn't it?" Wickolson, giving evidence, said that he struck the complainant in self-defence. He was committed for trial to the Assizes.

KIPPAX

On Saturday afternoon Kippax Woodville football team defeated Rothwell W.R. in a League match by three goals to one.

THE SCHOOLS.—The schools in the Kippax district recorded a percentage of attendance last month of 88.21 as compared with 87.9 in November last year. The boys' department of the Kippax Council School had a percentage of 93.15 against 92.71 last year. The figures for the girls' school were 91.13, compared with 90.34, and for the infants' 84.23 against 82.25.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE.—The lady workers in connection with the sewing meeting, who have met in the Parish Church Schoolroom for several weeks, have done excellent service on behalf of our soldiers and sailors. They have made the following useful articles :—31 bed jackets, 114 pairs of socks, 4 vests, 1 quilt, 1 blanket (bought), 1 helmet, 1 pair of gloves, 13 children's shirts for Belgians, 1 jersey, 4 pairs of mittens, 52 mufflers —total 322 articles.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—On behalf of the Belgian Relief Fund, a public tea was provided in the Parish Church Schoolroom on Monday afternoon, when over 100 persons were present. The Vicar, at the close, made a few remarks, and referred to the work which the ladies have done for our soldiers and sailors. They have accomplished a great deal in a few weeks. The efforts of all those who had assisted in this good work were very much appreciated. The tea realised over £1.

PARISH COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday evening—Mr J. Cripwell presiding. The other members present were Messrs. Mosses, Atkinson, R. Johnson, G. Cooper, and W. Firth, with the Clerk (Mr W. Cripwell). The Clerk read a communication from Sir J. C. Rickett, M.P., acknowledging receipt of the resolution anent pensions for disabled soldiers and sailors, which had been passed by the Council at their last meeting. A communication as to New Street was also received and read. No other business was transacted.

DISTRESS SUB-COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Kippax Distress Sub-Committee was held on Friday evening, when it was decided to remit the half of the money raised to the West Riding Distress Fund. The committee have considered four applications for relief which have arisen as a consequence of the war, but at present only one case is receiving relief. The committee desire to point out that all the miners residing in the village are contributing a weekly amount of threepence or sixpence (and in some cases a shilling) at the collieries at which they are employed, but from the Trench Colliery only is the local fund credited with the money thus raised. A sum of £5 has been forwarded to the Prince of Wales' Fund, being the proceeds of the first "Daily Mail" lecture on the war.

LEDSHAM

At the Church School, Ledsham, last month the percentage of attendance was 88.88 against 95.55 for November last year.

LOFTHOUSE

The concert held by the Lofthouse War Relief Committee in the Wesleyan School on November 30th, resulted in a balance of £12 14s. 6d. A sum of £10 has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund.

THE WAR.—Mr S. Kew, of the Imperial Mortuse League, gave a very able and spirited address on "The War, its causes and responsibilities" in the Wesleyan School, on Tuesday evening. The address was illustrated by a large number of fine lantern slides. The chair was taken by the Rev. G. H. Scott, Vicar of Lofthouse. The Rev. T. H. Bywater, Vicar of Outwood, proposed, and Mr J. L. House seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously :—"That all present at this meeting desire to place on record their unswerving determination to use all the possible means at their disposal to support the Government in carrying on the war until peace has been restored by the unconditional surrender of the enemy, and thus for all time crush the arrogant military Imperialism of the German Empire, with which she is now seeking to dominate the world." A collection at the close of the meeting realised 18s. 6d. in aid of the local War Fund.

SETHLEY

Methley Mickletown Council Schools have sent £3 to the West Riding Distress Fund.

During a dense fog on Wednesday evening, George Bothland, aged 16, hurrier, of Methley, walked into the Main and Calder Canal at Methley, and was drowned.

MICKLEFIELD

THE SCHOOLS.—At the Micklefield Church School (mixed department) the attendances reached a percentage of 87.39 as compared with 90.84 for the corresponding month of last year. At the infants' department the percentage was 85.82 against 90.58.

MICKLEFIELD WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Tuesday evening there took place in this church a special musical service, which had been arranged by the choir, who had been fortunate in securing the services of Master Gerald Spink, the well-known boy organist of Woodhouse Carr Wesleyan Church, Leeds. A short organ recital was commenced at 6.30 p.m. consisting of "Andante Pastorale" (S. Wesley), and "Sonata No. 3" (Kozeluch), and works by Campbell, Andrews, etc. These numbers served to bring out the many points of the instrument, and to show the skill and accomplishments of the performer. Following the recital came the rendering of a cantata, "The day of rest," in which the choir sang the choral items in finished style, under the conductorship of Mr E. Spink, who, with his responsive forces, produced some really effective tonal contrasts. The soloists were Misses E. and H. Taylor, Messrs G. W. Taylor, C. Simpson, and H. Humpherson, who very creditably acquitted themselves. The accompaniments were played by Master Gerald Spink in a most refined and pleasing manner. In replying to a vote of thanks, Mr Spink remarked how pleased he and his son were to be there and hoped in the near future to pay them another visit.

MOOR ALLERTON

The staff at Moorfield House, Moortown, have sent £12 12s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Mr J. W. Pollard, of Moor Allerton, won third prize for fat cow (open to members of Leeds Cowkeepers' Association) at Leeds Smithfield Show.

THE LATE MR BOWER BROOKE.—A memorial tablet erected in the Church of Moor Allerton was unveiled and dedicated at the morning service on Sunday. The tablet, which is in the nave, states that Mr Bower Brooke was trustee and warden of the church, and that he died in the hunting field on March 7th, 1914. The ceremony of unveiling was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Godwin Birchenough, in the course of the service. He said that the tablet was erected to the memory of one who was a great lover of that house, who filled almost every office, who by his regular attendance and willingness to help in good work set a bright example that would not quickly be forgotten. Bower Brooke would have been the last man to desire eulogy of his life and work, but it was only right and fitting that the memory of so loyal a Churchman, so true a man, as keen a lover of life, should be perpetuated. He was all those things, and many mourned their loss in his death.

OULTON

A sum of £5 8s. from Oulton Tennis Club has been sent by Miss Ada Bell, hon. sec., to the Belgian Relief Fund.

REFUGEES.—On Friday last five of the Belgian refugees, who have been enjoying the hospitality of the Hall, took their departure. It is understood that they have gone to take up quarters in the neighbourhood of Hunslet Carr.

THE SCHOOLS.—The schools in the Oulton district last month recorded a percentage of 80.05 as compared with 86.04 for November last year. At the St. John Church mixed department, the percentage was 93.60 against 93.15 last year. The infants' department showed a percentage of 72.57 against 78.43 in November of last year. Whooping cough greatly affected the attendance.

ROUNDHAY

OFFICER'S SAD DEATH.—The Leeds Rifles have lost one of their young officers by the death of Second-Lieutenant Kenneth H. Ives, who succumbed at the R.A.M.C. Hospital, York, on Wednesday, to typhoid fever and double pneumonia. Mr Ives, who was only twenty-five years of age, was the eldest son of Mr A. E. Ives, of Greystones, Park Avenue, Roundhay, and the Grand Restaurant, Leeds, and was well-known in various Leeds circles. He was formerly articled to Mr Arthur Willey, solicitor, and became qualified to practise as a solicitor only this year. He received his commission in the Leeds Rifles a few weeks after the outbreak of war, and had since been stationed with his battalion at York. A few weeks ago he caught a chill, which developed into pneumonia, and was followed by typhoid fever.

SEACROFT

SUCCESS.—On Tuesday at the Leeds Smithfield Show Mr J. M. Raynor, of Whinmoor, won second prize for dairy cow, any age (calved). He also secured third prize for dairy cow, any age (calved), under 11 cwt. Mr Raynor secured a first and a second prize in the cow classes open to members of Leeds Cowkeepers' Association.

SCHOLES

The attendance at the Scholes School last month was greatly affected by measles, the percentage being 85.29 as compared with 91.53 for the corresponding month of last year.

SHADWELL

Mrs F. Simpson, of Shadwell, has sent 5s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

SWILLINGTON

THE SCHOOLS.—The Council School had the best percentage of attendance of the two schools last month, the figures being 92.59 as compared with 91.76 in November last year. At the Parochial School the returns were 87.54 against 86.06.

STRAYED FROM SEACROFT.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Henry Calvert Broadbent, butcher, of Leeds, was summoned for allowing two cows to stray on the highway. P.C. Eadon stated that he found the animals straying on the Selby Road, Swillington, about 6.20 p.m. on November 30th. He took them to a farm and penned them up. The following day a representative of the defendant came for the cows. A representative of the defendant, who appeared at the court, said that they knew nothing about the cows until the next day. They had strayed from Seacroft. A fine of 1s. for each cow, and costs was imposed.

WOODLESFORD

A letter relating to a Woodlesford soldier who has lost his life appears in another column.

THE SCHOOLS.—At the Council School last month the attendance in the mixed department was 91.42 per cent. against 88.85 in November last year. That of the infants' department was 81.33 against 83.46.

WHITKIRK

A sum of £1 10s., collected at Whitkirk Church, has been sent by the Rev. B. Guyer to the Belgian Relief Fund

A sum of £3, proceeds of a private whist drive, has been sent by Mr and Mrs L. A. Giles, of Whitkirk, to the Leeds Belgian Relief Fund.

AT THE MANOR HOUSE.—Mrs Child, of The Manor House, Whitkirk, generously gave her usual treat to the old folks on Wednesday evening last week. The guests were conveyed to the Manor House in a covered waggonette, and, after spending a very happy evening, they were taken home in the conveyance. The choir boys at the church had their supper and treat at the Manor House on Friday night, and they had a most enjoyable time.

KIPPAX DISTRESS SUB-COMMITTEE

The following amounts have been received on behalf of the West Riding and Local Distress Funds :—

	£ s. d.
House to house collection, per Kippax Old Band and St John Ambulance Association . .	6 0 0
Kippax Co-operative Society subscription . . .	6 6 0
G. C. H. Wheler, Esq., M.P. .	2 2 0
Sir J. C. Rickett, M.P. (for local fund) . . .	2 2 0
Underground workmen and boys and screenmen Trench Colliery per Mr A. Townend (1st con.) .	2 0 6
Ditto (2nd contribution) . .	1 2 1
Ditto (3rd contribution) . .	2 1 3
Ditto (4th contribution) . .	2 0 10
Ditto (5th contribution) . .	2 0 9
Mr Wm Greer and workmen (1st monthly collection) . .	2 10 0
Ditto (2nd monthly collection)	2 10 0
Mr S R Silverwood (1st con.)	0 2 0
Staff of Refuge Assurance Co., per Mr H. Gummerson .	0 5 0
W. Cripwell (1st contribution)	0 5 0
Total . . .	£32 6 6

Further subscriptions are earnestly solicited.

REV. E. B. SMITH, Treasurer.
W. CRIPWELL, Secretary.

9th December, 1914.

WEST RIDING DISTRESS COMMITTEE—GARFORTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

	£ s. d.
Amount of subscriptions previously acknowledged . .	219 13 3
Underground workmen, boys, and screenmen Sisters' and Isabella Pits, per (Mr C. H. Hedley) 12th contribution	6 18 2
One-half of prize money obtained for best gardens from the children of the Garforth Parochial Schools, as follows:—K. Tocs 6d., H. Bond 6d., E. Jermy 3d., N. Barker 3d., P. Oxtoby 1s. 3d., A. Harrison 7½d., A. Leggott 7½d., D. Whitehead 7½d., J. Kirk 7½d., children's pence in lieu of fireworks od. . .	0 6 0
Garforth Elementary teachers (per Mr B. Chadwick). .	1 12 6
Underground workmen, boys and screenmen, Trench Pit, per Mr E. W. Ogden (5th contribution). . . .	2 0 7
Total amount to date . .	£270 10 6

Wm. Geo. Bonner, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Wetherby Council School has made a second contribution of 10s. to the West Riding Distress Fund.

WINNERS—Mrs Cass, of Ribston, won first prize for dairy cow, any age, (calved), under 11 cwt., at Leeds Smithfield Show, and she was also first for horned Highland ox or heifer. Mr G. Lax, Cowthorpe, won first prize for ox or heifer under two years.

Patent list compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Street, Halifax :—Patents accepted—W. H. Webster, York, improvements in fireboxes; A. Wilkinson, Ilkley, flexible armoured bodies for motor-cars, etc.; E. Court, Wakefield, pockets for uniform coats. Patents renewed—David Smith, Leeds, improvements in water filters; and J. Ingham and Sons, Wakefield, improvements in colliery tubs or corves.

BELGIAN REFUGEES.—A series of Belgian refugees arrived at Selby on Wednesday night, and were being accommodated at Prospect House, lent for the purpose to the local committee by Messrs Farrow and Co., Ltd. A fund has been raised out of which the house rent has been paid, and very comfortable provision made for the refugees, who have been sent by the Central Committee. Mr Mark Scott, Mr J. J. York, the Rev. R. J. Dunford, and others met and welcomed the Belgians at the Railway Station, and gave them a hearty welcome. They appeared very pleased with their reception.

RECRUITING AT SELBY.—Capt. Plotnauer (York), of the 5th Reserve Battalion West Yorks. Regiment (Territorials), stationed at Harrogate, addressed meetings in the Selby Market on Monday, and also at the Assembly Rooms in advance of the local recruiting campaign. He was supported by Mr R. Lodge and Mr W. J. Taylor, and assisted by Corpl. W. Donnelly, of the Reserve Battalion. Two recruits were enrolled at the shipyard, which has already contributed a good quota to the armed forces, and Messrs Cochrane, the proprietors, were thanked for their patriotic action in supporting the recruiting campaign so heartily. It is hoped to secure at least a score of recruits as the result of the day's efforts.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

SEQUEL TO A STOURTON PROSECUTION

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr J. Gavine (vice-chairman) presiding. Others present were Mrs E. A. Dickinson, Father T. Cody, J. Butterick, T. G. Conyers, W. Schofield, G. Armitage, W. A. Appleyard, J. Bannister, E. B. Pickersgill, H. I. Pulford, D. W. Hargreaves, W. Lunn, W. Stead, W. Hemingway, and J. W. Verity, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

HOMES COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the Children's Homes Committee the circular letter from the Local Government Board respecting the care and supervision of widows and children in receipt of out-relief was further considered on the Board's reference. A report was also received from the Clerk thereon, and it was resolved that the Guardians be recommended as follows :—(1) To enter into arrangements, if possible, with the Education Committees for a half-time system to be made to them as to the mental and physical progress of the children in receipt of out-relief, and to apply to the Local Government Board to consequently dispense with the requirements for weekly reports of school attendance. (2) To give instructions to all the male relieving officers similar to those given to the female officer, to time their visits as far as possible so as to see each child in receipt of out-relief once every three months, and to report any unsuitable conditions. (3) To prohibit the employment in street trading as defined by the Employment of Children Act, 1903, of all children of school age in receipt of relief. (4) To instruct the relieving officers to draw the attention of the Guardians to any case in which they have reason to fear that a chargeable child is likely to be put to an unsuitable occupation, or one which does not afford a prospect of permanent employment.

A letter was received from the Cinderella Club, Manchester, stating that on account of the war they have decided not to make any distribution of dolls and toys this year.

The Clerk reported the proceedings at the conviction of George H. Bruce (Stourton) by the N.S.P.C.C., for neglecting his children, and that the man had been sent to prison for three months with hard labour. It was decided that the Guardians be recommended to resolve that all the rights and powers of George Henry Dent, as the father of his six children, now maintained by them, and the father having been sentenced to imprisonment in respect of an offence against his children, shall vest in the Guardians, and shall continue so vested until the children shall attain the age of 21 years.

Mr Hemingway asked for the Chairman of the Homes Committee to explain why the Guardians had taken over the children.

Mr Schofield : In the absence of the chairman, the Clerk ought to explain.

The Clerk stated that the minutes were an account of the proceedings of the court. The man was charged with neglect which, according to the evidence, was fairly gross, with the result that he was sent to prison for three months. That gave the Guardians power to take these proceedings. He (the Clerk) was convicted for an offence against the children.

Mr Hemingway said that Dent had been unfortunate for two years, and up to that time if was thought he had been a good father and a good husband, but obstacles had arisen which were insurmountable. He remembered the children coming to the House, and he believed the man had made a mistake after the children had been in the institution three months. No one could say that the father had neglected the children, it was for want of a mother. After the man's sentence he tried to get a woman, but he could not find a suitable one, who had a good character, and he had to keep his eldest child away from school, and that was the first thing that drew attention to the case. He had taken his mother, with the result that she fell ill shortly after, and he had all of them in the house together. He (Mr Hemingway) felt sorry for the man, and he hoped the minute would not be passed, although he was not prepared to move that it go back to the committee for consideration.

The Clerk said that the object of the resolution was not to relieve the father of any obligation. If the man regained his character and ultimately was in a position so that the children could be usefully and with advantage discharged, he (the Clerk) recommended the Guardians to let the children go. It was after having attended the court and heard the somewhat caustic remarks of the chairman, that he advised the committee to take the first opportunity of doing what was right for the children.

Mr Alderson, who reported upon the case, said that from the first she felt sorry for the man as in the position he was placed, and the family he had, and could not get a woman to help him out of the difficulty. From time to time the children deteriorated, and it was desirable to see them. They never went to school, and when they were taken to the Homes it was not before time.

The matter then dropped.

Father Cody also raised a point in connection with the circular in the minutes referring to the circular letter of the Local Government Board respecting the relief of widows and children. With regard to the Guardians' visiting the children he thought it was going a bit too far to expect officers to inspect and to report on every child, as it placed an extra burden on the relieving officers, who were already in another fady officer, and for the good they did he thought it unnecessary to expend another £100 per year. With regard to the other part of the circular he would welcome it. He proposed the par be deleted.

Mr Lunn seconded.

Mr Appleyard said that Father Cody spoke as though the officers had to report on every child. The minute was that the report should be on any unsuitable person. If it was extra work it was not asking too much.

On a vote being taken the amendment was lost and the minutes were passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the House Committee the matter reported that three deaths had occurred in the infirmary during the week ended. Mr Stead invited as many of the inmates as were able to visit his picture palace at Rothwell on New Year's Day, and the invitation was accepted.

A letter was received from Mr C. H. Darke, engineer, stating he had entered for active service in the Navy for the period of the war, and asking in the event of his being called upon, that his post be kept open for him. It was resolved that leave be granted if necessary for the period of the war.

The minutes were passed.

Mr Lunn is to move a resolution at the next meeting that coal be allowed to recipients of outdoor relief similar to last year.

Mr W. R. Holgate, of Scarcroft, was a prize-winner in the classes for roots at Leeds Smithfield Show.

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TEMPLENEWSAM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association was held at the Brown Cow Inn, Whitkirk, on Friday evening—Mr. J. M. Armistead (President) in the chair.

The President, in his annual report, stated —Nine meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 17, compared with ten meetings and an average attendance of 18 during 1913. Having regard to the general absorption of interest in the tremendous world struggle which is now passing, I think these figures may be regarded as satisfactory. It is, however, much to be desired that a larger proportion of the members attend the meetings and take part in the proceedings. Seven new members have been elected during the year. The present membership, however, owing to removals and withdrawals, shows a slight decrease. Arising out of a resolution adopted at the March meeting, the Association secured—through the good offices of Mr Marsden and the generosity of the Hon. Edward Wood—a playing field at Whitkirk on a nominal rental. The Association took the initiative in this matter, but all the arrangements were made in co-operation with the Parish Council, in which body the control of the ground is vested. We trust that in process of time, by the efforts of the Council, this field may be a real boon to the young folks of the neighbourhood. A well-devised town-planning scheme has been drawn up by the District Council, and the Clerk to the Council, Mr Pindar, attended our November meeting, and gave full explanations of the plans and details—a courtesy much appreciated by us. It is a matter of gratification to every member that this Association took the first step in advocating the adoption of a town-planning scheme after an address by Mr Pindar two years ago. We again desire to record our appreciation of the energy and resourcefulness of Mr Pindar in this matter, a matter so vital to the future wellbeing of the township. Several matters of local interest have had consideration during the year, but they do not call for detailed comment. The shadow of the greater events is over us for the present, but we look hopefully forward to the time when that shadow will be lifted. Meantime let us carry on our work, and endeavour to extend our scope and usefulness, not as grumblers and busybodies, but as a voluntary society making articulate the views of the citizens, and thus co-operate with the governing bodies for the common good of all. I thank the Association and the Executive for their support during the past year, and we as an Association thank our local Councils for their courtesy and help, and the "Skyrack Courier" for its monthly reports.

On the motion of Mr S. H. Young, seconded by Mr J. Coultas, the report was adopted.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr Atkinson) reported that the income, including a balance to commence with, of 7s. 10d., was £5 16s. 8d., and the expenditure was £5 0s. 6d., leaving a balance of 7s. 4d. It was stated that several subscriptions had come in since the accounts were made up.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr R. MacKay, seconded by Mr J. A. Rhodes.

Mr Atkinson proposed that Mr Armistead be re-elected President, stating that he had made an excellent chairman and was well fitted to do the work.

Mr Young, in seconding, said that they all knew Mr Armistead's abilities, and he put forward his name with every confidence.

The resolution was passed unanimously, and Mr Armistead, in reply, said that they did not need to apologise for an Association of that kind. They did not endeavour to be a thorn in the flesh of the governing bodies, with whom they were on excellent terms, and he thought the record of the Association during the last six or seven years would show that they had done good work for the district. They would be glad to welcome the whole of the ratepayers into membership, and he pointed out the value of the Association in focussing the ideas of the residents in a way that was impossible through a ballot-box. Questions were ventilated at the meeting, and in the local Press, so that the local bodies had reliable data to go upon as to views of ratepayers. He hoped that an effort would be made during the year to greatly increase the membership.

The President proposed the appointment of Mr Atkinson as Independent, stating that he had been a very enthusiastic member and had taken a very deep interest in the Association.

Mr W. R. Bell seconded, and the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Mr Atkinson said that he was interested in the work, and he attended every meeting he could. He promised to do the best he could for the Association.

Mr Young proposed Mr Tindale Rippon as hon. treasurer. He stated that Mr Rippon accepted the office of vice-president last year, on condition that it was not a step to the chair, and he thought that, although he had a great deal of other work in hand, he would accept the treasurership.

Mr Rushton, in seconding, said that all work Mr Rippon took in hand was carried out in a thorough and efficient manner.

The appointment was unanimously agreed to.

Mr E. Wilkinson, after three years' work as hon. secretary, desired to retire from the position, and the President proposed Mr Rushton, who would carry out the duties in a very able manner. He accepted the position he thought they would be fortunate.

Mr Hall, who said they could not have a better man, seconded, and the resolution was passed amid applause. Mr Rushton accepted the office, and said he would be pleased to do what he could for the Association.

Mr J. A. Rhodes proposed the re-election of Mr W. R. Bell, treasurer, and accountant as hon. auditor, Mr Rushton seconded, and this was adopted.

Fifteen gentlemen were nominated for ten places on the committee, and the following were elected:—Messrs J. A. Rhodes, G. E. Martin, E. Wilkinson, R. MacKay, J. Mellor, J. Coultas, H. H. Giddings, W. Booth, L. McPherlane, and White.

Mr Young proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Wilkinson for his three years' work as hon. secretary. All he had done had been marked by care and ability, and they were very grateful to him.

Mr Atkinson seconded, stating that Mr Wilkinson could not have done the work so well if he had not been deeply interested in it.

The President supported, and the vote was heartily accorded.

Mr Rhodes proposed a vote of thanks to the Brewers of the Yorkshire Brewery and the landlord and landlady of the Brown Cow Inn for the accommodation they had provided for the Association, which had been well served.

Mr MacKay, who seconded, said that little courtesies of this kind ought to be acknowledged.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr Rushton directed attention to the unsatisfactory state of the road and footpath in Green Lane, between the stile and the bridge, and proposed that the attention of the responsible authorities be directed to the matter.

Mr Coultas seconded.

Mr MacKay said he thought they ought to draw attention to the danger alongside the foot path, too. It encroached very much on the path.

It was agreed to call attention to both matters.

Mr White asked if there was any information about another entrance being provided to the Recreation Field at Whitkirk. At the outset they were promised an entrance from Hollyshaw Lane.

Mr Wilkinson said that he had no information, and he did not see any prospect of anything being done. He stated that if the town-planning scheme was carried out two roads would go through the recreation field, but there was no doubt if it were taken away another would be provided.

Mr Cousin asked if they had any information as to the work of the Distress Committee.

The President said the subscriptions amounted to about £12 a week, and the distress was growing less.

BARWICK AND SCHOLES AFFAIRS.

WATER SCHEME—THE CHARITIES.

A meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council was held at Scholes on Monday evening, and the members present were Messrs J. M. Royar (Chairman), R. Wright, A. Heath, A. Robshaw, and F. Lamb (Barwick), and Messrs J. Pemberton and W. Needham (Scholes), with the Clerk (Mr. H. R. Clarke).

The Chairman inquired if Mr Wright had any information to give them about the water scheme.

Mr Wright said that he could not do so, but as soon as they had made any progress he should be glad to give a report.

Mr Heath inquired if the scheme was to supply Scholes only.

Mr Wright said it was to supply a wide area.

Mr Pemberton asked if it would come before the ratepayers.

The Chairman: An inquiry will be held.

Mr Pemberton: Will there be a poll?

Mr Wright said he did not anticipate anything of that kind. When the scheme had been prepared an application would be made to the Local Government Board to borrow money, and they would send down an inspector to hold an inquiry, at which objections, if there were any, would be heard.

Mr Pemberton proposed that the Clerk write to the District Council and ask them to give the Council particulars of the scheme.

Mr Wright said that he did not suppose the District Council would object to supplying particulars of the scheme, but when it was ready, but he pointed out that they were not bound to do so.

Mr Needham asked if the District Council would take any notice of such a resolution.

The Chairman: It will be an opportune time.

Mr Pemberton contended that the ratepayers had a right to knowledge of this kind before inquestion went to a Local Government Board inquiry.

Mr Lamb: We send the District Councillors to represent us.

Mr Pemberton said that it was right the ratepayers should know everything about the scheme.

Mr Wright: You will know everything.

No one would second Mr Pemberton's proposal, and Mr Wright said he would see that the interests of the parish did not suffer.

A deputation of the Council waited upon Mr Vibart Dixon, of the County Council, and asked his assistance with regard to a new scheme for the administration of the parochial charities, and correspondence between him and the Charity Commissioners was submitted. The latter stated that it was desirable the Council and Leeds should come to an agreement on the matter, and they proposed on these lines would receive their favourable consideration.

After a lengthy discussion, in which the Chairman said he would be pleased if Leeds would accept a certain sum in payment of their claim in respect of Crossgates, Mr Pemberton moved that an interview with Leeds authorities be asked to discuss the matter, and that Mr Vibart Dixon be asked to give the Council his assistance. Mr Wright seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr Robshaw inquired if the Council could ask anyone to top trees that hung over the road.

The Chairman said that they could complain to the District Council.

Mr Robshaw then moved that the attention of the District Council be called to trees overhanging the road in Potterton Lane, Street High Street, Barwick. This was seconded, and agreed to.

Mr Pemberton said that it had been stated the Scholes town-planning scheme would be a charge on the district, and he had since seen it stated in a local paper that such a charge would fall on the parish.

Mr Wright said that he had been told the expense would fall on the rural area, and he had no other information on the matter.

A REMARKABLE TADCASTER SALE.

A SHEEP REALISES £38 4s. FOR THE BELGIAN FUND.

Mr T. Carlton, Collingham and Hazlewood, gave a sheep to be sold for the Belgian Relief Fund at the Christmas Fat Stock sale at Tadcaster on Monday. The sheep was bought and returned several times until a total of £38 4s. had been realised for the fund. The sheep was first purchased by the auctioneer, Mr R. Stephenson, for £3 3s., who again gave it, and it was resold for £1 to Mr Joseph Walker, Leeds.

It was resold again and again, the following being the purchasers: Mr E. Thomlinson, Catton, £21; Mr S. Elvidge, Headley Hall, £2; Messrs T. and W. Noble, Dun Keswick, £2 2s.; Mr S. Paige, Tadcaster, £2; Mr F. J. Stephenson, Paige, Tadcaster, £2; Mr H. Illingworth, Leeds, £3 3s.; Mr H. Thresgold, Leeds, £1; Mr G. Preston, Shadwell, £1; Mr J. Mennell, Elmet, £1; Mr H. Whiteley, Shepherdin Hall, £1; Mr R. D. Hall, Walton Lodge, £1; Mr J. H. H. Elvidge, Walton, £1; Mr H. Winterburn, Harewood, £1; Mr W. Wainwright, Sherburn-in-Elmet, £1; Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, £1; Mr H. Wood, Cross Roads, £1; Mr J. T. Holdsworth, Clifford Moor, £1; Mr Bromley, Steeton Hall, £1; Mr J. Allen, Tadcaster, £1; Mr Pryor, Barkwith-street, £1; Mr E. Cundall, Appleton, then gave £3 7s. for it, which made the amount realised by Messrs. Thomlinson's sale into £16. Thus the grand total was £38 4s.

The Countess of Harewood on Monday opened a sale of work in connection with the Good Shepherd Mission, Leeds, and presided over the fact that the Earl of Harewood laid the foundation stone of the buildings many years ago.

TADCASTER CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SALE.

MESSRS THOMLINSON'S MART—PRIZE-WINNERS.

TOP PRICE £43 15s.

At Tadcaster Auction Mart on Monday Messrs Thomlinson and Son held their sale of stock specially for the Christmas market. Really choice beasts quality sold readily from 9d to 10s per stone, good beef made 9s to 9s 6d, medium quality from 8s 6d to 8s 9d per stone. Calves sold at fully 9d per lb. Mutton a dear and good trade, from 10d to 11d per lb. Bacon, pork, and store pigs a big show, making more money; pork from 8s to 8s 6d per stone, bacon pigs from 10s 6d to 7s 6d per stone; strong stores a good sell at late rates.

There were six special prizes given by Messrs Thorley or their agents (Messrs C. D. Mills, Ltd., of York), Messrs J. Hibby and Sons (per Mr F. J. Clark, their agent, of Wetherby), and Messrs Robson's Cakes (per Messrs H. Page and Co., of Tadcaster, their agents). The following gentlemen kindly acted as judges—Messrs J. T. Allan, of Wetherby (cl. 1), J. Kendall, of Poppleton; and J. W. Parsons, of Tadcaster.

Messrs Thorley and Sons' special cake prize of 2 guineas for the best fat bullock was awarded to Messrs Thomlinson and Son, of Eastfield, for a grand roan Irish bullock, five weight 17cwt, 3qrs. (made to 2d per stone), and was knocked down for £43 15s. to Mr H. Sullivan, of Tadcaster. Their special prize for the best cow was awarded to Mr E. Jackson, of Catterton, for a very choice black polled Angus heifer, five weight 14cwt, three qrs. 2d per stone, and was sold to Mr G. England, of Leeds. Messrs J. Hibby and Son's special cake prize of 2 guineas was awarded to a fine black polled bullock from Mr T. H. Watson, of How Bridge, realising £39 5s. to Mr J. W. Parsons, of Tadcaster.

The second prize of 1 guinea was awarded to a grand level-fleshed red Irish bullock, making £39 7s. 6d., to Messrs Robson's 2 lb. cake manure, kindly won by a splendid quality Irish bullock fed by Mr R Cass, of Catterton, and sold for £39 7s 6d. to Mr C. Scholefield, of Tadcaster. Messrs Thorley's 1 guinea prize for the best pen of sheep was awarded to Messrs Welburn, of Huddleston Hall, for a pen of weighty Down cross wearlings, and they were sold at 10s. 6d. each to Mr Verity, of Leeds. The show of stock was quite up to previous years, making about 12 per stone more money than any recent Christmas sale. Numbers additional to the 1,000 entered, but not for sale, were 63 fat beasts, 151 fat sheep, and 129 bacon, pork and store pigs.

A calf from Mr E. O. Simpson, of Huddleston Castle, sold for £6 17s.; one from Mr H. Horncastle, sold for £6 17s.; and two calves from Eastshaw, made £8 11s.; and two calves from Eastshaw made 9gns and 9gns. Mr R. Dutton, of Bilton, sold a choice heifer at £28 5s.; Mr E. Jackson, of Catterton, sold four grand bullocks and heifers at £34 10s., £31 10s., £32 10s., and £21 10s. at £34 10s., £31 10s., £32 10s., and £21 10s. each; Mr H. Blacker, of Healaugh, sent a good bullock, realising £33 10s.; Mr J. Dunnington, of Healaugh, sold three grand bullocks at £35 15s., £34 10s., and £32 17s 6d; Mr T. Richardson, of Healaugh, sent three very choice bullocks, a shining £43 15s 6d, £34 10s., and £33 5s.; Mr H. Grainger, of Clifford, sold two good heifers at £33 7s 6d, and £32 10s.; Mr Robt. Carr, of Wighill, sold two specially fed Irish bullocks, making £39 15s., and £33 7s 6d; from Mr J. W. Watson, of Manor Farm, Wighill, five extra choice bullocks were sold at £30 12s 6d, £29 5s., £28 15s., £27 7s 6d, and £23 15s.; Mr Geo. Winter, Palfathorpe, sold two grand heifers at £30 12s 6d and £29; Mr E. Parkinson, of Eastfield, sent a splendid quality bullock made £30 17s 6d and two nice bullocks, which made £30 17s 6d and £27 17s 6d; from Lady Hawker, of Wighill Park, £27 17s 6d; from Mr E. Parkinson, of Eastfield, a splendid quality bullock realised £30 17s 6d, and two fat heasts which realised £30 17s 6d and £28 10s.

Mr R. Steel, of Milford, had five pens of choice sheep, which made 10s. each; from Mr Jas. Bamborough, of Huddleston, to 78s. each; from Mr Welburn, to 90s. 6d. each; from Mr H. Watson, to 84s. each; from Mr Brewerton, to 85s. each; from Mr J. Wilson, to 85s. 6d. each; from Mr Ryder, to 84s. each; from Mr R. Dutton, to 73s. each; etc. Fat pigs from Mr Thackeray, made to £10; from Eavelle, to £13 2s 6d; from Mr A. Richardson, to £11; from Mr B. Blacker, to £12 15s.; from Miss Warley, to £8 2s. 6d.; from Mr Platts, to £5 5s.; from Mrs Robinson, to £6 10s.; from Mr Wagstaff, to £6 15s.; from Mr Winter, made to 8gns each; from Mr G. Scholefield, to 9gns. each; from Mr A. Shoddart, to 5gns. 6d. each; from Mr Riley-Smith, to £5 6. each; from Mr H. Dent, to 9gns. each.

MESSRS STEPHENSON'S SALE.

Messrs Stephenson and Son on Monday held their show and sale of prime fat stock for specially for Christmas at the new auction mart, Tadcaster, and had a good display, viz., 81 beasts, 151 sheep, and 195 pigs.

Messrs Robson's special for fat bullock, a piece of plate value £2 2s., was won by a great lot shown by Mr Wm. Eastfield, Tadcaster, for £37 7s 6d. The same firm's special for pen of four sheep was obtained by Mr F. Jackson, Headingley Grange, and they were bought by Mr Wm. Eastfield, Tadcaster, for 78s. each. Messrs Bibby's special, value £2 2s, for fat bullock, was won by a grand black poll shown by Mr T. B. Wilson, Sen., Rose Hedge, and bought by Mr J. W. Atkinson, Tadcaster, for £39 5s.

Other good bullocks were shown by Mr R. Cass, making £36 to Mr Sykes, Church Fenton; by Mr F. Jackson, £35 2s 6d.; by Mr Reddihough, £34 15s; by Mr J. Dayton, £37 to Mr D. Mc Mr H. Illingworth; from Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe Hall, £30 12s 6d to Mr Whitehead; from Mr Wright's herd, £30 to Mr Verity; from Mr R. Drake, £23 15s and £23 15s to Mr Thrower, £23 to Mr J. Walker, £22 17s to Mr J. W. Coates; from Mr H. Elvidge, Walton, £22 10s to Mr Eastwith, £21 to Mr Tindall; from Mr G. Dunwell, Wighill, £23 15s to Mr Verity, £22 10s Mr Illingworth, £21 to Mr Whitbrick; from Mr J. Lathley, Kirkby Wharfe, £24 12s 6d to Mr Whitehead; from Mr R. Carr, Wighill, £22 17s 6d and £21 15s.; from Mr Brodesbank, Healaugh Manor, £22 10s to £21; from Mr W. Robinson, Wighill Park, £22 10s to £17 2s 6d; from Messrs Calvert, Catterton, £20 10s to £20 17s 6d; from Mr H. Watson, Newton Kyme, £19 to £20 15s.; Mr L. Sampson, Newton Kyme, £18 12s 6d to £20 7s 6d; from a grand Irish £18 12s 6d to £20 7s 6d; from a grand Irish bullock fed by Mr W. R. Weddell, Hornington Manor, made £26 10s. to Mr C. Scholefield and Mr W. Wright (York), £24 17s 6d to Mr W. W. Schofield, £24 12s 6d to Mr Wheldrick, £21 15s. to Mr Bentley (Methley), £21 to Mr C. Scholefield; six good heifers from Mr G. P. Wright, Oglethorpe Hall, made from £20 to £21 12s 6d each; from Mr R. Cass made £24 12s 6d to Mr Rockliffe; from Mr R. Horner, Colton, £23 and £21 5s.; from Mr R. Hewitt, Shibthorpe, £22 7s 6d; from Mr E. House-man, Bolton Percy, made £18 15s to £19 17s 6d each; from Mr A. Kendall, Kirkby Wharfe, £17 17s 6d; from Mr J. Slater, Tadcaster, £17 15s. Fat cows from Mr Hilditch, Colton Park, £22; from Mr G. Jenkinson, Bramham, £20 7s 6d to £22 12s 6d each.

Grand shearling sheep shown by Mr Welburn, Huddleston, made to 80s each; from Mr E. Jackson, Headingly, to 78s.; Mr R. Steel, North Milford, to 84s.; Messrs Ireland Bros., to 68s.; Mr J. Bailey, Seaton, to 55s 6d; Mr J. T. Dearlove, Walton, to 61s.; others to 50s. Prime hoggets from Mr H. Watson, Toulston, to 61s 6d. each; Mr L. Sampson, to 59s 6d.; Mr J. T. Holdsworth, Clifford Moor, to 55s 6d.; Mr J. Bailey, to 49s 6d.; Mr G. P. Wright, to 52s 6d.; Mr C. Riley, Saxton, to 53s 6d.; Mr E. Jackson, to 59s.; Mr Robinson, of 58s 6d.; etc.

Grand horse tops from Mr Brodesbank made £20 15s 6d and £21; Mr Wilkins, £21; Mr Freer, £5 14s.; Mr Welburn, £5 15s.; Mr Wotherson, £5 4s.; three porkers from Mr Wright, 60s. each; Mr Smith, 60s. 5qrs 6d.; Mr Dwaine, 85s. each; Mr Wilson, 76s. to 84s.; Mr Hills, 66s 6d to 70s.; Mr Ibbetson, 61s to 57s.; Mr Oates, 47s 6d.; Mr Masterman, 46s 6d to 48s.; Mr Freer, 66s 6d. each; Mrs Frost, 45s 6d to 48s.; Messrs Dunn and Son, 56s to 64s.; Mr Gaythorpe, 41s 6d to 66s 6d.; Mr Poole, 53s to 67s.; Mr Westerby, 60s to 69s.; Mr Hutchinson, 58s to 59s.; Mr Sutcliffe, 52s 6d to 61s.; Mr Birdsall, 57s.; Mr Sherwin, 59s to 57s 6d.; Mr Sampson, 59s to 61s 6d. Strong stores made to 53s each. Young pigs cheap, 10s 6d. to 14s. 6d. each.

RECRUITING MEETING AT MARSTON.

HOW TO STOP THE GERMANS.

A well-attended recruiting meeting was held at Long Marston, near Tadcaster, on Thursday night.

Mr A. Kay, who presided, said that the meeting had been convened so that anyone present who was desirous of doing so might have an opportunity of joining His Majesty's forces.

Sir John Grant Lawson, Bart., said they would see on the recruiting bills that the King and country were needing men.

What did "country" mean? It was not an abstract expression, for the country meant the people of the country, and it was for the people of the country and all that we held dear that we were fighting. We were waging a very serious war, and it was only by sheer good luck that we had been able to avoid disaster. Luckily for us Germany had begun the war at a time when we could depend on trusty allies in all parts of the world, but after all it was not a very bad match. There was no denying it; the Germans were fighting splendidly, and our men had fought splendidly also. Yet the Germans were fighting with a dogged courage. And there was no doubt that they would attempt an invasion of this country. There were two ways of stopping them. One was to fight them and beat them on the Continent, and the other was to beat them when they landed in this country should they ever land. Which was the best way? By fighting and winning on the Continent we should prevent the horrors of war being perpetrated in this country. And to do that we must have more men. We had 22,000,000 males in this country, and even providing half of these were too young or too old to serve, and half of the remainder were not physically fit, that left 5,500,000 men.

Of these five and a half millions only one million had come forward to serve. It was no good the young men of the country standing at home to grow wheat, for if we could not get men enough and the Germans beat us on land, then the Germans would reap what they had sown. Then, of course, they would not be hurried to the front at once, they would first of all get their training, and it behoved all these young men who had been arms to go and be trained to go so at once.

Mr J. Bamborough said the women of the country ought also to help in this matter, for it was for them to remove all obstacles they may have placed in the way of the men joining the Army. This Army offered excellent chances to recruits at the present time, for their dependents were being well cared for, and they were receiving 1s. 1d. per day, whereas the German private was receiving only about 1½d. per day. They might be sure that the time was a pressing one, and all who were eligible could do nothing else but enlist at once if they would do their duty. The more men we had the sooner would peace be secured. (Applause).

The speakers afterwards addressed a meeting at Tockwith, where Colonel Jeffreys presided. They again pleaded for recruits, and here the recruiting officer was successful in obtaining several men.

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Having heard a good account of your skill I decided to give you a trial. During the first nine weeks of your treatment my weight increased from 5 stones to 7 stones, and now I have been cured several weeks I weigh just over 9 stones. The soreness and pains in the stomach, the sick feeling, and the dizziness have all left me, and I can honestly say that I NEVER FELT SO WELL OR SO STRONG IN MY LIFE. Thanking you most kind and careful attention—I am, sir, yours sincerely,

(Miss) L. TATE.

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TADCASTER CRICKET CLUB.

FIRST ELEVEN—BATTING.

	No of Times Most in Total Inns.		not out	Inn. runs	Aver.
J. F. Mason	14	2	80*	289	24.08
J. W. Garbutt	11	1	47	205	20.50
G. Freer	11	3	79*	150	19.57
R. T. Baker	8	2	39*	118	19.66
J. A. Grimston	9	6	20*	40	10.33
H. Raper	12	4	18	83	13.13
J. T. Hobden	13	1	38	157	13.08
W. West	6	2	30*	50	12.50
H. Todd	13	0	50	153	11.76
E. W. Herbert	7	1	45*	79	11.60
R. Johnson	8	0	15	35	8.75
J. Hepworth	6	0	11	23	3.83
G. Nettleton	5	0	10	19	3.80
A. Swinden	9	0	9*	29	3.62

* Signifies Not Out.

BOWLING

	Overs	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
E. W. Herbert	120	47	185	24	5.44
A. Swinden	89	25	166	30	5.53
R. T. Baker	140	53	237	39	6.07
G. Freer	24	3	88	13	6.15
G. Nettleton	31	11	48	5	9.60
F. West	74	5	268	7	9.71
H. Raper	23	3	61	5	12.20
C. Harrison	31	8	59	4	14.75

SECOND ELEVEN—BATTING.

	No of Times Most in Total Inns.		not out	Inn. runs	Aver.
J. T. Kettlewell	13	3	56*	153	15.30
E. Nettleton	8	1	26	73	10.71
A. Taylor	9	1	45	81	10.12
A. Swann	5	0	17	29	9.66
A. Aldous	14	1	19	116	8.92
H. Taylor	13	3	26*	80	8.00
H. Chatfield	10	1	18*	61	6.77
H. Brodie	12	1	18	66	6.00
A. Shearsmith	9	1	18*	46	5.77
A. Smart	11	3	12	31	3.87
R. Johnson	5	0	6	14	2.80

* Signifies, Not Out.

BOWLING

	Overs	M'dns.	Runs.	Wkts.	Av.
E. Nettleton	28	9	37	13	3.53
A. Taylor	79	21	138	32	4.31
A. Smart	76	21	188	41	4.58
A. Shearsmith	23	4	57	7	5.18
H. Chatfield	8	2	7	7	7.42
J. T. Kettlewell	51	9	104	12	8.66

DOUBLE LAUNCH—On Saturday morning Messrs Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., launched from their Selby shipyard two steel lighters, which had been built for Hull firms. The first boat was named Conan Doyle, by Mrs Pettman, of Hull, and the other was named St. Cyr by Miss Hehn, of Hull. The proceedings passed off successfully, despite a gale which prevailed.

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OUR GARDENS.

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THE FLOWER GARDEN

MONTBRETIAS.

As an autumn-flowering plant which may be planted amongst the mid-flower class, the Montbretia would be hard to beat, and it is a matter for regret that its cultivation is not more generally understood. Many town gardeners have planted it amongst the list of plants that are not suitable for planting in a smoky district. While admitting that its cultivation is more difficult in a town garden than in the country, it can be maintained that under careful and proper treatment it may be grown well even in the smoky atmosphere of a manufacturing district. In the first place it is essential that the transplanting should be practised. It is a semi-hardy wood plant, and is very prolific in the production of young bulbs. Under regular lifting and replanting these bulbs, and of course, the flowering will become such a tangled mass that they will be discarded and fresh bulbs may be planted in their healthy form with a fork and sort them out. The smallest bulbs may be discarded and the remainder should flower freely next year.

The largest bulbs will be found in quality, and if the natural character measures must be taken to ensure a warm, sunny position should be selected. A position inclined this pleasing plant, and it does not suit it to be in a sloping border with a bed rather than a flat bed. Some growers plant bulbs below the surface of the bed. This is not necessary, as inches of rough ashes about a foot above the soil during winter. Leaf mould, turfy loam, and sand, are added to the soil with the object in view. Flint planting is important, as the top of the bulb should be just below the surface. From four to six inches of space is a suitable distance to allow between each bulb, and when all are in an inch or two of coke dust may be spread over the bed as protection from frost. The leaves should be allowed to die down naturally.

DAHLIA TUBERS.

Occasionally, a dahlia root that has been left in the ground will live through the winter, and grow away strongly in the spring. This is apt to be misleading to the beginner, who naturally comes to the conclusion that if one tuber will live, there is no reason why all others should not. As a matter of fact dahlias are easily killed, and any that survive the winter in the open ground are great exceptions to the general rule. Any that are still in the open should be lifted without delay. They should be stored in a cool, dry, frost-proof place, and may be shed in boxes or suspended from the roof. Very small tubers may be stored in dry sand. If left unpressed they are apt to shrivel and dry up.

HARDY SHRUBS.

Evergreen and deciduous shrubs may be planted so long as the soil is in a suitable condition to receive them. Except after rain or snow will have been made it wet and heavy, it will be better to delay planting until the spring. Hybrid rhododendrons are very popular, and subjects give such a brilliant display. It is well to be remembered that rhododendrons cannot succeed on soil containing lime, whilst on the other hand they are partial to peaty soil. A strongly recommended for tending planters of these fine shrubs to purchase sufficient peat to provide a barrow-load for each shrub. If this is done the soil will be the smallest district. If peat is not available leaf mould may be substituted. It is a great mistake to be allowed a free circulation of light and air. The shrubs, whereas they will develop into shapely bushes, whereas if planted close together only a half of each shrub is visible, and the crowding of each other off.

Ground intended for this class of shrubs should be trenched as deep as the soil will allow. Poor soil should be dressed with a generous supply of rotten manure, leaf mould and fibrous loam. In the case of hollies it is a decided advantage to give each one a root ball composed of fibrous loam to one part rotten manure. The soil in each shrub should be made large enough to allow of the roots to rest in a natural position, and the soil firmly around the roots, adding a spadeful at a time. In the case of tall specimen shrubs a stout stake should be provided. Secure the shrub to this, but be careful that the ties do not avoid damaging the bark. We should like to see more deciduous flowering shrubs grown in town gardens. Weigelias in early spring, Berberis, currants, arabis mollis, and syringas, etc. If these were treated generously they would greatly improve the appearance of the town garden in spring. Established shrubs should have all dead wood cut out during the winter.

FRUIT TREES

Fruit growing is never a huge success in town gardens, but greatly improved crops could be obtained if a little more time and attention could be devoted to the requirements of the trees. In the case of small trees, lifting and replanting would do much towards increasing their crops. Rank growth is one of the main causes of failure, and this is brought about by allowing the roots of the trees to roam about at will. Wherever a tree is found making thick, long growths, it is safe to assume that the roots are not in a satisfactory condition. If the tree is lifted it will be found that instead of a mass of short, fibrous roots, only long, straight, thick roots will be found. These should be cut back to within two to four feet of their base, according to the size of the tree. Then replanted, a few spadesful of fibrous loam, leaf mould, and sand should be placed at the point where the root has been cut. New roots will quickly work their way into this, and in course of time a shorter jointed and more fruitful growth will develop. A mass of fibrous roots near the surface of the soil is the point to aim at, and with the object of encouraging surface rooting the annual mulching with loam, manure, and leaf mould should not be forgotten.

Bush fruits, such as currants and gooseberries, derive great benefit from an annual mulch of manure.

TIME FOR PLANTING.

Planting of fruit trees can be done in autumn or spring. Autumn planting admits of the trees becoming well established before winter, and so of their making a much earlier start in spring and also of their being in better shape to withstand the droughts of the following summer. There is also more time for planting properly in autumn, and the weather is usually more settled. Proper ripening of the wood before planting is of great importance; and the young growth is strong and short-jointed, and of a brown appearance when properly matured.

DISTANCES APART FOR PLANTING

In general, fruit trees are planted too thickly, rather than not closely enough; and the largest crops are secured when each tree is allowed full space for perfect development. Naturally, trees that are kept headed in require less space than such as are grown in the natural form. The following are the best distances for trees allowed to spread naturally.

Standard apples 40 feet.
Standard pears 25 feet.
Standard plums 20 feet.
Standard cherries 20 to 25 feet.
Dwarf apples and pears 10 to 15 feet.
Bush fruits 4 by 7 feet.
Currants 5 by 6 feet.
Gooseberries 4 by 6 feet.
Raspberries 3 by 6 feet.

Pruning and spraying are most easily and effectively done when plenty of space is left between the trees.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Growing crops such as savoys, brussels sprouts, and cabbage, should be kept under observation at the time of the year. They require all available light and air, and on no account should dead or decaying leaves be allowed to remain near them. Go over them once a week and remove all yellow leaves, and if the surface soil shows signs of becoming waterlogged or sad give it a thorough stirring with the fork.

As the ground becomes vacant the annual trenching or digging may be proceeded with. Deep digging will always repay for the extra labour incurred. Leave the surface rough and uneven.

IN THE GREENHOUSE

December is an anxious time for the gardener who grows a quantity of soft-wooded plants, such as cyclamen, primulas, cinerarias, etc. An excessive moisture will usually bring on an epidemic of decaying foliage, whilst an unhealthy atmosphere is a direct encouragement to the increase of greenfly. It is important that the roof glass should be kept scrupulously clean. After each spell of fog give a wash down to the roof glass. Ventilate on all favourable occasions, but take care in giving water. There is no doubt about a plant needing water, if it until next day.

LILY OF THE VALLEY

mps of lily of the valley may now ceiving purposes. They should be Strong ch to bring forward in the surface of the soil for allowed to remain, being removed to the forcing a few days before thorough freezing they will house. If they get a A propagating frame fierce bustler afterwards, ble place to stand them in the bottom is a suita er the frame with a after they are housed. Co we will moist. They sheet of canvas, and keep th ings. Retarded will flower in about 3 weeks. Put ers can be brought on soon as they them up and place them in heat as almost total come to hand. They must be kept in a darkness until the buds commence to well. temperature of 65 to 70 will force them v

CORRESPONDENCE

SEWERAGE AND WATER SCHEMES AT CHURCH FENTON

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of the 4th inst. I noticed a communication headed "Water and sewage in Church Fenton." Whether this letter refers to one particular village or the whole district of Barkston Ash passes my comprehension. However, there is an old saying that "If the cap fits wear it," and I have been a resident thirty years in one village where this cap seems to fit very well. Of course, not being born in the village I am still considered, like your correspondent, a "furriner."

"Up-to-Date" admits having only recently come to this salubrious place, and I have to take my tip I think he has been in a fit better than I am assuming it is a "he."

Now, sir, in this place we have about 150 houses, and we get to these houses we should have something like seven miles of road to scour for drainage-pipe laying, for water, and lighting. And this, in my estimation, would bring our rates up to about nine shillings in the pound, which, I consider, would make "Up-to-Date" a resident recently arrived from the country.

Now, in my opinion, it is almost impossible, under present conditions, to carry out a lot of elaborate schemes. If every landlord and householder would only do their duty we should have no need for them. In place of the present cesspool, which is not half the size of a good bucket and think they should supply a whole town. I admit we have plenty of room for improvement, which ought to be done, and insisted on being done by the authorities in power.

Plans for all erections ought to be submitted by all places under the District Council. Small places are exempt, others are not, which bodes to my ridiculous.

"Up-to-Date" seems to harp on the accident in Station Road. I may tell him my opinion, differ widely regarding that. In conclusion, be ly wish to his myself behind the door, out openly, which I trust "Up-to-Date" —Yours, etc.,

A. DEIGHTON.

Church Fenton.

THE QUE... EN'S "WORK FOR WOMEN" FUND.

To the Editor.

On behalf of the Queen's "Work" make an appeal through the per to the women of the ...ughout the country, asking each one of them who can afford to, to contribute a shilling ...g to the Fund.

...s have been started in ...try, and in London alone ...s now available for ...ployed women and ...work and training ...spread already, to ...over £250,000. ...donations sent in ...s to announce ...e Queen's Fund ...irectly helping ...t to whom the ...end to make ...are starving ...reat New ...her sis- ...sible to ...st and, ...more,

Yours, etc.,

WALTER THOMPSON.

Highfield Villa, New Mansion, Cressgates, December 7th, 1914.

BIG TREE FELLED IN THE GALE.—During last week-end one of the biggest trees on the Gledhow Hall Estate, Roundhay, fell with a terrific crash across Gledhow Lane, completely blocking the road to all traffic. The tree was a well-known landmark in the district, being 80 feet in height, and 11 feet in girth; with several branches measuring 3 or 6 feet circumference.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

By RALPH R. ALLEN.

Lecturer to the Herts County Council; Editor of "Monthly Hints on Poultry."

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WAR CHAT.—No. 17.

It hardly wants a fortnight to Christmas Day, and any of my readers having a bird or two that they wish to prepare for home consumption, should lose no time in putting them up to fatten. For a couple of birds a very good fattening cage may be made out of a Tate's sugar box. First remove the top and one side. Battens 1 in. square should then be fixed longitudinally on the side, and at a distance of about 1½ in. apart. This now forms the floor of the cage. The bird stood upon four bricks or wooden legs the bird's excreta falls through the bars to the ground below. The front (previously the top) of the box should have strips of wood, about ½ in. wide, nailed horizontally, and about 2 in. apart, and one of these should be made to slide in and out. A V-shaped trough hung along the front completes the cage. For preference, the coop should be placed in a shed, or if this cannot be managed, then in some sheltered position, and again that floor is good, although your correspondent, Mr. Dupree, tries to make it all that floor is a need. I also fail to see how this is going to destroy "the small birds." It is going to destroy "the small birds" in the nation if this trade could be destroyed, because of the thousands of lives that are ruined by it every year, and the crime of the many drunkards, and the great amount of misery caused by it.

Mr Lloyd George is going to get more out of it than your correspondent gives him credit for. This year he will get £50,000, but next year he will get £17,500,000. I am taking these figures from the Chancellor's speech. The extra 1d. per gallon will be going to the end of 1915, for the war will not be over by then, and those who like their pull-pint or beer will pay for it.

Most of us have felt startled at the War Fund of £10,000,000 registered in the present crisis; but we must remember that this sum, vast as it is, represents only the drink bill of the United Kingdom for seven months, and that the annual drink bill of the United Kingdom would run into £300,000,000 and a half every week?

As very few people can think in millions, much less in hundreds of millions, it may be well to try and realise what £300,000,000 means for a week. This yearly bill, which is over £ 10 million shorts of flour at 25 per st. 1,000,000
8 million st. of meal at 25 per st. 1,000,000
8 million sts. sugar at 25 per st. 1,000,000
10 million lbs. of tea at 1s per lb. 1,000,000
200 million eggs at 1s. per doz. 1,000,000
60 million quarts of milk at 3d. per qt. 1,000,000
200,000 tons of coal at 25s. per ton 1,000,000
1,000,000 suits of clothes at £3 each 3,000,000
1,000,000 prs. of blankets at 10s per pr. 500,000
1,000,000 prs. of shoes at 10s per pr. 500,000
£12,000,000

After these purchases were made there would be over one million widows and orphans.

It is easy to prove that drink is not only needless, but injurious to our soldiers from the aspersed testimony of all has ever seen. The great soldiers the world has ever produced have declared that drink was injurious to the army. The Duke of Wellington, the greatest soldier of all times in the world, was satisfied that British Army. Sir Evan Lord Roberts, in the Boer War those were the throughout the Empire, and sailors who did not touch intoxicating drink. "General Havelock narrates two instances in which a regiment of Scotch Highlanders and the British Army. Lord revoked the forbidden drink in 1894. "There are still great enemies to be encountered in the United Kingdom, but the most pressing is drink. It kills more than all the other horrors of warfare, more than all the sword, and famine, and pestilence. It not only destroys the body, but the mind, and soul also." General Stonewall Jackson said, "I never use it; I am more afraid of it than of the Yankee bullets." The long marches and severe campaigns of the British troops in the Soudan have proved that total abstinence alone will enable soldiers to endure the hardships of both climate and warfare. Sir Garnet Wolseley allowed his men to drink whisky. Lord Kitchener allowed his men to drink whisky. Lord Kitchener allowed his men to drink whisky. Lord Kitchener

A Woodlesford Soldier's Letter

HAD NOT HEARD OF HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.

"NO NEED TO FEAR THE KAISER."

Writing to his sister, Mrs W. Hunks, Royds Lane, Rothwell, Gunner George William Nicholson, who is serving in the F. Battery of the Royal Horse Artillery with the Expeditionary Force in France, has a very cheerful outlook for the future—bidding his sister to "keep smiling as we are still winning." Gunner Nicholson comes from a well-known Woodlesford family, who are referred to in a letter in our correspondence columns, and which also reports the death of one of the family, Colin, who was killed in action.

In the letter William alludes to his brother Colin as follows:—"I wrote to Colin a while back but have had no reply; but it may be as you say, that he may be a prisoner of war and cannot write. Far better it be like that than have gone altogether. There are a tremendous lot of their fellows among the missing, but if one trusts in God with a good spirit, I am sure that they will live to see the end. Anyhow you must not sit and brood over him, but trust and pray to providence, and everything will be all right in the end. I, myself, have been in some very warm places which I would not care to mention to you, but I have always kept up my spirits and fought with a good heart.

"This is a great war, and a great many Powers are involved in it, but the only thing that will stop it is the Almighty Power and nothing else. I don't think that people in England have any need to fear the Kaiser and his army getting to England or even to Calais. The end is not far off, and the worst is over.

"We have been engaged in this big battle, of which you will have lately read so much in the papers. We were at it fourteen days. We have just about got the upper hand of them now, and he (the Kaiser) is a beaten man any time. At present we are having a rest, and I can assure you that it is a well-earned one too, and one that we appreciate. We got rigged out with new cloth's, and everything that we wanted. I got a pair of new boots, and didn't my feet smell when I took the old ones off—the first time for nearly eight weeks. I shall not give them a chance to swell any more as I shall not take them off again yet awhile.

"We have had some snow and plenty of rain and strong winds. The weather is very cold. The roads are very muddy, which makes it bad for transport purposes. We had a surprise on December 1st. The King and the Prince of Wales came to have a look at us. Well Xmas will soon be here, but I don't expect we shall get home to dinner."

WHITKIRK VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT.

AUXILIARY HOSPITAL AT HALTON.

Halton Parochial Hall, which is the property of the church folks of the ancient parish of Whitkirk, has been transformed into an auxiliary hospital, and being excellently fighted and equipped, it forms a splendid ward.

In an interview with Mrs McLintock, of The Hollins, Whitkirk, who is Commandant pro tem., she said to one of our representatives that the origin of the Detachment was well-known, a fully-representative meeting having been held at the Whitkirk Auction Mart some two years ago. Since that time the Detachment had been instructed by Dr Haygarth, of Crossgates, and Dr Ashmore, of Halton, and had worked at the Leeds Dispensary and the Leeds Workhouse Infirmary (Beckett Street).

When asked as to how the necessary funds had been obtained, the Commandant said that the Detachment had been practically self-supporting through the kindness of the district, and that no grant beyond that given from the bazaar held at Monk Fryston last year, had been necessary.

"When the present war broke out, the members of Voluntary Aid Detachments were informed that it was well understood that they should be prepared to do their duty and remain in readiness. After this notice, the Whitkirk Detachment was brought together. Certain enquiries as to ability and equipment were asked, and it was decided that in consequence of the efficient staff at command, it was advisable to run an auxiliary hospital in the district. Enquiries were accordingly made, and the Parochial Hall at Halton was kindly lent by the Vicar and officers of the Whitkirk Church for the period of the war.

"It was found that the Hall would conveniently accommodate 20 beds, and with the help of the staff and others in the district, the beds and all equipment necessary for this number were obtained. Nurse Harrop, of Halton, was asked to undertake and accepted the duties of Sister of the hospital. Dr Haygarth kindly volunteered his services as medical officer. Orderlies have been arranged for day and night duty.

"In due course the hospital was fully prepared, inspected, and passed by the military authority, and on Thursday, the 3rd inst., the premises were further visited by Mrs Gascoigne (Vice-President of the St. John Ambulance Association), General Mends (the county director), Colonel Husband, and Captain Boyd-Carpenter. They were met by the Sister, quartermaster (Mrs Dockray), myself, nurses and staff, and, after viewing the premises, General Mends, in a few remarks, expressed a full appreciation of the work that had been done, and that he was highly pleased with the hospital. He impressed upon us the necessity of not being impatient, and told us to go on as we are, and shortly he would be communicating with us.

"I am well aware that there are a number of people in the district who are waiting to help this cause, and I trust that all of them will keep a warm corner in their hearts for this work, and not allow their interest to abate because we have not been immediately called upon. Unfortunately, there may yet be much room for the auxiliaries to avail themselves of all our assistance as the war is still being vigorously carried on.

"I should, finally, like you to insert a few words expressing my grateful thanks and appreciation of the very efficient way the nurses and staff assisted on the visit of General Mends."

Every care has been exercised to see that the hospital is thoroughly equipped. In the kitchen all necessary cooking utensils have been obtained, and a gas cooker has been installed, while at the end of the building a stone-room has been erected at the expense of the Hon. E. L. Wood, M.P. In the hospital, which is airy and commodious, the beds are conveniently arranged and there is an ample supply of bedclothes, etc. A first-aid cabinet is a gift by Mrs Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall, to the hospital, and Lady Dorothy Wood has presented a Red Cross flag. One of the ante-rooms has been converted into a day room, and the stage will be utilized as a nurses' room. The members of the Detachment have worked hard to equip the hospital, and they deserve all praise and encouragement for what they have already done.

Carlton Cricket Club.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Carlton Cricket Club was held at the Queen's Hotel, Carlton, on Saturday night—Mr J. Dobson (President of the Club) being in the chair. There was a good attendance of members and friends.

In the annual report, the secretary (Mr E. Fozzard) stated that for practically twenty-one years the players and members of the Carlton Cricket Club had been trying to attain a name at the head of a League, or to secure the much coveted prize in the cricket circles of and around Wakefield. During the past season they had for the first time in the history of the club attained one of the three objects by winning the Rothwell and District League, and he thought they had been the best and most consistent team in the League.

The first team had played eighteen matches, won 13, lost 3, and 2 were drawn. The total runs scored was 1,072 for a loss of 131 wickets—an average of 13.04 runs per wicket, while their opponents scored 1,600 runs for a loss of 166 wickets—an average of 9.7 runs per wicket. Three players—E. Fozzard, L. Brown, and W. Newton—had an average of over 23 runs per innings. The success of the season had been due to the vast improvement in the batting department. L. Brown made the highest total of runs, scoring 316 for thirteen completed innings, which was a very good performance. Great credit was also due to the bowlers. A. Sykes had taken 52 wickets at an average cost of seven runs, W. Brown took 20 at the cost of eight runs per wicket, and J. Illingworth captured 49 wickets at an average cost of nine runs. The three had between them taken 121 wickets at an average cost of 8.8 runs per wicket, a feat which he (the secretary) did not think had been exceeded by any other three bowlers among the teams in the district. He also mentioned the loss to the team of the captain, who has retired from cricket. Although he could not congratulate the second eleven as he had done the first team, he was pleased that there had been a general improvement. They played seventeen matches, of which ten were won, six lost, and one drawn. The total runs scored was 1,370 for a loss of 140 wickets—an average of 9.7 runs per wicket. Opponents scored 1,262 runs for the loss of 162 wickets—an average of 7.8. On two occasions the team lost by the narrow margin of two runs each—both defeats being against Kippax at Kippax, and Outwood at Carlton. The team also lost at Outwood with ten men by 16 runs, and he felt sure that if they had had a full team there would have been two sets of medals at Carlton.

R. Ellis headed the batting list with an average of 17.1. E. Sefton, who headed the bowling, took twenty wickets at a cost of four runs per wicket. Mr J. Ashton, who has played practically since the formation of the club, captured 43 wickets at a cost of 7 runs per wicket, while he obtained an average score of 12.4 runs per innings. In conclusion he asked members to spend the club's money as sparingly as possible owing to the great crisis through which they were passing.

Mr J. Dobson was re-elected president, and the following vice-presidents, Messrs W. Scholey, Muirland, Stephens, and C. E. Charlesworth, were elected.

GARFORTH BELGIAN RELIEF COMMITTEE

Sir,—I am desired, on behalf of the above Committee, to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the under-mentioned amounts:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs Sissons	1	0	0
Mr J. Wordsworth	1	0	0
Rev. T. E. R. Wilford	1	0	0
Rev. J. W. Mawer	1	0	0
Mr. H. W. Powell	1	0	0
The Garforth Golf Club, per Mr H. Sandy	5	0	0
Mr J. B. Marshall	2	0	0
Mr G. B. Marshall	1	0	0
Mr J. Clarkson	1	0	0
Mr W. Simpson	1	0	0
Mr J. Cauldwell	1	1	0
Mr R. Routledge, jun.	1	0	0
Underground and screen workmen and boys of the Isabella and Sisters' Pits (1st con.)	6	16	0
Ditto (2nd contribution)	6	17	0
Messrs J. Watson and Son, Ltd.	1	1	0
Mr J. Botford	1	0	0
Mrs Wade	1	0	0
Mr Gascoigne	5	0	0
Garforth Picture House Co., Ltd (proceeds of benefit, on the 27th October, 1914)	7	12	0
Mrs Ash	0	3	0
Mr H. F. Harrison	0	5	0
Mr Rendall Jackson	0	10	0
Mr J. W. Dobson	0	10	0
Mr J. Kirk	0	10	0
Collected by Mrs Stott and Mrs Rex (3 contributions)	0	6	0
Rev. E. Rees	0	5	0
Mrs Toss	0	10	0
Miss G. Barber	0	10	0
Mr H. Gummerson	0	2	6
Mr J. Addison Barber	4	0	0
Garforth Working Men's Club (proceeds of whist drive)	0	16	0
Mr T. A. Watson	1	0	0
Salvation Army collection	0	4	0
Mr Herbert Smith	1	0	0
Mr W. Dibb (proceeds of lantern lecture on 26th Nov. 1914)	4	5	0
Miss Goulden (proceeds of concert held 30th Nov. 1914)	2	2	0
Weekly collections by Miss Bedford, Mrs Tillotson, Mrs Sandy, Miss Derby, Miss Howe, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Laycock, Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Stott, Mrs Tate, and Miss Bartle, from the 27th October to the 6th December, 1914	38	14	9½
Collection from the Elementary School rooms, Garforth during the month of Oct.	1	11	10
	£101	13	2½

It is intended later, when our Belgian guests return to their native land, to publish details showing how the weekly collections are arrived at, and also details of the expenditure.

The generous response on the part of the inhabitants of Garforth and district has been very gratifying, and, needless to say, has been of great encouragement to the committee.—Yours, etc.,

H. W. Powell,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer

9th December, 1914.

Mrs. R. Broughton, of Bardsey, has contributed 10s. 6d. to the funds of Leeds Infirmary.

During the gale on Friday a telegraph pole at Harewood was completely smashed, and all the wires from Leeds in that direction were broken.

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GARFORTH'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

MEN WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO THE CALL.

The following is a list of the names of the Garforth men who have so nobly responded to the call of King and country:—

Officers.

Dobson, Reginald Graham, second lieutenant, 6th Batt. W. Y. Reg.; and Thompson, Benjamin Cyril, lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Non-Commissioned Officers.

Johnson, George, company sergeant-major, and Scots Guards; Hall, George William, sergeant, 3rd W. Y.; Smithson, Henry, sergeant, R.A.M.C.; Bedell, Ernest, corporal, 5th W.Y.; Denby, Charles Percy, corporal, Pals Battalion, W.Y.R.; Wilson, Rowland, corporal, 6th Dragoon Guards; Wordsworth, John, corporal, R.A.M.C.; Cockram, William, lance-corporal, 1st W.Y.; Hebdon, Bertrude, lance-corporal, 8th W.Y.; and Wooler, Reginald, lance-corporal, Royal Engineers.

Men of all Ranks.

Atliffe, Harold, R.A.M.C.; and Amos, Henry Turner, K.O.Y.L.I.

Backhouse, Harry, Scots' Guards; Backhouse, Harold, R.F.A.; Backhouse, Percy, R.F.A.; Bell, John, R.F.A.; Berrington, Thomas B., Yorkshire Hussars; Bilton, Cephus, and W.Y.; Birch, George, and W.Y.; Birch, Tom, R.F.A.; Booth, Ernest, York and Lancaster Regt.; Bowers, Arthur, R.F.A.; Brayshaw, John, R.F.A.; Breckon, William, 5th W.Y.; Brvckon, Robert, K.O.Y.L.I.; Brook, George, 6th Duke of Wellington's; Brook, William Thomas, 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays); Brownridge, Rowland, King's Liverpool Regt.; and Burnley, Herbert, Leeds Pals W.Y.R.

Capper, Arthur, Royal Marines; Catley, Harry, Royal Marines; Charlwick, Jno. Wm., R.A.M.C.; Cheetham, William, R.A.S.C; Cockram, Horace, R.A.M.C.; and Corner, John, R.F.A.

Dacre, George, 8th W.Y.; Dibb, Hubert, R.A.S.C.; Dickenson, Albert, R.A.M.C.; Dickenson, Lincoln, 2nd Scots Guards; Dobson, George Henry, Royal Marines; Dobson, John, 5th W.Y.; and Drury, Albert, R.F.A.

Edwards, Thomas, North Staffordshire.

Foxcroft, Arthur, 8th W.Y.; Fordham, George B., Yorks. Mounted Field Ambulances; Fryer, Henry, R.A.M.C.; and Fryer, Sidney, R.A.M.C.

Garlick, Sidney, 9th W.Y.; Gaunt, George Wilfred; Gilligham, Matthew, K.O.Y.L.I.; Ger, Joseph, K.O.Y.L.I.; Gent, Frederick, R.F.A.; Goddard, Walter, R.A.M.C.; Godfree, Arthur, K.O.Y.L.I.; Goodall, Joseph Edward, Royal Engineers; Goodall, Rodger, R.A.S.C.; Goulding, William, Royal Marines; and Gunton, Hodd, R.A.S.C.

Hamilton, William, Royal Garrison Artillery; Hartley, Fred, Francis, Duke of Wellington's; Hartley, Charles, Duke of Wellington's; Hebden, Amos, R.A.M.C.; Hebdon, Edwin, K.O.Y.L.I.; Hemsworth, Jno. Wm., R.A.M.C.; Herrington, Albert, R.A.M.C.; Hill, Irwin, Royal Marines; Holden, Leonard, R.F.A.; Horner, Albert, 18th Queen Mary's Own; Horner, Walter, 18th Queen Mary's Own; Howson, Albert, K.O.Y.L.I.; Howson, Herbert, 1st W.Y.; Howson, Thomas, K.O.Y.L.I.; Howson, William, K.O.Y.L.I.; and Hudson, Ernest, 15th Hussars.

Isherwood, William Edward, 9th Duke of Wellington.

Johnson, Jack, 5th Notts and Derbyshire Regt.; Johnson, John William, 8th W.Y.; and Jubb, John Bean, 1st Bantams' Batt., Birkenhead.

Kitchen, Albert, R.F.A.

Levitt, Percy, K.O.Y.L.I.; and Lovatt, Geo. H., King's Royal Rifles.

Mallein, Fred., 10th W.Y.; Maskill, Harry, Durham Light Infantry; Maskill, Thomas, 8th W.Y.; and Middleton, John, 8th W.Y.

Nicholson, Walter, R.A.M.C.

Parry, Richard, R.F.A.; Pease, Harry, 5th W.Y.; and Peirce, James, R.F.A.

Quigley, James, K.O.Y.L.I.; and Quigley, Thomas, Durham Light Infantry.

Rex, Ernest, K.O.Y.L.I.; Rex, Cyril, Royal Marines; Rex, Grainger, 8th W.Y.; Rowley, Arthur, R.F.A.

Samson, Reginald, R.F.A.; Scargill, John Thomas, R.A.M.C.; Scarr, Frederick, Royal Engineers; Scarfet, Sidney, R.F.A.; Sharpe, Harry, K.O.Y.L.I.; Simpson, Albert, R.F.A.; Simpson, Charles, Coldstream Guards (killed); Simpson, Thomas William, 1st Dragoon Guards; Slater, Claude Willey, Yorkshire Hussars; Smith, Herbert V., R.A.M.C.; and Stubbs, Cyril, 10th W.Y.

Tillotson, William, Green Howards; Turner, Charles, R.A.M.C.; Turner, Walter, R.A.M.C.; Thompson, Edgar, and W.Y.; and Thompson, Samuel, R.A.M.C.

Walker, Robert, 8th W.Y.; Wall, Clifford, K.O.Y.L.I.; Wall, Edward, York and Lancaster Regt.; Wall, William Hy., K.O.Y.L.I.; Webster, Joseph, K.O.Y.L.I.; Wilson, Fred. Wm., 10th W.Y.; Winter, George, K.O.Y.L.I.; and Woods, Walter, 7th Suffolk Regt.

Vaughan, Arthur, R.A.M.C.

Worsnald, Edwin, "Natal"; Worsnald, Hubert, H.M.S. "Minotaur."

The Garforth branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association have compiled the above list as accurately as possible from the information available. They are anxious to make it as correct and complete as possible, not only to serve its present purpose, but as a record for all time in the annals of the parish. Names of men who have not already joined, but intend doing so, will be added from time to time as they join their respective units.

Any corrections to the above list, or further information with a view of perfecting the same will be gladly received and acknowledged.

It is intended to publish next week a list of all men who have worked at the Garforth Collieries who have joined His Majesty's Forces, but who do not reside in Garforth.

Wm. Geo. Bosher, Hon. Sec.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

BRAMHAM MOOR.

Friday	Dec. 11—11.0	Wighill Village
Saturday	Dec. 12—11.0	Stutton Mill.
Monday	Dec. 14—11.0	Bookwithshaw.
Wednesday	Dec. 16—11.0	Bardsey
Friday	Dec. 18—11.0	Bickerton Bar
Saturday	Dec. 19—11.0	Biggin.

SHERBURN PETTY SESSIONS.

Yesterday at Sherburn Petty Sessions the magistrates present were the Rev. B. Hemsworth (Chairman), Mr Walter Crosland, and Mr Wm. Crosland.

Father Bray applied for a stage play licence for the 19th December for Barkston School, and it was granted.

Mr F. Grason, Junction Hotel, Church Fenton, applied for one hour's extension on the occasion of the railway supper on the 26th inst., and it was granted.

Michael Battle, labourer, Sherburn, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 28th ult at Sherburn. P.C. Wildblood proved the case, and defendant was fined 5s. 6d. and 5s. 6d. costs.

James Roberts, labourer, South Milford, was charged with using obscene language on the 22nd ult in Low Street, South Milford. P.C. Holliday stated he heard the defendant use the language complained of in a house where the door was open. Fined 2s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs.

Mrs Worsman, of the Home Farm, Harewood, was the judge for butter and eggs at Leeds Smithfield Show.

Mr L. Paget, formerly of Harewood, was one of the principal prize-winners in the pig classes at Leeds Smithfield Show.

Mrs Fielden, of Grimston Park, has been elected a vice-president of the York branch of the N.S.P.C.C., and Mrs G. A. Bromet, of Tadcaster, has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee.

Proposed Civilian Corps—Mr William Liversidge has added to his many benefactions to his native town of Selby an offer of £50 towards the cost of the formation of a Selby Civilian Corps. Selby has contributed notably to the Defence Forces.

Theft of Boots.—On Wednesday at Selby George Crawford, labourer, of no fixed abode, was committed to prison for 14 days for stealing a pair of boots, value 12s. 6d., from the shop front of Messrs Sterling, Ltd., Selby. Prisoner was arrested at Leeds, where he had pawned the boots.

At a meeting of the West Riding Centre of the N.C.U. in Leeds on Wednesday night it was reported that improvements had been made in a dangerous corner at the cross roads at Monk Fryston, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. B. Hemsworth for this and other improvements in the neighbourhood.

Tadcaster Petty Sessions.—The magistrates at this Court on Monday were Ald. E. C. Brookebank, J.P. (Chairman), Mr E. M. Lawson Smith, and Mr J. H. Ingleby. Lawrence Thompson, chauffeur, of Wakefield, failed to appear in answer to a charge of not having the rear identification plate on a motor-car illuminated in High Street, Tadcaster, on November 22nd, P.C. Kitwood gave evidence, and a fine of 2s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs was imposed.

Billiards.—On Friday evening Monk Fryston Institute had a match with Fairburn Institute at Monk Fryston. The teams had met on the previous evening at Fairburn, and the latter were winners, but at Monk Fryston the home-sters turned the tables in easy fashion, beating their opponents by 237 points. Monk Fryston scored 599 and Fairburn 362. The scores were as follows (Monk Fryston names first):—H. Lupton 99 v Rev. J. Thomas 100, H. Furniss 100 v H. Enderby 32, J. Stockdale 100 v E. Sutcliffe 81, H. Laycock 100 v F. Sutcliffe 78, W. Berry 100 v. T. Sutcliffe 47, and C. Hill 100 v. A. Stephenson 24.

Obituary.—The funeral took place at Monk Fryston Cemetery on Thursday last of Mr Fawcett Jennings, aged 77, who died at Monk Fryston at the home of his daughter, Mrs Atkin, after a short illness. Deceased was formerly bold gamekeeper to the late Sir John Ramsden, Byram Hall. Later he held the licence of the Fox Inn, Brotherton, and the Blue Bell Inn, Monk Fryston. Subsequently he went to live near Tadcaster. He returned to Monk Fryston, and had been only six weeks there before his death. The Rev. W. M. C. Clarke was the officiating clergyman. There was a good number of relatives and friends at the funeral.

Lord Hawke and Cricket.—Lord Hawke, President of the M.C.C., writes:—It does not seem to be appreciated that, prior to the agitation about football becoming widespread, the Committee of the M.C.C., by announcing, on November 10th, that the meeting of County Secretaries was postponed since die, suspended the County Championship and representative cricket matches until after the conclusion of the war. The action was patriotically justified, but it has not become so widely known as it should, owing to the meaning of the word "diminish" not being understood. Hence my venturing to reiterate the fact in pliiner terms.

Rector of Adel and the Brontës.—The Rector of Adel (the Rev. W. H. Draper) delivered a lecture on Thursday at Keighley on "Poetry and Life in Haworth th'arsonage Seventy Years Ago." Speaking of the wide-spread interest in the Bronte family, Mr Draper asked: What is the secret of that widespread and long-continued interest which the English-speaking world—and more than that world—takes in the lives of those three young girls, daughters of a poor, obscure, and out-of-the-way clergyman, making little or no mark upon the public attention of the world, and dying almost as soon as they had fairly come to be known? The amount that had been written about the Brontes, and the enthusiastic language of many of their admirers had inevitably created a certain amount of reaction. But, even allowing for that, the world to-day was as ready as ever it was to be interested in any new shade of knowledge that could be picked up about them. The secret of this wide and continued interest in the Brontes was largely the impression that, at the Haworth Parsonage when the Brontes lived their life, and poetry were hand in hand life (well was poetry—not seldom, indeed, tragedy—and poetry was life. Taking the life of the family altogether, one must see that there were the elements of poetry and difficulty round about them from the first. He touched on the differing qualities of the sisters, admitting that Emily was far the greater of the three in the realm of verse.

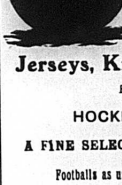
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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT JOTTINGS.

Apparently some of the Hunslet Guardians monopoly of the wisdom of the parish, its have a very tender solicitude for officials. It opinions are always worthy of consideration. was recommended that male relieving officers be asked to time their visits, as far as possible, so as to see each child in receipt of out-relief once every three months, and to report any unsuitable conditions. This was a very moderate order, yet one Guardian protested against it because it placed an extra burden on officers. No doubt officers sometimes get unpleasant work, but there was nothing in this instruction to make any noise about, and unless the officers themselves demonstrated that it was really a "burden" there was no need for any one to find fault with it.

Rothwell is trying to be on terms with Tadcaster and Wetherby, which possess boating facilities. It is suggested that the Urban Council should convert a mill dam into a lake, provide boats, and give the young men an insight into matters nautical. The lake might also serve as a bathing pool, and young Rothwell would have an opportunity of enjoying certain privileges without going to the seaside. Just as the Kaiser, by creating the Navy, has taught Germany to swim, Mr Lunn is extremely anxious that the Roddilites should be able to emulate the duck in the water, but he will have a job, I fancy, to convert an unsympathetic Council to his way of thinking. However, the question will come up at next meeting, and then we shall know what the fathers'" opinion on the subject is.

No fewer than 130 persons resident in Garforth were summoned last half-year for non-payment of their district rate, and it is suggested that were the collector to receive the rate by instalments, the trouble, annoyance, and cost of issuing summonses would be avoided. Garforth has, in recent years, become a by-word among the parishes in the Skyrack area, and it is singular, if the instalment system would save prosecution, how the same persons are summoned half-year after half-year. Some will only pay, I understand, when they get a summons, and this is a very foolish procedure, as I have before pointed out, because they have the Court costs, in addition to the rate, to meet.

A number of people in Garforth may, owing to misfortune or ill-health, find themselves in the position of Mother Hubbard when she went to the cupboard, and others may have difficulty in paying their rates under any circumstances, and the instalment system might be of benefit to them. It is stated, however, that it would lead to irregularities, and the Urban Council will not countenance it. But there is a way out of the difficulty. The ratepayers can join a savings bank, and by putting aside a small sum each week they would solve the question of how to pay rates easily.

In declining to charge water rent for the house which is at present the home of Belgian refugees, the Garforth Urban Council adopted the proper course. It is a mistake to say that the Belgians are the guests of the Garforth public, as a whole; they are the guests of the people who subscribe to the funds. Any deficiency in the water charges will be met by the ratepayers generally, whereas, had the charge been imposed, it would have fallen—very unfairly, I think—on the subscribers to the fund. The course adopted by the Council is similar to that taken by public bodies in other districts.

The Vicar of Manston can wield the tomahawk when he pleases. Commenting on the attendance at a lecture by Dr. Sadler, the Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, he remarks, in his magazine, that "it was rather a reflection on Crossgates intellectually." Then he goes on to say:—"There are a number of Crossgates people whose educational sources are confined to the evening papers and (save the mark!) 'John Bull!' Is not that why there are a good many 'universal specialists' in the place?" The attendance at lectures in Crossgates is, having regard to the population, very disappointing. At Garforth, with its large industrial population, audiences numbering from 300 to 600 turn up at lectures, but there does not appear to be any demand for education at Crossgates.

Templenewsam Ratepayers' Association has been fortunate in obtaining the services of the well-known and highly-respected residents as vice-president and hon. secretary, in room of the gentlemen who have retired, and the work will not suffer at their hands. The President, who, as I foreshadowed, has been re-elected, has discharged his duties very efficiently, and his unanimous re-appointment is an indication that he enjoys the confidence of the members. It was stated that certain people looked upon Ratepayers' Associations as "bughears" and "busybodies," but they have been unfortunate in their acquaintances. Templenewsam Association has done excellent work, and that is admitted by those who have had an opportunity of judging. Its functions are to criticise and suggest, with a view of promoting the welfare of the inhabitants generally, and, while it does not claim a monopoly of the wisdom of the parish, its

Who pays for town-planning schemes? This question was again raised at a meeting of Barwick-in-Elmet Council. It appears that information was given at Tadcaster that the cost of carrying out a town-planning scheme for Scholes and Austhorpe would fall on the area, and this was accepted. The expense of the Templenewsam scheme, however, is to be met by the ratepayers of the parish, and not of the rural district, so that apparently different policies are being carried out in the respective districts.

Barwick Council have been discussing water schemes for the last half-dozen years or more, and it appears to me that the parish is no nearer getting a public supply of water than it was at the beginning. They had another "go" at it on Monday night, and one member was anxious for the District Council to submit particulars, holding that the ratepayers have a right to all knowledge in connection with a scheme for which they have to find the money, but he will have to wait until a scheme is prepared. Nothing has been said about the matter at Tadcaster for six weeks, and it is strange that no progress has been reported.

Christmas "comes but once a year." Owing to the holidays an alteration in our publication arrangements will be necessary next week.

This journal will be published on Thursday morning, instead of Friday morning, and in order to facilitate our arrangements, correspondents will greatly oblige by sending their contributions not later than Wednesday. Advertisements will be received up to six o'clock on Wednesday night at the office, 2, Aire Street, Leeds.

Tadcaster folks are long-suffering. A decade must have elapsed since the agitation about the condition of Station Road commenced, but, despite promises by the Railway Company to carry out a scheme which will take the heavy traffic from the breweries off the road, the old conditions remain. In wet weather, as Mr J. H. Ingleby, J.P., remarked at last meeting of the District Council, the road is in a deplorable state. The heavy traffic simply churns it into mud, and if pedestrians walking on the footpaths are not careful, they may get their clothes covered with a junk of Station Road in liquid form thrown up by the wheels of vehicles. Frequently the road scrapings are left by the sides of the footpaths for a considerable time—it seems to take the roadmen a large part of their time to keep the mud on the move—and many a hapless resident has slipped over the boot tops into the mess. Yet the process of road-making and mud-making goes on year after year, and it appears to me that only great pressure will make the N.E.R. Co. take the action the Council desire. This road is a very costly one, and it is surprising that the economical former-members, always anxious to save a penny, have tolerated the present condition of things so long without a protest.

Second thoughts are sometimes best. A member of Tadcaster Board of Guardians, who stated that agriculture would be ruined if rates continued to rise, intimated that he intended to move a resolution of the effect that something or somebody, but he evidently saw the futility of such an action. Indignation is a common failing when increased charges are demanded—the half-penny on the half-pint, although it is a kind of test of patriotism, has not been hailed with satisfaction—but it is useless uttering protests unless some good can be done. Tadcaster Board once convened a conference of Guardians to consider county expenditure, and I am confident that they did not mend matters.

Garforth has distinguished itself in connection with the war, and few places, with an industrial population can show such a record. The people are largely dependent on the prosperity of the collieries, which, happily, have been kept going since hostilities commenced, and there is practically no distress in the place. A sum of over £230 has been collected for the West Riding Distress Fund, and over £102 for the maintenance of Belgians resident in Garforth, besides which the ladies have made numerous articles for our sailors and soldiers. And, better than all, Garforth has sent out a very large number of its sons to fight for the country.

"Why don't you appeal to the agricultural population," asks a reader; "they make splendid soldiers." My answer is that, although there are still a good many men who are eligible for the Army—a gentleman tells me of one large family in a village that has not sent a single representative to the Army—the district has done well. Some villages have contributed one in twenty of the population, and no one can find fault with their record. Some places, I understand, have been absolutely denuded of young men, and a scarcity of labour exists. So when anyone hears an ill-informed individual advocating recruiting in rural districts, because they have not sent a fair quota, the answer can be made that Barkston Ash Division—from Selby to Crossgates, and from Shadwell to Church Fenton—has responded nobly to the call.

"Some aspects of bird life" was the title of the last science lecture at Garforth, and Professor Garstang had an interesting story to tell about the feathered warblers. To many the evolution of the bird no doubt sounded very strange, but nature works in its own way, and the promotion of the reptile to a flying songster was not carried out in a day. The professor, in his imitations of birds' songs, would, however, have made a poor show beside the great Sloman, who warbled with the best for many years. The birds' song, it was stated, was divided into three parts—the call note, love song, and battle-cry, and, although this may be a good guess at the language of the songsters, it is difficult for anyone to say with absolute accuracy what the birds mean. Garforth people have, I think, been very fortunate in getting so many members of the teaching staff of Leeds University to lecture to them, and I am certain that hundreds of people have profited by the information that has been given.

TEMPLENEWSAM ROLL OF HONOUR.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—The following names have been added to the list published in your columns on the 20th November last.

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Carr, Walter C., Crews Green Lane.
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Medley, Walter, Newsam Square; Miles, David, Grove Road; and Miller, Walter, Dial Row.
Nicholson, Tom W., Morritt Drive.
Southwick, John F., Templenewsam.
Tinker, Harry, Colton; Townend, Leonard, Springfield Place.
Wey, John, Templenewsam.

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The experiment has taken place late at night on a small island adjoining Sir John's estate. Ralph escorts Joan to her home, leaving Sir John alone with his model. On the way, Joan, who at first was horrified at the awful possibilities of the invention, tells Ralph that his father should give the secret to England, so that she could conquer the rest of the world. Ralph answers that his father will never do that, and neither should he if he were in his place. Ralph on his return to the island is horrified to find his father lying dead—murdered!

Sir John's assistant and model has been stolen, and although immediate search is made on the island no trace can be found of the murderer. The police throw little light on the deeds. The inquest throws little light on the tragedy further than that two men must have been concerned in the death of the old man. A detective named Nofar, who interests himself in the case, warns Ralph that they will make every attempt on his life next, and suggests that a trap should be laid for them. Ralph agrees, and answers that his father will never do that, and neither should he if he were in his place. Ralph on his return to the island is horrified to find his father lying dead—murdered!

Nofar never regains consciousness, and it is certified that he has been poisoned. He had drunk the fatal draught intended for Ralph. Inspector Turnbull, who has charge of the case, suspects Ralph, who has charge of the case, discovers the model buried in the sand near his bungalow, and Ralph has recovered to his house. Joan urges Ralph to give the secret to the country, and be done with it; but Ralph answers that he owes nothing. Ralph, however, refuses. He thinks that by keeping it he can render war impossible.

Joan breaks off her engagement with Ralph, who still refuses to agree to the request that he should hand over his secret to the country. Sir James Kinder, a high Government official, also pleads with him, but in vain. Ralph, without parting with his secret, omits that the Government shall protect him, and gives Sir James until the next day to accede to his request. Mr. Cowdale, who calls on Ralph later the same evening, suggests that he may be able to put him on the track of the murderers.

Cowdale tells Ralph that his father's murderer, in a fit of delirium, had confessed the crime, and had also revealed the secret of the invention. He proposes that Ralph should take him as a partner, and, meeting with a refusal, uses threats. He rushes at Ralph, and is shot dead in self-defence. Ralph is arrested for murder. Ralph is placed under remand in his house. In the night he hears the remains of the house. In the night he hears the remain in his house. In the night he hears the report of a gun, and sees a number of men running towards the house with rifles in their hands.

CHAPTER XII.

Lowick ran back from the window and beat upon the door with his fists. He did not know what was happening, but it was certain that his machine and plans were in danger, and that he did not wish to remain locked up in his room.

"Open the door!" he yelled. "Open the door, curse you!"

There was no answer, and a second later there was a rattle of firing in the garden, and the screams of a wounded man. Lowick caught hold of the handle of the door and shook it with all his strength. If he had been on the outside he could easily have broken the door in, but in his present position he was powerless. He could smash the lock. He helpless, unless he could smash the lock. He looked round for some weapon which might serve his purpose, but the chairs had been removed, and even the chairs. He broke a leg off the table, and battered at the lock, but only succeeded in denting the outer case. Then he tried to turn the screws with the back of an ivory paper-knife, and failed dismally.

"If I better wait," he thought, "it's no use tiring myself. I may need all my strength to-night."

He returned to the window and looked cautiously out. There was no one to be seen on the patch of moonlit lawn, but he fancied he could distinguish a yellow light moving among the trees. There were shouts in the distance, then three stabs in quick succession, and after that silence.

Ralph Lowick rubbed his eyes, and won dered if it were all a dream. Now that all sounds had died away, and there was nothing to be seen save the light of the summer's night, it seemed as though everything that had gone before was unreal. The man who had fallen in the middle of the lawn had been removed. Everything was just as it might be on any summer night when the moon made a clear light the sky.

Then suddenly a violent explosion broke the silence; the boards under his feet quivered, and the windows rattled. This was followed by a single shot, and simultaneously there was a thud in the room above, and a cake of plaster dropped from the ceiling. Lowick sank on his knees and crawled along the floor.

"A warning," he said to himself. "Any one could have put a bullet through me, if they'd wanted to. I'm not to look at what's going on."

He crept close to the window again and peered over the sill. There was another sharp crack, and this time the bullet struck the woodwork six inches to the left of his face. He dropped as if he had been shot, and put his hand to his cheek. He had been struck by a splinter, and blood was trickling down from the wound.

"That fellow could have hit me," he thought; "but, whoever they are, I'm valuable to them. I don't suppose it will be long before I have a talk with one of them."

He sat on the edge of the bed and listened. Outside the house there was silence, but there were distant voices in the hall. Then he heard the sound of feet on the gravel drive—the steady tramp of men keeping time as they walked.

"Drilled," he thought. "Either soldiers or sailors. Merciful powers, this is an international affair!"

Then he wondered if any of the police had escaped to give the alarm at Easterhoe. Unquestionably they had been overpowered, and probably any who had been captured had been killed. Still, it was possible that one had escaped, and if so, he would try and get to Easterhoe and telephone to Sinchester. There was a battalion of infantry at Sinchester, and if they were quick—no, of course they would not be in time.

A level track of marshland lay between the village and the sea—an open expanse that was only crossed by sedge in the summer. There was not cover to hide a good-sized dog. If it had been a dark night it might not have been a difficult matter for one man to escape. As it was, there was no chance at all.

"They'll take me away with them," he thought, "and then—well, it will serve the Government right. I shall be offered my life if I will give up my secret. I shall not give it up, and the world will be just the same as it was before this machine came to frighten the rulers of the earth. Perhaps it will be as well."

He rose to his feet as he heard heavy steps upon the stairs. Then some one tried the handle, and made an unsuccessful attempt to turn the key in the lock. There was a thud, and the door swung inwards, and the light of a lantern mingled with the rays of the moon on the floor.

"You come along," said a man in perfect English. "We want you."

"Where do you wish me to go?" asked Lowick. He only asked the question because he wished to hear the speaker's voice again, and find out his nationality. The man had spoken with a slight foreign accent, but it was impossible to say whether he were Italian, Spanish or Russian, Dutch or Italian, Swiss or Portuguese. The lantern was shaded on one side, so that it threw no light on the face of the man who held it.

But Lowick was doomed to disappointment. "Come along," was the reply. Two men stepped forward and gripped his arms on either side. From the brief glimpse he had of them he judged that they were fellows dressed in English clothes that might have belonged to fishermen or labourers. Their faces were hidden by masks that reached from the forehead to below the nose. Their dirty caps were pulled down over their foreheads.

"I'll come quickly," he said. "You needn't grip me quite so hard."

They led him through the doorway and down the grand staircase into the hall. Another man walked behind them with a lantern. Another man walked behind them with a lantern. Another man walked behind them with a lantern

THE TEMPLENEWSAM POACHING AFFRAY.

A PRISONER WHO MADE CARTRIDGES.

Harry Roberts, labourer, of Leeds, who was charged with night poaching on the Templenewsam Estate and also with unlawfully wounding two keepers, was again brought before the West Riding magistrates at Leeds on Tuesday.

Mr A. Willey, who is prosecuting on behalf of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, asked for a further remand owing to the keeper Pullon having had a relapse. Mr Willey proposed that before the prisoner was remanded, the evidence of a Leeds detective, who had gone to the house on the day before the affray, and found prisoner making cartridges, should be taken. When questioned about them prisoner had said "I was only going out to-night." It also appeared, said Mr Willey, that prior to the affray, Roberts had sold a gun to a farmer, and this he had borrowed before going.

Detective Sergeant Lister, of the Leeds City Police, said that on Wednesday, November 4th, he called at the house occupied by the prisoner in Boynton Street, Leeds, where he found the prisoner seated on a chair beside a bed. On the mantel shelf there were some small paper packages, and witness asked him what they were. Roberts replied "We were going out this morning but owing to the bad morning we did not go. We are going to-morrow." The pellets were wrapped in newspaper cartridges. The following day witness again went to the house and knocked, and this, it was found, had been broken in the fight.

Prisoner was then remanded until next week in custody.

A ROTHWELL FRIENDLY SOCIETY CASE.

PROSECUTION OF AN OLD OFFICIAL.

The Rothwell Friendly Alliance Society, along with Mr Joan Abbishaw (secretary), were the defendants in a case at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, in which they were summoned for a breach of the Friendly Societies' Act.

Mr Wilfred Joseph Day, who prosecuted on behalf of the Chief Registrar, said that Mr Abbishaw was the secretary of the Society, and he had failed to send in his annual return for 1913. The return was a summary of the Society's finances, and they were allowed the months in which to send it in. The last day for sending it in was May 31st, and a failure to do so rendered the Society liable to a penalty of £5 for each week the return was late. In this case no less than five letters had been sent to Mr Abbishaw pointing out that no return had yet been received, and also the penalty to which he was rendered liable. They now asked for a conviction and a penalty. The Society provided sick benefit to its members and funeral benefit to members, their wives or children. The Society had 168 members, and the accumulated funds amounted to £1,370. He had received a telegram on the previous night to say that a return had been received. Mr Abbishaw was rendered liable for a penalty as he was an officer of the Society.

In the witness-box, Mr Day said that he had received a letter from Mr Abbishaw on December 12th, stating that he was sorry that no return had been sent in, and that no blame could be attached to anyone but himself. The letter also stated that he had been the secretary of the Society for forty years, and the society had been very successful. In order to get his returns ready he had had to obtain the help of friends as his memory was failing. This year, however, he had been unable to get the help of anyone. He was 71 years of age and had never been in a court before.

Abbishaw told the magistrates that his memory had failed very much during the last one-and-a-half years.

Mr Day suggested that the society was very much to blame in not appointing someone else.

The Chairman (to Abbishaw): Don't you think you ought to resign?

Mr Abbishaw: Yes, I shall have to do so.

The Chairman remarked that they could not look over the offence, but they would impose a fine as small as possible, although Abbishaw had rendered himself liable to a penalty of £5.

A fine of 10s. and costs was imposed, and a similar fine was marked against the society.

SEQUEL TO A WOODLESFORD QUARREL.

SETTLED AT THE POLICE COURT.

At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Edith Smith, a married woman, of Woodlesford, was summoned by Edith Jacques for an assault upon her son, Joseph Jacques.

Mr A. Masser prosecuted, and Mr A. Willey defended.

In out-lining the case, Mr Masser said that on Monday, November 23rd, the defendant left her house, and picking up some sand, threw it in the child's face.

Florence Brown, Eshald Terrace, Woodlesford, stated that she was a teacher at the Woodlesford Council School, and on the day in question shortly after midday she was standing outside the school gate when she saw the defendant come out of her house and go across to Mrs Jacques' little boy, who was playing close to a heap of sand. Defendant picked up a handful, and threw it in the boy's face, after which she went back to her house. The boy cried. She did not see the boy doing anything with the sand, neither were there any other children near.

Mr Willey: Have you been to Bridlington and seen children throwing sand at one another?

Witness: Yes.

Mr Masser: But have you ever seen grown up people throwing sand into children's faces?

Witness: No.

Another teacher named Miss Briggs also gave evidence corroborating the last witness's statement.

Mrs Jacques, in the witness-box, said that her little boy came home screaming after the incident. "His mouth was full of sand," she said, "and when I got it out with my finger I had to take it up from the carpet with a shovel."

Mr Willey: Oh!

In opening his cross-examination of Mrs Jacques, Mr Willey asked "who took the sand away in a wheel barrow," to which the witness retorted that she did not mean her statement as Mr Willey had taken it.

Answering Mr Willey, she said that the quarrel first started with the children. "Your husband agrees don't they," asked Mr Willey, and witness said they did so far as she knew. "Then," said Mr Willey, "it is a pity that you ladies can't."

The Chairman said he would bind both parties over to keep the peace for six months.

Mr Willey: You will do that your own ends if you do that. The women would never be friendly and one would say "I have got you bound over," and life would be intolerable in this charming "arcadia." He said he was prepared to give an undertaking that his client would cause no bother or friction of any kind.

Mr Masser pleaded the same on behalf of his client, and the magistrates agreed to dismiss the summons on payment of costs.

CROSSGATES LITERARY SOCIETY

VICAR OF WHITKIRK AND ARCHITECTURE.

In connection with Crossgates Literary Society a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Architecture and some examples of it" was delivered by the Rev. Brett Thoyer, M.A., vicar of Whitkirk, in the Wesleyan Schoolroom, Crossgates, on Monday night. Mr E. Hawkesworth (President of the Society) was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members.

Mr Guyer, at the outset, modestly stated that he had no qualification or knowing little about the subject of architecture, and the information he would give had been gathered from various sources. His object was really to help the members to understand some of the beautiful buildings and the examples of architecture round about. He had, he said, been struck by the way people looked at a church, passing on that was beautiful but about it, because they had not the knowledge to understand it. Having quoted Ruskin's definition of architecture, he said that it was the addition to an ordinary building of something that would make it more beautiful, interesting and pleasing, but it was seldom that they erected a building for usefulness without making it pleasing. Ruskin, in analysing the particular points that made for architecture in a building, put his views in the seven Lamps," and they were sacrifice, truth, power, beauty, life, memory, and obedience. To be beautiful a thing must cost something, not necessarily money, but labour, care, thought, or money. Directly the idea of cheapness entered the idea of beauty vanished. He admitted that a thing might be expensive and vulgar, but they could not have anything beautiful without its having cost something in one way or another. Truth in architecture meant that a building must be what it seemed to be; it must not be a sham. He gave examples of great buildings where certain features were not what they seemed to be. Taking power and beauty together, he said that some buildings attracted people because they looked strong and stately—like a castle, and others were light and graceful. The lordship was beautiful in its way because it was powerful, but the yacht had beauty. Ruskin had pointed out that all real beauty must follow the lines of nature. In regard to life, he said that a building must be free from stiffness and monotony, and he cited as an example the three arches in Whitkirk Church, the position of which relieved the building from stiffness. When looking at a building they could tell by its architecture the time when it was built, and it immediately suggested that particular age and its associations. That was the keep of memory. As to obedience, he said that an architect could not go exactly his own way; there were certain laws he must obey if he wished to be successful. If a man were building in the Norman period he would naturally follow the plans then in vogue; an architect could only be successful if he followed the laws of the style he had adopted. He pointed how for Leeds Town Hall and the Leeds Parish Church were in accordance with the "Seven Lamps." The Town Hall was not a cheap building, it appeared to be solid, but it was strong, but it was a little bit stiff. It did not suggest much, not being old, but it fulfilled the demand of obedience, for it was built in the style intended. It was a very satisfactory building for a Town Hall. His criticism of the Parish Church, however, was not so favourable. Thereafter Mr Guyer, by means of lantern slides, explained the different styles of architecture, starting with the classical—pillars and stones laid across. With the discovery of the arch, the whole course of architecture altered, and the Norman style was splendidly illustrated. Then followed the Early English, Decorated, and Perpendicular, each style being clearly shown in some fine example of church architecture.

At the close Mr Tomlinson (Halton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, and he remarked upon the inferiority of modern work as compared with the examples shown by Mr Guyer.

Mr Haste Carr (Halton), who seconded, said that the lecture had involved a great deal of research and study, and they were greatly indebted to the lecturer.

The Chairman, in supporting the resolution, said that the lecture had been full of useful information. He stated that Mr Guyer had not mentioned modern architecture, of which there were examples in the neighbourhood. The Norman door at Ash Church was, he said, one of the finest in the country.

The vote was then heartily seconded, and Mr Guyer replied, mentioning local examples of Saxon architecture.

DROVER'S TRAGIC END AT TADCASTER.

FOUND WITH HIS THROAT CUT.

At the Tadcaster Wickhouse, on Monday night, Mr Alfred Procter, Deputy Coroner for the York District, held an inquiry concerning the death of Joseph Ripley (40), cattle drover, who was found in a lodging house in St. Joseph Street, Tadcaster, on Saturday night, with his throat cut.

Jos. Hy. Ripley, also a cattle drover, gave evidence of identification. He said deceased was his brother, and he last saw him alive at Tadcaster market a week ago. He seemed quieter than usual, and when asked if anything were the matter with him he replied, "No, I'm all right." He did complain of a pain across the body, and when told to visit a doctor he said "I'll see."

Anthony Valentine, ice-cream vendor, said that he saw deceased in the habit of staying at the lodging-house. He had not noticed anything unusual in the deceased lately.

After evidence by Dr. J. F. Scotchard, the jury found that deceased committed suicide, no expression of opinion being given as to the state of his mind when he cut his throat.

INTERESTING LECTURE AT ROUNDHAY.

HUNGARY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRITAIN.

At the Congregational Church, Roundhay, on Monday night, Mr Arthur L. Dixle lectured on "In Hungary in War Time." The Rev. Ernest Jenkins presided.

Mr Dixle said that while England and Hungary had been technically at war for over four months, not a single directly hostile act had set for been committed by either nation against the other. Hungarian troops under the impression that they were being dispatched to Servia eventually found themselves in Belgium and France. He himself had received generous treatment at the hands of the Hungarian Government.

In Hungary Englishmen were regarded as a combination of all the virtues. No one in Hungary could believe it possible that war would come between the two nations, and when it was actually declared it was regarded as an unspeakable calamity. The Hungarians had ever since been searching for a favourable opportunity to bring it to an end. Immediately after war was declared the Hungarian Minister of the Interior issued a circular to all mayors of towns asking them to treat the English people in their midst with humanity and sympathy.

The lecturer left Buda Pesth on October 16th. Up to that time he had absolutely nothing to complain of nor had he heard of a single complaint from any Englishman in Hungary. In fact, the universal opinion in the English colony was that they were being treated even better than they were before the war started. The Hungarian army was ruled from Vienna, and at present Vienna was over-ruled by Berlin. He had reason to hope that this state of affairs would not last much longer, and he was looking forward to returning to Buda Pesth at an early date.

As showing the feelings of Hungarians towards Russia, Mr Delisle mentioned that he had seen thousands of Russian prisoners of war walking about the streets of Buda Pesth without an escort and with perfect freedom. He expressed the hope that Hungary would get a separation from Austria as a result of this war.

ROUNDHAY.

Miss Needell, of Roundhay, has given 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

WHITKIRK CHURCH—MORNING SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The above morning service authorised by the prayer-book has been twice duly found in pulpit of Whitkirk Church recently denounced by both the Vicar and his curate. Each of them said it was man-made and ought not to be used. One added that the only divine service was Holy Eucharist.

If the first is man-made, the second undoubtedly is; as now used in Whitkirk Church it is impossible from it is nothing but using words, as the above clergy would dearly like us to do it.

Holy Communion, as our Lord instituted it, is as different from the above man-made service as white is the opposite of black. Have the clergymen sworn at their ordination to accept the prayer-book? If so, let them keep strictly to it. If they have not accepted it let them go where they can be honest, and let us parishioners have what we know is in our prayer-book, and nothing added to nor taken away.—Yours, etc.,

DISGUSTED.

A KIPPAX MAN AND A TAX ON WAGES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Evidently my last letter on this question as to Kippax being to most difficult place sale Lend on in which to keep body and soul together did not carry conviction. I did not expect that my assertion would find easy access to every one's mind, but I feel inclined to believe that what I allege, in absence of proof to the contrary, is quite true.

In discussing the question of Kippax and costly living, I have diverted some what from the original proposal—that an income of 30s. a week was not sufficiently large upon which to levy a tax. This question, I am informed, is not a new one. John Stuart Mill, a good many years ago, said that no attempt should be made to levy a tax of any sort on small incomes. I take that to mean total exemption, or that the man had a strong objection to the levying of any tax, direct or indirect, on incomes which were not sufficiently large to keep the wolf from the door. Now, sir, John Stuart Mill was a rabble-monger of attainments, and who is Mr Henderson, or Boards of Guardians, wherever located, to dispute the statement of such a man?

The question is being asked "Should our labour leaders support a proposal to levy an income tax on wage-earners without consulting the latter?" And now that this proposal has reached London, it has been discovered that the difficulties connected with its collection (apart from the card system), would prove too costly an undertaking.

As to the difference in the wages of piece-workers, it is agreed that to levy a graduated tax on these would present formidable difficulties to all concerned. To form a proposal like the one in question, is an easy matter, but to see the many barriers in the way of collecting the tax has not been so easy. The proposal to levy a tax on the wage-earners now that Mr Lloyd George has been asked to give his views on the matter, does not appear to be a master stroke on the author's part; at least this is the inference I draw from the Chancellor's statements in relation to it. And the author and supporters of the proposal in question would be much better employed if they sought after lifting our burdens instead of increasing them. Her in lies the duty of all labour leaders.—Yours, etc.,

INTERESTED.

A LECTURE AT CROSSGATES—NIETZSCHE

To the Editor.

Sir,—You reported, with some remarks upon the subject, a lecture upon Nietzsche. Would you allow one of your readers also to make a few remarks and extracts from his writings. Nietzsche says:—

"My philosophy reveals the triumphant thought through which all other systems of thought must ultimately go under. It is the great disciplinary thought. Those races that cannot beat it are doomed. Those which regard it as the greatest blessing are destined to rule."

Again, "When I came unto men I found them sitting on an old belief. All of them thought they had known long what was good and evil unto men. All speech about virtue appeared unto them an old weary thing, and he who wished to sleep well spoke of good and evil before going to bed. This sleeping I disturbed when teaching that no one knoweth yet what is good and evil." Very fair.

Again, speaking of us reformers:—"They have tangled and confused for a thousand years almost whatever they laid their fingers on; they have on their conscience the foulest kind of Christianity, the most incurable, the most irrefutable kind that exists—Protestantism." If we do not see an end to Christianity the Germans will be to blame for it.

Again, "Dead are all Gods, now we will that the superman live."

Again, "We must not embellish or dock our Christianity. It has waged a deadly war against the higher type of man, it has distilled evil, the evil one out of these instincts. Christianity has taken the part of the weak, the low, the ill-constituted, it has made an ideal out of the antagonism to the preservative instincts of strong life, it has ruined the reason of the intellectually strongest natures in that it taught men to regard the highest values of intellectuality as sinful, as misleading, as temptations."

Again as for the superman—"That it should be accepted with a good conscience the sacrifice of a legion of individuals, who for its sake must be suppressed and reduced to imperfect men, to slaves and instruments. It is fundamental belief must be that society is not allowed to exist for its own sake, but only as a foundation and scaffolding by means of which a select class of beings may be able to elevate themselves to a higher degree and higher duties, and in general to a higher existence."

These ten extracts from Nietzsche's writings which may induce the reader to enquire, or not to enquire, further into his doctrines. Whether Nietzsche's morbid temperament germing to the seeds of insanity or the contrary, at the age of ten years, he became hopelessly incurable and so remained for a further ten years, down in the year 1900.—Yours, etc.,

FAIRDEAL.

AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT'S APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem appeal to the generosity of a most generous public for increased support. The hospitals are counting on our help as we have come to count on the loyal and wonderful working parties and good friends, known and unknown, throughout the country. Daily the demands on us multiply and increase.

From all parts of Great Britain, from France and Belgium, and Servia, from Indian camps and hospital ships, from ambulance trains and motor convoys, come the most urgent appeals for clothing, bedding, surgical dressings, hospital comforts, and for warm garments for convalescents. Our shelves, at present are full, are getting empty, and daily the committee grow more anxious lest they should have to disappoint those who look to them for help.

We want everything that is warm and useful and clean; everything that a wounded man or a sick man needs, from the time that his warm woven uniform is taken from him in hospital until he is ready to face the world again as a fighting man—or a cripple. We cannot respond to these appeals, or we might say claims, unless everyone will help us according to their means and recognise the responsibility of every non-combatant to give to the utmost to those who are fighting so gallantly for their homes and our liberties.

The address for all contributions is—The President, St. John Warehouse, 56, St. John Square, Clerkenwell, E.C.—Yours,

AGNES JEKYLL.

MARRIAGE AT WIGHILL CHURCH.

THOMLINSON—BOWMAN.

The marriage has taken place at All Saints' Church, Wighill, of Miss Ethnie Bowman, daughter of Mr Walter Banks Bowman, of Wighill, and Mr Walter Thomlinson, son of the late Mr J. J. Thomlinson, of Tockwith. The Rev. C. D. Atkinson, the vicar, performed the ceremony, and the bride was given away by her father. Mr Walter Parsons, of Tadcaster, officiated as best man.

The bride was dressed in rich ivory satin, with a Court train, hand embroidered, and wore a veil and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and lilies. She wore a wreath of orange blossom, and pearl and turquoise drop ear-rings, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Bowman (sister of the bride), and Miss F. Thomlinson (sister of the bridegroom), and they were dressed in vieux rose, with black sashes and hats to match, and carried bouquets of chrysanthemums and lilies.

The service was fully choral, and the processional hymn was "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us." "O, Perfect Love," was also sung, and an address was delivered by the Vicar. As the wedding party left the church the Wedding March was played by the organist, Mr Lightfoot, of Tadcaster.

A reception was afterwards held at the White Swan Hotel, Wighill. The newly married couple later left for Scarborough, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress consisted of a lawn tailor-made costume, with a pale blue hat trimmed with fur. Both the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous and costly presents.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

BELGIAN FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Rothwell Urban District War Relief Committee was held in the Council Offices, Rothwell, on Monday night—Mr J. Hirst (Chairman) presiding. There was a small attendance of members.

A letter was read from Mr A. Marshall, who is compiling a "roll of honour" of those who have joined the Forces, asking that the Committee should assist him by forwarding any names of men in their districts in the Rothwell area, and it was resolved to send a list of the names already received to the district secretaries for confirmation, and also that the teachers of the schools should ask the children for the names of any relatives, etc.

The Chairman asked Mrs Buck for information regarding the local Belgian Relief Fund.

Mrs Buck stated that the local committee were looking after a family—a man, his wife, and seven children, who arrived at Rothwell last week. The family had left a boy in Belgium. The man had been a miner and had also worked in a factory. They came from a low-lying district between Antwerp and Brussels, which had been flooded. They had been given a few days' notice, so that they had been able to get a few things together. The man could speak a little broken English. The family were very clean and seemed very grateful for what had been done for them. The committee hoped to send the children to school during the present week, and they had thought of asking Mr Martin (headmaster of the Council School) to take them in.

Mr Martin: We will do our best for them.

Mrs Buck: They have been in England three weeks.

The Chairman: They must not come in for religious instruction.

Mr Martin: Other Roman Catholic children do.

Mrs Buck: We will leave that with the school teachers.

The Chairman: They have objected in some places.

Mr Martin: It is all a matter for the priests.

Mrs Buck said that they would want some clothing, but the ladies' committee would see to that.

The Chairman (to Mrs Buck): I understand you have a lot of money?

Mrs Buck: I should not like to say we had a lot.

Answering the Clerk, Mrs Buck said that the boy who had been left behind was thirteen years of age, and a Belgian priest who had been over was going to enquire about him.

Mr J. Horner announced that at Thorpe they had eight children and a woman, and three children had been lost on the way.

The Chairman: There is a Belgian paper issued in England which gives particulars about people who are missing, and possibly Mr Horner could bring the paper to the notice of the Belgian family.

A letter was read from Mr Woffinden (Thorpe Distress Committee) announcing that the committee at Thorpe had collected £42 8s. 3½d. in the ward, and that they had received £7 7s.; the proceeds of a whist drive and dance promoted by the teachers and scholars of Thorpe Council School. Mr Woffinden also forwarded £1 15s. 9d., the proceeds of a lecture, for the Belgian Relief Fund, and it was resolved that the money be handed to the local Belgian Fund.

The secretary (Mr W. Dodgson) announced that he had received £5 from the proceeds of a concert promoted by Mr T. Bartham for the local distress fund, and a vote of thanks, moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mrs Buck, was accorded Mr Bartham.

On the motion of Mr J. Horner, seconded by Mr T. Bartham, a vote of thanks was accorded the teachers of Thorpe.

Mr Dodgson announced that the central fund had now in hand £160 11s. 9d.

A letter was read from the secretary of the West Riding Fund stating that in connection with the gifts from the U.S.A. consisting of warm clothing for the children of soldiers and sailors on active service, would be forwarded to the District Council for distribution. The letter also stated that the fund was intended primarily for children who had been left orphans through the war.

A letter was also read announcing a proposed distribution of gifts for Belgian children in the district.

A circular concerning Belgian refugees and issued by the Local Government Board was discussed. The circular set forth that if a man was given employment he should not be sweated, and if the work was only temporary he should be paid a reasonable remuneration for his services.

Another item was to the effect that if a Belgian was desirous of saving part of his earnings he should be encouraged.

Mrs Buck referred the question that if a man went to work would he draw his money and keep the household.

Mr Dodgson replied that the clause dealing with the question read that in case of a man being placed in regular employment, and where he was receiving hospitality, he should be called upon to pay the cost of his board and lodgings, or to pay a reasonable portion.

Mrs Buck: It would hardly be fair to let the man work in the pit, and to let him keep all his money while the people of Rothwell contributed towards the support of his family.

Mr Martin: The man will want something to build up a new home with when he returns to Belgium.

Mrs Buck: But it would not be unreasonable to ask the man to pay a little. The ratepayers are eager to work, but they will not be able to do so just yet, as he is not strong enough.

Mr Blackburn said it was rumoured that when the local committee made an appeal for a party of refugees they asked for a "middle-class" family.

Mrs Buck: It is not true. We asked for working-class people.

A motion was passed granting a month's rent to the Belgian Relief Committee.

PATRIOTIC DRAX SCHOOLMASTER.—Mr E. Arnold How, B.Sc., headmaster of Drax Grammar School, has with the consent of the governors of the foundation, volunteered for active service. Mr How formerly held a commission in the Dorset Regiment, and is an enthusiastic advocate of military drill and physical exercise for boys. He has formed at Drax School an efficient Cadet Corps, with bugle band, and they made a smart turn out on the occasion of Selby Military Sunday, when they were reviewed by Lieut.-Colonel Sir Herbert Plumer, K.C.B., General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command.

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Hatred against the British, we are told, has now got to such a pitch among German officers and soldiers that they no longer salute each other in the ordinary way, and they now say "The Lord punish England," the response to which is "May He do so." To all intents and purposes this is a prayer—an appeal to the Deity to make hatred a sacred cause. For years jealousy of Britain, of whose power and wealth they were covetous, has possessed the minds of leading Germans, and now it has been turned into a passion of hatred because this country has dared to thwart the Prussians in their policy of aggrandisement in Europe. Without doubt the ultimate aim of German militarism was the crushing of Great Britain, and the preparations, as well as the time chosen for war, by the Germans, demonstrate that they have been looking forward to the hour for striking for years. Two or three individuals—not ranked as Statesmen—have uttered warnings to the British nation, but they have been like "voices crying in the wilderness." Men of all political schools have sincerely believed that the great German nation would honour its pledges and would commit no outrage on civilization—in fact, that no efforts would be directed against Britain, but the revelations of the last few months have shown how utterly wrong opinion in this country has been. Germany, whatever the Imperial Chancellor may say, stands convicted before the world, and no lip-genuity nor sophistry can explain away what has occurred. The ultimate object of German policy, let it be remembered, was the destruction of the British Empire, built up by the devotion and self-sacrifice of men of our race extending over many years—a heritage that we accept with gratitude from the men who have gone before. And why should Germany seek to do this? Britain was content to live on peaceful terms with all her neighbours, she did not wish to grab more territory, and she was animated by no other feeling than that of goodwill, even towards Germany, as the opinions of our public men generally prove. Germany, however, was not satisfied. Ambitious beyond the dreams of Napoleon, her leaders embarked on a policy world-wide in its scope, and their determination was to dominate the nations of the earth. The Prussian military men, and those who acted with them, believed that they were super-men, and that their soldiers were superior to any fighting men in the world, so it came about that, with this belief securely held, they thought they should be the leaders in every department of life. Britons, according to their notions, were played out, and the Empire had only to be touched by the magic German sword to crumple up. Mingled with their jealously was a supreme contempt for the British, but they have greatly over-rated themselves and under-rated the nations whom they have sought to subdue. And they now hate us with a hatred which we cannot understand. In Belgium they have been guilty of every crime in the calendar, and they find excuses for everything they do. This is, of course, on a parallel with the teaching of Nietzsche, who held that whatever the super-men succeeded in doing was right. No one had any right to question their morality. The Archbishop of York recently said something which looked as if he were finding excuses for the Kaiser, and people received his remarks with indignation, and, of course, there were numerous protests, whatever he intended to say or mean. His Grace has since condemned the "spirit of malignity towards our enemies which seems to me to be quite incompatible" with any kind of Christian priceple." We are told, it is true, to love our enemies, and the British race has always been generous to those against whom they have fought, but we are human after all, and even the Archbishop would find it difficult to love men who have shot innocent Belgian peasants, ravished Belgian women, destroyed churches and cathedrals, and used the white flag treacherously in order to butcher our soldiers. It is doubtful, too, that a spirit of hatred exists in this country. Men generally believe that the German nation has been hoodwinked, and that the people are being used by the military party simply to carry out their purposes, and, in any events, they could not have modified German policy, because they have not the power. Our soldiers, by their treatment of German wounded, have shown conclusively that they are not animated by hate, although they have seen the atrocities committed by the enemy, and in regard to the nation generally, there is a feeling of determination to protect itself, obeying the first law of life, by destroying the power which would, if it had the chance, reduce it to helplessness. In Britain we are always too ready to magnify our own faults, giving ready argument for the enemy, and when we are struggling to preserve ourselves it is unwise to draw conclusions from the outbursts of a few people and to fasten them on the nation.

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HARRIS.—December 12th, 1914, at his son's residence, Hampsthwaite, William Harris, aged 73. late of Halton.

NAYLOR.—On December 14th, at 1, The Orchards, Crossgates, Mary, widow of the late Dandison Naylor, aged 62.

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LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Morkill (Chairman), E. Parkin, E. Penrose Green, J. Hirst, J. P. Hall, W. Lewis, and C. Holtday.

At the London College of Music examination held in Leeds on Monday, Miss Millicent Armitage, of Rothwell, who is under the tuition of T. A. Idle, L.L.C.M., was successful in obtaining the Associate (A.L.C.M.), with high honours.—Advt.

SALVATION ARMY.—The new officers, Ensign and Mrs Smith, who have been transferred from the Garforth Corps, have settled down at Rothwell, and they conducted their first services during the week-end. On Sunday afternoon the choir of the Lofthouse Wesleyan Church rendered the cantata "The daughter of Moab," under the conductorship of Mr T. Hempson.

HER FORTY-FOURTH APPEARANCE.—On Tuesday at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions, Elizabeth Cox, widow, of Crofton, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Rothwell on Saturday afternoon. P.C. Bosomworth, who proved the case, said she was threatening to break the windows of a shop in Commercial Street. He tried five or six times to get her away but she would not go. The Chairman pointed out that it was defendant's 44th appearance, and imposed a fine of 5s. and costs, or in default, seven days.

WHIST DRIVE.—The annual whist drive and musical evening promoted by the Rothwell Bowling Club took place in the Church Schools on Wednesday night, when there was an attendance of about seventy. The whist was interspersed with musical items, the following contributing towards the harmony:—Madame Holroyd, the Sister Riponi, and Messrs W. Bennett, and A. Clark. The pianist and accompanist was Miss Pickersgill, and the musical director was Mr H. Clark. The prize-winners at whist were:—Ladies—Mrs Barker and Mrs Harrison, Gent.'s —Messrs J. Hobson and C. P. Ward. The president of the Bowling Club (Mr R. Batty) acted as steward for the whist.

MUSICAL SUCCESS.—In connection with the London College of Music there was a large gathering in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Monday last, when the distribution of diplomas, certificates, and prizes took place. The Chairman, the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Mr J. E. Bedford), gave a pleasing address. The Lady Mayoress, who was also on the platform, received a large bouquet during the interval. Mr Percy S. Bright, Mus. Bac., Lond., F.R.C.O., was in attendance and gave good advice to the students. At the conclusion the successful candidates were presented with caps and gowns, diplomas, and certificates by the Lady Mayoress, and among them was Miss Ethel Morton, who obtained her certificate along with her cap and gown. Miss Morton has previously obtained two certificates in connection with the Leeds College of Music, where she has been a student for many years.

BILLIARDS.—Playing in the senior section of the Dutton and District Billiard League, Rothwell Mechanics' Institute defeated Hopetown Reading Room by 128 points on Saturday night. Rothwell won five games out of six, scoring an aggregate of 575, while their opponents made 447. The individual scores were as follows (Rothwell MI. names first):—H. Taylor 100 v. T. Bond 65, D. Drury 100 v. T. Bond 61, J. T. Priestley 100 v. J. Green 71, H. Priestley 100 v. E. Percy 54, A. Hainsworth 75 v. J. Benton 100, and G. H. Palmer 100 v. T. Wade 81. The junior team matches was played between Rothwell Working Man's Club and the Temperance Hall at the former club, and the home team won by 31 points, the scores being 554 and 523 respectively. W.M.C.—Jacob 100 (one brief)—H. Bennett 100 v. E. Edwards 82, O. Banks 100 v. Armsted 72, L. Thurwell 89 v. Lord 100, R. Deakin 100 v. Bains 92, G. Pickergill 85 v. Lunn 100, and J. Hargreaves 100 v. Hepworth 77.

FOOTBALL.—The match in the second round of the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition has yet to be decided between Rothwell Parish Church and New Wortley Gas Works. On Saturday the teams had a replay owing to the fact that on the first occasion the Gas Workers were 45 minutes' late, and at their second meeting the sides played a drawn game of three goals each. The visitors lost the toss and Broughton kicked off up the slope, and the ball was not long before they penetrated, ravished the ball through, Broughton beating Bradley after the Parish Church team had been penalised. Rothwell for a time held the sway, and should have scored. Lunn missed a fine chance when well placed, his shot striking the crossbar. Once more the visitors were prominent, and, after a dashing movement by the forward line and a clever centre by Wood, Spiers beat Bradley. Shortly after J. Gregg netted for Rothwell, and the score was equalised before the interval by New Wortley being penalised, Rogers taking the penalty kick. On the resumption Rothwell for a time played well up the slope, but after once breaking through, the visitors caused some excitement in the home half. Bradley let his side down in rushing out to save and once more New Wortley assumed the lead. However, shortly before the end of the game Rothwell again got on terms. Lunn scoring.

ALLERTON BYWATER

On Saturday afternoon Lock Lane W. were defeated by Fryston Colliery by two goals to nil.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.—On Wednesday evening a patriotic concert was held in the Council Schools, and an excellent entertainment in that the room was crowded. Several Belgian soldiers from Templemeam were present, County Councillor Dewhirst presided, and the Hilton Quarette Party submitted an excellent programme of music, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. At the close Mr Smithson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and artistes, and the Vicar seconded. A Belgian Refugee, who is residing at Roundhay, made a speech, expressing gratitude for what this country had done for the gallant little nation, and the resolution was passed. The proceeds, amounting to between £15 and £16, were for the Belgian wounded soldiers and the Belgian Refugees.

BOWERS ALLERTON

LECTURE.—On Friday evening an interesting lecture was given before the members of the Men's Bible Class at the Mission Hall—Mr Walter Blackburn presiding. The lecturer was Mr A. Blakeley, of Normanton, and he gave an interesting account of his recent trip to South Africa and what he saw there. At the close he was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

LIFE-SAVING IN MINES.—In connection with the Friday Night Bible Class a very interesting lecture was given by Mr Hanmer, of Rotherham, on "Life-Saving in Mines." The lecturer went back to the earliest type of rescue apparatus invented for saving life in mines, and he described at length the various types introduced in Germany, and Belgium, and also the apparatus now in use at the collieries in our own district. He explained the use of the "pulmotor" used for the restoration of persons when overcome by foul atmospheres in mines, and described at length the rescue work done at the disaster at the Cadeby Colliery. He had the "Dreegear" life-saving apparatus and the "pulliphor" with him in the room, and gave practical illustrations of the work. The lecture was illustrated by 100 lantern slides, and the use of the lantern was kindly given by Mr Ismay Robinson, who presided over the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Mr W. S. Blackburn (general manager of the colliery), and about 100 men were present.

MISSION HALL.—On Monday the Mission was favoured with a visit from the Rev. L. B. Dalby, of the Brunswick Methodist Church, Leeds. In the afternoon he conducted divine service preaching from St. Luke, 7 chap., verse 9. The service was much enjoyed by a good number who gathered to hear the man with a message. Tea was provided in the schoolroom after the service, and a good number stayed to partake of the good things provided. At seven o'clock the rev. gentleman gave a lecture on "Admiral Blake." He described the age in which the Puritan lived, his birthplace, education, and his entry into political life, and his conflict with Charles I., and other royal princes. He told why Blake was selected to be admiral of the fleet by Oliver Cromwell, when he was a colonel of the Yeomanry, of the first sea fight with the Dutch and his defeat, and then of his great victories in a few months afterwards. The lecturer showed that the whole theme of his life was devotion to duty. Mr W. S. Blackburn presided. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to both the lecturer and chairman at the close

CROSSGATES

Mrs H. S. Bower, Crossgates, desires to thank all friends for expressions of sympathy in her sad bereavement and for floral tributes.—Advt.

WESLEY GUILD.—At a meeting of the Guild on Wednesday evening in the Lecture Hall, Dr Edward Cundall (China) gave an address on "The present position of Medical Missions in China." The Rev. E. Ball presided.

LECTURE.—Under the auspices of St. James' Guild, a lecture on "Belgium, of Yesterday and To-day" was delivered by Mr H. G. Brown, of Leeds, the well-known traveller and lecturer, in the Manston Schools. The Vicar presided, and there was a good attendance. The lecture proved a most interesting one, and was admirably illustrated by lantern slides, and, at the close, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Brown, on the call of Mr Allanson, seconded by Mr Chadwick. A collection on behalf of the Belgian Fund realized £3 4s.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL CLASS.—This class concluded the first half of the session this week. The work has been intensely interesting, under the scholarly and sympathetic guidance of Professor Moorman, of the Leeds University. In addition to Shakespeare's Macbeth, with which the session was opened, selections from Pope, Coleridge, and Wordsworth have been studied. Much good and original work has been done by members. The class started with 28 members, and there are still vacancies for 4 before the maximum of 32 is reached.

RECITAL.—On Saturday night at the Manston Schools a large audience attended to hear a recital by Mr Tom Harwood of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," which was given by the well-known elocutionist in masterly style. Miss Doris Dixon, a promising young soprano vocalist, contributed songs, which were highly appreciated, and Mrs Cooper was the accompanist. The Vicar explained that the recital was the outcome of an effort by seven little girls, who raised £2 by the sale of needle sachets. It was suggested that the money might be made to produce more, and the recital was arranged. The proceeds were for Queen Mary's Fund. The proceedings were commenced and finished with the singing of the National Anthem. A sum of about £8 was realised.

CROSSGATES BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP.—Under the auspices of Crossgates Baptist Fellowship a lecture on "The history of song," was delivered by Mr J. A. Mackay, of Harrogate (formerly of Halton), in the Lecture Hall, Whitkirk, on Tuesday night. Mr Alvera Chadwick, of Halton, presided, and there was on excellent attendance. Mr Mackay, whose lectures on music and musicians are always enjoyable and instructive, had the assistance of Mr T. B. Garrs, of Whitkirk, whose song illustrations added greatly to the value of the paper, while Mr S. Kirkby, of Whitkirk, played the pianoforte accompaniments in a very efficient manner. At the outset, the lecturer dealt with folk-song, the songs of the troubadours, and the music of the monks. The development of song in this country was interestingly described, a great deal of useful information being given about the writers, and then Mr Mackay referred to the great German musicians, Schubert claiming special attention. The latter part of the lecture was devoted to modern song-makers, and Mr Mackay advocated the cultivation of song-singing in schools as a means of arousing greater interest in the nation in this department of music. Mr Garrs, who has an excellent baritone voice, had a rather heavy task, contributing about a dozen songs, including two Hungarian numbers, and songs by Handel, Schubert, and Sir Arthur Sullivan. His work was done admirably, and the audience gave every evidence of thorough appreciation of it. At the close Mr J. Fisher, of Halton, who is himself a vocalist, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Mackay for his delightful lecture, to Mr Garrs, and to Mr Kirkby. Mr F. Horton, of Crossgates, seconded, and the resolution was heartily carried. On the call of Mr T. K. Diggle, of Whitkirk, a similar compliment was paid to the Chairman.

GARFORTH

The total proceeds of the concert for the maintenance of the Belgian refugees in Garforth amounted to £7 19s. 9d.

LIBEL SLANDER ACTION.—A political slander action was mentioned to Mr Justice Darling on Friday. Mr Barrington Ward said the plaintiff Mr Houlton was the managing director of one of the biggest colliery companies in Derbyshire. He was a Parliamentary candidate at the by-election in North-East Derbyshire last May. "I rather think," said counsel, "that the Liberal and the Labour man fell out and the Conservative fell in." (Laughter). The suggestion made was that Mr Houlton was a hypocrite, and that under the guise of benefitting the miners he was "stuffing" them. The defendant, Mr Smith, has now given a complete apology, and the matter was entirely settled subject to a statement being made in court. Mr Houlton is a son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, of Garforth, and manager of Micklefield Collieries.

PICTURE HOUSE.—Tonight and to-morrow the great attraction at the Picture House will be "Life," which is described as one of the finest pictures in the whole history of animated photography, and there should be crowded "houses." Capital programmes will be submitted for Christmas week. For Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday an exciting Vitagraph picture, "The night riders of Petersham" (in three parts) occupies the premier position. "The sands of Dee" is another pleasing drama acted by "Biograph" players. Commencing with Thursday, the special attraction will be the engagement of Miss Enid Walkington, "the pocket edition of Vesta Tilley," who will include in her songs, "The army of to-day's all right." The third series dealing with the Adventures of Kathleen ("The Temple of the Lion") will be screened, along with a popular Tuesday comedy "Hearts and swords." It should be noted that on Christmas day and Boxing day the performances will commence at 6.30 and 8.30. There will also be a matinee on Boxing day at 3 o'clock.

GREAT PRESTON

On Saturday afternoon Great Preston, in the Leeds Hospital Cup Competition, defeated Methley Perseverance by three goals to nil.

HALTON

PIGEON SHOOTING.—On Wednesday at the Irwin Arms, Halton, the members of the Hollins Gun Club had an afternoon's shooting under Gun Club Rules. Proceedings opened with a three-bird sweepstakes, for which there were seven entries. Mr A. Walker was the only competitor to kill all his birds, and he took the pool. Following came a six-bird sweepstakes, which secured nine entries. Mr H. Seal took first prize with five kills, and Mr A. Walker was second with four kills. Another six-bird sweep drew nine entries, and this was divided by Messrs E. Stead and A. Walker, with five kills each. Several small sweeps were also decided. Mr L. Sunter was the referee.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon Waterloo Main Colliery and Zion U.M.C. met at Hunslet to replay their match in the first round of the Leeds and District Cup Competition. Zion started in promising fashion, and Pos-B opened their score. Platts, however, quickly equalised, and Crossley later put the visitors ahead. A few minutes afterward Clark and Platts netted again for the Colliery, and the former scored a second goal within a few minutes. Just before the interval Martin scored the home side's third goal. Waterloo Main Colliery were leading at half-time by 5 goals to 3. The second half proved all in favour of the visitors, and Clark scored twice for them. Waterloo Main won easily.

KIPPAX

PIE SUPPER.—The members of the United Methodist Church were the promoters of a pie supper, which was held in the church on Wednesday evening. There was a fair attendance.

COMMITTEE MEETING.—With a view to stimulating recruiting in Kippax, a lecture on "The cause of the war and its responsibilities" was given in the Parish Church Schoolroom on Wednesday evening by Mr S. Keen, of Leeds, who was supported by Major Ellis, of Pontefract. The Vicar presided. Slides showing Belgium in war time, the flight of its people, the many ruined buildings, etc., were exhibited, the lantern being manipulated by Mr Wilfred Smith.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT.—A patriotic concert was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Monday evening. A committee of willing workers, with Mr J. Farrant as hon. sec., at the request of Mr L. J. Dewhirst, C.C., made arrangements for the concert, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the purchase of clothing and other requirements for the Belgian wounded soldiers, and for the relief of Belgians. The room was crowded, and the following programme was given:—Pianoforte solo, "Hungarian," Mr E. V. Allan; quartette, "Comrades in arms," Clifton Prize Quartette; song, "For your King and Country," Miss Jessie Allan; harp solo, Mr Gibson; song, "The Trumpeter," Mr A. B. Chapman; recital, "The day," Mr Bleakley Sayer; humorous song, Mr George Lister; song, "The sailor's grave," Mr Rogers Holloway; song, "Castellana," Miss Jessie Allan; humorous quartette, "Phyllis dyes her tresses"; quartette, "Here's life and health"; humorous song, "The cuckoo," Mr George Lister; duet, "The battle eve," Messrs Holloway and Chapman; recital, "The message," Mr Sayer; harp solo, Mr Gibson; song, "Up from Somerset," Mr Chapman; song, "Before you came," Miss Jessie Allan; song, "The veteran's song," Mr R. Holloway; humorous song, Mr George Lister; quartette, "Little Tommy went a-fishing." The pianist (Mr R. V. Allan) played the National Anthems of Russia, France, Japan, and Belgium. The singing of the last-named by the four Belgian soldiers who were on the platform was very much appreciated. The audience joined in the singing of "It's a long, long way to Tipperary." Mr Dewhirst, who presided, said that a feature of the war was the part the British Navy had played in keeping open the trade routes. The German ships had no place in any of the great oceans of the world. Mr E. Parkin, J.P., moved a vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Dewhirst, and to the trustees of the premises, who had allowed the use of the schoolroom free of charge. The Vicar, in seconding, referred to the important part that the Belgian soldiers had played in the war. The Belgians had saved this country. If Paris had fallen, England would have had to reckon with Germany afterwards. Great credit was due to the noble Belgian nation. The time was coming when the Belgians and the Kaiser's people would meet in Berlin. The Kaiser had been a menace to the world, and those who had laid down their lives were crying from the dust against him. The Vicar read two letters from Ellis Henshaw and George Firth, boxing their friends at Kippax were in the best of health. They were in good health, and "chuffed" generally in France was cold and damp, they were not short as regards food and good warm clothing. They were delighted to do their level best for their King and country. The resolution was passed. The proceeds were about £10.

MOORTOWN

Mr. J. Beaumont, of Moortown, has given 10s. to the Belgian Relief Fund.

MIDDLETON

STRAY OFFICERS.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Arthur McGowan, a labourer, of no fixed abode, was charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony. P.C. Tate stated that about 10.45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th, he was with P.C. Sowray on the Middleton Road, at Middleton, when they noticed prisoner loitering about. They watched him for about fifteen minutes, and then approached him. He stated that he had come from Leeds and was going to Wakefield. He was searched and charged, being subsequently taken to the police station. P.C. Sowray, who gave corroborative evidence, said prisoner was looking over a farmyard wall where there were chickens. Prisoner, in answer to the charge, said he was making his way to the Rothwell Workhouse. The Chairman, in committing him to prison for 14 days, said prisoner had a shocking record.

ROUNDHAY

A YOUNG OFFICER'S DEATH.—Mr A. E. Ives, of Roundhay, whose son, Lieutenant Kenneth Ives, died recently in the Military Hospital at York, received the following telegram from Buckingham Palace:—The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the Army have sustained by the death of your son in the service of his country. Their Majesties truly sympathise with you in your sorrow.—Private Secretary.

SCHOLES

PRESENTATION.—An interesting gathering took place at the Barleycorn Inn, Scholes, on Wednesday night, when the members of Scholes United Cricket Club presented their vice-captain (Mr Wetherall) with a standard reading lamp as a wedding gift. The hon. sec. of the club asked the captain (Mr Whitaker) to make the presentation, which he did in very appropriate terms, while a few remarks were made by Mr Haigh and Mr Alvin, who wished the recipient long life and happiness. In reply, Mr Wetherall thanked them sincerely for their handsome gift. He had been a member of the club since its formation, and the present would remind him of the many enjoyable hours he had spent with Scholes United on the cricket field. The lamp bore the following inscription on a copper plate:—"Presented to P. S. Wetherall by Scholes United C.C., on his marriage, Sept. 30th, 1914."

BEACROFT

Mr Samuel Dobson, of Seacroft, hay and corn merchant, and vice-chairman of Leeds Board of Guardians, left £8,083.

A DISCOVERY AT KILLINGBECK.—The dead body of a newly-born female child was found in a box under a wall in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Killingbeck, on Monday, by a grave-digger. The child, which was fully developed, and had lived, was wrapped in a piece of cloth, and the soap box in which it was found had been fastened by means of nails. The improvised little coffin was not lying under the wall the previous day, the grave-digger by whom it was found was working near the wall when he noticed the box. It is believed that the child died from neglect at birth. The inquest was opened on Tuesday afternoon and adjourned.

STOURTON

On Saturday afternoon Stourton United footballers and Altofts St. Mary's played a drawn game of two goals each.

P.S.A.—On Sunday afternoon at the P.S.A. service, held at the Primitive Methodist Church, the address was given by Mr H. Collinson. Mr Waterton was the organist.

STONE THROWING.—In the Children's Court at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday, Ida Mary Barker, errand lad, living in Hunslet, was summoned for throwing stones to the danger of persons on the Pontefract Road at Stourton. P.C. Boys proved the offence, and said they had had several complaints from cyclists and motorists about boys throwing stones. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

WOODLESFORD

THE BREWERIES.—The twenty-third ordinary general meeting of Bentley's Yorkshire Breweries, Ltd., was held at the Hotel Metropole, Leeds, on Wednesday, Col. T. G. Hunsdon presiding. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr C. E. Charlesworth, the report and accounts were accepted. Mr J. F. Milne proposed, and Mr Bennett seconded, a resolution to the effect that a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. on the Preference shares and 8 per cent. on the Ordinary shares (making 6 per cent. for the year) be paid. This was adopted. Colonel Hunsdon and Mr G. T. Bottomley were re-elected directors and Messrs. Reevors and Adgie were re-appointed auditors. A resolution of thanks to the directors and staff was heartily approved. The meeting was of a cordial nature, the only apprehension being as to the effect of the new war taxes.

OULTON DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Oulton District Education Sub-Committee was held at the Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Albion Place, Leeds, on Tuesday night—Mr G. M. Abley (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Messrs B. Wood Higgins, J. H. Tomlinson, S. H. Young, and H. E. Gelder, with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

In presenting the attendance returns for the past month, the Clerk said they were down in nearly every case. Throughout the area four schools were closed owing to epidemics.

Mr Higgins remarked that he thought they would possibly have to close the school at Oulton altogether, as he had heard that two gentlemen had visited the school that afternoon with a view or taking it for military purposes.

The question of feeding necessitous school children was again on the agenda, but at none of the schools had any advantage to be taken of the Act.

In connection with the combined nursing scheme, the Clerk announced that Nurse Cowen had been appointed by the County Council to look after the district, and would work in Oulton-with-Woodlesford.

A CROSSGATES RESIDENT AT REDCAR.

EXCITING EXPERIENCES

A well-known Crossgates resident, who was at Redcar on Wednesday, writes to us as follows:—

The residents of Redcar had scarcely got over the excitement connected with the wreck of the "Lemberg" on Tuesday evening, when they received a shock by the visit of German warships, which came close to the shore on Wednesday morning. I was at breakfast at five minutes past eight when the hotel fairly trembled in consequence of the tremendous booming from one of the ships. The whole of the residents quickly ran out to ascertain what had happened, and, to their dismay, they found the German warships at work.

Boom followed boom in quick succession, and we could clearly see the battle-ships engaged. The shooting lasted for at least fifty minutes, and then the noise suddenly stopped. However, at 11.30 we heard firing again, but this time the ships could not be seen, as they were far out at sea.

On the previous night the attention of the residents was attracted by what appeared to be a ship on fire, and this turned out to be a fishing boat wrecked on Saltscar Rocks, and the crew had set a tar barrel on fire in order to draw attention to their perilous position. Afterward the boat was in complete darkness, but as I was going to bed I noticed a big flare from the same boat. Thinking this singular, I went out and walked to the end of the pier where people gathered thought the light mysterious when the crew had been taken off.

Next morning I had an interview with three of those who had been rescued. I asked what was the meaning of the light from 10.30 to 11.30, and they said it must have been another ship. Of course, it was not, as it was in the same position. A sea-faring man joined in the conversation, and said this occurred on the east coast would have been there unless they had been other motives, as the sea was calm, and there was no fog at the time. My friend asked how many there were of the crew. "Thirteen," was the reply. "How many were Englishmen?" "Eleven." "And what were the others?" "They were Danes," was the unexpected answer. The conclusion that he thought there had been signalling from the boat, but the fishermen would not have it.

THE ROADS.—At a meeting of Tadcaster East Parish Council on Monday evening—Mr W. Crossley presiding—complaint was made as to the bad state of the road through Tadcaster East, and of the road scrapings being left by the side of the road, to the inconvenience of the public. The Clerk was directed to write to the District Council on the subject. It was also decided to ask for the adoption of a motor speed limit through Tadcaster East.

RECRUITING THE POLICEMAN.—At a meeting of the West Riding Standing Joint Committee, at Wakefield, on Wednesday, Alderman J. C. Rhodes suggested that permission should be granted to all members of the Force to join the colours, and to return to their present positions after the war without the deduction of any period of service for pension purposes. It was very desirable, he thought, that the men everywhere they could to facilitate enlisting in the present state of affairs. The matter was adjourned.

SOUTH MILFORD SICK AND DIVIDING CLUB.—The annual general meeting of this club was held at the White Swan Hotel, South Milford, on Monday night, and there was a large number of members present. This club has now a membership of 60, and the secretary read a statement of the year's working, which was most satisfactory, showing that the year had been the best they have had. A dividend of about 10 per cent. will be paid to each member on Monday night next, leaving a reserve fund of £8 10s. The committee have decided that all members joining the colours shall be made honorary members without paying any contributions, and should they return home sick or wounded, they shall receive their sick pay.

HUNSLET RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TEMPLENEWSAM AND OULTON AFFAIRS

The monthly meeting of the Hunslet Rural District Council was held at the Council Offices, Leek Street, Hunslet, yesterday afternoon—Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs P. S. Marsden (vice-chairman), W. Verity and J. Flanagan, with the Clerk (Mr W. B. Pindar), the medical officer of health (Dr J. Buck), the sanitary inspectors (Messrs W. Whitehead and P. C. Higgins), and the surveyor (Mr J. Nuttall).

Dr Buck presented his report for the past four weeks, and it showed that fourteen births—six in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, one in Templenewsam, and seven in Middleton—had been registered, while the deaths numbered six—three being in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, one in Templenewsam, and two in Middleton. The following infectious cases were also notified—one case of scarlet fever in Oulton-with-Woodlesford (which was removed to hospital), two cases of diphtheria in Templenewsam; one case of erysipelas in Oulton-with-Woodlesford, and a case of pulmonary tuberculosis in Templenewsam. The last, said the medical officer, was very low for the time of the year, although there was a lot of measles and whooping cough about, but the schools would be closing within a few days, which would help matters.

The Clerk reported that he had received a notice from the Yorkshire Electric Power Company to the effect that they were promoting a Bill in the next session of Parliament, which will empower them to supply electricity for lighting practically throughout the same area in which they are now able to supply electricity for power purposes only. The Hunslet Rural District would be in the area with the exception of Oulton and Woodlesford. There were a few points in the Bill which the District Councils' Association considered unsatisfactory, and they have now engaged in communicating with the Company with a view to getting the points of difference cleared up. Another meeting was to be held on Monday, and they would report further in due course as to whether their efforts are successful or not.

It was decided not to give consent to the Company for supplying the area until they heard further from the District Councils' Association.

A circular letter from the Rural Housing Association was read stating that owing to the war the rate of interest on loans has risen from 3½ to 4 per cent., and the building of houses would be more costly, and they were afraid that local authorities would most likely be putting off what would be necessary work—only to start when the rate would be possibly higher. The Clerk commented that the Association evidently did not want them to slacken their efforts.

The question of the Councils' men and officials enlisting in the Army was considered. The Clerk stated that since the last meeting a circular had been issued from the Prime Minister, Mr Bonar Law, and Mr Henderson to house-holders, and the Council had not considered the question if any of their own men should enlist. Many public bodies had agreed that any of their employees who enlisted should have their places kept open for them on their return home after the war. He had brought the matter before the Council for them to pass a similar resolution.

Mr Thomas: Yes, I will move that we pass a resolution to that effect.

Mr Marsden seconded, and it was decided that any employee of the Council joining the Forces should have his Government allowance made up to his usual wage.

It was reported that the Templenewsam Parish Council had given their consent to the diversion of a footpath at Newsam Green.

Mr Marsden: It will now have to go before the Quarter Sessions.

The Clerk: Yes.

The water consumption of Oulton and Woodlesford for the month was reported to be rather less than last year, being 62,000 gallons against 65,000 gallons. There was no serious leakages.

With regard to the street lighting at Oulton, the inspector reported that odd lamps had been found to be out at different times owing to the oil trouble—naphtha having got into the burners. The lamps in Fleet Lane had had to be taken down owing to their being broken by stone throwing. The Clerk reported that he had received an application signed by sixteen residents for two lamps in Armitage's new row, Quarry Hill, Oulton. The inspector had reported that one lamp was certainly needed at the bottom of the row.

It was resolved that one lamp be erected.

At the conclusion of the business the Chairman said he hoped that they would all have as happy a Christmas as it was possible to be under the present circumstances, and that there would be a brighter outlook at Christmas and the New Year than had been the case during the past few months.

FOOTBALL.—A meeting of the York and District Football Association Council was held in the Lanteen Tower Restaurant on Wednesday night, when Mr T. Henderson presided. W. Husband, Tadcaster A.F.C., who was sent off for striking in the St. Clement's v. Tadcaster match, on Oct. 10th, was suspended until December 31st.

MELROSE F.C.—The footballers of South Milford who are now serving their King and country are:—A. Atkinson, E. Chilton, J. Grimbley, N. Hansen, J. Neville, E. Lambert, R. Riley, L. Wilson, C. Wetherell, W. Thornton, J. Hill, A. Tacksen, T. Grimbley, A. Atkinson, B. Wice, G. **Daly, G. Pollard, T. Baker, and S. Arrowsmith.**

WHIST DRIVE.—A successful whist drive and dance were held on Friday night, in connection with the South Milford and District Fanciers' Society, in aid of the War Fund, and there were about 100 persons present. The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Councill Hill, and the second by Miss Bessie Johnson, and the first prize for gentlemen went to Mr H. Harland (Micklefield), and the second to Mr J. Thompson, South Milford. Mr Dyson was M.C. for the whist, and Mr J. Terry M.C. for dancing. Mr A Johnson and Mr W Lindley supplied the music. The refreshments were given by friends.

SELBY URBAN COUNCIL.—At the meeting of the Selby Urban District Council on Monday evening—Mr T. S. Ullathorne, chairman, presiding, it was agreed that on the Local Government Board sanctioning the purchase of further land on the Flaxley Road, a scheme be submitted for the building of houses on the site. With reference to the application by the Yorkshire Electrical Distributors & Power Co., for a provisional Order for the supply of electricity in the Urban District, the Clerk stated that the company had offered that if the Council did not oppose the application, they would give the right of purchase, at the end of 21 years, of the company's works in the Urban District as a going concern. The Council adopted a resolution to oppose the company's application in the event of satisfactory terms not being obtained. Mr Mark Scott and the manager of the gas works were authorised to attend a meeting at Leeds on the 22nd inst., with reference to opposing the Yorkshire Electrical Power Company's Bill.

GARFORTH AND DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The monthly meeting of the Garforth District Education Committee was held on Wednesday evening at the Education Offices, Garforth—Mr John Wordsworth (Chairman) presiding. The other members present were the Rev. B. Shepheard Walwyn (Aberford), Messrs W. Y. K. Young (Lotherton) H. Gascoigne, H. Chappel, T. S. Slater, and F. Richardson (Garforth), with the Clerk (Mr H. W. Powell).

The Clerk, in giving the attendance returns, said that they were lower than usual, and practically every school last month was affected by ailments. Garforth Parochial School (mixed department) had the best record, and even there one or two cases of measles occurred.

Labour certificates were granted to seven Aberford children, about the same number for Garforth, and one for Barwick.

Reports on the manner in which caretakers' duties were carried out at Garforth, Aberford, Barwick, and Scholes schools were read, and they were satisfactory.

Mr Slater inquired if anything had been heard about the proposed improvements at Barwick School. The Clerk answered in the negative. The Committee's letter would go before the County Authority.—The Chairman said the matter had been passed on to Wakefield.—The Clerk: And they will take steps as they think fit in the matter.—The Chairman: This is a matter that has been going on for seven years. They have promised and promised, and nothing has been done yet.

A report by the County Council inspector on the Garforth Council School was read, and the Chairman said it was an excellent one.

With regard to the boundary wall it was proposed to erect at Garforth Council School, the County Authority stated that it had been decided not to proceed with the work at present.

The Clerk reported that, under the school nurse scheme, Nurse Miss M. Cowen had been appointed to work in Garforth, Kippax, Great and Little Preston, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford. She would also carry out the duties connected with the notification of births.—The Chairman said that if she carried out her duties she would have a lot to do.

No case of distress among children, necessitating the giving of meals, was reported.

It was reported that the attendance at the evening schools at Garforth was 23 out of 34.

With regard to the suggested special classes during the war, the Chairman said that no necessity for them had arisen in Garforth.

The examination for county minor scholarships takes place at Garforth on February 13th.

WEST RIDING DISTRESS COMMITTEE—GARFORTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

	£ s. d.
Amount of subscriptions previously acknowledged	230 10 . 6
Underground workmen, boys, and screwmen, Sisters and Isabella Pits, per Mr C. H. Hebden (13th contribution)	6 15 8
Underground workmen, boys, and screwmen, Trench Pit, per Mr E. W. Ogden (6th contribution)	2 1 3
Total to date	£239 7 5

WM. GEO. BUSHELL,
Hon. Sec. and Treas.

HALTON MAN'S PURCHASE OF KING'S CATTLE

Mr Harry Verity, English meat purveyor, of the Central Market, Leeds, who resides at Roseville, Halton, purchased all the King's cattle from the Home Farm, Sandringham, exhibited at the Leeds Smithfield Show.

Mr Verity is, therefore, in an excellent position to meet all the demands of the Christmas trade, and the meat will be sold at ordinary prices at his business premises at the Central Market, Leeds, this week and the next.

PATENTS.—Patent Fat compiled by John E. Walsh, chartered patent agent, of 25, Royal Exchange, Boar Lane, Leeds, and Crossley Brothers, Halifax (co-applications)—W. J. Clarkson, Leeds, an improved boot protector or stud. Patents sealed—Albrecht and Albrecht, Ltd., Leeds, improvements in suit boxes; J. Bromet, Low Thornton, and H. G. Wood, Tadcaster, centrifugal separators for sewage, etc. Patent renewed—W. D. Borrill, Doncaster, an improved cleansing fluid or composition.

A CAWOOD ABILL.—Messrs Hepper and Sons, Ltd., offered for sale at the Londesborough Hotel, Selby, on Wednesday, the Perseverance Roller Flour Mill, in Thorpe Lane, Cawood. The property consisted of the copyhold property and mills built in 1854, and the fixed machinery and plant. The bidding reached £1,150, at which the property was withdrawn. The auctioneers stated that the valuation of the mills stood in the books at £5,050. The property was offered for sale by order of the receiver, appointed by the Debenture holders in re M. and T. Smith, Ltd.

CONCERT.—On Saturday the Collingham Pierrot Troupe gave a concert in aid of the War and Belgian Relief Funds at the Trustees' Hall, Boston Spa. There was a very good attendance. The National Anthems of the Allies was the first item, led by Misses Clark and Rider, and the audience heartily joined in the singing. Miss Ida Thornton, R.A.M., elocutionist, of 172 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, gave a recitation of a humorous character, and Miss Clark sang "Bobo Ribbons," and Miss Norman Treliving caused much amusement with his catchy songs, and he and Mrs Emmerson did well in the "Duchess Duet," and also in the duet "Come underneath my big umbrella." Mr C. Hamer was in good form, and sang very creditably Elgar's well-known "Land of hope and glory." Mr W. Emmerson delighted the audience with his original verses "The war alphabet," and for an encore he gave a monologue "The land of the might have been." He was also heard to advantage in a character song, "Sam," and in a duet, "Our farm," with Miss Whitehead. The ladies' quintet, "Five German Warriors," caused much laughter, Mrs Emmerson supplying the fun. A concerted number, "1099," was very interesting, the verses being of a topical nature. Mr C. Hamer and Miss Clark played the accompaniments in an efficient manner.

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MR R. BENSON-JOWITT'S WILL.

LEGACIES TO EMPLOYEES.

Mr Robert Benson Jowitt (at one time Chairman of the Skyrack Branch of Magistrates), of Harstwood Lodge, Tunbridge Wells, left £58,912. Testator left:—

£6,000 upon trust for the wife and children of his son John Herbert (reduced from £10,000 by reason of the present war, capital and income having been very seriously diminished);

£50 each to his coachman, Henry Malthouse, and his gardener, Herbert Silky, if serving; £100 to Maria Spencer and £50 to Emily Spencer, if serving; £100 to his butler, William Francis Bound, if serving;

To his wife, £5,000, the household effects and consumable stores, etc., use for life of Harstwood Lodge, and an annuity of £1,500 or the income from the residue whichever be the lesser; £100 to his wife's niece, Nessie McCulloch; a collection of coins, private papers, diaries, and four portraits of his son, Frederick.

The residue of his property he left to his three sons equally.

A ROUNDHAY OFFICER'S DEATH.

MILITARY FUNERAL AT LAWNSWOOD.

The remains of Second-Lieutenant Kenneth Hill Ives (Roundhay), of the 8th Leeds Rifles, whose death took place from pneumonia in York Military Hospital, were interred at Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds, on Saturday afternoon, with full military honours. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and on it rested the dead officer's sword, belt, and cap. The pallbearers were six brother officers, and most of the 8th Battalion lined the road from the cemetery gates to the chapel.

The battalion also sent a firing party and buglers, and the officers present included Lieut.-Col. E. Kitson Clark, commanding the battalion; Lieut.-Col. W. Heyworth, commanding the reserve battalion to the 8th Leeds Rifles, Major Bousfield, Capt. Salter, and Capt. Wilson.

The service was taken by the Rev. C. E. O'Connor Pinton, vicar of St. Edmund's, Roundhay, assisted by the Rev R. Macpherson, Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral and Chaplain to the 1st West Riding Infantry Brigade, and the Rev. H. S. Woolcombe, vicar of Armley, and Chaplain to the 8th Leeds Rifles.

The family mourners present were Mr and Mrs Alfred Ives (father and mother), Master L. Ives (brother), and the Misses A. and D. Ives (sisters). Others who attended were Mr Arthur Willey, with whom Lieut. Ives was articled before being admitted as a solicitor, Mr N. G. Morrison, Mr W. Hodgson, Mr F. W. Somers, Mr J. A. Atkinson (Leeds Law Students' Committee), and Mr J. W. Hargrave and Mr Ratcliffe (from Mr Willey's office). Seven members of the Leeds "Pals" Battalion, personal friends of the dead officer, were also present.

TADCASTER TOWER BREWERY COMPANY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth annual ordinary general meeting of the Tadcaster Tower Brewery Co., Ltd., was held on Saturday at the registered office, George Street, York, the Hon. Reginald Parker (chairman) presiding.

The directors' report, together with the balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended September 30th last, showed that the profit for the year, £14,092 1s. 3d., together with the amount brought forward from last year, £18,462 2s. 4d., made a total amount available of £42,554 5s. 7d. The interest and interim dividend on preference shares, directors' and trustees' fees, had absorbed £16,671 10s., leaving a balance of £25,882 15s. 7d., from which the final dividend on the preference shares had since been paid. In view of the increased taxation and uncertainty of the outlook for all brewery companies, a dividend at the reduced rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares was declared, leaving a balance of £20,382 15s. 7d. to be carried forward.

The report was adopted.

A Selby Soldier's End.

RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION.

Mr and Mrs T. Judge, of Wide Street, Selby, have received the following letter from Major C. Runkin, commanding A Squadron 9th Lancers in North-West France, in reference to the death of their son, Corporal Judge:—

I am very sorry indeed to have to inform you, dear your son, Corporal Judge, was killed at Messines on October 30th. He had just been recommended for promotion to sergeant for his excellent services in the field, and his death was a very severe loss to me and to the squadron. I am exceedingly sorry to have to give you this bad news, but it may be some compensation to know how much his services were appreciated.

As we have already stated, Corporal Judge took part in all the hard fighting at the front, beginning with the Mons engagements, in which his regiment played a heroic part.

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT ROUNDHAY.

A pleasant entertainment was given on Friday night at Roundhay by the members of the St. Edmund's Dramatic Society, who performed a couple of little plays for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund of the parish. Neither of them took long in the acting, and the rest of the evening was occupied by an excellent programme of orchestral music, played under Mr J. K. Crawford's direction.

The principal dramatic effort was "Withered Leaves," a pretty comedietta by the late Fred Broughton, of Bradford, and which crowds a wealth of amusement and queer coincidence into a very little space. Quite the most lively member of the cast was Mr Oliver Cookson, who played the part of Tom Conyers with positive relish and enjoyment. His companion, Arthur Middleton, is sketched as a dreamy soul, and Mr Teasdale Wilson certainly acted the part with truth in this respect, though the way in which he proposed marriage would defeat its own purpose anywhere outside the region of "play-acting."

Miss Ethel Brown took the part of Lady Conyers with great charm and naturalness, and Miss Bertha Hampson played a difficult role with necessary restraint and tact. The play gives scope for but little stage movement, which is fortunate, considering the limits of this particular stage. But the most exciting episode occurs when Sir Norton Conyers (Mr Tiffany) proceeds to chase his son Tom up and down the glen. They managed to import a good deal of vigour into the performance, though one had to imagine most of it done out of view. The reconciliation between the two is one of the climaxes of the play, and it was done very effectively. The villain of the piece is Cyril Vane, acted by Mr Harold Pickard with the requisite cunning and art.

The other play staged was rather less ambitious, but none the less attractive—"Mrs Wilks's Will," the characters of which were excellently played by Miss Sturgeon, Miss Loul Hunter, Miss Hilda Wragg, Mrs Bell Voyer, and Mr H. M. Pullon.

SELBY RURAL COUNCIL AND WATER SUPPLIES.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD'S LETTER

At a meeting of the Selby Rural District Council, on Monday—Mr Harry Anson presiding—a letter was read from the Local Government Board with reference to the decision of the Rural Council to hold in abeyance the proposed water supply to the villages of Haddlesey, Burn, Temple Hirst, Hirst Courtney, Carlton, Camblesforth, and Drax, owing to the dear prices of materials, brought about by the war.

The Local Government Board stated that they could not regard the reasons given as sufficient to justify the Council in postponing the schemes, or in postponing the contemplated supply to the parish of Wistow. The localities named being greatly in need of water, the Local Government Board requested that the matter should be taken into further consideration.

The Chairman (Mr H. Anson) said the prices for pipes had gone down from £5 to £10 per cent. Since the matter was last discussed, but they were still 40 to 45 per cent. higher than in normal times. He thought it would be an unreasonable thing to force the Council to put pipes down at that price.

It was agreed that the Clerk reply that the Rural Council would reconsider the question, and that the surveyor had been instructed to commence the preparation of estimates and particulars.

POTATO TRADE IN SELBY DISTRICT.

The potato trade in the Selby district has never really recovered from early troubles. In the spring there seemed every prospect of a large potato crop, which would bring the district back to something like the position it held in former years. A severe frost in May, however, did irreparable damage to a great part of the crop. A May frost had not been known in the district for many years, and in a great number of fields the tops of the potatoes were completely struck off, as if they had been cut with a knife. Alarming reports were spread to the effect that the crop had been absolutely ruined, but this proved incorrect, although, of course, it was a much lighter crop than had been expected.

The outbreak of war caused an unsettlement in the potato trade as in all others, but this soon passed away, and for a time prices were low, briefly tempting farmers to send their consignments to the markets. The advent of autumn brightened up the trade a good deal, and prices became very fair from the farmers' point of view. Up-to-dates rose from about 50s. to about 80s., which is about their present average, and King Edwards reached 65s., at which price they have remained for the past week or two. Warp King Edwards have been about 80s. It is not generally expected that during the present winter there will be any great variation in the prices, and the circumstances and the light crop obviously account for any increases from previous years.

LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS AND THE HOSPITAL CUP.

A meeting of the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Cup Committee was held at the Hospital Offices, Park Square, on Monday night, Mr G. W. Ellis presiding.

The explanation of Clarence Iron works, who arrived late at Thornhill Lees, was considered satisfactory.

Methley Perseverance were fined for being 35 minutes late at Great Preston and the game, which was stopped 20 minutes before time, was ordered to be re-played at Great Preston on Saturday, January 2nd.

New Wortley Gasworks were ordered to replay their drawn game with Rothwell Parish Church on the same date.

The draw for the semi-finals resulted as follows:—Fryston Colliery v. Rothwell Parish Church or New Wortley Gasworks or Woodlesford Britannia; Great Preston White Rose or Methley Perseverance v. East Ardsley or Clarence Ironworks.

ROTHWELL

In the Amateur Football League on Saturday afternoon Rothwell O.B. defeated Rothwell Haigh United by three goals to two.

HALTON

On Saturday afternoon Whitkirk St. Mary's football team defeated Markley District (Leeds) by three goals to one.

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CHURCH BAZAAR AT GARFORTH.

OPENING CEREMONY BY MRS GASCOIGNE, LOTHERTON HALL.

A successful bazaar in aid of the funds of East Garforth Church Mission, which is in charge of Captain Paley, was held in St. Mary's Hall, Garforth, on Tuesday afternoon, and at the opening ceremony there was a good attendance. The Rev. T. E. R. Willard (rector of Garforth) presided, and he was supported by Mrs Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall, Mr Couper (churchwarden), and Captain Paley.

The Rector said it was a great pleasure to welcome Mrs Gascoigne there again. The country was passing through difficult times, and it was a question whether bazaars should be held or postponed. Some of them had no doubt read what the Vicar of Leeds had said at the bazaar connected with the Good Shepherd Mission. Although those were days of difficulty it was a most important time for the Church of Christ, because there were so much sorrow and trouble in the country, and as time went on there might be more. It was important that the Church of Christ should be strong—stronger even than in the past—because it had important and solemn duties to perform throughout the land, and they should, therefore, do their utmost to strengthen the organizations. They were extremely obliged to Mrs Gascoigne for her attendance. They knew what a deep interest she took in the Mission and in the work of the parish generally, and they hoped that she would be spared for many years to help them in the parish. He then called on her to declare the bazaar open.

Mrs Gascoigne said that, as they knew, she was always pleased to come to Garforth, and she was especially glad to come that day, because they were passing through difficult times—in fact, as difficult as any they could know how to talk about them. She agreed with what the Rector had said, and, although it was such an awful time, they must keep themselves level-headed, and carry on the work of the Church and anything that was for the good of the people and the nation. Of course, their thoughts were directed towards the war, which they could not keep out of their minds except for a few minutes at a time, but they should continue to do the duties that were nearest to them just the same as they did in the days when England was at peace. She felt that they would come out of the war a better people than they had ever been before. There had not been too much pleasure-seeking, and she thought that in the future they would think more of other people and less of themselves. She then declared the bazaar open.

Mr Couper, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs Gascoigne, said that she had taken a keen interest in the people of East Garforth—an interest that was fully appreciated. Although they were passing through critical times, it was all the more necessary to strengthen the Church organizations, and the reason they were there was to strengthen a branch of Garforth Church. He hoped Mrs Gascoigne would be spared for many years to come on a similar errand. (Applause).

The Rector, in calling on Captain Paley, said that he had been twelve months among them, and they had found him a trustworthy and hard worker, and he had the interests of East Garforth Mission at heart. His old colleague, Mr Mayor, had departed for London, and he and Captain Paley would work the parish together until he (the Rector) got another colleague.

Captain Paley, in seconding the resolution, said that some time ago Mrs Gascoigne, in speaking to him of the bazaar, used the words "our bazaar," and that was a sufficient indication that her heart and soul were with East Garforth people. She had done more for the Mission than people had any idea of. In regard to Mr Mayor going and the parochial work, he said that all good work was a pleasure, and as long as he had health and strength he hoped to do more in that part of the parish and not less in the other part.

The resolution was heartily passed, and Mrs Gascoigne responded, stating it was a great pleasure to her to be there.

The stall-holders were as follows:—Drapery Stall—Mrs Cook and Mrs Mallin.

Crockery Stall—Mrs Willie Cook and Mrs Sedgwick.

Fancy Stall—Miss Oxtoby and Miss Binns.

Refreshment Stall—Mrs White and Mrs Tindall.

Literature Stall—Mrs Silberry.

Sweet Stall—Miss Cook and Miss Llewellyn.

Bean Tub—Miss Oates.

Tea Rooms—Mrs Llewellyn, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Wilson, and Mrs Luford.

Entertainments were given during the afternoon and evening, and songs were contributed by Misses Mallin, Hebden, Cook, Doris Cook, V. Llewellyn, and P. Llewellyn, and Mr Jack Cooper, while Miss C. Westerman gave recitations. The pianoforte accompaniments were played by Miss Cooper and Miss Sharp.

JUDGMENT IN A CURIOUS SELBY CASE.

A QUESTION OF TRADE CUSTOM.

In the Court of Appeal on Saturday Lords Justices Buckley, Phillimore, and Pickford gave judgment in the case of the Olympia Oil and Cake Company (Ltd.), of Selby, v. the Produce Brokers' Company (Ltd.), on the appeal of the defendants.

Lord Justice Buckley said that by a contract of May 30th, 1912, the defendants sold to the plaintiffs 6,000 tons of Soya bean, to be shipped to Hull. The contract contained the following provision:—

Particulars of shipment, with date of bill or bills of lading, approximate weight, marks (if any), and numbers of bags to be declared by original sellers not later than 40 days from the date of the last bill of lading. The buyers shall have at least three clear days after appropriation to give the necessary orders for port of destination at port of call or demurrage (if any) up to three days to be for account of sellers. In case of re-sale, copy of original appropriation shall be accepted by buyers.

On those last words the question arose. The contract also contained the arbitration clause, that goods to be shipped from an Oriental port or ports during December, 1912, or January, 1913. The defendants, the sellers, on September 6th, 1912, made a similar contract for the purchase of a like quantity of beans, for the fulfilment of the first contract, with the East Asiatic Company, and on February 4th the East Asiatic Company declared or tendered to the defendants a vessel by a ship called the Canterbury. The defendants passed the tender on to the plaintiffs, availing themselves of the words in case of re-sale, copy of original appropriation shall be accepted by buyers and passed on without delay." When the East Asiatic Company made the tender to the defendants no one knew that any misadventure had happened to the Canterbury, but when the defendants handed it on to the plaintiffs, the defendants knew that on February 4th the vessel had foundered.

The question whether that was a good tender under the contract was referred to arbitration, and the Appeal Committee stated a special case. The Divisional Court, expressing a consultative opinion, held that it was not a good tender. The matter went back to the Appeal Committee, who found that by long established and well recognised custom of the trade it was a good tender. Thereupon the plaintiffs moved to set aside the award, and the Divisional Court made the order now appealed against, directing that the motion be dismissed and that both parties be at liberty to file further affidavits on the question as to the existence of the alleged custom. His Lordship concluded by saying that upon the authorities arbitrators had no jurisdiction to determine what the custom was, and, that being so, he must—though he thought the decision was wrong—uphold the ruling of the Divisional Court, and dismiss the appeal.

The other members of the Court concurred, Lord Justice Phillimore stated that he did so with reluctance, and expressed the hope that the case would be carried to the House of Lords.

The appeal was accordingly dismissed, with costs, a stay being granted with a view to an appeal.

WETHERBY CHRISTMAS FAT STOCK SALE.

A BEAST FETCHES £44.

At Wetherby on Monday Messrs Thomlinson & Son held a sale of fat stock, and for weight, quality, and numbers it was easily ahead of any former year's show. The attendance of butchers and dealers from Leeds, York, and the East and West Ridings was well above that at any previous sale, and competition was keen and well sustained throughout, never once slackening. Best quality of beef made from 9d. to 10s. per stone, while good bullocks and heifers sold readily from 8s. 9d. to 9s. 4d. per stone. There was a good show, and about maintained late rates, from 10d. to 10½d. per lb. Pork pigs met a dear sale, making 8s. to 8s. 6d. per stone. Numbers sold: 141 fat beasts, 231 sheep, and 21 pigs. The following gentlemen kindly officiated as judges:—For beasts, Messrs J. W. Coates and V. Smith (Leeds) and C. C. Schofield (Todcaster), and for sheep, Mr Noble (Dunkeswick) and Messrs D. Thrupp and E. Sykes (Leeds). Their awards gave general satisfaction. Special cake prizes were given by Messrs Thorley (through their agents, Messrs C. D. Mills, Ltd., York) for bullock, for cow or heifer, and for sheep; by Messrs Robinson "for fat beast"; and by Messrs Bibby and Sons, for butchers' beast.

The first prize given by Messrs Thorley was awarded to a splendid white Irish bullock from Messrs M. Thomlinson and Son, which sold for £44 to Mr. Chas. Whaddick. The first prize given by Messrs Thorley for heifer was awarded to a splendid butcher heifer from Mr R. Dutton, of Bilton, which made £42 2s 6d to Mr J. W. Coates, Leeds. Messrs Bibby's first prize was awarded to a grand bullock from Mr C. Hawkswell, of Syningthwaite, and sold for £40 to Mr Harris, Leeds; the second prize went to a grand bullock fed by Mr R. Dutton, which made £40 to Mr G. Sykes, Church Fenton. The first prize given by Messrs Thorley for pen of four sheep was awarded to Mr Bielby, Catal, and made 82s to Mr Noble, Dunkeswick.

Other beasts were sold as follows:—Two bullocks from Mr J. Thompson, Rigton, made £37 to Mr Wheldrick and £32 2s 6d to Mr Harris; Mr B. Dunnington, Bilton, had two good bullocks, making £36 and £35 to Mr Thrupp and £25 12s 6d to Mr Noble; two level-fleshed bullocks from the Hon. Lady Hawke, Wighill Park, made £35 12s 6d to Mr H. Shilleto, Tadcaster, and £35 5s. to Mr J. W. Coates, Leeds; three bullocks from Mr Hawkswell, Syningthwaite, made £39 9s. to Mr Ellis, Wetherby, £27 5s to Mr Thrupp, and £36 2s 6d to Mr Bentley, Wetherby; four weedy bullocks from St. John's Institute made £38, £25, £24, and £23; Mr R. Bielby, Cattal, had two wealthy beasts, making £28 10s and £26 10s; three splendid bullocks from Mr W. C. Kendall, Cowthorpe, made £35 to Mr C. Schofield, Todcaster, and £28 2s 6d and £27 10s to Mr V. Smith, Leeds; two grand even-fleshed bullocks from Mrs Otter, Hunsingore, made £39 2s 6d to Mr C. Wheldrick and £36 5s to Mr Mountain; Mr R. Machin, jun., Old Thorneville, had six grand bullocks, making £36, £35, £33 7s 6d, and £31 10s to Mr J. W. Coates, and £33 12s 6d and £35 17s 6d to Mr Harris; four bullocks from Mr L. Patterson, Goldsboro', made £30 15s 6d to Mr Coates (Leeds), £30 15s to Mr Hodfield, and £30 and £28 10 Mr Wheldrick; two other bullocks from Essexlee made £30 and £36 15s; two bullocks from Mr Liversidge, Skewkirk, made £29 to Mr Coates and £27 12s 6d to Mr Illingworth; a choice bullock from Mr R. Carr, Wighill, made £37 17s 6d to Mr Wheldrick; a grand bullock from Mr J. N. Atkinson, Tockwith, made £38 12s 6d to Mr Wheldrick; choice bullocks from Mr J. T. Dearlove made £33 17s 6d and £32; Mr D. Robinlove made £33 10s; Mr J. Robinson, to £33 2s 6d; Mr R. Fearby, Stockeld, to £33; Mr J. W. Atkinson, nice bullocks, to £34 15s each; ten ripe bullocks from Bickerton Grange made £28 17s 6d, £25 5s (3), £25 2s 6d, etc.; two from Mr J. W. Watson made £26 5s and £24 17s 6d; from Mr Sturdy, to £24; from Mr Burniston, to £26 15s; Mr E. Alton, to £22 12s 6d; Mr Buckle, to £21 2s 6d; Mr J. Norfolk, to £26 17s 6d; Mr Goodworth, to £23 2s 6d; Mr A. Goodworth, to £24 17s 6d; Mr Spencelev, to £27 5s; Mr Bellerby, to £26 15s; Mr Holdsworth, to £25 17s 6d; Mr G. Douthwaite, to £24 12s 6d; Mr W. Lister, to £24 15s; Mr Sunley, to £26 12s 6d; Mr C. Barker, to £23; Mr Renton, to £22 2s 6d; two bullocks from Paddock House made £29 10s and £27 17s 6d. The 141 beasts sold made an average of £26 1s each.

Sheep from Mr T. Jackson, Cattal, made to 75s each; Mr J. Watson, to 69s; Mr J. Jackson, to 57s; Mr Elvidge, to 58s; Mr Holmes, to 61s. 6d.; Mr Bentley, to 84s; Mr Dalby, to 86s 6d.; Mr C. G. Wright, to 47s 6d.; Mr Holdsworth, to 53s 6d.; Mr R. Dutton, to 78s; Mrs Otter, to 62s. Pigs from Mr C. Milner made 64s 6d. each; Mr Gill, to 46s; Mr Myers, to 65s; Mr Goodworth, 52s; Mr Warrington, to 59s each; etc.

PRIZE-WINNERS AT SELBY.

Messrs Richardson and Son held their annual sale of fat stock for the Christmas season on Monday. Upwards of £22 was offered in prizes in the various classes. There was a large show and a brisk trade. The first prize bullock, fed by Mrs James Pocklington, Wistow, realised £46 15s, while the second prize went to Mr C. Milner, Escrett, Carlton, sold for £45. Mr Pickup's reserve bullock fetched £41. Those in the smaller beasts from the farm of Mr Harold Dickson, Burton Hall, made £29 5s and £28 respectively, while his first prize heifer realised £25 2s 6d. A heifer shown by Mr Jewett, Laverack, which took second prize, made £20 17s 6d, and two others belonging to Mr Escrett brought in £16 and £14 10s.

Among the fat cows Messrs A. and C. McNeil owned the winner and sold for £27 12s. 6d. Mr G. T. Fenteman, Barlow, exhibited a choice cow, which made £25 2s 6d, and in the same section one owned by Mr Escrett was purchased for £26.

There was an excellent show of pigs in the various classes. Large porkers and hogs pigs formed a very good class. Mr G. Escrett took the first prize for bacon pig, the exhibit selling for £11. The best fat cow made £14 2s 6d and the second winner £12 10s.

OULTON

On Saturday afternoo i in the Rothwell Charity Football Cup Competition Oulton St. John's and Nostell Athletic played a drawn game of one goal each.

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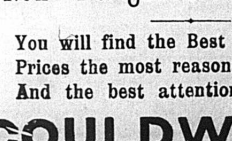
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WHITKIRK RURIDECANAL COUNCIL.

ADDRESS BY THE VICAR OF MANSTON.

RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIAN CHURCH.

An interesting address on "The Russians and the Russian Church" was given at a meeting of the Whitkirk Ruridecanal Council held in the Church Institute, Lotus, on Tuesday night, by the Rev. H. H. Mallinson (vicar of Manston). The Rural Dean (Rev. A. J. E. Irvin, vicar of Woodford), presided, and others present were the Rev. W. R. Capel Cure (vicar of Oulton), the Rev. R. B. Smith (vicar of Sippax), Mr. J. Watson (Whitkirk), Mr. E. Simpson (Manston), Mr. A. Sharpe (Oulton), Mr. J. L. Howe (Lofthouse), and Mr. A. B. Jessop (Scarcroft), hon. secretary.

In calling upon Mr. Mallinson to give his address, the Rev. A. J. E. Irvin said that he thought the people in England would welcome great deal of enlightenment on the Russian Church, especially after what he had heard in the railway train that afternoon. A lady asked him if the Russians were a religious nation, and she followed the question up by saying "I should say not." He was glad to be able to assure her that from what he had read the Russian nation were a distinctly religious nation, and they had shown it especially of late in the direct abolishing one of the greatest temptations of the Russians. Another characteristic of their religious fervour was that they preceded battle by prayer, and after a victory they went to the nearest church and sang the "Te Deum."

The Rev. H. H. Mallinson prefaced his remarks by saying that the Russian national character was perhaps as little understood as was the Russian Church. In the first place, the Russian was a man full of charity and loving kindness—that was a fact not grasped. His outlook on life was of charity, and that was the bedrock of his character, and it was not for nothing that he addressed every other Russian as "My brother," while the Czar spoke to them as "My children." This brotherliness in life made some very largely from the communal system that existed throughout Russia. They were bound together by tress-man—which were unknown in England.

There was no splitting up of a household by marriage. If a son married in England, he left his home, and set up a home for himself. In Russia the household remained a community—a fact which inculcated a deep sympathy man with man. A second characteristic was the Russian's intense capacity for heroic endurance and self-sacrifice. That had been largely brought about by the condition of his life. The Russian nation was largely a nation of peasants, and they were up against great risks and hardships. They were very deependent upon seasons and they had a hard life industrially. There was very little to be made from their professional calling. Whatever they made it went towards the property of the family. The power of sacrifice in the Russian was very great. Vodka was more to a Russian than beer was to an Englishman. However, they took all with patience. They felt they were in the hands of the Almighty, as they were dependent on seasons, and there was always a danger of their wooden houses taking fire. They had very little hold upon this life. A Russian knew how to pray and very often he would be seen praying in the street, and no one would think anything about it. They had a tremendous hold on God, and no one would be able to prove to them that there was no God. There were defects, however, and one of these was a strong disinclination to work unless enthusiasm was aroused. There was also a strange want of method and order in life, and in this connection it was interesting to note that of the 750 big towns in Russia, only 50 were in any sense drained. On that side of civilisation the Russian was behind. He was Rabbi to sins of the flesh, and he was also Rabbi to great violence of temper when his temper was aroused. Such traits might appear contradictory, but one could not read the history of the Russian people without realising that he had the soul of a child and the characteristics of a child. A child had an intensely loving heart but it had an ungovernable temper. Very often they found the most unexpected thing happen. A man who was a drunkard would suddenly get out of the mire, and go on a pilgrimage. A man who was a miser would give freely, and go on a pilgrimage.

As a result of his religion, the Russian had an intense glory in the idea of death. To a Russian death was life and light, and he looked upon it with the joy of a child. In his outlook on religion he largely thought not about Our Lord as an example, but he thought deeply about Our Lord's death and atonement.

occupied a great part of the life, and they went chiefly to Jerusalem. They liked a lingering death, as it gave them more time to pray. Sudden death they did not like except at the battle. Every soldier who went to battle was confessed.

A second characteristic of his religion was an immense love of the outward and visible. The Russian Church was the largest branch of the Holy Orthodox Church, and what was regarded as one of the three great branches of the Spiritual Church of Christ, the Russians would not allow to us what we allowed to them. In their view the Anglican Church differed so much from them as to make it an heretical Church. He hoped the present alliance in arms would bring about a fuller understanding from the religious point of view. The difficulty was the extraordinary conservatism of the Russian Church, which permitted of no such development as had taken place in the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches. Mr Mallinson referred to his visit to Montenegro, and stated that he found a humble mess in the life of the Church. Rich and poor, high and low, stood shoulder to shoulder throughout the service. In the street the Russian would recognise you as possessing a certain superiority, but in the church he took hardly any notice at all. People stood in the churches except when prostrations there were no seats; that showed their great endurance. At Easter they would go to church on the Thursday, and remain very often until midnight on the Sunday. They did not go to the church with the idea of hearing a sermon, but they went there to worship God. English matins would not appeal to a Russian; he would not think it too cold. He loved colour and ceremony. Infants were communicated very soon after baptism, and a Russian took the communion literally. Making a confession in Russia was no formal thing as in Rome. No questions were asked. The sins were stated, and absolution was received. A curious custom was a "general confession." One would see a crowd of penitents gathered round a priest, who would read out a long list of sins, and as he came to the different persons' sins they would say "Yea, I am a sinner." There was great enthusiasm when absolution was received. The clergy were spoken of as black and white—he did not mean that they were good and bad—but the black clergy were the monastic clergy and the white were parochial. The monastic clergy could not marry, while the parochial clergy had to marry before ordination. The latter were much less pretensions. They had their farms, and their wives went to market with other women. As there were no sermons to preach there was no need to study, which was a great drawback. The result was that the little of many of them was extremely simple, and there was no incentive to take more learning or to lift themselves educationally higher than their people. In the monastery there was just the reverse—a great desire for learning and there was great piety. The religious education of the people was chiefly done by the people themselves. In conclusion, the speaker referred to the Russian and the present war. Religion was the basis of the Russian character, he said, and to the Russian its present war was a great religious war. Everything that the German was fighting and saving at present hurt every sacred susceptibility in the heart of the Russian, the result being that our Ally was entering upon the war with tremendous earnestness.

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded Mr Mallinson, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr E. Simpson.

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

BY

ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

From the gardener's point of view we are now passing through the most unsatisfactory time of the year, especially where the bulk of the work is outdoor. Cold winds, damp atmosphere, and an occasional fog are not calculated to increase the pleasure of out-door garden work, and to this may be added the fact that almost all kinds of trees, shrubs, and plants are now at a dull and uninteresting stage. Generally speaking the autumn has been fairly favourable to the rapid completion of the usual outdoor cleaning operations, and no doubt in most cases the work will now be nearly finished. An effort should be made to make all trim and neat for the festive season so quickly drawing near. Dead leaves, sticks, and other refuse that has been deposited in prominent positions by the wind should be cleared away.

Gravel and other loose surfaced paths may be swept and rolled, and the lawn should be rolled once a week, when it is dry enough to take the roller without blackening the grass. The value of rolling is not generally understood. A firm surface always produces deep coloured grass, and the growth is much finer than is the case where the surface is left comparatively loose. We have often noticed that a portion of the lawn that is subjected to much trampling during the summer always appears to be in splendid condition the following spring. Trampling may, of course, be carried to excess, and in that case the grass would get worn off and die.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

No doubt Christmas festivities will be greatly curtailed this year owing to the war, and florists and others, who usually look for a harvest at this time, will suffer in consequence. The evergreens grown in the woods and fields are in great demand, but by subjecting them to some little cleansing operations they may be made fit to answer the purpose fairly well. The more fastidious housewife may prefer to buy a few branches that have been grown in a cleaner district, but for church and chapel decoration home grown evergreens may be made to answer very well. They should, just about a week before being required for use and plunged in a tank of water. The following day they should be stirred vigorously in the water, and this will remove the thickest of the dirt. They should then be taken out, and a fresh supply of water placed in the tank. Add a solution of soft soap at the rate of half an ounce to the gallon of water, and return the evergreens. They may be allowed to remain in the tank until the day before they are required for use, but should be well stirred every day. Run the water off on the morning of the last day, and again with clean water. A gill of paraffin to 36 gallons of water will give a polishing nature to the final bath. They may then be spread out to dry, and will be found to be almost equal to country-grown stuff.

ROSES

Roses may still be planted provided the ground is in suitable condition to receive them. If it is too wet defer the work until next March. Roses should be trodden firmly in, and when the ground is very wet the treading necessary to make them firm leaves a hole very sad, and is detrimental to their future welfare.

"Interested" writes asking for the names of the two most reliable pink roses for town gardens. He will find none to beat the two old favourites, Madame John Laing, and Baroness Rothschild.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

The manuring of the kitchen garden is a matter requiring more than casual consideration. We have heard some gardeners affirm that no manure was the best. Others swear by horse manure, and others again prefer the manure from the sheep, pig, or poultry. All are very good when used in a reasonable manner, but in the case should one kind be relied upon year after year without change. They should be alternated as much as possible, and on heavy land strawy manure should be given preference, while on light land thoroughly rotten manure should be used. Decayed vegetation of all kinds should also be used, and wood ashes, ashes from the "smother" fire, and fallen leaves from the shrubbery may all be utilised. Every third or fourth year lime should be substituted for the manure. We have repeatedly pointed out the importance of leaving the surface rough when digging. Readers would do well to give this method a trial.

FORCING RHUBARB

Rhubarb is not at all difficult to force provided the under-ground supply is available. The temperature should be somewhere between 55 and 70, but should be fairly regular. The higher the temperature, the quicker the crop will be ready for use. Sutton's Champion is an excellent early forcing variety and may be bought at a reasonable price. Pack the roots close together and place some good soil between them. Give a good watering, and place sheets or boards around them to exclude the light. Do not allow the soil to get dry.

GLADIOLI

To get the flowers as early as possible, plant the corms or roots directly the ground is in proper condition for planting; but reserve the larger, stronger corms for later flowering. Frequent planting through spring ensures a good succession of blossom. In many places in the vegetable garden there are vacant spots that would grow a few gladiolus, and so ensure an abundance of the most lovely cut flowers without interfering with the ordinary garden plan.

The soil is of importance, as gladiolus do not like heavy and wet clays, though they will do nicely in any other soils. A light, sandy loam is perhaps the ideal ground when it can be procured. In heavy ground the corms should not be set more than 2 inches deep, but four inches is correct for light ground. Fresh manure is harmful, and should be avoided. Gladiolus must not be grown on the same piece of ground more than once in three years, and planting oftener than this results in disease appearing as a rule.

Early flowering kinds can be forced easily under glass, and benefit by the protection thus afforded, the flower spikes being larger and the blooms finer than in purely outdoors. Planting for this purpose may be done any time in winter or spring. The corms should be set singly in 48-size pots, using light sandy loam with enough peat to moisten and putting the bulbs on the top, when it is pressed down sufficiently to hold it in position without any covering. The pots are then placed in the cold frame, or greenhouse bench, and are brought into the light when the tops have grown 4 inches high, which is usually in five or six weeks' time. A little water is given at once to the pots, but must be tied to a stick when tall enough, to prevent its falling over, and a light mulching of stable manure can be well watered in when growth is proceeding freely. Another good mulching of weak liquid manure can be afforded once a week until the flowers show their colours, when it is best to discontinue the applications. Too much water during the early stages of growth is ruinous. A night temperature between 40 and 50 degrees, and a day temperature under 70 degrees, are desirable.

The chosen bulbs must be well ripened off, small, well-ripened ones being better than even the largest but less perfectly ripened. It is, of course, most important that the pots should be filled with roots before the plants are exposed to the light; and one should bear in mind that the nearer the bulbs are to the surface, the less liable the plants are to draw.

PLANTS IN POTS.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

The ever-increasing popularity of the single chrysanthemum has led to numerous expert growers taking up the cultivation of new varieties, which, of course, has led to the usual difficulty with popular flowers, there are so many varieties that the average grower is at a loss to know which to grow. Thousands of new varieties naturally describe their own introductions as "the best," and it thus becomes almost impossible for any ordinary grower to attempt to grow all the best. A few varieties which are certainly good have been circulated this year. Perhaps one of the most striking is Mrs W. Hemus. This is a splendid red and looks fine bearing a fine yellow eye. A variety that has occupied first position for years in its own colour. The well-known Mensa is likely to create a record as the parent of choice varieties. Golden Mensa and Mrs Lee Thompson have already become popular, and these are followed by Bronze Mensa and Glorious, the latter a decided gain in having a very rich golden yellow flower. Mrs Humphreys is a beautiful white, and is good either as sprays or disbudded. Amongst the new Japanese we hear good accounts of the yellow sport from Mrs Gilbert Drabble named W. Rigby. As this is as good as the parent it should prove a great acquisition. Miss A. E. Roope we mentioned a week or two ago and now we endorse all we said about it, with the addition that it is a decided improvement on the variety. The work of taking cuttings should now be in full swing. Basal cuttings are best, but the strong, thick shoots with a hole down the middle are useless.

SERANIUMS

Bedding geraniums should now be stood quite close to the roof glass, and although over wintering in dark positions they should not be allowed to suffer from want of water. This applies more particularly to the newly-rooted cuttings. Old plants that were cut down in autumn will only require enough water to prevent them shrivelling, and as little growth has yet been made they may be stood anywhere on the greenhouse staging.

Double-flowered varieties that have finished blooming may be kept dry for about three weeks and may then be cut down. They should be kept fairly dry for a few weeks afterwards, but when free growth commences they may be liberally supplied with soft water, and as new growth develops gradually increasing supplies of water may be given.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Where a succession of flowers are in demand it is advisable to have a fixed day for removing a few pots or boxes of bulbs to the forcing house. The forcing of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils may be carried out now without much danger of their becoming "blind," as they often do earlier in the year.

A sowing of tomato seed may now be made where early supplies are want of and a temperature of 65 to 70 degrees can be maintained. Sow two seeds in a thumb pot, and if both grow pull one out when they commence to form the rough leaves.

Glore de Lorraine Begonias are now blooming nicely. They are best kept dry and should be stirred with liquid manure once a week. Stand the liquid in the house overnight to warm it. On no account should cold water be given to hot-house plants.

QUESTION

I would be glad if you would tell me whether I ought to cut down the old Virginia Creeper or if the full branches will sprout again?—Glad to be told read your notes, which are most interesting.—A Tyke.

The branches will break into new growth in the spring. It is customary to cut off any this have failed to attach to the wall. If your plant has outgrown its quarters, and you are desirous of cutting it back you need have no hesitation in doing so. It will break from any point that it is pruned to.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 18.

The next few days will be very busy ones indeed for the poultry-fancier. Christmas poultry, as most birds are killed at this time than at any other period of the year, and as there may be some of my readers who have hitherto never killed a bird, but intend trying this next week, I do not think that I can do much better than devote this article to the killing of poultry.

In the first place, I would say that when experienced in the matter the killing of poultry is a very simple affair, and quite painless to the birds, death in all cases being instantaneous. In the experienced hands, however, the operation is not so easy, and the poor birds are often subjected to much unnecessary suffering, and if any of my readers have doubts as to the results of their efforts to kill, then I ask them to give up all idea of killing the birds themselves, and call in a local butcher or someone whom you know to be capable of accomplishing the feat. The cleanest, quickest, and most humane method of killing all kinds of poultry is by simply dislocation of the neck, although with large turkeys and geese this is not always easy to accomplish, and stunning and bleeding has then to be resorted to. To kill a fowl or duck, seize the bird's legs firmly in the left hand, at the same time gathering up the wings and holding them with the same hand. Now grasp the bird's head in the hollow of the right hand, with the index finger on the right side of the bird's head, and the remaining fingers on the left, so that the back of the bird's head rests in the fork of the hand formed by the separation of the fingers, and at a point where the head joins the neck. The bend in position hold the bird's legs firmly at your head, stretch the neck downwards, at the same time bending the head back, and if properly done dislocation takes place immediately, and death is instantaneous—the ensuing struggle merely being due to the relaxation of the muscles. No cutting or bleeding of any description is necessary, as if the bird is held downwards for a few minutes all the blood from the body runs into the cavity left by the dislocation, causing the flesh to become perfectly white. The birds should be plucked immediately death has taken place, as the feathers pull much easier when the body is warm. Large turkeys are best killed by pinioning the wings and suspending the birds to a beam by means of a stout cord securely fastened round the legs. If one has sufficient strength in the wrist the neck may then be dislocated in a similar way to that previously mentioned for fowls, or they may be stunned by a sharp blow on the back of the head, and the jugular vein then severed with a knife or very sharp penknife. Large geese should be killed in a similar way. I must take this opportunity of sending to all my readers every good wish for the coming Christmas, although under the present heavy cloud it must necessarily be a sad one, but we must not despair because Christmas falls the dawn of a brighter day will have broken.

[Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our exper. Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns. Letters for private reply must be

Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit.

The usual Christmas dinner which has always been associated with the December meeting of the Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit officials and preachers, has this year been discontinued, and the friends sat down to an excellent meat tea in the infants' schoolroom on Wednesday. After doing ample justice to the good things provided, and given by the Rothwell Church, cordial thanks were presented on the motion of Mr Bielby, and acknowledged by Messrs J. Battersby, and S. Armitage. The Rev. C. H. Armitage was present.

The quarterly meeting was held at 6.30, and was attended by between 30 and 40 members from various parts of the circuit—the Rev. N. W. Thomlinson presiding. Devotional exercises having been led by the Rev. J. Wilson.

Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C., presented the financial statement for the current quarter, the amounts of income and expenditure nearly meeting, and leaving the balance due for last quarter about the same.

The Chairman gave the membership at the various churches, which is almost stationary, and reports were given as regards aggressive work being in progress in various places, while steps are in preparation elsewhere.

Addresses were given in relation to the excellent work done by various officers during the year, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded, most of these gentlemen being re-elected. The circuit stewards are Mr Walter Hargreaves, C.C., and Mr M. Bielby; circuit meeting secretary, Mr A. Marshall; circuit chapel secretary, Mr A. W. Seance; hors-hire fund treasurer, Mr J. Wade; auditors of circuit accounts, Messrs A. W. Seance and T. Kaye; auditors of Foreign Mission accounts, Messrs. Nixon and Ward; delegate to Leeds Methodist Council, Messrs W. Stephenson, J. Ablishaw, and J. Goodall; and delegates to Leeds Free Church Council, Messrs J. Wade, and J. Halsteed.

Seven persons were nominated for seats on the Circuit S.S. Council. Votes of thanks were passed to the local members for their faithful and valuable services, Mr Compston responding, and to the ladies of the circuit for their financial and personal assistance, Mr Stephenson responding.

The first Sunday in January is set apart for special intercession in connection with the war.

The Rev. J. Wilson reported that the Foreign Missionary receipts were an advance of £6 6s. 1od, on last year.

The next meeting was arranged for March 10th at Altofts.

Mr W. Stephenson was commissioned, on his own suggestion, to compile a roll of honour for the circuit of men offering themselves for the defence of the country in the present war.

A GALLANT GARFORTH SOLDIER'S END.

KILLED WHILST FIGHTING IN BELGIUM

News has been received to the effect that Charles Simpson, of Garforth, who was serving with the Coldstream Guards, has made the supreme sacrifice for his country. He had sent home a bright letter, which is given below, and since then it has been reported that he has been killed in action.

In his letter, the gallant soldier stated:—

I was very pleased, indeed, to receive your letter and the paper this morning. I don't think there is anything fresh to relate, only we are losing a lot of men here. I will not tell you all that is happening, because I know you would only be worrying, so I will just tell you the bright side of affairs, and all right until I will tell you everything when I come back. We are still in the same place, in the trenches, and I have not had a wash for nearly three weeks, but, never mind, I can still see the Germans in front. I am pleased to say I am in good health. We have lost a few men out here with fever, but I think they are getting better now. I will just give you an idea what it is like here. We are the farthest troops advanced into Belgium. All the fighting at present is chiefly on our right and left. Of course, we have a pocket now and again. The only thing that is against us here is that we are in the middle of a great wood, and it is full of snipers, and we can't see them anywhere. We are well entrenched, but every time one of our chaps shows his head above the trench there is a bullet after him. We have had a lot of our men hit in the head, and the Germans have started using explosive bullets, because some of the men have nearly had their heads blown off. Well, I just feel the same as you do. I would like to say a lot, but I can't, but, never mind, we shall make up for it when I come home.

GARFORTH'S ROLL OF HONOUR.

Men who have responded to the call. Additions to last week's list:—Gre, George, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards (wounded); Pusey, Henry, Green Howards.

Correction to last week's list—Thompson, Benjamin Cyril, second-lieutenant, Royal Garrison Artillery.

In accordance with the promise in last issue the following list of men, not residing in the parish, who have left the Garforth Collieries to join His Majesty's Forces, is given:—

Isabella Pit—Adams, W., Kilburn, P., Frankland, A., Turner, G., Myers, B., Bowden, Albert, Tunstall, S., Raynor, F., and Hebden, T. A.

Sisters' Pit—Padgett, Oliver, Colles, A., Lee, A., Lee, S., Chappelow, H. C., Toft, A., Chambers, W., Lawrence, E., Roberts, Joseph, Oldroyd, T., Walker, J., Gregson, H., Wilkinson, F., Stebbin, G., Roberts, H., Davison, J., Castle, F., and Wilkinson, H.

Trench Pit—Walton, F., Hemsworth, J., Lyons, J., Kirby, H., Turner, N., Kerry, J., Nowell, R. E., Greenwell, T., Bowers, E., Ward, B., Middlebrook, J., Reed, D., Burlinghiam, A., Smith, W., Dickenson, T., Hardwick, E., Lowe, B., Whittaker, H., Naylor, J. W., Bold, R., Lafley, J., Thompson, Edwin, Ellison, G., and Burrell, Wm.

WM GEO. BOSHER, Hon. Sec.

CONCERTS.—Two concerts promoted by Mrs Meyrick were given in the Wetherby Town Hall on Saturday. In the afternoon there was a large and fashionable attendance. The artistes, who gave their services, were: Mr Julian Clifford, Mr Maurice Dambois (the famous Belgian 'cellist), Miss Marjorie Moore (who had a great reception and was loudly recalled for her songs), and Mr Gilbert Jackson. In the evening Mr Leonard Busfield took the place of Mr Maurice Dambois, and Mr D. F. Scott also rendered songs. Mr Ernest Farrar was the accompanist. The proceeds are to be given to the St. John Ambulance Association and the Belgian Relief Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

LEAGUE OF HONOUR IN LEEDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I ask your valuable aid in making known a mass meeting for women and girls which is to be held in the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Saturday, December 19th, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Lady Mayoress's Committee?

Its object is to inaugurate the League of Honour in Leeds in the hope that it may be as helpful here as it has already been in London, where it was founded early in September. It is already established in 300 towns and has a membership of 120,000.

Our motto is "Strength and Honour," and our aim is to bind together all women and girls to maintain the strength and honour of the country at home by prayer, purity, and temperance, even as men, on all sides, are nobly offering themselves to maintain that strength and honour on the battle-field and at sea.

The Hon. Emily Kinnaird, Vice-President of the League of Honour, is very kindly coming to address the meeting, and my committee will be grateful if your readers will help us to ensure its success by making it known wherever they can.

May I add that I shall be very glad to give any further information with regard to the meeting, and to the working of the League itself.—Yours, etc.,

ELIZABETH OAKESHOTT.

Hon. Sec., League of Honour Sub-Committee, 1, East Parade, Leeds.

WATER AND SEWERAGE IN BARKSTON ASH VILLAGES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I thank you for inserting my last letter, and if you will kindly indulge me by inserting this reply to Mr A. Deighton, of last week, I shall be under a further obligation.

After making enquiries in Church Fenton and the re-perusal of Mr Deighton's letter, I am at a loss to know exactly the position he takes up whether he is satisfied with things as they are, if he is in accord with the views I expressed in my previous letter (to which I ask him and others of the interested public to carefully read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest), but from the tenor of his letter I fear he is in opposition.

If I adopt his practice and suggestion—"wait and see" until I have been here 30 years, I suppose, like Hinsell, I may find matters as they were when he went to Church Fenton 30 years ago.

The perusal of Mr Deighton's estimate of rates at 9s. in the £, I am sure, will be interesting to the surveyor, sanitary inspector, and District Council at Tadcaster, but with all the luxuries this would give I don't think even then "Upon Date" will be disposed to accept Mr Deighton's suggestion of clearing out of the country.

He suggests that if every landlord and tenant would do their duty all would be well. Whenever was either landlord or tenant satisfied, I wonder? Is he? I believe he is both a landlord and a tenant, and probably is dissatisfied in both positions. There is a saying "If every one would mend one all would be mended."

Has Mr Deighton not reported property in Church Fenton to the sanitary authorities at Tadcaster as being neglected, and in an insanitary condition, unfit for residence, etc., and is it true that during the summer months Mr Deighton's rat-catcher is harmless to his estates from the "Parson's Pond"?

If this is so, it seems to me he should be the last person to object to my suggestion that at a high time the authorities should seriously take these matters in hand, and he, as a member of the local Council, use his well-known influence in this serious population and responsibility, and I trust he will do so.

I learn there is half a drainage scheme in existence, but that the majority of the houses are not drained into it at all.

As he leaves the main points of my letter unanswered as to the sewage draining into the dykes, wells, etc., and an inefficient supply of good water, he evidently realises this to be true; then it follows it is time for a remedy.

I was pleased, Mr Editor, to see your notes in this week's "Courier." Evidently you quite realise the importance of the subject, and I trust, in the interests of the public, you will give your very valuable influence to bear in securing the objects aimed at in my writing you.

Facts are stubborn things, and I think justify my letter, and as I am not anxious for public notoriety, I prefer to still remain.—Yours, etc.,

"Up-to-Date."

Sir,—I was much interested in the letter appearing in your issue of the 5th inst., under the above heading by "Up-to-Date," in which he propounded many undoubted grievances suffered by residents in many of the Barkston Ash villages.

As you plainly pointed out in a note, it is inadvisable to tinker with ridiculous petty little schemes which, in the end, are more of a nuisance than a benefit to the public.

I know from experience that the ordinary drinking water in most of the houses in Church Fenton is absolutely vile, especially in the summer.

I believe Mr Deighton himself was carting water from what is known as the Parson's Pond last summer, yet from his letter one would infer that this is "the one bright spot on the universe," and needs no alteration and no improvement.

"If the cap fits put it on," says Mr Deighton, and goes on to explain that he has been wearing the same old cap 30 years. You know the Chinese worship their ancestors, and say "What was good for my father must be good for me," and I verily believe if everybody adopted Mr Deighton's suggestion of "wait and see" the same old antiquated systems will be in vogue a hundred years hence.

About the only settlement which can be taken seriously in Mr Deighton's letter is that there is plenty of room for improvement, and that it should be done. There, at any rate, he is in agreement with "Up-to-Date" and—Yours, etc.,

"Furrener."

PRESENTATION TO A TEACHER.—A pleasant event took place in the Lady Hastings Schools at Collingham Bridge, when Miss Crossland, who for two years has been a teacher there, and who is leaving to take up a new post, was the recipient of a handsome present from the teachers and scholars. The Rev. C. E. Methuen, on behalf of the scholars and others present, said they were all very sorry Miss Crossland was leaving. She had done some good work, and they hoped she would be comfortable and happy in her new school. The gifts, which consisted of a handbag and handkerchief and glove case combined, were presented by Alice Elsworth, one of the pupils of the school. Miss Crossland suitably returned thanks.

AMUSEMENTS.

LEEDS EMPIRE PALACE

At the Empire Palace this week Fred Karno presents an amusing sketch, entitled "The Dental Institute." What story there is in the sketch deals with the business jealousies of two rival dentists, in which there is plenty of humour, which is chiefly dispensed by Bob Schidge, but the scene in the dentist's operating room is inclined to drag. Maruz and Mazette are a couple of original comedians whose appearance on the stage is distinguished by short, and Charles R. Whittle is always a favourite with his songs. The Findlays appear in an entertaining little sketch, and other artistes are Charles Mildare, the Sisters Rosee and Sol, Happy Tom Parker, and Little Freddie Hackin.

Next week at the Empire Palace the great band and water revue "Miss Paris in London," will be the main feature of the programme. There will be seven magnificent scenes including the great water spectacle, introducing 50,000 gallons of real water. Sixty artistes and aquatic performers will appear, including Ernie Sefton, Olive Plant, Norah Guy, Charles Berkeley, etc., and the full London Beauty chorus. Others billed to appear are the Christie Duo, comedy dancing eccentrics; Lee and Kingston, comedy duo; and Arthur Woodville, light comedian and expert dancer.

LEEDS HIPPODROME

At the Hippodrome this week a capital programme has been submitted. Scott and Whaley, the clever American coloured comedians, are bubbling over with humour, and their "patter" keeps the audience in one roar of laughter. Playing upon swinging or spinning banjos is skilfully accomplished by Franco Piper, who at one period of his performance is the centre of a circle of spinning banjos upon which he succeeds in giving the audience a tune. As a child mimic Wilson Hallett is distinctly good, and some tuneful character songs and dances are given by Frances Letty and her assistants. The Great Hodkiss are clever Belgian novelty acrobatic cyclists, and others in the programme are Kitchen and Rose, Lillian Carter, and Elsie Stead.

At the Hippodrome next week the chief attraction will be Geo. Carney's Co., including the inimitable Hebrew comedian, Sam Harris, in the athletic comedy duo in "Railway revelations"; Jaffa, the "talky" conjurer; and Katie Butler, character comedienne, are other attractions, and a new

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What effect has ventilation of schools on its and throw whist drives or dances were held every fectious disease? This question was debated at week during the winter, and the last meeting of the Education Committee, and it was decided that in future all the schools in the area should be purified by fresh air during the hours the children were not there. It is a sensible plan, and it will tend to keep the schools in a healthy state, but personally I mean to do not believe that it has a great deal to do with the spread of disease. Diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, etc., is stamped out by isolation. Real disease is propagated by persons infected coming into contact with others in some way. Germ carelessness is exhibited by many parents, who, knowing their children are suffering, allow them to play with other little ones or go to school, and thus disease is spread.

It is not always easy, I admit, to trace infectious disease to its source. For two or three years in succession typhoid fever has made its appearance at Garforth—it has been stamped out again, I fancy—and, in trying to get to the root of the trouble, the authorities have been baffled. Last year drastic measures were taken in order to eradicate the disease, but, after it was thought to be put an end to, it made its appearance a few months since. The number of cases was not large, but the puzzling thing is why it should break out periodically and nearly always in the same districts.

In certain places I have known parents turn out children suffering from infectious disease to play with others, although they were perfectly aware of the danger to which the latter were exposed, and, if I had it in my power, I would punish these people without mercy. Not only is it selfish and cruel, but it brings needless suffering—and sometimes death—and it likewise puts the authorities to heavy expense in isolating the cases. People have been prosecuted in various parts of Tadcaster rural area, but I know certain other public bodies who have passed over such cases with a caution. Prosecution is, in my opinion, the only way by which the careless and selfish parent can be brought to his war- or her senses.

In these degenerate days an example must be set by the Towers of the community to humans who habitually keep late hours. Numerous prosecutions have been instituted in Skipton division against persons for permitting their dogs to be out at night, but at Tadcaster so well-behaved has the canine tribe been that not a single representative so far forgot himself as to infringe man-made law, until the other Sunday morning, and in case came before the magistrates on Monday. The unfortunate dog-owner had half-a-sovereign to pay for Towzer's little night prowl, and I daresay he thinks that it is a rather costly Christmas box.

In our correspondence columns complaint has been made because the Tadcaster District Council have failed to provide water supplies in Barkston Ash villages, and so exasperated are Barwick folks that they threaten to take action unless something is done to solve a problem with which they have been face to face for 14 years. According to statements, water is required for Sherburn, Church Fenton, Saxton, Aberford, and other places, and the Water Committee have now come forward with a scheme which will assuredly supply a number of parishes with water of the greatest purity, but it looks as if opposition were to be forthcoming. As business men, the Council must deal with the question on business lines, and Mr Ingleby's statement should be carefully considered.

Water supplies must be provided otherwise the Council will get into disgrace. Several persons have informed me of their intention of writing to the Local Government Board, and I have advised them to wait a short time in order to give the Council an opportunity of doing something. Seeing water must be found, the next question is as to the best and cheapest scheme, and, in my judgment, that put forward by the Water Committee is in a class by itself. If every parish has a petitogging little scheme, what will the ultimate cost be? Let the Council profit by their experience in regard to the treatment of the sewage of Kippax, where the poor outpayers have had to pay heavily for the lack of foresight on the part of their representatives years ago. The Council would be unwise to adopt a scheme blindfold, as it were, but the members must get rid of all prejudice, and approach the proposed scheme with an open mind, and I am absolutely certain that it will meet with favour from every unbiassed member. More than that, I will not say at present, but, for the sake of the district of which they have the administration, I hope the Council will take a broad and enlightened view on the question, and support the men who have had it under consideration for months.

Has there been too much pleasure-seeking in the past? Mrs Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall, thinks there has, and many people will agree with her. Amusement, in ordinary times, is that our people are so practical that they build necessary, for all work and no play tends to only for utility. Of course, ornamentation costs make people dull, but the fettering away of all money, and the difficulty nowadays is to put up leisure has a weakening effect on folks. In houses that will let at a reasonable rent, owing certain villagers I could name as many as two to the high cost of material and the increase in

The residents of the district will deeply sympathise with Ald. E. C. Brooksbank, J.P., of Healaugh Old Hall, Tadcaster, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his third son, Lieutenant Hugh Godfrey Brooksbank, of the Yorkshire Regiment. The gallant officer, who was only 21 years of age, joined the Army in 1913, and, as was reported in this journal, he was wounded early in November at Ypres. He was removed to this country, and it was found necessary to perform an operation upon him last week in London. It was, however, apparently too much for him, following his wounds, and he died of heart failure. Ald. Brooksbank, who is Chairman of Tadcaster District Council, is one of the busiest men in the district, giving his time unstintedly to the public service, and members of his family have nobly responded to the country's call.

This is the second bereavement sustained by Tadcaster magistrates. Mr E. M. Lawson-Smith, with whom Ald. Brooksbank has been associated for many years, both as a magistrate and as a member of Tadcaster District Council, has suffered severely by the present war, for his two sons have given their lives for their country. Mr Lawson-Smith, whose home is at Colton Lodge, is a traveller, and while away from home some time ago he let his house to Major Sweetenham, and he was one of the first officers who made the supreme sacrifice in the war.

Already a heavy toll has been demanded of the district. Men belonging to Garforth, Aberford, Selby, Tadcaster, and other places have found graves on the battlefield, and many others have been wounded or are prisoners in Germany. When people are called upon to make sacrifices in consequence of the war are willing to sacrifice their lives for the country's honour? The nation is enjoying security in consequence of the patriotism of these men, and people are going about their business as usual, yet we hear people complaining because things are not going precisely as they would like them.

A movement has been inaugurated in Selby for the purpose of forming a Civilian Rifle Corps, and, notwithstanding the large number of men who have gone from the town and district to the Army, it is believed that many will be ready to join such an organization and acquire skill with the rifle. In the town there are many ex-Volunteers who would very likely be available to act as instructors, and to assist in getting the corps into working order. In other places the formation of civilian corps is being prosecuted, and while being in itself a wise precaution, such a body may also act as a good source in feeding the ranks of the Territorials.

Wetherby folks have been disappointed. For several weeks there have been rumours that troops were to be trained at the old town, and the visits of military men to the place gave colour to the belief that there was something in the rumours. The advantages of the racecourse for training purposes were discussed, and no doubt Wetherby would have been willing to be at a little expense to have the facilities offered by the town, for Mr Meyrick has received a notification from the Northern Command at York that there is no likelihood at present of troops being stationed at Wetherby.

Are not the "Lathers" of Tadcaster East behind the times? Following the fatal accident on the road through the town, they have passed a resolution in favour of the imposition of a speed limit, but, if I mistake not, the County Council are applying for power to restrict the speed of motors going through Tadcaster. Months ago Tadcaster District Council petitioned the county authorities in regard to this matter, and there seems to be some chance of success attending their efforts.

How few buildings in the district fulfil the demands of architecture as laid down by the Vicar of Whitkirk in his lecture at Crossgates. Unless in the case of monuments, comparatively little of an ornamental character is seen on the houses in which people live, and it would seem

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When are the private streets at Garforth to be lighted? Now is the time to inspect them.

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At one time the counties of Durham, Aberford, and Lobberton were bracketed together, but that is many years ago.

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It is stated that at the Christmas fat stock markets in Barkston Ash finer stock has never been seen.

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Didn't Alberton Rawcliffe do well? At the concert for the Belgians on Tuesday evening he gathered £4 5s and £16. The missing 5s at Kippax was £11.

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Templetowsham, with a population of about 3,500, has sent over 500 men to serve in His Majesty's Forces.

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Transvenice! Fenghan and Mrs Smith, of Garforth, have now charge of the Siberian Army corps at Rothwell.

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Selby Urban Council are to have no truck with the Yorkshire Electric Power Co. What attitude will Garforth Council adopt?

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While measles and whooping-cough have been prevalent in other parts of the district, influenza has been playing havoc in Wetherby.

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Garforth has given the life of one of her men's for the home fleet. His death, following a very hopeful letter sent by him, is very sad.

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The proper spirit! A Wetherby soldier, writing from the Front, says "I hope to have a good Christmas and a happy New Year."

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Population going up! Last month in Templenewsam, Middleton, and Oulton-with-Woodlesford, the births were 14 and the deaths 6.

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Two Bramham men—Lance-Corporal Tindall and Private T. Brown—who were wounded in the fighting in France, have returned home.

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Big families are not common in the district nowadays. On a tombstone at Cawood is recorded the fact that a woman had a twentieth child.

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Middleton, Oulton, Woodlesford, and Templenewsam seem to be very healthy just now. Only five cases of infectious disease were notified last month.

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The district possesses three good pierrot troupes —at Rothwell, Sherburn, and Collingham, and Kippax, Oulton, and Sherburn education areas have no distress.

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At Bowers Alberton there is a remarkable Bible Class. Its membership is confined to men, and the meetings are held on Friday nights. The attendance is usually about 100.

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Property values have gone down in Cawood. A sum of £1,150 was offered for the flour mill there, and it was stated the value of the mill stood at over £5,000 in the books.

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Although the diversion has been approved by the authorities, the sanction of Quarter Sessions must be obtained to the alteration of the footpath near the new colliery at Newsam Green.

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Quite right, too! Ald. Rhodes, of Sherburn, is anxious that the police should have an opportunity of fighting the fires. Why should wherever a people fills its mind with war thoughts, it is only a question of time before its life will be occupied with war deeds.

So ignorant was she of this vital truth that she held the opinion that the surest way to preserve peace was not to seek to make herself helpful to her neighbours, but to make desperate efforts to be ready to injure them, whenever she deemed that course necessary to her own advancement.

It is clear that in this respect Germany has been under the influence of foolish, if not wicked, teaching, and it has happened to her, as was said by one of old, that "Where there is no open vision the people perish."

In seeking to bring to an end the present conflict, I think something should be done to relieve the pressure to bring the war to an end, with very little further loss of life; and a peace arranged on this basis would be much more likely to be equitably determined than would a peace forced upon her after she had been humiliated by the Allies.

Ar Garforth and Rothwell a question discussed at present is as to how much a Belgian workman, employed in the district and the guest of the people, should spend out of his wage for lodgings and maintenance.

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Where is it now? In 1822 the market was revived at Cawood, and at that time it was proclaimed there that it "be carried on with quietness and effect." Cawood folks have to go to Selby to market now.

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Not before time! The "fathers" of East Tadcaster have entered a protest against the condition of the road through the town, and the leaving of road scrapings by the sides of footpaths in order to dirty people's footwear.

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Too, too! It is complained that a concert at Wetherby "was of a very high-class character—in fact, perhaps a little too much so for an everyday concert." The hint to all-comers is "Give us something we understand and can enjoy."

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Lecturers have a great deal to say about Cawood being an archbishop's residence, but they overlook Sherburn's ancient dignity. At Rest Park the Archbishops of York frequently resided down to a period as late as the Reformation.

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Towton is stated to be one of the last "Danish settlements on the fringe of Saxon land, as testified after the subjection of the old Kingdom of Elmet." Probably the present inhabitants would say there is nothing Danish about them.

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Two local ladies were in a shop, and one of them was heard to say—"Don't you think this war is awful of late?" replied the other "Yes," said the first, "I have just come back from Scarborough where I saw the soldiers digging graves in the sand."

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These parishes not far apart—Lotherton, Hazlewood, and Sturton Grange—have no parish church, and it is recorded in 1650 that "part of Aberford in the chapelry of Lotherton was annexed to Aberford." At that time the people must have worshipped in the little chapel at Lotherton, because it is stated the "congregation was two small for it would have been raised into a parish church."

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A Roll of Honour is to be compiled of the young men who have enlisted from the churches in the Rothwell Wesleyan Circuit.

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A splendid result! The concerts at Garforth, Kippax, Allerton Bywater, and Great Preston for the Belgians realised about £40.

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Crossgates people are called some funny names. They have been labelled "Dukes" and "industrial specialists." Yet they keep smiling.

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Good management! Two Kippax soldiers have written home thanking the people for sending an abundance of food and they have plenty of warm clothing.

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How money is raised! For the Belgian relief fund a Kirkby Overblow man gave a cockerel and another man gave a couple of chickens.

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Not content with what they have already done, the Selby Urban Council are to build more houses. If it pays them would it not pay other local authorities?

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Excellent progress is being made with the making of the tramway to Halton. Will Kippax's request for cricket grounds be considered when the work is completed?

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Defendants sometimes try to score off police witnesses. Said one in Leeds concerning a constable—"He ought to be a good recruiter for the Germans, he is a good liar."

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Over fifty men employed at Garforth Collieries who did not reside in the parish have enlisted. With the men who have gone from the parish the total number is about 180.

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Promotion! Mr and Mrs Maidment, assistant master and matron at Wetherby workhouse for the past five years, have been appointed master and matron of a workhouse in Norfolk.

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The reason why the boundary wall at Gosforth Council School is not to be built just now is because the Education Authority are cutting down expenses wherever possible.

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A correspondent suggests that a badge might be worn by young men who are working for the Germans and railway and cannot be spared, and so are unable to enlist.

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Lumby, says a writer, "is a village of no significance, except the fact that it seems to be the only Danish foundation in the parish." That won't interest the folks much.

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Mrs Gascoigne, of Lotherton Hall, believes that, as a result of the war, "people will think less of themselves and more of others." If it accomplishes that it will do something.

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For seven years! It was stated at Garforth that the proposed improvements at Barwick School had been under consideration for seven years. Isn't it about time the matter was advanced a stage?

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Where are the custodians of law and order? It is stated that the lamps at Fleet Lane, Oulton, have been taken down in consequence of stone-throwing. The offenders might turn their marksmanship into better channels.

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Mr J. A. Bromet, the ex-Clerk to Tadcaster Board of Guardians, had a narrow escape during the bombardment of Scarborough, where he has resided for several years. Mr Bromet, who is nearly ninety years of age, had an alarming experience, his house being struck by two shells and damaged. Happily, none of the occupants of the house was injured. Mr Bromet is now staying with his daughter, Mrs Cochrane, at Wetherby.

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The marriage arranged between Roger Fenoulis, second son of the Rev. William H. Draper, of Adel Rectory, and the late Mrs E. A. Draper, and Anna Lowell, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert H. Gardiner, of Gardiner, Maine, U.S.A., took place quietly owing to the war, in the private chapel, London House, last week. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bridegroom. The Bishop of London was present, and gave the blessing.

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In a case in the King's Bench Division, it was stated that Mr J. F. Houlton, son of the late Mr Charles Houlton, of Garforth (manager of Micklefield Colliery), was the managing director of the Bolsover Colliery Co., which owned four or five collieries and employed between 7,000 and 8,000 men. It was a most enlightened company, and its administration was excellent. At each colliery there was a model village constructed and maintained by the company for the benefit of the workmen.

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GERMANY AND THE GERMANS.

LACKING IN THE "SENSE OF HONOUR AND DUTY."

Last year (writes Mr Joseph Bibby) I happened to have the pleasure of visiting the principal cities of the Fatherland, and in the course of my various wanderings to and fro in one of the great cosmopolitan cities of the world, I had been in friendly relationship with a great many German people, and I may, therefore, perhaps more aptly put with the title of the German branch of the Teutonic family than many of my countrymen.

The incidence of the present war is doubtless bringing out some of the base submarkable qualities of their character; but, according to my observations and experience, the average German is a decent fellow in every way, and as fully alive to the value of character as we believe ourselves to be.

I think the outstanding feature of German social life, as compared with our own or that of the Belgians or French, is that the German national spirit is stronger and more united than it is with us; the patriotism which we call Nationalism, pervades the whole nation from the Kaiser downwards.

In spite of two seemingly incongruous elements, an autocratic Government and a Socialistic Proletariat, the people of Germany have been pulling together better than any other nation in Europe, with the result that of late years they have made much more rapid advance in science, mechanics, art, and commerce than any other nation ever achieved in so short a time.

The consequence is that they have risen from a group of thirty-three states into a nation well in the front rank of human progress.

Before examining the weaker side of her character, in which we shall discover the true cause of her present unfolding, let us pause to admire her unity of purpose, her strength, her domestic virtues, her indomitable patience, her industry, her capacity for organisation, and, last, but not least, her valiant determination to win "a place in the sun."

Naturally strong and virile, she might, with great advantage to herself and with gain to the rest of humanity, have become a great world power, had she understood a little better the things which make for her peace and true advancement.

It will be admitted that the really great man or nation is the one whose influence is helpful and strengthening; for that is the true test of all greatness.

Germany as a whole, unfortunately, has not yet risen to an appreciation of this fact, and has apparently had no vision of the higher good which comes of service to others; she has allowed her self-seeking desires into thinking that true greatness lies in might, regardless of the fact that the true use of strength is for the helping of the weak.

As a nation she has also shown herself to be lacking in this sense of honour and duty—the highest and divinest qualities which in latent in all men, and which she ought to be gradually unfolding as her evolution proceeds.

She is placed in that unfortunate position that she desired colonies for her overflow population and has come too late; the world is already parcelled out.

For many years she has been thinking war, talking war, and preparing for war, and has evidently been entirely oblivious to the fact that, wherever a people fills its mind with war thoughts, it is only a question of time before its life will be occupied with war deeds.

So ignorant was she of this vital truth that she held the opinion that the surest way to preserve peace was not to seek to make herself helpful to her neighbours, but to make desperate efforts to be ready to injure them, whenever she deemed that course necessary to her own advancement.

It is clear that in this respect Germany has been under the influence of foolish, if not wicked, teaching, and it has happened to her, as was said by one of old, that "Where there is no open vision the people perish."

In seeking to bring to an end the present conflict, I think something should be done to relieve the pressure to bring the war to an end, with very little further loss of life; and a peace arranged on this basis would be much more likely to be equitably determined than would a peace forced upon her after she had been humiliated by the Allies.

BRAMHAM MOOR HUNT APPOINTMENTS.

Saturday	Dec. 26—11 o	Wetherby Market Place
Monday	Dec. 28—11. o	Butterwick
Wednesday	Dec. 30—11. o	Peckfield Bar
Friday	Jan. 1—11. o	Ingmanthorpe Hall
Saturday	Jan. 2—11. o	Becca Mill

ROUNDHAY

The Rev. Harry Henley Officer, has been licensed to the curacy of St. Edmund's, Roundhay.

At the annual prize distribution of Drax Grammar School, Councillor Mark Scott, of Selby, gave an interesting address to the students.

(To be continued.)

THE CONQUEST.

...ERHARD

...Angel's Sin."

...Thursday.

...Saturday.

...Monday.

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...the girl's nerveless ...hand, heavily ...to pick it up. Then ...on there was a ...brought me peace! ...For two or three minutes she stood ...the warehouse ...lay between Easterholme and the ...is nearly dark now, but the moon ...ull of frost is in the twilight ...was there, hiding among the trees ...ness in the snow itself, and he waited ...appear in the snow itself, and he waited ...

She flung herself upon her bed and, burying ...into tears. She had parted from him ...most all that had passed into nothingness ...It was as though they had parted ...years ago, and the recent scene, which had been forgotten. That terrible night, when death sprang out of the darkness and the senseless figures of Cransea Hall and destroyed those who had watched in vain, had placed countless ages between the present and the date of the quarrel. The future of England, the future of the world, very nearly depended on the issue of this one man whom she loved. She had given him back her ring, and he had taken it! Why had she ever begun the quarrel to end in separation? why, he had been so hard, unreasonable. He had realised that his life would be so encompassed with danger that he could not ask any woman to share it with him. And now he had returned—had escaped from one peril, to encounter another. He was a fugitive from the law of his own country, and it was in need of her help. What did that mean? Something more substantial than love and sympathy, without doubt. Perhaps he was in want—yes, of course it was money. How foolish she had been not to think of that at once. He could be penniless.

She rose from the bed and went to her jewel-case. She had fifteen pounds left over from her last quarter's allowance, and her jewellery was worth over two hundred pounds. She put all the trinkets and the money into the leather bag she carried on her wrist, and placed the bag in a drawer, which she locked. Then she began to dress for dinner.

At half-past nine Joan Endermine, pleading a headache, went upstairs to bed, and at half-past ten she left the house, creeping softly down the back stairs, and making her way out into the garden through the kitchen.

Nothing but the fact of her lover's danger would have induced her to engage in such a secret and, as it seemed to her, such a disreputable enterprise. She felt like a criminal as she passed the reading-room window, where a light was still burning, and her cheeks grew hot with shame as she thought of what would happen if anyone caught her stealing out of the house at this hour of the night. And if she were to be caught by a man in the lonely grounds of Cransea Hall—she covered her face with her hands at the very thought of it. But she had made her way down the road across the marshland, thanking Heaven that it was a dark night and that no one could see her, and realised the ridiculous side of her fears, and rejoiced that she had been strong enough to overcome them. The risk of being caught wandering about the countryside at eleven o'clock at night was nothing compared to the possibility of life or death that she was running. The man she loved was in danger, and she would give more than her reputation to save him.

It was so dark that at first she could hardly see the road, and, though it was straight as a line, it twisted, she blundered off the edge of it on to the grass more than once. But by degrees her eyes grew accustomed to the gloom, and she could distinguish a faint streak of grey against the blackness. On the left was a horizon there were lurid bands of dull yellow light. It marked the rising of the moon behind the thick canopy of clouds that covered the whole of the heavens.

When she reached the main entrance to the grounds of Cransea Hall she paused, and, standing motionless, heard the creaking of the white gates and the outline of the house against the sky. The complete silence had existed before, but now it seemed to be more intense, as though she could distinguish its every sound among the leaves and branches, and the girl fancied that far off she could hear the breathing of the waves on the other side of the island.

She kept close to the wall of the park, and along it till she came to the little wicket gate that faced the east, and which was only a few yards distant from the pier. Here the trees overhung the road, and under their shadow it was very dark indeed. But looking seaward the waters there were more light than there had been on the marshland for the sea always seems to reflect any glimmer there may be in the darkness.

When she reached the little gate she paused, and leaning against the wall waited for something to happen. Then, when five minutes had elapsed, she began to whistle—very softly. The air was one known to Ralph Lowick—the air of a song that he had often asked her to sing to him. She thought often asked her to sing to him. She thought it would serve as a signal, and if anyone else heard it it would convey nothing to their ears.

The sound seemed very loud in the silence, and it made her realise that she was afraid. Up to now the strength of her purpose had given her courage, but now she understood that she was alone—far away from any help—at the mercy of anyone who chose to attack her. It was possible that Ralph Lowick had been pursued and captured, and that the men who had taken him knew that he had written a letter and was waiting for her. Certainly it was very dark and very lonely.

Her head ached, and there was not even a cottage nearer than Easterholme.

Another ten minutes went by, and still there were no signs of Ralph Lowick.

"I am early," she said to herself, "or perhaps something has detained him."

Then she started, and every muscle in her body seemed to grow rigid. There was the faint sound of footsteps in the distance—the sound of someone walking among dry leaves and fallen twigs, and the swish of boughs being parted by the passing of someone's body. Then the latch of the gate clicked, and hinges creaked, and the gate itself swung to with a rattle.

"Is that you, Ralph?" she whispered.

There was no answer, and she grew cold and sick with fear.

"It is I—John," she faltered, thinking that perhaps he could not betray himself until he was certain she was speaking to him.

Still there was no reply, and the girl gave a shriek of terror, a scream that was muffled, as something was thrown over her head, and died away in a strangled sob as a hand was forced itself into her nostrils and crept into her lungs.

She struggled feebly for a few seconds and then collapsed in a heap on the ground.

When Joan Endermine came to her senses she found herself in a small cabin, some ten feet square. She was lying in a bunk on a heap of nets and old sails. There was an overwhelming smell of tar and lamp oil flavoured with a very unpleasant odour of fish. A lamp swung from the ceiling at an angle which showed that the boat was heeling over under a stiff breeze. The water gurgled past the planks but otherwise there was silence.

Joan Endermine raised herself from her unpleasant couch, and pressed her hands to her forehead. She was dazed, but felt clear. She remembered how she had left the house, and stared round her for a few seconds, and then lay down again.

Two minutes later the hatch was pushed back by a gush of fresh air came down the ...rain, and a man descended the companion ...ladder, and set down on the opposite bench. He was a tall man with a brown, hard face, like two.

"You are conscious, I see," he said, in a voice that was unmistakably a foreigner's. "What is the meaning of this, pray?"

"You are better, madam," said the man, speaking with a strong Scandinavian accent. "What is the meaning of this? I was going to ask you that question. Why have you brought me here?"

"I will answer," said Joan, with a shiver of anger, "when you have told me what you have done with Ralph Lowick."

"Ah, that is the question I was going to ask you," said the man, politely. "Where is Ralph Lowick?"

"Do you mean to say that you have not got him?" she cried, in a voice of terror.

"I have not got him, madam," said the man, politely. "You shall have some coffee and then I will answer your questions. You will have a very long journey, if you will do as we wish."

He went to a locker, and taking out some bottles and glasses mixed a brandy and soda, boiled a kettle on a spirit lamp, and presently when he offered it to her she drained the glass to the dregs, and felt so much better that she sat up and faced him with flashing eyes.

"Where is Ralph Lowick? Tell me!" she asked.

"What is the meaning of this outrage?"

"We only want him, so that we may use his influence with Mr. Ralph Lowick," he said.

"I don't understand. Please speak out plainly."

"Well, it is like this, madam. Mr. Ralph Lowick has only two friends in the world, and one of them is you—from a rather unpleasant point of view. The other friend is—death. He refuses to speak to them, and we thought that perhaps your words might be able to persuade him."

Joan Endermine looked at the man with horror in her eyes, and she placed her hands on the table and buried her face between them. So this was what they were going to do with Ralph Lowick, to force him to betray his country and his own conscience, to use her love as a weapon. Oh, it was monstrous, monstrous!

Two minutes elapsed before she spoke again. Then she raised her head and looked contemptuously at the man.

"I shall not try and persuade him," she said, coldly.

"We shall see," the man answered, grimly, and rising from his seat he made his way up a small ladder and disappeared.

And when he had gone Joan Endermine lay down on the heap of nets and sails, and reclined as though her heart would break.

CHAPTER XVI.

The sun blazed pitilessly in a cloudless sky, and the white sand beneath it was so hot that it seemed to scorch the bare feet of the man who moved slowly across it to the edge of the sea. The movement was very slow indeed, shuffling his feet along inch by inch, and stopping at intervals of about after he had traversed every yard. This was not to be wondered at, seeing that his ankles were fettered with a heavy chain, and that the chain was fastened behind him a ball of solid iron weighing a hundred pounds.

Three months had passed since Ralph Lowick had been taken out of the darkness of his cabin and rowed ashore to this lonely island in the Baltic, and three months of solitude and degradation and pain. His skin had been burnt a dark brown, and his hair was burnt as fiercely as ever. His spirit was yet unbroken.

He knew now with whom he had to deal. A band of adventurers, bound together by a common purpose, had outwitted the secret services of the Governments of Europe in the contest for supremacy. Their object was the glory of the German Empire, and they were of all nations in their ranks, but simply and solely the children of humanity. Their leader was a Swedish gentleman, who was English on his mother's side, and who united the dogged courage of the Anglo-Saxon race with the fierce lust for bloodshed cruelty of the people who had conquered South America with fire and sword. He was known as Senor Smith, and Ralph Lowick had never heard of his real name. It was doubtful, indeed, if he knew himself, for he had been one of those men who, when they emerge from obscurity, find it advisable to forget their past, and all that it is advisable to forget their past, and all that is advisable to forget they had heard from the lips of others. There were none of his followers who would have dared to discuss their master's affairs with the prisoner, lest the gossip should come back to their master's ears. He was feared by everyone who served under him, and loved by some, for he was a modern type of the old buccaneer—fearless, ferocious, and a leader of men.

It was so far Ralph Lowick had held his own. They kept him short of food, often of drink, of water incessantly, but not often, he was tackled with a whip, and the chains were never taken off his ankles. His spirit was not unbroken, and he defied the ruffians to do their worst. He knew they would not kill him so long as there was a chance of forcing him to betray. He was only waiting his opportunity to kill them. He felt sure that it would come in these days.

And as he slowly dragged his aching feet across the sand this thought was uppermost in his mind. On this day he would turn the tables on his torturers, that one day he would be able to gain possession of the machine, which he knew was concealed in the centre of the island, and that he would be able to escape. He would then kill all his accursed death upon Senor Smith and all his accursed crew.

At last he reached the water's edge, and sat down on the fringe of the surf swept over him, and then he rose and waded out to the lagoon of still water ran round most of the island, and the sea beat on the coral reef outside. But here, for quarter of a mile, the water was deep enough for boats, and here coral insects had not yet built high enough to endanger the passage of the waves, and twenty yards away they broke like thunder on the shore.

"It will bath," he muttered, grimly. Then he lay back with extended arms and allowed the foam to sweep over him, covering him for a time from sight. A coarse canvas shirt and an old pair of blue serge trousers were all the clothes he possessed, and he never yet knew how to be spoilt by the sea water.

"Bath and laundry in one, well," he said aloud, as he came up again and wiped the salt water from his eyes. He had got into the habit of talking to himself for hours on end at great extent, but occasional sentences now and then. At first there had been plenty of conversation between him and Senor Smith, but during the last month the latter had purposed a policy of silence, and the other crew had been forbidden to speak to the prisoner at all. This is the sort of treatment that forces a man to talk to himself.

"I must bide my time," he thought, as he gazed seawards where the blue sea met the blue sky. "Sooner or later one of the men will give me a chance. It is a fine bribe to offer—the kingdom of the world."

Yes, that was his chance, that sooner or later rogues will fall out, and that among a body of men actuated by no other principles than by those of greed there is sure to be some traitor who will sell his comrades for gold. Let there be a quarrel—one of these harsh partialments that the leader meted out at times to insubordinates—and there would be a weapon ready to the hand of the man who is content to wait. An offer to divulge the secret—to work hand in hand with the leader.

"Ho! you come-out of that," said a sharp voice. "we don't want you to drown your-self."

Lowick looked round and saw a tall man swimming slowly across the island—a remarkably powerful man with a short-pointed black beard, and a neatly-trimmed black moustache. He was dressed in a blue serge suit and a Panama hat. His face and hands were burnt almost to the colour of mahogany.

"We don't want to lose you," said Senor Smith, at least, not yet. Halloa! Lowick, you are lively to-day. Though he was a tall man he stepped into the water with the ease of a practised bather, "he said, quietly. "I don't intend to commit suicide—at least, not to-day."

"Hum," said the big man, thoughtfully. "We shall have to guard against that. You are too much favoured out of that state."

Ralph Lowick chewed. He had passed the time of day with Senor Smith this man, and gave back insult for insult. He was content now to wait his time.

"I live in hopes," said Lowick, pleasantly.

"So do I," was the grim reply. "We must try and prevent that."

"Take care you don't carry your—er—specimens too far, Mr. Smith," said Lowick, with a laugh. "All this is going to lay a golden egg for you."

"We shall be careful," said Smith, stroking his beard. "I think we have been careful. Well, I've mess for you, my friend—good mess."

Ralph Lowick looked at him inquiringly, but without much show of interest. It pleased the man to talk, and he did not care. He had not probably devised some new form of punishment.

"There is a vessel in sight," Smith continued, and he smiled as he saw the light of hope flash into Lowick's eyes. "Is it the Swallow?"

"It is the Swallow," the man went on, after a pause, and again he smiled as he saw the sudden look of despair that has sign-ified to us that she has a friend of yours on board."

"A friend of mine!" queried Lowick, sharply.

"Yes. Miss Joan Endermine."

Lowick's face grew white under the tan. Then he clenched his fists and made a spring forward, falling to the ground at the heavy feet of his captor.

"You devil!" he shouted, as he struggled to his feet.

"Yes, you mongrel!"

The Spaniard's dark eyes glittered at the man, but he spoke very admirably. "I have read the signals," he answered. "Miss Joan Endermine is on board."

"You have dared to carry her off—to bring her here. You shall pay for this—I'll have your life. You vile scoundrel—to bring a woman into this den of thieves and murderers. Oh, but you shall pay for it!"

His spoke fluently, inadvertently, and a slight foam gathered at the corners of his parched mouth. He had been for eight hours in the burning sun, and not one drop of water had passed his lips.

"She shall come to no harm," said Smith, quietly. "She will be treated here with as much respect as if she were in her own home. And she has come here for your sake."

"I will not be forced her to come against her will!"

"To some extent that is true. But when she knew that you wanted her help she was glad to come."

"Liar! What do you mean!"

"She has come to help you to decide whether you will give up your secret or be put to death."

"Oh, I see," said Lowick, very quietly. "That is your plan?"

"It is the plan I thought advisable that you should have a chance of consulting the lady you hope to make your wife before you be consulted to make your wife before you be consulted. What is to say, if you have any regard for her?"

"I shall do my duty," he said, grimly. "I shall not discuss a matter in which a woman can decide. Only a mean, contemptible coward could have thought of such a trick."

Senor Smith shrugged his shoulders. "We have acted for the best," he said, simply. "No harm will come to her. She shall be sent safely home again—either with you, if you will, or, if you will not get back to your self. I should like you to look your best when Miss Endermine arrives. She will be pleased to see you, I hour."

Ralph Lowick slapped his hands together and he kicked sand about him. He turned and walked across the sand. The Spaniard walked on in front very slowly, but keeping every now and then a few yards in front of him.

"They exposed the waste of dry sand that was between them and the machine," he thought Lowick, as he watched the tall white figure vanish, "I'd make them all dance to my tune then."

Then he went into the hut, and the sentry followed him in silence.

"So you are the famous English lady on whose behalf," he said Senor Smith, coolly, looking over Joan Endermine from head to foot. "Well, please sit down, and we will have a talk."

Joan Endermine seated herself in a padded wicker armchair, and leant back on the cushions. Her face was very pale, but she seemed to be in good health. Her eyes and mouth showed no outward signs of resentment.

"I hope you had a comfortable voyage," said the man, and he had scrutinised her with an impertinent stare.

"Quite, thank you," Joan replied, for all the world as she had just stepped off a liner.

"I gave instructions that you were to be treated with respect," Miss Endermine. "I should like to know if you have any complaints to make, because I am not accustomed to being spoken to or ordered."

"I have no complaints to make, except that I have been brought here against my will."

"That strictly true. Before you left Europe you were given a chance to return, were you not?"

"Yes, and I refused."

"Then you can hardly be said to be here against your will," Miss Endermine. But we have no desire to force you into

TADCASTER GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

CHAIRMAN'S LOSS—VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

BARWICK, SCHOLES, TADCASTER, AND SHERBURN AFFAIRS.

PROPOSED DISTRICT WATER SCHEME.

The fortnightly meeting of Tadcaster Board of Guardians was held at the workhouse at Tadcaster on Monday—Mr Walter Croxtand, J.P. (chairman), presiding. The other members present were Miss Boland (Rosedale Abbey), Messrs C. D. Ash (Saxton), Messrs T. H. Prater (Parlington), J. H. Schofield (Grston), J. Whitworth, jun., H. E. H. Jeffcock (Healaugh, Preston), A. Towlerton (Appleton Roebuck), J. H. Ingleby, J.P. and J. Northrop (Tadcaster), J. Pick (Ulleskelf), R. Wright (Barwick), R. Parker (Lotherton), W. F. Blackburn (Ryther), T. Hy. and J. J. Foster (Sherburn), J. Ladley (Kirkby Wharfe), and F. Phillips (Allerton Bywater), with the Clerk (Mr G. A. Bennett), the surveyor (Mr Scott), and the sanitary inspector (Messrs Driver and Wood).

SYMPATHY WITH THE CHAIRMAN.

Before the business commenced, Mr Croxtand moved that a letter be sent to the Chairman (Mr Brocklebank) expressing sincere sympathy with him on the death of his son, Lieut. Hugh G. Brocklebank, who had died from wounds received in action.

Mr T. H. Prater, who seconded, said that they all sympathised very deeply with the Chairman in the loss he had sustained, but it would be some consolation to know that one of his sons had fallen. Their hearts went out to him in his sorrow.

The Rev. A. T. Field, who formerly represented Ryther on the Board, wrote desiring to be associated with the vote of condolence.

This resolution was passed.

Mr Prater referred to the bombardment of Scarborough and the narrow escape of Mr J. A. Bromet, formerly Clerk to the Board. He congratulated him on his escape.

The treasurer was reported to have a balance of £9,611 in hand.

THE HOUSE.

The master's report showed that during the fortnight there had been admissions to the house, one birth, three discharges, and one death. The inmates totalled 99 in the house and 18 in the children's home—117 against 107. The triumph relieved during the two weeks were 14 and 21 against 17 and 20 for the corresponding weeks of last year.

The thanks of the Board were given to Mrs Lamb for a gift of books to the inmates of the house.

It was resolved that the children at the Bilbrough Home be given their usual Christmas dinner, and some children who have been brought up in the home are to be invited to attend.

Instructions were given by various Unions to pay their poor resident in Tadcaster Union extra relief during Christmas week.

A number of vacancies were reported to be in arrears with calls.

The Board were invited to send delegates to the Poor Law Conference to be held in London in February, and it was ordered to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

At the District Council meeting it was reported that the treasurer had a balance of £7,587. A sum of £76 was spent on district roads during the fortnight.

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the necessity of a footpath improvement near the new chapel at Allerton Bywater was stated, and the surveyor was instructed to hope the work done.—The surveyor had improved the surface drainage at Bilbrough and Lobston, where there had been flooding.—The tender of Mr Hall for repairs to the road roller was accepted.—In regard to the proposed re-construction of the York Road from Tadcaster East, the county surveyor stated that it should be repaired during the winter, and the re-construction will be considered in the spring.

A letter was read from the Tadcaster East Parish Council complaining of the inconvenience arising from road scrapings being left at the road sides. The surveyor reported that he had made arrangements to deal with the road scrapings.—Tadcaster East Parish Council were asking that a speed limit for motor-cars through the town should be made.—The Clerk was instructed to reply that application for an order for 20 miles an hour had already been made.—In regard to the heavy traffic on the roads at Tadcaster, letters were read from the N.E.R. Co. and John Smith's Brewery Co., and they stated that there was no alteration in the position with regard to the matter.

A letter was read from Barwick Parish Council complaining of trees in the church yard overhanging the road, and it was decided to ask Mr Harvey to have the trees lopped.—In regard to the improvement at Sherburn Cross, an offer was received from Mr Bentley, on behalf of Mrs Pearson, for the land necessary. The terms he asked were that the Council should pay £51 10s. for 14 yards, re-build the wall, and pay all legal expenses. It was decided to offer £1 per yard and 10s. per yard for disturbance. A letter was received from Stutton Parish Council anent a footpath from Tadcaster, and the surveyor was asked to deal with the case.—Sherburn Parish Council wrote complaining of the state of certain roads and footpaths and asking permission to lay a gas main. The surveyor will attend to the first matter, and permission was given to open the road to lay the main.

SHERBURN AND TADCASTER QUESTIONS.

Mr Parker said that with regard to the land at Sherburn Cross, they considered Mr Bentley's valuation excessive. They had made an offer which they thought was generous. The amount that was being asked for the land seemed out of all proportion to the area. With regard to the heavy traffic on Tadcaster roads, they had had replies, and he was sorry they were not satisfactory.

Mr Ingleby said, with regard to Tadcaster roads, that surely the surveyor could make arrangements so that the road scrapings were not left over Sunday.

It was pointed out that arrangements had been made to deal with the road scrapings.

Mr Ingleby asked if application had been made for a motor speed limit in Tadcaster.

The Clerk said that was so.

Mr Ingleby said he did not believe in motor speed limits. Anyone driving to the danger of the public was liable to be brought up, and in certain circumstances ten miles, or even seven might be a danger. He thought it should be left to the drivers themselves.

The minutes were approved.

SANITARY COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Committee it was reported that there had been 14 births and 23 deaths in the area. Messrs Rogers's londries for making manholes at Allerton Bywater was accepted, and Mr Hall's tender for the work of making a foul house at Barwick sewage works.

Property-owners at Allerton Bywater are to be asked to put a sewer into repair, and also a manhole and part of the house for South Milford Gas Co. were passed, but the plans for a house at Sherburn were rejected. In regard to Scholes sewerage, the Rivers Board complaining of sewage from houses running into a stream, and the inspector is to report.—It was reported that the N.E.R. Co. had not complied with the terms of the agreement with regard to the supply of water to certain cottages at South Milford, and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to them.—A letter was received from the Local Government Board inquiring as to the housing conditions at Tadcaster, and it was stated the medical officer had not completed his inspection.

The minutes were approved.

COMPREHENSIVE WATER SCHEME.

The Water Committee had a water scheme under consideration, and they recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board for permission to borrow £10,000 to carry it out.

Mr Prater stated that the scheme was a comprehensive one, and would supply the needs of a number of parishes.

Mr Hey asked that a copy of the resolution should be sent to the Parish Councils of the parishes proposed to be included in the scheme.

A discussion ensued, and Mr Wright pointed out that only recently the Council sanctioned a resolution to apply for £19,000 for a water scheme.

Mr Hey said that at Sherburn they had plenty of water, and there was no better water than in Bishop's Dyke.

Mr Parker asked if there was any harm in having the question adjourned and the members being supplied with the figures.

Mr Ingleby said that the Local Government Board were requiring them to have a water supply, and if they did not find one they would find one for them. If every parish wanted its own scheme they would soon run away with a large sum of money. If there were any objections to the scheme they could be heard at the inquiry.

Mr Foster inquired if the proportions for the parishes had been worked out?

Mr Prater said they had not.

Mr Foster said that the figures would be no use then. He thought the matter should be carefully looked into, but he preferred a district to a parochial scheme.

Mr Hey inquired how far Scholes was from Sherburn, but there was no reply.

Mr Wright said that in Barwick they were determined to wait no longer. They had been struggling for fourteen years to get a water supply, and they had not got it yet.

The Chairman said that, in view of the small attendance of members, he thought this question should be adjourned for a fortnight.

Mr Foster moved that the question be adjourned, Mr Parker seconded, and this was agreed to.

TADCASTER PETTY SESSIONS.

FIRST CASE OF THE KIND AT TADCASTER

At Tadcaster Petty Sessions on Monday—before Mr C. B. Lamb (in the chair) and Mr J. H. Ingleby—Arthur Johnson, labourer, of Tadcaster, was charged with allowing a dog to stray during the night time at Tadcaster on December 7th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Bennett said that at 4.40 on the morning in question he was in Mill Lane, Tadcaster East, and he saw a dog belonging to defendant running about. He tried to catch it but failed, and he followed it and saw it go to defendant's house. He went to the house during the day, and defendant's wife admitted that she had let the dog in and that she was sorry.

Defendant said that when he got up at six o'clock to go to work the dog was in the yard fastened up. When they heard a dog barking at 3.45 a.m. his wife got up to look where the dog was, and it was in the yard all right.

Supt. Slack: There is a hole in the door, and it can get out at any time?—Defendant: Yes. Was it not loose in the yard?—No.

Why did your wife admit she let the dog in?—She did not let it in.

Do you know that this dog has been out very often at night time?—I don't know. If it was out very old they were not aware of it.

Defendant said that if the dog was out it was the policeman's duty to knock at his door and tell him about it.

Supt. Slack: I don't want you to tell him what his duty is.

Mrs Johnson said that at 3.45 a.m. she got up and the dog was in the yard.

Defendant said that he had given a puppy for half-an-hour of the Belgian Fund.

Supt. Slack said that this was the first case of the kind in that Court, although not in the Division, but that was not the point. It was necessary to put a stop to dogs being out at night. It was not alleged that defendant's dog had anything to do with it, but he had had information that a number of fowls had been worried by a dog not by a fox.

A fine of 2s. 6d. and 7s. 6d. costs was the penalty imposed.

BARKSTON ASH TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Barkston Ash Association, N.U.T., held on Saturday, the following officers were elected for the coming year:—Ex-President, Mr H. Woodbridge, Kirk Deighton Church School; President, Mr J. M. Fletcher, Colton Council School; Vice-president, Mr P. Bachelor, Bilton Church School; Treasurer, Mr H. Bass, Spofforth Church School; and hon. sec., Mr A. Booth, A.C.P., Harewicke-in-Elmet.

It was reported that the number of members was 178.

Two members had joined Kitchener's Army, viz., Mr J. S. Hepworth, Tadcaster Council School, 6th Duke of Wellington, and Mr T. H. Bagley, late of Micklefield Church School, 8th Royal Warwickshire.

A sum of £16 12s. had been sent to Sir John Horsfall's Fund for the months of October and November.

A sum of £23 4s. was raised during the year for the Benevolent and Orphan Fund of the Union. The indefatigable secretary for this is Mrs Hartridge, Endowed School, Bardsey.

TADCASTER WESLEYAN CIRCUIT

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At the quarterly meeting of the Tadcaster Wesleyan Methodist circuit, held at Tadcaster, the Rev. J. Warren Millward presided, and there was a good attendance of officials.

Letters of sympathy were sent to Mr M. H. Sowden, of Tadcaster, on the loss of his wife, and to Mrs Henry Fletcher, of Collingham, on the loss of her husband.

The financial statement presented by Mr Arthur Kay showed the total income (including the proceeds of the circuit harvest festival) to be £374 12s. 7d., which, when the expenses for the quarter had been paid, left a balance in hand of £179 19s. 1d. Mr J. B. Gibbons reported that the harvest festival only held at Bolton Spa in October realised the sum of £182 nett. The workers at Boston Spa were heartily thanked by the meeting, and congratulated on the splendid result.

Mr Wm. Atkin (of Collingham) was thanked for his past services as secretary of the meeting, and unanimously re-appointed.

The Rev. J. W. Millward reported the total adult membership to be 695, with 160 in junior classes.

The circuit stewards, Messrs Arthur Kay (of Marston) and Wm. Padman (of Boston Spa), were warmly thanked for their services during the year, and on the motion of the chairman were re-elected.

Mr W. Quarmby (of Clifford), who for many years had held the office of circuit chapel secretary, and who to the great regret of the meeting felt compelled to relinquish this position, was heartily thanked for his faithful and effective service, and Mr William Kay (of Marston) was appointed as his successor.

The meeting recommended that Sunday, January 3rd, be observed as a day of intercession in connection with the war, and that collections be taken for Red Cross work.

Where local circumstances are impracticable it was suggested that collections be taken on the nearest available Sunday.

A resolution was passed expressing the regret with which the meeting had learned that Miss Hoodkwilliams was about to leave Clifford, and very heartily thanking her for the invaluable help she had rendered to Methodism during her term of residence in that village.

A committee, consisting of Messrs A. Ray, W. Atkin, H. Sutor, J. T. Alton, G. Dalby, and A. L. Jackson was appointed to consider the whole question of local preachers' and Sunday arrangements, and to report to the next meeting.

Mr H. Sutor was appointed steward.

The next meeting is to be held at Tadcaster on Wednesday, March 17th, 1915.

LATE LIEUT. HUGH G. BROOKS-BANK.

FUNERAL AT HEALAUGH.

The funeral of Lieut. Hugh Godfrey Brocklebank, of the Yorkshire Regiment, whose death occurred in London from heart failure, after an operation rendered necessary by wounds received at Ypres early in November, took place at Healaugh Church, on Saturday afternoon.

Deceased was the third son of Mr. E. C. Brocklebank, of Healaugh Old Hall, Tadcaster, and was 21 years of age, having joined the Army in 1913. The body had been brought from London on Friday afternoon, and remained overnight at the Old Hall.

The Rev. R. H. M. Cook (vicar) officiated, and during the service in the church the hymns, "The King of Love my Shepherd is," and "The Son of God goes forth to war" were feelingly sung. Miss Cooke presiding at the organ.

The mourners were:—Mr and Mrs E. Brocklebank (father and mother), Mr Stamp Brocklebank (brother), Miss Margaret Brocklebank (sister), Mr Phillip Brocklebank, Mr Hugh Brocklebank, Major Lang, Mr W. Lang, Mr John Lang, and Mr Chas. Hamilton (uncles), Miss Lang (aunt), and Miss York.

"Among the sympathising friends present were:—The Dean of York and Miss Purey-Cust, Lord Hawke, Lieut. Wilkie (representing 9th Queen's regiment), Colonel Richardson (York), Mr C. B. Lamb, Mr E. M. Lawson-Smith, Mr Guy T. Fairfax, Mr J. P. Law, Mr J. H. Ingleby, Mr G. A. and Mrs Bennett, Rev. C. Daly Addeson, Dr. J. P. Scatchard, Mr and Mrs Frank Myers, Messrs M. Thomlinson, E. Jackson, J. Poole, Thos. Richardson, B. Blacker, Walter Thomlinson, C. Ireland, F. Jackson, Rees, W. Swailes, W. J. Westaby, E. Fowler, G. Swailes, J. Dunnington, G. Rhodes, F. Rhodes, C. Wilson, R. Lodge (Selby), Mrs and Miss Crosthwaite, Miss Richardson, etc.

The grave was lined with evergreens, white chrysanthemums, and pink carnations, and the coffin was of polished oak with brass fittings. The bronze-plate bore the inscription "Lieut. Hugh Godfrey Brocklebank, born 24th November, 1893, died 16th December, 1914."

Beautiful floral tributes had been sent by deceased's father and mother, "Mary," Miss Brocklebank (Healaugh Manor); "In remembrance of a first-class officer who knew no fear, from the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of H Company, and Birthright, P.W.O. Yorks. Regiment"; "His brother officers, and Battalion P.W.O. Yorks. Regiment"; Mrs Harris Brocklebanks Thomas and Miss Violet H. Thomas (Scalworth Hall); "Little and Ada"; J. Cook and employees at Manor Farm; nursing staff and Miss Leake, Aldford House, 26, Park Lane; Mr Frank and Ethel Cooke; teachers and scholars of Healaugh School; "From all at Middleton-on-the-Wolds"; Mr and Mrs T. W. Stansfield; Mr and Mrs Percival Scatchard; Mr and Mrs Rees (Healaugh Manor); "Nancie, Mr and Mrs Swailes and family, S. Varley and family, "Outdoor servants at the hall," Mr Charles Hamilton, "Uncle John," Mrs Frederick Guest, "Hugh, Millie, and Margaret"; from all at Healaugh Vicarage, "Cicely and Joey," and Mrs Cecil King.

A HAMBLETON LADY'S MARRIAGE

CLOUGH—ANSON.

At the little village of Brayton, near Selby, the wedding took place on Saturday, of Lieutenant William Clough, of Flashy Lodge, Selby, who joined the 5th West Riding Regiment, to Miss Mary Anson, of Grey Stones, Hambleton.

The bridegroom is the only son of Mr William Clough, M.P. for the Skipton Division. The bride is the younger daughter of Mr H.Anson, who is Chairman of the Selby Rural Council.

As the bridegroom had only obtained forty-eight hours' leave of absence, the ceremony was very quiet. Lance-Corporal H. Anson, who is with the East Riding Yeomanry, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Lieut. S. H. Clough and Lieut. Dixon, of the 6th West Riding Regiment, were also present in khaki.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Chenes), who was assisted by the Rev. W. B. Cranbshaw (curate), and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a navy blue costume, with black hat and carried a large orchid muff. There were no bridesmaids.

DEDICATION AT WISTOW CHURCH

ADDRESS BY ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

The Archbishop of York visited Wistow Parish Church on Thursday to dedicate the new portion of the tower erected at a cost of over £400, and to institute the newly appointed vicar, the Rev. Canon W. H. F. Bateman, formerly of Meadowgate. The work at the tower was conducted by the late Vicar of Wistow, the Rev. Henry Greeves, who ministered in the parish for over 40 years. A large congregation assembled, and among the robed clergy were the Rev. De Solloway (Selby Abbey), the Rev. J. Dobson (Brayton), the Rev. A. Conway Goulden (St. James's, Selby), the Rev. R. G. Glennie, R.D., and the Rev. W. A. Birks.

The Archbishop of York said that at Wistow the memory of the late vicar, a man with a true pastoral spirit, would always be treasured, and he was beloved by his people. The new vicar, Canon Bateman, had served 31 years in the ministry, and was one of their best known and most trusted clergy. For 19 years he had laboured at Meadowgate, and had won the esteem, confidence, and affection of his people.

His Grace continued: "In this time of stress and strain and anxiety of nations, we have been witnesses of the truth in this quiet and peaceful village, that the Church of Jesus Christ goes on undisturbed. It is very natural that at this present time a cry of anxiety and concern should be rising in our hearts, for at last we have had a vision of what the reality of war means. This hideous spectacle of death and destruction has knocked at our own door. War, with its ruthlessness, its ferocity, its wanton destruction of life, has, though only for a short time, invaded the coasts of this Diocese. Peaceful citizens have been killed and wounded; peaceful homes of our own people have been shattered; and four of our own parish churches have been damaged. We cannot be sufficiently thankful that though for a moment there seemed a danger that one of the most venerable of our Yorkshire churches—the Abbey of Whitby—might be desecrated, the danger has passed. It is quite near enough to make us here, in this Diocese of York, feel a new sense of kinship and sympathy for the members of Christ's Church at Malines, Louvain, and Rheims. While there arises from us very naturally, the cry of distress and anxiety, there rises also a stronger and deeper note—the cry of a righteous indignation. Our hearts burn when we think of this cruel and ruthless violation of the sanctities of international law. We have witnessed an attack, not only upon our own coasts, but also upon all the principles which we had hitherto hoped were to govern the warfare of civilised nations. The object of the enemy was at least two-fold—to create alarm in the hearts of our people, and to make it difficult for troops to be sent across the Channel to take part in carrying on our righteous cause. Let us show that we are not going to be rushed into panic. When the first excitement was over the people of these towns sensibly returned to their homes and resumed their ordinary life. Let the spirit of the whole country and country folk be this example. This attack upon the sanctities of our own Yorkshire coast will bring many more recruits to the front, and will, therefore, result in more men being able to cross the seas, while there will be more available for home defence."

EASTERN AINSTY PETTY SESSIONS.

On Saturday the magistrates at the Eastern Ainsty Petty Sessions at York were Sir John Grant Lawson (presiding), Major Allenby, and Major Richardson.

FARMER'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Mr T. W. Cousons, farmer, of Moor Monkton, summoned Lawrence Turner (15), farm labourer, for £5 damages for breach of contract.

Complainant stated that the boy had been living with him for the past year, and he had hired him again for the ensuing year on Martinmas Day for £9 10s. He had paid the boy 5s. hiring fee, and he promised to come back the following Monday. He, however, did not turn up.

Oliver Ernest Cousons spoke to hearing his father engage the boy.

Defendant's father said he thought the contract would not stand as the boy had told him that complainant had hired him before Martinmas Day, and had hired him to another farmer for 10 guineas.

The Chairman said that Mr Turner and he is ill-advised in the matter, and he would have to pay Mr Cousons £1 damages.

A WOMAN FINED.

Frances Yeadon, of Dringhouses, was summoned for being drunk and incapable in Dringhouses, on December 20th.

Defendant did not appear.

P.C. Taylor, stationed at Acaster, Bryan, stated that he was on duty at Dringhouses on December 5th, when he saw the defendant lying in a state drunk on the highway on Dringhouses Moor. He assisted her on her feet and eventually got her home. He had her before the Court on two occasions, but he had to let her off on both occasions, as her husband was ailed. Witness found that this was the case, and that he worked at the Blind School.

Defendant was fined 5s. and costs.

ROTHWELL DISTRICT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INFECTIOUS DISEASE—VENTILATION OF SCHOOLS

INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

The monthly meeting of the Rothwell Education Committee was held in the Council Schools, Rothwell, on Friday night—Mr J. Butterick (Chairman) presiding. Other members present were Messrs J. Hirst, Dobson, T. Ellis, J. Hosner, W. Lunn, and R. McCullough, with the Clerk (Mr J. Angus), and the attendance officer (Mr H. Brook).

The Clerk reported that the percentage of attendance for the district for last month stood at 91.

The Chairman: It is very satisfactory considering.

Mr McCullough: Considering the weather and the disease which is about, I think it is very good.

It was also reported, in connection with the attendances, that the Robin Hood Council School, related department, had been closed for the month, having a percentage of 64.

The Robin Hood (infants') and Lofthouse Schools suffered from diphtheria, and the Robin Hood School two scholars had died from diphtheria within a few days of each other. There were only very few cases also in the Rothwell district. Altogether there had been 56 cases of infectious disease in the district during the month as compared with 110 during October.

The Chairman: Isn't it strange that there should be these cases of diphtheria with the present wet weather?

Mr Hirst: How do you account for the Kaiser having it?

Mr Horner drew the attention of the Clerk to the remarks made by the medical officer of health for Rothwell anent the windows of schools being open out of school hours. The doctor referred to one particular school in Rothwell, but he did not state which one, and he seemed to think it was their fault that the schools were not better ventilated.

The Clerk: I should say it is his fault as he is the medical officer for the district.

Mr Angus added that the caretaker opened the windows every night at four o'clock and kept them open until six or seven o'clock the next morning. He could still feel the ropiness and watery.

Mr McCullough pointed out that the doctor's point was that fresh air in schools was better than di-infectants.

Mr Horner: I was quite in agreement with the doctor that we should get the fresh air. I have been speaking to a person in Robin Hood, who said that Mr Kirkby had not reported the matter without cause.

Mr Hirst: We are informed that caretakers have instructions that they should keep the temperature at a certain degree by nine o'clock in the morning.

The Clerk: That is so.

Mr Hirst: The question is whether that is absolutely necessary. The caretaker can't get the temperature up to the height required if the ventilators are open.

The Chairman: Mr Angus has stated that if the windows are open they could get the temperature up.

Mr Lunn: What if he doesn't?

Mr Hirst: Certain instructions were adopted. It would mitigate an outbreak of infectious disease, if wanted the County Council to say whether the temperature should be up by nine o'clock as the rule.

The Chairman: The medical officer may be correct in his statement. My experience in visiting schools is that they are over ventilated; that is during school work. Very often I have had to put my hat on, and I know that many of the teachers and scholars get cold through the way they ventilate the schools.

The Clerk: Here and there you may find, shall I say, an old-fashioned teacher who will have the school close, but that is not the case of the majority.

Mr McCullough: When I have visited schools I have always thought the infants' class too close.

The Clerk: How would it be to send a circular to the teachers as well, asking them to have the windows open.

The Chairman: You will have to give notice to the caretakers as well.

The Clerk: I will send a notice to the caretakers along with the teachers.

This was agreed to.

The Clerk reported the appointment of Mr G. W. Nodding, an assistant teacher at the Rothwell Council School, as drill instructor at the Carlton Hill Barracks, Leeds.

A question was raised by Mr Lunn as to what the West Riding County Council were doing for teachers who had joined the forces.

The Clerk: They pay the salary less the amount they receive from the Government.

Mr Lunn: I heard in Wakefield of a teacher who had had to break up his home because he was only receiving the Army pay.

The Clerk: It is not true.

With regard to the appointment of a new caretaker for the Rothwell Council School, the Clerk reported that he had received about 100 applications. After the list had been considered, the committee appointed Mr Bristow, Rothwell.

The attendance returns for the various schools were as follows:—Rothwell Council (mixed) 93; Rothwell Council (infants), over five, 87, and under five, 90; Stourton Council (mixed) 91; Stourton Council (infants), over five, 88, and under five, 85; Robin Hood Council (mixed), 94-17; Robin Hood Council (infants), over five, 88, and under five, 85; Carlton Council (mixed), 93·83; Carlton Council (infants), over five, 93; under five, 88; Thorpe Council (mixed), 02; Thorpe Council (infants), over five, 91, and under five, 81; Wood Lane, Rothwell Haigh (infants), over five, 84, and under five, 65; Rothwell National (mixed), 92; Rothwell National (infants), over five, 85, and under five, 76; Lofthouse National (mixed), 92; Lofthouse National (infants), over five, 84, and under five, 85; Middleton National (mixed), 92; Middleton National (infants), over five, 84, and under five, [illegible].

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Rothwell Courier & Times

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1914.

The arm-chair critics have been busy lately. Under ordinary circumstances free speech—very free occasionally—is one of the privileges of citizenship, but at present there are limitations, and many people seem to be ignorant of this, despite prosecutions in various parts of the country. Statements have been made by persons about the Army and Navy, bringing themselves within the power of the law, and they have been very fortunate that information has not been laid against them. Cases have occurred, we know, in which the persons sinned without knowledge of the risks they were running, but their own common-sense should have guided them to a truer conception of things. Folks are, however, very gullible, they will swallow anything and everything; they do not stop to consider whether it is true or, not, and any person maliciously disposed possesses an incalculable power for mischief. What we desire to impress on people is that if they circulate false information, even though it has not originated with them, they render themselves liable to prosecution, and they would, therefore, consult their own interests by remaining silent concerning any rumour about which no official statement has been forthcoming. It is difficult to discover how these rumours are started, but persons with vivid imaginations, are sometimes responsible. And what a host of senseless criticisms there has been during the past few weeks. In one or two newspapers one State Department was severely condemned for a certain military action, the onus being thrown on an individual, and it looked as if there was something beyond criticism in it, because in such a case no individual in this country could have done what was accomplished without the ready assent and cordial co-operation of the heads of other Departments. As things turned out, criticism was unjustified, and the newspaper military experts, who know no more about the Allies' plans than we do, were made to look very foolish, indeed. As a matter of fact, a great deal of criticism in this country has arisen from the comments of one of these newspapers, but people should understand that these writers are just as ignorant as the readers are about what is going on at the Front, and that necessary for the carrying out of the Allies' designs. Criticism is, of course, not to be decried; it frequently has a healthy effect, but no man, whatever his position, has a right to put in the strongest way—to say nothing of opinions on questions of which he knows nothing. The cheap sarcasm that was used towards the Fleet last week made many people's blood boil; it showed the colossal ignorance of those indulging in it, and an entire want of judgment on their part. Mistakes are made by the greatest leaders, but our men and officers in the Army have demonstrated their superiority to the best soldiers in Europe, and our Fleet is the most efficient fighting machine in the world. That is not bombast, it is truth. And Britons, no matter what nations may occur, should possess their souls in as the mighty tests of the patience, puffing absolute confidence in be taught that there is a higher than that of the so-called superthe men at the head of affairs. It is due and the surest way of doing that is to appointing when matters do not turn out to give to the people generally that liberty just as we would like—but it must be of thought and action which will enable remembered that we are fighting a brave them to solve their own problems for people, prepared to take great risks, and them to safeguard themselves. A free there are limitations to human achieve- people, with the power of government in their own hands, would ment. Our fighting men cannot accom- not tolerate the propagation of views plish impossibilities, but they will suc- which were directed against themselves. ceed where other men might fail, and all The use of the words "enemy within the they ask the nation is to have faith in gates," as applied to the rank and file of the them. If they strike slowly they strike German nation, reveals the attitude of surely?

the military mind. When the war is over Germany—a smaller Germany, no doubt—will have time for reflection, and if the people are strong enough to take the destinies of their country in their own hands they will put an end to the possibility of any class using the blood and treasure of the nation to satisfy their ignoble ambitions.

With a world at war, the great Christmas festival will this year be celebrated by the nations in a chastened spirit. It is no time to indulge in merriment, when the flower of our manhood is engaged in a death-struggle with the enemy, and when there are so many sore hearts and stricken homes in the country. Already the toll in human life exacted by the battlefield has been enormous, and it will be very difficult for the great majority of people to forget, even for a few minutes, the shadow that overhangs civilized humanity. The sufferings of the Empire's sons and daughters appeal to the nation with keen directness, because they are our kith and kin, but it must be remembered that the afflicting hand lies heavier upon the Continental nations, some of whom have been called on to suffer in a manner of which we have absolutely no conception. War, seen in its nakedness, is a horrible thing, although it frequently calls forth the highest qualities in a nation, and the price that must be paid is generally a terrible one. And this is after twenty centuries of Christianity! Thus the cynic may speak. It is an easy gibe at a world's religion, but it does not carry any weight. On the contrary, the world has never seen a greater demonstration of the spirit associated with Christmas than to-day. Does the opinion of the civilized nations favour Great Britain or Germany? These nations stand for different ideals; one is fighting for honour, the sacredness of national obligations, and the freedom of the little nations, and the other for a "place in the sun," which apparently means the universe. Without being in anywise hypocritical, Britons may celebrate Christmas sincerely; they tried, through their statesmen, to keep the peace of the world, and they only entered upon war when it was made impossible by an unscrupulous and cruel foe for an honour-loving people to stand idly by. On the other hand, Germany —it is needless to regard Austria other than as the cat's-paw of Prussia—with really no quarrel with any country, with national prosperity advancing by leaps and bounds, and with a people strongly imbued with the national spirit, rushed headlong into war for no other reason than aggrandisement. For years the teaching of a morality the antithesis of Christianity has been steadily going on, and, although it may not be understood by the German people generally, it has had its influence, reflected in the writings of many of the leading men of the empire to-day. When people believe in what is styled the philosophy of the superman, and propagate it as the only thing worth having, there is little hope for them. It is impossible for them to get the Christian ideals and the philosophers' ideals to coincide. Have the Germans not 'informed the world, with an arrogance that is absolutely amazing, that their "Kulture" is better than anything on earth, and have they not put forward the opinion that they are so superior that they should be in a position to dominate all other nations? The Germans are a great people, and the world owes much to them, in science, arts, and manufactures, but they have allowed themselves to become obsessed by one idea—that they were destined to rule the world, and the injury they have done to humanity and to themselves by trying to carry out that idea is incalculable. Since the war commenced they have shown themselves bankrupt in truth, honour, and morality.—in fact, in all those qualities which give faith between man and man and between nation and nation, and they have revealed a spirit of cruelty not unworthy of a savage race. Nations, like individuals, are selfish—that is, in a measure, necessary for their preservation, but when people are so overcome by selfishness that they will not allow others to live it is time condign punishment was meted out to them. Of course, all Germans have not these feelings; the great bulk of them are kindly-disposed and content with their own possessions; but they have been deluded by their rulers, cheated of the truth, and made to believe what the superman chooses to tell them, and, obeying the fine militarist spirit, they are, up to now, at any rate, a united people, determined to fight any combination that can be brought against them. Instead of knowing, as they will know some day, that Germany is the aggressor, they are firm in the belief that their country is being attacked by nations which are jealous of her trade and possessions. It is possible to sympathise with them in their ignorance, but for the conduct of the men who made the war and carried devastation into so many homes and ruin to Belgium and France no extenuation can be found. For this sake of Germany herself they must go—militarism must be utterly smashed, and for the sake of Europe they must be deprived of all power for making mischief, for not until then will there be any

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ROTHWELL & DISTRICT NEWS.

ROTHWELL

A sum of 7s. 6d., proceeds of selling toilet soap, has been sent to the Leeds Belgian Fund by Mrs J. Hewison, Rothwell Haigh.

LEEDS WEST RIDING PETTY SESSIONS.—The magistrates at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday were Messrs J. W. Modell (Chairman), J. R. Cross, and W. Evans.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—The roll of honour for the Rothwell urban area, which is to form a record of all those who have joined the Forces or who are serving the country in any way, is going on well towards completion, and it is hoped to publish the list in this journal next week. Mr A. Marshall, who has the matter in hand, desires names from the friends of those who have gone. It is intended to include in the list the names of any ladies who are doing nursing in connection with the war, and such names will be added to those connected with the R.A.M.C.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.—Some disappointment was caused at the Primitive Methodist Church during the week-end owing to the inability to get any of the Scarborough lifeboat men announced to conduct special services. The chief cause of their absence was, of course, the bombardment, which took place but a few days previously. One of the number, Mr J. Dawson, who was for many years coxswain of the Scarborough lifeboat, will have cause to remember the bombardment for many a long day. His wife is ill, and during the bombardment she was in a shed at once from the window of his home, but fortunately no one in the house was hurt. The services at the Primitive Methodist Church passed off successfully. A social tea was held in the schoolroom on Saturday afternoon, and this was followed by a meeting, which was presided over by Mr W. Denton (Rothwell). Solos were given by Miss Carbutt, of Liversedge, and addresses were given by the Rev. W. G. Sedley and Mr J. T. Kilburn. On Sunday the morning service was taken by the Rev. W. G. Sedley, and in the afternoon at the R.S.A. service Councillor T. Carbutt (Liversedge) presided, and Mr W. Denton gave an address, while Miss Carbutt contributed solos. In the evening the pulpit was shared by Messrs Denton, J. T. Kilburn, and J. Linley, and in addition to contributing solos, Miss Carbutt sang a duet with Mr Jesse Kilburn.

"THE MESSIAH."—On Sunday the Wesleyan Church choir, which had been augmented for the occasion, gave their annual rendering of "The Messiah." The principals, who were drawn from the choir, were:—Soprano, Miss Minnie Marshall; contralto, Miss Kate Varley; tenor, Mr Thomas Kale; and bass, Mr Nelson Varley. The chorus parts were a fine feature of the performance, and great credit is due to the conductor, Mr T. Barraham, for the splendid way he controlled the singing. A tribute should also be paid to Mr T. A. Idle, L.L.C.M., for his work in connection with the organ accompaniments.

'OLD BOYS' A.F.C. DINNER.—Rothwell Old Boys brought off another fine victory on Saturday by beating Leeds Weston at Leeds by four goals to one. J. Newton, the outside left, and Max Taylor, the outside right, scoring two goals each. The Old Boys were making rapid strides and do not intend being left far behind. They had a supper at the Coach and Horses Hotel, Rothwell, on Saturday, and afterwards a convivial evening was spent. In a speech, Mr Gibson (chairman of the Old Boys Club) said that it made one feel pleased to be at such a gathering. At a general meeting a week previous he had stated that the idea of this supper was not a money-making affair; it was to show what a splendid feeling there was amongst them. He had had put into his hands that day one of the company present. He also said that 100 had already been given by one who had a great interest in the Old Boys, and these two gifts, along with their gate receipts for that day, meant about 200 to the club. (Applause). He said they, the Old Boys, with the exception of one, were all resident in the village, and for this reason he thought they were forming the attraction of spectators who had hitherto lent their patronage to the Rothwell White Rose and Rothwell Parish Church.

ALLERTON BYWATER

DRINK.—James Willis, a miner, of Allerton Bywater, was summoned at the Skyrack Court at Leeds on Tuesday for drunkenness. P.C. Holmes stated that about 11.20 p.m. on December 12th he was on duty in Little Preston, when he saw a man lying in the middle of the road. He went up to him and found him to be drunk. When helped to his feet defendant could not stand, and he had to be taken home. Defendant's daughter appeared to answer the summons, and the magistrates ordered Willis to pay 2s. 6d. and costs.

CROSSGATES

On Friday and Saturday nights the children attending the Baptist Church Sunday School had their usual treat.

On Saturday at Crossgates Belgian Flag Day was celebrated, and "favours" were sold by a number of young ladies.

THE RAID.—In the course of the service at the Wesleyan Church on Sunday night Mr Rippon, who was the preacher, referred to the German raid on the East Coast. He produced a fragment of shell which had been fired at Whitby, and stated that his father had been struck and the arteries of one of his hands cut.

SCOUT DEFENCE CORPS.—A meeting for forming a branch of the above corps amongst the youths of Crossgates and district was held in the Wesleyan School-room at Crossgates on Thursday evening week. The aims and objects of the scheme (initiated by Sir R. Baden-Powell), Chief Scout) were explained by District Scoutmaster Marsden, and 20 members were enrolled. Youths between the ages of 15 and 17 are eligible for membership.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.—On Sunday afternoon at the Wesleyan Church a rendering of the "Messiah" was given by a chorus of about eighty voices, directed by Mr J. H. Walker, A.R.C.O. Mr L. J. Dewhirst, C.C., presided. The choruses were admirably sung, and the organ accompaniments were efficiently played by Mr H. D. Wilkinson (Leeds). The principals were Miss Eleanor Rawling (soprano), Miss Nellie Sedgwick (contralto), Mr Wilson Thornton (tenor), and Mr Hubert Varley (bass), and their work was excellent. The solos of Mr Thornton being outstanding. The collection was for the choir fund, and a sum of £5 17s. 6d. was taken. At the evening service solos were sung by Miss Rawling and Mr Thornton.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.—On Tuesday evening a successful children's Christmas Party, arranged by Miss Amy D. Wade, was held in the Recreation Hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. The proceeds, which were about £5, were for the Belgian Relief Fund, and among those present were wounded Belgian soldiers from Templenewsam, and they thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. There was a bran tub for children, and it was soon emptied, and Mr McLintock, who acted as M.C., sang several songs. Fancy dances were contributed by Miss Wade's pupils, the programme being as follows:—Hornpipe, W. Hardcastle; flotation duet, W. Thomas and M. Richardson; Spanish dance, Miss Earle; sunbeam, D. Doris Cuttle; doll dance, M. Richardson, T. Thomas, L. B. Birkinshaw, K. Watson, B. Pickering, and T. Pickering; Highland dance, W. Birkinshaw; Irish jig, Miss E. Earle; toreador, W. Thomas; pas seul, M. Richardson; pierrette, Miss D. Lee; coon duet, A. Thomas and D. Cuttle.

GARFORTH

MINERS' ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday at a meeting of the Council of the Yorkshire Miners' Association, a resolution of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr John Dixon, financial secretary, who recently died. It was pointed out that at the time of his appointment the Association had 56,000 members, and at the time of his death it had 125,000. It was reported that in connection with the war 37 death claims had been paid to men who had been killed on active service, and it was stated that the Association was relieving all members who were on service with His Majesty's forces from paying any contributions whatsoever while the war lasts.

PICTURE HOUSE.—For Christmas Day and Boxing Day, when there are two performances, the fare provided at the Picture House should satisfy anxious. The principal pictures will be "Hearts and swords" and "The temple of fiction." Miss Enid Walkington (the pocket edition of Vesta Tilley) will appear, featuring edition of Vesta Tilley) will appear, featuring the song "The Army today's all right" and all Vesta Tilley's successes. Next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday a film will include "Whims of Fate" (record drama), "The Seal of Silence" (exciting western story) and "The Star Boarder" (comedy). On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the pictures to be screened include "The Struggle" (a sensational production by the popular Broncho players), "The soul of a rose" (a pleasing Lubin drama), and "No Sweets" (comedy). For times and prices see advt.

HALTON

Mrs Florence Harrop, of Halton, has given notice to the Leeds Belgian Fund.

POACHING AFFRAY.—A further remand of one week was granted in the case of Harry Roberts, labourer, of Leeds, who is charged in connection with the Templenewsam poaching affray. Sgt. Walter Percy Bean, of Crossgates, again described the injuries sustained by Robinson and Pullan, the two keepers on the Templenewsam Estate. Robinson, said the doctor, had not yet recovered.

BILLIARDS.—The Leeds Non-Political Billiard League Halton Institute won the A Division and Highbury the B Division. The final for the cup was played between these teams on Tuesday evening at Messrs Sykes's billiard room, the result being a win for Halton Institute by 129 points. Scores:—Halton 738, Highbury 609. For the winners W. A. Taylor, A. Guest, C. Harrison, and C. Archdale played exceptionally fine billiards, and C. Archdale made a nice break of 50. The team were accompanied by the vice-presidents and committee of the Institute and a large number of the members. This is the first trophy won by the Halton Institute, and every credit is due to the second team for the way they have played.

KIPPAX

BAND OF HOPE.—The Band of Hope of the United Methodist Church had a meeting on Thursday evening, and a goodly tea was given by Mr C. H. Hobson, of Kippax. Mr T. Collinson presided, and Miss A. Goodall was the pianist.

A pioneer of the Kippax Old Band has passed away in the person of Mr George Firth, at the very ripe age of 83. He was thoroughly identified to the band and its interests, and with him has departed the last of the old band enthusiasts.

A LETTER OF THANKS.—The following letter has been received as an acknowledgment of toys, and dolls, dressed by the girls of Kippax Council School for the Belgian children:—Dec. 18th, 1914. The Belgian Children.—Dear children.—It is very kind indeed of you to send such nice packages of toys to the Belgian children. They will be delighted with them and enjoy playing with them, I am sure. They were not able to bring any toys with them, so that to have something given to them is just what they need; for there is nothing like a few toys for making children feel at home, and keep them from feeling lonely, is there? I hope you will all have a very happy Xmas, and that Santa Claus will bring you just the things that you have shouted up the chimney. —Yours sincerely, Joseph J. Wood."

MICKLEFIELD

The Micklefield Belgian Refugees' Committee have sent £14 to the West Riding Belgian Refugee Fund.

Miss Fannie Kaye, of Micklefield, has passed in the higher division of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music in pianoforte playing.

OULTON

MEN'S SERVICE.—The monthly services for men held every third Sunday in the month at St John's Church, Oulton, continue to be well attended by the men in the parish and the surrounding district. On Sunday the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Capel-Cure) gave an address appropriate to the season on "Peace on earth." There was a good attendance, and the hymns were heartily sung.

SEACROFT

A MYSTERY.—The adjourned inquest on the body of the newly-born female child found in a box in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Killingbeck last week was held in the Crossgates Wesleyan Institute on Tuesday. The Coroner (Mr. P. P. Maitland) said that Dr. Wainman had made a post-mortem examination of the body, and declared that in his opinion death was due to criminal neglect. The West Riding police had conducted searching inquiries, but unfortunately they had been unable to arrest anyone in connection with the affair. A verdict of "Found dead" was returned.

SWILLINGTON

HIS EXCUSE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Alfred Standing, carter, of Leeds, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at 10.40 p.m. on Friday, December 11th, on the Selby Road, Swillington. P.C. Eddon proved the case. Defendant, in defence, said it was a windy and rainy night. P.C. Eddon said there was no wind but it was rainy. The lamp went out owing to the jolting of the vehicle. A fine of 5s. including costs was imposed.

STOURTON

LANGUAGE.—At the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday Elizabeth Fox, a married woman, of Stourton, was summoned for having used abusive language.

P.C. Boyes proved the case, and handed a slip of paper to the magistrates with a sample of the language alleged to have been used by the defendant. As defendant could not read the constable "whispered" the words on the paper into her ear. On learning what they were she exclaimed to P.C. Boyes "You're a stoofer." Fox was fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

ANNIVERSARY.—Stourton Primitive Methodists celebrated their chapel anniversary on Sunday, when special services were held. In the afternoon the choir, which was augmented by that of the Wesley Street (Hunslet) Primitive Methodist Church, rendered the cantata "Scenes on Calfary." The singing was greatly enjoyed, the choir doing full justice to the work, under the conductorship of Mr A. S. Barrass. Mr J. Waterton was the organist, and the Rev. W. S. Spencer was the chairman. In the evening the choir gave the service of song "Gates ajar." Mr J. Collinson presided, and the reading portions were given by Mr H. Collinson. The singing was conducted by Mr A. S. Barrass.

WHITKIRK

Lady Dorothy Wood, of Templenewsam, opened a recreation club for girls in New Market Street, Leeds, on Friday evening.

WHITKIRK CHURCH BOYS' CLUB.—In connection with this club a billiard handicap has been played, and the results are:—First round—F. White (owes 25) 100 v. I. Bulmer (owes 150) 96, L. Todd (owes 150) 100 v. A. Bevins (receives 25) 53. A. Sykes (scr.) 100 v. L. Hall (owes 75) 74. T. Smart (owes 50) 100 v. T. Booth (owes 150) 42. C. Firth (scr.) 100 v. E. Firth (owes 25) 91. T. Wilson (owes 100) 100 v. A. Schofant (owes 25) 35. G. Wade (owes 50) 100 v. J. McKay (owes 150) 58. H. Tinker (owes 150) 100 v. P. Walker (owes 150) 70. Second round—L. Todd 100 v. F. White 35. T. Smart 100 v. A. Sykes 41. T. Wilson 100 v. C. Firth 88. G. White 100 v. H. Tinker 42. Semi-finals—G. White 100 v. L. Todd 48. T. Smart 100 v. T. Wilson 70. Final—Smart 100 v. White 80.

MEETS AT NUN APPLETON AND ASKHAM RICHARD.

The followers of the York and Ainsty Hunt have enjoyed very good sport lately. Meeting at Nun Appleton Hall for the first time this season, there was a field of quite fifty horsemen. A capital fox found in Appleton Wood was lost by crossing the river, which was bank high. Compstone found another fox in Appleton Brickyard cover, and away it went straight for Bolton Percy. The ditches being full of water and the fences heavy, it required bold and skilful riding to follow hounds, and Mr Wheatley, a local farmer, distinguished himself by showing the field. The hunt followed the line by Appleton Road, Bolton Percy, and Acaster Malbis to Mr Pood's farm and Stub Wood, where the fox got to ground after a grand 60 minutes.

At Askham Richard, on Tuesday, the hard frost did not look promising, but there was a sporting field on the spot by 12.15. Amongst those out were Sir John Grant Lawson, Mr Gilfoyle, Mrs Walker-Fairbairn, Mrs Walker-Fairbairn, Mrs Miles Dawson, Miss Gunter, Mrs A. Watson, Mr Rose, Mr Sutton, Mr R. Foston, Mr Percy Parker, Mr H. Parker, Mr Wheatley, Mr Frank Bussey, Mr Gerald Fairfax, Master Ferdinand Fairfax, Mr Pood, Mr Wheatley, Mr Allen, Mr Thompson, Lieutenant Rollo, and a few officers quartered in York. A fox was found in Askham Bryan Wood, but took the hunt by the Norman's Farm for Angram, and entering the Brandsom country went through Colliers Haggs, and then back to the York and Ainsty country, where owing to foiled ground the line ran out on the Askham and Acomb road.

Lady Harewood has sent belts, comforters, socks, shirts, mittens, helmets, and Cardigans to the Yorkshire Hussars.

All the soldiers who have been located at the hospital at Monk Fryston were discharged on Friday, and were sent to their homes. The hospital is at present empty.

An advent service was held at the Monk Fryston Parish Church on Friday evening last, and the preacher was the Rev. Canon A. D. Thurlow, Rector of Selby, who was a good congregation.

DISTRICT CHAPELRY.—The "London Gazette" on Tuesday night contained an Order in Council which stated that the King has approved the representation of the Archbishop of York touching the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated church of St Mary, Gateforth, situate in the parish of Brayton, in the county of York, and to be called the district Chapelry of Gateforth-cum-Hambleton. His Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of York.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOSPITALS.—A meeting of the Monk Fryston District Hospital Committee was held at the Hall on Thursday evening. Rev. H. Hepworth, M.A. presided. The chief business was the reception of collectors' money. The amounts handed in from all sources realised £10 4s. 7d. Although this amount was less than the previous year's effort, it was more effective considered very satisfactory. It was decided to send £12 to Leeds Infirmary, and £7 4s. 7d. to York Hospital. The collectors, subscribers, and other helpers were heartily thanked on the motion of Mrs Hepworth, seconded by the Chairman.

HUNSLET BOARD OF GUARDIANS

SHOULD COAL BE GIVEN TO THE POOR?

A RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

The fortnightly meeting of the Hunslet Board of Guardians was held at the Union Offices, Hunslet, on Wednesday afternoon, Mr T. Thomas (Chairman) presiding. Others present were Mrs E. A. Dickenson, Father T. Cody, Messrs J. Schofield, T. G. Conyers, J. R. Chappell, P. S. Marsden, G. Armitage, D. W. Hargreaves, W. Verity, J. Flanagan, W. A. Appleyard, H. W. Verity, J. Flanagan, W. A. Appleyard, H. W. Verity, G. W. Verity, J. Pulford, W. Stead, J. W. Verity, G. W. Verity, J. Pulford, W. Stead, J. W. Verity, G. W. Verity, Peace, and W. Hemingway, with the Clerk (Mr F. W. Mee).

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Children's Homes Committee reports were received from Miss Conyers on her half-yearly visits to children placed out for adoption or in situations. Miss Conyers also reported that many of the foster parents objected to her inspecting the children's bedrooms, and asked the Guardians to give instructions in the matter. It was resolved that the matter be left to the Clerk to speak to Miss Conyers and arrange for the removal of any misunderstanding that may exist in the minds of any of the foster parents as to their obligations.

A letter was received from the Birmingham Union requesting that the children's band might be able to them may be supplied with an extra fare, toys, etc., similar to the other children, at Christmas, and that the costs be charged to them in the quarterly account, and it was resolved that they be only charged extra for Christmas toys.—A letter was received from Mr E. Bothroyd, Oulton, inviting the children to witness the half-yearly visits and offering to make all children's pantomimes, and offering to make all arrangements as usual. It was resolved that the invitation be accepted.

A letter was received from the West Riding Education Committee stating they will be glad to make arrangements for a half-yearly report on children in receipt of out-relief, instead of the present weekly report, and on hearing that the Local Government Board agree to dispense with their present requirements, will give necessary instructions.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the House Committee a letter was read from the Secretary of the Hon. E. F. L. Wood, Templenewsam, stating that Mr Wood had instructed his agent at Garrowby to send some evergreens for Christmas decorations. The master reported that there had been three deaths in the institution during the past fortnight.

THE CONTRACTS.

The following contracts were accepted:—Provisions, Messrs H. Brown and Sons, for one month; meat, J. Stephenson; flour, Popplewell and Co., Ltd.; groceries, H. Brown and Sons; leather, H. Dixon—all for three months' duration, and the following were accepted for six months:—Tea, Schofield and Co.; yeast, E. Thompson; potatoes, W. Jacques and Son, Ltd.; bacon, James Hargreaves and Son; drapery, J. Batty and Sons; coffins, A. Armitage; drugs, W. A. Wharam, Ltd.; bricklaying, W. Chapman and Son; joiner, T. Copley; plumber, W. Ward; printing, The Electric Printing Works; and ironmongery, R. H. Bruce and Co.

CALLS OWING.

The minutes of the Finance Committee showed that the calls of Hunslet Rothwell had not been paid, and that it was resolved that unless the same are paid within seven days proceedings be taken.

Mr Conyers stated that the call for Hunslet would be paid within a few days. It had been a very serious matter for them during the last few months, as the call had been increased to such an extent. Previously the calls had been every year, but now they were making them every half-year, and they had not made provision for it.

Mr G. Armitage asked for the amount of the calls, and the Clerk gave the following figures:—Rothwell £5,548 15s. 10d. for the present half-year, as compared with £5,401 6s. for the corresponding half of last year; Hunslet, £6,883 10s. 10d. for the present half-year, as compared with £5,298 1s. 10d. for the corresponding half of last year, an increase of about £1,600 on the half-year, caused by amounts charged.

Mr Armitage: What is meant by amounts charged?

The Clerk: Maintenance, out-relief, etc.

The Clerk also gave figures which showed that for the present quarter there was an increase of £500 in out-relief, as compared with 1900.

SHOULD POOR BE GIVEN COAL?

In the absence of Mr W. Lunn the following resolution, of which he had given notice of motion at the last meeting of the Board, was moved by Mr W. Hemingway:—"That each householder of coal per week be given to the value of 2s. 6d. in addition to the out-relief during December and February, 1915."

In moving the resolution, Mr Hemingway said that the discussion of the last few minutes had been interesting, because they could well see that the question before the Board was one of coal, his memory served him right, one thing stated against it was the increase in relief. He followed the sum paid was about 2s. 8½d. per head. One of the general officers, in his annual report, stated that the people during the few weeks was a great blessing. The people who were getting outdoor relief—and he was glad the Board had granted it—were receiving extra relief, but he believed that the increase was not sufficient to meet the increase in foodstuffs. In the city of Leeds two out of the three Unions were granting extra coal for three months. They had at once seen the difficulties of the poor people, and were treating them with a very liberal hand.

Mr J. W. Verity seconded, and said the reason for his so doing was because he knew what a hard time they had had last year. The increase the Board had given in out-relief had been nullified by the war, and was not sufficient for present-day needs.

Mr G. Armitage, who moved an amendment, said they ought to consider their position as responsible officers of the ratepayers. He would be the last man to stop outdoor relief in cases of absolute necessity. He was always in favour of giving people relief rather than bringing them into the House. At the same time, they should consider the ratepayer. It was well known that the cost of living had gone up, and the position of everybody had gone up. The increase in outdoor relief had gone up since 1900 by 80 per cent, but Mr Hemingway could not, neither could any one else, say that the increase of the people had gone up 80 per cent. He was very loath to vote against the resolution, but they might have a little more information on the matter, and with a view to that he would move that it be adjourned for a fortnight.

The Clerk reported that the number who received out-relief last week was 842, and of those 122 were men, 324 were women, and 396 children. There were represented 360 cases or 360 families, and the total paid out was £133 compared with £95 for the corresponding week of last year.

Father Cody expressed himself neutral on the matter, and as there was no seconder to Mr Armitage's amendment a vote was taken on the resolution, when the following voted for it:—Mrs Dickenson, Messrs Hemingway, Stead, J. W. Verity, and Peace. Those voting against were Messrs Conyers, Marsden, Armitage, Pulford, Schofield, Hargreaves, Flanagan, W. Verity, and Appleyard. The resolution was, therefore, lost.

FATAL SCALDING ACCIDENT AT STOURTON.

A BABY'S END—THE INQUEST.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at an inquest held at Stourton on Wednesday afternoon, on the body of a fourteen months' old child named Kate Ethel White, the daughter of William Henry and Frances Alice White, of 9, Pontefract Road, Stourton, who died as a result of being scalded.

The mother stated that the child had been delicate from birth. About 9.30 last Wednesday night she (witness) was boiling some milk upon the fire, and when it commenced to boil she placed the child, which she had undressed, upon the hearthrug, in order to take the pan off the fire. Some of the milk she poured into a pot, and was turning to give some to her little son. As she was turning, the child, who had walked for the first time that day, clambered up, and, in saving itself from falling, grabbed hold of her skirt, and the pot which was in her hand was slipped, and some of the contents were upon over the child, scalding it about the shoulders and down the left side. Witness picked up the child, and, after putting flour and lard upon the affected parts, she sent for a neighbour. The child screamed for about two hours after, and witness nursed it from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. on the following day. The Hawkyard and the district nurse visited the child up to its death, but it did not seem to get over the shock, and went into fits on Friday morning and died about 5.30 that night.

The Coroner: Well, you did your best for her, Witness: Yes, I did my utmost.

Ada Chapel, wife of a miner, of 10, Pontefract Road, Stourton, described the mother of the deceased child as careful and very kind.

The Coroner remarked that the affair seemed to be a pure accident, and he advised the jury to say that death was due to shock caused by the accident.

The jury concurred.

"SUPERIOR" PERSON AND SOLDIERS—TABLES TURNED.

A neat story of how a retired Naval officer turned the tables on a "superior" sort of person who objected to travelling in the same compartment as some soldiers is being related in the service clubs. The two men were coming to London first-class the other day, and got into close to a training camp several privates in Lord Kitchener's Army, unable to find room elsewhere on the train, entered their carriage. Annoyed at what he considered an unwarrantable intrusion, the "superior" person complained, and at the next stopping-place, knowing that the soldiers only had third-class tickets, called the guard's attention to the fact. The official had no option but to request the recruits to leave the compartment, but he intimated that he would find room for them in his van.

Before the soldiers could move the ex-Naval officer, who had been an amused but silent spectator of the whole affair, intervened, and insisted upon paying the excess fares, to the great disgust of the "superior" person, who shamefacedly sought another compartment.

When relating the incident in his club afterwards, the retired officer declared that the subsequent journey had been one of the jolliest he had experienced for a long time, for the boys, happy in the prospect of an afternoon's leave spent in London, had kept him amused with "yarns" and anecdotes of their camp.

A STOURTON SOLDIER'S LETTER.

HOW THE GERMANS WERE DRIVEN OUT.

Pte. J. Moss, of the 5th Dragoon Guards, writes of his experiences to his brother in Stourton, as follows:—

I have had a few narrow shaves of being shot, but the Germans are not too good shots with a rifle, it is their big guns that have saved them a lot. In one or two positions we have had they have had to retire at a moment's notice. In one position we lost a good many men. My two chums were both shot by my side, and I thought my turn had come, but I got out of it all right. It was quite the time for us to have done in burning poor people's houses it would make your blood boil, but if the French get into Germany they can look out for themselves.

"You will have read about the doings of L Battery. We were with them. It was four in the morning when we were surprised by the Germans. We were sleeping behind our saddles in a field, when they got within four hundred yards, and a very hot time we had, but we lost a lot of horses. My horse was shot in the leg, and let them have four shells very quickly. You ought to have seen them scatter, leaving a lot of them dead, and that was how we got shelled right over them back. But the Scottish lads are a fine fighting lot. The French are very good fighters, who fight a lot better when we are by their side than when they are on their own."

HALTON C.S. FOOTBALL TEAM

TENTH SUCCESSIVE VICTORY.

On Saturday a match was played at Parkside, Leeds, between Halton Council School lads and Holbeck Trades School. Halton started, and, after good footwork by the forwards, Sykes and Kenney made an opening for Wade, who slipped within a yard of the line. Halton pressed for a considerable time, but the Holbeck backs (who were much heavier than their opponents), set up a rock-like defence, which all attempts, by passing, kicking, and rushing, failed to penetrate. At last Hustle cleared with a big kick, and Hewdson securing, he ran fairly for 30 yards before stepping into touch. The Halton forwards worked like Trojans, and consistently beat the Holbeck pack. Wilson secured and started a fine round of passing, the ball being handled by Kenney, Hayes, and Simpson, but the latter lacked pace, and Wilson, Hayes, and Kenney failing to follow up for an inside pass, allowed another chance to be lost. The Halton forwards dribbled well for 40 yards, and Collis gave a long kick, and in the race which followed Burnan managed to shoulder Briggs out of the way and touch down for a try in the corner. Hayes made a fine but unsuccessful attempt at goal. At half-time Halton were leading by a try to nil.

On resuming the Halton forwards soon showed their superiority over the Holbeck pack, and certainly should have played a rushing and dribbling game, but they seemed to have faith in their backs, and constantly heeled out to Wilson. Jackson picked up in the loose and kicked straight into the hands of Hewdson, who had a clear run in under the posts to score a soft try, the same player failing at goal. The game afterwards became very exciting, and Hewdson scoring another grand try, after a magnificent run, gave Holbeck a 3 points' lead. Hewdson made several fine runs, but only met some excellent tackles at the hands of either Kenney or Wilson. At this period Hayes played remarkably well, contributing two fine runs which put Halton in a strong position. Burnan picked up, and dashing aside the opposition, he scored wide out. All the Halton team played magnificently, and with only 2 or 3 minutes to go and the scores level, the excitement ran high. Scrum after scrum was formed on the Holbeck line, Wilson gaining possession each time, but the Halton backs were unable to break down the fine defence of the homesters. At last the Halton forwards altered their tactics, and instead of heeling out they took the ball at their toes onto the line, and amidst scenes of the wildest enthusiasm Lister scored the winning try, thus keeping Halton's record of 100 per cent. intact. From the outset, Halton realised they were up against a bigger and stronger set of lads than themselves, and could have objected, it being a League match, but, having earned the name of being a sporting team, they lived up to it, and found a team which would average at least twelve months a player over age, whilst Halton's team averaged 18 months a player under age. Halton won by 3 tries (9 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

BARWICK AND SCHOLES DISTRESS FUND.—The committee of this Fund have sent a cheque for £25 12s. 4d. to be divided equally between the Prince of Wales' Fund and the Sir John C. Horsfall (West Riding) Distress Fund. The total amount collected in Barwick and Scholes was £145 12s. 4d., a sum of £60 having previously been sent to the Prince of Wales' Fund and £60 to Sir John C. Horsfall's Fund. The accounts have been duly audited, and the fund is now closed.

RECRUITING.—Within the past month a very energetic and successful recruiting campaign has been carried out in the Thirsk and Malton Division on behalf of the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee. Practically every district has been visited in the course of the tour, on some occasions as many as five meetings being held in one evening, while three and four meetings in immediate succession have been very commonplace occurrences. The total number already held has been 54. The result of the tour has been that nearly 300 recruits have been secured. The meetings were throughout ably supervised by Mr J. Rainborough, who has attended and spoken at every meeting, and who has covered 580 miles in the course of the tour. The Parliamentary Committee have sent speakers down each week, and Messrs Bibbing, Worsley, Taylor, Bennett, Smith, and Orrell have assisted in the work. The committee have also been greatly indebted to Sir John Grant Lawson, Bart., who has spoken at about 20 meetings. Local chairmen have always been secured, and amongst those who have acted in that capacity have been Sir William Worsley, Bart., Mr Guy Fairfax, the Hon. H. Fitzwilliam, Major Hill Walker, Mr F. A. Samuelson, Captain Clive Behrens, Brigadier-General Sir Eric Swayne, Colonel Ditmas, and Captain Coates. The vicars of the various parishes, the schoolmasters, and the choir leaders have also been unsparing in their efforts to assist towards the desired end.

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MARRIAGE OF MISS DAWSON, WOOD HALL

CEREMONY THAT WAS TWICE POSTPONED.

A marriage has taken place at All Saints' Church, Kirkby Overblow, of considerable interest to the residents of the locality, the bride being Miss Margery Dawson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Charles Al. Dawson, of Wood Hall, Wetherby, and the bridegroom Mr Stephen St. Martin Dellus, of the Yorkshire Dragoons, third son of the late Mr Daniel Dellus, of Bradford and Harrogate.

The marriage was originally fixed to take place in August, but in consequence of the outbreak of war was then postponed. Thursday last was then decided upon, Mr Dellus having secured four days' leave of absence, but this was withdrawn because of the bombardment of the East Coast, where the bridegroom is stationed, and the marriage had again to be postponed to the following day. Consequently, the ceremony was of a very quiet character, only the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom being present.

The bride was given away by her father, and she looked charming in a dress of white and silver brocade, with full court train of white satin lined with pale pink chiffon edged with silver. She also wore a wreath of orange blossom, tulle veil with orange blossom and myrtle sprays, and a diamond and sapphire brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was a lovely creation of lilies of the valley.

The best man was Mr C. Jeffrey, of Bradford, and the bridesmaids Miss Peggy Savage (niece of the bridegroom), Miss Olive Lupton, and Miss Longbottom (cousin of the bride). The bridesmaids' dresses were of white chiffon over pale pink, with blue sashes, and they wore green laurel wreaths tied with silver, and tulle veils. Their bouquets were of pale pink chrysanthemums, and their gifts from the bridegroom, who appeared in khaki, were long gold bar brooches, with the Harrow Fives Eleven button.

The journey to Kirkby Overblow was made by motor car, and the ceremony was conducted by the Rev. R. L. Bellamy, M.A. (clerk of the parish). The service was choral, Mr C. Roberts, organist at St. James's Church, Wetherby, presiding at the organ. Members of the Wetherby Church Choir were also in attendance and sang the hymn "O, perfect love." Mr Roberts played the wedding marches by Lohengrin and Mendelssohn.

There was a large number of handsome presents.

COLLIERY FATALITY AT LOFTHOUSE

WHAT A FALL OF STONE DID.

An inquest was held at Outwood on Monday touching the death of Herbert Wild (29), who was killed by a fall of roof at Lofthouse Colliery early on Friday morning.

Deceased and two companions were making their way along the main haulage road and had only gone about a hundred yards from the pit bottom when a large stone, weighing nearly two tons, fell from the roof.

The first man escaped without a scratch, but Wild, who was following behind, was knocked down and buried; and a third man named Leopard was hurt cut the head and legs.

It took fifteen minutes to release Wild, who died shortly afterwards, being very badly crushed.

At the point where the accident happened hundreds of men would pass along daily, and in compliance with new regulations, brick walls and iron girders were being put in.

A witness expressed the opinion that the accident had been caused by the weather, the dampness having affected the stone and caused it to fall.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

VOLUNTEER CORPS FOR SELBY.

ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS EXPECTED.

A meeting of members of the Selby Urban District Council and local residents was held at the Town Hall on Monday night to consider the formation of a Volunteer Corps in the town. Councillor T. S. Ullathorne (Chairman of the Urban Council) presided.

A deputation, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Solloway, the Rev. R. J. Dunford, and Mr. J. Snow, had visited York, and interviewed the local officers at the War Office. The deputation was informed that the scheme had the entire approval of the military authorities, and that in fact Lieut.-General Sir H. Plumer, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, was quite keen about it. It is provided that the corps shall be affiliated with the Central Association in London.

The opinion was expressed that there would be no difficulty in getting 100 men." It was also thought that in the future the War Office would probably provide both uniforms and arms for their corps.

Upon the motion of Mr J. Snow, seconded by Dr. Solloway, it was agreed that a Volunteer Corps be established in the town.

A committee to make preliminary arrangements, and call a meeting with a view to secure enrolments in the corps, was appointed as follows:—Mr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Solloway, Mr. J. Snow, Rev. R. J. Dunford, Dr. Somers, Mr. C. Prust, and Mr. Thomas Liversidge, with power to add to their number.

Mr Snow was appointed secretary, and Mr C. Crow assistant-secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Solloway stated that Mr Wm. Liversidge had generously promised £50 towards starting the corps.

A MYSTERY OF TURPINITE

At the beginning of the war a great deal was said about the newly-discovered "turpinite" shells, which, it was asserted, would kill by asphyxiation all living creatures within a certain radius of the spot where they exploded. Since then surprise has been expressed at there being little or no use of this wonderful explosive had been made by the French artillery. The following comment, by a correspondent, explains its non-employment:—

In the first place, turpinite shells have little effect in the open field. They can only be successfully fired against enclosed spaces, forts, or dwellings. And we long as the enemy is on French or Belgian soil to fire shells to French or Belgian civilians would be too great to justify the use of turpinite in the bombardment of towns and villages. Moreover, the necessary explosion could be used with especially constructed guns of most delicate machinery, loaded with ordinary "service" shells. Its danger would be almost as great to the French gunners as to the enemy.

It is an interesting speculation as to whether turpinite will come into its own when Germany is invaded and her fortresses are bombarded.

AN ADEL GIRL'S TRAGIC DEATH

THE INQUEST—A PECKFIELD WITNESS'S EVIDENCE.

A VERY SAD AFFAIR.

Dorothy May Wood, aged 19, daughter of George Wood, blacksmith, of Adel Forge, has been found by her father, hanging from a beam in the house.

The girl kept house for Mr Wood, her mother having died about ten years ago. She appeared to be as usual on Friday morning, and at half-past ten o'clock she wrote a business letter for her father, who was at work in his smithy, which is only a few yards away from the house, until nearly one o'clock.

When Mr Wood returned to the house his daughter was missing, and he found her hanging in the parlour. A piece of cord which was found her neck was fastened to one of the cullround her neck was fastened to one of the cullings beams, and she had apparently stepped off a chair into space. She was dead, and although medical aid was immediately obtained, it was of no avail.

There appears to be an entire absence of any trouble which might have been expected to cause the girl to take her own life. She left no letter, nor anything to explain her actions.

The inquest was held at the Adel Club Room on Monday—before Mr P. P. Maitland (West Riding Coroner).

The father of deceased said his daughter had been attended by Dr. Drake, of Headingley, about two months ago for depression and anæmia. On Monday, December 7th, she left home without giving anything, taking some money with her, and she did not return until Wednesday. Witness said, he asked his daughter on returning where she had been, and she never offered any explanation. She went about her work in a cheerful way. About 10.30 a.m. on Friday she spoke out a business note for witness, and about an hour later, when he went into the house he found her hanging by the neck from a beam in the parlour. Witness cut her down, and sent for P.C. Askam.

In reply to the Coroner, the father said that his girl had suffered from fits of depression during life. He had, however, only taken her remarks as being a joke.

The Foreman Drake said he knew the family, and had attended the deceased in September for depression and anæmia. She complained of depression and anæmia. She complained of pains in her head and of being dull. She appeared to be in good health, but said she was tired of being at home, and would like to go into service. She also said that she and the young man she had been keeping company with had agreed, by mutual consent, to break their relationship. Witness said he thought deceased had hung herself in one of the fits of depression.

Jane Miriam Jackson, wife of Herbert Jackson, of Peckfield, said the deceased was her sister. She came to her house on Monday, December 14th, but she did not expect her. On Wednesday witness went with her to Garforth station to go home to Adel. That was the last time she saw her alive.

A verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

A SINGULAR SCHOLES CASE.

INTERESTING TO FARMERS AND PIG-DEALERS

Arthur Chippendale, farmer, of Scholes, was summoned at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday for failing to isolate five pigs.

P.C. Stimpson stated that defendant removed the pigs from the Scholes Mart at Garforth on the 7th, and the following day he called at the defendant's premises and questioned him about the pigs. Defendant said he had four and one had been killed. The officer inspected the pigs and found eight in all, the five which had been brought from the mart, and a Mart along with three others.

Mr Willey, who defended, asked the officer if he knew that the pigs in question had been to the auction mart, but as they were unsold they had been brought back and mixed with others in the same place from which they had been taken.

The officer said he knew this was so.

The Chairman (Dr Mr Willey): You contend that this is not within the Act.

Mr Willey: My client is perfectly innocent. He took a license out at the auction mart and put them back into the same place as he had taken them from.

He suggested that it was a case which the magistrates could deal with by dismissing and placing his client under the Probation Act.

The Chairman remarked that the Act was made for the protection of farmers.

A fine of 1s. for each pig and the costs was imposed.

SCENE AT A WOODLESFORD HOTEL.

A MINER'S SEVERE PUNISHMENT.

James Stephens, a miner, of Leeds, was charged at the Leeds West Riding Petty Sessions on Tuesday with having been drunk and refusing to quit licensed premises, and with doing wilful damage to a window and the woodwork of the Woodlesford Hotel, and also with assaulting P.C. Hutchinson.

Mr A. Willey prosecuted on behalf of Mr H. Sheldrick, the licensee of the Midland Hotel, Woodlesford.

Mr Sheldon stated that about 8.30 p.m. on Saturday the defendant, along with two other men, came into the house. Defendant had had too much beer, and asked him to go out. Instead of doing so, he and whilst being taken towards the door, he picked up a lemonade bottle and threw it at the bar window, smashing it. He also did so, he threatened the witness, saying "I will cut your eyes out." When getting him out of the house, Mr Sheldon sent for a policeman, and on the latter coming, defendant took off his coat and struck the officer. Mr Hutchinson and Mr Sheldon afterwards struck the officer several times, and also kicked him. The damage done was valued at 12s. He did not know Stephens.

Prisoner pleaded guilty, and said he was sorry for what had occurred. He asked for magistrates' leniency on account of his wife and three children, and he promised to sign the pledge.

The Chairman (to Sheldon): Was the man blind drunk?

Witness: He was mad drunk.

P.C. Hutchinson said on Saturday about 8.40 on information he received he went to the Midland Hotel in consequence of a complaint he had received. He was in plain clothes, and he went up to Stephens and told him that he was a police constable. Stephens commenced using obscene language, and struck witness for no apparent reason. He (Stephens) then took off his coat and closed with the officer; and another man who was with him drew a knife. Witness drew his truncheon and kicked by Stephens several times.

The defendant's wife, who was in Court, also pleaded for leniency on behalf of her husband.

The Chairman, in sending him to prison for one month with hard labour on the charge of refusing to quit, and for those two months for assaulting the police officer (the sentences to run concurrently), said he ought to think himself lucky he got off as he had done. Stephens was also ordered to pay the damage.

The Bishop of Beverley, The Rectory, Bolton Percy, has sent two cheques to the funds of Leeds Infirmary.

CORRESPONDENCE

WHITKIRK CHURCH—MORNING SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—There can be no doubt whatever that this intention of the Church of England, as expressed in her Prayer Book, is that the chief service of Sunday morning should be the celebration of the Lord's Supper—the Lord's own service on the Lord's own day. This was the only service appointed by Christ Himself, and from the Apostles' time it took a central and distinguishing place in the observance of the first day of the week.

It was later on that the Offices (which have come down to us as Morning and Evening Prayer) came into existence, to supplement, not to supplant, the Service of Holy Communion. But the service of divine obligation, for clergy and laity alike, was always the Holy Eucharist. The clergy and many lay-communicants of St. Mary's, Whitkirk, believe this, and are doing their best to put the Lord's own service into the foremost place, in accordance with the primitive practice and with that of the rest of the Catholic Church.

"Disgusted" describes the Eucharist at Whitkirk, "in its present form," as "nothing but sung mass." Is he (or she) aware that the central and essential features of the Lord's service have constantly remained the same throughout Christendom, and that "Mass" is only one among many titles which the service has received—nothing connected with any abuse of doctrine or practice?

Personally, I regret the use by the clergy of the language which "Disgusted" deplores, for I think it is unbalanced; nor do I regard the arrangements of the Whitkirk services as altogether ideal. But I do not remember the occasion on which that Morning Prayer "ought not to be used," as "Disgusted" states.

The fact is, the clergy of Whitkirk, for the reasons stated above, are most anxious to restore the Holy Eucharist (Sacrament and Feast) to its rightful position as the service on the Lord's Day. In this I give them (and, therefore, the Catholic Church) my heartiest support. Moreover, I firmly believe that, given a truer understanding of Church principles, the laity will, in increasing numbers, appreciate and do, youthly support those principles.—Yours, etc.,

G. KING, Licensed Reader.

Whitkirk, Dec. 19th, 1914.

SELBY LIBERALS AND WHIST DRIVES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read the letter of the Liberal agent, Mr W. J. Taylor, which appeared in your issue of the 11th inst, and I am very much surprised at its contents, as, although he disclaims responsibility for the management of the Liberal Club, he evidently endorses the action of its officers.

Moreover, if he had taken the trouble to inquire, he would have ascertained that I did actually approach the M.C. of the Liberal Club with regard to whist drives during the present crisis.

In the last paragraph of Mr Taylor's letter he states "We seek no party advantage. At present we have no political party. Our motto is 'United we stand.'" What is the nature of this business if it is not politics or party, seeing that it was generally understood that a truce had been agreed between the political parties throughout the country. By carrying on "business as usual" this truce must have been violated by the Liberals in the Barkston Ash Division. No other interpretation can be placed on the last paragraph of Mr Taylor's letter.—Yours, etc.,

RICHARD LODGE, Conservative Agent,

Selby, 21st Dec., 1914.

EAST KESWICK MAN AND THE RAID.

"LINE UP, YORKSHIRE."

Mr George Moore, of East Keswick, writes to the "Post" as follows:—I have waited for an abler pen than mine to voice the sentiments of Yorkshire. Yorkshiremen have been insulted by this German raid on our unfortified towns and watering-places, and murder of our women and children. Now, we are not going to take that slap in the face quietly lying down! Line up, Yorkshire! We will make the Kaiser and all his breed sing "Rule Britannia" before we have done with them. It's Death or Glory, boys. Let Field-Marshal French have some of the old fighting blood of Yorkshire along with him to cheer up the hearts of our boys already in the fighting line.

Stop one minute to think what those German brutes have done—killed men, women, and children, and devilry, jealousy, and hatred of our nation. What would be the fate of all our women and children if they got a foothold? Too horrible to think about.

Now, boys, play up. Yorkshire, and every man of you, and send in your names before the New Year Day, and let Lord Kitchener see we mean to see him through. No age limit, healthy, strong men with their hearts in the right place. We want you and your

OUR GARDENS.

Specially Written for this Journal

— BY —

ALBERT CLARKE.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Flower borders that have repeatedly been dressed with animal manure are apt to get sour. Sour soil can be detected by the offensive smell it gives off, and to sweeten it a dressing of lime should be dug in during the winter months, if A spadeful to the square yard is a suitable amount to use. The use of lime will serve a double purpose, as it not only sweetens the soil but it liberates a quantity of plant food which would not otherwise be available to the plants. Another important point in the manipulation of garden soil is the provision of good drainage. Many good results are at present being obtained from satisfactory, well-drained borders, much greater pleasure if a thorough system of drainage was adopted. Wet, heavy soils, rarely give good returns, and if there are no facilities for giving efficient drainage a moderate course may be effected by trenching in a quantity of ashes, leaves, and similar light material. On land of this description long, strawy manure should be used in preference to rotten manure. Old potting soil may also be added from time to time, and if a quantity of old turf can be obtained, this may be used with a certainty of good results accruing. Light soils may be improved by the use of pulverised clay. Northern gardeners who have very light soils to deal with would do well to take a journey from the tillers of the soil in the Cambridgeshire fens, where clay digging is practised every winter. It is thrown on the surface of the soil and left there for the frost to break, and is dug or ploughed in when spring comes round. All vacant ground should be dug over as early as possible. The average amateur has one great failing in this respect. He works hard and conscientiously throughout the spring and summer months, but when his flowers, etc., are over, he seems to forget he has a garden until the following spring. Autumn digging is very important, as it allows the frosts and rains to work freely into the soil. We are quite aware of the difficulty that faces the amateur who is at work during the hours of daylight, but even he will find a way out of the difficulty if he once realises how important it is that his ground should be dug in good time.

SWEET PEAS.

The ground intended for sweet pea growing should be prepared without further delay. There is no more popular summer flowering plant than this one, and although pleasing results can be obtained by very ordinary cultivation, the real sweet pea lover will not be satisfied with ordinary results, nor will he shirk the extra labour entailed in the production of really choice flowers. Sweet peas are notoriously deep-rooting plants, and we have found their roots quite six feet from the surface. The significance of this is obvious. Roots that penetrate to such a great depth will outgrow the effects of any ordinary dilling or hand digging. Much depends upon the character of the land on which they are grown. On a clay subsoil deep trenching must be accompanied by efficient drainage, or the bottom of the trench will be charged with water to such an extent as to prevent the roots from running freely. In preparing the trench for the reception of the plants it must be borne in mind that they are gross feeders. Plenty of well-rotted manure must be used, and it should be incorporated with the soil in such a way as to avoid leaving it in layers. Wood ashes, soot, and a little bone meal may also be used, and all should be thoroughly mixed with the native soil. Splendid results may be obtained by trenching from two to three feet deep, and this is quite sufficient unless exhibition flowers are wanted. The autumn sown seedlings should now be occupying a position facing the south on the glass in a cold frame. No coddling should be attempted, but, on the contrary, every opportunity of giving a generous amount of ventilation should be taken advantage of. On all mild days they should be fully exposed, and in every respect they may be treated as recommended for violas. Snails have a decided liking for the delicious young growth, and these should be looked for in the morning before setout. Their activity may be arrested by scattering soot between the pots, and as a further safeguard a few bags of bran may be left with them. Sparrows must be watched carefully, and it is usually possible to find all that was in the frame on the bran a few hours after placing it in position.

LOBELIA CARDINALIS.

This beautiful scarlet-flowered summer bedding plant is worthy of more general cultivation. We often hear complaints that it is a difficult subject to keep through the winter, whereas, under suitable treatment, its winter requirements are very simple. When the plants have finished flowering they should be cut down, lifted, and have most of the soil shaken away. They may then be potted fairly close together in boxes and have a little coarse sand scattered amongst them. They may be stood in a cold frame until the following January, when they should be divided into single crowns and dibbled into boxes of sandy soil. They do not make much headway until March, and this allows for them being placed fairly close together. The spring growth commences then, and the young shoots when they either be potted on or selected. They require a moderately rich compost at this time, and must be carefully watered until they recover from the shock of removal. Excessive moisture, and a high temperature, are their greatest enemies during the winter, but on no account must they be stored where frost can get to them. From March onward they may be treated like bedding geraniums. They give a splendid effect when massed in quantity in the flower garden, but may be used in many other ways to good advantage. Variety is secured by the use of the white and pink varieties, but nothing will surpass the scarlet variety, Queen Victoria, in perhaps the best of them.

PLANTS UNDER GLASS.

We strongly recommend all our readers who have chrysanthemum growers to try the method of raising dwarf plants from May shoot cuttings. Splendid little bushes from 18 in to 30 inches high may be obtained by striking four cuttings in a pot, and repotting them intact into a 5½ inch pot. They should be stopped once or twice, if desired, and must then be allowed to grow naturally. The single and decorative varieties are the most suitable for this system of cultivation, and to ensure a supply of cuttings being available in May a number of old plants should now be shaken out and repotted into 6-inch pots. Give them a fairly rich compost, and stand them in a cool, light position to encourage the production of sturdy basal growths.

CUT FLOWERS.

Cut flowers are always comparatively scarce at Christmas, and a few hints on their preservation may not be out of place. In the first place, chrysanthemums, which form the bulk of the flowers available at the festive season, do not keep as well as they do a month earlier. The stems absorb water so slightly shortened with a knife, but never with scissors.

GENERAL REMINDERS.

To keep up a regular supply of tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils, place a few in heat once a week.

Gloire de Lorraine begonias are charming house plants, and should be largely used for that purpose. When they get shabby remove all the old flowers and return them to the warm house. They will break into new growth and bloom freely again in a few weeks' time.

Give carnations plenty of room to develop or they will lose their bottom leaves and assume a leggy appearance.

Newly imported azaleas have a bad habit of dropping their leaves. This may be checked by syringing them once a day.

Climbing roses under glass should now be pruned. Remove all weak shoots, and cut the strong ones back one-third.

CULTURE OF JAPANESE LILIES.

Bulbs of Lilium Auratum and other Japanese lilies do not usually reach the country until about the end of the year. They are probably the most beautiful of all bulbous plants, and nearly all the species are hardy in well drained soils. If to be grown in pots, as early as the bulbs can be obtained, partially cover them singly in well-drained pots about half filled with light soil, placing a little grounded charcoal under the bulb and round the sides of it. Fill up with the same soil, occasionally be necessary to supply moisture until roots are formed and top-growth commences, when the pots should be filled up. If a shift becomes necessary, re-pot the shrubs carefully. Supply liquid manures towards flowering time, but discontinue the applications as the blossoms expand. Abundant water and air must be admitted when growth is fairly started. Ripen off the plants in the open air, a cool shed, or under the benches after flowering; re-pot in autumn; and store up for the winter in a cool, moderate dry place.

CORRESPONDENCE

THANK OFFERING FOR EXPLOIT OF NAVY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Winter is upon us, and as a sailor may I claim your sympathetic attention. The following has just reached me:—

"Your appeal on behalf of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society is sure to have arrived at a most opportune moment. This morning's paper brought us more cheering news than we have had since the Battle of the Marne, and every Bethlehem, Tottenham, Leipsic, and Nuremberg have been destroyed with practically no loss to this country, and I herewith enclose a cheque for £—— as a thank offering for this exploit by our Navy."

The gallant Admiral, Sir John Jellicoe, writes from the "Iron Duke," wherever she may be: "I am sure that the homes and institutions all over the world are the greatest possible boon to sailors, and I wish the society every success in the future in the work which has been so thoroughly carried out in the past."

While the Navy is the first line of defence, and our stations are for our sailors, yet since war was declared, our brave soldiers of the sister service are going into buildings to the very utmost at home and abroad.

We have felt it a privilege since war began to co-operate with the authorities in supplying national needs—and more money for the National Relief Fund, opening our Sailors' Institutes as Red Cross Hospitals, Refugees Homes, Recreation and concert rooms, canteens, and Gospel halls for the young men of our New Army, giving a hearty welcome, a handshake, and a word of inspiration to thousands of sailors and soldiers. During our shores—providing books and magazines for the sailors afloat, and the soldiers using our branches; finding more than twenty thousand warm garments and woollens for the fishermen in the North Sea, for military hospitals on both sides of the Channel, and for all our lighthouse and lightship keepers round the United Kingdom. Much of our chaplains' work in and near the war zone—at Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Ostend, Malta, Gibraltar, etc., may not and could not be portrayed into words, but the nation and our brave defenders would be the poorer, body and soul, were it not for the splendid devotion of our noble missionaries and their staffs.

The late beloved Field Marshal, Lord Roberts, presided at Portsmouth when he became Vice-President, and I trust the society, the offer of whose services I keenly appreciate, may continue to flourish."

We are compelled to tell our friends that now, after closing down, the undertaking of this national work, with its largely increased responsibilities, £10,000 at least is urgently needed to repay bankers' overdrafts, and to save our workers from undue financial anxiety.

It is a "duty" to keep this good ship not only afloat, but sailing in her magnificent work for sailor and soldier comrades.

Sir Reginald Talbot, Brecknock Green, J.P. (who has recently sent a cheque for £500), will gladly receive any gifts towards the above, or they may be sent to our Secretary, Mr. Dolbey, whose help would be helpful and most welcome.

This Society recognises the good providence of God, and asks for a thank offering. It may be in the name of a dear one who has fallen or in His Name who is above every name.—Yours, etc.,

G. Rice Hall, Director.

Late Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Squadron.

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The Donaldson liner, Tritonia, struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland, and is believed to have foundered. The crew was saved.

The inquest was concluded at Hetton-le-Hole on Friday on the ten victims of the explosion at the factory of Messrs. Ellison of White Le Moor Colliery. His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, Mr. Walker, attended the inquest, and said he had no doubt that the explosion was a dust explosion, and not an explosion of pierle coal as at first stated. It was an accident pure and simple, and was in great part due to the strong wind which prevailed. The only remedy he could suggest was additional care. The jury found that the explosion was caused by some foreign substance accidentally getting into the grinding machine.

CONCERNING OUR INDIAN TROOPS

HOW THE REGIMENTS ARE ARRANGED.

As a general rule India does not bulk largely in the public eye, but the remarkable and universal outburst of loyalty towards the British Raj, which has occurred at the present juncture, and the advent of Indian troops in European warfare, have (often in Anglo-Indian) directed a good deal of attention to that most fascinating country.

From the Indian newspapers of two months ago it appeared that the flights of the Goeben and the Breslau to the Dardanelles was regarded out there as a deliberate attempt on the part of Germany to involve Turkey in the conflict, and so strike at us through the Moslem population in Egypt and India. It was an astute move and quite in keeping with our knowledge of Germany's depraved methods of diplomacy. The leaders of Indian opinion, however, were confident that, if Turkey did throw in her lot with Germany, the loyalty of the educated and ruling Mahomedans would prevent them from trouble among their ignorant brethren. How well placed their confidence was can be seen from a perusal of recent telegrams from Delhi, Hyderabad and others. Knowing what we do, however, of the power of religion to obliterate even the strongest claims, it is a matter for regret that Turkey has chosen to cast her lot with Germany, but the restraint shown by Great Britain towards her will strengthen the hands of the leading Moslems, and so save us from what might have been a very real peril. In this connection it may be noted that Indian regiments are arranged on two systems. In one companies of Hindus and companies of Mahomedans go to make up a regiment on the principle of "Divide et Impera," the idea being that any mutinous feeling in either class would be brought speedily to the notice of the European officers. In making combinations of this kind the native of India or of the East generally has no equal. Three or four delightful introductory clauses for such communications spring to his pen at once, and they will not bear translation. "You are as children to us in matters of diplomacy," a prominent Egyptian official once very truly said to me. The above arrangement of regiments failed in this direction at the Mutiny as the cause of the trouble, the alleged use of animal grease in cartridges was (chronious alike to Hindu and Mahomedan.

In the second system we have what are called "Class Regiments," in which not only are Hindus separated from Mahomedans, but the various castes or Hindu groups are segregated. We accordingly have Hindu units drawn from the Gurkhas, Mahrattas, Rajputs, Sikhs, etc. On the other hand, we have an exclusively Mahomedan regiment recruited from the Baluchis. This scheme is said to tend to greater efficiency, but the other arrangement is not without its advantages. Lord Kitchener was understood to favour the class regiment system.

With regard to British troops in India, Lord Kitchener was a strong supporter of the temporary increase in the Army, which adds a weight to the present need for reform in this direction.

Previous to 1911 native soldiers in our Indian Army have not eligible for the grant of the Victoria Cross for valour. It was felt that this should come for the removal of this disqualification. At the Coronation Durbar held at Delhi in December of that year, certain Rajah boons were granted, but the most important and far-reaching was the following announcement:—"His Imperial Majesty has been graciously pleased to ordain that from henceforth His loyal native officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers shall be eligible for the grant of the Victoria Cross for valour."

Since then, except for the punitive expedition after against the tribes for the murder of Mr Williamson and Dr. Gregorson, no opportunity has occurred for our Indian troops to show their gallantry, and those who in Europe will fight the more keenly that practically for the first time they are on a footing of equality with our soldiers in regard to this much coveted distinction.

No exact particulars of the composition of the British Expeditionary Force have been vouchsafed to us, but Lord Hardinge stated that it would include a number of our brave Indian regiments as well as several of the Imperial Service troops. The latter are portions of the army's maintained by such native States as Bikanir, Gwalior, and Hyderabad, and which have been already offered for the service of the Empire at this time.

Mention has been made of Rajputs, and a few particulars regarding them may not be out of place. Most certainly the Indian Army are a picturesque (personsanced Chattrey) caste. This, it will be remembered, is the second of the four original castes established by Manu, the reputed founder of the Hindu system, viz., Brahmins or high priests, Kshattriyas or soldiers, Vaisyas or merchants, and the Sudras or labourers. Numerous subdivisions of castes have since appeared but the four remain fundamental. The Rajputs derived themselves with martial glory by their long and strenuous resistance to the superior power of the Moghul Emperors of Delhi. There is a good deal of the spirit of race about them, and not without good reason either.

It is unlikely rigidly to their caste rules they will be rather troublesome to the commissariat department, but as Rajputs are quite as fine, they are very limited menu—atta (coarse flour), ghee (clarified butter), milk, curry powder, and most vegetables. It would be interesting to speculate how many Rajputs they are to see service in a foreign country, they may not be disposed to sink some of their cast prejudices. Even when one has long caste, religious and social ties with one's native land, to Brahmins and performing certain ceremonial observances, some of which are distinctly unpleasant.

In one of his everlasting speeches Lord Curzon is at pains to have said that he would like to see the Bengal Lancers ride along the Outer Circular Road in London. It may be as well to point out that these racially regiments are not recruited from the Bengalese, but from the Punjab and the North West Frontier. A Bengalese who made the observation to me: "At the time of peace the Army is officially a very magnificent occupation, but when it will be war, it is a most unpopular department." As to why the Bengal Lancers, the name is a misnomer of the time when there were their armies in India, one for each Presidency, viz., Bengal, Bombay, and Madras. The Bengal dressidency includes far more extensive territory than the province of Bengal, and so we find other peoples than the Bengalese in the so-called Bengal Lancers.

The Rev. J. H. Dudley Matthews, rector of Purley, near Reading, who was well known in Leeds as formerly Head Master of the Grammar School, was drowned in the Thames on Sunday night. Mr. Matthews, who was 70 years of age, was accustomed to row himself over the river to take the service at the Mapledurham Church, and it was while making this return journey that in the greatly swollen stream, his boat capsized and was carried on the rapidly running current over the weir.

PROFITABLE POULTRY CULTURE

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WAR CHAT.—No. 19.

We are now nearing the end of a very eventful year, and at this time it is well for us all to briefly dwell upon the past, and in doing so, to remember our shortcomings, and resolve to make a tremendous effort to overcome them during the year that is to come, and upon the threshold of which we now stand. Some of us, perhaps, have been a little careless or neglectful in looking after our birds; others, perhaps, have been too liberal with the food, whilst others perhaps, fearful of overfeeding and its consequences, have been a little too cautious and timid; given enough. Very few poultry-keepers, I fancy, will be able to say, after reviewing their year's work, 'that they have not made any one single mistake, or done anything that they would like the chance again, they could not do in a better way. We are all human, and this best of us are liable to make mistakes, but we can profit by such errors, if we endeavour to learn a lesson from them in the future operations, and now is the time to make this resolution. Perhaps you don't get up and feed the birds quite so early in the morning as you ought. If this is so, make up your mind that on the first day of January, 1915, the birds shall receive their breakfast, all hot, as soon as day breaks, and not only on the first day of the New Year, but for every day afterwards. Resolutions are made to be kept, and therefore it is not one bit of use making a resolution and breaking it a few days afterwards. Perhaps you don't yet tried the effects of feeding Colman's Poultry Mustard to your birds? If you haven't, then here is a resolution for you to make, and one that will pay you to make, as a regular use of Colman's Poultry Mustard in the morning mush, at the rate of a heaped-up teaspoonful of mustard, to every six birds, will, in conjunction with good food and management, ensure a full winter's egg-basket, and eggs are now wanted more than ever they were before. And when collecting your eggs you ought to think of our wounded soldiers and sailors, and make a resolution to send as many eggs as you can spare weekly to the nearest depot for the Daily Mail Collection of Eggs for the Wounded," or if you don't know the address of one in your district, send a postcard to the Hon. Sec., Mr R. J. Dartmall, "National Egg Collection, 154, Fleet Street, London, E.C., and you will then be put in touch with the nearest depot. If sent by rail, the carriage of the eggs will cost you nothing, and as the eggs are most urgently needed, it is to be hoped that every poultry-keeper will do his or her share in furnishing the supply. Will you do yours?

(Any enquiries concerning poultry-keeping addressed to our expert, Captain Ralph R. Allen, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, will be answered through these columns by post, but those requiring a postal answer direct, or sending birds for post-mortem examination, must remit half-crown postal order. The name of the writer must in all cases be given).

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Two Vigo fishing vessels navigating without lights came into collision and sank. Nineteen were drowned; the others are missing.

A decree has been promulgated authorising the Italian Government to raise an international loan of £40,000,000 in bonds redeemable in 25 years.

A German prisoner named Curt Vausch, who was responsible for the recent riot at the Douglas alien camp, was sentenced by court-martial to five years' penal servitude.

Mr Thomas Burt, M.P. for Morpeth Borough, and "Father" of the House of Commons, has decided, on account of his age and infirmities, not to contest the next again.

Some time ago, Mr Maurice Masterinck made a statement to the effect that the Germans had mined buildings in Brussels. This statement has now been officially denied by the German authorities.

The Swiss State railways, like most Swiss enterprises, have suffered heavily by the war. Last August and September—the two tourist months—the receipts were only half of the corresponding period of 1913.

M. Ribot, Financial Minister, explaining his statement before the French Budget Commission, said that France will not lack the resolve to carry through to the end unflinchingly, and every tribute to the final victory which all the world foresees.

In the Chancery Division on Friday Mr Justice Joyce dismissed, with costs, an action brought by the trustees of the Ancient Priory Church of Estere seeking to obtain the return of funds which had been distributed among members of a deceased County Court.

Married officers complain that the additional premium for life insurance awaiting upon a large portion of the small sum available to meet the unavoidable extra expenses of active service, with the result that little or nothing is left for the family.

"Drowned himself whilst of unsound mind," was the verdict at a Barnsley inquest into the death of Thomas Davies, twenty-five, a stammer, of Westbourne Terrace, who joined the Territorials on November 17th, left head-quarters the next day on leave, and was found in the canal on Tuesday.

Dr. F. M. Perkin read before the Indian Section of the Royal Society of Arts a paper on the Indian Indigo Industry. He expressed the opinion that the Government should insert a clause in all their contracts where indigo blue is to be employed for dyeing that only natural indigo should be employed.

In Dublin a labourer named Patrick Higgins was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for throwing a Dublin police sergeant into the River Liffy on Christmas Day of last year, when the latter's troubles were on. The sergeant was wearing a heavy winter outfit at the time, and his escape was described as miraculous.

Two men, William Hay, married, and John Fegley, single, were killed as the result of a disaster which occurred at Frickley Colliery, South Elmsall. They were working at the surface of the pit in the vicinity of a concrete wall, which suddenly collapsed and fell on them. The bodies were terribly crushed.

Russian families are making oblong clothes called portianki. These are supplies which the peasants wear on their feet and around their ankles instead of socks; and soldiers wear them, too. They are about two feet long. You stand in the middle of one, fold it neatly round your foot, and bring it round the ankles as for as it goes.

Sir William Ramsay, in a thesis issued by the Institute of Industry and Commerce, points to the similarity of Germany's methods in trade and war. We are dealing, he says, "scrubulously awakening to the knowledge that German commercial tricks are on a par with their tricks in war; that the whole nation is infected by the microbe of dishonour and dishonesty."

To the 230 employees of the Wath Main Colliery Company who are now serving with the colours the directors of the company have made a Christmas gift in the form of a parcel containing a pair of socks, a pair of mittens, a khaki muffler, and a woollen helmet. In the parcel is also enclosed a card with the season's greetings from both the company and the men.

At Devonport three labourers were engaged in a large boat mooring up battleships alongside the wharf when the suction of the propeller of a ship's tug drew the boat with its occupants under water., Two of the men, Wm. John Beer (51) and Archibald Charles Penrose (26), were not seen again, but the third John Charles Rogers (27), rose to the surface and was saved by life lines.

The making of cinder lighters for use in the trenches is finding employment for many women.

A meeting of the debtors of the Civil Service Bank, held in London, on Monday, agreed to the compulsory winding-up of the company. The estimated liabilities are £60,000.

The Maharajah of Gwalior has presented to the Ring a fleet of 60 motor vehicles for use in the ambulance work for the naval and military forces. The cost was approximately £45,000.

The Danish Government has ordered all Danish importers of corn and foodstuffs from America to deposit with the Government all bills of lading and credit orders, with the view of preventing absolutely any export of food to Germany.

Private F. Nairn, of the Royal Berks. Regiment, at his home at Sandhurst, received a few weeks received in error, answered the postman brought him a letter from the War Office announcing he had been killed at the front.

Captain the Hon. H. L. Bruce, of the Royal Scots, eldest son of Lord Aberdare, and husband of Miss Camille Clifford, the former actress, has been killed at the front. Their only child, a daughter, died five days after birth in 1909.

The Treasury have requested bankers, in view of the approaching withdrawal from circulation of £1 currency notes of the value of 10s., to instruct their customers that such notes should not be paid out to customers, but should be sent in to the Bank of England.

A fatal motor-car accident occurred at Bermingham on Saturday. A man named Pearson, of Smethwick, was driving his motor along the Holyhead Road towards his home when the car ran into a large lamp-post in the centre of the thoroughfare. The father was killed.

The Chairman of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, Mr H. W. Sambridge, at Monday's meeting said the most usual way being paid in wages in the city at the present time than had ever been the case before, and, with a few exceptions, trade was very good.

Mr. A. O. Jones, for many years the brilliant captain of the Notts County Cricket Club, died on Monday at Dunstable. He had been in failing health for a long time, the origin of various troubles from which he had suffered being the pneumonia which prostrated him on the occasion of his visit to Australia in 1902.

Five lions broke loose in the 86th Street Theatre, New York, during the performance on Friday, causing a panic among the audience. A dozen policemen opened fire on the animals and succeeded in killing them. The lions then attacked the police, injuring two, but were finally rounded-up. One was killed and the others were recaptured.

On Friday afternoon Mr Samuel Taylor, 70 years of age, was found by his brother's house, 1 Laurel Cottage, Stainland, with his throat cut. His died before medical aid could be summoned. Mr Taylor was senior partner in the firm of H. Taylor and Co. (Limited), woollen manufacturers, Dog Lane Mills, Stainland, and it is a sad fact that in less than three months' time three brothers have passed away.

Replying to a communication from the secretary of the Huddersfield Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, the Home Office states that the circular issued by the Home Office on behalf of the War Office has been altogether misunderstood. It is not, and never has been, proposed to establish any system of "police supervision" over the wives and dependents of soldiers and sailors.

An anti-German riot took place at Sunderland on Saturday night. It was due to the intense resentment felt at the bombardment of Hartlepool and the sinking of ex-Consul Ahlers. A crowd, 2,000 strong, attacked German pork butchers' shops in all parts of the town. Windows were smashed and the contents scattered, and the occupants had to flee. No one was hurt and the police were unable to effect arrests owing to the size and demeanour of the crowd, which was largely composed of pitmen.

The appeal of N. E. H. Ahlers, formerly German Consul at Sunderland, against the sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed on him at the Durham Assizes on a charge of high treason, was heard on Friday by the Court of Criminal Appeal. Appellant said he was not aware, when he assisted Germans to leave this country to join the German army, that war had been declared with Germany. The Lord Chief Justice laid stress on the fact that at the trial Mr Justice Sheardman did not put to the jury in the way that he ought to have done the question as to the prisoner's intention, and on this ground the appeal was allowed and conviction quashed.

OULTON AND WOODLESFORD ROLL OF HONOUR.

EIGHTY-FIVE MEN SERVING THE COUNTRY.

The following is a list of the names of the men of Oulton and Woodlesford who are now serving with His Majesty's Forces:—

J. Abbey, Midland Yard, Oulton, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; Jas. Atkinson, Oakdene Yard, Woodlesford, York. and Lanc. Regt.; and W. Atha, Primrose Yard, Oulton, 7th Reserve Batt., W. Yorks.

W. Berry, Quarry Hill, Oulton, Leeds City Pals' Batt.; A. Benson, Church Street, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt., K.O.Y.L.I.; E. Britton, The Hollins, Oulton, 19th West Yorks.; A. Britton, The Hollins, Oulton, Border Regt.; J. Buck, Three Horse Shoes Inn, Oulton, R.F.A.; W. Blacker, Adelaide Grove, Woodlesford, West Yorks. (active service); H. Birkin, Pottery Hill, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt., K.O.Y.L.I.; P.B. Brumhill, 11, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, 4th West Yorks.; S. Barrott, Eshald Lane, Woodlesford, King's Royal Rifles; and F. Beevors, Alma Street, Woodlesford, R.A.M.C.

W. Carrington, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, York and Lanc. Regt.; T. Coombs, Roberts Street, New Woodlesford, Army Service Corps; and E. A. Coope, Post Office, Oulton, 7th Reserve Batt., West Yorks.

E. Dobson, 8, Claremont Street, Oulton, Scots' Guards; C. Daniels, 4, Leonard Street, Woodlesford; T. Dalton, 61, Church Street, Woodlesford, 8th Reserve, West Yorks.; M. Doulton, Church Street, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt., K.O.Y.L.I.; and H. Davenport. The Elms, Oulton, Second-Lieutenant, West Yorks.

T. Everitt, Calverley Road, Oulton, P.W.O., West Yorks. (active service).

F. Flockton, Bentley Square, Oulton, Leeds City Pals' Batt.; J. Flockton, The Lock, Woodlesford, 8th Batt. West Yorks.; and G. W. Franks, Claremont Street, Oulton, Royal Engineers.

W. Hurland, Quarry Hill, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I.; H. Hutchinson, St. John's Yard, Oulton, 8th West Yorks.; W. Hutchinson, Farrer Lane, Oulton, R.A.M.C. (active service); A. Hines, Powell Street, New Woodlesford, P.W.O., West Yorks.; J. Hunt, Eshald Lane, Woodlesford, Scots Guards; H. Hobkinson, Church Street, Woodlesford, Army Service Corps; Jas. Hughes, Station Road, Woodlesford, York and Lancaster Regt.; J. Higgins, Airedale Terrace, Woodlesford, Naval Brigade; W. Halstead, Claremont Terrace, Oulton, 4th West Yorks.; J. Hudson, Farrer Lane, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I.; H. Hughes, New Woodlesford, Miners' Batt., K.O.Y.L.I.; and J. Hawkins, Oulton, 7th Reserve Batt. West Yorks.

J. W. Iveson, Oakdeyle Yard, Woodlesford; and E. Irvin, The Vicarage, Woodlesford, Second-Lieutenant, York and Lancaster Regt.

W. Jowsey, 6, Claremont Street, New Woodlesford, R.F.A. (active service); H. Jewitt, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, R.E.; A. Jewitt, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, H.M.S. "Lion" (active service); J. E. Jackson, Mayfield, Woodlesford, R.F.A.; E. Joyner, Quarry Hill, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I.; T. Jones, Midland Street, Oulton, Miners' Batt, K.O.Y.L.I.; and A. Jackson, 7, Airedale Grove, Woodlesford, R.G.A.

J. Kellghan, Farrer Lane, Oulton, R.R. Hussars; and J. Kirby, Beecroft Yard, Woodlesford, York and Lancaster Regt.

R. McCrome, Church Street, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; W. Madeley, Aberford Road, Woodlesford, R.A.M.C.; J. W. Moore, Aberford Road, Oulton, King's Royal Rifles; G. T. Moss, Airedale Road, Woodlesford, Yorks. Dragoons; F. Mitchell, 6, Kitchener Street, Woodlesford; W. Milner, 9, Quarry Hill, Oulton; R. Metcalf, The Locks, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; H. Mackman, Station Lane, Woodlesford, R.F.A. (active service); and N. Metcalf, Carlton House, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I.

A. Nettleton, St. John's Yard, Oulton, 7th Batt. West Yorks.; P. Nettleton, St. John's Yard, Oulton, Leeds City Pals' Batt.; and F. Nicholson, Waterhaigh Cottage, Oulton, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.

J. Pennington, 7, Powell Street, New Woodlesford, R.F.A.; W. Pennington, Aberford Road, New Woodlesford, R.E.; and A. Parsons, Powell Street, New Woodlesford, K.O.Y.L.I.

C. Scurrah, Quarry Hill, Oulton, King's Royal Rifles; T. A. Stead, New Row, Oulton, King's Royal Rifles; H. Stead, Quarry Hill, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I.; P. Sykes, Cross Leonard Street, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; J. Studd, The Hollins, Oulton, York and Lancaster Regt.; J. Stokes, Oakdene Yard, Woodlesford, R.A.M.C.; and C. Simpson, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, K.O.Y.L.I.

J. W. Taylor, Primrose Yard, Oulton, H.M.S "Hindustan" (active service); R. Taylor, Church Street, Woodlesford, H.M.S. "Savage" (active service); A. Tomlinson, White Street, Woodlesford, R.A.M.C. (active service); and H. Tiffany, 5, Beecroft Yard, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.

W. Woodhall, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, 7th Dragoon Guards; C. Whitehead, Quarry Hill, Oulton, 4th West Yorks.; H. Williams, Claremont Street, Oulton, P.W.O., West Yorks.; R. Whitsgeth, Oulton Hall, Army Service Corps; W. Whitley, Eshald Place, Woodlesford, K.O.Y.L.I.; E. Williams, Midland Street, Oulton, R.A.M.C.; E. E. Webster, Oakdene Yard, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.; A. Ward, Bentley Square, Oulton, K.O.Y.L.I. (active service); M. Westmoreland, Railway Garages, Woodlesford, Coldstream Guards; W. Wild, Pottery Hill, Woodlesford, West Yorks.; and Alf. Wild, Pottery Hill, Woodlesford, Miners' Batt. K.O.Y.L.I.

This list is as complete as possible, but should any names have been inadvertently missed, I should be pleased to be advised of the same.—Yours, etc.,

P. C. Hudgins, Hon. Sec.
Woodlesford, December 22nd, 1914.

LEEDS "PALS" ON HOLIDAY.

The first contingent of the Leeds City Battalion (Pals'), numbering about 250 men (representing four companies), arrived in Leeds from the Colsterdale camp on Tuesday on Christmas leave. They were met at the station by a large number of relatives and friends.

They will remain in Leeds until Saturday, but before returning to camp they will take part in a parade in the city, along with the second contingent of "Pals," who leave Colsterdale on Saturday morning. The third contingent will leave for Leeds on the 30th, and the fourth on January 3rd.

The members of the Barkston Ash Teachers' Association have sent £8 17s. 6d. on their third monthly contribution to Sir John Horsfall's War Relief Distress Committee.

A sum of 12s., proceeds of a dart and domino handicap at the Junction Hotel, Church Fenton, per Mr F. Grason, has been sent to Leeds Infirmary.

CONCERT.—An interesting concert was given by the children of Barkston Ash R.C. School on Saturday. A crowded audience showed great appreciation of the various items, the chief of which were Morris dances, old folk songs, pretty fairy plays, and a patriotic tableau. All the children took their parts well, having evidently been well prepared. At the end of the entertainment prizes (provided by Mr and Miss Maxwell-Stuart) were presented to those children who had (strictly) best during the year by Miss Maxwell-Stuart. The Rev. Father Brey gave a short speech, in which he praised both teachers and children for their work.

GARFORTH ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a list of names of men, not included in previous published lists, who have joined His Majesty's Forces for active service:—

Pte. Dickinson, Thomas, 10th Bat. K.O.Y.L.I., 12161.

Pte. Hill, Fred, C Company, K.O.Y.L.I., 8845.

Pte. Shaw, George Albert, and W.Y. (Leeds Bantams).

Driver Ward, Bert, C Company, 5th W.Y., 1953.

Pte. Matthews, Gledhill, R.F.A.

This supplementary list brings up the total of men who have answered their country's call, resident in the parish to 131, or 33 per thousand of the population. This number does not include an additional 52 workers at the Garforth Collieries non-resident in the township. These figures will bear a favourable comparison with any similar place in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

WM. GEO. BOSHER,
Hon. Sec., Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, Garforth Branch.

WEST RIDING DISTRESS COMMITTEE—GARFORTH SUB-COMMITTEE.

	£	s.	d.
Amount of subscriptions previously acknowledged	239	7	5
Underground workmen, boys, and screenmen, Sisters and Isabella Pits, per Mr C. H. Hylden (14th contribution)	6	15	1
Underground workmen, boys, and screenmen, Treath Pit, per Mr E. W. Ogden (5th contribution)	2	1	8
Total subscriptions to date	£248	4	2

WM. GEO. BOSHER, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
Dec. 26th, 1914.

AMUSEMENTS.

EMPIRE PALACE.

At the Empire Palace this week "Miss Paris in London," one of the most successful of the recent revues, is the chief attraction. It has very little of the dulness that so many revues possess, and contains some bright numbers, thanks largely to the skill of the principal artistes. Miss Olive Plant makes a very engaging Miss Paris; and Miss Norah Gay, as Miss London, proves herself a pleasing songstress, both in voice and manner. The piece would lose much of its attractiveness without the humour of Mr Ernie Sefton, who, in the role of the detective, is at times very funny. The company is an excellent one, and includes a bevy of charming maidens, some of whom appear to advantage as bathing beauties in the last scene, where they dive into a real tank of water. The ordinary turns on the bill are Lee and Kingston, comedy duo; Arthur Woodville, comedian and dancer; and the Chrisdie Duo, comedy dancing eccentrics.

Mr Horace Goldin, presenting the greatest magical act of this or any day, will head the programme arranged by Mr Frank Allen for the Empire Theatre, Leeds, next week. There is little difficulty in substantiating the high claims of "The Royal Illusionist." Magical acts, for which a company of thirty-five, besides a chorus of Oriental maids, a living tiger or two, and such similar trifles form only part of the accessories, can hardly be duplicated. Mr Goldin's entertainment, in three parts, with its wonderful mystifies and almost uncanny illusions, is an entertainment not to be missed.

The Three Ernests present a bouncing act which is certainly the best of its kind, and full of all sorts of comedy touches to enlighten its excellent acrobatics. Not the least funny accessory of this wonderful show is a sort of super-watchdog of some astonishing breed unknown. Belle Davis and her Cracker Jacks are responsible for much laughter, won chiefly by the most astonishing coon dancing, to which piccaninnies take, apparently, as naturally as ducks to water. The remainder of a particularly strong programme includes Jack Lorimer, the popular "Harlan Laddie"; Wilfred Burnaud, a clever mimic; and the Keppels, high-class vocalists.

LEEDS HIPPODROME.

At the Hippodrome this week Mr George Carney presents "The Right Prince." In it a real pugilist figures, and his name is Herbert Synott, and he is described as Australia's premier heavyweight. Of course, his presence gives the excuse for a stage fight. Sam Harris, as a grotesque Jewish parent, supplies the chief element of fun in the piece, and he indulges in the usual orgy of verbal misprononciations. The Wyse Brothers seek to emulate "Pat and Orpheus" in a musical performance, slightly tinged with humour, and sentimental ballads are exceptionally well sung by Senhor Jose de Moraes. There is some genuine conjuring by Harry Marcello, and an amusing conjuring skit by Jaffa, who shows how it is done. Others in the bill are Win and Windle, and Katie Butler.

Next week at the Hippodrome Margaret Moffat and Nat. D. Ayer will figure in a little entertainment, entitled "Not (un) likely," and the Royal English violinists, Elsie Southgate, S.S.R.A.M., whose £1,500 Guanerius violin was presented to her when playing before the Shah of Persia, will be one of the artists. Others billed to appear are the Potuski Bros., in "Recruiting"; "Venetia," a miniature comic opera; Greta Mack, Scotland's soprano, in selected songs; Bobbie Pegler, the mimetic policeman; and the Five Black Diamonds, coloured entertainers.

FOR OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.—The following comforts have been sent this week for the soldiers and sailors from the members and candidates of the Aberford Girls' Friendly Society:—11 body belts, 2 doz. pairs of socks, 3 helmets, 9 mufflers, 3 pairs of mittens, and 1 pair of cuffs for the soldiers, and for the sailors 12 blue mufflers and 2 pairs of mittens.

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL.—At a meeting of the West Riding Education Committee on Tuesday the Elementary Education Sub-Committee recommended that a new school, with accommodation for 200, be provided at Barwick, the estimated cost being £3,500. This was to replace the present National School. Plans for improvements at the present school were, however, sent in by the Rector, and it was decided that the sub-committee's recommendation remain in abeyance for two months. If the contract for the work of alteration and improvement at the National School is let within that time it is probable that the recommendation as to the new school will be withdrawn.

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CORRESPONDENCE

GARFORTH AND RATES.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—It is rather unfortunate that a number of people should be placed in circumstances that will not allow the practice of systematic saving or spending. The general impression, I fear, is that the mining classes in particular are getting week by week wages that enable them to meet all expenses connected with their households, and consequently they have no excuse (reasonable) for not paying their district rates.

Your last week's issue contained a suggestion that people could deposit a certain sum in a savings bank each week, wherewith to pay the district rate when it becomes due.

This suggestion would be practicable providing the wages were adequate to meet the domestic requirements each week, but as this is not so in hundreds of cases the system you advocate is not possible without depriving the human organism of some essential nourishment.—Yours, etc.,

A RATEPAYER.

CHURCH FENTON SEWAGE AND WATER SUPPLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to "Up-to-Date's" letter of last week, I am very sorry to see he has not disclosed his identity. Personally, I think any one with such good intentions is a great loss to a community which is so dark and down in the mire as we are at Church Fenton. He seems to want to know if I am satisfied with my position here. I may tell him, so far as human nature can be satisfied, I am. The first man I find quite satisfied I shall endeavour to the utmost of my ability to have him put in a glass case and properly sealed up for exhibition to future generations. If "Up-to-Date" is so very desirous of improving our village why can't he come out of his shell and show us the way? I am rather afraid he has some personal motive. There are one or two questions I should like to ask him. Does he know where all our sewage has to go to and the low level we stand at? If we adopt his water scheme will the authorities lay pipes and mains to every pasture in the parish so as to prevent farmers having to find water in extraordinarily dry summers? Does he think the surveyor, sanitary inspector, and District Council are going to pay for all his pet schemes, and does he know whether Church Fenton does not stand very well in the averages regarding death?

As far as his insinuation goes about the reporting anything in Church Fenton regarding any sanitary matter, it is a confounded lie, not that I should be frightened to do so if I thought fit, but I take into consideration the difficulty we are placed in regarding the housing question here.

Regarding my policy of "waiting and seeing," and finding the place thirty years hence as it is now or worse, I can only tell him if he will try to do anything for the benefit of the village I have no doubt he will find plenty to help him, but a man who fights behind a screen, in my opinion, is quite as bad as Kaiser Bill.—Yours, etc.,

A DRIGHTON.

The Croft, Church Fenton, Dec. 22nd, 1914.

THE RUSSIAN CHURCH—LECTURE BY VICAR OF MANSTON.

(To the Editor.)

Sir,—I should like to thank you for your complete and careful report of my lecture on the "Russian character and the Russian Church." At the same time, I would point out two inaccuracies in the report that might be misleading.

I did not say that the Church of England regards the Holy Orthodox Church as one of the three great branches of the Spiritual Body of Christ. I said, of the "Holy Catholic Church of Christ."

I did not say that the Russian Church "took Communion literally," I said in connection with the custom of communicating infants that the Russian Church read a universal application into our Lord's words—"Except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood ye have no life in you."

I exonerate the reporter from all blame. The inaccuracies were probably due to the pace with which I had to deal with a big subject in a short time.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT H. MALLESON.

Manston Vicarage, Crossgates, Dec. 19th, 1914.

THE INCREASED BEER DUTY.

(To the Editor).

Sir,—At a meeting of the Allied Brewery Traders' Association, North of England Section, held on Thursday, the 17th December, the following resolution was passed:—

That this meeting of the North of England Section of the Allied Brewery Traders' Association, consisting of 743 members, representing over eighty industries and trades supplying the raw materials and appliances used in brewing, while recognising the abnormal financial requirements of the nation, views with alarm the operation of the increased beer duty, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer estimates will produce the enormous sum of £20,000,000 per year.

By such reduction widespread loss of capital and unemployment has already been caused in agricultural, manufacturing, and productive industries supplying goods to brewers, and as the new taxation has undoubtedly resulted in much greater loss than the Chancellor's estimate allowed for, notwithstanding his statement that "the Government propose to levy no taxes that will interfere with any productive business," this meeting invites the assistance of members of the Association with a view to presenting a full statement of their case to the Chancellor to induce him to entertain a considerable reduction of the tax.—Yours, etc.,

E. H. WEAY, Hon. Sec.

Manchester, Dec. 19th, 1914.

Correspondence will be found on other page.

"FANCIES OF WOUNDED MEN."

Gunner Corrigan, Royal Field Artillery, in a letter to his sister at Camden Town, says:—

"You would be surprised at the strange fancies that come to some of the men wounded in the fighting. One young chap of the Irish Fusiliers, who was delirious, was asked what he would like, and answered, 'buttermilk.' They couldn't get it, of course, so they got some sour sweet milk instead, and gave it him.

"He drank a little, but didn't like it. 'It's not nearly so nice as they have at home,' he said, and then he became more delirious than ever. He died very soon after, but he had kept calling for buttermilk. It was heart-breaking to those who were around, because they could do nothing for the young chap.

"One other chap of the artillery kept asking for a photograph of his sweetheart. We went through his pockets, but it was not to be found, so he must have lost it when he was lying out on the field.

"One of our men went out under fire to the spot where the wounded man had been found, to look for it, but wasn't successful, though he risked his life in his search. The end of that poor fellow was miserable because he had lost the photograph. I promised her I would keep it to the last,' was what he kept saying in a mournful tone up till the moment he died.

"One strange case was that of a man of the —th Lancers. His leg had been taken off in hospital, and every day thereafter he kept demanding that it should be brought back and replaced. Nothing would console him for his lost leg, and he died a week later still calling for it."

LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS AND THE WEST RIDING CUP.

A meeting of the Cup Committee of the West Riding County Football Association was held on Tuesday night at the Grand Central Hotel, Leeds, Mr J. Conner presiding.

The draw for the West Riding Cup Competition was made as follows:—

First Round.

(To be played on January 2nd).

Calverley v. Woodhouse Britannia. Referee, G. Myers, Bradford.

New Wortley Gasworks, a bye.

Fryston Colliery v. Great Preston White Rose. Referee, W. Lupton, Rothwell.

Altofts Albion, a bye.

Rothwell White Rose v. Leeds Churchville. Referee, J. Wilson, Batley.

Leeds Parish Church, a bye.

Clarence Iron and Steel Works v. Rothwell Parish Church. Referee, R. W. Smithels, Horsforth.

Cleckheaton v. Idle. Referee, A. Coward, Bradford.

Bradford City Old Boys v. Sunfield Rovers. Referee, J. Wilson, Batley.

Second Round (February 6th).

Calverley or Woodhouse Britannia v. New Wortley Gasworks. Referee, W. Lever, Bradford.

Fryston Colliery or Great Preston White Rose v. Altofts Albion. Referee, E. Pullan, Leeds.

Rothwell White Rose or Leeds Churchville v. Clarence Iron and Steel Works or Rothwell Parish Church. Referee, G. H. Milburn, Leeds.

Cleckheaton or Idle v. Bradford City Old Boys or Sunfield Rovers. Referee, H. H. Hartley, Bradford.

Huddersfield Town v. Hebden Bridge. Referee, A. Deeton, Rothwell.

Goole Town v. Halifax Town. Referee, G. H. Crippe, Leeds.

Bwes: Castleford Town and Heckmondwike.

Misses Ryder, Beacon Hill, Scarcroft, have given £2 to the Yorkshire Hussars' Clothing and Comforts Fund.

Mr Gill, the foreman road roller driver to the Wetherby Rural District Council, has had to have his right leg amputated just below the knee.

FOR THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.—A sale of work was held on Saturday at the Institute, Burwick, in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund. Mr J. Harrison (Burwick), in a few appropriate words, asked Mrs Childe (Postarton Hall) to open the sale of work. Mrs Childe, after making reference to the trials the Belgians had gone through during the present crisis, said she had great pleasure in declaring the sale of work open and hoped this would not be the only occasion upon which she would be called upon to do so pleasing a duty. Mr Harrison proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Childe. Mr H. R. Clarke seconded the proposition, and it was heartily passed. The National Anthems of the Allies were excellently sung by a number of children. The following were the stallholders:—Fancy work and general—Mrs J. T. Collett and Mrs W. G. Dyson. Fancy paper stall—Miss Nellie Barker and Miss Marion Helm. Children's stall—Miss Peggie Collett and Miss Gertrude Harrison. Refreshment stall—Miss Gladys Gilliam. Refreshment stall—Mrs J. E. Davies, Mrs A. J. Drury, Mrs J. Harrison, and the Misses Milner. Afterwards a successful social and dance was held. The following musical programme was gone through:—Pianoforte solo, Miss A. Milner; song, "Dear Irish Eyes," Mrs A. J. Drury; song, "Somewhere a voice is calling," Mrs J. Drake; song, "Little grey home in the West," Miss Helm; song, "Zuyder Zee," Mrs J. E. Davies; song, "Children Asleep," Miss A. Milner. Dancing was merrily engaged in, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The accompanists were Mrs J. E. Davies, Miss Millicent Helm, Miss A. Milner, and Mr F. Pullan. The M.C. was Mr H. R. Clarke. The total proceeds of the sale of work and social were £14 12s. 3½d.

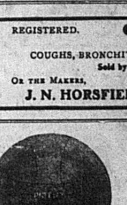
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